The Apostles' Creed

(Traditional Version)
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I believe in God the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth;
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord:
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead and buried;
he descended into hell.
the third day he rose from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen

The Lord's Prayer

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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. Amen.

Questions:

1) 1. Where does the word "Advent" come from and what does it mean? Are you preparing for the Advent Season?
2) 2. Several months ago we touched on how David as the second king of Israel was given a promise to always have a ruler on the throne. How does Jesus play into this prophecy? What is the nature of Jesus's kingdom versus David's?
3) 3. As we begin the Advent Season we all know Christmas is coming. We will likely celebrate with gifts, family dinners, and the like. We recognize Christ's birth is a time to celebrate… but why? What is at the heart of this time of great joy? Do you recognize this great joy in your own life, or are you caught up in the trappings?

Memory Verse: Isaiah 9:2 "The people who walk in darkness will see a great light; those who live in a dark land, the light will shine on them."

Sermon Notes: