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First Sunday in Advent

*Divine Service*

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**Holy Communion** is celebrated this Sunday at Trinity Lutheran Church in the glad confidence that our Lord, as His Words say, gives not only bread and wine, but also His true Body and Blood for us to eat and drink for the forgiveness of sins. Our Lord invites to His table those who believe He is truly present, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive as He forgives us. Because Saint Paul reminds us that we can receive the Lord's Supper to our judgment, we are very careful to administer the Sacrament only to those who are properly prepared. When we receive Holy Communion, we publicly declare our agreement with the teachings of the church from which we receive it. *Therefore, if you are not yet a member of this congregation, a sister congregation of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod and if you have not previously spoken to the Pastor about Holy Communion, please refrain from coming forward to receive Communion until you have first spoken with the Pastor.* If you cannot receive the Lord's Supper but desire a blessing, please join us at the Communion rail and cross your arms over your chest to tell the pastor of your intent.

**Opening Hymn**

*The Advent of Our King*

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**Liturgy**

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**Introit**

P: 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;

C: **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 sal- | vation;\***  
**for you I wait all the | day long.**

**May integrity and uprightness pre- | serve me,\*  
for I | wait for you.  
Redeem Israel, | O God,\*  
out of all his | troubles.**

**All:      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.**

**P:        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  
Collect**

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**P:        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**

**Old Testament**

Jeremiah 23:5-8 (ESV)

“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.’”

**Gradual**

**C:       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.**

## **Epistle**

Romans 13:8-14 (ESV)

Owe no one anything, except to love each other, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. The commandments, You shall not commit adultery, You shall not murder, You shall not steal, You shall not covet, and any other commandment, are summed up in this word: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfilling of the law.

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.

## **Alleluia**

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## **Gospel**

Matthew 21:1-9 (ESV)

Now 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!”

## **Nicene Creed**

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<b>Advent / Christmas / Epiphany</b>			
<b>Special Services</b>			
Advent Weekday services begin at 12:00 p.m.			
Evening services begin at 7:00 p.m.			
<i>Date</i>	<i>Day Name</i>	<i>Title</i>	<i>Text</i>
12/03/25	Advent Midweek 1	Advent: Baptism	1 Peter 3:21
12/10/25	Advent Midweek 2	Advent: Lord's Supper	1 Corinthians 11:27
12/17/25	Advent Midweek 3	Advent: Absolution	John 20:23
12/24/25	Christmas Eve	Christmas: The Savior	Luke 2:1-14
12/25/25	Christmas Day	Christmas: The Word	John 1:14-18
12/31/25	New Year's Eve	The Name Above All Names	Luke 2:21
01/06/26	Epiphany	Joint at St. Paul — Fulda	Pastor Williams preaching