

[We rise] **The Prayers of the Church**
 The Te Deum Laudamus Handout
The Kyrie, The Our Father, The Collects
 “God Bless Our Native Land” #965

The Service of the Sacrament p. 194
 [Please review our Communion Policy on
 Page 1 of this Service Guide]

 [We are seated]
 Hymn **“Creator of the Stars of Night”** #351
 [We rise, st. 5]

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 Thanksgiving, p. 200
 Salutation, Benedicamus, p. 201
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 [We are seated for announcements]

 [We rise for the Final Hymn]
 Final Hymn **“The Night Will Soon Be Ending”** #337

POPULUS ZION —THE SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT

The Day on which our Lord will return is a “great and dreadful Day” (Mal 4.1–6). 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 “burn them up.” 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. “Look up and lift up your heads, because your redemption draws near” (Lk 21.25–36). Christ our Redeemer is coming; the Sun of Righteousness is bringing healing in His wings. Let us, then, give attention to the words of the Lord, which do not pass away. Let us through the patience and comfort of the Scriptures (Rom 15.4–13) 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.

Lessons for Next Sunday:
The Third Sunday of Advent

Old Testament of the Day Isaiah 40.1-11
 Epistle of the Day. 1 Corinthians 4.1-5
 Psalm of the Week. Psalm 45
 Holy Gospel of the Day. Matthew 11.2-11

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A Guide to The Divine Service

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Luca Signorelli, *The Gathered Elect*, 1502

Populus Zion, ecce Dominus veniet
People of Zion, behold, the Lord cometh
[The Second Sunday of Advent]
“Lo, He Comes! Sunday”

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 THE CONSERVATIVE REFORMATION AND ITS THEOLOGY, p. 159
 Rev. Dr. Charles P. Krauth, 1871

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NOTE ON PARTICIPATING IN THE LORD'S SUPPER

As intended by Christ and as practiced by the one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church throughout history, "closed communion" is observed here, in which the Lord's Supper is distributed only to those who:

- are baptized in the Name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit;
- have been instructed in the truth of Holy Scriptures as taught in the Lutheran Confessions, have been confirmed in this Lutheran faith and practice, and now embrace this same Lutheran faith in the same way that it is believed, taught, confessed, and practiced in this congregation;
- believe that in this Sacrament the real body and blood of Christ are truly distributed to them and orally received by them, bestowing on them the forgiveness of sins, life and salvation;
- repent of all their sins, and desire to receive God's forgiveness in this holy meal.

Guests at our services who are able to affirm these facts should speak to our pastor or the elder on duty before receiving the Sacrament. To other guests with us today, we express to you our sincere interest, friendship, and concern, and we assure you that it is for the spiritual welfare of all that we practice "closed communion," even as we continue to work toward the day in which all divisions over doctrine and practice within Christ's Church will be resolved. Those desiring to learn more about our beliefs are asked to speak with one of our pastors.

[We rise and face the Processional Cross]

Confession of Sins and Holy Absolution p. 185

Entr. Hymn "Lift Up Your Heads" #340

The Service of the Word begins with the Introit



Antiphon: O, / people of / Zion, * behold the Lord / cometh to / save the / nations: || And the Lord shall cause His glorious / voice to be / heard; * and ye shall have a / song and / gladness of / heart. (Is 62.11b; 30.30a, 29a, c)

Give year, O Shepherd of Israel, Thou that leadest Joseph / like a / flock; * Thou that dwellest between the / cheru- / bim, shine / forth! || Turn us again, O God, and cause Thy / face to / shine: * And / we_ / shall be / saved.

Return, we beseech Thee, O / God of / hosts; * look down from heaven, and be- / hold, and / visit this / vine; || And the vineyard which Thy right / hand hath / planted, * and the branch that Thou / madest strong / for Thy- / self.

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The Gloria Patri, The Kyrie p. 186

The Gloria in Excelsis *omitted during Advent*
Salutation p. 189

Collect for the 2nd Sunday of Advent: Stir up our hearts, O Lord, to make ready the way of Thine only-begotten Son, so that by His coming we may be enabled to serve Thee with pure minds; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with the Father and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. **Amen!**

Collect for the Season of Advent: Almighty God, heavenly Father, bestow on us Thy grace that we may cast away the works of darkness, and put upon us the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which Thy Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility, that in the Last Day when He will come again in His glorious Majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may then rise to the life immortal; through Him who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen!**

[We are seated]

The Old Testament of the Day Malachi 4.4-6
[Malachi prophesies the Second Elijah – John the Baptizer!]
This is the Word of the Lord **Thanks be to God!**

Epistle of the Day Romans 15.4-13
[Salvation is also for the Gentiles]
This is the Word of the Lord: **Thanks be to God!**

[We rise] **The Holy Gospel of the Day**
The Gradual

Out of Zion, the per- / fection of / beauty: *

God hath / shined! Our / God shall / come! ||

Gather My saints together / unto / Me: *

Those that have made a / covenant with / Me by / sacrifice.

The powers of heaven / shall be / shaken: *

And they shall / see the / Son of / Man:

Coming / in a / cloud:

With / power / and great / glory:

The Holy Gospel

Announcement of the Holy Gospel

Holy Gospel of the Day Luke 21.25-36

[The signs that usher in the End Times]

Responses to the Holy Gospel p. 190-191

The Nicene Creed p. 191

[We are seated]

Chief Hymn "Lo! He Comes with Clouds Descending" #336

Sermon "The Long View"

[We rise]

The Offertory

"Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus" #338

[We are seated]

The offering is received

God richly bless you for your support of His work among us!