

FRIDAY — ACTIVITY

Fill in the missing words from the following Scripture verses.

Offer to God a _____ of _____, and perform your vows to the _____, and call upon me in the day of _____; I will _____ you, and you shall _____ me.” — Psalm 50:14-15

May the God of _____ and _____ grant you to live in such _____ with one another, in accord with _____, that together you may with one voice glorify the _____ of our Lord Jesus Christ.
— Romans 15:5-6

May the _____ of _____ fill you with all _____ and _____ in believing, so that by the power of the _____ you may abound in hope. — Romans 15:13

Truly, I say to you, this _____ will not pass away until all has taken place. _____ and _____ will pass away, but my _____ will not pass away. — Luke 21:32-33



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Populus Zion — The Second Sunday in Advent

2017

INTROIT

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

Say to the daughter of Zion,

“Behold, your salvation comes.”

The LORD will cause his majestic voice to be heard,

and you shall have gladness 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!

Glorify be to the Father 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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“Behold, your salvation comes.”

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and you shall have gladness of heart.

DAILY READINGS & DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

An answer key is available for download at www.stluth.org/lap

MEMORY VERSE

Luke 21:26b-27

Alleluia. 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. Alleluia.

HYMN OF THE WEEK: LSB #336 — Lo! He Comes with Clouds Descending

CATECHISM CONNECTION:

The Second Petition of the Lord’s Prayer with Explanation (pages 19–20)

COLLECT OF THE WEEK

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. Amen.

DID YOU KNOW?

The word “advent” is derived from the Latin words, *advenire* (to come to) and *adventus* (an arrival). That we might be prepared to celebrate the blessed Feast of the Nativity of Christ our Lord, the Church has set aside the season of Advent as a time to reflect and meditate upon the coming of our Lord Jesus in the Flesh, through His Word and Sacraments, and on the Last Day. Advent is also a time of preparation for Christ’s coming through repentance and faith.

The Second Sunday in Advent is also known as *Populus Zion*, which, in Latin, means: “people of Zion” (The ESV translates as “daughter of Zion”). This is the opening phrase of the Introit – Say to the daughter (people) of Zion, “Behold, your salvation comes.” (Isaiah 62:11b).

MONDAY — THE PSALM

Read Psalm 50:1–15

Describe how God’s people were worshiping Him. (verses 7–13)

What do verses 14–15 mean?

Review *Luther’s Small Catechism with Explanation*, question 34 (page 67), question 203 (page 179), and question 234 (pages 200–201)

TUESDAY — THE OLD TESTAMENT

Read Malachi 4:1–6

What is Malachi warning us of? (verse 1)

What will happen to the righteous? (verses 2–3)

WEDNESDAY — THE GOSPEL

Read Luke 21:25–36

How is the fig tree a parable for the signs of the Advent (coming) of our Lord?

What are some of the signs of the Lord’s Second and final Advent? (verses 25–28)

Review *Luther’s Small Catechism with Explanation*, question 149 (pages 142–145)

THURSDAY — THE EPISTLE

Read Romans 15:4–13

Where might we find what was written for our instruction? (verse 4)

What is hope?

Review *Luther’s Small Catechism with Explanation*, question 159 (page 151)

CATECHISM CONNECTION

What is the connection of the Second Petition of the Lord’s Prayer with Explanation and *Populus Zion*?