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+ POPULUS ZION (SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT) + Service of Prayer and Preaching

December 5, 2021

<u>As We Gather</u> ~ The Lord Comes on the Last Day

The day on which our Lord returns will be a "great and awesome day" (Mal. 4:5). For He will come in a cloud with great power and glory. To the wicked and the proud, it will be a Day of judgment that will "set them ablaze" (Mal. 4:1). The signs preceding this Day will bring them fear and fainting. But to those who believe, who fear the name of the Lord, this Day is one to look forward to and rejoice in: "... straighten up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near" (Luke 21:28). Christ our Redeemer is coming; the Sun of Righteousness will bring healing in His wings. Let us, then, give attention to the words of the Lord, which do not pass away. Let us "through endurance and through the encouragement of the Scriptures" (Rom. 15:4) be strengthened in our hope by the Holy Spirit and watch diligently for Jesus' coming. Then, by God's grace, we shall escape all these things that will come to pass and stand before the Son of Man.



Stand

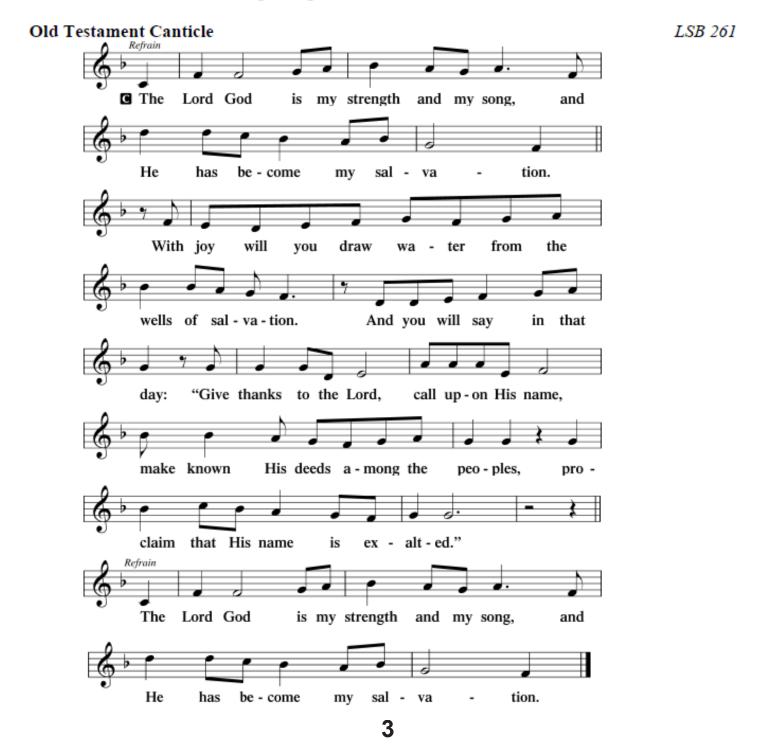
Opening Versicles

Advent

- L This is the day which the Lord has made;
- C let us rejoice and be glad in it.
- L From the rising of the sun to its setting,
- C the name of the Lord is to be praised.

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- L Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty, God shines forth.
- C Our God shall come; He does not keep silence.
- L Prepare the way of the Lord.
- C Make His paths straight.
- L Shower, O heavens, from above, and let the skies rain down righteousness.
- C Let the earth open, that salvation may sprout forth.
- L From the rising of the sun to its setting,
- C the name of the Lord is to be praised.
- C Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.





Reading

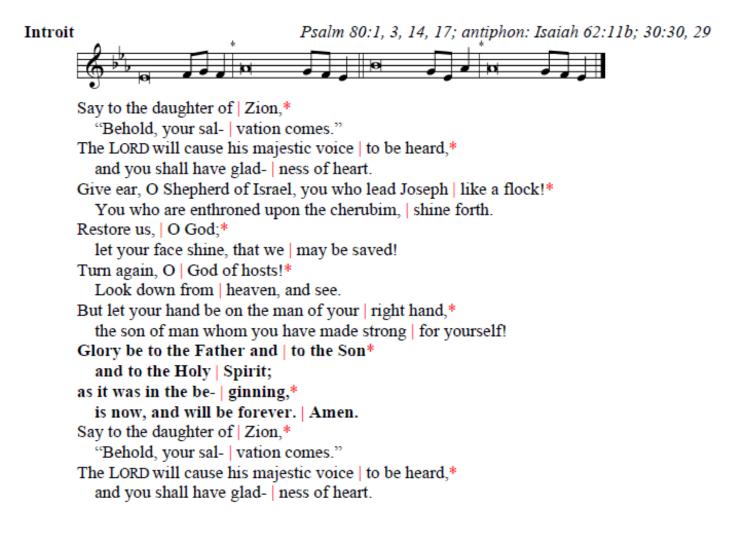
¹ "For behold, the day is coming, burning like an oven, when all the arrogant and all evildoers will be stubble. The day that is coming shall set them ablaze, says the LORD of hosts, so that it will leave them neither root nor branch. ²But for you who fear my name, the sun of righteousness shall rise with healing in its wings. You shall go out leaping like calves from the stall. ³And you shall tread down the wicked, for they will be ashes under the soles of your feet, on the day when I act, says the LORD of hosts.

⁴ Remember the law of my servant Moses, the statutes and just decrees that I commanded him at Horeb for all Israel.

⁵"Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the great and awesome day of the LORD comes. ⁶And he will turn the hearts of fathers to their children and the hearts of children to their fathers, lest I come and strike the land with a decree of utter destruction."

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.



Reading

⁴Whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, that through endurance and through the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope. ⁵May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, ⁶that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁷Therefore welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God.

⁸For I tell you that Christ became a servant to the circumcised to show God's truthfulness, in order to confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, ⁹and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written,

"Therefore I will praise you among the Gentiles,

and sing to your name."

¹⁰And again it is said,

"Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people."

¹¹And again,

"Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles, and let all the peoples extol him."

¹²And again Isaiah says,

"The root of Jesse will come,

even he who arises to rule the Gentiles;

in him will the Gentiles hope."

¹³May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Reading

Luke 21:25–36

²⁵[Jesus said:] "There will be signs in sun and moon and stars, and on the earth distress of nations in perplexity because of the roaring of the sea and the waves, ²⁶people fainting with fear and with foreboding of what is coming on the world. For the powers of the heavens will be shaken. ²⁷And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. ²⁸Now when these things begin to take place, straighten up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near."

²⁹And he told them a parable: "Look at the fig tree, and all the trees. ³⁰As soon as they come out in leaf, you see for yourselves and know that the summer is already near. ³¹So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. ³²Truly, I say to you, this generation will not pass away until all has taken place. ³³Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

³⁴"But watch yourselves lest your hearts be weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and cares of this life, and that day come upon you suddenly like a trap. ³⁵For it will come upon all who dwell on the face of the whole earth. ³⁶But stay awake at all times, praying that you may have strength to escape all these things that are going to take place, and to stand before the Son of Man."

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Responsory: Advent

- L Behold, the days are coming, says the Lord, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch.
- C This is the name by which He will be called: The Lord Is Our Righteousness.
- L He shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land.
- C This is the name by which He will be called: The Lord Is Our Righteousness.
- L Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.
- C This is the name by which He will be called: The Lord Is Our Righteousness.

Stand

Ten Commandments

- C You shall have no other gods.
 - You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God.
 - Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy.
 - Honor your father and your mother.
 - You shall not murder.
 - You shall not commit adultery.
 - You shall not steal.
 - You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.
 - You shall not covet your neighbor's house.
 - You shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his manservant or maidservant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.
- Apostles' Creed
 - C I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
 - maker of heaven and earth.
 - And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
 - who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
 - born of the virgin Mary,
 - suffered under Pontius Pilate,
 - was crucified, died and was buried.
 - He descended into hell.
 - The third day He rose again from the dead.
 - He ascended into heaven
 - and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
 - From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.
 - I believe in the Holy Spirit,
 - the holy Christian Church,
 - the communion of saints,
 - the forgiveness of sins,
 - the resurrection of the body,
 - and the life \top everlasting. Amen.

Lord's Prayer

 C 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.

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Sermon

"You Did This To Me!"

Luke 21:25-36

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- 5 Lo, the book, exactly worded, Wherein all hath been recorded; Thence shall judgment be awarded.
- 6 When the Judge His seat attaineth And each hidden deed arraigneth, Nothing unavenged remaineth.
- 7 What shall I, frail man, be pleading? Who for me be interceding When the just are mercy needing?

- 8 King of majesty tremendous, Who dost free salvation send us, Fount of pity, then befriend us.
- 9 Think, good Jesus, my salvation Caused Thy wondrous incarnation; Leave me not to reprobation!
- 10 Faint and weary Thou hast sought me, On the cross of suffring bought me; Shall such grace be vainly brought me?
- 11 Righteous Judge, for sin's pollution Grant Thy gift of absolution Ere that day of retribution!
- 12 Guilty, now I pour my moaning, All my shame with anguish owning: Spare, O God, Thy suppliant groaning!
- 13 From that sinful woman shriven, From the dying thief forgiven, Thou to me a hope hast given.
- 14 Worthless are my prayers and sighing; Yet, good Lord, in grace complying, Rescue me from fires undying.
- 15 With Thy favored sheep, oh, place me! Nor among the goats abase me, But to Thy right hand upraise me.
- 16 While the wicked are confounded, Doomed to flames of woe unbounded, Call me, with Thy saints surrounded.
- 17 Low I kneel with heart-submission, See, like ashes, my contrition; Help me in my last condition!
- 18 Day of sorrow, day of weeping, When, in dust no longer sleeping, Man awakes in Thy dread keeping!

19 To the rest Thou didst prepare me On Thy cross; O Christ, upbear me! Spare, O God, in mercy spare me! Text and tune and tune: Public domain

Offering

Stand

Prayer

- L In peace let us pray to the Lord:
- C Lord, have mercy.
- L For the gift of divine peace and of pardon, with all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord:
- C Lord, have mercy.
- L For the holy Christian Church, here and scattered throughout the world, and for the proclamation of the Gospel and the calling of all to faith, let us pray to the Lord:
- C Lord, have mercy.
- L For this nation, for our cities and communities, and for the common welfare of us all, let us pray to the Lord:
- C Lord, have mercy.
- L For seasonable weather and for the fruitfulness of the earth, let us pray to the Lord:
- C Lord, have mercy.
- L For those who labor, for those whose work is difficult or dangerous, and for all who travel, let us pray to the Lord:
- C Lord, have mercy.
- L For all those in need, for the hungry and homeless, for the widowed and orphaned, and for all those in prison, let us pray to the Lord:
- C Lord, have mercy.
- L For the sick and dying and for all those who care for them, let us pray to the Lord:
- C Lord, have mercy.
- L For ... [additional bids for prayer may be inserted here] ... let us pray to the Lord:
- C Lord, have mercy.
- L Finally, for these and for all our needs of body and soul, let us pray to the Lord:
- C Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

Collect of the Day

- L Stir up our hearts, O Lord, to make ready the way of Your only-begotten Son, that by His coming we may be enabled to serve You with pure minds; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C Amen.

Collect for the Word

- L Blessed Lord, You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning. Grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them that, by the patience and comfort of Your holy Word, we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C Amen.

Morning Prayer

C 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.



Benedicamus

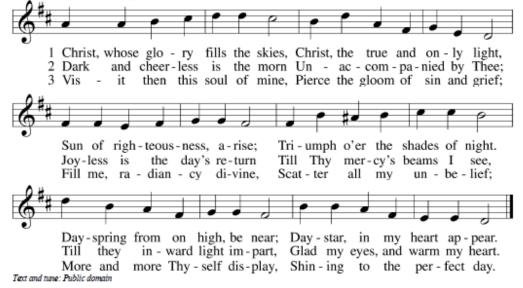
- L Let us bless the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

Benediction

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- L The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the T Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve you.
- C Amen.

873 Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies



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Welcome! We are so glad to have you with us today! If you are visiting us for the first time, please sign our guest book, or a guest card in the pew and place in the offering plate before leaving. Please join us for fellowship after the worship service.

Scripture Lessons for next Sunday: Isaiah 40:1–11, 1 Corinthians 4:1–5 and Matthew 11:2-11.

Stewardship: Luke 21:28 – "Now when these things begin to take place, straighten up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near." When the world starts to fall apart, when things go badly, when nation rises against nation – Jesus tells us to lift our heads because redemption is nigh. What a wonderful reminder that we Christians really do have nothing to fear! Jesus has conquered sin, and He will deliver the full victory to us in His Second Advent. Therefore, we are free to live godly, generous, faithful lives for we have nothing of which to be afraid.

CHURCH DIRECTORY: Please review your information for the 2022 member directory and make any changes by **December 12**. The table is in the fellowship hall.

Advent devotional books are available on the entryway table.

Board of Education: Calendars are for sale for \$7.00.

If anyone is willing to spearhead/organize the treat bags for the Christmas program, please let Markie, Sherry or Danielle know.

An offering plate will be set out for anyone who desires to donate towards the treat bags for the Christmas program.

MICA is December's Mission recipient. A second offering basket is next to the general offering basket.

St. John's Lutheran Church in Victor is hosting a Live Nativity drivethru on Saturday and Sunday, December 11 & 12 from 4:30pm - 7:30pm. Please see the bulletin board for more information. **Building Healthy Families for Dec. 5th:** Did You Know: What do the "Mona Lisa," "Starry Night," and you all have in common? All are masterpieces! Although the famous paintings were created by Leonardo Da Vinci and Vincent Van Gogh, an even greater Artist created you: God! He formed you in your mother's womb and knew you before you were born. He loves what He has created...you! "For we are God's handiwork..." Ephesians 2:10 ~ Lutheran Family Service of Iowa: Des Moines (515) 251-4900. www.LutheranFamilyService.org

Life Quote for Dec. 5th: "When we have eyes of faith, eyes that recognize these delights are gifts from God, then we realize that what we're missing, what we should be longing for, what we cannot live without, isn't Amazon or Starbucks or McDonalds. It's Him. And when we have Him, every other gift makes sense. Every other gift falls into its proper place." Michelle Bauman, Director of Y4Life for Lutherans For Life ~ A "Life Quote" from Lutherans For Life www.lutheransforlife.org

Lutheran Hour Ministries for Dec. 12th: Hear "When You're Expecting" based on Luke 1:20-80 by Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. The season of Advent is about living in the middle of a story that is still unfolding, between what is already and what is yet to come. ~ Listen next Sunday on 600 WMT at 6:30 a.m., 1190 KFJB at 8:30 a.m., WHO-1040 at 7:30 a.m., & 1410 KGRN at 7:30 a.m.

Life Thoughts in the Church Year: No matter what sufferings we carry or how weary we become, Jesus provides hope-filled news about His second coming. Christ has won the victory, and when He returns death and evil will be vanquished. We will be "leaping like calves from the stall" (Malachi 4:1-3). "[S]traighten up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near" (Luke 21:28). Some things are worth waiting for—even amid suffering!

JOEL BIBLE STUDY... The Word of the Lord Endures Forever is a daily 15-minute verse-by-verse Bible study produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL and hosted by LCMS Pastor Will Weedon. Pastor Weedon will begin a study this week on the Book of Joel. You can listen on-demand at thewordendures.org, the LPR mobile app and your favorite podcast provider.

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Cleaning: Household(s) responsible for the week of 12/5--12/11 is **Stanek**. Household(s) responsible for the week of 12/12--12/18 is **Stone**. If you cannot clean the week you have been assigned, it is your responsibility to trade with others on the list. If it is your week to clean church and you have other obligations or you prefer to write a check rather than cleaning, a substitute is available for \$50. Please contact Amber Carnine ASAP or at least by the Thursday <u>before</u> the week you are scheduled to clean. Make payment to Amber Carnine and leave in a sealed envelope under her office door, or mail payment to the church.

Celebrating Birthdays This Week

Tuesday...Gabe & Gavin Gilman Friday...Marrina Kaloupek

We pray God's blessings upon you in the coming year.

Confirmation Memory Work for December 8

5th/6th Grades Christmas Program Pieces

> 8th Grade Baptism: 2nd Part

ATTENDANCE AND OFFERINGS

For the week of November 28, 2021

54

Attendance Communion General Fund Missions

39 \$4370.00 \$25.00

Iowa Lutheran School Tuition Organization Total: \$270.00



ADVENT MID-WEEK EVENING PRAYER SERVICE SCHEDULE

Wednesday, December 8 — 6:30pm Stir Up the Power of Preparation

Wednesday, December 15 — 6:30pm Stir Up the Power of Love

Wednesday, December 22 — 6:30pm Stir Up the Power of Joy

A meal will be served before each service from 5:15pm—6:15pm There is a sign-up for the meals on the table in the entryway

WEEK AHEAD

Today	8:00am 9:00am 10:30am	Elders' Meeting Second Sunday in Advent Missions: MICA Christmas Program Practice; Adult Bible Study Greeter: Roberts Usher: Hutch Kracht Servers: Tammy Smith/Robin Marcinik Acolyte/Crucifier: Lauren/Elizabeth Elder: Joel McDonough					
Tues.	10:00am	Greek Study, Pastor in Newton					
Wed.	5:00-6:00pm 5:15pm	GMA 5th/6th Grades Confirmation 8th Grade Confirmation Supper Advent Service					
Thurs.	11:00am 1:00-3:00pm	Bible Study Pastor in class					
Next Sun. 8:00am 9:00am 10:30am 11:30am		Council Meeting Third Sunday in Advent Christmas Program Practice; Adult Bible Study Board of Education Meeting Greeter: Routier Usher: Keith T. Servers: Cindy C./Laurie H. Acolyte/Crucifier: Kaitlynn/Finn Elder: Steve H.					

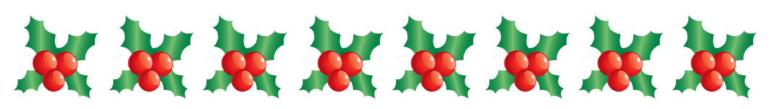


It's that time of year again! Every year we adorn our altar area with poinsettias for Christmas. A poinsettia may be given in memory or in honor of a loved one. The poinsettias will be displayed for the Christmas Eve Service. You may take the plant(s) you ordered home after the Christmas Eve Service.

Orders need to be placed by December 12th. Poinsettias are \$15 each. Checks should be made payable to 'Immanuel Lutheran Church' with 'Poinsettia' in the memo line.

Place your order by filling out the order form along with payment and return in the offering basket at church by Dec. 12th. Order forms are available on the entryway table.











Children's Christmas Program Sunday, December 19—10:30am (after the Divine Service)



Nativity of Our Lord: Christmas Eve Service Friday, December 24 — 4:00pm

Nativity of Our Lord: Christmas Day Service Saturday, December 25 — 9:00am



First Sunday of Christmas Service of Prayer & Preaching Sunday, December 26 — 9:00am



New Year's Eve Service Friday, December 31 — 4:00pm















