

## 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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# Lambs at Pasture™

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.**

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.**

## DAILY READINGS & DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

An answer key is available for download at [www.stluth.org/lap](http://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?**

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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**

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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**

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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**

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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**

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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**

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