



FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT

(28 November 2021)

INVOCATION

INTROIT

Psalm 89:6, 14–16, 18; antiphon Zechariah 9:9b

⁶For who in the skies can be compared to the LORD?
Who among the heavenly beings is like the LORD,

¹⁴Righteousness and justice are the foundation of Your throne;
steadfast love and faithfulness go before You.

¹⁵Blesséd are the people who know the festal shout,
who walk, O LORD, in the light of Your face,

¹⁶who exult in Your name all the day
and in Your righteousness are exalted.

¹⁸For our shield belongs to the LORD,
our king to the Holy One of Israel.

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

⁹...behold, your king is coming to you;
righteous and having salvation is He,
humble and mounted on a donkey,
on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

LEARN BY HEART: The First Petition (The Lord's Prayer) —

“Hallowed be Thy name.” *What does this mean?* God's name is certainly holy in itself, but we pray in this petition that it may be kept holy among us also. *How is God's name kept holy?* God's name is kept holy when the Word of God is taught in its truth and purity, and we, as the children of God, also lead holy lives according to it. Help us to do this, dear Father in heaven! But anyone who teaches or lives contrary to God's Word profanes the name of God among us. Protect us from this, heavenly Father!

LECTIONARY SUMMARY

Jeremiah 33:14–16; 1 Thessalonians 3:9–13; Luke 19:28–40

The Lord Jesus Comes in Humility to Redeem Us

The season of Advent focuses on the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, and this first Sunday establishes this theme for the rest of the season. The Son of God came long ago to be our Savior, “*a righteous Branch*” descended from David (Jeremiah 33:15). As He then came into Jerusalem, riding on a lowly donkey to sacrifice Himself for the sins of the world (Luke 19:28–40), so does He come to His Church today in the humility of Word and Sacrament to deliver the fruits of His Passion: the forgiveness of sins and eternal life. He absolves us and establishes our hearts “*blameless in holiness before our God and Father*” (1 Thessalonians 3:13).

The same Lord Jesus, who came to Jerusalem then and who comes to us now in peace, will come again with power and great glory on the Last Day. Then there will be “*distress of nations in perplexity,*” with “*people fainting with fear.*” Yet, as we anticipate

that great and terrible day, He bids us to rest securely in Him: “*Raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near*” (Luke 21:25, 26, 28).

DAILY READINGS: (LSB pg. 302)

Sun: Is 2:1-22; 1 Peter 1:13-25

Mon: Is 5:1-25; 1 Peter 2:1-12

Tue: Is 6:1-7:9; 1 Peter 2:13-25

Wed: Is 7:10-8:8; 1 Peter 3:1-22

Thu: Is 8:9-9:7; 1 Peter 4:1-19

Fri: Is 9:8-10:11; 1 Peter 5:1-14

Sat: Is 10:12-27a, 33-34; 2 Peter 1:1-21

IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK (*non-members in italic*)

Health — Laura Crain (trouble walking); *Earl Crain* (acute leukemia, husband of Laura Crain); Tom Moran (carotid artery surgery); *Aubrey Preston* (Knee Surgery, friend of Connie Grant); Elisabeth Norton (heart); *Colton Ray* (cancer, friend of Janet Hart); *Anthony Logan* (deployed to Afghanistan, friend of Charles & Erlinda Murphy); Marilyn Alsip (shoulder); David Alsip (colon); Ron Weimer (cancer, co-worker of Brian Morton); *Craig Chase* (healing, uncle of Kara McNair); Wayne Mills (cancer, grandfather of Jazmine Striegel); James Thorton (staph infection, brother-in-law of Brian Morton); Tracy & Destiny Skinner (health issues, friends of Brian Morton); Nellie Morton (lung transplant, sister-in-law of Brian Morton); Onie Harrison (issue with legs, aunt of Brian Morton); Melanie Lewis (degenerative disc disease, daughter of John Daly); Amanda Burbridge (depression, daughter of John Daly); Alice Seger (long term care, friend of Sue Ogle); Jonathan Burley (health, newborn twin brother of Good Shepherd School student); Ruth Haumschild (eyesight, sister of Helen Kromanaker); Priscilla Paugh (stroke, cousin of Connie Grant); Martha Casey (continued healing/fall); Marcus Place (mini-stroke, son of Kip & Norma Place); Suvi Chevis (cancer, friend of Larry & Janet Hart); John Grundmann (auto accident); Sugar Sanders (cancer, friend of Connie Grant & Martha Casey); Linda (cancer, Marilyn Hall’s daughter); Mark Reyes (kidney replacement, brother to Grace Pendley); James Cress (heart & cancer issues, cousin of Norma Place); Margaret Adams (leg surgery, friend of Connie Grant); Mark Horad (cancer returned, friend of Manny Vasquez); Maryann Basham (fighting cancer, friend of Sandi Snelling).

HYMN OF THE WEEK: LSB # 331 “*The Advent of Our King*”

PRAYER FOR THE WEEK: *Ancient of Days, bring to all our days the hope and peace won for us by Jesus on Good Friday and Easter Sunday, that we may live by Your mercy until that day when Christ comes again to judge the living and the dead; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.*

APOSTLES’ CREED

LORD’S PRAYER

BLESSING

READINGS NEXT WEEK: Malachi 3:1–7b; Philippians 1:2–11; Luke 3:1–14 (15–20)