# Second Sunday in Advent "Populus Zion"

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"We are baptized children of God, forgiven and redeemed by Jesus.

We are His family, called together to receive His gifts and serve others."

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#### **Greetings to all in the Name of the Risen Lord!**

May our worship this glorious morning celebrate the joy and hope, peace and presence, of our Lord Jesus Christ, raised to life for us. We welcome all, especially our guests. If you do not have a church home, please consider Divine Shepherd. We would love to have you as part of our family. Please take a minute and sign our guest book.

#### A prayer before Worship

This is the day you have made, O Lord Jesus, a day of new life and eternal celebration! The stone is moved; death is defeated; heaven is open. As Your disciples first saw and believed Your victory over the tomb, so give us joy in the promise You made and keep for us: because You live, we live also! Amen.

#### The Lord's Supper

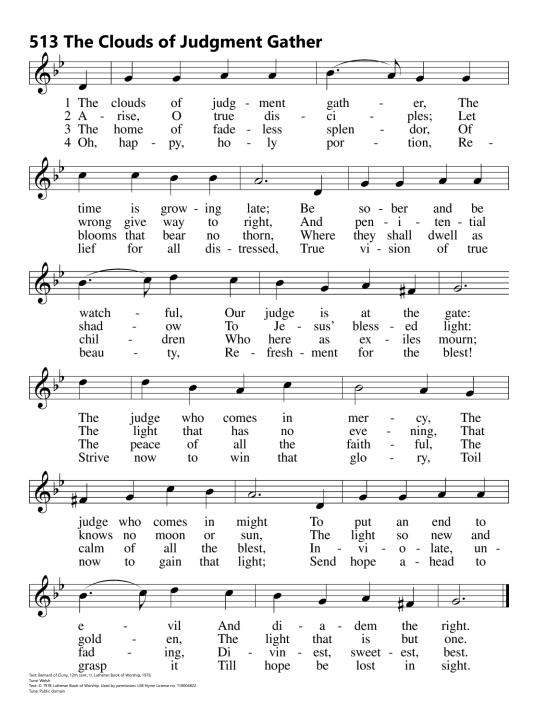
The Lord's Supper is celebrated by us this morning in the confession and gladness that, as our Lord says, He gives into our mouth not only bread and wine but His very body and blood to eat and drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him and with one another. Our Lord Jesus invites to His table those who trust His Words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us, that they may show forth His death until He comes.



Whoever, therefore, eats the bread or drinks the blood of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty concerning the body and blood of the Lord. (1 Cor 11:28 ESV) Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar. Any who holds a confession differing from that of the Holy Scriptures or are not a member in good standing with the LC-MS, are asked to speak with Pastor Sturzenbecher.

**Special Music (10:30)**Children's Handbell Choir

"Away in a Manger"



#### **Invocation & Exhortation**

- P In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.
- P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
- C But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

#### **Confession of Sins**

- P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
- Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

#### **Absolution**

- P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

Introit Psalm 80:1, 3, 14, 17



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.

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#### **Salutation and Collect of the Day**

- P The Lord be with you.
- C And also with you.
- P Let us pray.

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.

#### **Old Testament Reading** *Malachi 4:1–6*

<sup>1</sup> "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. <sup>2</sup>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. <sup>3</sup>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. <sup>4</sup>"Remember the law of my servant Moses, the statutes and just decrees that I commanded him at Horeb for all Israel. <sup>5</sup>"Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the great and awesome day of the Lord comes. <sup>6</sup>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"

#### **Catechetical Review**

#### The Second Article of the Creed

Redemption

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.

What does this mean?

I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the virgin Mary, is my Lord,

who has redeemed me, a lost and condemned person, purchased and won me from all sins, from death, and from the power of the devil; not with gold or silver, but with His holy, precious blood and with His innocent suffering and death,

that I may be His own and live under Him in His kingdom and serve Him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness,

just as He is risen from the dead, lives and reigns to all eternity.

#### This is most certainly true.

#### **Epistle** Romans 15:4–13

<sup>4</sup>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. 5May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, <sup>6</sup>that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>7</sup>Therefore 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, <sup>9</sup> 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." <sup>10</sup>And again it is said, "Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people." <sup>11</sup>And again, "Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles, and let all the peoples extol him." <sup>12</sup>And again Isaiah says, "The root of Jesse will come, even he who arises to rule the Gentiles; in him will the Gentiles hope." <sup>13</sup>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.

#### **Alleluia and Verse**



#### Holy Gospel Luke 21:25–36

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twenty-first chapter.

#### C Glory to You, O Lord.

<sup>25</sup>[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, <sup>26</sup>people fainting with fear and with foreboding of what is coming on the world. For the powers of the heavens will be shaken. <sup>27</sup>And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. <sup>28</sup>Now when these things begin to take place, straighten up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near." <sup>29</sup>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. <sup>31</sup>So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. <sup>32</sup>Truly, I say to you, this generation will not pass away until all has taken place. <sup>33</sup>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. <sup>35</sup>For it will come upon all who dwell on the face of the whole earth. <sup>36</sup>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 Gospel of the Lord.
- C Praise to You, O Christ.



#### Sermon

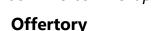
#### **Apostles' Creed**

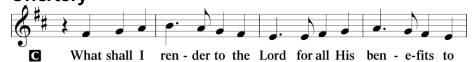
C I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate. was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the 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 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.

Prayer of the Church Offering, Special Music Joni Mercer-Vibraphone

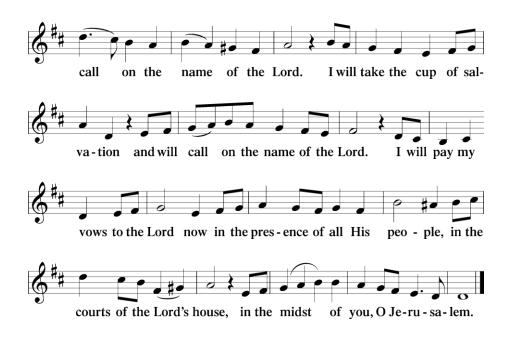
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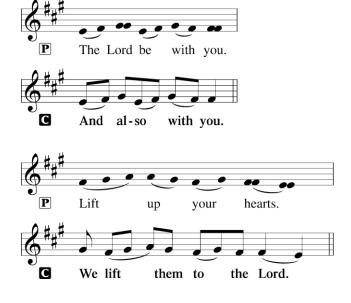
"O Come, O Come Emmanuel"



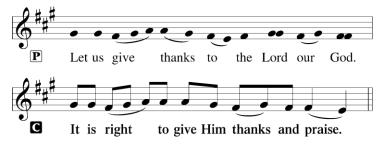




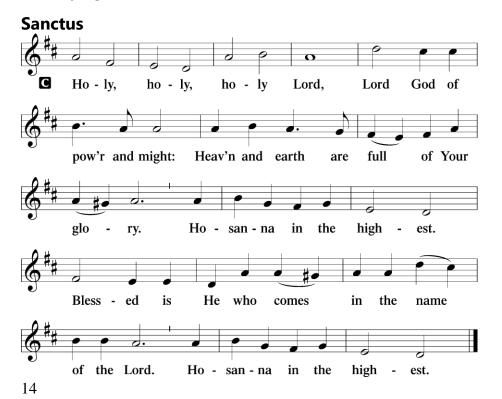




**Preface** 



P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who overcame the assaults of the devil and gave His life as a ransom for many that with cleansed hearts we might be prepared joyfully to celebrate the paschal feast in sincerity and truth. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:



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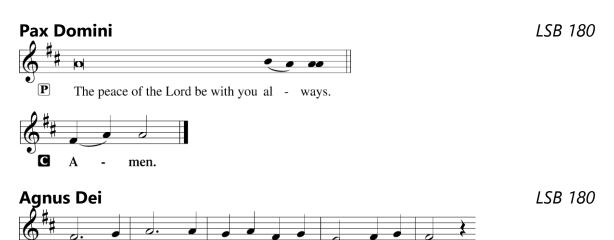
#### **Lord's Prayer**

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.

#### The Words of Our Lord

Lamb of God,

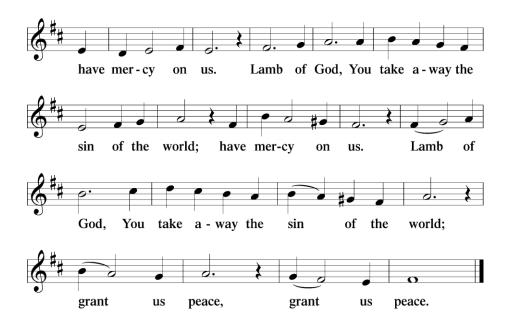
P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My + body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me." In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My + blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."



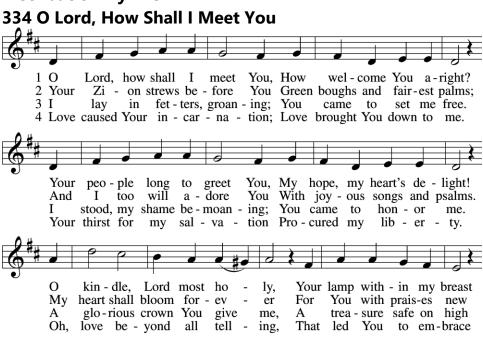
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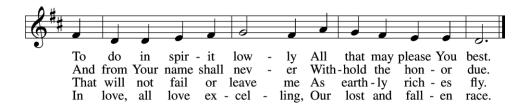
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#### **Distribution Hymns**



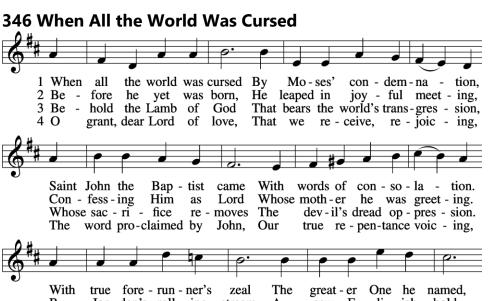


5 Sin's debt, that fearful burden, Cannot His love erase: Your guilt the Lord will pardon And cover by His grace. He comes, for you procuring The peace of sin forgiv'n, His children thus securing Fternal life in heav'n.

6 He comes to judge the nations, A terror to His foes, A light of consolations And blessèd hope to those Who love the Lord's appearing. O glorious Sun, now come, Send forth Your beams so cheering, And guide us safely home.

#### 341 Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates





Jor - dan's roll - ing new E - li - jah stream, Α bold, hold the Lamb of God, Who takes a - way our sin, glad - ly we may walk Up - on our Sav-ior's way



And Him, as yet un - known, Sav - ior he pro - claimed. As tes - ti - fied He of Him Of whom the proph - ets told: Who for our peace and joy Will full a - tone - ment win. Un - til we live with Him In His e - ter - nal day.





Lord, now You let Your ser-vant go in peace; Your word has been ful-



filled. My own eyes have seen the sal - va-tion which You have pre-

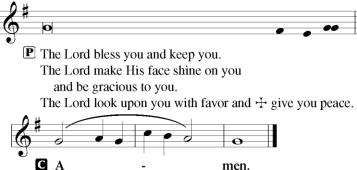




#### **Post-Communion Collect**



#### **Benediction**



### Special Music (8:00)

Children's Handbell Choir

"Away in a Manger"





#### **Divine Shepherd Calendar**

#### Sunday, December 10<sup>th</sup>

#### **Food Pantry Sunday**

8:00 am Divine Worship Service

9:15 am Coffee & Cookies

9:30 am Bible Study

9:30 am Sunday School

10:30 am Divine Worship Service

12:00 pm LWML Christmas Party

#### Tuesday, December 12th

6:30 pm Church Council Meeting

#### Wednesday, December 13th

11:00 am Morning Advent Service

1:00 pm Quilting

5:30 pm Family Dinner

6:00 pm Confirmation

6:00 pm Sunday Wednesday School

7:15 pm Advent Service

#### Thursday, December 14th

9:30 am Ladies Bible Study

5:30 pm Bell Choir

6:30 pm Adult Choir

#### Sunday, December 17<sup>th</sup>

8:00 am Divine Worship Service

9:15 am Coffee & Cookies

9:30 am Sunday School Christmas Program

10:30 am Divine Worship Service

2:00 pm Circuit Youth Christmas Event at Zion Lutheran

#### **Important Dates**

LWML (all women of the congregation are members) will have a Christmas party **today at noon** in the Fellowship Hall. Soup, cornbread and desserts will abound! Spouses are invited. We will have a "white-elephant" gift exchange following our meal. An item you have laying around your home may be "gifted away" for this fun event. Men bring a gift item for a man and women bring a gift item for a woman. (Do not buy an item!! This is to be something you don't use and want to "give" away!!) Please have your item gift wrapped! Surprises are nice. Also, please bring 2 dozen cookies. One dozen will be served at the party and we will use the other dozen to make plates for our shut-ins. Come for the fun and fellowship!

The Sunday School Christmas Program will be **December 17<sup>th</sup>** at 9:30 am between the church services.

The Circuit Youth Christmas Event will be held **December 17<sup>th</sup> from 2:00-4:00 pm at Zion Lutheran Church in Rapid City**. There will be Minute to Win it Christmas Games!

"Eyes to See" Higher Things Retreat is **January 14<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup>, 2024**. The retreat will take place at Faith Lutheran Church in Pierre, SD. Register at <a href="https://www.higherthings.org/events/retreats">www.higherthings.org/events/retreats</a>.

#### **Prayer Requests**

**To those who mourn:** Nancy Bogenhagen and Family, Randy and Linda Kramer and Family, Mike and Dana Reiprich

**To those sick or suffering:** Kathy Olson, Shelly (Becky LeFebre's cousin, Mel and Bobbi Geidel's niece), Rob Horner (Cindy Fredrich's brother), Norma Horner (Cindy's mother), Marna Wolf (Max Hill's mother) Geraldine Berg (Vonda's Mother), Mike Felkey, Jodee Liffengren, Ardella Berg, Deana Taylor (Relative of Kathy Swan), Wally and Marlene Christian (Erin Norman's grandparents), Marnie Thoen (Mary Heidelberger's niece), Jim Roling, Travis Karr, Emily (Bryon and Karen Pistora's granddaughter) Ezra Venteicher, Vonda Sturzenbecher, Colleen Phillips, June (Andrew Wagner's Grandmother) and all struggling with depression, mental illness, and other concerns.

**Our shut-ins:** Jerry Nelson, Alvin & Doris Senger, Laura Felkey, and Candice Thorson.

**Our Ministries & Missionaries**: The ministry of Evergreen Lutheran on the Pine Ridge Reservation, Rev. Joel Fritsche & family in the Dominican Republic, Barb Rebenstisch in Taiwan, Rev. Dan Jastram & family in Asia, The Ministry of Trinity Lutheran Church in Belle Fourche, and Divine Shepherd School.

All those serving in the military: Jaden Weber, Captain Josh Puckett (Bruce & Kathy Swan's nephew), Major Christopher Swain (Juliet Swain's Son), Lt Col. Robert Grass, Eric Tobin, Tyson Freeman (Dale & Mary Heidelberger Grandson), Matt Steiner (Marilyn Suckut's Grandson), Nicholas Carver (Leota Quam's grandson), Chris Brandt (Doug & Cheryl's son), Joshua Schulz (Susan's son), Cody Horton (Mel & Bobbi Geidel Grandson), Mike Reiprich, and Brad Halvorson (Nate's son)

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