

"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 ✠ Holy Gospel.

Sermon St. 21:25-36 [POSTURE:] **LIFT UP YOUR HEADS, YOU CHRISTIANS!**

Votum Hymn Verse **ELH 596** Praise to Thee and Adoration **verse 1**

**1. Praise to Thee and adoration, Blessed Jesus, Son of God,
Who, to serve Thine own creation, Didst partake of Flesh and Blood.
Teach me that I never may From Thy fold or pastures stray,
But with zeal and joy exceeding Follow where Thy steps are leading.**

1. We give Thee but Thine own, Whate'er the gift may be; All that we have is Thine alone, A trust, O LORD, from Thee.
6. And we believe Thy Word, Though dim our faith may be: Whate'er for Thine we do, O LORD, We do it unto Thee.

Congregation At Prayer for Advent-2/Year-A ✠ **Lift Up Your Heads, Christians**
In the Name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Apostles Creed **ELH p.46**

Bible Memory Verse: And Jesus said, **Heaven and earth will pass away,
but My Words will by no means pass away.** **Luke 21:33 Psalm 80**

The Catechism Try to memorize **THE APOSTLES' CREED – SECOND ARTICLE**
What is the Second Article? I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, ...
What Does this Mean? I believe that Jesus Christ is True God, ... **ELH p.32**

Daily Readings from the Bible and Concordia: The Lutheran Confessions

Week 49.FofC. Solid Decl.	Daily Bible Readings Psalm.Old&New Testament
M FC[JC'Person]VIII 20-30	M Psalm 85; 1 Chronicles 17:1-27; Acts 17:16-34
T FC[JC'Person]VIII 31-43	T Psalm 1; 2 Chronicles 7:11-22; 1 John 4:9-16
W FC[JC'Person]VIII 44-53	W Psalm 75; Isaiah 11:1-10; Colossians 1:1-8
T FC[JC'Person]VIII 54-63	T Psalm 96; Jeremiah 23:2-8; Philippians 2:12-18
F FC[JC'Person]VIII 64-75	F Psalm 126; Jeremiah 30:1-22; Philippians 3:12-16
VIII. Person of Jesus Christ	S Psalm 38; Jeremiah 33:14-26; Colossians 3:1-11

NAMED PRAYER REQUESTS ✠ ✠ ✠ ✠ OUR SAVIOR & FAITH FAMILIES

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Max & Robert Emmons' ^{GP}	Anita E ^{GP} Stone	Todd & Jerry Anne/Eleanor ^{FM}
Renee ^{IN} Maggie ^{FM}	Robert David & Tesa ^{FM}	Kris & Sean ^W ^{FM}
Katherine B Shawn ^{WA} ^{MBC}	Karen P ^{GP} Brenda OH surgery	Peter [Wojcik] ^{GP}

Next Sunday 12/14 Advent-3: Gaudetē Joy! 102 Psalm 25 105:1-3; 4-5 106

SECOND SUNDAY of ADVENT and CHURCH YEAR
POPULUS ZION ✠ "People of Zion," Salvation Nears
See the Signs ✠ December 7th 2025 9^{GP} & 11:30^{FM}



Monastery Icon for the 2nd Sunday in Advent ✠ **St. Luke [2 &] 21: Zion**
People of Zion, including Bethlehem shepherds, Your Salvation Is Near!

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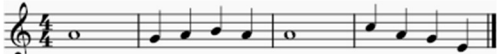
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✠ In Nomine Iesu ✠ In the Name of Jesus ✠

WELCOME to all – *We are so glad you are here!* Visitors, please take a moment to sign our guest book. Please come often to the LORD's house! In conformity with the Bible, the Confessions of the Lutheran Church and historic Christianity, this Parish practices *Close Communion*, i.e. the bread and wine which are truly the Body and Blood of Christ are reserved for our communicant members and those guests of our confessional fellowship [W/ELS]. Thank you for respecting our practice. Please do come up to the rail for a blessing. And please speak with the pastor about receiving Holy Communion in the future. God bless your worship. Thank you.

The Divine Service Rite Two with Communion *ELH p.60*

Opening Hymn	96 Hark, a Thrilling Voice Is Sounding!	5 verses
Chief Hymn	100 The Bridegroom Soon Will Call Us	verses 1-4
Third Hymn	100 The Bridegroom Soon Will Call Us	verses 5-7
Closing Hymn	99 The Advent of Our King	6 verses

Introit *Tone IV*  *Isaiah 62:11 Psalm 80:1*

Antiphon P: *Daughter of Zion, surely your Salvation is coming:/ The LORD will cause His glorious voice to be heard, And you shall have glad-ness of heart.*

C: *Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel, You who lead Joseph like a flock:/ Stir up Your strength and come and save us.*

The Collect for the Day

Stir up our hearts, O LORD, to make ready the way of Your only-begotten Son, so that by His coming we may worship You with pure minds; through the same, Jesus Christ, Your Son, our LORD, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, One True God, now and forever.

C: *A-men.*

The Old Testament Lesson *Micah 4:1-7 ESV*

It shall come to pass in the latter days that the mountain of the house of the LORD shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and it shall be lifted up above the hills; and peoples shall flow to it, ² and many nations shall come, and say: "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob, that He may teach us His ways and that we may walk in His paths." For out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem. ³ He shall judge between many peoples, and shall decide for strong nations afar off; and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war anymore; ⁴ but they shall sit every man under his vine and under his fig tree, and no one shall make

them afraid, for the mouth of the LORD of hosts has spoken. ⁵ For all the peoples walk each in the name of its god, but we will walk in the Name of the LORD our God forever and ever. ⁶ In that day, declares the LORD, I will assemble the lame and gather those who have been driven away and those whom I have afflicted; ⁷ and the lame I will make the remnant, and those who were cast off, a strong nation; and the LORD will reign over them in Mount Zion from this time forth and forevermore.

Advent Season Psalm 25 C: To You, LORD, I Lift My Soul, ...

The Epistle *Romans 15:4-13*

Brethren: 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.

Gradual *Tone IV*  *Psalm 50:2-3*

C: *Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty God will shine forth./ Our God shall come. Gather My saints together to Me. Alle...*

The Holy Gospel according to **St. Luke, the 21st Chapter:25-36**

At that time Jesus said: "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: