

# Ad Te Levavi

## *The First Sunday in Advent*

✠ November 27, 2022 ✠

**Divine Service Setting 3**

LSB 184

*Stand and face the processional cross when the processional hymn begins.*

**Processional Hymn**

“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”

**LSB 357**

*Sunday School Choir stanza 4 (late service)*

**Confession and Absolution**

LSB 184

*The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.*

**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** 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** Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

## 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 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.

**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.**

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

*LSB 186*



**C** Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -



on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

*The Gloria in Excelsis is omitted during Advent due to the penitential nature of the season.*



**P** The Lord be with you.



**C** And with thy spir - it.



**P** Let us pray.

**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** A - men.

*Sit*

## Old Testament

*Jeremiah 23:5-8*

<sup>5</sup>“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. <sup>6</sup>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.’

<sup>7</sup>“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,’ <sup>8</sup>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.”

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Gradual

*Psalm 25:3–4*

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*

<sup>8</sup>Owe no one anything, except to love each other, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. <sup>9</sup>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.” <sup>10</sup>Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfilling of the law.

<sup>11</sup>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. <sup>12</sup>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. <sup>13</sup>Let us walk properly as in the daytime, not in orgies and drunkenness, not in sexual immorality and sensuality, not in quarreling and jealousy. <sup>14</sup>But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

*Stand and face the processional cross as it is carried to the center of the nave for the Gospel reading.*

## Alleluia and Verse

*LSB 190; Psalm 85:7*



**C** Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.

**L** Show us your steadfast | love, O LORD, \*  
and grant us your sal- | vation.



**C** Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia. 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 be to Thee, O Lord.

<sup>1</sup>When they drew near to Jerusalem and came to Bethphage, to the Mount of Olives, then Jesus sent two disciples, <sup>2</sup>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. <sup>3</sup>If anyone says anything to you, you shall say, ‘The Lord needs them,’ and he will send them at once.” <sup>4</sup>This took place to fulfill what was spoken by the prophet, saying,

<sup>5</sup>“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.’”

<sup>6</sup>The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them. <sup>7</sup>They brought the donkey and the colt and put on them their cloaks, and he sat on them. <sup>8</sup>Most of the crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. <sup>9</sup>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.

*Turn to face the processional cross as it is carried back to its place.*

## Nicene Creed

LSB 191

**C** I believe in one God,  
the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth  
and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the only-begotten Son of God,  
begotten of His Father before all worlds,  
God of God, Light of Light,  
very God of very God,  
begotten, not made,

being of one substance with the Father,  
by whom all things were made;  
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven  
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary  
and was made man;  
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.  
He suffered and was buried.  
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures  
and ascended into heaven  
and sits at the right hand of the Father.  
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the  
dead,  
whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord and giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,  
who spoke by the prophets.  
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,  
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,  
and I look for the resurrection of the dead  
and the life ✠ of the world to come. Amen.

*Sit*

**Hymn of the Day**

“Savior of the Nations, Come”

**LSB 332**

**Prayer**

*LSB 422*

**☐** On my heart imprint your image,  
Blessed Jesus, king of grace,  
That life’s riches, cares, and pleasures  
Never may your work erase;  
Let the clear inscription be:  
Jesus, crucified for me,  
Is my life, my hope’s foundation,  
And my glory and salvation!

**Sermon**

*Rev. Chris Hull*

*Stand*

## Offertory

LSB 192

**C** Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -  
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -  
way from Thy pres-ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it  
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -  
tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir-it. A - men.

*Sit*

## Hymn

“The Bridegroom Soon Will Call Us”

LSB 514

*Offerings that were placed in the plate in the narthex will now be presented before the altar at this time. See the note in the announcements for more information.*

*Stand*

## Prayer of the Church

LSB 215

## Service of the Sacrament

### Preface

LSB 194

**P** The Lord be with you.  
**C** And with thy spir - it.  
**P** Lift up your hearts.



**C** We lift them up un - to the Lord.



**P** Let us give thanks un - to the Lord, our God.



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

**P** It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God ... with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

## Sanctus

*LSB 195*



**C** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;



heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,



ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is He,



bles - ed is He. bles - ed is He that com-eth in the name of the Lord.



Ho-san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

## Lord's Prayer

*LSB 196*

**C** Our Father who art in heaven,  
hallowed be Thy name,  
Thy kingdom come,



Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven;  
 give us this day our daily bread;  
 and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass  
 against us;  
 and lead us not into temptation,  
 but deliver us from evil.  
 For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and  
 ever. Amen.

## The Words of Our Lord

LSB 197

**P** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My  $\text{✠}$  body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My  $\text{✠}$  blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

## Pax Domini

LSB 197



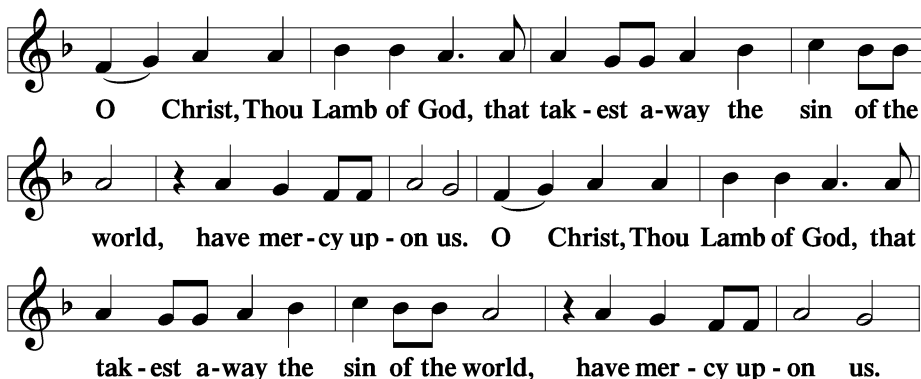
**P** The peace of the Lord be with you al - ways.

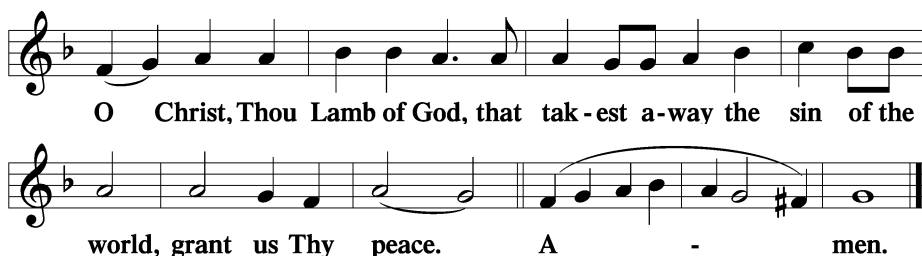


**G** A - men.

## Agnus Dei

LSB 198





*Sit*

*If you are a visitor, please see our communion policy on the inside cover of the bulletin.*

<b>Distribution</b>	“Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying”	<b>LSB 516</b>
	“Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates”	<b>LSB 341</b>
	“The Clouds of Judgment Gather”	<b>LSB 513</b>
	“Prepare the Royal Highway”	<b>LSB 343</b>

*Stand*

## Nunc Dimittis

*LSB 199*

Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de - part in peace accord-ing to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, which Thou hast pre - pared be - fore the face of all people, a light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of Thy peo - ple Is - ra-el. Glo - ry be to the Father and

to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost; as it was in the beginning,

is now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men.

## Thanksgiving

LSB 200

**A** O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,

**C** and His mercy endureth for - ev - er.

### **A** Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** A - men.

## Salutation and Benedicamus

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And with thy spir - it.

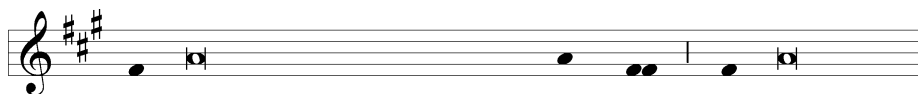
**A** Bless we the Lord.



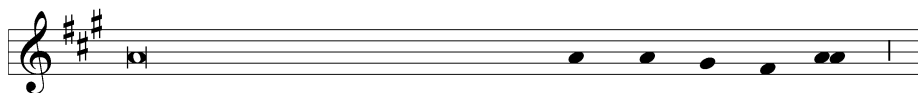
☐ Thanks be to God.

## Benediction

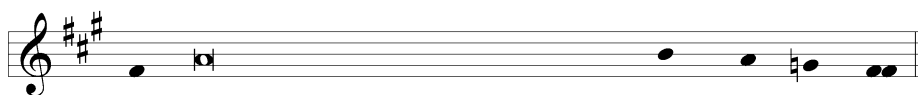
LSB 202



☐ The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make



His face shine upon you and be gra - cious un - to you.



The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and ✠ give you peace.



☐ A-men. a-men. a - men.

*Please turn to face the processional cross as it moves through the nave during the closing hymn. Once the cross exits the nave, you may turn to face the front.*

## Closing Hymn

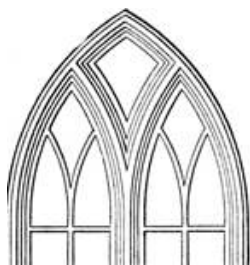
“O Lord, How Shall I Meet You”

LSB 334

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Happy New Year! Today we begin anew the Church Year, our joyous and comforting walk through the birth, life, death, and resurrection of Jesus and also the life of the church. It's a little weird, though, to begin the church year, not with the foretelling of Jesus' birth, but with His triumphant entry into Jerusalem. Why begin with Palm Sunday? Why begin with the end of Jesus' life, rather than the beginning of it? Well, why did the Son of God

become man? Why was Jesus born? Why did He live? He did all these things in order that He could ride into Jerusalem as the Lamb of God to die on the cross for the forgiveness of all sinners. We begin Advent with Palm Sunday because everything is about the Son of God becoming man in order that He could die on

the cross for our salvation. Jesus came into this world to die for us sinners in order that we can live as children of God forever. May the Holy Spirit be granted to us anew so that we may receive our King as He comes to do all the work for our forgiveness in order that we may live with Him forever. Amen.

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### *News and Announcements*

**Ad Te Levavi:** What does this mean? It is Latin for “To You, I have lifted up,” and is the traditional name for the first Sunday in Advent. This comes from the first words of our Introit for today. We lift up our souls to the One God Who is able not only to save us, but does save us from sin, death, world, and the power of the devil. We do not make the first move by lifting up our souls to God, but rather, because He has revealed His love to us by spilling His blood on the cross for us, we therefore, by Spirit-given faith, trust in Jesus and lift up our souls to entrust them to His eternal care. Ad Te Levavi, let us lift up our souls to the Lord Who comes to save us. Amen.

#### **From the Board of Elders**

**Offering Change:** Brothers and Sisters in Christ, the Board of Elders would like to return to the practice of presenting our offering to our Lord at the chancel. Please assist by placing offering in the plate in the narthex before the service. For the time being, a plate will also remain in the narthex during and after the service as we get used to this change and assess the practice.

**Staff Christmas Gift:** With Advent here and Christmas soon upon us, the Board of Elders invites you to be mindful of the gifts we receive each week at Zion and how they are administered to us. In that light, remember the staff of Zion Lutheran Church. Please consider a gift to express our love and appreciation to these gifts of God to us: our Pastor and Music Director and their families. We suggest marking your envelope Staff Gift, to ensure your gift is used for this purpose. In addition, if a check, please make out to Zion Lutheran Church, marking the memo line “staff gift.” Please hand the envelope to one of the Elders or Congregation President before Sunday, Dec 25, so that these gifts can be distributed after the service Christmas Day.

On behalf of the Board of Elders, have a blessed Advent and Christmas!

**Voters Meeting:** The annual budget and elections Voters Meeting will be held on December 4<sup>th</sup> at 12:30 PM in the Family Center. All communicant members of the congregation over the age of 18 are eligible to vote after they have attended at least one regular business meeting within the last 12 months. Now is the time to get involved in the work that God has given us to do here at Zion.

**Offering Envelopes** for 2023 are now available in the narthex. If you don't see your name and would like envelopes, contact Glenn Halfacre at [glenn.halfacre@gmail.com](mailto:glenn.halfacre@gmail.com) or 281-642-5437.

**Children's Christmas Play:** It's time to start planning for the annual Christmas play! All children of the congregation are invited to participate. Rehearsals will be held on December 3, 10, and 17 from 10:30am – 12:00pm and the play will be on December 18<sup>th</sup> at 1:00pm. If your child(ren) would like to participate, please let their Sunday School teacher know or contact Kaci Shashack at 618-799-8151 or [kacishack@yahoo.com](mailto:kacishack@yahoo.com) so we can plan speaking parts.

**Christmas Family Night** is coming up on December 16! See the half-sheet insert for more information.

**The Gathering Advent Calendar:** The Ladies Guild is collecting food items for members and neighbors in need this Advent. Pick up a flyer in the narthex to see how you can help!

**Portals of Prayer:** Please remember that Portals of Prayer are available only for those who have signed up to receive them. We only order what we need to cut down on costs to the church. A sign up sheet is in the narthex. If you have signed up previously, please check the sheet to verify your preferred size and amount. If you have not signed up previously, please do so and we will order a copy for you.

**Prayer List Updates:** We will be doing our annual Advent cleaning of the prayer list soon. **If you would like your loved one(s) to remain on the list, please contact the church office** no later than December 18 – [zion@ziontomballtx.org](mailto:zion@ziontomballtx.org) or (281) 351-5757.

**Meal Train Freezer:** Ladies Guild has designated one of the freezers in the Family Center kitchen as a meal train freezer for our members. Members can donate meals to the freezer, and also pull meals from the freezer when needed. There will be a sign up sheet on the freezer. Please put your meals in disposable containers with the date, and add them to the sheet. If you take a meal, please just check it off the sheet. :) We hope this is a blessing for our congregation in times of need!

**Candidates for Office:** Ever thought of how you can make a difference in the life of Zion? Do you have great leadership qualities to share? We are looking for candidates to fill positions on both Church Council and the Board of Elders. The available positions are Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Chairman of the Board of Parish Education, Chairman of the Board of Stewardship, Chairman of the Board of Youth, three (3) Elders, Chairman of the Board of Trustees and Chairman of the Board of Evangelism. This is a unique opportunity to serve God

by serving the congregation of Zion in a leadership role. If you have an interest in serving or know of someone who will, please contact Mike Stall at [m\\_stall@comcast.net](mailto:m_stall@comcast.net) or (713) 828-3184 for more information or to add your name to the list.

# Advent 2022



## **November 30**

The Feast of St. Andrew

12:00 and 6:30 PM Divine Services

## **December 7 and 14**

12:00 PM Matins

6:30 PM Evening Prayer

## **December 21**

Carol-Sing Service

12:00 and 6:30 PM

*No evening meals will be provided this year, but the Parish Hall will be open around 5:30 if you'd like to bring your meal and eat with your church family before the evening service.*