

Second Sunday in Advent

Populus Zion

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Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church

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Welcome to Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church. We are a loving congregation who love our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and each other. We welcome you in the name of the Lord!

The Lord's Supper is celebrated at this congregation in the confession and glad confidence that, as he says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but His very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him and with one another. Our Lord 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.

Because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm and because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, and yet desire to receive the sacrament, are asked first to speak with the pastor or an usher.

Altar Flowers would have been sponsored this morning by *Daniel Holm celebrating his wife – Eleanor's birthday.* And by *Stephanie Brewer celebrating her husband – Tommy's birthday.*

WE WORSHIP TOGETHER

Today	Divine Service w/The Lord's Supper	9:00 a.m.
	Online Bible Study	7:00 p.m.

**Per Re-opening Plan other classes
are suspended at this time.**

Scripture Readings for Next Sunday

Isaiah 40:1-11 † 1 Corinthians 4:1-5

† Matthew 11:2-11 †

Sermon: Pastor Maggard

Second Sunday in Advent
Divine Service III - Abbreviated

Stand

In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

Our help is in the name of the Lord.

who made heaven and earth.

I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,
and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

O almighty God, merciful Father,

I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Psalm Tone B



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!**

Gloria Patri

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world
without end. Amen.**

Kyrie

**Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ have mercy upon us. Lord,
have mercy upon us.**

The Lord be with you.

And with thy spirit.

Let us pray.

Collect of the Day

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.

Sit

Old Testament

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.

Psalm Tone B



Gradual

Psalm 50:2-3a, 5

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

⁴For 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, ⁶that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁷Therefore 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, ⁹and 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.

Stand

Verse

Luke 21:26b-27

Alleluia. 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. **Alleluia.**

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

Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

Holy Gospel

Luke 21:25-36

[Jesus said,] 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.”

Nicene Creed

**I believe in one God,
the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth
and of all things visible and invisible.
And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made;**

who for us men and for our salvation came down from
heaven
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried.
And the third day He rose again according to the
Scriptures
and ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of the Father.
And He will come again with glory to judge both the
living and the dead,
whose kingdom will have no end.
And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped
and glorified,
who spoke by the prophets.
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
and I look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life † of the world to come. Amen.

Sit

Hymn of the Day – *Lo! He Comes with Clouds Descending* 336

- 1 Lo! He comes, with clouds descending,
Once for ev'ry sinners slain;
Thousand thousand saints, attending,
Swell the triumph of His train:
Alleluia, Alleluia, alleluia!
Christ the Lord returns to reign.
- 2 Every eye shall now behold Him
Robed in glorious majesty;

Those who set at naught and sold Him,
Pierced and nailed Him to the tree,
Deeply wailing, deeply wailing, deeply wailing,
Shall their true Messiah see.

3 Those dear tokens of His passion
Still His dazzling body bears,
Cause of endless exultation
To His ransomed worshipers.
With what rapture, with what rapture, with what rapture
Gaze we on those glorious scars!

4 Yea, amen! let all adore Thee,
High on Thine eternal throne;
Savior, take the pow'r and glory,
Claim the kingdom as Thine own.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
Thou shalt reign, and Thou alone!

Sermon

Pastor Maggard

Stand

Offertory

**Create in me a clean heart, O God,
And renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from Thy presence,
And take not Thy Holy spirit from me.
Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation,
And uphold me with Thy free spirit.
Amen.**

Prayer of the Church

Let us pray to the Lord,
Lord, have mercy.

The Lord be with you.

And with thy spirit.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up unto the Lord.

Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.

It is meet and right so to do.

It is truly meet, right, and salutary . . . evermore praising
You and saying:

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of Sabaoth; heav'n and earth are
full of Thy glory. Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is He, blessed is He, blessed is He that cometh in the
name of the Lord. Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.**

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

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.

Words of Institution

Pax Domini

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

Amen.

Agnus Dei

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world have mercy upon us.

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us,

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. Amen.

Sit

Distribution

Take, eat; this is the true body of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, given into death for your sins.

Amen.

Take, drink; this is the true blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, shed for the forgiveness of your sins.

Amen.

Communion Hymn –

Blest be the Tie That Binds 649

- 1 Blest be the tie that binds
 Our hearts in Christian love;
 The fellowship of kindred minds
 Is like to that above.
- 2 Before our Father's throne
 We pour our ardent prayers;
 Our fears, our hopes, our aims are one,
 Our comforts and our cares.
- 3 We share our mutual woes,
 Our mutual burdens bear,
 And often for each other flows
 The sympathizing tear.

4 When here our pathways part,
 We suffer bitter pain;
Yet, one in Christ and one in heart,
 We hope to meet again.

5 From sorrow, toil, and pain,
 And sin, we shall be free
And perfect love and friendship reign
 Through all eternity.

Communion Hymn - *Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies* 873

1 Christ, whose glory fills the skies,
 Christ, the true and only light,
Sun of Righteousness, arise,
 Triumph o'er the shades of night.
Dayspring from on high, be near;
 Daystar, in my heart appear.

2 Dark and cheerless is the morn
 Unaccompanied by Thee;
Joyless is the day's return
 Till Thy mercy's beams I see;
Till they inward light impart,
 Glad my eyes, and warm my heart.

3 Visit then this soul of mine,
 Pierce the gloom of sin and grief;
Fill me, radiance divine,
 Scatter all my unbelief;
More and more Thyself display,
 Shining to the perfect day.

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart in peace.

Amen.

Stand

Nunc Dimittis

Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace according to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, which Thou hast prepared before the face of all people, a light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of Thy people Israel.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning is now, and ever shall be, world without end.

Amen.

O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,
And His mercy endureth forever.

Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, and Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

The Lord be you,
And with thy spirit.

Bless we the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Lord Bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and † give you peace.

Amen, amen, amen.

Lead me in Your truth and teach me, for You are the
God of my salvation; for You I wait all the day long.
Psalm 25:5

Announcements

- ➔ **Advent Midweek Service** on Wednesday, December 9th at 7:00 p.m. You are welcome at church or online.
- ➔ **Newsletter deadline is this Wednesday, December 9th!**

Date	Old Testament	New Testament	Psalm
Dec 6	Isaiah 14:1-23	2 Peter 3:1-18	56:1-2, 5-11, 13
Dec 7	Isaiah 24:1-13	1 John 1:1-2:14	25:1-7
Dec 8	Isaiah 24:14-25:12	1 John 2:15-29	11
Dec 9	Isaiah 26:1-19	1 John 3:1-24	17:6-15
Dec 10	Isaiah 26:20-27:13	1 John 4:1-21	86:1-7
Dec 11	Isaiah 28:14-29	1 John 5:1-21	5:1-8
Dec 12	Isaiah 29:1-14	Jude 1-25	106:1-5

SERVING TODAY

Pianist	<i>Dolores Smith</i>
Elder	<i>Kurt Wampole</i>
Ushers	<i>Jim Kline, Dave Nehls</i>
Communion Elder	<i>Mike Draney</i>
Altar Guild	<i>Sherry Herrera, Gail Picado</i>
Greeter	<i>Grace Family</i>
Counting Committee	<i>Betty Guinn, Maletta Miller</i>

Thank you for remembering our shut-ins: Margaret Dickenson, Bette Howard, Larry Maudlin, Joyce McFarland, Evelyn Smith, Ruth Spies, and Joyce Waters.

Prayers requested this week for: Brian Smith and family; Allan Dellinger's sister Becky Huskey and the family of Lori Elsmore; All those affected by the coronavirus;

We keep in Prayer: Tony Mantz and family; Dave Nehls and family; Sue Nehls' brother – Michael Schultz; Richard and Pattie Lowe; Anthony and Tamara Mahomes; Terry Pickinpaugh; Mike and Betty Guinn; Heather Edgemon's friends – Kyle, Shaye and family; Glen and Gail James' friends – Chris, Sierra and their unborn child – Jack; Bryan and Marcy Stringham; Alma Rich's daughter – Dawn and her husband, Tim; Tamara Mahomes' friend – Zenida, best friend - Windy, Windy's son, Jason and his wife, Nikole and their unborn son; Bill Choske's friend – Tim and his wife, Erin; Glen and Gail James' friend – Kathie; Bill Choske's co-worker – Fred and Fred's elderly mother – Joanne; Dave Hoepfel; Glen James' Aunt Jyrlene; Gail and Randy York's friend - Gina and their granddaughter-in-law – Heather; Kathy Holm's cousin – Cynthia and family; Mansell Family; Dale and Nancy Telizyn; Barbara Dellinger's dear friend – Pauline Johnson; Kim Pickinpaugh's sister – Kristy and her boyfriend, Tony; Judi Parker-Choske's dear friend – Cheryl; Dolores Smith's son – Mike and his team; Debbie Schwartz's sister – Suzanne.

We pray for all our troops overseas and their families and for our own young people in uniform: Kurt Wampole Jr., Noah Nery, Jeremiah Hart, Jacob Livoni and Jacob Blanton.