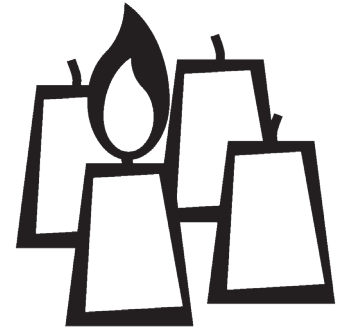


Advent 1

November 29, 2026

First Sunday of Advent (Year B)

God's anger is kindled by our sin and disobedience. The Lord turned away from his people and left them vulnerable to the consequences of their iniquity. Yet, when they cried out to him for salvation, when they vowed to live in unity with him as his beloved created ones, he sent his Son into the world to save us from sin and death. Through Jesus, God's face shines upon us. He is faithful until the end of the age.



THIS WEEK'S SCRIPTURE TEXTS

First Reading: Isaiah 64:1-9**Don't Be Angry, O Lord!**

Israel was cut off from the Lord because of their iniquity. Sin had separated them from God, but a cry went out for God not to forget them, even though they were unclean. Israel vowed to be like clay and allow God, their Father, to be the potter as they recognized that they were the very work of his hand.

Psalm 80:1-7**Let Your Face Shine, That We May Be Saved**

The psalmist lamented to the Lord that he had left them to drown in their tears and made them a laughingstock to all their neighbors. "Let your face shine upon us," he cried, begging the Lord to save his people from their misery. He implored the Shepherd of Israel to come and save His people.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:3-9**God is Faithful**

Paul wrote to the church in Corinth giving thanks for them and the fact that they were enriched by the Spirit, possessing all good gifts for the sake of the ministry of the Gospel. "Christ will sustain you!" He wrote. "You were called into Christ!"

Gospel Reading: Mark 13:24-37**Son of Man Will Come in the Clouds**

Jesus explained to his followers that a time of distress would come but they would see the signs in the sun, stars and heavens that would clue them in to the time when the Son of Man would return to earth in great power and glory. Angels would be sent from the ends of the earth to gather God's elect. Jesus assured his friends that even though heaven and earth would pass away, his Word will last forever.

Suggestions for the Day:

- Liturgical Color: Blue or Purple.
- Use the Kyrie during Advent.
- Use the Nicene Creed.
- Light the first candle on the Advent wreath.
- Print and handout the Advent Calendar for families. This document can be found on the Seasonal Page for Advent.
- Themes of the endtime pervade the readings for today. Many popular sources try to incite fear in the hearts of believers, but Jesus assures his followers that they will detect the signs and can count on his Word enduring forever. There is nothing to fear for God's elect – those whom he loves and who love him.

SUGGESTED HYMNS FOR WORSHIP

Hymn Titles:	LBW	WOV	LSB	ELW	REC	Sola
Keep in Quiet Wonder	---	---	---	---	---	web
Rejoice, Rejoice Believers	25	---	515	244	99	99
Hark, A Thrilling Voice is Sounding!	37	---	345	246	94	94
Lo! He Comes with Clouds Descending	27	---	336	435	---	---
O Savior, Rend the Heavens Wide	38	---	355	---	---	---
Wake, Awake for Night is Flying	31	---	516	436	95	95
Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah	---	633	---	240	---	---
Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates	32	---	340	---	93	93
When He Cometh	---	---	---	---	96	96
O Bread of Life from Heaven	222	---	---	480	84	84

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
 Love Comes Down
 (CCLI# 5553633)
 Come to Us
 (CCLI# 6149833)
 Come Lord Jesus
 (CCLI# 5575886)
 Even So, Come
 (CCLI# 7036288)
 The King is Coming
 (CCLI# 6122544)

The contemporary song suggestions above are noted by their CCLI number. To print these songs, a congregation must have a CCLI license.