

## ILCW Year-A Lessons for the First Sunday in Advent

### Old Testament

**Isaiah 2:1-5 NIV** This is what Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem: 2 In the last days the mountain of the LORD's temple will be established as chief among the mountains; it will be raised above the hills, and all nations will stream to it. 3 Many peoples will come and say, "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob. He will teach us His ways, so that we may walk in His paths." The Law will go out from Zion, the Word of the LORD from Jerusalem. 4 He will judge between the nations and will settle disputes for many peoples. They will beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks. Nation will not take up sword against nation, nor will they train for war anymore. 5 Come, O house of Jacob, let us walk in the light of the LORD.

### Epistle

**Romans 13:11-14** And do this, understanding the present time. The hour has come for you to wake up from your slumber, because our salvation is nearer now than when we first believed. 12 The night is nearly over; the day is almost here. So let us put aside the deeds of darkness and put on the armor of light. 13 Let us behave decently, as in the daytime, not in orgies and drunkenness, not in sexual immorality and debauchery, not in dissension and jealousy. 14 Rather, clothe yourselves with the LORD Jesus Christ, and do not think about how to gratify the desires of the sinful nature.

### 3-Year-A Gospel

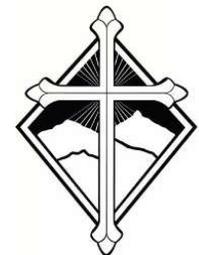
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### Historic Gospel

**Matthew 21:1-9** As they approached Jerusalem and came to Bethphage on the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, 2 saying to them, "Go to the village ahead of you, and at once you will find a donkey tied there, with her colt by her. Untie them and bring them to Me. 3 If anyone says anything to you, tell him that the LORD needs them, and he will send them right away." 4 This took place to fulfill what was spoken through the prophet: 5 "Say to the Daughter of Zion, 'See, your King comes to you, gentle and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey.'" 6 The disciples went and did as Jesus had instructed them. 7 They brought the donkey and the colt, placed their cloaks on them, and Jesus sat on them. 8 A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, while others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. 9 The crowds that went ahead of Him and those that followed shouted, "Hosanna to the Son of David!" "Blessed is He Who comes in the Name of the LORD!" "Hosanna in the highest!"

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BIBLE CLASS 9:00 AM WORSHIP 10:00 AM FELLOWSHIP 11:15 AM

**December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019 Advent-1/A *o Your King Comes***

**TODAY WE CELEBRATE THE LORD'S SUPPER:** If you are new to the area or our worship and have never communed with us before, please speak with the pastor before the service. If you are not currently a member of an ELS or WELS congregation, we ask that you please **wait to take Communion until you can speak with our pastor.** Out of Christian love and consideration to you the guest, we want you to have the opportunity to learn what our church teaches about the Bible and Sacraments before you unite with us in taking **Holy Communion.** Thank you for your understanding. **LORD's blessings to you.**

**OUR ORDER OF WORSHIP** On the silver liturgy sheets or red TLHymnal **p.15**

Opening Hymn	(v)	
Hymn of the Day	(v)	
Offertory Verse/s	(v)	
Distribution Hymn	(v)	
Closing Hymn	(v)	

**Suggested Bible readings for the weekdays of the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Advent**

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Genesis3:1-24	Genesis9:1-19	Gen. 22:1-19	Gen. 49:1-28	Num.24:14-25	Deu.18:15-19
Matt. 11:25-30	Acts 3:22-26	Coloss. 1:15-29	Hebrews1:1-4	Hebrew 2:1-4	Ephes. 3:1-12

**PROPERs for 1<sup>ST</sup> Sunday of (Church Year &) Advent-1 *o* DECEMBER 1<sup>ST</sup>**

**INTROIT** To You, O LORD, I lift up my soul. O my God, I trust in You; let me not be ashamed, let not mine enemies triumph over me. Indeed, let no one who waits on You be ashamed. Show me Your ways, O LORD; teach me Your paths. ...from **Psalm 25**

**COLLECT** Stir up, we beseech You, Your power, O LORD, and come; that by Your protection we may be rescued from the threatening perils of our sins and saved by Your mighty deliverance; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one true God, now and forever, **C: J A - - men.**

**GRADUAL C: Alleluia! All those who wait for You will not be ashamed. Show me Your ways, O LORD; teach me Your paths. Alleluia! Alleluia! Show us Your mercy, O LORD, and grant us Your salvation. Alleluia!** ...from **Psalm 85**

**SCRIPTURE LESSONS:** *(printed on outside back page of the bulletin)*

O.T. <b>Isaiah 2:1-5</b>	Beat Swords into Plowshares in Day of the LORD.
Epi. <b>Romans 13:11-14</b>	The hour has come to awake from your sleep.
Gos. <b>Matthew 24:37-44</b>	"Keep Watch" as you don't know when He comes.

**Psalm 25 REFRAIN: To You, O LORD, I lift my soul; To You, I lift my soul.**

**Refrain C:** J To You, O Lord, I lift my soul; To You, I lift my soul.

Verse 1. J Lord, \_ Make me know Your ways, Teach me Your paths, And keep me in the way of Your truth, \_ For You are God, my Saviour.

**Refrain C:** J To You, O Lord, I lift my soul; To You, I lift my soul.

Verse 2. J For- the-Lord is good and righteous, \_ Revealing His way, To those who seek Him, \_ Gently leading the poor, and the humble.

**Refrain C:** J To You, O Lord, I lift my soul; To You, I lift my soul.

Verse 3. J To-the-ones who seek the Lord, \_ Who look to His Word, Who live in His Love, \_ He-will-always be near; He will show them His mercy.

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**PRAYER REQUESTS: Member or Relation Pray for...**

<b>Joe Thacker</b> (Bev Foster)]	Joe had health issues in MI. We're happy they're back
<b>Jim Vanesky &amp; Delores Platt</b>	Jim and Delores both homebound, both rehab
<b>Dave Wiesenauer</b> (Pat)	Dave had major surgery. Rehabbing at home

Volunteers	Today	Next Sunday
<b>Greeters</b>	<b>Barb Wolkens</b>	(Volunteer)
<b>Treaters</b>	(Meet Pr. Steve Petersen)	

Statistics	Last week	Year To Date / Avg.
<b>Sunday, Attendance</b> (Communion)	20 / (- -)	18 / 15
<b>Bible Class Attendance:</b> Sunday	7	7
<b>Sunday Offering</b> (Needed) & YTD	\$. (\$1.3K)	YTD \$, /\$58.6K

Calendar of Events		
<b>Today December 1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>9:00 am</b>	<b>BibleStudy Messiah/I AM: Mustard Seed</b>
<b>First Sunday of Advent &amp; New Year</b>	<b>10:00 am</b>	<b>Divine Worship (WITH Communion)</b>
	<b>11:15 ff...</b>	<b>Rev.Steve Petersen serves OSL(1<sup>st</sup> time)</b>
<b>Wednesday, 12/4</b>	<b>4:30 pm</b>	<b>Midweek Advent-1 Vespers-Mark Wold</b>
<b>Sunday, 12/8</b>	<b>9:00 am</b>	<b>BibleStudy Messiah/I AM: The Yeast</b>
<b>Second Sunday of Advent &amp; New Year</b>	<b>10:00 am</b>	<b>Divine Worship (NO Communion)</b>
	<b>11:15 ff...</b>	<b>"FFF" = Food, Fun &amp; Fellowship ...Stay!</b>

**Elders: Tom Temple 213-4622; John Weber 853-5458; Don Wienke 815-8892.**

**OSL ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE UPCOMING WEEK:**

- ✘ This Wednesday we begin our (3) **Midweek Advent Services at 4:30 pm.** Rev. Mark Wold will lead us for the next three Wednesdays. Please come.
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*This Wednesday: 4<sup>th</sup> Advent-1W (TLH) Hymns: 110 145 Magnificat 555*

*Next Sunday: 12/8 Advent-2/A (No L.S. p. 5) Hymns: 72 61 644 305 47*

**ADVENT-1/A Matthew 21:1-11 & 24:37-44 "ARE YOU READY?!" 12.01.19 OS**

READY?! *"Behold, your King is coming to you, Righteous and having Salvation."* We sing it (in our hymns), but are we **really ready? Are you ready** for the King's **visitation**? Are you **prepared** for His great and glorious Advent?

**Extra TEXT: Matthew 24:37-44** As it was in the days of Noah, so it will be at the coming of the Son of Man. **38** For in the days before the flood, people were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, up to the day Noah entered the ark; **39** and they knew nothing about what would happen until the flood came and took them all away. That is how it will be at the coming of the Son of Man. **40** Two men will be in the field; one will be taken and the other left. **41** Two women will be grinding with a hand mill; one will be taken and the other left. **42** "Therefore keep watch, because you do not know on what day your Lord will come. **43** But understand this: If the owner of the house had known at what time of night the thief was coming, he would have kept watch and would not have let his house be broken into. **44** So you also must be ready, because the Son of Man will come at an hour when you do not expect Him.

**ADVENT SEASON** It is Advent, you know. **NOT** the "holiday season" or the pre-Christmas **shopping season**. Advent. From the Latin *adventus* meaning coming, arrival, appearance. Your King is coming to you, to you, righteous and having salvation. He's coming to justify you, to sentence you innocent in His innocence. He's coming to save you, to rescue you from sin, death, and devil. Are you ready for His advent? Have you stopped to consider it?

**(ROYAL) PURPLE** The color of Advent is purple, the color of royalty. Your King is coming. What would you do if you were expecting the arrival of a king at your home? Would it make any difference in your daily routine? How would you prepare? King Jesus is on His way, He's coming to you, full of righteousness and bearing salvation. Now that's an advent to look forward to with hope, with expectation, with longing, with urgency. *(TLH #74 Once He Came In Blessing...)*

**1. Once He came in blessing, All our sins redressing; Came in likeness lowly, Son of God most holy; Bore the Cross to save us; Hope and freedom gave us.**

**HISTORIC HUMBLE** Jesus' first Advent **was in humility**, His Divinity was buried deeply under His humble humanity. He came by way of a **Virgin girl**, a **manger**, the **man from Nazareth**. He came as the Son of David, King David's descendant and heir to his throne, (but) riding into His city **on the back of a borrowed donkey**. The crowds were "ready." They took off their coats and laid them on the ground. They cut down branches from trees and made a royal highway for Him. They welcomed Him with shouts of **"Hosanna to the Son of David!"** and **"Blessed is He who comes in the Name of the Lord!"** Straight out of **Psalm 118**, the Psalm of **Welcome for The King**. Your King is coming to you! Rush out in the streets and give Him a proper Royal welcome.

**PROPHET/MESSIAH/KING** Did they know **WHY** He was coming? **Apparently not**. When reporters asked them what all the fuss was about and who this was, they said, *"This is the prophet Jesus, from Nazareth in Galilee."* They had great expectations of Jesus. Here was the King come to save them **from Roman rule**. Here was the promised Messiah who would put Israel back on the map. Here was the Prophet of whom Moses spoke who would deliver the Word of God full blast. Here was Everything for which they had hoped and longed and expected.

**BUT, DEAD KING?!** (But,) Then **He went off and got crucified**. Not the sort of King they expected after all. Better go and **look for another**, as many did. As many still do today. Any Jesus but that crucified One. What sort of King is this who rides a borrowed donkey, whose crown is made of thorns, whose throne is a cross? A **humble** King, a **beggar** King. In His humility is your righteousness and your salvation - He humbled Himself under His own Law, **kept it perfectly for you**, and **died under its curse for you**, obedient even to death on a Cross.

**HUMILITY ROAD** From His Virgin Mother and humble birth in Bethlehem to Nazareth to **Jerusalem to Calvary**, Jesus **goes the (whole) way of humility** bearing your sin and death **for you! You and me, sinners**, damned to die forever under a Law you cannot keep. You, a child of Adam, conceived and born in Adam's rebellion. He comes to you with His crucified Victory over sin, death, devil, and the Law. His humility gives way to His exaltation, trampling Death and Hades underfoot, rising from the dead, appearing before men and then ascending in clouds to the Right Hand of Majesty, enthroned forever as King of kings and Lord of lords.

**2. Still He comes within us, Still His voice would win us From the sins that hurt us; Would to Truth convert us From our foolish errors Ere He comes in terrors.**

**(HE COMES) TO YOU!** Your King comes **to you, Baptized believer**. You cannot see Him now, but **still He comes to you, Righteous and having Salvation**. He comes in the hidden power of His **Word and Spirit**, hidden under the ordinary and the earthly means of **water** and **Word** and **bread and wine**. This is really Jesus' "second advent," **His coming to us by Word and Sacrament**. Like His first advent, this **too is in humility as He hides Himself** for our sakes and comes to us in ways we can receive Him. Even the tiniest baby can receive His Baptism, and with it **forgiveness, life, and salvation**.

**(HE COMES) IN MEANS** He comes in the **humble Word** - the written **Scriptures**, the preached Word, human language going from mouth to ear, the most basic activity of our lives. Yet this Word is, like the Son of God Himself, a **Divine-human Word**, delivering all that Jesus would give to you. Your King comes to you, through mouth and ear, righteous and having salvation.

**(THE SUPPER) MORE MEANS** He comes in the sublime hidden-ness of the **Supper - bread and wine** concealing the sacrificial gift of **His own Body and Blood**. His holy, precious Blood, His innocent suffering and death are here given as your food, your "end times manna" from Heaven.

**(HE COMES) HERE & NOW** His coming to us **here and now** remind us that salvation is nearer to us now than when we first believed. Each day that passes brings us closer to the last Day. The night is nearly over; the day is already dawning. For us now that means a casting off and a putting on. Cast off the works of darkness - drunkenness, immorality, sensuality, quarreling, jealousy - all the works of our old Adam-ic flesh, the works of death and darkness. **Put them away**. They don't belong to the day. They don't fit in the light. The day is about to dawn. Your King is coming. **Put on His armor of light**; dress in your daytime clothing, the robe of righteousness Jesus gives you. **"Wear your Baptism"** like a wedding suit. The King gave it you; He marked you as His; He wants you well dressed at His wedding party. Don't be **caught dead** without it. Literally.

DARK-TO-LIGHT All that fighting, bickering, shacking up, hooking up, drugs, drinking doesn't belong to the coming King and His subjects. It belongs to the darkness and death from which we are saved. Don't even go there; **you don't belong there**. There is nothing there for you but misery and death. Rather, → **Put on the Lord Jesus Christ**. Wear His seamless robe of righteousness proudly in this world, even if the world laughs at you and spits at you and ridicules you and wants to crucify you. The hour has come to wake up. It may still be dark, but the day is drawing near. Your King is coming, righteous and having salvation. It's time to get ready with Advent urgency.

**3. Thus, if you have known Him, Not ashamed to own Him, But will trust Him boldly Nor, should love Him coldly, He will then receive you, Heal you, and forgive you.**

ISAIAH'S VISION **Isaiah saw it** off in the distance, a mountain of the Lord, higher than any mountain on this earth, a house unlike any house on this earth. A place where the nations can come, where people hear the Word and walk in the ways in the Lord's paths of righteousness. A sanctuary of peace, where God Himself is judge and swords become plows and spears are turned into pruning hooks and bombs shells become wind chimes, and the art of war becomes the way of peace.

U.N. The **United Nations** building in New York has this passage from **Isaiah** engraved in its cornerstone, but that is both presumptive and premature. (Human hubris.) **No** gathering of the nations will bring peace. Our sinful, self-centered natures won't allow it. **Only the Prince of Peace** brings that peace the world cannot give, the peace that transcends our understanding, the Peace that comes with our dying and rising with Jesus. Then, and only then, at His coming in glory, will we be able to say, *"I ain't gonna study war no more."*

3<sup>RD</sup>/FINAL ADVENT This is **His Third Advent, His Coming in glory on the Last Day**, at a day and an hour no one knows or needs to know. It is enough to know that He is coming soon, righteous and having salvation, to raise the dead, to give life to all who confess Him.

**4. He who so endures Bright reward secures. Come, then, O Lord Jesus, From our sins release us; Let us here confess You, Till in heav'n we bless You.**

ADVENT CONCLUSION It is Advent. Your **King** is coming to you. Come, let us walk in the light of the Lord. There is no preparation for the Last Day of the world. (EXCEPT!) Being **ready, watching** for it, **praying** that you will escape all that will happen, and that in the end, **you will stand** before the Son of Man. Hear the Word of Jesus Christ addressing you: Your **sins are forgiven**, let your hearts **Rejoice!** Eat and drink Christ's Body and Blood. The **gifts** of His all-atoning death, He gives for your food and drink, **not** to weigh down your hearts, but to **take away your worries**, and lift up your hearts. You are Baptized into the death of Jesus. You **belong** to Him, and He will strengthen your hearts so that you will be blameless and holy in the presence of our God and Father, when He comes with all His holy ones. And He takes us all to be **with Him**. ... What a day that will be! Get ready! **Come, Lord Jesus! (& Quickly!) Amen. SDG**  
*The Peace of God which passes all understanding keep your hearts and minds...*

**Possible Prayer of Church ☩ 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of New Churchyear, December 1<sup>st</sup>**  
*As we have been bidden to come and go up to the mountain of our Lord and to the house of our God, let us go in prayer, confidently believing that our Lord will both hear and give answer to our petitions and supplications. (Possible silence)*

Blessed Lord, teach us Your ways, that we may walk in Your paths. Give us Your Holy Spirit, that we may abandon the ways of darkness and sin and walk in the light of Christ, doing the good works of those whom He has redeemed with His precious blood. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer**.

Mighty Lord, in a world of war and violence, terror and fear, we cry to You to silence the voices of hate and bring peace to the nations. Raise up for us good and faithful leaders in this and every land who will respect and protect life as sacred, honor the sacred trust placed in them, and serve to promote and defend liberty and justice for all people. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer**.

Gracious Lord, as once Your people welcomed Your Son with palms and hosannas, so grant us faith to welcome Him Who comes to us now in His Word and Sacrament and who will come again in glory as Lord and Judge to bring to completion all that He began. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer**.

Holy Lord, create in us new and contrite hearts, that we may confess our sins and rejoice in Your holy absolution and, by the power of Your Holy Spirit, be filled with the desire for all that is good and right and holy according to Your law. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer**.

Merciful Lord, comfort those in pain of body or spirit, relieve those who suffer, and give healing to all in need [*especially OSL Prayers and those whom we name in our hearts*]. According to Your gracious will, answer the prayers of Your people who cry to You for answers, sustain them in the day of trouble and grant them patience in their afflictions. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer**.

Loving God, as we remember the start of another church year and begin anew our journey to recall the birth, revelation, suffering, death and resurrection of Your dear Son and our Savior, grant us the aid of the Spirit, that we may be well instructed by Your Word, strengthened in faith and equipped for our daily vocation of love and service. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer**.

Giving Lord, You have so richly supplied us with material blessings. Keep us, we pray, from being distracted by the glimmer of this world and its treasures, and guide us to trust fully in the true treasure of Your grace that will not pass away. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer**.

Faithful Lord, You have marked us as Your own in Baptism, given us Your Spirit to teach our hearts to believe and destined us for everlasting life in Christ. Give us lips to testify to Your goodness and words to speak in witness to the love that has saved us. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer**.

Blessed Lord, remembering the faithful who lived and died in Christ and now rest from their labors, bring us with them to know Your mercies face to face, that when Christ comes in His glory, we may welcome Him with praise and hosannas and enter with Him into the everlasting feast He has prepared for all who love Him. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer**.

All these things, O Lord, we pray, knowing that You, in Your fatherly wisdom and care, will grant us what is good and right for us and for our salvation; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen. ... Then, Lord's Prayer**