

**THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

**November 28, 2021**

**THE HOLY GOSPEL OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST  
ACCORDING TO LUKE**

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**"There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves.**

**People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken.**

**Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in a cloud' with power and great glory.**

**Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near."**

**Then he told them a parable: "Look at the fig tree and all the trees; as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near.**

**So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near.**

**Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place.**

**Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.**

**"Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day catch you unexpectedly, like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth.**

**Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man."**

### **The Gospel of Christ**

**Luke 21: 25-36**