

**The Theme of Today’s Liturgy**

Our Redeemer comes mightily, not to frighten you but to “cause His glorious voice to be heard” and to give you “gladness of heart” (*Introit*). He is “the Sun of Righteousness” who comes with healing in His wings (*Old Testament*). This is why we are told the signs of His coming so that “when these things begin to happen” we might “look up and lift our heads, because Our Lord will “stir up our hearts and to make ready the way of His only begotten Son” (*Collect*).

**Introit** *Psalm 80:1, 3, 14, 17; antiphon: Isaiah 62:11b; 20:30, 29*



- P** Say to the daughter 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 cherubim, | shine forth.
- G** **Restore us, | O God; \***  
**let Your face shine upon us that we | may be saved!**
- P** Turn again, O | God of hosts! \*  
Look down from | heaven, and see.
- G** **But let Your hand be on the man of Your | right hand, \***  
**the Son of Man whom You have made strong | for Yourself.**
- G** **Glory be to the Father and | to the Son \***  
**and to the Holy | Spirit;**  
**as it was in the be- | ginning, \***  
**is now, and will be forever. | Amen.**
- P** Say to the daughter 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.

**Collect of the Day**

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.

**Old Testament Reading** *Malachi 4:1-6*

In those days the Lord said, “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. But for you who fear My name, the Sun of Righteousness shall rise with healing in His wings. You shall go out leaping like calves from the stall. 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.

“Remember the law of My servant Moses, the statutes and rules that I commanded him at Horeb for all Israel.

“Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the great and awesome day of the Lord comes. 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.”

- P** This is the Word of the Lord.
- G** **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.
- G** **“Gather to Me My | faithful ones, \***  
**who made a covenant with Me by | sacrifice.”**

**Epistle Reading** *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. 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.

- P** This is the Word of the Lord.
- G** **Thanks be to God.**

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Welcome to Epiphany  
Lutheran Church!

Here is where Jesus answers His promise to be with us always, by coming to us in His living and active Word and the Blessed Sacrament of His Body and Blood.

Parents of Small Children:  
We are very happy that you are here today, honoring Our Lord’s Words: “Let the little children come to Me and do not hinder them, for the Kingdom of God belongs to such as these” (Lk. 18:16). If you feel you must step out with a fussy child, please hurry back! Like Jesus, we want your children in the Divine Service, not out.

Visitors:  
Please introduce yourself to Pastor Beffrey and the congregation! We hope you’ll come back to Founders Hall after the service to share a cup of coffee and snack with us.

Who may Commune at Epiphany?  
The Sacrament of the Altar is offered at Epiphany every Lord’s Day and every Wednesday evening. The normal communicant is a confirmed member of a congregation of The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod (LCMS). Under no circumstances should an unbaptized person commune. If you are not a member of an LCMS congregation, or have not communed at Epiphany before, please speak with the Pastor or an Elder before the service begins.

Alleluia and Verse Luke 21:26b-27

Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.

The powers of heaven will be shaken,  
and they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with  
power and great glory.

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Holy Gospel Reading St. Luke 21:25-36

The Holy Gospel according to Saint Luke, the twenty-first chapter.

(♪) Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

At that time Jesus said to His disciples, “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.

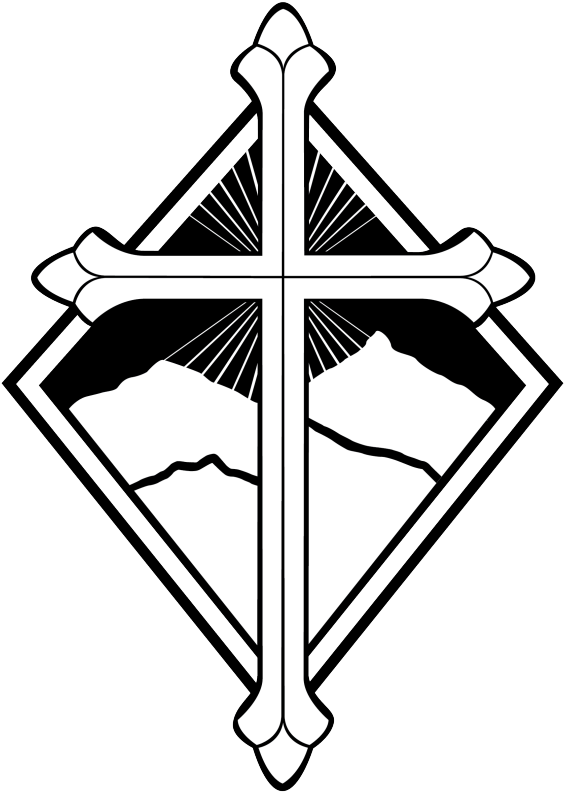
This is the Gospel of the Lord.

(♪) Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

Populus Zion

The Second Sunday of Advent

✠ Sunday 4 December Anno ✠ Domini 2022 ✠



Straighten up and raise up your heads, because your Redemption is drawing near.

—Luke 21:28

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