

Take a moment to notice the * at the beginning of various portions of the order of service. The * indicates the place where it is inappropriate to enter or leave the sanctuary because it marks a time of prayer or respect for the Word of the Lord. Please be considerate of others around you by honoring these notations.



The second Advent candle is LOVE: She gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped in bands of cloth and laid him in a manger. Luke 2:7 So this is love? Tiny? Fragile? Gently swaddled in poor strips of cloth? Laid by tired young hands in the mean straw of a manger? But sent by GOD! So this IS LOVE!



Advent means “coming.” Christ came in the flesh at Bethlehem, He comes now in word and sacrament, and He will come again in judgment. As we look forward to His final coming, we find our deepest joy and comfort in His present coming with His very body and blood for our forgiveness. As we receive the Lord’s Supper today, guests desiring communion are asked to speak with the pastor or elder before the service. For Scriptural reasons, we practice close communion.

POPULUS ZION (SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT)

The Lord Comes on the Last Day

December 10, 2023

AS WE GATHER: The day on which our Lord returns will be a “*great and awesome day*” (Mal. 4:5). For He will come in a cloud with great power and glory. To the wicked and the proud, it will be a Day oof judgment that will “*set them ablaze*” (Mal. 4:1). 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*” (Luke 21:28). Christ our Redeemer is coming; the Son 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.

*COLLECT OF THE DAY:

Pastor: Stir up our hearts, O Lord,

People: 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. Amen.

ORDER OF WORSHIP
Divine Service II

Announcements

Opening Hymn: LSB 513
“The Clouds of Judgment Gather”

*Confession/Absolution: LSB 167

SERVICE OF THE WORD

Kyrie: LSB 168ff

*Salutation: LSB 172

*Collect of the Day: (Printed)

Catechism Recitation

Catechism Review Question #27

Old Testament: Malachi 4:1-6

Pew Bible Page 1491

Epistle: Romans 15:4-13

Pew Bible Page 1766

*Alleluia and Verse: LSB 173

*Holy Gospel: Luke 21:25-36

Pew Bible Page 1636

*Nicene Creed: LSB 174

Hymn of the Day: LSB 355
“O Savior, Rend the Heavens Wide”

Sermon

Offertory: LSB 176

*Prayer of the Church

*Lord’s Prayer: LSB 179

*Benediction: LSB 183

This concludes the service for online viewing

*SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT
LSB 177ff

Distribution Hymns:
“Lift Up Your Heads, ...” LSB 341
“Lo! He Comes with ...” LSB 336

*Thank the Lord: LSB 181
*Post-Communion Collect: LSB 183
*Benediction: LSB 183
Closing Hymn: LSB 349
“Hark the Glad Sound”

As Prayer Warriors with Love, Inc.: For women – Please pray for my family. I was in a car accident recently and was unable to work for several weeks. Now I face possible eviction if the funds of \$800 are not paid.



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