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Ad Te Levavi
(1st Sunday in Advent)
December 1st-- anno Domini 2024

Ad te levavi Domine animam meam. What's that? It's Latin, and it's from Psalm 25:1 - "To you, Oh Lord, have I lifted up my soul." This Sunday has historically been called *Ad te Levavi*, or "To you I have lifted" Sunday. It is also known as the first Sunday in Advent.

Advent is about Christ's coming. The word, Advent, means arrival. We observe the fact that Jesus came, comes to us still today through his Word and Sacraments, and that he will come again to deliver us from this vale of tears. He came in the flesh, rode into Jerusalem, and he brought with him our salvation by dying for our sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring us to God (1 Pet 3:18). He came as the King of Kings, but not in worldly pomp and triumph. He came lowly and meek, riding on a donkey, to deliver salvation for his people. The prophet Zechariah prophesied (Zech 9:9): "Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem! Behold, your king is coming to you; righteous and having salvation is he, humble and mounted on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey."

It is when we know why Jesus came when we can understand why he still comes to us today as well as why he will appear to us on the last day. We observe in Advent this glorious coming of our righteous King who delivers us from sin by bringing to us his righteousness and salvation so that we may stand before God as his beloved children. All the while we enjoy the coming of our Lord as he sends us his Holy Spirit so that by his grace we believe his holy Word and lead godly lives here in time and thereafter in eternity. It is because he comes to us, remembering his mercy, remembering not our sins, and so remembering us, that we may lift up our souls unto him. We lift our souls to the Lord in confidence, knowing that his arrival is not in terror, but as the King of Kings who brings righteousness and salvation to his people.

DEAR VISITORS: As a congregation in the Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod, Trinity practices **closed communion**, which means that we only commune those who are members in good standing of sister congregations and have been instructed in the Christian faith as it is summarized in Luther's Small Catechism. If you are a visitor and desire to commune at Trinity, **please speak to Pastor Preus before the service.**

The Order of Morning Service
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Hymn of Invocation ∞ *Come, Thou Precious Ransom, Come*
Stand for final stanza

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Invocation, Confession & Absolution

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Please remain standing through the conclusion of the Collect of the Day.

Service of the Word



Introit

To You, O LORD, I lift | up my soul.*

O my God, I trust in You; Let me not | be ashamed;

Let not my enemies triumph | over me.*

Let no one who waits on You | be ashamed. (*Psalm 25:1-3a*)

Show me Your | ways, O LORD;*

teach | me Your paths.

For You are the God of my sal- | vation;*

on You I wait | all the day.

Let integrity and uprightness pre- | serve me,*

for I | wait for You.

Redeem Isra- | el, O God,*

out of all their | troubles. (*Psalm 25:4-5, 21-22*)

Gloria Patri ∞ *Glory be to the Father*

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Kyrie ∞ *Lord, Have Mercy*

Salutation & Collect of the Day

Sit

Old Testament Reading ∞ *Jeremiah 23:5-8*

⁵"The days will come," says the LORD, "when I will raise for David a righteous Branch, Who will rule as King and act wisely. He will create fairness and righteousness in the land. ⁶ When He comes, Judah will be saved, and Israel will live safely. This is the name that He will be called: The-LORD-Our-Righteousness.

⁷"And so the days are coming," says the LORD, "when they will no more say, 'As the LORD lives who brought Israel out of Egypt,' ⁸but 'As the LORD lives who brought up Israel's descendants and had them come from the northern country and all the countries where I had driven them. And they will live in their own country.' "

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**



Gradual

Let no one who | waits on You*
be a- /shamed, O Lord

Show me Your | ways, O LORD;
teach | me Your paths. (Psalm 25:3-4)

Epistle *✠ Romans 13:11-14*

¹¹Do this especially since you know the time we're living in. It's time now for you to wake up from sleep because we are now nearer being rescued than when we first believed. ¹²The night is almost over, and the day is dawning. Then let us put away the works of darkness and put on the armor of light. ¹³Let us live nobly as in the daytime, not carousing or getting drunk, not sinning sexually or living wildly, not quarreling or being jealous. ¹⁴But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and don't plan to have your fleshly desires aroused.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Stand



Alle- | luia.*

Alle- | luia.

Show us Your | mercy, LORD,*
and grant us Your salvation. Alle- | luia. (Psalm 85:7)

Triple Hallelujah

Gospel *✠ Matthew 21:1-9*

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

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

¹When they came near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage and the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples. ²"Go into the village ahead of you," He told them, "and right away you'll find a donkey tied up and a colt with her. Untie them and bring them to Me. ³If anyone says anything to you, say, 'The Lord needs them,' and immediately he will send them."

⁴This happened so that what was said through the prophet would come true: ⁵Tell the daughter of Zion, "Look! Your King is coming to you, gentle, riding on a donkey, even on a colt of a donkey." ⁶The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them. ⁷They brought the donkey and the colt and laid their garments on them; and Jesus sat on them. ⁸Most of the people spread their garments on the

road. Others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. ⁹The people who went ahead of Him and followed Him were shouting:

“Our Savior, the Son of David!

Blessed is He Who is coming in the Lord’s name!

Our Savior — in the highest heavens!”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord

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

Apostles’ Creed

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Sit

Hymn of the Day ∞ *Savior of the Nations, Come*

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Sermon

Stand

Offertory

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Sit

Gathering of the Offering

Stand to sing as the offerings are brought forward

We give Thee but Thine own,

Whate’er the gift may be

All that we have is Thine alone,

A trust, O Lord, from Thee.

Please complete the Record of Fellowship in the folder in your pew.

Prayers

General Prayer

Lord’s Prayer

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Hymn ∞ *O Lord, How Shall I Meet Thee*

TLH #58 (2nd tune)

Concluding Collect

Benediction

Sit

Hymn to Depart ∞ *Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates*

TLH #73 (3rd tune)

Silent Prayer

Ushers for today:

John Otten, Matthew Otten, David Otten, Adam Swann

Next week:

Keith Rethemeyer, Charlie Scheer, Karson Eads

Greeter for today:

Andrew Rethemeyer

Next Week:

Larry Scheer

Acolyte today:

Oscar Otten

Mid-week Advent:

Jacob Preus

Next Week:

Sam Scheer

Flower and Altar Care: **December:** Ramona Ruediger

Organist: Andrew Finck

Advent & Christmas Worship Schedule

Dec 4th, 11th, 18th @ 7p *Midweek Advent Service*
Dec 24 @ 7p *Christmas Eve Service*
Dec 25 @ 10a *Christmas Day Divine Service w/communion*
Dec 31 @ 7p *Joint New Year's Eve Service at Bethlehem Lutheran Church*

Prayer and Petitions: Wayne Scheer and Sue Eads, health concerns. LeeAnn Rohling, recovery from broken back. Homebound: Ray Rohling, Diana Scheer, Paul & Sue Laune; Missionaries: Brandt Klawitter, mission work in Norway; Pastor James May (missionary to Africa); Rev. David Preus (missionary to Romania); Michael & Naomi Erslund, Lutheran Bible Translators. Immanuel Lutheran School, Washington; Camp Trinity; Luther Classical College; St. Paul High School, Concordia, MO. Christ the King Lutheran High School.

Birthdays and Anniversaries: No birthdays/anniversaries this week.

(Please email office@trinitynewhaven.com if your birthday or anniversary has not been listed or was incorrectly listed, so the records can be updated with correct information)

Choir: Rehearsal for Christmas after church service today.

We are again providing **Christmas gifts** for the **Pregnancy Assistance Center**. If you wish to participate, please take an ornament from the tree in the narthex. **Return** unwrapped gift along with the tag **by December 15th**. Thank you for your help.

Children's Christmas Eve Service practice: Dec 8, Dec 16 & Dec 22. We will start at 8:30 am in the sanctuary. Dress rehearsal and lunch after church on Dec 22.

Christmas Caroling and Congregation Potluck soup and salad dinner after Church **December 15th**. Dinner will begin immediately after church. Anyone interested in Christmas caroling to our shut-ins and other friends, will begin caroling after lunch until about 3:00 when they will conclude by singing at the New Haven Care Center.

Advent/Christmas/Epiphany LCMS Hymn Sing:

Saturday, December 7 from **1:00 – 3:00 p.m.** at **Ebenezer Lutheran Church, 9100 YY, Leslie, MO**. This Hymn Sing will include hymns from our Advent, Christmas, and Epiphany sections of our Lutheran Service Book and The Lutheran Hymnal and is sponsored by our Franklin County Lutheran School of Music.

Trinity-St. Paul Walther League would like to invite your youth to a **fun fellowship event**. Please join our youth (grades 7-12) for the Ugly Sweater English Country dance and light meal. A caller has been hired for the dance. He walks youth through the steps. So, it's perfect for beginners and seasoned dancers. Youth should dress modestly and comfortably.

When: Sunday, **December 8th**

Where: Trinity Lutheran Parish Hall; 512 Main St., Worden, IL

Time: 3-7pm

Cost: \$5 per attendee

Ladies Aid has **Christmas cards** available for purchase located in back of church. \$5.00 a box.

Monthly Circuit Youth Gathering - We will not meet in December, but please **mark your calendars** now for the Annual **Washington Circuit Winter Youth Retreat** scheduled for **January 3 - 4, 2025**.

Confirmation/Wednesday School - All grade school age children welcome. Starting at 3:00 p.m.

NEED A CARD: Graduation, Thank You, Encouragement, New Baby, Baptism & Comfort Cards from *Hymns in My Heart* are available for sale in the narthex, by the Trinity Ladies Aid. The cards are \$2.00 per card. Please deposit money in money slot.

Large Catechism

Part III

Smalcald Articles

Article VIII - Of Confession.

1 Since Absolution or the Power of the Keys is also an aid and consolation against sin and a bad conscience, ordained by Christ [Himself] in the Gospel, Confession or Absolution ought by no means to be abolished in the Church, especially on account of [tender and] timid consciences and on account of the untrained [and capricious] young people, in order that they may be examined, and instructed in the Christian doctrine.

2 But the enumeration of sins ought to be free to every one, as to what he wishes to enumerate or not to enumerate. For as long as we are in the flesh, we shall not lie when we say: "I am a poor man [I acknowledge that I am a miserable sinner], full of sin." Rom. 7:23: I see another law in my members, etc. For since private absolution originates in the Office of the Keys, it should not be despised [neglected], but greatly and highly esteemed [of the greatest worth], as [also] all other offices of the Christian Church.

3 And in those things which concern the spoken, outward Word, we must firmly hold that God grants His Spirit or grace to no one, except through or with the preceding outward Word, in order that we may [thus] be protected against the enthusiasts, i.e., spirits who boast that they have the Spirit without and before the Word, and accordingly judge Scripture or the spoken Word, and explain and stretch it at their pleasure, as Muenzer did, and many still do at the present day, who wish to be acute judges between the Spirit and the letter, and yet know not what they say or declare.

4 For [indeed] the Papacy also is nothing but sheer enthusiasm, by which the Pope boasts that all rights exist in the shrine of his heart, and whatever he decides and commands with [in] his church is spirit and right, even though it is above and contrary to Scripture and the spoken Word.

5 All this is the old devil and old serpent, who also converted Adam and Eve into enthusiasts, and led them from the outward Word of God to spiritualizing and self-conceit, and nevertheless he accomplished this through other outward words. 6 Just as also our enthusiasts [at the present day] condemn the outward Word, and nevertheless they themselves are not silent, but they fill the world with their pratings and writings, as though, indeed, the Spirit could not come through the writings and spoken word of the apostles, but [first] through their writings and words he must come. Why [then] do not they also omit their own sermons and writings, until the Spirit Himself come to men, without their writings and before them, as they boast that He has come into them without the preaching of the Scriptures? But of these matters there is not time now to dispute at greater length; we have elsewhere sufficiently urged this subject.

(Source: <https://bookofconcord.org/smalcald-articles/i/the-work-of-salvation/>)

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