

First Sunday of Advent  
\*November 28, 2021 \* 9:00AM

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(+ Indicates Stand if You Are Able)

**WELCOME**

**Children's Sermon**

**Lighting of the Advent Candles**

**HYMN "O COME, O COME, EMMANUEL"**

**GATHERING HYMN: "AWAKE! AWAKE AND GREET THE NEW MORN"**

D: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

**+ PRAYER OF THE DAY**

D: Let Us Pray...

Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come.

By your merciful protection alert us to the threatening dangers of our sins, and redeem us for your life of justice, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

The Word

**FIRST READING: 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13**

*After the reading...*

R: The Word of God for the people of God.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

**+GOSPEL READING: Luke 21:25-36**



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P: The Holy Gospel according to Saint Luke, the twenty first chapter.

C: **Glory to you, O Lord**

*Pastor offers the reading; then after the reading...*

P: The Gospel of the Lord

C: **Praise to you, O Christ**

SERMON

QUIET TIME FOR REFLECTION & PRAYER

HYMN OF THE DAY: **“LORD, LISTEN TO YOUR CHILDREN PRAYING”**

+ **D: THE PRAYERS: (from the Celebrate)**

+ EXCHANGE OF PEACE:

P: The Peace of the Risen Lord be with you always.

C: **And also with you.**

*(Please wave to your nearest worship neighbors)*

OFFERING PRAYER

*(Offering baskets will not be passed around. At the conclusion of the service, please place your offering in designated baskets in the rear of the sanctuary.)*

P: God of our waiting and watching, we offer the gifts of our hearts and our lives to the service of all your people.

Prepare the way before us as we meet you in this simple meal, through Christ Jesus, our pathway and our peace.

C: **Amen.**

### The Meal

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: **We lift them to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P: *“In the night in which he was betrayed...”*

THE LORD’S PRAYER

**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.**

DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

*(At the invitation of the pastor, please come forward to receive communion. If you wish to remain in your seat, please open your communion kit and consume the host and grape juice)*

D: **POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

+**BENEDICTION**

P: “The God of hope, ...”

C: **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN: **“SENT FORTH BY GOD'S BLESSING”**

Brief Announcements

P: Go in peace. Christ is near.

C: **Thanks be to God!**