



# ADVENT

## IMMINENT ARRIVAL

THE FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT

NOVEMBER 30, 2025 ✕ 8:00 & 10:15 AM

## A SPECIAL WELCOME TO OUR GUESTS!

We're thrilled that you are here and we want you to feel at home.

- \* Restrooms are near the door that you came in today.
- \* The service is printed in this worship folder. Join in as you're comfortable. Ask anyone if you're lost - they'll be glad to help!
- \* We're glad you brought your kids! We know and Jesus knows that little kids have a hard time sitting quietly sometimes. They are still welcome here. Jesus said: Let the little children come to me! If your little one is restless, feel free to spend a minute in the entryway, you should still be able to hear through speakers.
- \* If you could use some hearing assistance, please ask the usher in the entryway, we have headsets available.

Please introduce yourself to Pastor Boettcher or Pastor Peil. They would love to meet you and serve you however they can!

### IMMINENT ARRIVAL

During these weeks before Christmas, we anticipate the imminent arrival of Jesus. We are about to celebrate his birth. He could return on judgment day at any time. But in worship we realize that he impacts our lives when the Bible is read and when the sacraments are administered. Suddenly we feel the excitement of an imminent arrival.

"Advent" is a Latin word that means "coming." The season of Advent is the four week period before Christmas that the Church uses to connect the two "comings" of Christ.

The first time the Lord came into our world it was as a tiny, helpless baby, born in a manger in Bethlehem. However, when Jesus comes again, it will be in all his power and glory with his angelic army behind him. He will be coming as judge at the end of time.

We use these four weeks to see how the events of Jesus' first coming remove all our fears about his second coming. We can hold our heads high when the Lord comes near! So we look forward with hope and joy and pray and sing this season: Come, Lord Jesus, come!



DAVID M. BOETTCHER | PASTOR  
CELL: (385)409-1653  
david.boettcher@popslc.org

TYLER R. PEIL | PASTOR  
CELL: (402)936-3655  
tyler.peil@popslc.org



MICHAEL E. PAULSEN | PRINCIPAL  
CELL: (262)490-4772  
mike.paulsen@popschool.org

WEBSITE  
popslc.org

    
@poplutheranslc

MAIN OFFICE  
(801)261-3808

# THE DIVINE SERVICE

 The congregation speaks and sings the words in **BOLD** type. 

## GATHERING RITE: Lead Us To Your Light

PLEASE STAND.

The minister sing the refrain once to introduce it. The congregation immediately joins in singing the refrain and sings it again as indicated below.

refrain:



Lead us to your light, lead us out of dark - ness.



Lead us to your light. Come, Je - sus, come.

Lord, we await your coming to our world; Bring us the gift of salvation.

### Refrain

Lord, you are hope and healing for our world; Come, now, and bring us your good news.

### Refrain

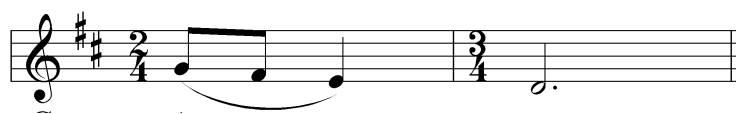
Come, O come, O come, Emmanuel; Come with us on earth here to dwell.

### Refrain

Rouse us from sleep, wake us from our slumber; Banish the darkness of night.

### Refrain

In the name of the Father and of the Son + and of the Holy Spirit.



A - men.

The Lord be with you.

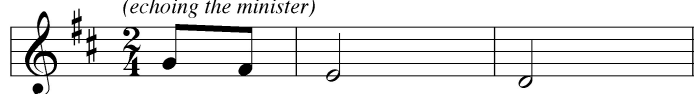


And al - so with you.

The Lord Jesus comes to us and offers his grace and love. It is good for us to repent of our sins and to plead for his mercy.

Lord Jesus, you came to gather the nations into the peace of God's kingdom. Lord, have mercy.

(echoing the minister)



Lord, have mer - cy.

You come in Word and Sacrament to strengthen us in holiness. Christ, have mercy.



You will come in glory with salvation for your people. Lord, have mercy.



May almighty God, have mercy on us, forgive our sins, and bring us to everlasting life. Amen.



The almighty God has been merciful to us and has sent his Son to die for all. For his sake, he forgives us our sins and calls us from darkness to his marvelous light. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son + and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

## LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLE

We light one Advent candle, remembering Jesus, who is coming again.  
He will come to gather his people from everywhere, both the living and the dead.

**We remember Jesus, who will come at the end of time. None of us know what day that will be.**

We hear his call to watch.

**We light one Advent candle as a sign of our watchfulness and waiting.**

Come, Lord Jesus, be our guest.

**Through your Word and Spirit may our souls be blessed.**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

*2 Timothy 4:22*

**And also with you.**

Let us pray.

Stir up your power, O Lord, and come. Protect us by your strength, and save us from the threatening dangers of our sins; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

*Be seated.*

## FIRST READING

**Isaiah 2:1-5**

*This lesson is the basis of the sermon this morning..*

**T**his is what Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem:  
In the last days the mountain of the Lord's temple will be established as the

highest of the mountains;  
it will be exalted above the hills,  
and all nations will stream to it.  
Many peoples will come and say,

“Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the temple of the God of Jacob. He will teach us his ways, so that we may walk in his paths.”

The law will go out from Zion,  
the word of the Lord from Jerusalem.  
He will judge between the nations and will settle disputes for many peoples.  
They will beat their swords into

plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks.  
Nation will not take up sword against nation, nor will they train for war anymore.  
Come, descendants of Jacob,  
let us walk in the light of the Lord.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## SECOND READING

## Romans 13:11-14

*Understanding the present time means being prepared for our Lord's return, which is closer each day.*

**A**nd do this, understanding the present time: The hour has already come for you to wake up from your slumber, because our salvation is nearer now than when we first believed. The night is nearly over; the day is almost here. So let us put aside the deeds of darkness and put on the armor of light. Let us behave decently, as in the daytime, not in

carousing and drunkenness, not in sexual immorality and debauchery, not in dissension and jealousy. Rather, clothe yourselves with the Lord Jesus Christ, and do not think about how to gratify the desires of the flesh.

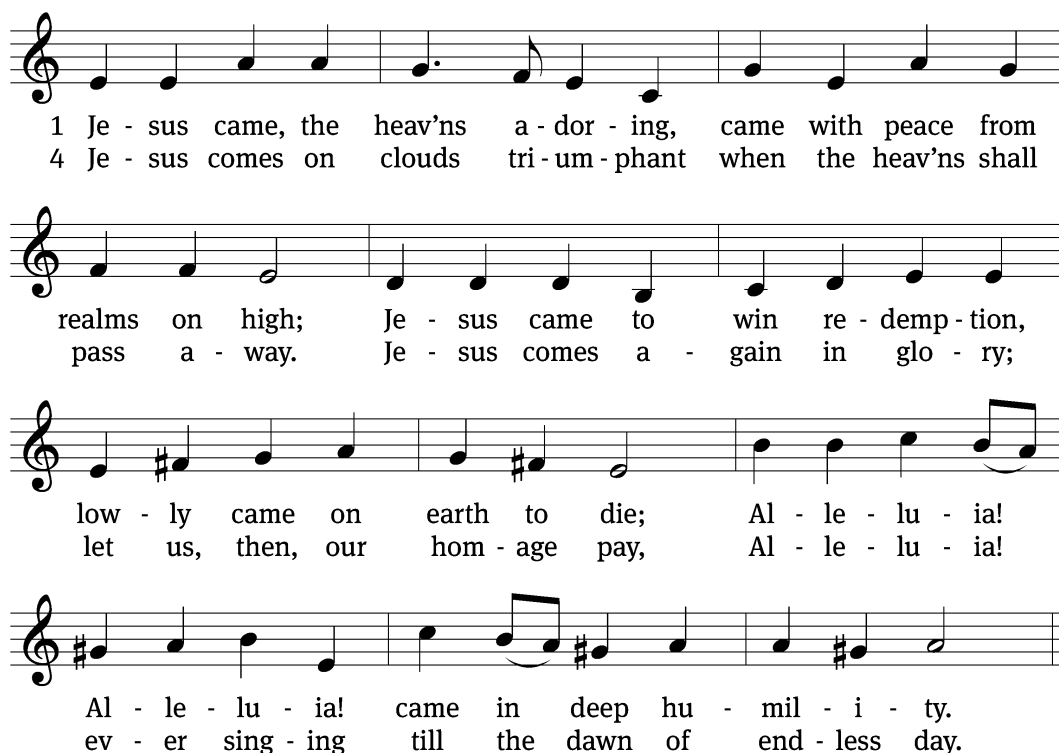
The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God!**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*Hymn 319, st 1+4*

*Please stand*



1 Je - sus came, the heav'ns a - dor - ing, came with peace from  
4 Je - sus comes on clouds tri - um - phant when the heav'ns shall

realms on high; Je - sus came to win re - demp - tion,  
pass a - way. Je - sus comes a - gain in glo - ry;

low - ly came on earth to die; Al - le - lu - ia!  
let us, then, our hom - age pay, Al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu - ia! came in deep hu - mil - i - ty.  
ev - er sing - ing till the dawn of end - less day.

## THE HOLY GOSPEL

## Matthew 24:36-44

*The Last Day will come as unexpectedly as the flood came at the time of Noah. While we do not know exactly when Christ will return - it is our joy to know that He will. He asks us to keep watch.*

**B**ut about that day or hour no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. As it was in the days of Noah, so it will be at the coming of the Son of Man. For in the days before the flood, people were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, up to the day Noah entered the ark; and they knew nothing about what would happen until the flood came and took them all away. That is how it will be at the coming of the Son of Man. Two men will be in the field; one will be taken and the other left. Two women will be grinding with a

hand mill; one will be taken and the other left.

“Therefore keep watch, because you do not know on what day your Lord will come. But understand this: If the owner of the house had known at what time of night the thief was coming, he would have kept watch and would not have let his house be broken into. So you also must be ready, because the Son of Man will come at an hour when you do not expect him.

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise be to You, O Christ!**

*Be seated*

## HYMN OF THE DAY 302 Prepare the Royal Highway

**SERMON** Isaiah 2 Come on! Let's go meet God!

*Please stand*

## APOSTLES' CREED

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

**He descended into hell.**

**The third day he rose again from the dead.**

**He ascended into heaven**

**and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.**

**From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy Christian Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

*Be seated*

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Gracious Lord, you sent your Son into our world to destroy the power of Satan and restore the human race as your children and heirs. Work in us during this Advent season so that we may rejoice in the coming of our Savior and long for his coming again.

**Make us eager to receive the King who comes to save us.**

Use the preaching of your holy law to rid us of all delusions that we can gain your love with our own efforts. Move us to realize how hopeless we are because of sin and to feel sorrow for what we have done wrong.

**Lead us to be honest about our sinful status in your sight.**

Lift up our hearts to see the King who comes to save. Reveal to us his willingness to take on our human form and stand in our place. Show us the power he extends in his Word and sacraments to make us your children and keep us in faith. Thrill us with his promise to come and take us to our eternal home to live with you forever.

**Open our eyes to see and believe the wonders of the Savior's love.**

As we live with Christ and trust in him, move us to turn away from sin day after

day with the strength your Holy Spirit provides. When we fall, forgive us and renew us to love and serve you and all people.

**Empower us and guide us to walk with Christ by faith.**

Protect us from the distractions that come at this time of the year. Even in gift-giving and celebrating, keep our hearts focused on Christ and his forgiving love.

**Give us joy at his coming at Christmas, his coming in the gospel, and his coming again.**

Move us to share with others the most important gift of this season, the truth about Jesus. Even in busy times lead us to pray for those whose joy is diminished because of sickness, pain, or loss. Give us opportunities to provide help to those in need.

**May others see the love of Christ in our words and actions.**

*Special intercessions may be inserted here*

Loving Lord, work in us during this Advent season so that our joy may be genuine and may rest in the promises of the King who comes to save.

**Come, Lord Jesus. Amen.**

## OFFERING



*Moved by God's love in Christ, we return to God our first and best gifts, purely out of thanks to Him.*

*There is an offering plate in the entry way for those who wish to give in that way.*

*To donate online, either scan the QR code on the left or text **princeofpeace** (no spaces) to **(833) 693-7056**. You'll receive a link in response. Follow the link to the Prince of Peace secure giving page.*

**A NOTE TO OUR GUESTS** *Children and those who are not communicant members of our church may come forward for a blessing. Those who do are asked to cross their arms on their chest to indicate this.*

Prince of Peace practices closed communion, because the Bible teaches it and because we love you. That means we ask that only members of Prince of Peace or other congregations in our fellowship take the Lord's Supper this morning. This is not a judgment of anyone's faith, it is simply our desire to uphold what God says in 1 Corinthians 10 and 11 about who should receive Holy Communion and how. Because we believe from these words that Jesus' body and blood is really present in and with the bread and wine, we want to be sure that it is received in the manner He has commanded us.

Please speak to Pastor Boettcher or Pastor Peil about communing with us in the future if you're not part of our congregation. **Thank you for your understanding!**

---

## THE SACRAMENT

---

Stand

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord, whose way John the Baptist prepared when he called people to repentance and pointed to Jesus as the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

## SANCTUS (HOLY, HOLY, HOLY)

*Tune: SEELENBRÄUTIGAM*



1 Round God's throne on high      blaz-ing an-gels cry,      sing-ing,  
2 Blest be Da-vid's Son!      In God's name he comes,      grace and



"Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord, we praise you for your glo - ry,  
par - don to pro-vide us. Sing, "Ho - san - na in the high - est!"



shin - ing bright - ly forth,      fill - ing heav'n and earth."  
Je - sus, hear our plea:      come and set us free!



## PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Blessed are you, O Lord, because you have brought us from death to life.  
With humble and repentant hearts, we praise and thank you for your Son, Jesus Christ,  
who became our substitute under your holy law,  
who destroyed the works of the devil by his perfect obedience to your will,  
who willingly carried a cross to pay the debt of the world's sin,  
who lives and reigns to give us life.  
Through his body and blood, once given and poured out for us, forgive our sins and strengthen us for our journey heavenward.

Unite us to our crucified and risen Lord, that we may believe in him, confess him, call on his name, and finally be delivered from this world to the feast of the Lamb, whose kingdom has no end.

**Amen.**

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

## THE WORDS OF OUR LORD JESUS

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night He was betrayed, took bread; and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to His disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my  $\text{✠}$  body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

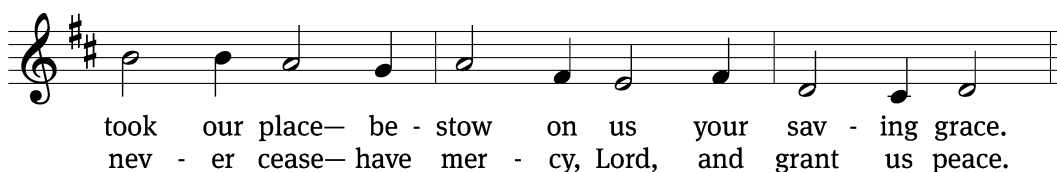
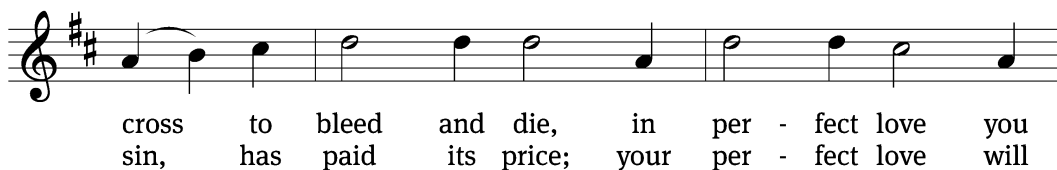
Then He took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my  $\text{✠}$  blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**Amen.**

## O LAMB OF GOD

*Tune: PUER NOBIS*



*Be seated*

## DISTRIBUTION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

**HYMN 305 Lift Up Your Heads, You Mighty Gates**

**HYMN 309 The Advent of Our King**

*After the distribution, the minister speaks this blessing:*

The true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you to life everlasting. Go in peace. Your ☩ sins are forgiven.

**Amen.**

*Stand*

### PRAYER

Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good;

**His mercy endures forever.**

*Psalm 118:1*

Whenever we eat this bread and drink this cup,

**we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.**

*1 Corinthians 11:26*

We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this holy supper. We pray that through it you will strengthen our faith in you and increase our love for one another. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

### BLESSING

*Numbers 6:24-26*

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and ☩ give you peace.

**Amen.**

*Be seated*

**CLOSING HYMN 524 Rejoice, the Lord is King**



*Thank you to Kryssi Heckman for using her gifts to serve us and our Savior with music this morning!*

#### Acknowledgments

Setting Two from Christian Worship

Unless otherwise indicated, Scripture quotations are from The Holy Bible, New International Version®, NIV®. Copyright © 1973, 1978, 1984, 2011 by Biblica, Inc.™ Used by permission of Zondervan. All rights reserved worldwide.

Liturgical and musical settings of Scripture based on text from The Holy Bible, New International Version®, NIV®. Copyright © 1973, 1978, 1984, 2011 by Biblica, Inc.™ Used by permission of Zondervan. All rights reserved worldwide.

---

So here it is Christmas again and old man that I am, with so many of them to remember, I love it with much of my heart. I grew up in a home where management was sharply divided –mother adored it, father harrumphed and rolled his eyes—so I know both sides. [...]

The basic idea of Christmas is a cheerful one: that we are connected to all of creation, the fish, the forests and mountains, the stars, the solar systems, and infinity itself by the love of the Creator who came to Earth in the form of an infant and was first recognized as divine by poor uneducated shepherds and by travelers from afar—a story that endures despite all the tinsel and glitter. [...]

To my mother, Christmas was the magical triad of decorating-shopping-baking, and to Dad it was a wasteful carnival of false piety. They loved each other dearly, and their quarrel was a quiet one, but they stuck to their principles. He sighed and shook his head; she beamed and fussed over the wrapping and cooking. It was like having Scrooge and Mrs. Cratchit under one roof. [...]

It was instructive for me at a young age, knowing Dad was correct but Mother was right. We were Sanctified Brethren, and nowhere in Scripture are believers told to celebrate the birth, only the death, of our Lord. And the hullabaloo around his infancy by those who ignored his teaching struck Dad as an absurdity. But Mother had grown up in a family of 11 children, whose mother died of scarlet fever when Mother was 7, and her motherless youth was austere. Christmas was a burst of extravagance and color and music in a pale abstemious world. No wonder she loved it so. And every year she managed to produce it for us, mounds of gifts, a shining tree, a classic dinner, and in the end Dad could not help but smile on it. And so we learned that it is right and good to give pleasure. [...]

The one I best remember was 1956, when I was 14. Dad had just gotten out of the hospital after falling off his cousin Harold's barn roof while nailing shingles and landing headfirst on concrete and fracturing his skull. Mother spent weeks at the hospital, tending to him. The three younger kids were parceled out to relatives, and we three older ones boarded the school bus in the morning and sat down to a quiet supper with Mother at night. She didn't say much, but we knew by the fact that we couldn't go visit Dad that it was bad. She did warn us that there might not be Christmas this year.

One Sunday, at church, I noticed a shoe box on a table in the coatroom, wrapped in white paper, a slot in the top, and marked "For The Keillor Family," and I felt intensely ashamed, to be the object of charity. I told Mother that I didn't want Christmas this year. No presents. The idea of church members looking upon us poor Keillors with pity gave me the creeps. I avoided people lest someone pat me on the head.

And then Christmas began to appear. A smaller tree than usual, a few presents, the smell of baking. And then our father came home. Pale, somewhat withdrawn, slow afoot, but still himself. He lay on the sofa, a blanket over him, and Mother sat at the piano and carefully chorded her way through "Silent night, holy night, all is calm, all is bright," and we sang and it was Christmas again. All we needed was each other and that song.

Last week in New York, I stood in a crowd of strangers, some believers, others not, and someone started singing about the calmness and brightness, the radiant beams, and everyone sang along, quietly, a cappella, and we were united in a common mystery. There it is. Unto you, a child is born in the city of David. Make of it what you will. God bless you all, each one.

- GARRISON KEILLOR

