

HOLIDAYS AND SPECIAL SERVICES
DURING THE YEAR

EXERCISE 1



Write the name of the holiday or the divine service underneath each description.

It is the time of waiting and preparation for the feast on which Jesus Christ's birth (His arrival) is commemorated. The Latin word for arrival is *adventus*. In some countries four Sundays are celebrated by Christians in this manner.

This Sunday reminds us of how Jesus rode on a young donkey to Jerusalem. The people cheered Him and greeted Him with palm leaves because they had hoped He would free them from Roman rule and domination.

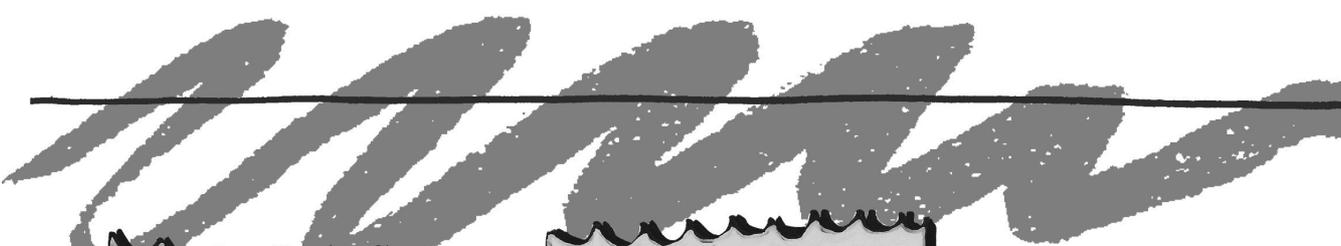
Jesus' promise that He would send the Holy Spirit was fulfilled fifty days after His resurrection. This day is also referred to as the birthday of Christ's church. Often there is a transmission of a service held by the Chief Apostle.

In the West, this feast is celebrated on the first Sunday following the first full moon of spring. We remember Jesus Christ's resurrection from the dead.

This day of remembrance is always on a Friday. We remember the terrible death, which Jesus died on the cross, but also that thereby He brought the supreme sacrifice for the salvation of mankind.

We commemorate Jesus' birth on this day. Through the angel, God first tells poor shepherds, rather than the rich and mighty, who the child is, and the significance of His birth for the entire world.

◀ Theme picture: Illustrations of various holidays: Pentecost, Palm Sunday, Thanksgiving, Ascension (clockwise starting top left)



Forty days after His resurrection, Jesus returns to where God reigns and where He came from. He is taken up in a cloud before the eyes of His disciples.

On this day, we should take time to quietly think about ourselves. We strive to recognize our own mistakes and weaknesses. We honestly resolve to improve, to change our bad ways (to repent).

On a day at the end of the year, the last divine service of the year is conducted. Looking back on God's activity during the past year should make us thankful. For the last time during the old year, we have our sins forgiven and celebrate Holy Communion in the divine service.

A new year starts. A motto issued by the Chief Apostle is given to accompany us throughout the new year.

On this day we give thanks for the gifts we received during the year. In addition to the thanks expressed to our heavenly Father, who permits everything to grow and develop, we voice the plea that all people on earth may always have enough to sustain their lives.

During this divine service we especially remember those who no longer live on earth. Their souls are to have the opportunity to be reborn of water and the Holy Spirit. We celebrate this divine service three times a year.

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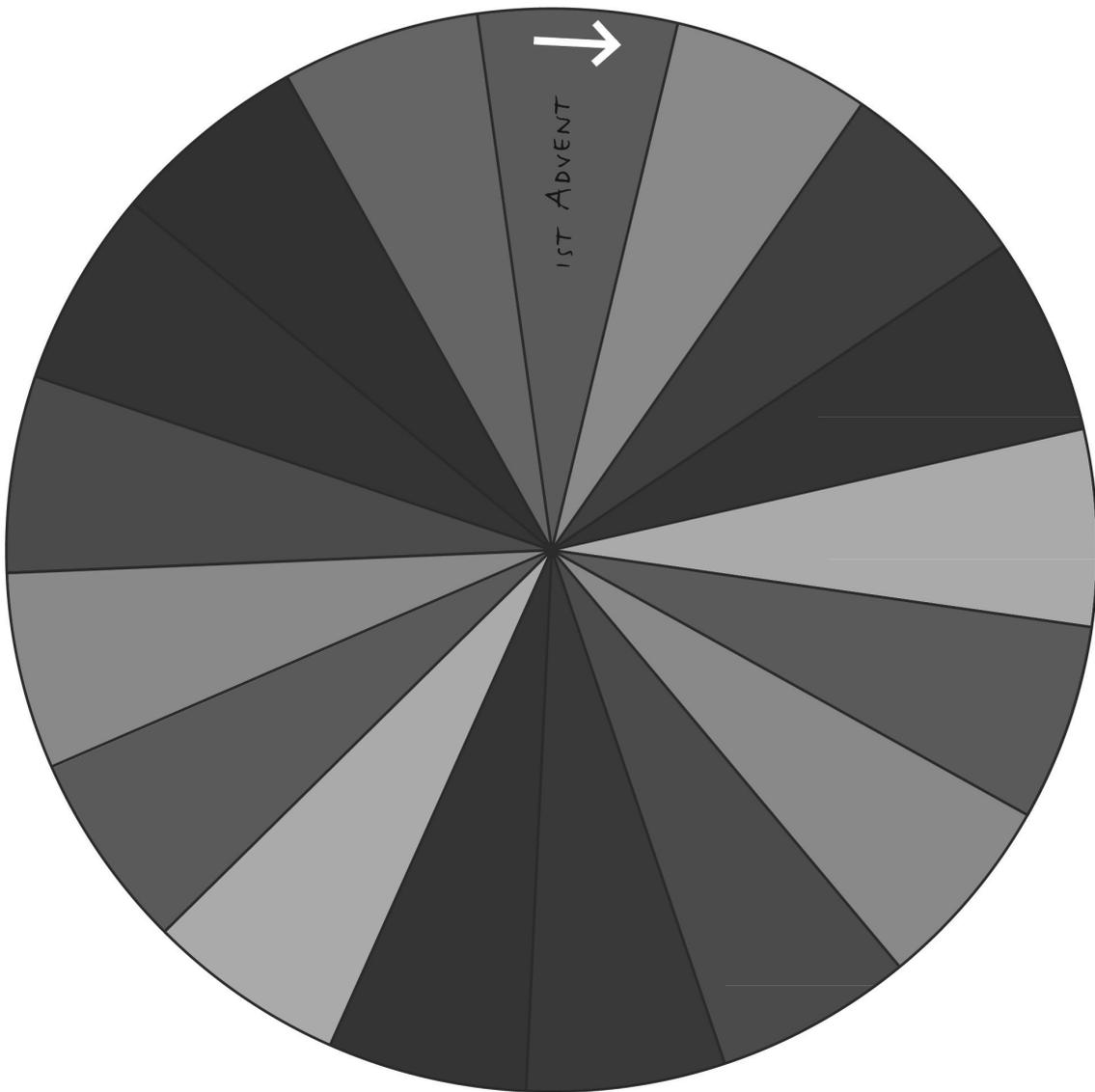
Record the holidays and special services for the current year.

Holidays and special services during the year:

January	February	March	April
May	June	July	August
September	October	November	December

THE CHURCH YEAR

Write the holidays and special services in the correct order into the sections of the circle.



EXERCISE 3



What was the Bible text that was read in the first service of the new year? What is the motto for the year?

What was the Bible text that was read in the Pentecost service?

Bible text for the new year: 2 0

Annual motto: 2 0

Bible text Pentecost: 2 0
