

LESSONS FOR LAMBS

SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT (POPULUS ZION)

The phrase "Populus Zion" is from the Latin language. In English it means "people of Zion." These are the beginning words of the Psalm/Introit this week. Look in your parent's service folder and read the Introit. The color for Advent is blue or purple.



O G E E R T P Z G U S
G G E L P O E P I L A
L K I N G D O M F O S
L U A P T N E V D A N
A P H Y S I C I A N E
T O A R F R L L A J A
I P E R E D E E M E R
N U I M A P K V E S T
D L M A S B U V A U H
R U O O L A L I E S L
S S G H E A V E N A E

Advent
Gentile
Jesus
Luke
people
Redeemer
tree

earth
Gospel
kingdom
parable
physician
save
Zion

fig
heaven
Latin
Paul
Populus
summer

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What to listen for during the service

When do we hear about Christ coming again during the service?

Gospel Reading: Luke 21:25-36

(The Gospel Reading is from the part of the Bible that is about Jesus and his ministry.)

25 "And there will be signs in sun and moon and stars, and on the earth distress of nations in perplexity because of the roaring of the sea and the waves, 26 people fainting with fear and with foreboding of what is coming on the world. For the powers of the heavens will be shaken. 27 And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. 28 Now when these things begin to take place, straighten up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near."

29 And he told them a parable: "Look at the fig tree, and all the trees. 30 As soon as they come out in leaf, you see for yourselves and know that the summer is already near. 31 So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. 32 Truly, I say to you, this generation will not pass away until all has taken place. 33 Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

34 "But watch yourselves lest your hearts be weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and cares of this life, and that day come upon you suddenly like a trap. 35 For it will come upon all who dwell on the face of the whole earth. 36 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."

Questions to talk about with your parents:

- 1) What is a parable?
- 2) What things are you afraid of?
- 3) As a baptized child of God is there anything you really need to fear?
- 4) What "signs" tell you the weather or seasons are changing?
- 5) What "signs" tell you how things will go for you when Jesus comes on the last day? (Read Heb. 2:9)
- 6) What does it mean for us that Jesus is the One who will come to judge the world?

People of the Bible: Luke

The Gospel reading today is from Luke. But who was Luke and why did he write about the life of Jesus? Luke was a Gentile (not a Jew) and was a physician or doctor. He was a co-worker of Paul and accompanied him on some of his missionary journeys, which we read about in some of the Bible's epistles. Luke was inspired by the Holy Spirit in writing about Jesus to spread the Gospel beyond Israel to the Gentiles. Luke wrote about what Jesus did and what He taught, and that Jesus came "to seek and to save the lost." In his Gospel, he proclaimed Christ to be the Redeemer.

Catechism Corner: The Second Commandment

Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord, thy God, in vain.

What does this mean? Answer:

We should fear and love God that we may not curse, swear, use witchcraft, lie, or deceive by his name, but call upon it in every trouble, pray, praise, and give thanks.

Hymn of the Day – "Lo! He Comes with Clouds Descending"
(Listen for this hymn during the service and sing along if you hear it.)

- 1 Lo! He comes with clouds descending,
Once for ev'ry sinner slain;
Thousand thousand saints attending
Swell the triumph of His train:
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
Christ the Lord returns to reign.
- 2 Ev'ry eye shall now behold Him
Robed in glorious majesty;
Those who set at naught and sold Him,
Pierced and nailed Him to the tree,
Deeply wailing, deeply wailing, deeply wailing,
Shall their true Messiah see.
- 3 Those dear tokens of His passion
Still His dazzling body bears,
Cause of endless exultation
To His ransomed worshipers.
With what rapture, with what rapture, with what rapture
Gaze we on those glorious scars!