

# THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

*Populus Zion*



DECEMBER 10, 2023

LEBANON LUTHERAN CHURCH

Lebanon Church, VA

## THE PREPARATION

*Stand*

*Matthew 28:19b; 18:20*

**P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

*Hebrews 10:22; Psalm 124:8; Psalm 32:5*

**P** 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.

**P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**C** who made heaven and earth.

**P** I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

**C** and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

*Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.*

**P** Almighty God, our maker and redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto You that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against You by thought, word, and deed. Wherefore we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**C** O most merciful God, who has given Your only-begotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Your Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of You and of Your will and true obedience to Your Word, to the end that by Your grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

**P** Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and has given His only Son to die for us and for His sake forgives us all our sins. To those who believe on His name He gives power to become the children of God and has promised them His Holy Spirit. He that believes and is baptized shall be saved.

Grant this, Lord, unto us all.

**C** **Amen.**

*Stand*

## SERVICE OF THE WORD

**Introit**

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

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!

**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.**

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The LORD will cause his majestic voice to be heard,  
and you shall have gladness of heart.

**Kyrie**

*Mark 10:47*

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

**Salutation and Collect of the Day**

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And with thy spirit.

**P** Let us pray.

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.

**C** Amen.

*Sit*

Ⓐ The Epistle is from Romans, chapter 15.

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

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, 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.”

And again it is said,

“Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people.”

And again,

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

And again Isaiah says,

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

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** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

### Gradual

*Psalm 50:2–3a, 5*

**P** 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!”

### Stand

### Verse

*Luke 21:26b–27*

**C** **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.**

### Holy Gospel

*Luke 21:25–36*

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

**C** **Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

[Jesus said:] “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, people fainting with fear and with foreboding of what is coming on the world. For 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. Now when these things begin to take place,

straighten up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.”

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

“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. For it will come upon all who dwell on the face of the whole earth. 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** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

#### Apostles' Creed

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

**I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord.**

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit,  
and born of the Virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

**He descended into hell.**

**On the third day He rose again.**

**He ascended into heaven**

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He 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.

*Sit*

Hymn of the Day

*The Advent of Our King*



1 The ad - vent of our King Our prayers must now em - ploy,  
2 The ev - er - last - ing Son In - car - nate deigns to be,  
3 O Zi - on's daugh - ter, rise To meet your low - ly King,  
4 As judge, on clouds of light, He soon will come a - gain



And we must hymns of wel - come sing In strains of ho - ly joy.  
Him - self a ser - vant's form puts on To set His ser - vants free.  
Nor let your faith - less heart de - spise The peace He comes to bring.  
And His true mem - bers all u - nite With Him in heav'n to reign.

5 Before the dawning day Let sin's dark deeds be gone,  
The sinful self be put away, The new self now put on.

△ 6 All glory to the Son, Who comes to set us free,  
With Father, Spirit, ever one Through all eternity.

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## Sermon

## Votum

*Philippians 4:7*

- P** The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.
- C** Amen.

*When the altar has been prepared, we stand for the Offertory.*

## Offertory

*Psalm 51:10–12*

- C** 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

# SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

## Preface

*2 Timothy 4:22; [Colossians 3:1]; [Psalm 136]*

- P** The Lord be with you.
- C** And with thy spirit.
- P** Lift up your hearts.
- C** We lift them up unto the Lord.
- P** Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.
- C** It is meet and right so to do.

## Proper Preface

### Sanctus

*Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9*

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

### The Words of Our Lord

### Lord's Prayer

### Pax Domini

*John 20:19*

- P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.  
**C** Amen.

### Agnus Dei

*John 1:29*

- C** 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*

### Administration

*Stand*

### Thanksgiving

*Psalm 107:1*

- P** O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,  
**C** and His mercy endureth forever.

## Post-Communion Collect

**P** Let us pray.

Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom which has no end; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

## Salutation

*2 Timothy 4:22*

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And with thy spirit.

## Benedicamus

*Psalm 103:1*

**P** Bless we the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Benediction

*Numbers 6:24–26*

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

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

**C** Amen.

## Dismissal

**P** The Service is ended, go in peace.

**C** Amen.

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## *Prayer Requests*

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Rev. Bill White, Fran Reidy, Steve Lowe, Margaret Daley, John Marshall, Mary Artz, Ruth Rickard, Kathryn Flynn, Roger Hockman, George and Rose Beauchesne, J.J. Peterson and family, Orville, for laborers for the Lord's Vineyard, for the Lutheran Church in the Valley, for vision for the stewardship of property, for a full-time pianist, for the restoration of civil peace in Ukraine and Israel.

## *Congregational Budget Information*

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Needed each week: \$3,173.71. Sunday, 12/3: \$3,147.

## *This Week*

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**Monday** – ZOOM Ephesians Bible Study, 10am. *POSSIBLY we will meet for "Death, Dying, and the Christian Tradition" at 7pm at the church.* This will depend on Marty White's availability. I will keep the congregation informed. If he is unavailable at that time, we will resume sometime after the Christmas holidays.

**Tuesday** – Service at The Maynard at 11am.

**Wednesday** – Matins at 8:15am, Confession and Absolution at 10am, NO VESPERS at 5:30pm – Pastor will be attending Ben's Band Concert.

**Thursday** – Outreach Meeting at 6m, Council Meeting at 7pm.

## *Looking Ahead*

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**There will be a second collection** for a care package for Kathryn if you missed out on the first... See Teresa Gochenour for details.



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