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**+ (Populus Zion) Second Sunday in Advent +
Service of Prayer & Preaching
December 4, 2022**

As We Gather: 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.

(Please stand, as you are able)

Hymn 'Lo! He Comes with Clouds Descending'

LSB 336



Thou - sand thou - sand saints at - tend - ing
Those who set at naught and sold Him,
Cause of end - less ex - ul - ta - tion
Sav - ior, take the pow'r and glo - ry,

Swell the tri - umph of His train:
Pierced and nailed Him to the tree,
To His ran - somed wor - ship - ers.
Claim the king - dom as Thine own.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le -
Deep - ly wail - ing, deep - ly wail - ing, deep - ly
With what rap - ture, with what rap - ture, with what
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le -

lu - ia! Christ the Lord re - turns to reign.
wail - ing, Shall their true Mes - si - ah see.
rap - ture Gaze we on those glo - rious scars!
lu - ia! Thou shalt reign, and Thou a - lone!

Text and tune: Public domain

Opening Versicles: Advent

LSB 260

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.**

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.**

Refrain



■ The Lord God is my strength and my song, and



He has be - come my sal - va - tion.



With joy will you draw wa - ter from the



wells of sal - va - tion. And you will say in that



day: "Give thanks to the Lord, call up - on His name,




make known His deeds a - mong the peo - ples, pro -



claim that His name is ex - alt - ed."

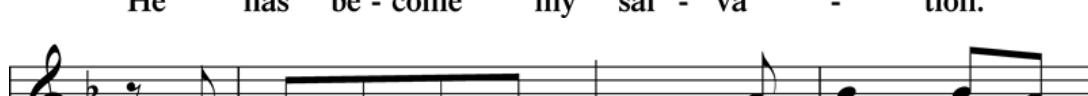
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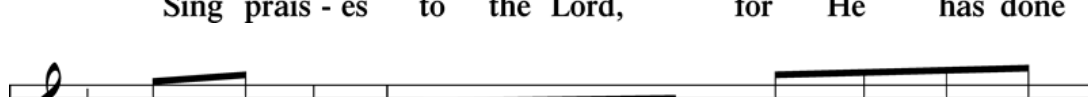
The Lord God is my strength and my song, and



He has be - come my sal - va - tion.



Sing prais - es to the Lord, for He has done



glo - rious - ly; let this be made known in all the

earth. Shout, and sing for joy, O in -

hab - i - tants of Zi - on, for great in your midst is the

Ho - ly One of Is - ra - el.

Refrain

The Lord God is my strength and my song, and

He has be - come my sal - va - tion.

Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther and to the Son

and to the Ho - ly Spir - it;

as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and will

be for - ev - er. A - men.

Refrain

The Lord God is my strength and my song, and

He has be - come my sal - va - tion.

Reading

Malachi 4:1–6

“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. But 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. And 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.

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

“Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the great and awesome day of the LORD comes. And 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.”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Introit *Psalm 80:1, 3, 14, 17; antiphon: Isaiah 62:11b; 30:30, 29*



Say to the daughter of | Zion,*

“Behold, your sal- | vation comes.”

The LORD will cause his majestic voice | to be heard,*
and you shall have glad- | ness of heart.

Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel, you who lead Joseph | like a flock!*

You who are enthroned upon the cherubim, | shine forth.

Restore us, | O God;*

let your face shine, that we | may be saved!

Turn again, O | God of hosts!*

Look down from | heaven, and see.

But let your hand be on the man of your | right hand,*

the son of man whom you have made strong | for yourself!

Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*

and to the Holy | Spirit;

as it was in the be- | ginning,*

is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

Say to the daughter of | Zion,*

“Behold, your sal- | vation comes.”

The LORD will cause his majestic voice | to be heard,*
and you shall have glad- | ness of heart.

Reading

Romans 15:4–13

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

For 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, and 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.”

And again it is said,

“Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people.”

And again,

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

And again Isaiah says,

“The root of Jesse will come,
even he who arises to rule the Gentiles;
in him will the Gentiles hope.”

May 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

[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, people fainting with fear and with foreboding of what is coming on the world.

For the powers of the heavens will be shaken. And 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, straighten up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.”

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

“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. For it will come upon all who dwell on the face of the whole earth. But 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.”

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Responsory: Advent

LSB 263

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.**

Ten Commandments

C You shall have no other gods.
You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain.
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 bear false witness 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

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 ✠ everlasting. Amen.

Lord's Prayer

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.

Sermon Hymn 'O God, O Lord of Heaven and Earth'

LSB 834



1 O God, O Lord of heav'n and earth, Thy liv - ing
2 Our fa - tal will to e - qual Thee, Our reb - el
3 Thou cam - est to our hall of death, O Christ, to
△ 4 O Spir - it, who didst once re - store Thy Church that



fin - ger nev - er wrote That life should be an aim -
will wrought death and night. We seized and used in pride -
breathe our poi - soned air, To drink for us the dark
it might be a - gain The bring - er of good news



less mote, A death-ward drift from fu - tile birth.
ful spite Thy won - drous gift of lib - er - ty.
de - spair That stran - gled our re - luc - tant breath.
to men, Breathe on Thy clo - ven Church once more,



Thy Word meant life tri - um-phant hurled In splen - dor through
We housed us in this house of doom, Where death had roy -
How beau - ti - ful the feet that trod The road that leads
That in these gray and lat - ter days There may be those



Thy bro - ken world. Since light a - woke and life be - gan,
al - scope and room, Un - til Thy ser - vant, Prince of Peace,
us back to God! How beau - ti - ful the feet that ran
whose life is praise, Each life a high dox - ol - o - gy



Thou hast de - sired Thy life for man.
Breached all its walls for our re - lease.
To bring the great good news to man!
To Fa - ther, Son, and un - to Thee.

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Sermon

“The Manger of Hope”

Romans 15:4-13

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 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 take them to heart 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.**

Collect for the Word

- L Stir up Your power, O Lord, and come, that by Your protection we may be rescued from the threatening perils of our sins and saved by Your mighty deliverance; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C Amen.**

Morning Prayer

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.

Refrain



Christ has been raised from the dead! Al - le -



lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.



Christ our Pass - o - ver Lamb has been sac - ri - ficed.



Raised from the dead, He will nev - er die a - gain.



Death has no more do - min - ion o - ver Him.

Refrain



Christ has been raised from the dead! Al - le -



lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.



Dy - ing, Christ dies to sin, once for all. Liv - ing, He



lives to God. Count your - selves as dead to



sin and a - live to God in Christ Je - sus, our Lord.

Refrain



Christ has been raised from the dead! Al - le -



lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

Blessing

Benedicamus

LSB 267

L Let us bless the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Benediction

LSB 267

L The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the ✠ Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve us.

C Amen.

Closing Hymn 'Once He Came in Blessing'

LSB 333



1 Once He came in bless - ing, All our sins re -
2 Now He gent - ly leads us; With Him - self He
3 Soon will come that hour When with might - y
4 Come, then, O Lord Je - sus, From our sins re -

dress - ing; Came in like - ness low - ly,
feeds us Pre - cious food from heav - en,
pow - er Christ will come in splen - dor
lease us. Keep our hearts be - liev - ing,

Son of God most ho - ly; Bore the cross to
Pledge of peace here giv - en, Man - na that will
And will judg - ment ren - der, With the faith - ful
That we, grace re - ceiv - ing, Ev - er may con -

save us; Hope and free - dom gave us.
nour - ish Souls that they may flour - ish.
shar - ing Joy be - yond com - par - ing.
fess You Till in heav'n we bless You.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Readings for next Sunday: Isaiah 40:1–11, Psalm 85, 1 Corinthians 4:1–5 and Matthew 11:1–15.

Stewardship: Romans 15:5 – “May the God of endurance and en-couragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus.” All of our good works are indeed granted to us from our heavenly Father. We live in complete dependence upon His grace and mercy. What do we have that we have not re-ceived as a gift from His hand? And knowing that, how can we not be thankful?

Ushers: We are in need of volunteers to be on a list of ushers for next year. It will be a dedicated list much like the Altar Guild. Stop by the entryway table to sign up! Thanks!

Advent Meals sign-up is out on the entryway table. Meals will be from 5:00pm-6:15pm on Dec. 7, 14 and 21.

Christmas Program: Anyone who wants to play a music piece before the children’s Christmas program, please let the Board of Education or Pastor know by December 11.

Advent devotional books are available on the entryway table.

The Board of Education is selling calendars. Please see Sherry Baker if you would like one.

St. John’s Lutheran Church in Victor (2656 CC Ave) will be host-ing a drive through live nativity Saturday, Dec. 10th 4:30pm-7:30pm, and Sunday, Dec. 11th 4:30pm-6:30pm. You are invited to walk through the church as well.

Building Healthy Families for Dec 4th: The first snowfall of the year - welcomed or not - always makes a significant impact on the land-scape. The brightest of white color covers all and everything is – for a brief time until the plows and cows come through – clean and beautiful. Notice the new fallen snow when it comes, and let it remind you to reflect on the amazing gift that is yours through Jesus: “...though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red like crimson, they shall become like wool.” Isaiah 1:18 ~www.LutheranFamilyService.org.

Life Quote for Dec 4th: “Christmas is also a time to contemplate the gift of mortal LIFE through the miracle of birth. Christmas is the gift of LOVE that moms and dads shower on their children by say-ing yes to life—sometimes under very difficult circumstances. Re-gardless of the challenges, God has a perfect plan for each life that He brings into the world, and His will for them is to out-sparkle and out-shine any orna-ment.” Bradley Mattes, president of Life Issues Institute ~ www.luther-ansforlife.org

Life Thoughts in the Church Year: Our sinfulness once left us life-less as stones, but God has taken us for His own beloved children (Matthew 3:9) by becoming a little one among us Himself (Isaiah 11:6). Now we get to welcome others as Christ has welcomed us. We pro-claim the sanctity of every human life to defend the cause of the poor, and we put it into practice to give deliverance to the chil-dren of the needy (Psalm 72:4).

Lutheran Hour Ministries for Dec 11th: Hear “Beauty We Can’t See” based on Isaiah 28:5 by Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. We often feel our need for God’s presence only when we see what it looks like when He’s absent. ~ 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.

MORE TOPICS, MORE GUESTS, MORE JESUS... Issues, Etc. is a radio-talk show and podcast produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL and hosted by LCMS Pastor Todd Wilken. This week’s topics include: Decision Theology; The Incarnation of God & the Value of Man; 4th-Century Bishop Nicholas of Myra; Man & the Metaverse and more. You can listen at your convenience at issue-setc.org, the LPR mobile app and your favorite podcast provider.

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Cleaning: Household(s) responsible for the week of 12/11—12/17 is Loudon. Household(s) responsible for the week of 12/18—12/24 is Carnine. If you cannot clean the week you have been assigned, please trade with others on the list. If it is your week to clean church and you have other obligations or you would just prefer to write a check rather than cleaning, a substitute is available. The cost is \$50. The substitute is Amber Carnine 641-990-5985. Please make payment to Amber Carnine and leave under her office door or in her box at church. You can also mail payment to the church address. We do ask that you let the church office know ASAP but the deadline is by Thursday of the week before it is your week to clean.

Birthdays

Wednesday...Gabe & Gavin Gilman

Saturday...Marrina Kaloupek

Baptismal Birthdays

Saturday...Marina Wyckoff

ATTENDANCE AND OFFERINGS
For the week of November 27, 2022

Sunday, Nov. 27

Attendance 44

General Fund \$3360.00

Wednesday, Nov. 30

Attendance 23

General Fund \$125.00 Missions 25.00

WEEK AHEAD

Today 8:00am Elders Meeting
9:00am Populus Zion (2nd Sunday in Advent)
Missions: MICA
10:30am Bible Study
Christmas Program Practice
Usher: Dale Gilman
Greeter: Eichenberger
Servers: Marrina Kaloupek/Sue Ford
Acolyte/Crucifer: Cole/Alivia
Elder: Joel McDonough

Mon. 8-10am Pastor in class

Tues. 10:30am-12:30pm Pastor in class

Wed. 4:00-5:00pm 5th/6th Grades Confirmation
5:00-6:00pm 7th/8th Grades Confirmation
5:00-6:15pm Meal
6:30pm Advent Service

Thurs. 11:00am Bible Study

Next Sun. 8:00am Council Meeting
9:00am Gaudete (3rd Sunday in Advent)
10:30am Bible Study
Christmas Program Practice
11:30am Board of Education Meeting
Usher: Terry Stanek
Greeter: Ford
Servers: Amanda W./Evonne K.
Acolyte/Crucifer: Elizabeth/Finn
Elder: Darlo Kelting



Christmas Giving...The Evangelism Board will not be doing Christmas Share with Second Mile this year. They have 114 families and all of their needs have been filled in a matter of days.

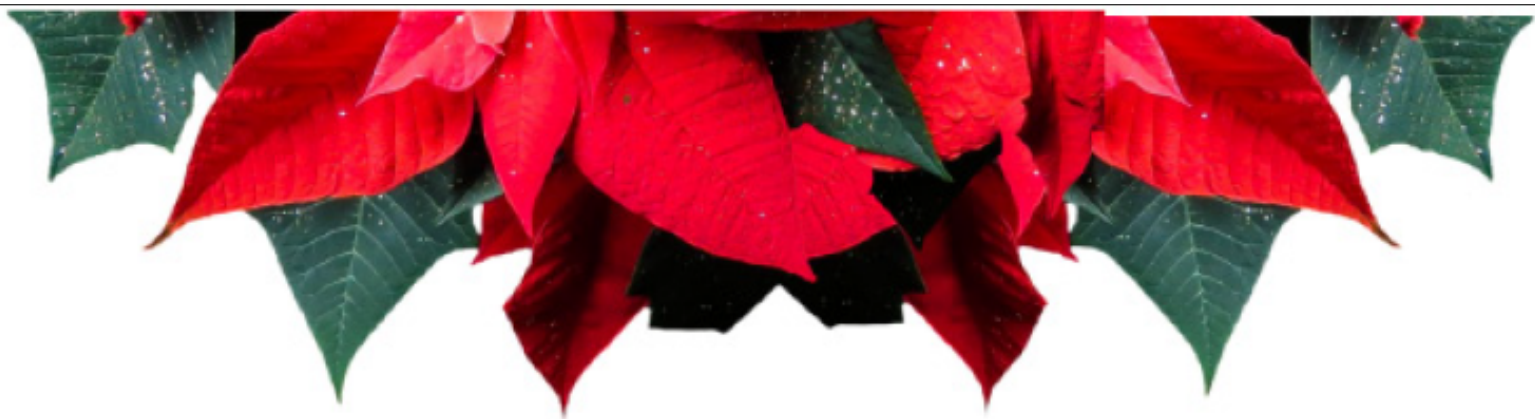
Wonderful! Awesome!

Great news though, Immanuel will be having a Christmas tree in the Fellowship Hall starting December 1st to collect 'Children's' stocking hats for Orphan Grain Train. All hats need to be collected by **December 18th** for distribution.

If you have any questions, please contact the Board of Evangelism~

Dianna Kelting
June Routier
Pam Haase





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 11th

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. 11th Order forms are available on the entryway table.





Mid-Week Advent Services

A meal will be served before each service from 5:00-6:15pm

Wednesday, December 7th — 6:30pm

Wednesday, December 14th — 6:30pm

Wednesday, December 21st — 6:30pm

Children's Christmas Program

Sunday, December 18th — 10:30am

Christmas Eve Service of Lessons & Carols

Saturday, December 24th — 4:00pm

The Nativity of Our Lord: Christmas Day Divine Service

Sunday, December 25th — 9:00am

New Year's Eve Divine Service

Saturday, December 31st — 4:00pm

