

# The Second Sunday in Advent (Populus Zion)

December 8, 2024



**“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.”**

**(Luke 21:36 ESV)**

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**Welcome to the Divine Service** where the risen Christ comes into our midst to bring us the peace of His cross and empty tomb. We pray that the Lord would grant us His Holy Spirit that His Word would bear the fruits of faith in Christ and works of love toward our neighbor.

**The Lord's Supper** is a confession that we are united in holding to all the doctrines of God's Word. Those who do not know and hold to the doctrinal commitment of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod are requested to attend the Adult Instruction Class for membership before communing at Faith Lutheran Church.

## ***The Lord Comes on the Last Day***

The day on which our Lord returns will be a "great and awesome day" (Mal. 4:5). For He will come in a cloud with great power and glory. To the wicked and the proud, it will be a day of judgment that will "set them ablaze" (Mal. 4:1). The signs preceding this day will bring them fear and fainting. But to those who believe, who fear the name of the Lord, this day is one to look forward to and rejoice in: ". . . straighten up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near" (Luke 21:28). Christ our Redeemer is coming; the Sun of Righteousness will bring healing in His wings. Let us, then, give attention to the words of the Lord, which do not pass away. Let us "through endurance and through the encouragement of the Scriptures" (Rom. 15:4) be strengthened in our hope by the Holy Spirit and watch diligently for Jesus' coming. Then, by God's grace, we shall escape all these things that will come to pass and stand before the Son of Man.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*(Please remember to silence your cell phones during the Divine Service.)*

**Our Midweek Advent sermon series** continues with a focus of our attention on the words of the prophets concerning the days that are coming - the day of our Lord's Incarnation and the day of His final return. Let us set aside the time to gather together as God's people and meditate on His Word for "behold, the days are coming." Wednesday, December 11, 7:00 p.m. A potluck supper at 6:00 p.m. will precede the service.

**All are invited to attend, "A Festival of Lessons and Carols" at Zion Lutheran Church and School** tonight, December 8<sup>th</sup>, at 6:00 p.m. for a celebration of the Savior's birth with the adult choir, instrumentalists, and Parish Handbell choirs. A reception will follow. The church is located at 6121 E. Lovers Lane, Dallas.

**Thank you to everyone who has chosen to sponsor the children** on this year's Christmas Angel Tree! Please remember that the wrapped gifts for your chosen child must be returned to the church by today!!

**Please consider signing up to purchase a poinsettia** from the Women of Wylie. These beautiful plants will be used to adorn the sanctuary this Christmas and then are yours to take with you to beautify your home. Each plant is \$14.00. *The deadline for purchase is next Sunday, December 15.* Please look for the signup sheet in the narthex. Any questions may be directed to Sandra Traugott.

**The Altar Guild** signup sheet for 2025 is available in the narthex. Volunteers will be trained for this valuable service to the congregation. Please contact Gail Sellers for more information.

**Christianity and other world religions...**Judaism, Islam, Mormonism, Jehovah's Witnesses, Hinduism, Buddhism, Atheism, Scientology. Issues, Etc., a radio talk show and podcast produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL, is doing a World Religions 101 series with Dr. Adam Francisco of Concordia University Chicago. You can listen to this multi-part series at [issuesetc.org/worldreligions](https://www.issuesetc.org/worldreligions).

If you have a prayer request, please contact Pastor Ulmer or send an email to [faithlutheranwylie@gmail.com](mailto:faithlutheranwylie@gmail.com).

The Savage and Ellis families would like to thank the members of Faith Wylie for their ongoing prayers and support during the last several months and subsequent death of infant daughter, sister, and granddaughter, Evie Anne. “Your eyes saw my unformed substance; in your book were written, every one of them, the days that were formed for me, when as yet there were none of them.” (Psalm 139:16)

### OUR LIFE AS CHRISTIAN STEWARDS

**Luke 21:28 – “Now when these things begin to take place, straighten up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.”** When the world starts to fall apart, when things go badly, when nation rises against nation, Jesus tells us to lift up our heads because redemption is nigh. What a wonderful reminder that we Christians really do have nothing to fear! Jesus has conquered and He will deliver the full victory to us in His second Advent. Therefore we are free to live godly, generous, faithful lives here and now, for we have nothing to be afraid of.

### UPCOMING WEEK’S EVENTS

<b>SUNDAY</b> 12/8/24	<i>The Second Sunday in Advent (Populus Zion)</i> 9:30 AM – Divine Service 11:15 AM – Sunday School Hour
<b>TUESDAY</b>	11:00 AM – Circuit Winkle (Pastor) 3:00 PM – Adult Catechesis
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	6:00 PM – Light Potluck Dinner 7:00 PM – Midweek Vespers – Advent 2
<b>THURSDAY</b>	10:30 AM – Men’s Bible Study
<b>FRIDAY</b>	9:30 AM – Matins 10:15 AM – Confession and Absolution
<b>SUNDAY</b> 12/15/24	<i>The Third Sunday in Advent (Gaudete)</i> 9:30 AM – Divine Service 11:15 AM – Sunday School Hour

## PRAYERS

- Those members and friends of our congregation who are serving in the military (and their families): Emma and Macarios Casanova (Army), Thomas Kun (Air Force), Brandon Lowery (Navy), Ethan McCrillis (Marines), Ethan Sims (Air Force Reserves).
- Birthdays celebrated this week: Tyler Sims, Gail Sellers.
- Pastor Heath as he deliberates the call to serve as Associate Pastor to Faith Plano.
- Ninette DeYoung, Brad Perry's mom, who will be undergoing brain surgery to remove a tumor near her spinal cord.
- Mark and Sandra Traugott and several members of their family as they have come down with COVID, that God would mercifully grant them all swift and full healing.
- Emma Casanova, Brianna Mallon, and Renae Womack for protection of mother and child in pregnancy (Psalm 139:13).
- Dan Kostoff, Kaylee Kostoff's grandfather, who is awaiting approval to enter a trial drug program as standard chemotherapy has proven to be ineffective for his cancer.
- Those struggling with ongoing health issues:  
Dony Reaves, Chris Purcell, Connie Kimber, Ken Lawrence, Tula Sheehan, Christina Null, Devin Jackson, Doug Drawe, Gary Sakko, Deanna, Jill, Dana Evans, Rush, Greg McClure, Tim Sheehan, Gaye, Sharon, Georgette Walter.
- Those struggling with other ongoing needs:  
Frank and Antonia, Matt, Michael.

