



First Sunday of Advent

Sunday, November 28, 2021 - 9:30
Service of Prayer and Preaching



AS WE GATHER

Advent is a season for us to grow in hope. We gather amid a world that in many ways seems hopeless. Extremists on both ends of the political spectrum seem to control almost everything we hear, read, and see. Deep divisions over race, politics, and economics loom over us like a dark storm cloud. How can the Church possibly make a difference in all of this? Today's Readings acknowledge the distress and fear that the world's foundations are being shaken. And right in the middle of it all, there is hope. Jesus says, "Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will not pass away" (Luke 21:33). The prophet Jeremiah declares God's promise to restore His people and all creation. If we were left to ourselves, there would be little room for such hope. But God does not leave us alone. By His Word and Sacraments, God establishes our hearts and prepares us for Jesus' coming final restoration. Until that day, we wait, we pray, we hope.

My hope is
built on
nothing less
Than Jesus'
blood and
righteousness.
LSB 575:1a

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

Hymn - "We Light the Advent Candle" (st. 1)

(The first candle is lit during the singing of this hymn verse)

We light the Advent candle And wait for Christ to come.

With hope, we trust the promise That He will bring us home.

Our hope is in our Savior Who wins for us God's favor.

We wait with growing light Till God makes all things right!

Pastor: Let us pray. O Lord, let the lighting of this candle signify that You are the light that shines in all the darkness of our lives. As we wait, watch, hope, and pray, guide us all to reflect Your light and let it shine; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: Amen.

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Opening Versicles for Advent

Old Testament Canticle – Page 261

The Old Testament Reading – Jeremiah 33:14-16

Epistle Reading – 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

Hymn – LSB #341 "Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates"

Holy Gospel – Luke 19:28-40

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Catechism – Page 264 (The Ten Commandments, Apostles' Creed and Lord's Prayer)

Hymn - LSB #332 "Savior of the Nations, Come" (Sunday School children are dismissed)

Sermon – "Promises Made..And Kept" Text: The Old Testament Reading

Hymn – LSB #334 "O Lord, How Shall I Meet You" (Offerings previously collected are brought forward as the hymn is sung)

Prayers

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Closing Hymn – LSB #349 "Hark the Glad Sound"