



WORD BANK

- CREATOR
- DAVID
- FIFTH
- HEARTS
- HOSANNA
- JESUS
- SEVENTH
- SIXTH

ACROSS

- 3) The _____ Commandment: You shall not steal. [SEVENTH]
- 5) The _____ Commandment: You shall not commit adultery. [SIXTH]
- 7) An expression of adoration, praise, or joy. [HOSANNA]
- 8) The _____ Commandment: You shall not murder. [FIFTH]

DOWN

- 1) Son of God [JESUS]
- 2) Another name for the Maker [CREATOR]
- 4) Through the new covenant, the Law is written on our _____. (Jeremiah 31:33) [HEARTS]
- 6) Jesus is a Branch from the lineage of _____. (Jeremiah 23:5) [DAVID]



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Ad Te Levavi — The First Sunday in Advent

2017

INTROIT

Psalm 25:4-5, 21-22; antiphon: Psalm 25:1-3a

To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul.

O my God, in you I trust; let me not be put to shame.

Let not my enemies exult over me.

Indeed, none who wait for you shall be put to shame.

Make me to know your ways, O LORD;

teach me your paths.

Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation;

for you I wait all the day long.

May integrity and uprightness preserve me,

for I wait for you.

Redeem Israel, O God,

out of all his troubles.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

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DAILY READINGS & DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

An answer key is available for download at www.stluth.org/lap

MEMORY VERSE

Psalm 85:7

Alleluia. Show us your steadfast love, O LORD, and grant us your salvation. Alleluia.

HYMN OF THE WEEK: LSB #343 — Prepare the Royal Highway

CATECHISM CONNECTION:

The Sacrament of the Altar with Explanation (pages 30-31)

COLLECT OF THE WEEK

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.

DID YOU KNOW?

The word “advent” is derived from the Latin words, *advenire* (to come to) and *adventus* (an arrival). That we might be prepared to celebrate the blessed Feast of the Nativity of Christ our Lord, the Church has set aside the season of Advent as a time to reflect and meditate upon the coming of our Lord Jesus in the Flesh, through His Word and Sacraments, and on the Last Day. Advent is also a time of preparation for Christ’s coming through repentance and faith.

The First Sunday in Advent is also known as *Ad Te Levavi*, which, in Latin, means: “To You I lift up”. This is the opening phrase of the Introit – To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul. (Psalm 25:1).

MONDAY — THE PSALM

Read Psalm 24

What does verse 1 mean?

The earth and everything living on it is a creation of God, He provides everything needed to sustain His creations. On the third day of creation, He separated the dry land from the sea.

TUESDAY — THE OLD TESTAMENT

Read Jeremiah 23:5-8

Who is the Branch from David’s lineage? (verse 5)

The Messiah, that is, Christ Jesus.

How will the King reign? (verses 5-6)

Jesus executes justice and righteousness according to God’s Will. We become righteous (good and virtuous) in God’s sight through Jesus. He saves all believers from their sins through His death on the cross (propitiation or atonement) from eternal damnation. Our salvation is based on faith in God’s covenant (promise), there is nothing we can do on our own to merit salvation.

Review *Luther’s Small Catechism with Explanation*, question 25 (pages 61-62)

Optional Reading & Discussion Question

Jeremiah 31:31-34

What is the new covenant that God made?

The new covenant is the promise God made that a Savior will come for our salvation. By His grace (undeserved love and mercy) He sent His only begotten Son to justify (save) us. Through Jesus’ death on the cross, all of our sins have been paid for; the Father accepted Jesus’ payment for our sins and now sees us as holy (without sin).

When in the Divine Service are we reminded of God’s new covenant?

During the distribution of the Lord’s Supper: Take, eat; this is the true body of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, given into death for your sins. Take, drink; this is the true blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, shed for the forgiveness of your sins.

WEDNESDAY — THE GOSPEL

Read Matthew 21:1-9

What is the importance of Jesus riding into Jerusalem on a donkey and its colt?

This took place to fulfill what was spoken by the prophet [Zechariah 9:9], saying: “Say to the daughter of Zion, ‘Behold, your king is coming to you, humble, and mounted on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a beast of burden.’” (verses 4-5).

Which Sunday do we also hear this Gospel reading? (hint: verses 7-9)

On *Palmarum* (Palm Sunday), this Gospel is read during the processional. *Palmarum* is the Sunday before Easter, the Sunday of Holy Week.

Why do we hear this Gospel reading on the *Ad Te Levavi* (the First Sunday in Advent)?

It’s appropriate on the First Sunday in Advent to remember, first of all, the days of David and Solomon, and how it was that Solomon was supposed to be the one to replace and come after his father, the king. (1 Kings 1:28-40)

Palm Sunday is the fulfillment of the coronation of Solomon. But it’s right that we think about and hear about that day on the First Sunday in Advent as well. Because Advent means coming. And what the people cried out in the streets of Jerusalem is not only “Hosanna to the Son of David”, but “Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!” It’s about this thrilling scene of rescue. Jesus’ coming, is a coming to the rescue of the poor, the meek, the lowly, the troubled, the sad, the sick, and the dying.

THURSDAY — THE EPISTLE

Read Romans 13:(8-10) 11-14

Which commandments are mentioned in this reading? (verse 9)

The 6th Commandment: You shall not commit adultery.

The 5th Commandment: You shall not murder.

The 9th and 10th Commandments: You shall not covet.

What is the summary of the commandments in the second Table of the Law?

You shall love your neighbor as yourself.

Review *Luther’s Small Catechism with Explanation*, question 17 (page 55) and question 230 (pages 197-198)

CATECHISM CONNECTION

What is the connection of the Sacrament of the Altar with *Explanation* and *Ad Te Lavavi*?

“These words, ‘Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins’; show us that in the Sacrament forgiveness of sins, life and salvation are given us through these words. For where there is forgiveness of sins, there is also life and salvation.” (SC. VI: 3)