



WORD BANK

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

ACROSS

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

DOWN

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



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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?

TUESDAY — THE OLD TESTAMENT

Read Jeremiah 23:5-8

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

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

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?

WEDNESDAY — THE GOSPEL

Read Matthew 21:1-9

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

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

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

THURSDAY — THE EPISTLE

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

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

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

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?