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2018 Reading Guide

Advent, from the Latin word for “coming,” is a season of preparation and expectation for the celebration of Jesus’ birth and for the final coming of Christ. Christians around the world observe Advent beginning four Sundays before Christmas. This year Advent begins on December 2 and concludes December 24.

As you prepare your home and heart for the coming of Christ, we encourage you to participate in the spiritual practice of reading Holy Scripture daily. In this *Reading Guide* we have provided a daily reading plan to help you read the entire Gospel of Luke during the 23 days of Advent. All you need is a Bible, Bible App, or computer to access the readings (we recommend the NRSV Bible). After each daily reading is a “Spiritual Practice” to help you explore, grow, and deepen your faith and your Advent experience.

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The Gospel of Luke presents Jesus as a humanitarian and a friend to the outcasts. This gospel sets out an orderly account of the words and works of Jesus as the divine-human Savior. Luke's gospel is geared toward educating Gentile readers, so be on the lookout for Old Testament references. This Gospel is the only one that tells the traditional Christmas story of Mary and Joseph traveling to Bethlehem and staying in a stable where the Christ Child is born. More importantly, Luke's Gospel shows the birth, life, death, and resurrection of Jesus as the fulfillment of the Jewish scriptures.

The Gospel of Luke

The First Week of Advent

<input type="checkbox"/> Sunday	Dec. 2	Chapters 1 & 2	Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen. Book of Common Prayer Pg. 211
<input type="checkbox"/> Monday	Dec. 3	Chapter 3:1-38	
<input type="checkbox"/> Tuesday	Dec. 4	Chapter 4:1-44	
<input type="checkbox"/> Wednesday	Dec. 5	Chapter 5:1-39	
<input type="checkbox"/> Thursday	Dec. 6	Chapter 6:1-49	
<input type="checkbox"/> Friday	Dec. 7	Chapter 7:1-50	
<input type="checkbox"/> Saturday	Dec. 8	Chapter 8:1-56	

The Second Week of Advent

<input type="checkbox"/> Sunday	Dec. 9	Chapter 9:1-62	Merciful God, who sent your messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation: Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins, that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen. Book of Common Prayer Pg. 211
<input type="checkbox"/> Monday	Dec. 10	Chapter 10:1-42	
<input type="checkbox"/> Tuesday	Dec. 11	Chapter 11:1-54	
<input type="checkbox"/> Wednesday	Dec. 12	Chapter 12:1-59	
<input type="checkbox"/> Thursday	Dec. 13	Chapter 13:1-35	
<input type="checkbox"/> Friday	Dec. 14	Chapter 14:1-35	
<input type="checkbox"/> Saturday	Dec. 15	Chapter 15:1-32	

The Third Week of Advent

<input type="checkbox"/> Sunday	Dec. 16	Chapter 16:1-31	Stir up your power, O Lord, and with great might come among us; and, because we are sorely hindered by our sins, let your bountiful grace and mercy speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen. Book of Common Prayer Pg. 212
<input type="checkbox"/> Monday	Dec. 17	Chapter 17:1-37	
<input type="checkbox"/> Tuesday	Dec. 18	Chapter 18:1-43	
<input type="checkbox"/> Wednesday	Dec. 19	Chapter 19:1-48	
<input type="checkbox"/> Thursday	Dec. 20	Chapter 20:1-47	
<input type="checkbox"/> Friday	Dec. 21	Chapter 21:1-38	
<input type="checkbox"/> Saturday	Dec. 22	Chapter 22:1-71	

The Fourth Week of Advent

<input type="checkbox"/> Sunday	Dec. 23	Chapter 23:1-56	Purify our conscience, Almighty God, by your daily visitation, that your Son Jesus Christ, at his coming, may find in us a mansion prepared for himself; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen. Book of Common Prayer Pg. 212
<input type="checkbox"/> Monday	Dec. 24	Chapter 24:1-53	

Daily 2018 Advent Word and Spiritual Practices

<input type="checkbox"/>	Sunday	Dec. 2	Journey	Do something today to help you prepare for adventure.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Monday	Dec. 3	Watch	Watch out for the forces of darkness. Be the light.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Tuesday	Dec. 4	Focus	Pay attention to the hidden and obscure. Be patient.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Wednesday	Dec. 5	Night	Move out of darkness into light.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Thursday	Dec. 6	Light	How do you share the light of Christ with others?
<input type="checkbox"/>	Friday	Dec. 7	Sprout	Trust that in spite of appearances, new growth is coming.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Saturday	Dec. 8	Alert	Stay steady in prayer.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Sunday	Dec. 9	Wild	How is God guiding you in your wilderness?
<input type="checkbox"/>	Monday	Dec. 10	Cry	Know that your cries are heard by God.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Tuesday	Dec. 11	Grow	Continue to grow.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Wednesday	Dec. 12	Rough	Watch as the rough patches become smooth.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Thursday	Dec. 13	Smooth	Know that "uneven ground" gives way to something new.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Friday	Dec. 14	Prune	What is being pruned from your life today?
<input type="checkbox"/>	Saturday	Dec. 15	Prepare	Do something that will make a difference tomorrow.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Sunday	Dec. 16	Rejoice	Take this day and rejoice.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Monday	Dec. 17	Sing	Let your gratitude pour out in song.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Tuesday	Dec. 18	Ancestor	Picture the embrace of the great cloud of witnesses.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Wednesday	Dec. 19	Wash	Continually ask for God's cleansing.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Thursday	Dec. 20	Ablaze	How are you on fire for God?
<input type="checkbox"/>	Friday	Dec. 21	Sign	Look for signs in little packages.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Saturday	Dec. 22	Expect	How have you experienced expectation and anticipation?
<input type="checkbox"/>	Sunday	Dec. 23	Persist	Persist with thanksgivings.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Monday	Dec. 24	Peace	Pass the peace.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Tuesday	Dec. 25	Celebrate	Share the joy.

During Advent we invite you to focus on the daily #AdventWord and the spiritual practice or question associated with each word. #AdventWord is out of Lifelong Learning at Virginia Theological Seminary. *Using social media you can meditate on the daily word and post a picture with two hashtags; #AdventWord and the daily word (ie. #Awaken).* Visit www.AdventWord.org to learn more.





The angel said to them,
'Do not be afraid; for
see – I am bringing
you good news of great
joy for all the people.'

– LUKE 2:10