# **HOLY COMMUNION First Sunday of Advent**

**November 28, 2021** 

8:00 am and 10:30 am

#### INTRODUCTION TO THE DAY

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." Jesus' 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 Christ in word and supper.

#### SILENT PRAYER

**PRELUDE:** Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS** 

**GATHERING (ENTRANCE RITE)** 

Stand

**HYMN:** Fling Wide the Door

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# Fling Wide the Door





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#### **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS (ABSOLUTION)**

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism.

- **P** In the name of the Father, and of the **+** Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.
- P Almighty God,
  to whom all hearts are open,
  all desires known,
  and from whom no secrets are hid:
  cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
  by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
  that we may perfectly love you
  and worthily magnify your holy name,
  through Jesus Christ our Lord.
- C Amen.
- Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

#### Kneel/Stand

- **P** Most merciful God,
- we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves.

  We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone.

  We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

  For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us.

  Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.

  Amen.

- 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. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ♣ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

#### Stand

#### **GREETING**

- P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- **C** And also with you.



#### PRAYER OF THE DAY

**P** Let us pray.

Stir up your power, O Lord, and come. Protect us by your strength and save us from the threatening dangers of our sins, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

#### Sit

#### LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

Use this blessing when lighting the **first** candle.

P Blessed are you, O Lord our God, ruler of the universe. You call all nations to walk in your light and to seek your ways of justice and peace, for the night is past, and the dawn of your coming is near. Bless us as we light the first candle of this wreath. Rouse us from sleep, that we may be ready to greet our Lord when he comes

that we may be ready to greet our Lord when he comes and welcome him into our hearts and homes, for he is our light and our salvation.

Blessed be God forever.

C Amen.

**HYMN:** Oh, Come, Oh, Come, Immanuel (Stanza(s) 1)

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#### LITURGY OF THE WORD

#### Sit

FIRST READING Jeremiah 33:14-16

In the Old Testament, "righteousness" often has to do with being faithful in relationship. God acts righteously both in punishing Israel for its sin and in having mercy. In today's reading, Jerusalem's future name—"The LORD is our righteousness"—proclaims that God is even now working salvation for Israel.

### **A** reading from Jeremiah.

<sup>14</sup>The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. <sup>15</sup>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. <sup>16</sup>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."

- A The word of the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

### Later service only:

**PSALM 25:1-10** (*The congregation's verses are printed in bold font.*)

<sup>1</sup>To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul; my God, I put my <sup>|</sup> trust in you; let me not be humiliated, nor let my enemies triumph <sup>|</sup> over me.

<sup>2</sup>Let none who look to you be | put to shame;

let the treacherous be disappointed | in their schemes.

<sup>3</sup>Show me your ways, O LORD, and teach me your paths.

<sup>4</sup>Lead me in your | truth and teach me,

for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all | the day long.

<sup>5</sup>Remember, O LORD, your compas- | sion and love, for they are from | everlasting.

<sup>6</sup>Remember not the sins of my youth and | my transgressions; remember me according to your love and for the sake of your goodness, O LORD.

<sup>7</sup>Gracious and upright | is the LORD; therefore he teaches sinners | in his way.

<sup>8</sup>He guides the humble in | doing right and teaches his way | to the lowly.

<sup>9</sup>All the paths of the LORD are | love and faithfulness to those who keep his covenant and his | testimonies.

Upon Timothy's report from the congregation at Thessalonica, Paul is exuberant with gratitude for them. In this passage from his letter, Paul voices overflowing thanks, joy, and blessings for the people of this growing church.

**A** reading from First Thessalonians.

<sup>9</sup>How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? <sup>10</sup>Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith.

<sup>11</sup>Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. <sup>12</sup>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. <sup>13</sup>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.

- **A** The word of the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

#### Stand

The congregation sings the Acclamation.



The choir sings the Verse.



Stand up and | raise your heads—your redemption is | drawing near.

The congregation repeats the Acclamation.



GOSPEL Luke 21:25-36

God will fulfill God's purposes and, already, hidden signs of that fulfillment abound. On that great day there will be dismay, perplexity, confusion, and terror, but God's people shall be given strength to stand boldly and receive God's promised redemption.

P The holy gospel according to Luke.

### **G** Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said:] <sup>25</sup>"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. <sup>26</sup>People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. <sup>27</sup>Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in a cloud' with power and great glory. <sup>28</sup>Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near."

<sup>29</sup>Then he told them a parable: "Look at the fig tree and all the trees; <sup>30</sup>as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. <sup>31</sup>So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. <sup>32</sup>Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. <sup>33</sup>Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

<sup>34</sup>"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, <sup>35</sup>like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. <sup>36</sup>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."

- **P** The gospel of the Lord.
- **©** Praise to you, O Christ.

Sit

SERMON Pastor Weleck

Stand

Later service only:

**HYMN OF THE DAY:** Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying Printed on the next page.

# Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying



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#### Stand

The Nicene Creed is appropriate during Advent, Christmas, Easter, and on festival days; the Apostles' Creed during Lent and at other times.

#### NICENE CREED

- **P** With the whole church, let us confess our faith.
- We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only 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 of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
and became truly human.
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.

#### PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

- With the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.
- We pray for the church, for its pastors and other ministers, for the newly baptized, for all the faithful, for this congregation here gathered, and for our growth in grace.

  Lord, in your mercy,
- **C** hear our prayer.
- We pray for all nations, for all rulers, legislators, and judges, for an increase of justice in our lands, and for all who work for peace among nations and among peoples.

  Lord, in your mercy,
- **e** hear our prayer.
- We pray for all in any need, for the hungry and the homeless, for victims of war and injustice, for prisoners, for all who suffer in mind, body, or spirit, for the sick and infirm, for all with incurable illness, and for all who this day will die. We pray especially for those we name in the silence of our hearts... Lord, in your mercy,
- **C** hear our prayer.
- We pray for the members of our armed forces wherever they serve, and especially when they serve in harm's way, that they might speedily complete their mission and be safely reunited with their loved ones.

  Lord, in your mercy,
- **C** hear our prayer.
- Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.
- C Amen.

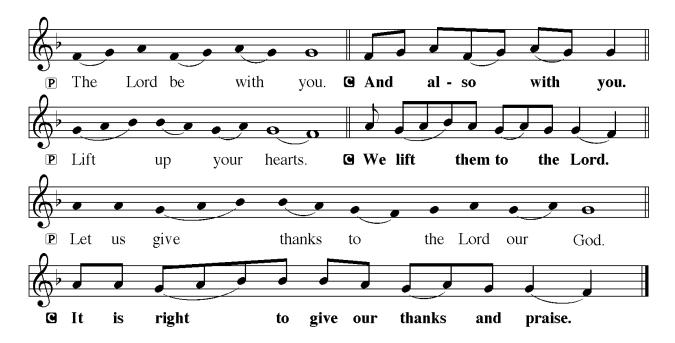
#### LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT OF THE ALTAR

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#### **GREAT THANKSGIVING**

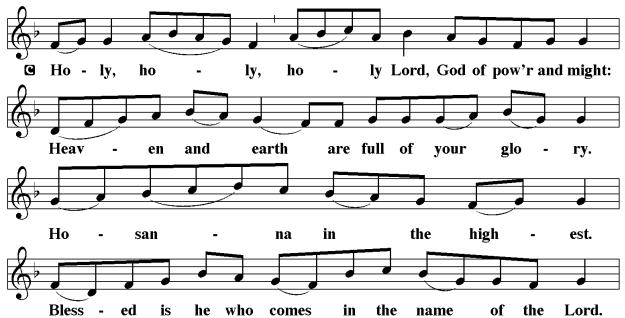
The presiding minister greets the assembly and invites all present to give thanks:



The minister continues with the PROPER PREFACE:

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy... *Here the minister continues with the preface for the day, concluding:* ...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

The assembly continues with the SANCTUS:





The WORDS OF INSTITUTION are sung to the music Blessed Martin Luther himself composed specifically for this purpose.

P IN THE NIGHT IN WHICH HE WAS BETRAYED,

OUR LORD JESUS TOOK BREAD, AND GAVE THANKS; BROKE IT, AND GAVE IT TO HIS DISCIPLES, SAYING:

TAKE AND EAT; THIS IS MY + BODY, GIVEN FOR YOU.

DO THIS FOR THE REMEMBRANCE OF ME.

AGAIN, AFTER SUPPER, HE TOOK THE CUP, GAVE THANKS,

AND GAVE IT FOR ALL TO DRINK, SAYING:

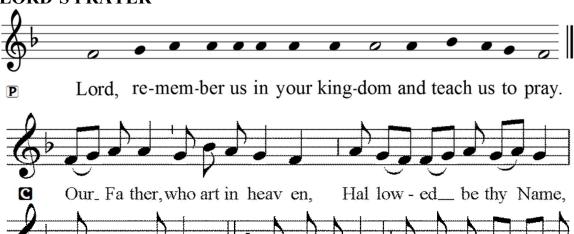
THIS CUP IS THE NEW COVENANT IN MY 

→ BLOOD,

SHED FOR YOU AND FOR ALL PEOPLE FOR THE FORGIVENESS OF SIN.

DO THIS FOR THE REMEMBRANCE OF ME.

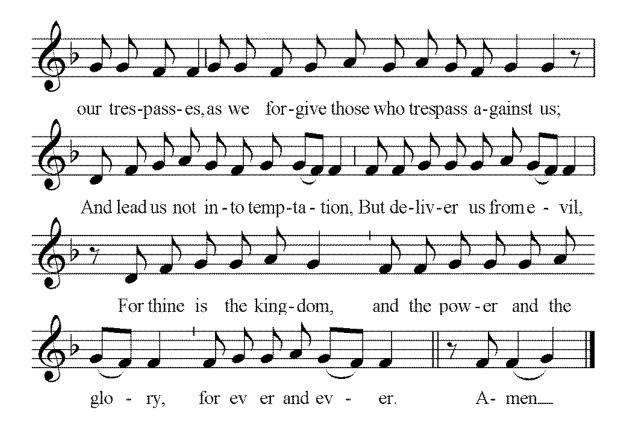
#### LORD'S PRAYER



Thy King-dom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it\_is\_in



heaven. Give us this day our dai-ly bread; And for-give us



#### INVITATION TO COMMUNION

- Behold the Lamb of God,behold him who takes away the sins of the world.Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.
- Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

#### Sit

#### **COMMUNION**

When giving the bread and cup, the communion ministers say
The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you.

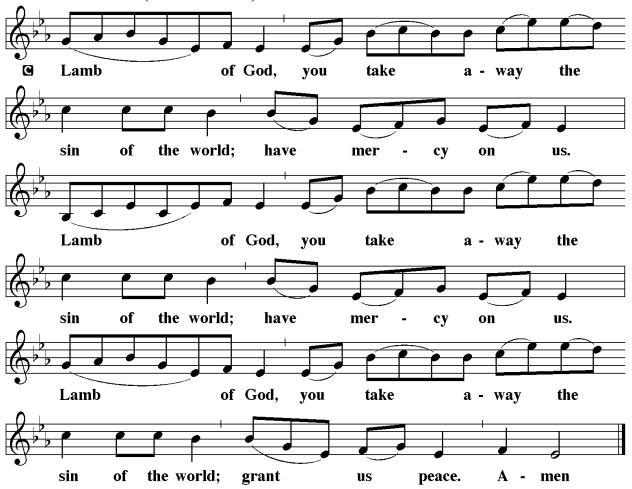
and each person may respond

Amen.

We Lutherans believe that the Body and Blood of Christ are "truly and substantially" present "in, with, and under" the forms of bread and wine. We invite to the communion all who are baptized and communing in this or another Christian denomination. We welcome children and others who are not communing to come forward for a blessing.

### Music during Communion:

# LAMB OF GOD (AGNUS DEI)



#### Stand

#### **BLESSING AFTER COMMUNION**

- P The Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.
- C Amen.

#### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

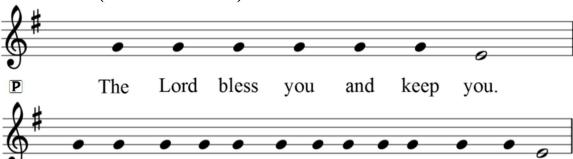
We give you thanks, almighty God,
that you have refreshed us
through the healing power of this gift of life.
In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift,
in faith toward you

and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

#### C Amen.

#### **SENDING**

## **BLESSING (BENEDICTION)**



The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.



The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.



### **DISMISSAL**

- **A** Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

**HYMN:** Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory
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# Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory



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#### **OFFERING**

The offering will be collected as you leave the Church.

**POSTLUDE:** *Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying* Chesterton

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**The Christmas Cycle** celebrates the events surrounding Christ's coming — the prophecies, his birth, his manifestation (epiphany) to the Gentiles, and his baptism — through the Advent season, the Christmas season, and the Epiphany season.

**A Hymn of Praise** is not appropriate during Advent because of the season's preparatory nature.

The liturgical color blue, symbolic of hope, is used for the Advent season.

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Altar Guild: Becky Quirk and Sally Sweeney

Offering Tabulation: Debra Augustine, Brian O'Hara, and Chilly Lyaro

Video Production: Jim Lien, Jeannie Funk, or Jonathan Mueller.

<u>The Flowers that Adorn the Altar</u> are given to the glory of God by John and Lois Robinson in loving memory of parents John and Millie Robinson.

<u>The Wreaths on the church doors</u> are given to the glory of God by the Holcombe Family.

<u>The Sanctuary Candle</u> is given to the glory of God by Barry Amole and Susan Snow in honor of their children and grandchildren.

<u>The Worship Bulletins</u> are given to the glory of God by Richard and Cheryl Holcombe in loving memory of family members.

Altar Guild Help Wanted: Altar Guild members attend to the altar on Sundays. They change the paraments, prepare Holy Communion, place the flowers, and a host of other small jobs that are so important to our weekly worship. No experience required! We will train you! Contact Deb Scholl at <a href="mailto:Schollde@aol.com">Schollde@aol.com</a>.

<u>Prayer Chain Volunteers Needed:</u> Did you know Augustus's WELCA has a prayer group? People are invited to call the leader of the group, Carol Oelschlager, or the church office with prayer requests and a group of folks will say special prayers based on these requests. This group is now seeking additional people to pray for our church family. To participate, call Carol Oelschlager at 610-489-3109.

**Thank You!** Many thanks to the Augustus Church Family for your very generous support for Gemma Services and The Silver Spring/Martin Luther School. Each year WELCA is overwhelmed by your thoughtful and plentiful donations of cash, gift cards, and Christmas Gifts for these children. Thank you!

# **CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**

December 5, 2021 11:30 am Brick Church Nave

# **2021 Christmas Poinsettias** Please include payment with your order. Make checks payable to: **AUGUSTUS FLOWER FUND** Mail to: Karen Lachenmayer Phone: 610-715-4850 karenlachenmayer@gmail 412 Dartmoor Road E-mail: Schwenksville, Pa. 19473 ORDER DEADLINE: Sunday, December 5, 2021 NAME: CONTACT INFO: TOTAL \$ COLOR QUANTITY \_\_\_\_\_@ \$11.00 ea RED WHITE @ \$11.00 ea Check One: I will take my plants after the 9:00 P.M. Service 12/24. Please distribute my plants to others. I would like the bulletin acknowledgement to read:

# **Christmas Poinsettias**

Due to the pandemic, Christmases at Augustus have looked a little different over the last few years. The **Outreach Committee**, working with various church committees, organizations, and community businesses, is working on a few 'surprises' that are above and beyond what the congregation knew even before the pandemic. We have an opportunity for every member of the congregation to join in this church-wide endeavor by participating in the **Worship and Music Committee**'s annual Poinsettia Sale.

Please prayerfully consider purchasing at least one poinsettia this year. If you can do multiple poinsettias, that would be even more fantastic and appreciated. These embellishments are tokens that patrons who are watching our Christmas services at home can even enjoy. Many people have been working behind the scenes for the past three months to create a united vision to enhance your worship experience. These 'surprises' will be seen internally and externally around our campus. We hope that you will join us in this endeavor.

