

**Communion Practice:** We believe that Christ is truly present in Holy Communion and, as we try to be faithful to Christ in the serving of this Sacrament, we ask that people be instructed before receiving Holy Communion. All confirmed members of this parish, who have been regularly examined by the Pastor, are welcome to partake of the Holy Eucharist today. We also welcome the members who are in good standing of any of the parishes served by the Bishops, Pastors, and Deacons of The Evangelical Lutheran Diocese of North America (ELDoNA), and who have spoken to the Pastor prior to the service. Members of other Lutheran parishes or other denominations are kindly asked to refrain from communing today. The Pastor would be glad to make an appointment with anyone to discuss our teachings and/or our parish.

#### **A Prayer upon Entering Church**

Almighty, Ever-Living God, grant that I may gladly hear Thy Word and that all my worship may be acceptable unto Thee; through Jesus Christ, my Lord. Amen.

#### **A Prayer before Communion**

Dear Savior, upon Thy gracious invitation I come to Thine Altar. Let me find favor in Thine eyes that I may approach Thy Table in true faith and receive the Sacrament to the salvation of my soul. Amen.

#### **A Prayer after Communion**

O Thou blessed Savior Jesus Christ, Who hast given Thyself to me in this holy Sacrament, keep me in Thy faith and favor; as Thou livest in me, let me also live in Thee. May Thy holy Body and Blood preserve me in the true faith unto everlasting life. Amen.

#### **A Prayer at the Close of the Service**

Grant, I beseech Thee, Almighty God, that the Word which I have heard this day may through Thy grace be so engrafted in my heart that I may bring forth the fruit of the Spirit; through Jesus Christ, my Lord. Amen.

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Populus Sion  
December 10<sup>th</sup>, 2017

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*Heaven and earth will pass away, but My Words  
will not pass away. St. Luke 21:33*



not because you would be free, from sin, but because in the face of that day you cannot sin free and untrammelled. See to it that the light within you be not darkness. For a heart that would be truly free from sin will certainly rejoice in the day that fulfills its desire. If the heart does not so rejoice there is no true desire to be loosed from its sin.

Therefore, we must above all things lay aside all hatred and abhorrence of this day, and exercise diligence that we may really desire to have our sins taken away. When this is done, we may not only calmly await the day, but with heartfelt desire and joy pray for it and say, ‘Thy kingdom come, thy will be done.’ In this you must cast aside all feelings and conceit, hold fast to the comforting words of Christ, and rest in them alone.” *From the Church Postil for Populus Sion, 1522.*

### In Our Prayers:

- For all those who are sick or infirmed, especially, *Rev. Ned Brockwell, Lynne Smith, Ben Smith, Doug Schultz, Denise Heiser, Rev. Donald Hunter, Emily Benson, Orlin Palm, Donna Dorgelo, Nancy, Pat, Caroline, Rev. Mark Mueller, Eleanor Smolen, Jo Kope, Mike Miller, Rev. Eric Stefanski, Marie Scheck, Paul Meadows, David Benson, Diana Eliason, and Vince Bost.*
- For our bishop, the *Rt. Rev. James D. Heiser.*
- For the parishes served by our diocese, especially, *Christ Ev. Lutheran Church, Richmond, MO,* and her pastor, the *Rev. Charles D. Hudson.*
- For our seminary, *St. Ignatius Evangelical Theological Lutheran Seminary,* and her seminarian, *Josiah Scheck.*
- For our catechumens, especially *Richard Noegel.*
- For all those who serve in the military, especially, *Luke Sekula* and *Nicholas Silva.*
- For those struggling with addiction, especially, *Thomas Allred.*
- For those near death.
- For those celebrating a birthday this week, especially *Virgil Siler.*
- For those celebrating an anniversary this week.
- For those traveling this week.

## Announcements

### Daily Readings for the Week after Populus Sion

	<b>Morning</b>	<b>Evening</b>
<b>Today</b>	Isaiah 37-38; Luke 1:26-35	Isaiah 39-40; Romans 2:1-16
<b>Monday:</b>	Isaiah 41-42; Acts 17:16-24	Isaiah 43-44; 1 Chronicles 17:1-27
<b>Tuesday:</b>	Isaiah 45-46; 1 John 4:9-16	Isaiah 47-48; 2 Chronicles 7:11-22
<b>Wednesday:</b>	Isaiah 49-50; Col. 1:1-8	Isaiah 51-52; Isaiah 11:1-10
<b>Thursday:</b>	Isaiah 53-54; Phil. 2:12-18	Isaiah 55-56; Jeremiah 23:2-8
<b>Friday:</b>	Isaiah 57-58; Phil. 3:12-16	Isaiah 59-60; Jeremiah 30:1-22
<b>Saturday:</b>	Isaiah 61-62; Col. 3:1-11	Isaiah 63-64; Jeremiah 33:14-26

### Praying the Psalter Daily in Matins and Vespers:

	<b>Morning</b>	<b>Evening</b>
<b>Today:</b>	Psalms 42, 52-54	Psalms 91, 55-57
<b>Monday:</b>	Psalms 42, 58-59	Psalms 91, 60-63
<b>Tuesday:</b>	Psalms 42, 64-65	Psalms 91, 66-68
<b>Wednesday:</b>	Psalms 42, 69	Psalms 91, 70-72
<b>Thursday:</b>	Psalms 42, 73	Psalms 91, 74-76
<b>Friday:</b>	Psalms 42, 77	Psalms 91, 78
<b>Saturday:</b>	Psalms 42, 79-80	Psalms 98, 81-83

### Book of Concord Readings for the Week:

<b>Monday:</b>	The Large Catechism, Preface.1-10
<b>Tuesday:</b>	The Large Catechism, Preface.11—Short Preface.6
<b>Wednesday:</b>	The Large Catechism, Intro.1-28
<b>Thursday:</b>	The Large Catechism, I.1-15
<b>Friday:</b>	The Large Catechism, I.16-29

### Reciting the Catechism Daily:

<b>Sunday:</b>	Ten Commandments, Apostle’s Creed, Lord’s Prayer
<b>Monday:</b>	Baptism, Confession, Lord’s Supper
<b>Tuesday:</b>	Morning & Evening Prayer; Prayers Before & After Meals

**Wednesday:** Table of Duties I—Bishops, Pastors, & Preachers; What the Hearers Owe Their Pastors; Of Civil Government; Of Subjects

**Thursday:** Table of Duties II—To Husbands; To Wives; To Parents; To Children; To Servants, Hired Men & Employees; To Employers; To the Young in General; To Widows; To All in Common

**Friday:** How One Should Be Taught to Confess

**Saturday:** Christian Questions with Their Answers

### Hymns for the Week:

**Morning:** TLH 67—“The Bridegroom Soon Will Call Us”

**Evening:** TLH 446—“Rise, My Soul, to Watch and Pray”

### Calendar for the Week after Populus Sion

**Today: Populus Sion, The Second Sunday in Advent—Violet**

10:00 a.m. Divine Service

11:15 a.m. Bible Study

11:30 a.m. Vestry Meeting

**Monday:** No Events Scheduled

**Tuesday:** No Events Scheduled

**Wednesday: The Festival of St. Lucia of Syracuse, Virgin and**

**Martyr—Red**

7:00 p.m. Midweek Advent Vespers

**Thursday:** No Events Scheduled

**Friday:** No Events Scheduled

**Saturday:** Virgil Siler’s Birthday

**Next Sunday: Gaudete, The Third Sunday in Advent—Violet**

10:00 a.m. Divine Service

11:15 a.m. Bible Study

### The Lutheran Herald

The December issue of “The Lutheran Herald,” the devotional booklet of the ELDoNA, is now available. It can be found on Facebook at: <http://tinyurl.com/LutheranHerald>. There are also printed copies in the back of the nave.

### St. Ignatius Evangelical Lutheran Theological Seminary

The winter quarter of our seminarian’s last year has begun. Please keep the seminary and the seminarian in your prayers. “Therefore pray the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest (Matt. 9:38).”

### Vestry Meeting

A Vestry meeting is scheduled for today after Bible study. We will discuss finding a new location, and elect vestry positions for 2018, and the ELDoNA Colloquium in January.

### Needs for the McCall Hospice House

There is an urgent need at the hospice house for the following items: Hard Candy (individually wrapped) any kind, mints included; Chips, individual size, any kind; Ponytail Holders; Notebooks and notepads; Men’s deodorant; Hair brushes; Q-Tips; Toothpaste, in regular and travel size; and Individual teeth flossers.

Other needs for in-home patients: XL Twin Sheet Sets; Ensure, any kind; and Baby wipes and adult wipes. Please give all collected items to Mike Miller.

### To Read in Observance for this week’s Festivals:

**Today—Populus Sion, The Second Sunday in Advent**

**Old Testament Lesson:** Micah 4:1-7

**Epistle:** Romans 15:4-13

**Holy Gospel:** St. Luke 21:25-36

**December 13<sup>th</sup>—The Festival of St. Lucia of Syracuse, Virgin and Martyr**

**Old Testament Lesson:** Ecclesiasticus 51:1-7

**Epistle:** 2 Corinthians 10:17—11:2

**Holy Gospel:** St. Matthew 13:44-52

**December 17<sup>th</sup>—Gaudete, The Third Sunday in Advent**

**Old Testament Lesson:** Malachi 3:1-6

**Epistle:** 1 Corinthians 4:1-5

**Holy Gospel:** St. Matthew 11:2-10

### An Excerpt from Martin Luther’s Sermons

“There is no one so well prepared for the judgment day as he who longs to be without sin. If you have such, desire, what do you fear? You are then in perfect accord with the purpose of that day. It comes to set free from sin all who desire it, and you belong to that number. Return thanks to God and abide in that desire. Christ says His coming is for our redemption. But do not deceive yourself and be satisfied, perhaps, with the simple desire to be free from sin and to await the coming of the day without fear. Perhaps your heart is false and you are filled with fear,

# POPULUS SION

December 10<sup>th</sup>, 2017



## Introit

P: DAUGH- TER - || - | of | Zi- | on, \*

C: Behold, surely your salva- tion | is - | com- | ing.

P: || The Lord will cause His glorious voice | to | be | heard,\*

C: And you shall have | glad- | ness - | of | heart. (*Isaiah 62:11; 30:30, 29a,b*)

P: || Give ear, O Shepherd of | Is- | ra- | el, \*

C: You who lead Ja- | cob | like - | a | flock.

P: || Restore | us, | O | God; \*

C: Cause Your face to shine, and | we | shall - | be | saved!

P: || Return, we beseech You, O | God | of | Hosts, \*

C: Look down from | heav- | en - | and | see.

P: || Let Your hand be upon the Man of | Your | right | hand, \*

C: Upon the Son of Man whom You made | strong | for - | Your- | self.  
(*Psalms 80:1a, 3, 14, 17*)

## GLORIA PATRI (From Hymnal)

P: || Daughter | of | Zi- | on, \*

C: Behold, surely your salva- tion | is - | com- | ing.

P: || The Lord will cause His glorious voice | to | be | heard,\*

C: And you shall have | glad- | ness - | of | heart. (*Isaiah 62:11; 30:30, 29a,b*)

## Collect

Stir up our hearts, O Lord, to make ready the way of Thine Only-Begotten Son, so that by His coming we may be enabled to serve Thee with pure minds; through the same Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, Who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.

## Collect for the Season of Advent

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.



## Gradual

P: || Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty, God | will | shine | forth: \*

C: Our | — | God - | shall | come.

P: || Gather My saints together | un- | to | Me, \*

C: Those who have made a covenant with Me | by | sa- - | cri- | fice.  
(*Psalms 50:2-3a, 5*)

## Verse

P: || Al- | le- | lu- | ia! \*

C: Al- | — | le- - | lu- | ia!

P: || The powers of heaven will | be | shak- | en. \*

C: Then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. | Al- | le- - | lu- | ia! (*St. Luke 21:26c-27*)

## Micah 4:1-7

<sup>1</sup> Now it shall come to pass in the latter days that the mountain of the LORD's house shall be established on the top of the mountains, and shall be exalted above the hills; and peoples shall flow to it. <sup>2</sup> Many nations shall come and say, "Come, and let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob; He will teach us His ways, and we shall walk in His paths." For out of Zion the law shall go forth, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem. <sup>3</sup> He shall judge between many peoples, and rebuke strong nations afar off; they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; Nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more. <sup>4</sup> But everyone shall sit under his vine and under his fig tree, and no one shall make them afraid; For the mouth of the LORD of hosts has spoken. <sup>5</sup> For all people walk each in the name of his god, but we will walk in the name of the LORD our God forever and ever. <sup>6</sup> "In that day," says the LORD, "I will assemble the lame, I will gather the outcast and those whom I have afflicted; <sup>7</sup> I will make the lame a remnant, and the outcast a strong nation; So the LORD will reign over them in Mount Zion from now on, even forever."

## Romans 15:4-13

<sup>4</sup> For whatever things were written before were written for our learning, that we through the patience and comfort of the Scriptures might have hope. <sup>5</sup> Now may the God of patience and comfort grant you to be like-minded toward one another, according to Christ Jesus, <sup>6</sup> that you may with one mind and one mouth glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>7</sup> Therefore receive one another, just as Christ also received us, to the glory of God. <sup>8</sup> Now I say that Jesus Christ has become a servant to the circumcision for the truth of God, to confirm the promises made to the fathers, <sup>9</sup> and that the Gentiles might glorify God for His mercy, as it is

written: "For this reason I will confess to You among the Gentiles, and sing to Your name." <sup>10</sup> And again he says: "Rejoice, O Gentiles, with His people!" <sup>11</sup> And again: "Praise the LORD, all you Gentiles! Laud Him, all you peoples!" <sup>12</sup> And again, Isaiah says: "There shall be a root of Jesse; And He who shall rise to reign over the Gentiles, in Him the Gentiles shall hope." <sup>13</sup> Now may the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

## St. Luke 21:25-36

<sup>25</sup> "And there will be signs in the sun, in the moon, and in the stars; and on the earth distress of nations, with perplexity, the sea and the waves roaring; <sup>26</sup> men's hearts failing them from fear and the expectation of those things which are coming on the earth, for the powers of heaven will be shaken. <sup>27</sup> 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 happen, look up and lift up your heads, because your redemption draws near." <sup>29</sup> Then He spoke to them a parable, "Look at the fig tree, and all the trees. <sup>30</sup> When they are already budding, you see and know for yourselves that summer is now near. <sup>31</sup> So you also, when you see these things happening, know that the kingdom of God is near. <sup>32</sup> Truly, I say to you, this generation will by no means pass away till all things take place. <sup>33</sup> Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will by no means pass away. <sup>34</sup> But take heed to yourselves, lest your hearts be weighed down with carousing, drunkenness, and cares of this life, and that Day come on you unexpectedly. <sup>35</sup> For it will come as a snare on all those who dwell on the face of the whole earth. <sup>36</sup> Watch therefore, and pray always that you may be counted worthy to escape all these things that will come to pass, and to stand before the Son of Man."

**TLH 611 “The Day Is Surely Drawing Near”**

Bartholomäus Ringwaldt, 1586

1. The day is surely drawing near  
When God’s Son, the Anointed,  
Shall with great majesty appear  
As Judge of all appointed.  
All mirth and laughter then shall cease  
When flames on flames will still increase,  
As Scripture truly teacheth.
2. A trumpet loud shall then resound  
And all the earth be shaken.  
Then all who in their graves are found  
Shall from their sleep awaken;  
But all that live shall in that hour  
By the Almighty’s boundless pow’r  
Be changed at His commanding.
3. A book is opened then to all,  
A record truly telling  
What each hath done, both great and small,  
When he on earth was dwelling;  
And ev’ry heart be clearly seen,  
And all be known as they have been  
In tho’ts and words and actions.
4. Then woe to those who scorned the Lord  
And sought but carnal pleasures,  
Who here despised His precious Word  
And loved their earthly treasures!  
With shame and trembling they will stand  
And at the Judge’s stern command  
To Satan be delivered.
5. O Jesus, who my debt didst pay  
And for my sin wast smitten,  
Within the Book of Life, oh, may  
My name be also written!  
I will not doubt; I trust in Thee,  
From Satan Thou hast made me free  
And from all condemnation.
6. Therefore my Intercessor be  
And for Thy blood and merit  
Declare my name from judgment free  
With all who life inherit,  
That I may see Thee face to face  
With all Thy saints in that blest place  
Which Thou for us hast purchased.
7. O Jesus Christ, do not delay,  
But hasten our salvation;  
We often tremble on our way

In fear and tribulation.

Then hear us when we cry to Thee;  
Come, mighty Judge, and make us free  
From every evil! Amen. Amen.

**TLH 67 “The Bridegroom Soon Will Call Us”**

Johann Walther, 1552

1. The Bridegroom soon will call us:  
Come, all ye wedding-guests!  
May not His voice appal us  
While slumber binds our breasts!  
May all our lamps be burning  
And oil be found in store  
That we, with Him returning,  
May open find the door!
2. There shall we see delighted  
Our dear Redeemer’s face,  
Who leads our souls benighted  
To glory by His grace.  
The patriarchs shall meet us,  
The prophets’ holy band,  
Apostles, martyrs, greet us  
In that celestial land.
3. They will not blush to own us  
As brothers, sisters dear;  
Love ever will be shown us  
When we with them appear.  
We all shall come before Him  
Who for us man became,  
As Lord and God adore Him,  
And ever bless His Name.
4. Our Father, rich in blessing,  
Will give us crowns of gold  
And, to His bosom pressing,  
Impart a bliss untold,  
Will welcome with embraces  
Of never-ending love,  
And deck us with His graces  
In blissful realms above.
5. In yonder home shall never  
Be silent music’s voice;  
With hearts and lips forever  
We shall in God rejoice.  
The angels shall adore Him,  
All saints shall sing His praise  
And bring with joy before Him  
Their sweetest heavenly lays.

6. In mansions fair and spacious  
Will God the feast prepare  
And, ever kind and gracious,  
Bid us its riches share.  
There bliss that knows no measure  
From springs of love shall flow,  
And never-changing pleasure  
His bounty will bestow.

7. Thus God shall from all evil  
Forever make us free,  
From sin, and from the devil,  
From all adversity,  
From sickness, pain, and sadness,  
From troubles, cares, and fears,  
And grant us heavenly gladness  
And wipe away our tears. Amen.

**TLH 446 “Rise, My Soul, to Watch and Pray”**  
Johann B. Freystein, 1697

1. Rise, my soul, to watch and pray,  
From thy sleep awaken;  
Be not by the evil day  
Unawares o’ertaken.  
For the Foe,  
Well we know,  
Oft his harvest reapeth  
While the Christian sleepeth.

2. Watch against the devil’s snares  
Lest asleep he find thee;  
For indeed no pains he spares  
To deceive and blind thee.  
Satan’s prey  
Oft are they  
Who secure are sleeping  
And no watch are keeping.

3. Watch! Let not the wicked world  
With its pow’r defeat thee.  
Watch lest with her pomp unfurled  
She betray and cheat thee.  
Watch and see  
Lest there be  
Faithless friends to charm thee,  
Who but seek to harm thee.

4. Watch against thyself, my soul,  
Lest with grace thou trifle;  
Let not self thy tho’ts control  
Nor God’s mercy stifle.  
Pride and sin  
Lurk within

All thy hopes to scatter;  
Heed not when they flatter.

5. But while watching, also pray  
To the Lord unceasing.  
He will free thee, be thy Stay,  
Strength and faith increasing.  
O Lord, bless  
In distress  
And let nothing swerve me  
From the will to serve Thee.

6. Therefore let us watch and pray,  
Knowing He will hear us  
As we see from day to day  
Dangers ever near us,  
And the end  
Doth impend,—  
Our redemption neareth  
When the Lord appeareth. Amen.

**TLH 65 “When Sinners See Their Lost Condition”**  
Magnus B. Landstad, 1863

1. When sinners see their lost condition  
And feel the pressing load of sin  
And Jesus cometh on His mission  
To heal the sin-sick heart within,  
All grief must flee before His grace,  
And joy divine will take its place.

2. When Jesus enters meek and lowly  
To fill the home with sweetest peace;  
When hearts have felt His blessing holy  
And found from sin complete release,  
Then light and calm within shall reign  
And hearts divided love again.

3. When Jesus enters land and nation  
And moves the people with His love;  
When, yielding to His kind persuasion,  
Our hearts His truth and blessing prove,  
Then shall our life on earth be blest,  
The peace of God on us shall rest.

4. When Jesus comes,—O blessed story!—  
He works a change in heart and life;  
God’s kingdom comes with pow’r and glory  
To young and old, to man and wife;  
Thro’ Sacrament and living Word  
Faith, love, and hope are now conferred.

5. Then stilled are cries and lamentation,  
Then loosed is Satan’s every band,

In death is hope and consolation,  
The soul is safe in Jesus' hand.  
When we shall walk through death's dark vale,  
His rod and staff shall never fail.

6. Oh, may He soon to every nation  
Find entrance where He is unknown,  
With life and light and full salvation,  
That heathendom may be o'erthrown  
And healing to the hearts may come  
In heathen land and Christian home! Amen.