

A Guide to the Divine Service

Second Sunday in Advent *The Lord Comes on the Last Day*

The day will come when the Bridegroom comes looking for His Bride (Song of Solomon 2:9). And just as the sign of the fig tree signals Spring, so it will be when our Lord returns (Song of Solomon 2:13 and St. Luke 21:30). He will come in “*a cloud with power and great authority*” (St. Luke 21:27). 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: “. . . *straighten up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near*” (St. Luke 21:28). Christ our Redeemer is coming; the Sun of Righteousness will bring healing in His wings. Let us, then, give attention to the words of the Lord, which do not pass away. Let us “*through endurance and through the encouragement of the Scriptures*” (Rom. 15:4) 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.

Midweek Vespers for Advent Wednesday – 7:00 p.m.

The Eve of the Nativity of Our Lord December 24 – 7:00 p.m.

The Nativity of Our Lord December 25 – 9:00 a.m.

Readings for Next Sunday **Third Sunday in Advent (*Gaudete*)**

Prophecy of the Day: Isaiah 40:1-8
Epistle of the Day: 1 Corinthians 4:1-5
Holy Gospel of the Day: St. Matthew 11:2-10

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Populus Sion, ecce salvator tuus veniet
“People of Sion, behold, your salvation comes”

“Lift Up Your Heads Sunday”
Second Sunday in Advent (*Populus Sion*)

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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:

- (a) are baptized in the Name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit;
- (b) 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;
- (c) 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;
- (d) 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. Those desiring to learn more about our beliefs are asked to speak with our pastor.

[We rise and face the Processional Cross]

Processional Hymn

"Once He Came in Blessing" #333

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The Service of the Word begins with the Introit

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!

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

***Gloria Patri, Kyrie* p. 186**

***Gloria in Exeelsis* p. 187**

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Collect for the Second Sunday in Advent – 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 Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and forever. **Amen!**

[We are seated]

Prophecy of the Day **Song of Solomon 2:8b-14**

[The Beloved's Request]

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!"

(Ps. 50:2-3a, 5)

Epistle of the Day

Romans 15:4-13

[Christ the Hope of Jews and Gentiles]

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

[We rise]

Triple Alleluia

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The Lord be with you.

And with thy spirit.

Holy Gospel of the Day

St. Luke 21:25-33

[The Coming of the Son of Man]

Responses to the Holy Gospel

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Nicene Creed

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[We are seated]

Hymn of the Day

"The Day is Surely Drawing Near"

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Sermon

[We rise]

Offertory

"Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates" #340

[We are seated]

The offering is received

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

[We rise]

Prayer of the Church

[Please review our Communion Policy inside this Guide]

The Service of the Sacrament

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[We are seated for the Distribution of the Body and Blood of Christ]

Hymn

"Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers"

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[We rise]

Doxology

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Dismissal, *Nunc Dimittis*, Thanksgiving, Salutation, *Benedicamus*, Benediction **p. 199**

[We are seated for announcements]

[We rise for the Recessional Hymn]

"O Bride of Christ, Rejoice"

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