

Advent 1

December 1, 2024

First Sunday of Advent (Year C)

Jeremiah was to inform an idolatrous people that the Lord would not forsake them, even though they had disregarded his love and his ways. He would send a righteous branch of the tree of David to be their king. This king would be eternal and his reign would be characterized by justice and mercy. We know this one as King Jesus, and he will return to earth once more and take his people unto himself for all eternity.



THIS WEEK’S SCRIPTURE TEXTS

First Lesson: Jeremiah 33:14-16

The Word of the Lord came to the prophet Jeremiah concerning the renewal of God’s people. The people were idolatrous and the Lord had all but given up on them when he remembered his great love for them and promised them a new beginning in Jerusalem. A righteous branch of the line of David would be their king.

Psalm 25:1-10

The psalmist asked for God’s intervention in his life. He did not want to be put to shame or humiliated by his enemies. He pled with God not to count the sins of his youth against him, but to instruct him in the Lord’s holy ways and to remember him always. The need for forgiveness is present in all human beings.

Second Lesson: 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

St. Paul sought to provide for the believers in Thessalonica, especially for whatever was lacking in their faith. His great desire was to return to them, to see them face to face, and to encourage them in fervent love toward one another for the sake of Christ Jesus. Paul looked forward to Christ’s return and the future judgment.

Gospel Lesson: Luke 21:25-36

When signs appear in the heavens, it is the time that redemption is near, Jesus proclaimed. Christ urged people to keep awake and be aware of what is going on around them because if they pay attention, there will be no mistake of his return as he will come in glory on the clouds. Meanwhile his Word will never pass away.

A Righteous Branch

God’s Compassion is Everlasting

Paul Gives Thanks

The Return of Jesus

Suggestions for the Day:

- Liturgical Color: Blue or Purple
- Use the Kyrie in the Season of Advent.
- Use the Nicene Creed during this time of waiting and watching for the return of Christ.
- Light the first candle on the Advent wreath. See the seasonal planning page for optional candle prayers.
- How do we know what is lacking in our faith? Paul suggests that a face to face visit will provide an opportunity to provide for the Thessalonians what is lacking in their faith. It’s a great question to ask and to meditate upon because how can we receive what we need if we are unaware of our spiritual needs?

SUGGESTED HYMNS FOR WORSHIP

Hymn Titles:

	LBW	WOV	LSB	ELW	REC	Sola
Wake, Awake for Night is Flying	31	---	516	436	95	95
Soon and Very Soon	---	744	---	439	---	---
Kept in Quiet Wonder	---	---	---	---	---	web
Comfort, Comfort Now My People	29	---	347	256	98	98
Give Me Jesus	---	777	---	770	214	214
O Jesus, Joy of Loving Hearts	356	---	---	658	197	197
Hark the Glad Sound, the Savior Comes	35	---	349	239	92	92
God Whose Almighty Word	400	---	---	673	---	---
The Advent of Our God	22	---	---	---	---	web
O Jesus, Blessed Lord, to Thee	220	---	632	541	87	87

The hymn suggestions above can be found in: LBW= Lutheran Book of Worship, WOV= With One Voice, ELW= Evangelical Lutheran Worship (Augsburg Fortress); LSB= The Lutheran Service Book (Concordia Publishing), REC= The ReClaim Hymnal for Church and Home (ReClaim Resources), and *** means you can find it on SOWeR at “Hymns and Music.”

CONTEMPORARY SONGS

Praise Song Titles:

- Watchman
(CCLI# 5462463)
- Come, Jesus, Come
(CCLI# 7154136)
- Hosanna
(CCLI# 4785835)
- Soon and Very Soon
(CCLI# 11249)
- Open Up the Heavens
(CCLI# 6304702)

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