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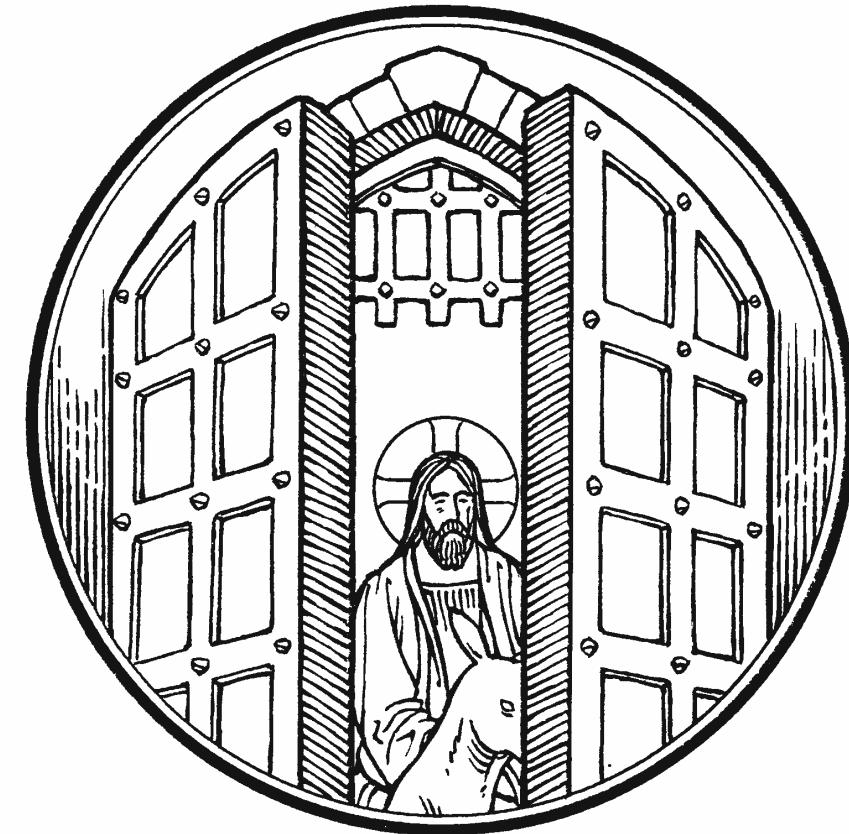
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LCMS STEWARDSHIP (Advent I)

Matt. 21:3 – "If anyone says anything to you, you shall say, 'The Lord needs them,' and he will send them at once." Consider the faithfulness of that man who owned the donkey and colt. All he needed to hear was, "The Lord has need of it," and he willingly gave. The Lord has given each of us various callings in life – in our homes, in the Church, and in our communities. In each calling we have good work to do, and that comes from the Lord's hand. The Lord has need of us in each calling. How is He calling you to generous giving in each of your vocations?

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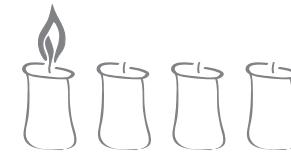
Covenant was brought forward was pulled by “two cows which had never been yoked.” (see John 19:41)

⁸ Most of the crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road.

- The crowds laid their cloaks on the road just as it was done at the inauguration of Jehu (2 Kings 9:12-13).
- Branches and palms were used for religious processions (see 1 Maccabees 13:51; 2 Maccabees 10:6-7).

⁹ And the crowds that went before him and that followed him were shouting, “Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!”

- “Hosanna” literally means, “help” or “save, I pray.” It is most prominent in the *Hallel*: Psalms 113-118. The *Hallel* was a collection of Psalms for morning prayer. The crowds sang out Psalm 118:25-26, specifically. This part of the *Hallel* was sung during the feasts of the Passover and of the tabernacles, Israel’s great Jubilee, when the people walked around the altar with the branches of the palm and trees (Leviticus 23:40). These were also the words of the Great Hosanna, the song of praise used in the time of the second temple when the people passed around the altar of the sacrifice, during the feast of the tabernacles.
- “Name of the Lord” — See the 2nd Commandment, the 1st Petition of the Lord’s Prayer, the Sanctus (LSB 195), and the hymn “O Lord, How Shall I Meet You” (LSB 334).
- “[Hosanna] is like saying, ‘Ah, dear God, grant success and salvation to the Son of David for His new kingdom! Let Him ride in the name of God, that it may be blessed and have prosperity. Let Him alone be our King. Let Him alone reign in us by His holy Gospel, and let us be His foal, and go with Him into the heavenly Jerusalem, into eternal life! Amen.’” (Johann Spangenberg, *The Christian Year of Grace*, 18)



THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT AD TE LEVAVI *To You I Lift Up*

Study Notes for the Christian Layperson

by: Rev. Roberto E. Rojas, Jr.

Collect of the Day:

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.**

Introit:

Psalm 25:4-5, 21-22 (antiphon: Psalm 25:1-3a) — *To You, O Lord, I lift up my soul.*

Psalm:

24 (antiphon: v. 7) — *The King of Glory*

Old Testament Reading:

Jeremiah 23:5-8 — *The Righteous Branch*

Gradual:

Psalm 25:3-4 — *None who wait for You shall be put to shame*

Epistle:

Romans 13:(8-10) 11-14 — *Fulfilling the Law through Love*

Verse:

Psalm 85:7 — *Show us Your steadfast love, O LORD, and grant us your salvation.*



Matthew 21:1-9 ESV

Author and Date:

Matthew Levi the apostle around AD 50. This is the Triumphal Entry of Jesus from Bethany to Jerusalem (Matthew 21:1-9; Mark 11:1-11; Luke 19:28-44; John 12:12-19).

¹ Now when they drew near to Jerusalem and came to Bethphage, to the Mount of Olives, then Jesus sent two disciples,

- This text is recorded by all four Evangelists and is read twice in the course of a year: Advent 1 and Palm Sunday. Note also that the text for Trinity 10 takes place immediately after this.
- Bethphage was a village on the Mount of Olives around 1 mile from the temple in Jerusalem. The Mount of Olives was named in the prophecy of the Lord's advent (Zechariah 14:4).
- The two disciples are unidentified (see Mark 6:7; Luke 10:1).
- This all took place on the first day of the week, Sunday, on the 10th of Nisan (see John 12:1, 12). On this day, the paschal lamb was selected for the Passover (Exodus 12:3).
- "As the time for Christ's passion grew ever more closer, He also wanted to draw closer to the place of His suffering; accordingly, on Palm Sunday He left Bethany (where He shortly before had raised Lazarus)...” (Johann Gerhard, *Postilla* 1:2).

² saying to them, “Go into the village in front of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her. Untie them and bring them to me.

- Jesus is intentionally fulfilling the prophecy of Zechariah 9:9.
- While fulfilling the prophecy, Jesus, in His omniscience, makes a prophecy regarding the location of the donkey, her colt, and any opposition they would face in retrieving them.

³ “If anyone says anything to you, you shall say, ‘The Lord needs them,’ and he will send them at once.”

- The Lord's need of them is also recorded in Mark 11:3 and Luke 19:34.
- God commands the disciples to speak His Word (see Deuteronomy 18:18-19; Isaiah 8:20; Jeremiah 28:9; Amos 3:7).
- Israelites typically rode donkeys; horses were for military use (Joshua 11:4, 6).

⁴ This took place to fulfill what was spoken by the prophet, saying,

- The Holy Spirit caused these words to be written through His prophet, Zechariah. Jesus fulfills this direct Messianic prophecy (Zechariah 9:9).
 - “To fulfill” can also mean “to complete.” This is one of the nine times that Matthew speaks of the events in Christ’s life “fulfilling/completing” the Old Testament (1:22; 2:15; 2:23; 4:14; 8:17; 12:17; 13:35; 27:35).
- ⁵ “Say to the daughter of Zion, ‘Behold, your king is coming to you, humble, and mounted on a donkey, and on a colt, the foal of a beast of burden.’”
- “Daughter of Zion” refers to the Church, the believers who yearn for redemption, not the citizens of Jerusalem in general.
 - “Behold, your king is coming to you,” is the heart of the Gospel also confessed in the Nicene Creed: “Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate,” etc. (see Philippians 2:6-8).
 - Christ’s Humiliation – Christ voluntarily refrains from the glory that belonged to Him. This does not lie in the act of incarnation. It lies in the act of becoming a *lowly* man enduring what was far beneath His majesty by exposing Himself to all kinds of ill treatment and the discomfort of a lowly life.
 - “That means this King does not come in order to condemn the people and throw them into hell. Moses comes to judge and accuse (John 5:45). The devil comes, too, in order to accuse, judge, and kill... But this King does not come to condemn but to help, to redeem from sin, to pardon and forgive. That is the way we should perceive him, and it is to such a King that we are called. God grant that we embrace and hold tightly to him. Amen.” (Martin Luther, *Luther’s House Postils: First Sunday in Advent: First Sermon*–1532)

⁶ The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them.

- The disciples learned to submit to His Word (see Matthew 4:18-22; John 2:5; John 21:6).

⁷ They brought the donkey and the colt and put on them their cloaks, and he sat on them.

- “He sat on them” -This refers to Jesus sitting on their clothing, not both donkey and colt at once.
- Christ sits on the colt, not on its mother. It is to be a colt “on which no one has ever yet sat.” (Luke 19:30) For sacred purposes, animals were always selected which had never been used (Numbers 19:2; Deuteronomy 21:3; 1 Samuel 6:7). Even more, the cart on which the Ark of the



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Welcome to Peace!

We are glad that you are here as we gather around the Word and Sacraments of our Lord Jesus Christ! If you have not already done so, we ask that you sign the Guest Book at the entrance to the church. Contact information can be written in the Fellowship Book located in the aisle side of each pew. If you do not have a church home and are interested in becoming a member here at Peace, please contact Pastor Mackay 402-831-1084.

The Lord's Supper is a Gift. . . . and as with all our Lord's gifts, we desire to give and receive them as He intends. The Lord's Supper is for our benefit, but it can be received unworthily.

"Therefore whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of sinning against the body and blood of the Lord" (1 Corinthians 11:27). Therefore, in faithfulness to our Lord, and in love for you, Peace follows the practice of closed communion. If you are a fellow LCMS member, please let Pastor or an Elder know beforehand!

All Guests should visit with our pastor before coming to the Altar to receive the Lord's Supper. If you do not have opportunity to visit with our Pastor prior to the service, he is more than willing to visit with you during the week.

The Divine Service utilizes beautiful Liturgies and Hymns that the Christian Church has passed down for generations, all the while retelling the story of salvation and enacting the work of Christ among us. This bulletin contains an outline to assist you in locating the various parts of the service within our Hymnal. The inserts have the Scriptures & Propers for the Day, as well as Notes about this particular Sunday or Festival of the church year. May God strengthen you today with His Word and Sacrament!

Prayers of the Church

Mourning + Family of Bob Korth + Family of Norma Metzger + Family of Norma Hanson + Family of Anita Bennett + Family of Chuck Theesen **Expecting** + Sara Armon + Erica Siebert + Kayla Reutzel + Jessica (Jay Jay) Morgan **Holy Matrimony** + Roger & Julie (Klatt) Volk + Matt & Andrea (Hesterman) Simianer **Divine Call** + Pastor Mackay & family **Hospice, Surgery, or Hospitalization** + Ethel Schukei + Angel Adz + Ramona Holtzen + Deb Johnson + Al Kress **Health Issues** + Rodney Rose + Walt Irmer + Tammy Alber + Kent Cohagan + Lindsay Brettman + Margaret Herbert + Jean Thom + Randy Russell **Cancer** + Kathy Sneed + Barbara Classan + Andy Jacques + Ed Elshof + Marilyn Houston **Military** + Gary Thompson + Ross Peters

In His Service

Presiding Minister: Rev. Jack Kirk, CDR & Chaplain, U. S. Navy, Retired
 Organist: Dr. Phil Hesterman Cantor: Mr. David Witt A/V: Tim Yurk
 Altar Guild: Dec. Michaela Novak, Sandy Nissen
 Ushers: 8:00am Dale Bauman 10:30am Kevin Hart, Don Nissen, Mike Nissen
 Elders: 12/02 Dale G. 308-641-6658 12/09 Ernesto A. 402-705-3472
 Bus Drivers: 12/02 Harold H. 402-984-9666 12/09 Gary O. 402-469-9797

Gifts of Time and Treasure

<u>Last Week's Attendance</u>	151	<u>YTD Avg Weekly Attendance</u>	152
<u>Last Week's Offering</u>	\$ 2,218.00	<u>Jan-Oct Income</u>	\$ 126,902.00
<u>Weekly Need</u>	\$ 3,378.85	<u>Jan-Oct Expense</u>	\$ 159,734.00
<u>OTD II Capital Campaign</u>	<i>Remaining Loan Balance as of 10/31/18</i>		\$ 190,222.00

A complete accounting of all financials are provided at each Quarterly Voters' Meeting. Questions? Contact our Treasurer, Mrs. Jan Hinze jan@balancedbooksllc.com

The Lord's Week

Sunday, December 2nd	8:00am	Divine Service
	9:30am	Sunday School & Bible Study
	10:30am	Divine Service
Monday, December 3rd	6:00pm	Men's Steak Night
Tuesday, December 4th	9:30am	Bible Study
Wednesday, December 5th	5:30pm	Meal -Sr. LYF 6:00p Classes, Choir
	7:00pm	Worship Sr. Youth—Movie
Sunday, December 9th	8:00am	Divine Service
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	12:00pm	Noon L.W.M.L. Christmas Luncheon

Church Office hours are 9:00am to 12:00 noon and 1:00pm to 4:00pm, Monday through Friday. The office may be closed on occasion due to holidays and errands. Our Secretary is Mrs. Jeri Dush, Church Office 402-462-9023 or peacelutheranhastings@gmail.com

The Lord Jesus Comes in Humility to Redeem Us

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"* (Matt. 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"* (Jer. 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!"* (Matt. 21:9) 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"* (Rom. 13:11).



DIVINE SERVICE Setting Three

Prelude & Ringing of Bells	
Hymn	#343
<u>Confession & Absolution</u>	p.184
<u>Service of the Word</u>	
Introit	
Gloria Patri	
Kyrie	
Salutation & Collect	
Old Testament Reading	
Choir Sings: "Blessed is He Who Comes"	
Epistle Reading	
Alleluia & Verse	
Gospel Reading	
Nicene Creed	
Hymn of the Day	#332
Sermon	Mt. 21:1-9
<i>"Jesus coming TO US through Word & Sacrament"</i>	
Offertory & Offering	
Prayer of the Church	
<u>Service of the Sacrament</u>	
Preface & Proper Preface	
Sanctus & Lord's Prayer	
The Words of our Lord	
Pax Domini & Agnus Dei	
Distribution	#632 #798 #350
Dismissal & Nunc Dimittis	
Thanksgiving & Collect	
Salutation & Benedicamus	
Benediction	
Hymn	
Postlude	

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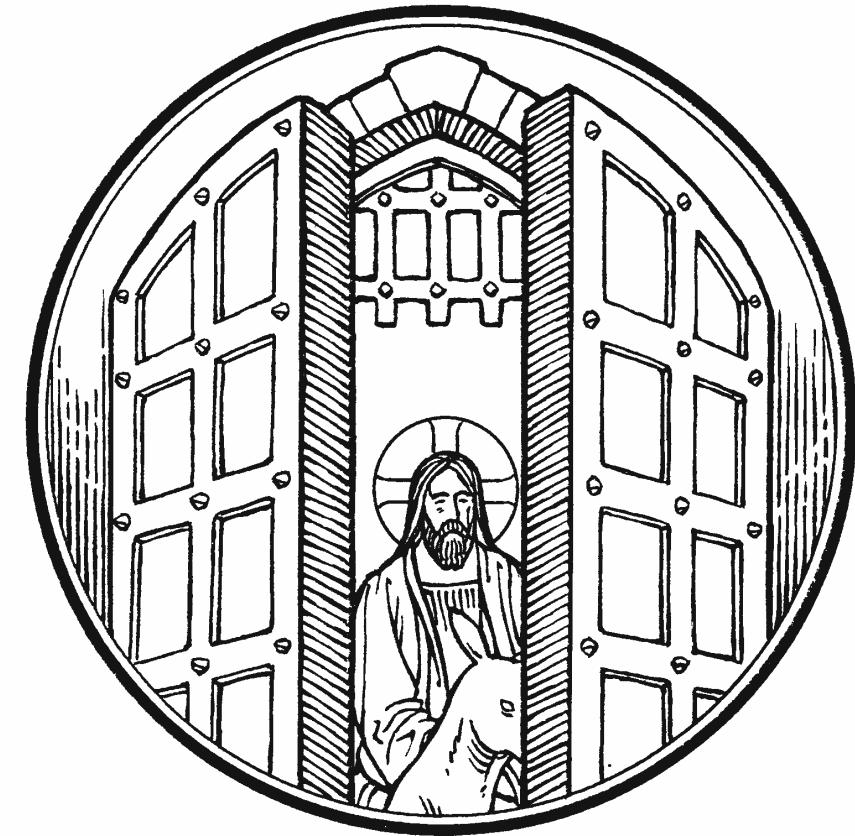
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