

The Congregation at Prayer

For the week of *Ad Te Levavi* (Advent 1)

Sunday, December 1 *through* Saturday, December 7

“The Lord Jesus Comes in Humility to Redeem Us”

Jeremiah 23:5-8; Romans 13:8-14; Matthew 21:1-9

The new Church Year begins by focusing on the humble coming of our Lord. **“Behold, your King is coming to you, humble, and mounted on a donkey”** (Matthew 21:5). Even as He was born in a lowly manger, so Jesus rides into Jerusalem on a beast of burden, for He bears the sin of the world. He is the Son of David riding to His enthronement on the cross, where He shows Himself to be **“The LORD is our Righteousness”** (Jeremiah 23:5–6). Our Lord still comes in great humility to deliver His righteousness to us in the Word and Sacraments. Before receiving Christ’s body and blood, we also sing, **“Blessed is He who comes in the Name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!”** (Matthew 21:9; Psalm 118:25-26) And as we receive the Sacrament, we set our hearts on His return in glory, for **“our salvation is nearer to us now than when we first believed”** (Romans 13:11).

Thursday, December 5:	Genesis 5	1 Chronicles 5
	Luke 2:22-52	Psalm 4
Friday, December 6:	Genesis 6	1 Chronicles 6
	Luke 3:1-22	Psalm 5
Saturday, December 7:	Genesis 7	1 Chronicles 7
	Luke 3:23-4:13	Psalm 6

HYMN

Savior of the Nations, Come

LSB 332:1, 2

Savior of the nations, come,	Not by human flesh and blood,
Virgin's Son, make here Your home!	By the Spirit of our God,
Marvel now, O Heav'n and earth,	Was the Word of God made flesh,
That the Lord chose such a birth.	Woman's Offspring, pure and fresh.

PRAYERS

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. Amen.

O Lord, look down from Heaven. Behold, visit, and relieve Your servants who stand in need of our prayers: **[insert the names of family members, friends, church members, government officials, those in need, etc.]** Look upon them with the eyes of Your mercy. Grant them comfort and sure confidence in You. Defend them from all danger, and keep them in perpetual peace and safety, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

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.

Morning

I thank You, my Heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your Dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.

Evening

I thank You, my Heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your Dear Son, that You have graciously kept me this day; and I pray that You would forgive me all my sins, where I have done wrong, and graciously keep me this night. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.

BLESSING

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit ✠ be with us all. Amen.

LOOKING FORWARD TO NEXT SUNDAY: *Populus Zion* (Advent 2)

Malachi 4:1-6 Psalm 50 Romans 15:4-13 Luke 21:25-36
Hymn of the Day *Lo! He Comes with Clouds Descending* LSB 336