



Sunday, November 28, 2021

Advent is about the "coming days." God's people have always lived in great expectation, but that expectation finds specific, repeated enunciation in the texts appointed for these four weeks. The ancients anticipated a "righteous Branch to spring up for David." The Thessalonians awaited "the coming of our Lord Jesus with all the saints." Our Lord's contemporaries hoped for the time "to stand before the Son of Man." With them we eagerly await the coming days: another Christmas celebration, a second coming, and the advent of our Lord in word and supper. From *Sundays & Seasons*, copyright © 2021 Augsburg Fortress

"In response to God's love, St. Matthew's is a faith community welcoming all to grow in faith, to worship Christ and to reach out to everyone."

Welcome!

We hope our worship will be a blessing to you. Our Lord's Supper is being celebrated today. Everyone is welcome to receive this Holy Sacrament.

COVID-19

Following guidelines from our Synod and Public Health, we are making every effort to prevent the spread of COVID-19. Everyone must show proof of full vaccination against COVID-19 and wear a face covering. Please stay home if you are ill. Let's all stay safe!

Greenery

As we enter Advent, the Season of Hope, you will notice that greenery is placed on the altar to the Glory of God, in preparation for the coming Christmas fulfillment.

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The lines of the Psalm printed in bold font are sung in unison to the tune of a familiar hymn. The lines in plain font are read by the leader.

Psalm 25 – Tune 257 O Come, O Come, Emmanuel (Veni Emmanuel)

To you, O Lord, I lift my soul.
I trust you, God, to make me whole.

Leader: Let me not be put to shame, nor let my enemies triumph over me. Let none who look to you be put to shame; let them be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous.

Show me, O Lord, the way to go;
Teach me your righteous paths to know.

Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation. I always trust in you.

In steadfast love remember me.
Your paths of goodness let me see.

Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions. According to your steadfast love remember me for the sake of your goodness, O Lord.

To you, O Lord, I lift my soul.
I trust you, God, to make me whole.

Because the Lord is righteous and good, he teaches sinners the path they should follow. He leads the humble in the right way and teaches them his will.

Show me, O Lord, the way to go;
Teach me your righteous paths to know.

All the paths of the Lord are steadfast love and faithfulness to those who keep his covenant and his decrees.

In steadfast love remember me.
Your paths of goodness let me see.

Gospel Acclamation

Luke 21:28

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Gospel Acclamation printed in bulletin
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"Praise to you, O Christ."

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Thanks be to God.

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First Sunday of Advent

FIRST READING. Jeremiah 33:14-16

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfil the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: 'The Lord is our righteousness.'

SECOND READING. 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith.

Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

GOSPEL. Luke 21:25-36

'There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see "the Son of Man coming in a cloud" with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.'

Then he told them a parable: 'Look at the fig tree and all the trees; as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

'Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day does not catch you unexpectedly, like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.'