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Ad Te Levavi
(1st Sunday in Advent)
November 27th -- anno Domini 2022

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 Holy Communion

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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)



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.**

Nicene 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.

Litany

TLH #661

General Prayer

Service of the Sacrament

Preface & Proper Preface

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Sanctus *↪ Holy, Holy, Holy*

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Lord’s Prayer

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Words of Institution

Pax Domini *↪ Peace of the Lord*

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Agnus Dei *↪ Lamb of God*

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Sit – Guests are asked to please speak with the pastor before communing.

Hymns during Distribution

↪ O Lord, We Praise Thee

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↪ Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Might Gates (3rd tune)

TLH #73 (3rd tune)

Stand after the distribution

Nunc Dimittis *↪ Song of Simeon*

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Thanksgiving & Collect

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Salutation & Benedicamus

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Benediction

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Sit

Hymn to Depart *↪ O Lord, How Shall I Meet Thee*

TLH #58 (2nd tune)

Silent Prayer

Ushers for today: Peter Otten, Jonathan Finck, Trevor Blankenship,
Andrew Rethemeyer

Next week: John Otten, Matthew Otten, David Otten

Greeter for today:

Next Week:

Acolyte today: Jacob Preus

Next Week: Alton Swann

Midweek Advent: Oscar Otten

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

Advent & Christmas Worship Schedule

Midweek Advent Service

Nov. 30th, communion; Dec 7th, 14th, 21st communion; 28th @ 7pm

Dec 24 @ 7p Christmas Eve Christmas Service

Dec 25 @ 10a Christmas Day Divine Service

Dec 31 @ 7p New Year's Eve Service

Advent Midweek services: Beginning on November 23rd until December 21st, our midweek services will be at 7:00 p.m. Thanksgiving Eve is the 23rd of November. The 30th of November is St. Andrew the Apostle Day, and the 21st of December is St. Thomas the Apostle Day. Those being feast days, we will have the Lord's Supper. Otherwise, the rest of the Midweek services will be Vespers. All are encouraged to attend as we enter into this sacred time of the church year.

Birthdays and Anniversaries: John Otten 28th, Wendy Scheer, 30th

(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)

Prayer and Petitions: New Haven Care Center: Wilma Niewald and Donna Bell. Homebound: Ray and LeeAnn Rohling, Barb Sunfield, Diana Scheer, Paul & Sue Laune; Missionaries: Rev. James May (missionary to Africa); Rev. David Preus (missionary to Romania); Michael & Naomi Erslund, Lutheran Bible Translators, Ghana. Luke Otten, Vicarage.

Children's Christmas Eve Service practice will continue through December 4, 11 and 18 beginning at 8:30 a.m. Children and Youth through high school are welcome and encouraged to be involved.

Wednesday confirmation class is in need of some **more snacks** for class. Ideas include sausage and cheese and crackers, cheese-its, hot dogs, pork burgers, cookies, chips, popcorn.

Pregnancy Assistance Center for Christmas. The ornaments have all been selected. Please bring back items, unwrapped by December 11th. Thank you for your support.

Christmas Caroling and Congregation Potluck soup and salad dinner December 11, right after church. Bring your favorite soup or chili along with salad or Christmas cookies. 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.

Choir practice right after church 1st & 3rd Sunday– Anyone interested is welcome to attend.

Wednesday School/Catechism Class: All children, preschool through confirmation age are welcome and encouraged to attend. Parents are also welcome. We meet after 3:00 p.m. for snacks and kickball. Our opening is at 3:45 p.m., and classes run until 5:00 p.m. We will conclude Wednesday School/Catechism Class with a brief Vespers service. All are invited to attend these. During Advent and Lent, the Vespers services will be at their regular time, 7:00 p.m.

If you have not been receiving email updates/announcements from Trinity, please email office@trinitynewhaven.com or give your email address to one of the ushers so you may be added to the list.

Weekly Sermons, Bulletins, and Devotions posted at www.trinitynewhaven.com.

Adult Bible Study - Tuesday evenings at 7:00 p.m. Study of Acts. All are invited to attend.

Thursday Evening Confessions Study at parsonage at 6:00 p.m.

A Week-long devotion series by Pastor Preus is downloaded to website. Copies are also available on the Usher's stand.

Please send any **announcements** to office@trinitynewhaven.com.

Prayer requests can also be sent to the office email or directly to Pastor Preus.

The Large Catechism

The Ten Commandments

(continued)

The Seventh Commandment.

Thou shalt not steal

227 Furthermore, in the market and in common trade likewise, this practise is in full swing and force to the greatest extent, where one openly defrauds another with bad merchandise, false measures, weights, coins, and by nimbleness and queer finances or dexterous tricks takes advantage of him; likewise, when one overcharges a person in a trade and wantonly drives a hard bargain, skins and distresses him. And who can recount or think of all these things? 228 To sum up, this is the commonest craft and the largest guild on earth, and if we regard the world throughout all conditions of life, it is nothing else than a vast, wide stall, full of great thieves.

229 Therefore they are also called swivel-chair robbers, land- and highway-robbers, not pick-locks and sneak-thieves who snatch away the ready cash, but who sit on the chair [at home] and are styled great noblemen, and honorable, pious citizens, and yet rob and steal under a good pretext.

230 Yes, here we might be silent about the trifling individual thieves if we were to attack the great, powerful arch-thieves with whom lords and princes keep company, who daily plunder not only a city or two, but all Germany. Yea, where should we place the head and supreme protector of all thieves, the Holy Chair at Rome with all its retinue, which has grabbed by theft the wealth of all the world, and holds it to this day?

231 This is, in short, the course of the world: whoever can steal and rob openly goes free and secure, unmolested by any one, and even demands that he be honored. Meanwhile the little sneak-thieves, who have once trespassed, must bear the shame and punishment to render the former godly and honorable. But let them know that in the sight of God they are the greatest thieves, and that He will punish them as they are worthy and deserve.

232 Now, since this commandment is so far-reaching [and comprehensive], as just indicated, it is necessary to urge it well and to explain it to the common people, not to let them go on in their wantonness and security, but always to place before their eyes the wrath of God, and inculcate the same. For we have to preach this not to Christians, but chiefly to knaves and scoundrels, to whom it would be more fitting for judges, jailers, or Master Hannes [the executioner] to preach. 233 Therefore let every one know that it is his duty, at the risk of God's displeasure, not only to do no injury to his neighbor, nor to deprive him of gain, nor to perpetrate any act of unfaithfulness or malice in any bargain or trade, but faithfully to preserve his property for him, to secure and promote his advantage, especially when one accepts money, wages, and one's livelihood for such service.

(Continued next week)