

Bethlehem Lutheran Church



Second Sunday in Advent

(Populus Zion)

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The Order of Worship
Divine Service Setting Three (LSB 184)

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

Announcements

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!”

Hymn: The Night Will Soon Be Ending

LSB 337

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

Offering

Prayer of the Church*

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.

Where did the Gloria in Excelsis go? The Gloria in Excelsis is a hymn of praise that celebrates God coming among us in the person of Jesus. However, due to the penitential nature of Advent, this hymn of praise is omitted until we reach the joyous season of Christmas.

Welcome Rev. Dr. Dale Meyer: This morning we welcome the Rev. Dr. Dale Meyer, former president of Concordia Seminary (St. Louis) as guest preacher and Bible study lecturer. We are grateful to have him in Ferrin this morning to proclaim God’s Word.

Midweek Advent Vespers: Join us December 8th, and 15th at 7:00pm for our midweek Advent Vespers. The theme for these services is "Immanuel: God with Us." Over 2000 years ago, God took on human flesh and blood in the person of Jesus to save us from our sin. He is truly Immanuel, which means, 'God with Us.' Yet, having ascended into heaven, God hasn't removed Himself from us. He continues to be with us today to give us His gifts of forgiveness and life. Throughout our midweek Advent services, we will look at the Gloria in Excelsis, the Sanctus, and the Agnus Dei to see how God continues

to be with us today in the Divine Service. The Ladies Aid will serve refreshments following the December 15th service over at the school basement. Donations of cookies are welcomed.

Private Confession and Absolution: The 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 you desire private confession and absolution, please give Pastor Jennings a call to set-up a time to meet privately.

Wednesday Night Religion: Wednesday Night Religion Class resumes this week. Please note the time change through Advent: 5:45pm–6:45pm.

Thank You: The Men's Club had a profit of \$13,387.55 from our sausage supper. Again, thanks to everyone who helped make this another successful year.

Children's Christmas Eve Program: Practice for the Children's Christmas Eve Program will be **Saturday, December 11th from 9:00am–11:00am, Saturday, December 18th from 9:00am–11:00am, and Wednesday, December 22nd from 5:30pm–7:30pm.** The final practice includes a meal for all the students as our gift to them from the teachers. Parts will be handed out on or before December 5th.

Assistant Sunday School Superintendent: If you or someone you know that would like to be the Assistant Sunday School Superintendent, please speak to either Dena Brammeier or Deb Albers. We need someone to take over this position in January.

Upcoming Events at Area Lutheran Churches:

- December 12th: A German Christmas Service at Olive Branch Lutheran Church at 3:00pm.

Find Bethlehem on Podbean or Facebook: Listen to Pastor Jennings sermons on Podbean or our Facebook page. Download the app 'Podbean' to your smartphone. Search for Bethlehem Lutheran church and begin listening.

This Week in Our Congregation:

Sunday: 8:30am Bible Class/Sunday School
9:30am Divine Service
12:00pm Silver Heirs Dinner

Monday: 8:30am–11:00am Preschool
6:00pm Men’s Club Christmas Party at Applebee’s

Wednesday: 8:30am Matins
8:30am–11:00am Preschool
5:45pm–6:45pm Religion/Confirmation Classes
7:00pm Midweek Advent Vespers

Thursday: 6:00pm Ladies Aid/LWML Christmas Party at Bretz’s

Friday: 8:30am–11:00am Preschool

Saturday: 9:00am-11:00am Christmas Eve Program Practice

Sunday: 8:30am Bible Class/Sunday School
9:30am Divine Service

Upcoming Services & Events:

- December 8th: Midweek Advent Vespers
- December 12th: Third Sunday in Advent