

**Populus Zion / The 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent**  
**The Coming of the Son of Man**  
**December 06, 2020**  
**11:00am**



**Evangelical Lutheran Church in America**  
God's work. Our hands.



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# W E L C O M E

*To know and serve Christ by reaching out in love to all.*

Please wear a mask during this service and while you are in the building.

This service has been modeled after the Evangelical Lutheran Worship, Setting One and does not include congregational singing. All singing will be done by Pastor and secluded choir members.

Our financial gifts are offered as a response to what God has given us, and as a reminder that we are caretakers of the world he created. Our members support this church. Visitors are not expected to give an offering. Offerings will be collected in the plates as you exit the nave.

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***Due to necessary restrictions on congregational singing, Pastor and choir members will sing the congregation's parts throughout the service.***

**Prelude**

***Noel Languedocien***

***Alexander Guilmant***

***Christmas Carol from Southern France***

**Call to Worship**

***As the Dark Await the Dawn***

**↑ Confession**

P: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

P: God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C: Amen.**

*Please kneel as you are able.*

P: Let us confess our sins in the presence of God and of one another.

**C: Most merciful God, we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

P: God who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. May Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

**C: Amen.**

*Please stand.*

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C: And also with you.**

**↓ Introit** (*Psalm 80:1, 3, 14, 17; antiphon: Isaiah 62:11b; 30:30, 29*)

**R: Say to the daugh- / ter 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.**

P: Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel, you who lead Joseph / like a flock!\*

You who are enthroned upon the cheru- / bim, shine forth.

Restore / us, O God;\*

let your face shine, that we / may be saved!

Turn again, O / God of hosts!\*

Look down from heav- / en, 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!

**R: Glory be to the Father and / to the Son\***

**and to the / Holy Spirit;**

**as it was in / the beginning,\***

**is now, and will be forever. / Amen.**

**Say to the daugh- / ter 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.**

## **Lighting of the Advent Wreath**

**P:** Today is the second Sunday of Advent, the Sunday of **peace**.

Jesus Christ is known as the “Prince of Peace.”

As followers of Christ, we dedicate ourselves to being peacemakers.

We light this candle in peace.

*The assistant lights two purple candles.*

**P:** We pray: Loving God, thank you for the peace you have given us in Jesus Christ your son, our Lord. Prepare our hearts for his coming, and help us to bring his peace to others. We ask it in Jesus’ name.

**C: Amen.**

## **Greeting and Collect**

**P:** The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

**P:** 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, your son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**



## ↓ **The Hebrew Scriptures** (*Malachi 4:1-6*)

A: A reading from Malachi:

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. <sup>2</sup> 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. <sup>3</sup> 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.

<sup>4</sup> “Remember the law of my servant Moses, the statutes and rules that I commanded him at Horeb for all Israel.

<sup>5</sup> “Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the great and awesome day of the LORD comes. <sup>6</sup> 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.”

A: The word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## **Gradual** (*Psalms 50:2-3a, 5*)

**R: 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!”**



## **The Christian Scriptures** (*Romans 15:4-13*)

**A:** A reading from Romans:

<sup>4</sup> For 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. <sup>5</sup> May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, <sup>6</sup> that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>7</sup> Therefore welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God.

<sup>8</sup> 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, <sup>9</sup> 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.”

<sup>10</sup> And again it is said,

“Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people.”

<sup>11</sup> And again,

“Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles,  
and let the peoples extol him.”

<sup>12</sup> And again Isaiah says,

“The root of Jesse will come,  
even he who arises to rule the Gentiles;  
in him will the Gentiles hope.”

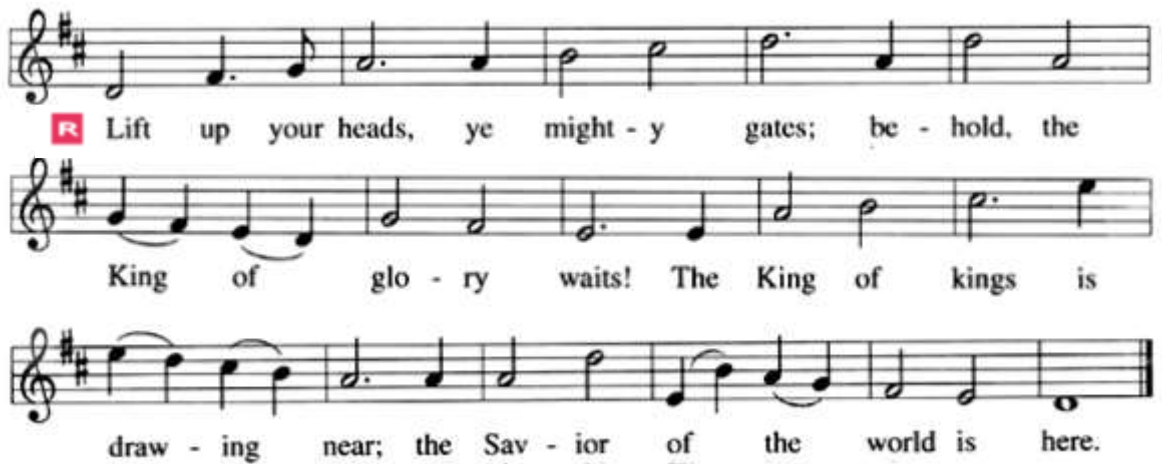
<sup>13</sup> May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.

**A:** The word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**



## ↑ The Gospel Acclamation



## **The Holy Gospel (Luke 21:25-36)**

**P:** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke:

**C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

**P:** <sup>25</sup> “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, <sup>26</sup> people fainting with fear and with foreboding of what is coming on the world. For the powers of the heavens will be shaken. <sup>27</sup> And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. <sup>28</sup> Now when these things begin to take place, straighten up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.”

<sup>29</sup> And he told them a parable: “Look at the fig tree, and all the trees. <sup>30</sup> As soon as they come out in leaf, you see for yourselves and know that the summer is already near. <sup>31</sup> So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. <sup>32</sup> Truly, I say to you, this generation will not pass away until all has taken place. <sup>33</sup> Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

<sup>4</sup> “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. <sup>35</sup> For it will come upon all who dwell on the face of the whole earth. <sup>36</sup> 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.”

**P:** The Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise to you, O Christ.**



## **Apostles' Creed**

**C: I believe in God, the Father, almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord.  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit  
born of the virgin Mary.  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
and will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## **↓ Choral Reflection**

***Creator of the Stars of Night*    Setting by Joe Cox**

## **Sermon**

**Pastor Dan Skillman**

**Announcements**

**Prayers of the People**

A: Lord, in your mercy.

**C: Hear our prayer.**

**Preface**

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

**C: We lift them to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C: It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

P: It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and ever living God. You comforted your people with the promise of the Redeemer, through whom you will make all things new in the day when he comes again to judge the world in righteousness. And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



## Sanctus



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might:  
Heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.  
Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes  
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

## The Lord's Prayer

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

**C: 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.**

## **Prayer of Thanksgiving & Words of Institution**

P: Holy One, the beginning and the end, the giver of life:  
Blessed are you for the birth of creation.  
Blessed are you in the darkness and in the light.  
Blessed are you for your promises to your people.  
Blessed are you in the prophets' hopes and dreams.  
Blessed are you for Mary's openness to your will.  
Blessed are you for your Son Jesus, the Word made flesh.

In the night in which he was betrayed,  
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;  
He broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper,  
he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying:  
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,  
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.



P: Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

**C: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

P: With this bread and cup,  
we remember your Word dwelling among us, full of grace and truth.  
We remember our new birth in his death and resurrection.  
We look with hope for his coming.

**C: Come, Lord Jesus.**

P: Holy God, we long for your Spirit.  
Come among us. Bless this meal. May your Word take flesh in us.  
Awaken your people. Fill us with your light. Bring the gift of peace on  
earth.

**C: Come, Holy Spirit.**

P: All praise and glory are yours,  
Holy one of Israel,  
Word of God incarnate,  
Power of the Most High,  
one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

### **Pax Domini**

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C: And also with you.**

### **↓ Distribution**



## **Advent Invitation**

**R:**                    *O come, O come, O Lord of might  
as to your tribes on Sinai's height  
in ancient times you gave the law  
in cloud, and majesty, and awe.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
shall come to you, O Israel.*

*O come, O Branch of Jesse, free  
your own from Satan's tyranny;  
from depths of hell your people save,  
and give them vict'ry o'er the grave.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
shall come to you, O Israel.*

## **↑ Post-Communion Blessing**

**P:** The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

**C: Amen.**

## **Post-Communion Canticle**

**R:**                    *Lord, dismiss us with your blessing,  
fill our hearts with joy and peace;  
Let us each, your love possessing,  
triumph in redeeming grace.  
Oh, refresh us; oh, refresh us,  
trav'ling through this wilderness.*

*Thanks we give and adoration  
for your gospel's joyful sound.  
May the fruits of your salvation  
in our hearts and lives abound.  
Ever faithful, ever faithful  
to your truth may we be found.*



### **Post-Communion Collect**

**A:** We pray: Pour out upon us the spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of those whom you have fed with one heavenly food; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

### **Benediction**

**P:** The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you.

The Lord lift up his countenance upon you, and give you peace.

**C: Amen.**

### **Choral Sending**

***Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming***

### **Dismissal**

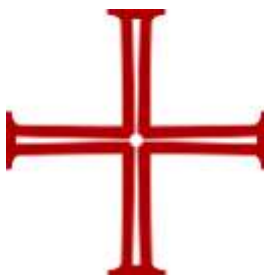
**A:** Go in peace. Share the good news.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

### **Postlude**

***Lo! He Comes with Clouds Descending***

**Carl Osterland**



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## **NEXT SUNDAY SERVICES**

December 13, 2020

**9:00 am “Drive In”**

**11:00 am “In Building”**

Gaudete/ The 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent  
Jesus and St. John the Baptist

## **READINGS**

Matthew 11:2-11 (Isaiah 40:1-11, 1 Corinthians 4:1-5)

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