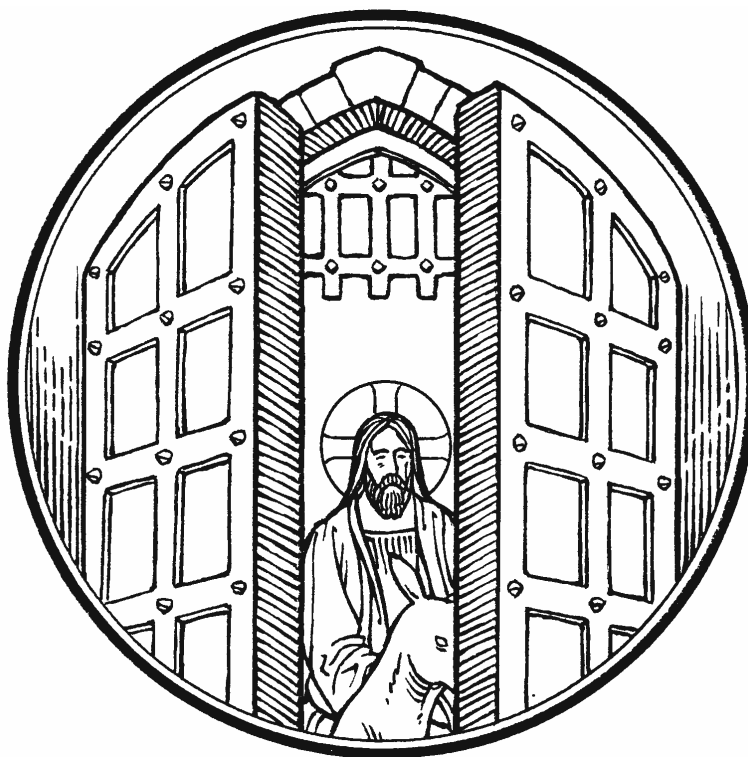


THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Ad Te Levavi



DECEMBER 3, 2023

LEBANON LUTHERAN CHURCH

Lebanon Church, VA

The congregation assembles and offers silent prayer upon entering the pews.

Announcement of the Day

Today is the first Sunday in Advent, the beginning of the Church Year. The name “advent” is derived from the Latin *adventus*, “coming”, and refers to the three comings of our Lord: historically as the babe born in Bethlehem, sacramentally as the Church celebrates the Holy Communion, and finally in glory on the Last Day. There are four Sundays of Advent appointed for the Church’s preparation for the great Feast of the Incarnation – the Christmass. Today’s Service is traditionally given the name *Ad Te Levavi* (To You I lift up...), from the Latin for the first lines of the Introit. Each named Sunday highlights a particular theme of the season. Today, the gathered church “lifts up” her soul in expectation of the coming Lord and His powerful deliverance from all her ancient enemies (sin, death, and the devil). Advent is throughout a season of expectation, penitence, joyful hope, and prayerful focus upon the coming of our Lord Jesus.

Hymn of Expectation

Wake, Awake, for Night is Flying



1 "Wake, a - wake, for night is fly - ing," The watch - men on the
2 Zi - on hears the watch - men sing - ing, And all her heart with
3 Now let all the heav'ns a - dore Thee, Let saints and an - gels



heights are cry - ing; "A - wake, Je - ru - sa - lem, a - rise!"
joy is spring - ing; She wakes, she ris - es from her gloom.
sing be - fore Thee With harp and cym - bals' clear - est tone.



Mid - night hears the wel - come voic - es And at the thrill - ing
For her Lord comes down all - glo - rious, The strong in grace, in
Of one pearl each shin - ing por - tal, Where, join - ing with the



cry re - joic - es: "Oh, where are ye, ye vir - gins wise?
truth vic - to - rious; Her star is ris'n, her light is come.
choir im - mor - tal, We gath - er round Thy ra - diant throne.



The Bride - groom comes, a - wake! Your lamps with glad - ness take!
Now come, Thou Bless - ed One, Lord Je - sus, God's own Son,
No eye has seen the light, No ear has heard the might



Al - le - lu - ia! With brid - al care Your - selves pre - pare
Hail! Ho - san - na! We en - ter all The wed - ding hall
Of Thy glo - ry; There - fore will we E - ter - nal - ly



To meet the Bride - groom, who is near."
To eat the Sup - per at Thy call.
Sing hymns of praise and joy to Thee!

THE PREPARATION

Matthew 28:19b; 18:20

P In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

Hebrews 10:22; Psalm 124:8; Psalm 32:5

P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C **who made heaven and earth.**

P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

C **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

John 20:19–23

P O almighty God, merciful Father,

C **I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

P In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for His sake God forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ He gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. May the Lord, who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. **C** **Amen.**

Kyrie

O | Lord,*
have mercy u- | pon us.

O | Christ,*
have mercy u- | pon us.

O | Lord,*
have mercy u- | pon us.

Salutation and Collect of the Day



P The Lord be with you.



C And al - so with you.

P Let us pray.

Stir up 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 God, now and forever.



C A - men.

Sit

Old Testament Reading

Jeremiah 23:5-8

“Behold, the days are coming, declares the LORD, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In his days Judah will be saved, and Israel will dwell securely. And this is the name by which he will be called: ‘The LORD is our righteousness.’

“Therefore, behold, the days are coming, declares the LORD, when they shall no longer say, ‘As the LORD lives who brought up the people of Israel out of the land of Egypt,’ but ‘As the LORD lives who brought up and led the offspring of the house of Israel out of the north country and out of all the countries where he had driven them.’ Then they shall dwell in their own land.”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Psalm

Psalm 24

Antiphon: Lift up your heads, O gates!

And be lifted up, O | ancient doors,*
that the King of glory | may come in.

**The earth is the LORD's and the full- | ness thereof,*
the world and those who | dwell therein,
for he has founded it up- | on the seas*
and established it upon the | rivers.**

Who shall ascend the hill | of the LORD?*

**And who shall stand in his | holy place?
He who has clean hands and a | pure heart,*
who does not lift up his soul to what is false
and does not swear de- | ceitfully.**

He will receive blessing | from the LORD*
and righteousness from the God of his sal- | vation.
Such is the generation of those who | seek him,*
who seek the face of the God of | Jacob.

Lift up your heads, O gates!
And be lifted up, O | ancient doors,*
that the King of glory | may come in.

Who is this King of | glory?*

The LORD, strong and mighty,
the LORD, mighty in | battle!

Lift up your heads, O gates!
And lift them up, O | ancient doors,*
that the King of glory | may come in.

Who is this King of | glory?*

The LORD of hosts,
he is the King of | glory!

Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*
and to the Holy | Spirit;
as it was in the be- | ginning,*
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

Antiphon: Lift up your heads, O gates!
And be lifted up, O | ancient doors,*
that the King of glory | may come in.

Epistle

Romans 13:11–14

Besides this you know the time, that the hour has come for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we first believed. The night is far gone; the day is at hand. So then let us cast off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light. Let us walk properly as in the daytime, not in orgies and drunkenness, not in sexual immorality and sensuality, not in quarreling and jealousy. But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

Alleluia and Verse



C Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?



You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

Holy Gospel

Matthew 21:1–9

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-first chapter.



C Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

When they drew near to Jerusalem and came to Bethphage, to the Mount of Olives, then Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, "Go into the village in front of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her. Untie them and bring them to me. If anyone says anything to you, you shall say, 'The Lord needs them,' and he will send them at once." This took place to fulfill what was spoken by the prophet, saying,

"Say to the daughter of Zion,
'Behold, your king is coming to you,
humble, and mounted on a donkey,
and on a colt, the foal of a beast of burden.'"

The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them. They brought the donkey and the colt and put on them their cloaks, and he sat on them. Most of the crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. And the crowds that went before him and that followed him were shouting, "Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!"

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



Sit

Sermon

Stand

Hymn of the Day

Savior of the Nations, Come



1 Sav - ior of the na - tions, come, Vir - gin's Son, make
2 Not by hu - man flesh and blood, By the Spir - it
3 Here a maid was found with child, Yet re - mained a
4 Then stepped forth the Lord of all From His pure and
△ 8 Glo - ry to the Fa - ther sing, Glo - ry to the



here Your home! Mar - vel now, O heav'n and earth,
of our God, Was the Word of God made flesh—
vir - gin mild. In her womb this truth was shown:
king - ly hall; God of God, yet ful - ly man,
Son, our king, Glo - ry to the Spir - it be



That the Lord chose such a birth.
Wom - an's off - spring, pure and fresh.
God was there up - on His throne.
His he - ro - ic course be - gan.
Now and through e - ter - ni - ty.

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Nicene Creed

C We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, visible and invisible.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,

true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,
was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the
Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the ✠ life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayer of the Church

Sit

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

Baptized and repentant sinners who accept our doctrine, are not under church discipline, and who confess with us that the body and blood of the Lord are distributed and received under the forms of bread and wine may commune at the altar. Those who are not yet Baptized or who are unsure of their confession of faith may come forward for a blessing; approach the steps with arms crossed over chest to receive a blessing.

Offering

When the Offering has been received and the altar made ready, we stand for the Offertory.

Offertory

Psalm 116:12–13, 17–19



What shall I ren - der to the Lord for all His ben - e-fits to



me? I will of - fer the sac - ri - fice of thanks - giv - ing and will



call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of sal-



va-tion and will call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my



vows to the Lord now in the pres - ence of all His peo - ple, in the



courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Je - ru - sa - lem.


Offertory Prayer

A Merciful Father,

C We offer with joy and thanksgiving, what You have first given us: our selves, our time, and our possessions – signs of Your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of Him Who offered Himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Preface


2 Timothy 4:22; [Colossians 3:1]; [Psalm 136]



P The Lord be with you.




C And al-so with you.




P Lift up your hearts.



C We lift them to the Lord.



P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

Proper Preface

Sanctus

Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of
pow'r and might: Heav'n and earth are full of Your
glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is He who comes in the name
of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Words of Our Lord

Proclamation of Christ

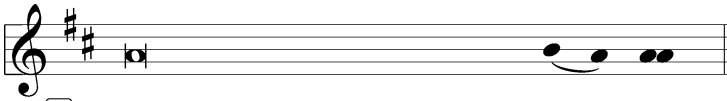
P As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

C Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

Our Father

Pax Domini

John 20:19



P The peace of the Lord be with you al - ways.



C A - men.

Sit

Agnus Dei

John 1:29



C Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the world;



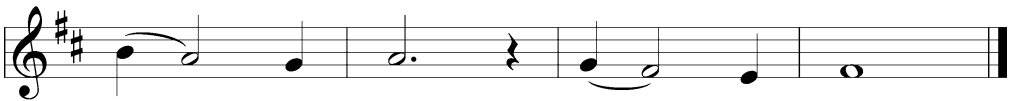
have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a - way the



sin of the world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of



God, You take a - way the sin of the world;



grant us peace, grant us peace.

Distribution

The pastor and those who assist him receive the body and blood of Christ first and then distribute them to those who have been admitted to the Lord's Table.

Communion Hymn

Hark the Glad Sound



1 Hark the glad sound! The Sav - ior comes, The Sav - ior
2 He comes the pris - 'ners to re - lease, In Sa - tan's
3 He comes the bro - ken heart to bind, The bleed - ing
4 Our glad ho - san - nas, Prince of Peace, Thy wel - come



prom - ised long; Let ev - 'ry heart pre - pare a
bond - age held. The gates of brass be - fore Him
soul to cure, And with the trea - sures of His
shall pro - claim, And heav'n's e - ter - nal arch - es



throne And ev - 'ry voice a song.
burst, The i - ron fet - ters yield.
grace To en - rich the hum - ble poor.
ring With Thy be - lov - ed name.

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When all have Communed and returned to the pews, we stand for the Post-Communion Blessing.

Post-Communion Blessing

Nunc Dimittis

Luke 2:29–32

C 1 O Lord, now let Your ser - vant De -
 2 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All
 part in heav'n - ly peace, For I have seen the
 glo - ry to the Son, All glo - ry to the
 glo - ry Of Your re - deem - ing grace:
 Spir - it, For - ev - er Three in One;
 A light to lead the Gen - tiles Un -
 For as in the be - gin - ning, Is
 to Your ho - ly hill, The glo - ry of Your
 now, shall ev - er be, God's tri - une name re -
 peo - ple, Your cho - sen Is - ra - el.
 sound - ing Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

Post-Communion Collect

A Let us pray.

The Assistant Minister offers the Collect.

C Amen.

Prayer Requests

Rev. Bill White, Fran Reidy, Steve Lowe, Margaret Daley, John Marshall, Mary Artz, Ruth Rickard, Kathryn Flynn, Roger Hockman, George and Rose Beauchesne, J.J. Peterson and family, Robin Harris, for laborers for the Lord's Vineyard, for the Lutheran Church in the Valley, for vision for the stewardship of property, for a full-time pianist, for the restoration of civil peace in Ukraine and Israel.

Congregational Budget Information

Needed each week: \$3,173.71.

This Week

Monday – ZOOM Ephesians Bible Study, 10am. “Death, Dying, and the Christian Tradition” at 7pm at the church.

Tuesday – Service at The Maynard at 11am.

Wednesday – Matins at 8:15am, Confession and Absolution at 10am, Vespers at 5:30pm.

Looking Ahead

- **Ladies Christmas Brunch** – Our annual Christmas Brunch will be held at 10 am on December 9. Thrivent Financial is providing funds for diaper bags. Guests are asked to bring a dish to share and items from the Shenandoah Pregnancy Center's WISH LIST that will be provided at a later date. If you would like to share cookies as well please do. RSVP is required: 540-535-9580 or carolyndfrye@yahoo.com



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