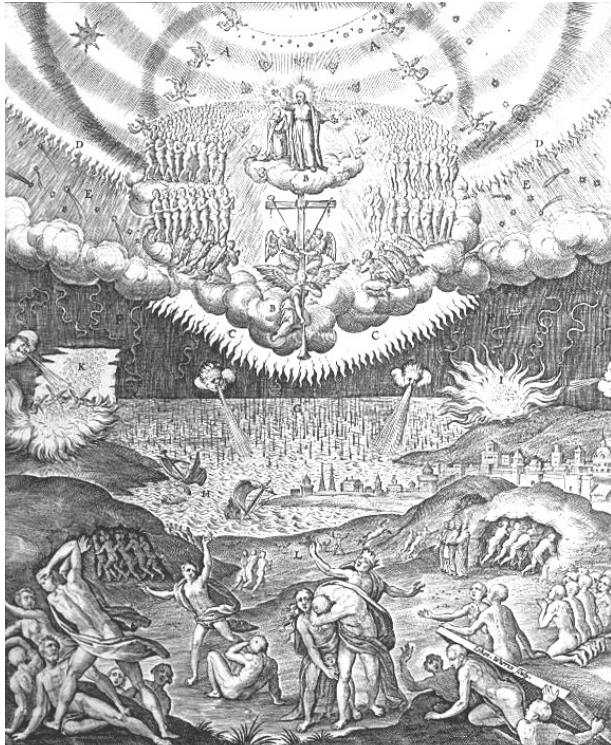


# POPULUS ZION

## THE SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT Sunday 6 December A✠D 2020



## ABIDING SAVIOR/ MOUNT OLIVE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Rev. Jonathan C. McCall, Pastor

**Abiding Savior/Mount Olive Evangelical Lutheran Church** is a combined congregation of the English District of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod. We are committed to the Gospel of Jesus Christ fully presented in the Holy Scriptures, rightly explained in the Lutheran Confessions, and reverently proclaimed in the Divine Service.

**Visitors, welcome!** We follow a traditional Lutheran order of service, which is based on Holy Scripture and historical practice. The order of service in this bulletin is taken from *Lutheran Service Book* (LSB) Divine Service Setting Three. Please feel free to ask any member of the congregation for help if this is new to you.

**This morning we will celebrate Holy Communion.** Because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm and because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, we ask that any who have not received Holy Communion from Pastor McCall and desire to receive the Sacrament to first speak with the pastor. Those not communing with us today are welcome to come to the altar during The Distribution to receive a blessing, crossing the arms over the chest once knelt to indicate such a desire.

Individuals needing pastoral care including private confession and absolution can contact **Pastor Jonathan McCall** at (216) 618-1811 or [rev.mccall@pm.me](mailto:rev.mccall@pm.me)



## ✠ THE DIVINE SERVICE ✠

10:30am

### 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 (beginning at the rear of the nave).*

### PROCESSIONAL HYMN

**331** *The Advent of Our King*

✠ THE PREPARATION ✠

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

**Amen.**

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

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 (HEBRÄER) 10:22]

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

PSALM (DER PSALTER) 124:8

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

PSALM (DER PSALTER) 32:5

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

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 (JOHANNES) 20:19-23]



✠ THE SERVICE OF THE WORD ✠

INTROIT

PSALM (DER PSALTER) 80:1, 3, 14, 17;

ANTIPHON: ISAIAH (JESAJA) 62:11B; 30:30, 29



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!**

*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.

Say to the daughter of | Zion,\*

“Behold, your sal- | vation comes.”

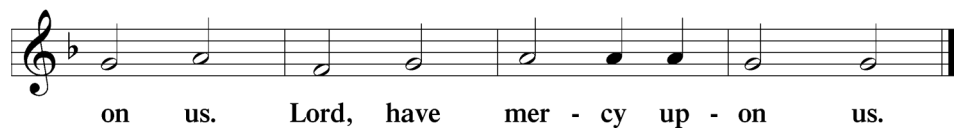
**The LORD will cause his majestic voice | to be heard,\*  
and you shall have glad- | ness of heart.**

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ST. MARK (MARKUS) 10:47



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



GLORIA IN EXCELSIS *is omitted during Advent.*

**SALUTATION**

2 TIMOTHY (2. BUCH TIMOTHEUS) 4:22

The Lord be with you.



**COLLECT OF THE DAY**

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.



*SIT*

**OLD TESTAMENT**

MALACHI (MALEACHI) 4:1-6

*In those days, the prophet Malachi said,* <sup>1</sup>“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.”

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**GRADUAL**

PSALM (DER PSALTER) 50:2-3A, 5



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!”**

**EPISTLE**

ROMANS (RÖMER) 15:4-13

*Brethren:* <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 all 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.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

STAND

**ALLELUIA VERSE**

ST. LUKE (LUKAS) 21:26B-27



Alle- | luia.\*

Alle- | luia.

**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. Alle- | luia.**

**HOLY GOSPEL**

ST. LUKE (LUKAS) 21:25-36

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



Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

✠ *At that time, Jesus said to the Jewish crowds,* <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>34</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.”

This is the Gospel of the Lord.



Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

**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 ✝ life of the world to come. Amen.

*SIT*

**HYMN OF THE DAY**      336 *Lo! He Comes with Clouds Descending*

**SERMON**

*STAND*

**OFFERTORY**

PSALM (DER PSALTER) 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.

**OFFERING** — *Before or after the service, you may place your offering in the congregation respective plates available near the front of the nave close to the exit doors. They are labeled according to congregation membership: Abiding Savior—wooden; Mount Olive—brass.*

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**      [1 TIMOTHY (I. BUCH TIMOTHEUS) 2:1-4]

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

**Lord, have mercy.**

*At the conclusion:* O Lord, heavenly Father, we here remember the sufferings and death of Your dear Son, Jesus Christ, for our salvation. Praising His victorious resurrection from the dead, we draw strength from His ascension before You, where He ever stands for us as our own high priest. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the Marriage Feast of the Lamb in His Kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers, deliver and preserve us, for to You alone we give all glory, honor, and worship, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. .

**Amen.**

*SIT*

**HYMN**

514 *The Bridegroom Soon Will Call Us*

*STAND*

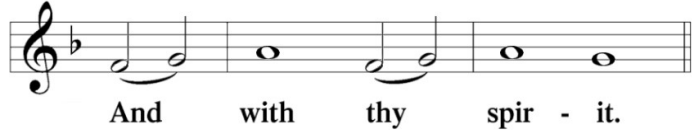


# THE SERVICE OF ✠ THE SACRAMENT OF THE ALTAR ✠

## PREFACE

The Lord be with you.

2 TIMOTHY (2. BUCH TIMOTHEUS) 4:22



Lift up your hearts.

[COLOSSIANS (KOLOSSER) 3:1]



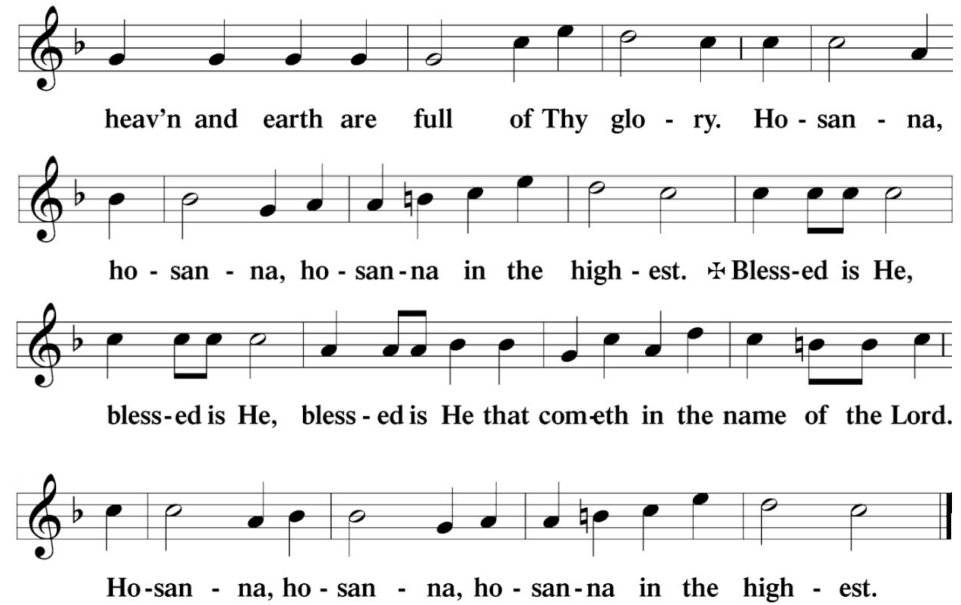
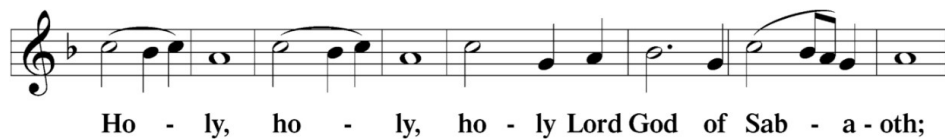
Let us give thanks unto the LORD our God. [PSALM (DER PSALTER) 136]



It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks unto You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord, whose way John the Baptist prepared, proclaiming Him the promised Messiah, the very Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world, and calling sinners to repentance that they might escape from the wrath to be revealed when He comes again in glory. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious Name, evermore praising You and saying:

## SANCTUS

ISAIAH (JESAJA) 6:3; ST. MATTHEW (MATTHÄUS) 21:9



## LORD'S PRAYER

ST. MATTHEW (MATTHÄUS) 6:9-13

**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**

## WORDS OF CHRIST'S TESTAMENT

ST. MATTHEW (MATTHÄUS) 26:26-28; ST. MARK (MARKUS) 14:22-24;  
ST. LUKE (LUKAS) 22:19-20; 1 CORINTHIANS (I. BUCH KORINTHNER) 11:23-25

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: TAKE, EAT, ✠ THIS IS MY BODY, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me.

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying, DRINK OF IT, ALL OF YOU; ✠ THIS CUP IS THE NEW TESTAMENT IN MY BLOOD, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.

**PAX DOMINI**

ST. JOHN (JOHANNES) 20:19

The ✠ peace of the Lord be with you always.

A - men.

**AGNUS DEI**

ST. JOHN (JOHANNES) 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.

SIT

**DISTRIBUTION HYMNS**

- 621 *Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence*
- 355 *O Savior, Rend the Heavens Wide*
- 353 *Jesus Came, the Heavens Adoring*

STAND

**NUNC DIMITTIS**

ST. LUKE (LUKAS) 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 - tiles 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 without end. A-men.

**THANKSGIVING**

PSALM (DER PSALTER) 107:1

Oh, give thanks unto the LORD for He is good.

and His mercy endureth for - ev - er.

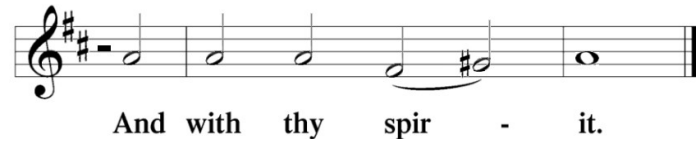
Let us pray. We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift; and we beseech You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



**SALUTATION**

2 TIMOTHY (2. BUCH TIMOTHEUS) 4:22

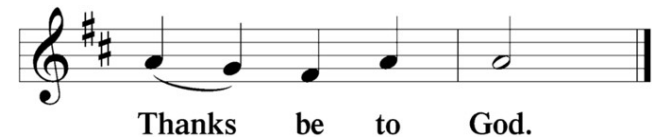
The Lord be with you.



**BENEDICAMUS**

[PSALM (DER PSALTER) 103:1]

Bless we the LORD.



**BENEDICTION**

NUMBERS (4. BUCH MOSE) 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.



**RETIRING PROCESSION WITH POSTLUDE**

Once the Retiring Procession reaches the narthex, depart in ☩ peace.

*What you may notice to be different today:* **Acolyte** - Since the infant days of the Church, pastors have raised up assistants so that their focus could be more dedicated to the duties of the Ministry of Word and Sacrament (see Acts 6/*Apostelgeschichte* 6). As the Church grew in its early years and the Divine Service became more intricate and involved, assistants became valuable all the more. So, the men installed into the Office of Pastor trained up other young men from within the Church to serve under their authority (as the ordained and called servants of Christ) within the Divine Service. These young men were deemed “Acolytes”, a term derived from the Greek word ἀκόλουθος (akolouthos), which literally means “follower”. The position of *acolyte* in the service of the Church has for many, many centuries given these young men the opportunity to *follow* in the footsteps of the pastor in the Divine Service, to aid Christ’s servant in his duties, and to also give these *followers* the opportunity to get close to the focal events of the Divine Service in the chancel, thus aiding them as a possible first step toward becoming pastors eventually themselves. This pattern is also seen in the Old Testament prophet Samuel’s young days as he *followed* Eli the priest in the service of the temple of the LORD (see 1 Samuel 3/1. *Buch Samuel* 3).

The use of acolytes in the Divine Service is a practice dating back over 1,700 years, with first mentions of them coming in the third century AD. And it was a welcomed continuance in the Lutheran churches during the time of the Reformation.

Most acolyte responsibilities are limited to the lighting and extinguishing of candles before and after Divine Service, respectively, but in our combined service, our *acolyte* will also serve as *crucifer*.

A **crucifer** is the (often young, but not always) man who carries the **processional crucifix**. Christ and Him Crucified, as portrayed boldly and artistically in the carved wooden crucifix that we use, leads the way into and out of Divine Service as the man ordained and installed into the Office of Christ, in our case Pastor McCall, enters the holy place of God to bring Christ’s Word and Sacrament to the people of the Lord. The Gospel Procession, the reading of the Holy Gospel, is another place in Divine Service in which the crucifer leads the way with the processional crucifix as the Holy Gospel, the very words of Jesus Christ Himself, makes its way out to be proclaimed in the midst of those who dwell on earth. This is a magnificent physical reminder that the Son of God came down from heaven, was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary, and was made Man. This God-Man dwelt among us and we behold His glory as His precious Gospel is proclaimed into our ears! (see John 1/*Johannes* 1).