

Bethlehem Lutheran Church



Second Sunday in Advent
(Populus Zion)
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The Order of Service

Divine Service Setting three w/out Holy Communion (LSB 184)

*(Please stand if you are able for portions of the liturgy marked with an *)*

Opening Hymn: Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers **LSB 515**

Confession and Absolution* **LSB 184**

Introit* *(Ps. 80:1, 3, 14, 17; antiphon: Is. 62:11b; 30:30, 29)*

Say to the daughter of Zion,

“Behold, your salvation comes.”

**The LORD will cause his majestic voice to be heard,
and you shall have gladness 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 beginning,
is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

Say to the daughter of Zion,

“Behold, your salvation comes.”

The LORD will cause his majestic voice to be heard,
and you shall have gladness of heart.

Kyrie* **LSB 186**

Gloria in Excelsis is omitted during Advent

Collect*: 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. **Amen.**

Old Testament Reading: Malachi 4:1-6

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. ² 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. ³ 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. ⁴ “Remember the law of my servant Moses, the statutes and rules 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. ⁶ 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.”

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual: Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty, God shines forth. Our God comes; he does not keep silence; “Gather to me my faithful ones, who made a covenant with me by sacrifice!”

Epistle: Romans 15:4-13

⁴ For 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. ⁵ May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, ⁶ that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁷ Therefore welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. ⁸ 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, ⁹ 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.” ¹⁰ And again it is said, “Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people.” ¹¹ And again, “Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles, and let all the peoples extol him.” ¹² And again Isaiah says, “The root of Jesse will come, even he who arises

to rule the Gentiles; in him will the Gentiles hope.”¹³ 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.

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Alleluia*

LSB 190

Holy Gospel*: Luke 21:25-36

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 21st chapter. **Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

²⁵“And 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,²⁶ people fainting with fear and with foreboding of what is coming on the world. For the powers of the heavens will be shaken.²⁷ And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory.²⁸ Now when these things begin to take place, straighten up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.”²⁹ And he told them a parable: “Look at the fig tree, and all the trees.³⁰ As soon as they come out in leaf, you see for yourselves and know that the summer is already near.³¹ So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near.³² Truly, I say to you, this generation will not pass away until all has taken place.³³ Heaven 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.³⁵ For it will come upon all who dwell on the face of the whole earth.³⁶ 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.”

This is the Gospel of the Lord. **Praise be to Thee, O Christ.**

Apostles’ Creed*

LSB 192

Hymn of the Day: O Savior, Rend the Heavens Wide

LSB 355

Sermon

Offertory*

LSB 192

Prayer of the Church*

Lord's Prayer*

LSB 196

Benediction*

Closing Hymn: The King Shall Come When Morning Dawns

LSB 348

Announcements

What does this mean? The Second Sunday in Advent is also known as Populus Zion, which, in Latin means: "people of Zion" (The ESV translates as "daughter of Zion"). This is the opening phrase of the Introit – Say to the daughter (people) of Zion, "Behold, your salvation comes." (Isaiah 62:11b).

The word "advent" is derived from the Latin words, advenire (to come to) and adventus (an arrival). That we might be prepared to celebrate the blessed Feast of the Nativity of Christ our Lord, the Church has set aside the Season of Advent as a time to reflect and meditate upon the coming of our Lord Jesus in the Flesh, through His Word and Sacraments, and on the Last Day. Advent is also a time of preparation for Christ's coming through repentance and faith.

Wednesday Night Religion: Wednesday Night Religion Class continues this week.

Please note the time change throughout Advent: 5:45pm-6:45pm.

The Season of Advent: On Sunday, November 29th the church began the Season of Advent. Please check your mailbox in the narthex for a list of services during this blessed season and an Advent devotional to be used at home.

Midweek Advent Services: Join us Wednesday nights throughout the Season of Advent for our series, "For Unto Us a Son is Given." Our midweek sermons will focus on three important sons of promise – Isaac, Samuel, and John. The Order of Vespers begins at 7:00pm on December 9th, and 16th.

Private Confession and Absolution: Our Lutheran Confessions state that private absolution should be retained and not abolished in the churches (Augsburg Confession, XI). With this in mind, if at any time throughout the penitential season of Advent you desire private confession and absolution, please give Pastor Jennings a call to set-up a time to meet privately.

Men's Club: The Men's Club Christmas party and meeting has been cancelled.

Thank You: The Men's Club sausage dinner went well. We served 1501 dinners with a net profit of \$13,183.74. Some people commented that they could not believe how fast we served them in the drive-thru. Thanks again to everyone who helped. Thrivent paid all of the advertising cost of \$184.33 and \$565.67 toward groceries. Thank you Thrivent. There are some reports on the table in the Usher's room, if anyone is interested.

Ladies Aid/LWML: The Ladies Aid/LWML Christmas party has been cancelled.

Collecting for Matthew 25 Food Pantry: We are collecting canned and boxed food items as well as personal care items for the pantry. Please help us fill the tote in the usher's room to help those in need.

Save The Date: Plans are being made for the remaining Live 2020 Auction items at Christ Our Rock Lutheran High School. A Buy-It-Now Auction (set prices, first come first serve basis) is being planned for Saturday, December 5th and Monday, December 7th. Watch for more information coming. Updates will also be available at corstallions.org and on the CORLHS Facebook page.

Sunday School and Adult Bible Study: Join us at 8:30am for Sunday School and Adult Bible Study. All are welcomed and encouraged to attend.

Coronavirus Concerns: We recognize the coronavirus is still an issue in our country and many members rightly have concerns. However, we do not want anyone to stay away from receiving the life-giving gifts of Christ in His church. Please contact Pastor Jennings to discuss a way that you may to receive these gifts.

Altar Guild, Ushers, Greeters, and Acolytes: We encourage you to consult your schedule, and if able, assist at your assigned service.

Find Bethlehem on Podbean: Listen to our sermons and other studies online. Download the app 'Podbean' to your smartphone. Search for Bethlehem Lutheran Church and begin

listening.

Catechism Learn-by-Heart Program: As the Small Catechism contains the central articles of the Christian faith, it is to be learned-by-heart so that we may rightly confess the faith throughout our lives. To encourage our youth to learn the Small Catechism by heart, Bethlehem has developed an eight-level program. This program breaks the Small Catechism into manageable sections. As an incentive, each level has an award upon completion. Program details can be found in the Narthex. PLEASE NOTE: Students are required to have the Small Catechism memorized prior to confirmation.