

Second Sunday in Advent

Populous Zion — People of Zion

Sunday, December 06, 2020, 9:30a.m.

Wednesday, December 09, 2020, 6:00p.m.

Bethlehem Ev. Lutheran Church, Altamont, IL

Rev. Marcus Manley

Elder: Dennis Guffey

Organist & Choir Dir.: Dean Manuel

Crucifer: Olliver Shoaf; Acolyte: Alec Jahraus; Book Bearer: John Manley

Ushers: Jeff Alwardt, Ronnie Putnam, Mike Wolff

Pre-Service Music

Ringing of Bells

Prelude – *Prelude on “Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus”* - Tune: Stuttgart

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Please stand and face the processional as it enters the sanctuary during the processional hymn.

Processional Hymn #353 *Jesus Came, the Heavens Adoring*

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Introit for the Second Sunday in Advent

Ps. 80:1, 3, 14, 17; antiphon: Is. 62:11b; 30:30, 29 (respond with the words in **bold**)

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.

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!

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♪ **The Gloria Patri**

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♪ **Kyrie**

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(Gloria In Excelsis is omitted during Advent)

♪ **Salutation**

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Collect for the Second Sunday in Advent

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.**

Please be seated

Old Testament Reading: Malachi 4:1-6

¹“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. ²But 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. ³And 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.

⁴“Remember the law of my servant Moses, the statutes and just decrees that I commanded him at Horeb for all Israel.

⁵“Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the great and awesome day of the LORD comes. ⁶And 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.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Ministry of Music - Choir - The Benedictus – *Song of Zechariah*
(December Hymn of the Month)

Epistle Reading: Romans 15:4-13

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

⁸For 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, ⁹and 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.”

¹⁰And again it is said,

“Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people.”

¹¹And again,

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

¹²And again Isaiah says,
“The root of Jesse will come,
even he who arises to rule the Gentiles;
in him will the Gentiles hope.”

¹³May 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.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand

C: ♪ *Alleluia. Alleluia. 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.*

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

²⁹And he told them a parable: “Look at the fig tree, and all the trees. ³⁰As soon as they come out in leaf, you see for yourselves and know that the summer is already near. ³¹So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. ³²Truly, I say to you, this generation will not pass away until all has taken place. ³³Heaven 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. ³⁵For it will come upon all who dwell on the face of the whole earth. ³⁶But 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.**

Nicene Creed

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Please be seated

Hymn of the Day #336 *Lo! He Comes with Clouds Descending*

Sermon Text: Luke 21:25-36

Title: “*Gaze We on Those Glorious Scars*”

Outline: **CAN YOU STAND IN THE PRESENCE OF THE SON OF MAN?**

- I. You can stand no matter the sign because you know who’s coming [vv. 25-33].
- II. You can stand on the last day because He has always caused you to stand in repentant faith by the never-passing-away-Word of God. [vv. 34-36].

Please stand

♪ **Offertory**

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Offering (*Offering plates will be located at the entrance of the sanctuary, you may place your gifts in the offering plates as you exit the building.*)

Offering Hymn #781 *We Give Thee But Thine Own* v. 1 & 2

Prayer of the Church *Response after each petition of the prayer:*

P: Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: Amen.

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Please be seated

Distribution

#333 *Once He Came in Blessing*

#355 *O Savior, Rend the Heavens Wide*

#341 *Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates*

Please stand

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♪ **Benediction**

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Announcements

Recessional Hymn #509 *Christ Is Surely Coming*

♪ **Closing Prayer**

Postlude