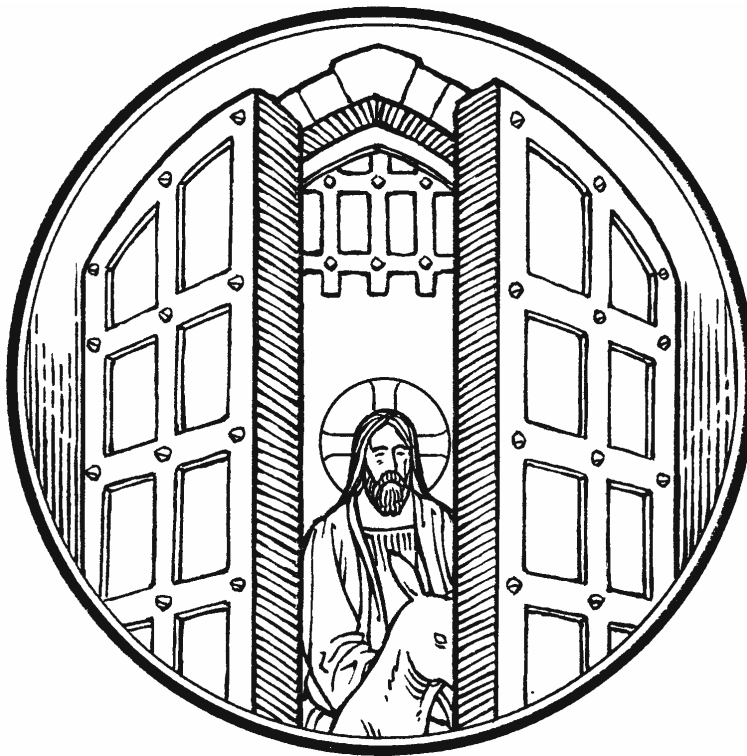


# THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

*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.

## THE PREPARATION

*Stand*

**P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

**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.*

**P** Almighty God, our maker and redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto You that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against You by thought, word, and deed. Wherefore we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**C** O most merciful God, who has given Your only-begotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Your Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of You and of Your will and true obedience to Your Word, to the end that by Your grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

**P** Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and has given His only Son to die for us and for His sake forgives us all our sins. To those who believe on His name He gives power to become the children of God and has promised them His Holy Spirit. He that believes and is baptized shall be saved.

Grant this, Lord, unto us all.

**C** Amen.

*Stand*

## SERVICE OF THE WORD

**Introit**

*Psalm 25:4–5, 21–22; antiphon: vv. 1–3a*

To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul.

O my God, in you I trust; let me not be put to shame.

Let not my enemies exult over me.

Indeed, none who wait for you shall be put to shame.

Make me to know your ways, O LORD;

teach me your paths.

Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation;

for you I wait all the day long.

May integrity and uprightness preserve me,

for I wait for you.

Redeem Israel, O God,

out of all his troubles.

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

To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul.

O my God, in you I trust; let me not be put to shame.  
Let not my enemies exult over me.

Indeed, none who wait for you shall be put to shame.

**Kyrie**

*Mark 10:47*

**C Lord, have mercy upon us.  
Christ, have mercy upon us.  
Lord, have mercy upon us.**

**Salutation and Collect of the Day**

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** **And with thy spirit.**

**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** **Amen.**

*Sit*

## Epistle

*Romans 13:11–14*

**A** The Epistle is from Romans, chapter 13.

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.**

## Gradual

*Psalm 25:3–4*

**P** None who wait for you shall be put to shame;  
they shall be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous.  
Make me to know your ways, O LORD;  
teach me your paths.

*Stand*

## Verse

*Psalm 85:7*

**C** **Alleluia. Show us your steadfast love, O LORD, and grant us your salvation. Alleluia.**

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

**C** **Glory be to Thee, 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.

**C** **Praise be to Thee, O Christ.**

## Hymn of the Day

*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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## Sermon

### Votum

*Philippians 4:7*

**P** The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

**C** Amen.

*Stand*



Offertory

*Psalm 51:10–12*

**C** Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.

Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.

Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.

Prayer of the Church

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

Preface

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

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And with thy spirit.

**P** Lift up your hearts.

**C** We lift them up unto the Lord.

**P** Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.

**C** It is meet and right so to do.

Proper Preface

**Sanctus**

*Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9*

**C** Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth;  
heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.

**The Words of Our Lord**

**Lord's Prayer**

**Pax Domini**

*John 20:19*

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.  
**C** Amen.

**Agnus Dei**

*John 1:29*

**C** O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the  
world, have mercy upon us.  
O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the  
world, have mercy upon us.  
O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the  
world, grant us Thy peace. Amen.

*Sit*

**Administration**

*Stand*

## Thanksgiving

*Psalm 107:1*

- P** O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,  
**C** and His mercy endureth forever.

## Post-Communion Collect

- P** Let us pray.

*The Presiding Minister offers the Collect.*

- C** Amen.

## Salutation

*2 Timothy 4:22*

- P** The Lord be with you.  
**C** And with thy spirit.

## Benedicamus

*Psalm 103:1*

- P** Bless we the Lord.  
**C** Thanks be to God.

## Benediction

*Numbers 6:24–26*

- P** The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.  
**C** Amen.

## Dismissal

- P** The Service is ended, go in peace.  
**C** Amen.

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## *Prayer Requests*

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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, 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*

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Needed each week: \$3,173.71.

## *This Week*

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**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*

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- **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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