

Pastor's Bible Class

November 30, 2025

The First Sunday in Advent – Series A

Hymn 348 “The King Shall Come When Morning Dawns”



- 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,
3 Oh, bright-er than the ris - ing morn When Christ, vic - to-rious, rose
4 Oh, bright-er than that glo - rious morn Shall dawn up - on our race
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.
And left the lone-some place of death De - spite the rage of foes.
The day when Christ in splen-dor comes And we shall see His face.
Hail, Christ the Lord! Your peo - ple pray: Come quick-ly, King of kings!

Read Isaiah 2:1-5

1. What is the significance of Judah and Jerusalem mentioned in verse one?
2. What is meant in verse two by “latter days”? See Hebrews 1:1-2.
3. Read Isaiah 11:9; 27:13; 56:7; 57:13; 60:3–5; 65:25 and 66:20. How are we to understand the prophecy about “the mountain of the Lord” being “established as the highest of the mountains” and hills in today’s text?
4. Read God’s promise to Abraham in Genesis 12:3. How does this pivotal Old Testament story connect to the words in Isaiah 2:2-3?
5. How is our text also related to the birth of the church as it is described in Acts 1:8 and 2?

6. What is the promise of God in verse four?
7. How is verse five explicitly Christ-centered (Christological)? See John 8:12.

Read Matthew 24:36-44

8. Today's text occurs in the middle of a long excursus in which Jesus predicts the destruction of the temple, His own crucifixion, and finally the end of time and coming of the Son of Man. What does Jesus say, "concerning that day and hour" in verse 36?
9. What important point is Jesus making by referencing the days of Noah?
10. Verses 41-42 are sometimes used as a proof-text for the "rapture" by those who hold a premillennial view of the end times. We don't hold to this teaching because it is at odds with other clear teachings on the end times. Read I Thessalonians 4:13-18 where the phrase "caught up" is used in verse 17 (in Latin this is translated "rapio"). What picture of the second coming does this text paint?
11. What point is Jesus making in Matthew 24:41-42?
12. Why are Jesus' words to the disciples in this text especially poignant at this time in His life? Why are they especially poignant at this time in your life?

Devotional Thought from "The Lutheran Study Bible"

The Lord will gather the nations to His Church through the Word. He calls you to fulfill this prophecy by sharing the Word with your family, friends, and neighbors. The Lord works through that illustrious Word to change your heart and the hearts of those around you (TLSB, 1091).

Closing Prayer

May Your light illumine my heart, O Lord, and lead me in the way of peace as I share Your Word with others. Amen.