

## 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Advent

November 28, 2021

**The Season** Advent is a season of preparation and anticipation. The Church looks for the coming of her Savior in this threefold advent: his coming in the flesh; his return in judgment; his daily coming in Word and Sacrament. The Church encompasses all these facets of the season in the single word that defines Advent worship: "Come!" Throughout the prayers, verses, and lessons that single word is our invitation, our anticipation, our sure and certain hope. Come, Lord Jesus!

**The Sunday** The judgment is coming, but there will be deliverance for God's people. The Lord is coming; Prepare!

### Gathering Rite Advent 2021

*Music chosen for the seasons of the church year has the capacity to set the tone for a particular celebration. This year during the first two Sundays of Advent we will use O Lord, How Shall I Meet You as our Gathering Rite to set a tone of expectant preparation for Christ's coming.*

*Stand*

M: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

M: Your word, LORD, is eternal;  
it stands firm in the heavens.

**C: Your word is a lamp for my feet,  
a light on my path.**

Psalm 119:89,105

(sung) **O Lord, how shall I meet you,  
How welcome you aright?  
Your people long to greet you,  
My Hope, my heart's Delight.  
O Jesus, let your Word be  
A lamp to light my way,  
To show me how to please you,  
To guide me ev'ry day.**

M: Have mercy on me, O God,  
according to your unfailing love;  
according to your great compassion  
blot out my transgressions.

**C: Wash away all my iniquity  
and cleanse me from my sin.**

M: Cleanse me with hyssop, and I will be clean;  
wash me, and I will be whiter than snow.

## Morrison Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church

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Our mission is to  
**Glorify God**  
as we  
**Gather**  
around the **Gospel**  
to help people  
**Grow**  
in the **Gospel**  
and  
**Go**  
with the **Gospel**

**Welcome!** We thank God that you have joined us at worship today.

Restrooms are located in the basement. Hearing loop headphones and Large Print Hymnals are available from an usher.

If your children need to leave worship, please take them to the basement. A TV broadcasts the service in the basement.

Today we gather together in the presence of God. He is present among us in a special way through his Word and Sacrament. We humbly acknowledge our sin and rejoice in the good news of forgiveness through the life and death of Christ. This is the focus of our worship.

**C: Let me hear joy and gladness;  
let the bones you have crushed rejoice**

Psalm 51:1-2,7-8

(sung) **Sin' debt, the fearful burden,  
Let not your souls distress;  
Your guilt the Lord will pardon  
And cover by his grace.  
He comes, for you procuring  
The peace of sin forgiv'n,  
His children thus securing  
A heritage in heav'n.**

M: The almighty God has been merciful to us and has sent his Son to die for all. For his sake, he forgives us our sins and calls us from darkness to his marvelous light. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son ☐ and of the Holy Spirit

**C: Amen.**

(sung) **He comes to judge the nations,  
A terror to his foes,  
Alight of consolations,  
And blessed hope to those  
Who love the Lord's appearing.  
O glorious Sun, now come,  
Send forth your beams most cheering,  
And guide us safely home.**

### **Prayer of the Day**

**M:** Let us pray.

Stir up your power, O Lord, and come. Protect us by your strength and save us from the threatening dangers of our sins; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

*Be Seated*

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## **THE WORD**

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**Grades 1-2**

*Light One Candle* (10:30)

### **First Lesson**

**Genesis 19:15-17,23-29**

In the midst of God's spectacular judgment on the wicked peoples of Sodom and Gomorrah, Lot and his daughters experience the Lord's gracious deliverance from destruction. Let us not hesitate to leave behind the

things of this world for the promise of eternal deliverance. Let us not look back on what might have been, but ahead to the promised salvation of the Christ.

<sup>15</sup> When the dawn came, the angels urged Lot, “Get going! Take your wife and your two daughters who are here, so that you will not be swept away by the guilt of the city.”  
<sup>16</sup> But Lot was taking too much time, so the men grabbed his hand, his wife’s hand, and the hands of his two daughters, because of the LORD’s compassion for him. They led him out and placed him outside of the city. <sup>17</sup> Then when they had taken them out, one of them said, “Run for your life! Don’t look behind you, and don’t stay anywhere in the plain. Escape to the mountains, so that you are not swept away!”

<sup>23</sup> The sun had risen over the land when Lot came to Zoar. <sup>24</sup> Then the LORD rained on Sodom and Gomorrah sulfur and fire out of the sky from the LORD. <sup>25</sup> He overthrew those cities, as well as all the plain, all the inhabitants of the cities, and whatever grew in the soil.

<sup>26</sup> But Lot’s wife, who was behind him, looked back, and she became a pillar of salt.

<sup>27</sup> Abraham got up early in the morning and went to the place where he had stood before the LORD. <sup>28</sup> He looked down toward Sodom and Gomorrah and all the land of the plain. As he looked, he saw that the smoke from the land was going up like the smoke from a kiln.

<sup>29</sup> And so when God destroyed the cities of the plain, God remembered Abraham and brought Lot out through the middle of the devastation, when he overthrew the cities where Lot had lived. (NIV)

## O Antiphons of Advent

*The Great O Antiphons of Advent have been cherished for centuries by Christian worshipers. Each one consists of a title given to Christ in the Old Testament and a petition asking him to come and fulfill the Scriptural promise or prophecy.*

**M:** Emmanuel, our king and our Lord, the anointed of the nations and their Savior,  
Come and save us, O Lord our God.

**C:** (sung) **Oh, come, Oh, come, Emmanuel,  
And ransom captive Israel,  
That mourns in lonely exile here  
Until the Son of God appear.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
Shall come to you, O Israel!**

**M:** O Wisdom, proceeding from the mouth of the most High, mightily order all things;  
come and teach us the way of prudence.

**C:** (sung) **Oh, come, our wisdom from on high,  
Who ordered all things mightily;  
To us the path of knowledge show,  
And teach us in her ways to go.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
Shall come to you, O Israel!**

**M:** O Lord of the house of Israel, who appeared to Moses in the burning bush and gave him the Law on Sinai; come in your glory and redeem us.

**C:** (sung) **Oh, come, oh, come, our Lord of might,  
Who to your tribes on Sinai's height  
In ancient times gave holy law,  
In cloud and majesty and awe.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
Shall come to you, O Israel!**

**M:** O root of Jesse, before whom all kings are mute, to whom the nations will give praise; come quickly to deliver us.

**C:** (sung) **Oh, come, O Rod of Jesse's stem.  
From every foe deliver them  
That trust your mighty pow'r to save:  
Bring them in victory through the grave.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
Shall come to you, O Israel!**

**M:** O Key of David, you open and no one can close, you close and no one can open; come and rescue the prisoners who are in darkness.

**C:** (sung) **Oh, come, O Key of David, come,  
And open wide our heav'nly home;  
Make safe the way that leads on high,  
And close the path to misery.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
Shall come to you, O Israel!**

**M:** O Dayspring, splendor of light everlasting, come and enlighten those who sit in darkness and the shadow of death.

**C:** (sung) **Oh, come, our Dayspring from on high,  
And cheer us by your drawing nigh;  
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night  
And death's dark shadows out to flight  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
Shall come to you, O Israel!**

**M:** O King of the nations, the ruler they long for, the cornerstone for uniting all people, come and save us all, whom you formed out of clay.

**C:** (sung) **Oh, come, Desire of nations, bind  
In one the hearts of all mankind;  
Oh, bid our sad divisions cease**

**And be yourself the king of Peace.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
Shall come to you, O Israel!**

## **Second Lesson**

## **1 Thessalonians 3:9-13**

The Apostle Paul met the righteous branch of David face to face; he saw the promise of “the Lord Our Righteousness” fulfilled. Therefore he exhorts the Thessalonians and all believers - those who know the Christ’s deliverance from sin - to continue living lives of faith and hope in the promise that the Lord Jesus will come again to bring us to eternal life.

<sup>9</sup> Indeed, how can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy we have before God on account of you? <sup>10</sup> Night and day we are praying earnestly to see you in person and to supply what is lacking in your faith.

<sup>11</sup> May God our Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. <sup>12</sup> And may the Lord increase your love and make it overflow for each other and for all people, just as ours does for you, <sup>13</sup> so that he may establish your hearts as blameless in holiness before our God and Father, when our Lord Jesus comes with all his saints. (NIV)

## **Verse of the Day**

M: Alleluia. He who testifies to these things says, “Yes, I am coming soon.” Amen.  
Come, Lord Jesus. Alleluia. (Revelation 22:20)

*Stand*

## **Gospel**

## **Luke 21:25-36**

Jesus has proclaimed to us that he will come again to judge the world. While it is not for us to know “the day or hour,” our Savior would not leave us ignorant of the coming judgment. Eschatological signage abounds for those looking through eyes of faith. Yet, even as we anticipate his coming again to be our judge, we need not cower in fear, for with him comes the deliverance promised of old.

<sup>25</sup> “There will be signs in the sun, moon, and stars. And on the earth nations will be in anguish, in perplexity at the roaring of the sea and the surging waves, <sup>26</sup> people fainting from fear and expectation of the things coming on the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. <sup>27</sup> And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory.<sup>[Daniel 7:13]</sup> <sup>28</sup> But when these things begin to happen, stand up and lift up your heads, because your redemption is near.”

<sup>29</sup> He told them a parable. “Look at the fig tree and all the trees. <sup>30</sup> As soon as they are sprouting leaves, you can see for yourselves and know that summer is actually near.

<sup>31</sup> So also, when you see these things happening, know that the kingdom of God is near.

<sup>32</sup> Amen I tell you: This generation will not pass away until all these things happen.

<sup>33</sup> Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will never pass away.

<sup>34</sup> “Watch yourselves or else your hearts will be weighed down with carousing, drunkenness, and the worries of this life, and that day may come on you suddenly.

<sup>35</sup> For it will come like a trap on all those who dwell on the face of the whole earth.

<sup>36</sup> Stay alert all the time, praying that you may be able to escape all these things that are going to happen and that you may be able to stand before the Son of Man.”(NIV)

M: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

*Be Seated*

## Hymn of the Day

*Savior of the Nations, Come CW 2*



1 Sav - ior of the na - tions, come; Vir - gin's  
2 Not by hu - man flesh and blood, By the  
3 Won - drous birth! O won - drous Child Of the  
4 From the Fa - ther's throne he came And as -  
5 Praise to God the Fa - ther sing, Praise to



Son, make here your home. Mar - vel now, O  
Spir - it of our God Was the Word of  
vir - gin un - de - filed, Though by all the  
cend - ed to the same, Cap - tive lead - ing  
God the Son, our King, Praise to God the



heav'n and earth, That the Lord chose such a birth.  
God made flesh, Wo - man's off - spring, pure and fresh.  
world dis - owned, Yet to be in heav'n en - throned!  
death and hell— High the song of tri - umph swell!  
Spir - it be Ev - er and e - ter - nal - ly.

Text: Ambrose, 340–97, abr.; German version, Martin Luther, 1483–1546, abr.; tr. William M. Reynolds, 1812–76, alt.  
Tune: NUN KOMM, DER HEIDEN HEILAND (77 77) *Geystliche gesangk Buchleyn*, Wittenberg, 1524.

**Sermon**

**The Lord Is Coming: Prepare!**

**Luke 21:25-36**

*Stand*

## Nicene Creed

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and became fully human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate. He suffered death and was buried. On the**

**third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

### **Prayer of the Church**

**M:** Eternal Father, throughout the centuries you repeated and affirmed your promise to send the offspring of the woman to crush the serpent's head. Through your prophets of old, you continually directed the eyes of your people to the advent of their Savior.

**C: We praise you, O Lord, for keeping your promise and sending your Son to destroy the works of the devil.**

**M:** As we prepare to celebrate the birth of our King, use your mighty Word to shatter our pride and to rouse us from spiritual slumber and apathy.

**C: Move us to take to heart the words of John: "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is near."**

**M:** You sent your Son to redeem us from sin. Let this good news be our joy and strength. Use it to cheer the lonely, encourage the fearful, and give hope to the despairing. In these days before Christmas, spare us from the stress of deadlines and the frenzy of commercialism.

**C: Fill our lives with the message of your peace and the music of your grace.**

**M:** Direct our eyes not only to the manger but also to the skies, where we will see your Son coming again, not as a lowly child but as the Lord of lords.

**C: Lift up our hearts in joyful anticipation of that day.**

*Special prayers and intercessions may follow.*

**M:** Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

*Silent prayer.*

**M:** Come quickly, Lord Jesus, in your grace, in your power, and in your glory.

**C: Come, Lord Jesus! Amen.**

## Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

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## THE SACRAMENT

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M: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

M: Lift up your hearts.

C: **We lift them up to the Lord.**

M: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

C: **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

## Proper Preface

M: Praise to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In love he has blessed us with every spiritual blessing. He sends the Holy Spirit to testify that we are his children and to strengthen us when we are weak. Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ. To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and thanks and honor and glory for ever and ever.

## Holy, Holy, Holy



C: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly is the Lord of hosts.



The whole earth is full of your glo - ry.



You are my God, and I will ex - alt you.



I will give you thanks, for you have be-come my sal-  
 va - tion. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly is the Lord of hosts.  
 The whole earth is full of your glo - ry.

### Words of Institution

M: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

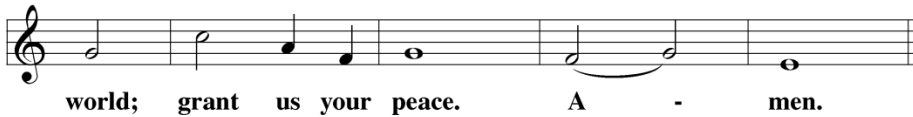
Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

M: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: Amen.

### O Christ, Lamb of God

C: O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the  
 world; have mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God, you  
 take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.  
 O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the



world; grant us your peace. A - men.

*Be Seated*

Because God speaks of communing together as an expression of unity in faith and warns us against the dangers of not understanding what communion is, we practice close communion. WELS members are welcome to commune with us. Visitors, please speak with the pastor before communing. If you would like to learn more about communing with us in the future, please contact pastor.

## Distribution

*Stand*

### Thank The Lord



C: Thank the Lord and sing his praise. Tell ev-ry-one what he has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re-joice and proud-ly bear his name.



He re-news his prom-is - es and leads his peo-ple forth in joy with



shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

M: Hear the prayers of your people, O Lord, that the lips which have praised you here may glorify you in the world, that the eyes which have seen the coming of your Son, may long for his coming again, and that all who have received in his true body and blood the pledge of your forgiveness may be restored to live a new and holy life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

## Benediction

M: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another.  
Serve the Lord with gladness.

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and give you peace.

C: Amen.

*Be Seated*

## Closing Hymn

*Jesus, Your Church with Longing Eyes* CW 9:3,5



3 Come, gra-cious Lord, our hearts re-new, Our sins for-  
5 Teach us in watch-ful-ness and prayer To wait for  
give, our foes sup-press, Our root-ed en-mi-  
your ap-point-ed hour, And fit us by your  
ty sub-due, And crown your gos-pel with suc-cess.  
grace to share The tri-umphs of your con-quer-ing pow'r.

Text: William H. Bathurst, 1796–1877, abr., alt.

Tune: O JESU CHRISTE, WAHRES LICHT (LM) *Andächtige Haus-Kirche*, Nürnberg, 1676, alt.

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