

# POPULUS ZION

MIDWEEK

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## OUR SAVIOR

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✠ Hymns ✠  
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546

**On receiving the Lord's Supper:** Our congregation is a member of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS), a family of congregations that pledge themselves to believe, teach, and confess the same faith. We believe that we are given a great responsibility to commune only those persons who are members of our confessional fellowship. We practice closed communion to exhibit unity in faith (Acts 2:42), to guard the uninstructed against a reception of the sacrament that will be harmful to them (1 Corinthians 11:27-29), and to keep the pastor from having to make “divine” decisions by determining who is a believer and who is not (2 Timothy 2:19). Therefore, we ask that only LCMS members, or members of churches in fellowship with us, commune at the altar of this church. We want to express our sincere welcome to our guests and assure them that we practice closed communion for their spiritual welfare. Guests desiring to learn more about our beliefs are asked to speak with our pastor.

**NOTE:** *During Advent, numerous portions of the liturgical responses are spoken, not chanted as usual, as we fast in this way in preparation for our coming Lord. If a response is lacking its usual musical notation in the bulletin, that means it is spoken. (e.g. The Salutation, Collect, Preface.) The Gloria in Excelsis goes away until we sing it again with the angels on Christmas Eve.*

### ✠ THE DIVINE SERVICE ✠

6:00pm

*Please silence all phones and devices before service begins.*

#### THE PRELUDE

*The bell tolls three times to signify the beginning of service in reverence of the Holy Trinity. After the tolls, the Processional Hymn will begin.*

*Please STAND and FACE THE PROCESSION as it passes.*

**THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN 346** *When All the World Was Cursed*

✠ THE PREPARATION ✠

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

ST. MATTHEW 28:19B; [18:20]

**Amen.**

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.

[HEBREWS 10:22]

*Please remain STANDING or KNEEL if you desire and are able*

Our help is in the name of the Lord,  
**who made heaven and earth.**

PSALM 124:8

I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the LORD,  
**and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

PSALM 32:5

*Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination. The pastor will resume...*

**O almighty God, merciful Father, I a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

[ST. JOHN 20:19-23]

*Please STAND*

✠ THE SERVICE OF THE WORD ✠

THE INTROIT

LITURGICAL TEXT; ISAIAH 30:30A; 29A, C; PSALM 80:1A



| People | of Zion: be- / hold the Lord is nigh  
At hand to / redeem the nations,

**And the LORD shall cause**

**His glorious voice / to be heârd,**

**And ye shall have / gladness of heart.-**

Give ear, O Shep- / herd of Israel:

Thou that ledest Jo- / seph like a flock.-

***Glory be to the Fa- / ther 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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At hand to / redeem the nations,

**And the LORD shall cause**

**His glorious voice / to be heârd,**

**And ye shall have / gladness of heart.-**

THE KYRIE

ST. MARK 10:47



Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -



on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

THE SALUTATION

2 TIMOTHY 4:22

The Lord be with you.

**And with thy spirit.**

## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Stir up, we beseech Thee, Thy power, O Lord, and come, that by Thy protection we may be rescued from the threatening perils of our sins and saved by Thy mighty deliverance; who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.

**Amen.**

*Please BE SEATED*

## THE EPISTLE

MALACHI 3:1-5; 4:1-6A

*Thus says the LORD God:* “Behold, I send My messenger, and he will prepare the way before Me. And the Lord, whom you seek, will suddenly come to His temple, even the Messenger of the covenant, in whom you delight. Behold, He is coming,” says the LORD of hosts. “But who can endure the day of His coming? And who can stand when He appears? For He is like a refiner’s fire and like launderers’ soap. He will sit as a refiner and a purifier of silver; He will purify the sons of Levi, and purge them as gold and silver, that they may offer to the LORD an offering in righteousness. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasant to the LORD, as in the days of old, as in former years. And I will come near you for judgment; I will be a swift witness against sorcerers, against adulterers, against perjurers, against those who exploit wage earners and widows and orphans, and against those who turn away an alien—because they do not fear Me,” says the LORD of hosts.

“For behold, the day is coming, burning like an oven, and all the proud, yes, all who do wickedly will be stubble. And the day which is coming shall burn them up,” says the LORD of hosts, “that will leave them neither root nor branch. But to you who fear My name the Sun of Righteousness shall arise with healing in His wings; and you shall go out and grow fat like stall-fed calves. You shall trample the wicked, for they shall be ashes under the soles of your feet on the day that I do this,” says the

LORD of hosts. “Remember the Law of Moses, My servant, which I commanded him in Horeb for all Israel, with the statutes and judgments. Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the LORD. And he will turn the hearts of the fathers to the children, and the hearts of the children to their fathers,” says the LORD Almighty.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Please STAND*

## THE GRADUAL AND ALLELUIA VERSE PSALM 50:2-3A, 5; 122:1-2



Out of Zion, the perfection of / beauty, God hath shined.

- / Our God shall come.—

**Gather My saints to- / gether unto Me;**

**Those that have made a  
covenant / with Me by sacrifice.**

- / Alleluia.

- / Alle-luia.

**I was glad when they said / unto m<sup>ê</sup>,**

**Let us go into the house of the LORD. / Alle-luia.**

## THE HOLY GOSPEL

ST. MATTHEW 11:11-15

The Lord be with you.

**And with thy spirit.**

The continuation of the ✠ Holy Gospel ✠ according to  
✠ Saint Matthew.

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

✠ *At that time Jesus said to His disciples and the multitude of the Jews:* “Assuredly, I say to you, among those born of women there has not risen one greater than John the Baptist; but he who is least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he. And from the days of

John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven suffers violence, and the violent take it by force. For all the prophets and the law prophesied until John. And if you are willing to receive it, he is Elijah who is to come. He who has ears to hear, let him hear!"

This is the Gospel of the Lord.  
Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

### THE NICENE CREED

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven *and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man*; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the  $\text{✝}$  life of the world to come. Amen.

*Please BE SEATED*

THE HYMN OF THE DAY      338 *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus*

### THE SERMON

*Please STAND*

### THE OFFERTORY

PSALM 51:10-12



Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -  
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -  
way from Thy pres-ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it  
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -  
tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir-it. A - men.

### THE OFFERTORY VERSE

PSALM 85:6-7



Wilt Thou not revive / us again,  
that Thy peo- / ple may rejoice in Thee?  
Show us Thy mer- / cy, O LÔRD,  
and grant / us Thy salvation.

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### THE OFFERING

*Please STAND*

### THE PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

[I TIMOTHY 2:1-4]

*After each bid:* Let us pray to the Lord.  
Lord, have mercy.

*At the conclusion:* O Lord, ... one God, now and forever.  
Amen.

# THE SERVICE OF ✠ THE SACRAMENT OF THE ALTAR ✠

## THE PREFACE

The Lord be with you. 2 TIMOTHY 4:22  
**And with thy spirit.**

Lift up your hearts. [COLOSSIANS 3:1]  
**We lift them up unto the LORD.**

Let us give thanks unto the LORD our God. [PSALM 136]  
**It is meet and right so to do.**

It is truly meet, right, and salutary... praising You and saying:

## THE SANCTUS ISAIAH 6:3; ST. MATTHEW 21:9

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;  
 heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,  
 ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. ✠ Bless - ed is He,  
 bless - ed is He, bless - ed is He that com - eth in the name of the Lord.  
 Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

*Please remain STANDING or KNEEL if you desire and are able*

## THE LORD'S PRAYER ST. MATTHEW 6:9-13

## THE WORDS OF CHRIST'S TESTAMENT ST. MATTHEW 26:26-28; ST. MARK 14:22-24; ST. LUKE 22:19-20; 1 CORINTHIANS 11:23-25

## THE PAX DOMINI ST. JOHN 20:19

The ✠ peace of the Lord be with you always.  
**Amen.**

## THE AGNUS DEI ST. JOHN 1:29

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a - way the sin of the  
 world, have mer - cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that  
 tak - est a - way the sin of the world, have mer - cy up - on us.  
 O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a - way the sin of the  
 world, grant us Thy peace. A - men.

*Communion Distribution: Our congregation practices closed communion for the spiritual welfare of our members and guests. Please refer to page 1 of this bulletin for further explanation or speak to our pastor.*

## THE COMMUNION VERSE BARUCH 5:5A; 4:36B

Arise, O Jerusa- / lem, and stand on high,  
 and behold the joy that cometh un- / to thee from God.—

Please BE SEATED

### THE COMMUNION HYMN

546 *O Jesus So Sweet, O Jesus So Mild*

Please STAND

### THE NUNC DIMITTIS

ST. LUKE 2:29-32

Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de - part in peace ac-  
 cord - ing to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,  
 which Thou hast pre - pared be - fore the face of all people,  
 a light to light - en the Gen - tles and the glo - ry of Thy  
 peo - ple Is - ra - el. Glo - ry be to the Father and  
 to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the beginning,  
 is now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men.

### THE THANKSGIVING

PSALM 107:1

Oh, give thanks unto the LORD for He is good.  
**And His mercy endureth forever.**

Let us pray. O Lord, we humbly pray Thee that, having been replenished with spiritual food and drink, Thou wouldst teach us by participation in this mystery to despise earthly things and love that which is heavenly; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.

**Amen.**

### THE SALUTATION

2 TIMOTHY 4:22

The Lord be with you.  
**And with thy spirit.**

### THE BENEDICAMUS

[PSALM 103:1]

Bless we the LORD.  
**Thanks be to God.**

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### THE BENEDICTION

NUMBERS 6:24-26

The LORD bless you and keep you.  
The LORD make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.  
The LORD lift up His countenance upon you and ☩ give you peace.  
**Amen. Amen. Amen.**

*Please STAND*

### THE RETIRING PROCESSION WITH POSTLUDE

*Please FACE THE PROCESSION as it passes.  
Once the Procession reaches the narthex, you may depart in ☩ peace.*



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