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Second Sunday in Advent
Filia Zion
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The Day of the Lord describes the last day, also known as judgment day. But it also describes the day when Jesus came first in the flesh. We now come to the second Sunday of Advent, also called *Filia Zion*, or Daughter of Zion. On this day we consider specifically the last day. But notice how the prophet Malachi sort of mashes the last day with the time when Christ first came in the flesh. He says that the Lord will send Elijah to turn the hearts of the fathers and children to each other and prepare the way of the Lord. This is a prophecy of John the Baptist who came in the spirit of Elijah to prepare the way for Jesus by preaching a Baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins (Luke 1:17). This teaches us that when we wait for the last day when Jesus will come to judge the living and the dead, we should see it in light of Christ's first coming in the flesh. Jesus Christ came into this world to save sinners (1 Tim 1:15). In light of this, the daughters of Zion, the elect children of God who rely on the salvation revealed in Christ, look forward to the coming judgment. They wait for their salvation. As Jesus says, "Lift up your heads, for your redemption draws near." We can only see Christ's coming day of judgment as a comforting thing if we first know him as our Savior.

To prepare for the last day we are taught to go back to the basic teaching of the whole Bible: The wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life through Christ Jesus our Lord (Rom 6:23). Remember the Law of Moses given on mount Horeb. Remember what the law teaches you about yourself. It teaches you to repent and be watchful. It teaches you about the curse of sin when it says, "Cursed is everyone who does not do the things required in the law (Deut 27:26; Gal 3:10)." But God does not leave us with the curse. Even as the law still warns of the coming curse, John, who comes in the Spirit of Elijah, turns our hearts to the Sun of Righteousness who brings healing in his wings. These basic teachings of law and gospel, warnings and comforts, commands and promises, Moses and Christ, cannot be exhausted. Because heaven and earth will pass away, but the Word of the Lord will never pass away.

DEAR VISITORS: As a congregation in the Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod, Trinity practices **closed communion**, which means that we only commune those who are members in good standing of sister congregations and have been instructed in the Christian faith as it is summarized in Luther's Small Catechism. If you are a visitor and desire to commune at Trinity, **please speak to Pastor Preus before the service.**

The Order of Holy Communion

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Hymn of Invocation ☞ *Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers*

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Stand for final stanza

Invocation, Confession & Absolution

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Please remain standing through the conclusion of the Collect of the Day.

Service of the Word



Introit

Daughter of | Zion,*

behold, surely your salvation is | coming.

The LORD will cause His glorious voice | to be heard,*

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

Give ear, O Shepherd of | Israel,*

You who lead Jacob | like a flock.

Restore | us, O God;*

cause Your face to shine, and we | shall be saved!

Return, we beseech You, O | God of Hosts,*

look down from heav- | en and see.

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

upon the Son of Man whom You made strong | for Yourself.

(*Psalm 80:1, 3, 14, 17*)

Gloria Patri ☞ *Glory be to the Father*

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Kyrie ☞ *Lord, Have Mercy*

Salutation & Collect of the Day

Sit

Old Testament Reading - Malachi 4:1-6

¹You see, the day will come, burning like a furnace, and all who defy God and all who do wrong will be straw. The coming day will burn them," says the LORD of armies, "leaving no root or branch of them.

²But for you who respect My name there will rise the Sun of Righteousness with healing in His wings. You will go out and frolic like calves let out of their barn. ³You will trample on the wicked because they will be ashes under your feet on the day when I act," says the LORD of armies.

⁴Remember the instructions I gave My servant Moses at Horeb as laws and decrees for all Israel.

⁵I am going to send you the prophet Elijah before the LORD's great and terrible day comes. ⁶He will restore the hearts of the fathers to their children and the hearts of the children to their fathers. Otherwise I will have to come and destroy the whole country with a curse."

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**



Gradual

Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty, God | will shine forth:*
our | God shall come.

Gather My saints together | unto Me,*

those who have made a covenant with Me by | sacrifice. (Psalm 50:2-3a , 5)

Epistle - Romans 15:4-13

⁴All that was written long ago was written to teach us by the endurance and encouragement we get from the Bible to have hope. ⁵May God, Who helps you to endure and encourages you, give you such harmony with one another as you follow Christ Jesus ⁶that together with one voice you praise the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

⁷Then, as Christ has welcomed you, welcome one another in order to glorify God. ⁸I tell you Christ became a servant to the Jews to do what God promised the fathers — showing that He tells the truth — ⁹and to have the other nations praise God for His mercy, as it is written: For this I will praise You among the nations and sing to honor Your name. ¹⁰And again: Be happy, you other nations, with His own people! ¹¹And again: All you nations, praise the Lord, and all the people should praise Him. ¹²Again, Isaiah says: Jesse will have the Descendant Who will rise to rule the nations, and He will be the Hope of the nations.

¹³The God of hope fill you with perfect happiness and peace as you believe, to make you overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**



Alle- | luia.*

Alle- | luia.

The powers of | heaven*
will be | shaken.

Then they will see the Son of Man coming | in a cloud*

with power and great glory. Alle- | luia. (Luke 21:26-27)

Triple Hallelujah

Gospel - Luke 21:25-36

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

C **Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

²⁵There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth nations will be in distress, not knowing which way to turn from the roaring and tossing of the sea. ²⁶People will faint as they fearfully wait for what will happen to the world. The powers of the heavens will be shaken.

²⁷Then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory.

²⁸When these things begin to happen, stand ready and look forward cheerfully because you will soon be set free."

²⁹Then He pictured it this way: "Look at a fig tree, or any of the trees. ³⁰As soon as leaves grow on it, you see and know without being told that summer is near. ³¹So also when you see those things happen, you know God's kingdom is near.

³²I tell you the truth: these people will not pass away until everything happens. ³³Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will not pass away.

³⁴Be careful never to get your hearts burdened with drunkenness and its nausea and with worries about this life, or that day will take you by surprise like a trap. ³⁵It will surprise all people wherever they live on the earth. ³⁶But always watch and pray to be considered worthy to escape all these things that are going to happen and to stand before the Son of Man."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise be to Thee, O Christ.**

Nicene Creed

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Sit

Hymn of the Day *☞ Ye Sons of Men, Oh, Hearken*

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Sermon

Stand

Offertory

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Sit

Gathering of the Offering

Stand to sing as the offerings are brought forward

We give Thee but Thine own,

Whate'er the gift may be

All that we have is Thine alone,

A trust, O Lord, from Thee.

Please complete the
Record of Fellowship in the
folder in your pew.

General Prayer

Service of the Sacrament

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Hymns during Distribution	
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☞ <i>When Sinners See Their Lost Condition</i>	TLH #65
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Silent Prayer	

Ushers for today:	Keith Rethemeyer, Charlie Scheer, Karson Eads
Next week:	James Eads, Joseph Rethemeyer, Kyle Scheer,
Greeter for today:	Larry Scheer
Next Week:	
Acolyte today:	Sam Scheer
Mid-week advent service	Colton Swann
Next Sunday:	Oscar Otten
Flower and Altar Care:	December: Ramona Ruediger
Organist:	Andrew Finck

Advent & Christmas Worship Schedule

Dec 11 th , 18 th @ 7p	<i>Midweek Advent Service</i>
Dec 24 @ 7p	<i>Christmas Eve Service</i>
Dec 25 @ 10a	<i>Christmas Day Divine Service w/communion</i>
Dec 31 @ 7p	<i>Joint New Year's Eve Service at Bethlehem Lutheran Church</i>

Prayer and Petitions: Wayne Scheer and Sue Eads, health concerns. LeeAnn Rohling Homebound: Ray Rohling, Diana Scheer, Paul & Sue Laune; Missionaries: Brandt Klawitter, mission work in Norway; Pastor James May (missionary to Africa); Rev. David Preus (missionary to Romania); Michael & Naomi Ersland, Lutheran Bible Translators.

Immanuel Lutheran School, Washington; Camp Trinity; Luther Classical College; St. Paul High School, Concordia, MO. Christ the King Lutheran High School.

Birthdays and Anniversaries: Tilman Kopp, 8th, Megan Hoerstkamp, 10th,
Hannah Rethemeyer, 13th

(Please email office@trinitynewhaven.com if your birthday or anniversary has not been listed or was incorrectly listed, so the records can be updated with correct information)

Choir: Rehearsal for Christmas after church service today.

We are again providing **Christmas gifts** for the **Pregnancy Assistance Center**. If you wish to participate, please take an ornament from the tree in the narthex. **Return** unwrapped gift along with the tag **by December 15th**. Thank you for your help.

Children's Christmas Eve Service practice: Dec 15 & Dec 22. We will start at 8:30 am in the sanctuary. Dress rehearsal and lunch after church on Dec 22.

Christmas Caroling and Congregation Potluck soup and salad dinner after Church **December 15th**. Dinner will begin immediately after church. Anyone interested in Christmas caroling to our shut-ins and other friends, will begin caroling after lunch until about 3:00 when they will conclude by singing at the New Haven Care Center.

Monthly Circuit Youth Gathering - We will not meet in December, but please **mark your calendars** now for the Annual **Washington Circuit Winter Youth Retreat** scheduled for **January 3 - 4, 2025**.

Confirmation/Wednesday School - All grade school age children welcome. Starting at 3:00 p.m.

NEED A CARD: Graduation, Thank You, Encouragement, New Baby, Baptism & Comfort Cards from *Hymns in My Heart* are available for sale in the narthex, by the Trinity Ladies Aid. The cards are \$2.00 per card. Please deposit money in money slot.

Large Catechism

Part III

Smalcald Articles

Article VIII - Of Confession.

7 For even those who believe before Baptism, or become believing in Baptism, believe through the preceding outward Word, as the adults, who have come to reason, must first have heard: He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved, even though they are at first unbelieving, and receive the Spirit and Baptism ten years afterwards. 8 Cornelius, Acts 10:1ff, had heard long before among the Jews of the coming Messiah, through whom he was righteous before God, and in such faith his prayers and alms were acceptable to God (as Luke calls him devout and God-fearing), and without such preceding Word and hearing could not have believed or been righteous. But St. Peter had to reveal to him that the Messiah (in whom, as one that was to come, he had hitherto believed) now had come, lest his faith concerning the coming Messiah hold him captive among the hardened and unbelieving Jews, but know that he was now to be saved by the present Messiah, and must not, with the [rabble of the] Jews deny nor persecute Him.

9 In a word, enthusiasm inheres in Adam and his children from the beginning [from the first fall] to the end of the world, [its poison] having been implanted and infused into them by the old dragon, and is the origin, power [life], and strength of all heresy, especially of that of the Papacy and Mahomet. 10 Therefore we ought and must constantly maintain this point, that God does not wish to deal with us otherwise than through the spoken Word and the Sacraments. 11 It is the devil himself whatsoever is extolled as Spirit without the Word and Sacraments. For God wished to appear even to Moses through the burning bush and spoken Word; and no prophet neither Elijah nor Elisha, received the Spirit without the Ten Commandments [or spoken Word]. 12 Neither was John the Baptist conceived without the preceding word of Gabriel, nor did he leap in his mother's womb without the voice of Mary. 13 And Peter says, 2 Pet. 1:21: The prophecy came not by the will of man; but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost. Without the outward Word, however, they were not holy, much less would the Holy Ghost have moved them to speak when they still were unholy [or profane]; for they were holy, says he, since the Holy Ghost spake through them.

(Source: <https://bookofconcord.org/smalcald-articles/i/the-work-of-salvation/>)
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