

Historic Scripture Lessons for the First Sunday in Advent

Old Testament

Jeremiah 33:14-18 NIV 'The days are coming,' declares the LORD, 'when I will fulfill the gracious Promise I made to the house of Israel and to the house of Judah. 15 In those days and at that time I will make a righteous Branch sprout from David's line; He will do what is just and right in the land. 16 In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. This is the Name by which It will be called: THE LORD OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS.' 17 For this is what the LORD says: 'David will never fail to have a man to sit on the throne of the house of Israel, 18 nor will the priests, who are Levites, ever fail to have a man to stand before me continually to offer burnt offerings, to burn grain offerings and to present sacrifices.'

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.

Historic Gospel

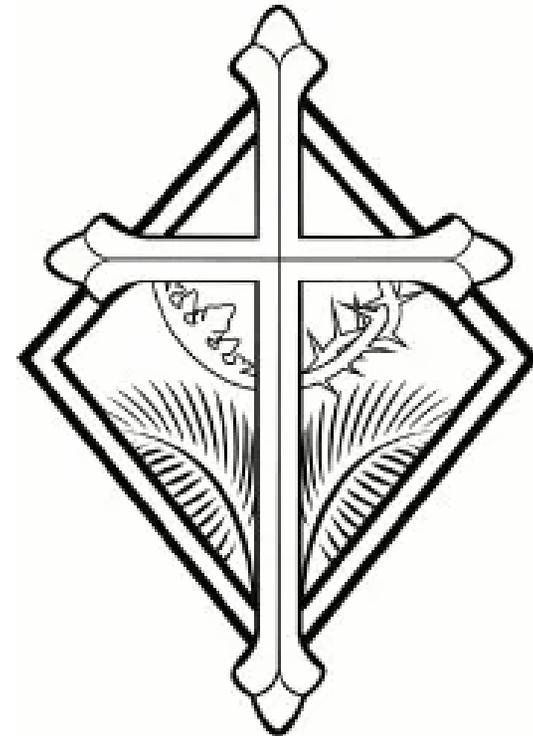
Matthew 21:1-9 As they approached Jerusalem and came to Bethphage on the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, 2 saying to them, "Go to the village ahead of you ↗

and at once you will find a donkey tied there, with her colt by her. 3 If anyone says anything to you, tell him that the LORD needs them, and he will send them right away." ... 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!"

3-Year-C Gospel (Sermon Text)

Luke 19:28-40 After Jesus had said this, He went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. 29 As He approached Bethphage and Bethany at the hill called the Mount of Olives, He sent two of His disciples, saying to them, 30 "Go to the village ahead of you, and as you enter it, you will find a colt tied there, which no one has ever ridden. Untie it and bring it here. 31 If anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' tell him, 'The LORD needs it.'" 32 Those who were sent ahead went and found it just as He had told them. 33 As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, "Why are you untying the colt?" 34 They replied, "The LORD needs it." 35 They brought it to Jesus, threw their cloaks on the colt and put Jesus on it. 36 As He went along, people spread their cloaks on the road. 37 When He came near the place where the road goes down the Mount of Olives, the whole crowd of disciples began joyfully to praise God in loud voices for all the miracles they had seen: 38 "Blessed is the King Who comes in the Name of the LORD!" "Peace in Heaven and glory in the highest!" 39 Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to Jesus, "Teacher, rebuke Your disciples!" 40 "I tell you," he replied, "if they keep quiet, the stones will cry out."

Our Savior Lutheran Church  Lakeland, FL  ELS
1st Sunday in Advent (C)  *Jesus, the Coming King*



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December 2nd, 2018 Advent-1 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

Suggested Hymn	TLH# (vv)	...First Line
Opening Hymn	70 (4v)	Hosanna to the Living O LORD
<i>Psalm 25</i>	<i>Ps.25 '3v'</i>	<i>To You, O Lord, I Lift My Soul ... ↗</i>
Hymn of the Day	56 (5v)	Jesus Came, the Heav'ns Adoring
<i>Offertory Verses</i>	<i>68 (6v)</i>	<i>Sing verses 1,2 The Advent of Our King →</i>
Distribution Hymn	58 (9v)	O LORD, How Shall I Meet Thee
Closing Hymn	50 (3v)	LORD, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing

Suggested Bible readings for the weekdays of the 1st Sunday in Year/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 1ST Sunday of (Church Year &) Advent-1 DECEMBER 2ND

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: ♪ 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. **Jeremiah 33:14-18** Prophecy Coming of THE LORD OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS.
Epi. **Romans 13:11-14** The hour has come to awake from your sleep.
Gos. **Matthew 21:1-9** Jesus' Triumphal Entry to Jerusalem (Palm Sunday)

SERMON (Gospel-C) **Luke 19:28-40** THEME: **YOUR KING COMES...IN "GLORY"?**

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

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

Verse 1. ♪ 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: ♪ To You, O Lord, I lift my soul; To You, I lift my soul.

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

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

Verse 3. ♪ 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.

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

TLH #68. 1. The Advent of our King - Our- prayers must- now employ, And we must hymns of welcome sing - In strains of- holy joy.

2. The everlasting- Son - In-carnate- deigns to be; Himself a Servant's form puts on - To set His- servants free.

PRAYER REQUESTS:	(Member or Relation)	Pray for...
Dee Kurczewski (David)	Dee - rehabbing.	David back working
Carolyn Miner (Don)	Carolyn had brain bleed stroke.	Home recovering well
Jon & Andrea Sawyer	Jon's heart, changing work.	Andrea started new work
Ethel Wendt (Steve)	Ethel had surgery.	Recovering well at home. PTL
Barb Wolkens	Barb seriously stiff neck.	Doctors don't know cause yet
James Vanesky & Delores Platt	Both at home rehabbing.	We miss them

Volunteers	Today	Next Sunday
Greeters	Joan Patrick	Barb Wolkens
Treaters	(Joan Patrick) Fancy Cakes	Mary Lou Kniggef

Statistics	Last week	Year To Date / Avg.
Sunday, Attendance (Communion)	28 / (- -)	22 / 17
Bible Class Attendance: Sunday	13	11
Sunday Offering (Needed) & YTD	\$. (\$1,350)	YTD\$, (\$64.6K)

Calendar of Events		
Today December 2	8:30 am	Bible Study Christ Figures: <i>Shepherd/Shp.</i>
<i>First Sunday of</i>	9:30 am	Divine Worship (WITH Communion)
<i>Advent & New Year</i>	10:45 ff...	"FFF" = Food, Fun & Fellowship ... <i>Stay!</i>
Wednesday, 12/5	4:30 pm	Midweek Advent-1W Vespers Worship
Saturday, 12/8	11:30 am	OSLadies Brunch - Fresco's Café (no Mtg)
Next Sunday 12/9	8:30 am	Bible Study Christ Figures: <i>Slaves/Servants</i>
<i>Second Sunday of</i>	9:30 am	Divine Worship (NO Communion)
<i>Advent (John Baptist)</i>	10:45 ff...	"FFF" = Food, Fun & Fellowship ... <i>Stay!</i>
Sawyer OpenHouse	5 pm & ff	2490 Torrens Drive Lakeland, FL 33805

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

✘ Sign up for Poinsettias to beautify our sanctuary. Signup sheet in fellowship hall.

This Wednesday: 12/5 Advent-1W (BLACK ELH p.120) 110 302 Nunc Dim. 141

Next Sunday: 12/9 Advent-2/C (No L.S. p.5) Hymns: 72 Ps.25 61 644 305 47

ADVENT-1/C Zech.9:9 & Luke 19:28-40 "YOU KING COMES 2 U!" 12.02.18 OSL

"Behold, your King is coming to you; Righteous and having Salvation."(Zech 9:9, introit)

PAST, PRESENT

The One who is coming in glory, might, and power is the One who came by the humility of the Virgin, the manger, the donkey, and the Cross. And He is the One Who comes to us here and now, hidden and sublimely "with us," present in water, Word, bread and wine, to prepare, to forgive, to strengthen, and to keep us. That is the very heart and core of the Season of Advent. "Behold, your King comes to you, righteous and having salvation.

ADVENT MEANS

The word "advent" means "**coming**" as in the coming of a king or even a god. And imagine the excitement, the anticipation, the preparation that would go on if we were expecting a king or some dignitary come and visit us. Well, maybe we're not so impressed by kings, so how about a **president then**. And if you don't particularly like the current president, then imagine a favored past president (like George H.W. Bush).

CHANGE ANYTHING(?)

Would we do anything different? Would you do anything different? Come early, be sure to get a seat? Dress differently? Prepare in some way? I'm fairly certain we all would do something a little different if someone with the status of "king" were to show up here on a Sunday morning. Well, the good news of Advent is that **YOUR King, the King of all kings, the King that comes bearing Salvation, has come, does come, and will come.**

HE CAME

Your King **has** come to you, righteous and having Salvation. In one sense, it is past and accomplished. "**It is finished.**" He left His royal throne at the Right Hand of the Father and came to us, born of the **virgin daughter of Israel**, in the fullness of time, at just the right moment in God's Plan of Salvation. The Plan that God had ordained from before the beginning of the world was put into effect when the angel spoke the Word of Promise to Mary, announcing that she would conceive and bear the promised Messiah-King, the Son of God, God come to be with us.

HOW HE CAME

He came in deep humility, ignored, rejected, despised by those He came to save. "*He came to that which was His own, but His own did not receive Him.*" He is the **Creator of ALL things**, yet the world in its unbelief did not recognize Him. He is the **Messiah of Israel**, the promised Son of David, yet **Israel rejected Him**. Yes, He had a few disciples. One hundred and twenty when the final count was taken. Hardly much of a movement. Certainly not enough to register on the world's scale of greatness. Imagine today, someone claiming to be a great religious leader, having a following of one hundred and twenty disciples. The world would laugh; ... and the world did laugh and mock and spit.

WHERE HE CAME

He came into His own city, **Jerusalem, the holy city**. The place of the Temple, of sacrifice and priesthood and prayer, the dwelling place of God on earth. He came as the royal Son of David, riding

on a donkey as the prophet had foretold it; His disciples shouting "**Hosanna**" and "**Blessed is the King!**" anticipating that the time had come for Jesus to take His throne. His disciples and friends rolled out the royal carpet of **palm branches and coats**. But the donkey was borrowed, pressed into service because "*the LORD had need of it.*" Imagine a king borrowing someone else's car to make his grand entrance. Hardly the stuff of kings now, is it?

WHAT **KIND** OF KING

That borrowed donkey is a clue as to what sort of King Jesus is – a **beggar King**. One who was rich, but for our sakes become poor. One who stepped down from His Throne to become the **Servant of all**. One Who left the power and majesty of the Right Hand of the Father to take up the humility of the manger and the Cross. One Who wore royal purple only as people mocked Him. One Who was openly called a King only in derision and as a reason for His Crucifixion. His **crown was made of thorns**. His scepter was a nail driven through His Hand. His throne was a Cross on which He died. His victory was His death by which He defeated the last and greatest enemy of our humanity, namely Death and the Grave.

OFFENSE OF A KING(?)

The religious in the crowd were **offended by Jesus**, as He still is an offense to human Religion today. The Pharisees called on Jesus to silence the celebration, to shut up His disciples. But even the mute rocks and stones knew who Jesus was and would cry out (bulletin cover), if called upon. He didn't come to fix the world; **He came to save it**. He didn't come to fix injustice; He came to **do justice**. He didn't come to rid the world of suffering, of poverty, of disease; He came to deal with the root cause and source – **our sin, the corruption of our humanity**, the Law that damns us, the wrath of God that hangs over us. He's the King that fights and dies for His people, and there is no other King like Him in the world.

HOW HE COMES NOW

Your King comes to you, Righteous and having Salvation. He came **once in humility** to fight and die and rise. He comes **now to bless**, to **forgive**, to **make you His own**, to give you a share in His life and royalty. He comes to establish His reign – not on earth, but in the hearts of men, turning hearts in faith toward Him and to the Father. **As we wait for Jesus' coming in glory**, He comes to us "sacramentally," through the Means He has ordained for us – through the **Word** proclaimed, through the water of **Baptism**, through the bread that is His **Body** and the wine that is His **Blood**. He has His "advent" with you, with His Church throughout the entire last days until the Last Day, lording His death and life over us to prepare us for His final advent.

"FOREVER-ADVENT"

The Church is always in a **perpetual Advent**, celebrating her coming Lord even as she awaits her coming Lord. As Jesus once entered Jerusalem atop a donkey, **now He enters** His Jerusalem in the hidden humility of **His Word, His Baptism, His Supper** – no less here or present, but **hidden under the ordinary and the humble** so that we might approach and receive Him without fear. **He comes to forgive**, speaking Words of absolution into your ears that you might know with all

certainty and without any doubt that His death applies to you, His Blood covers your sin, **His Righteousness is your righteousness.**

JEREMIAH There is a quirk in translation that is noteworthy from (**Jeremiah verse 16**): *“In those days Judah will be saved, and Jerusalem will dwell securely. And this is the Name by which **she** (not it) will be called: **The Lord is our Righteousness.**” SHE – as in Israel, the **Church, the Bride of Christ.** She is called by **her Husband’s Name.** She receives His righteousness. You are covered with Christ in your Baptism, and you wear Him like a robe before the Father so that your sins are washed away, your sinfulness is covered.*

FORENSIC RIGHT... This is what we call **“forensic righteousness.”** God declares it to be so, **and it is.** He calls you righteous **and you are, solely because He says so.** And it is in JESUS’ Righteousness, HIS Holiness, HIS Innocence, HIS Perfection that your hearts are established blameless and holy before God the Father, at the coming of our LORD Jesus.

ADVENT REALLY IS Your King is coming to you, righteous and having salvation. The One Who comes now by Word and Means **will soon come in unsurpassed glory.** Now a hint, then the full blast. This is Day the Season of Advent anticipates and prepares for. It really isn’t so much a countdown for Christmas, Jesus’ First Advent, as it is **a look forward to His Final Advent in great glory** and power to judge the world in His righteousness. Luther said, *“He will then not be bedded in the manger, nor ride on a donkey, as He did in His first Advent, but will burst forth from the clouds in great power and glory.”* What we now hear will be seen. What we know believe will be manifest to all. What we long and hope for will be ours. What is promised will be delivered.

NOW FAINT; THEN CLEAR Then you will know, my dear Baptized believers, what it means to be justified for Jesus’ sake, when you rise from the dead (or are instantly changed), and are presented blameless and holy before the Judgment Throne of **Christ to hear of the good He has accomplished in and through you.** Then you will see, my dear baptized believers, what you now hear, that **your sins are forgiven,** put as far from you as the east is from the west. Then you will possess in yourselves and experience for yourselves what you now long for and hope for, and what is **already now true of you in Christ – life in abundance, Life Eternal,** life in Jesus, life in union with all who trust in Him, life forever.

IT IS SOON The Day is **coming soon.** The King is ready to ride. The time is at hand. Prepare to greet your King. He comes to you **Righteous and having Salvation.** He comes to save you. He comes to give you life. *Blessed is He who comes in the Name of the Lord. Get ready!* **Come, Lord Jesus! (Quickly!) IJ’N, Amen. SDG**

Possible Prayer of Church ☩ 1st Sunday of Advent(/Ch.Year) December 3rd

*As God has bid us 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. (Silence?)*

Almighty God, we give You thanks for bringing us to the **end of one church year and to the beginning** of another. As You have kept us in the days that have passed, so do we pray You would keep us in the days to come. Teach us to be faithful in all things, grateful for all Your gifts, urgent in Your work and hopeful for Christ’s coming again. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Almighty God, we long for an end to the struggles of this mortal life and for the start of everlasting life with Christ and all the saints in Your presence forevermore. **Keep us from becoming contented** with this life and from despair over the burdens of the flesh. We pray ever more earnestly to see Your face and to know in full the joy of Your presence. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Almighty God, we know how easily the good things You have supplied can be abused and used for harm instead of good. Deliver all who struggle with **addiction,** restore us when we fall and bring us the strength of Your Word and Sacraments to sustain us. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Almighty God, we rejoiced with people who once welcomed Your Son with palms and hosannas, and we pray You to grant us a true faith, that we may welcome Him now as He comes to us in the **bread that is His Body and the cup that is His Blood.** Feed and nourish us in Christ, that we may renounce ungodliness and live righteous and holy lives to the praise of Your glory. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Almighty God, we enjoy the many and rich blessings You have showered upon **our nation.** Grant to us wise and faithful leaders who will help us use Your bounty for good. Establish Your peace among the nations, and bring to nothing the plots of those who delight in evil, terror and violence. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Almighty God, we face illness, pain, suffering, grief and death, but not without Your grace to comfort us or Your hope to encourage us. Give grace to each as they have need, that sustained through their afflictions they may rejoice in Your promises [*especially this day Your servants OSL Prayer List*]. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Almighty God, we claim nothing as our own, for all things come from You. Accept the **worship of our lips, the service of our lives, and the tithes** and offerings we bring in Jesus’ name. Grant that we may use all things for Your glory, for the blessing of those in our care and for the support of Your Church. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Almighty God, we pray not as we ought but as we are able, trusting in Your mercy to supply us with all things needful and beneficial. Keep far from us all things harmful, that we may **be kept holy and blameless to the day** of Christ’s coming; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen. Then, L. S. p.24 ...**