

At Home In The Word

"Jesus' Promises Are Sure"

Week Of November 21-27, 2022
Zion Lutheran Church, El Paso, Texas

Repetition yields memorization, contemplation, and deeper understanding. Draw from these scriptures, prayers, catechetical materials, and hymn(s) throughout your week of personal and family devotion, prayer, or homeschool family instruction. Then let them resonate in new ways as we all gather together in worship on Sunday.

MEMORY VERSE

Matthew 24:44

"Be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect."

MEMORY PSALM

Psalms 25:1-2

¹To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul.

²O my God, in you I trust; let me not be put to shame; let not my enemies exult over me.

CATECHISM

The Lord's Prayer, the second petition

Thy kingdom come. *Your kingdom come. - What does this mean?* The kingdom of God certainly comes by itself without our prayer, but we pray in this petition that it may come to us also. *How does God's kingdom come?*

God's kingdom comes when our heavenly Father gives us His Holy Spirit, so that by His grace we believe His holy Word and lead godly lives here in time and there in eternity.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

(Isaiah proclaims the peaceable kingdom of God.) Isaiah 2:1-5

EPISTLE READING

(Put on the Lord Jesus Christ as you await His coming.) Romans 13:8-14

GOSPEL READING

(A call to faithful watchfulness) Matthew 24:36-44

PRAYERS

Send Your Holy Spirit to increase faith within us, heavenly Father, so that we base our hope on what You have done for us, rather than on the empty promises of this fallen world

O Emmanuel, our Advent King, You stand in time and eternity as the resurrection joy of your people and as the sign of final peace among nations. Breathe into Your Church anew this Advent Season Your Holy Spirit that we might live your victory and be a sign of your peace to the lost and the lonely, the broken hearted and broken in spirit, the despairing and dying. Breathe into us, your people of Zion, the vitality and vision to reach out to our communities with the eternal Gospel of Your Kingdom coming in joy and peace.

LORD'S PRAYER

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.

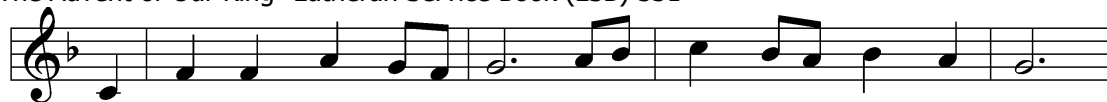
MORNING PRAYER

(Luther)

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.

HYMNS

"The Advent of Our King" Lutheran Service Book (LSB) 331



1 The ad - vent of our King Our prayers must now em - ploy,
4 As judge, on clouds of light, He soon will come a - gain



And we must hymns of wel - come sing In strains of ho - ly joy.
And His true mem - bers all u - nite With Him in heav'n to reign.

Text: Charles Coffin, 1676–1749; tr. John Chandler, 1806–76, alt.; Tune: Aaron Williams, 1731–76; Text and tune: Public domain

"The King Shall Come When Morning Dawns" v.1,2,5 LSB 348



1 The King shall come when morn - ing dawns And light tri - um - phant breaks,
2 Not as of old a lit - tle child, To bear and fight and die,
5 The King shall come when morn - ing dawns And light and beau - ty brings.



When beau - ty gilds the east - ern hills And life to joy a - wakes.
But crowned with glo - ry like the sun That lights the morn - ing sky.
Hail, Christ the Lord! Your peo - ple pray: Come quick - ly, King of kings!

Text: John Brownlie, 1859–1925, alt.; Tune: Repository of Sacred Music, Part Second, 1813, Harrisburg, ed. John Wyeth; Text and tune: Public domain

"In the Bleak Midwinter" v.2,3 OAR 184



2 Heav - en can - not hold Him, Nor earth sus - tain;
3 What can I give Him, Poor as I am?



Heav'n and earth shall flee a - way When He comes to reign;
If I were a shep - herd, I would bring a lamb;



In the bleak mid - win - ter, A sta - ble place suf - ficed
If I were a Wise Man, I would do my part;



The Lord God Al - might - y, Je - sus Christ.
Yet what I can I give Him— Give my heart.

Text: Christina Georgina Rossetti, 1830–94; Tune: Gustav Holst, 1874–1934; Text and tune: Public domain

ADDITIONAL HYMNS

"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" LSB 357

"He Will Hold Me Fast" OAR 283