

**Daily Prayers for the week of Populus Zion (Advent II) – 12/05/2021**

**OPENING VERSICLES:**

O Lord, open my lips, **and my mouth will declare Your praise.**  
Make haste, O God, to deliver me; **make haste to help me, O Lord.**  
**Glory 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. Alleluia**

**PSALMODY: Psalm 50 and / or the psalms listed below**

Sun: 91; 93; Mon: 92; 94; Tues: 95; 96; 97; Wed: 98, 100; 99;  
Thurs: 101; 102; Fri: 103; 104; Sat: 105; 106

**DECEMBER HYMN: 357 – O Come, O Come, Emmanuel** Hymn: 336

**CATECHISM:**

*What is the Third Petition?*

**Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.**

*What does this mean?*

**The good and gracious will of God is done even without our prayer, but we pray in this petition that it may be done among us also.**

*How is God's will done?*

**God's will is done when He breaks and hinders every evil plan and purpose of the devil, the world, and our sinful nature, which do not want us to hallow God's name or let His kingdom come; and when He strengthens and keeps us firm in His Word and faith until we die. This is His good and gracious will.**

**GOSPEL READING: Luke 21:25-36 ESV**

<sup>25</sup> “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, <sup>26</sup> people fainting with fear and with foreboding of what is coming on the world. For the powers of the heavens will be shaken. <sup>27</sup> And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. <sup>28</sup> Now when these things begin to take place, straighten up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near. <sup>29</sup> And he told them a parable: Look at the fig tree, and all the trees. <sup>30</sup> As soon as they come out in leaf, you see for yourselves and know that the summer is already near. <sup>31</sup> So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. <sup>32</sup> Truly, I say to you, this generation will not pass away until all has taken place. <sup>33</sup> Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. <sup>34</sup> “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. <sup>35</sup> For it will come upon all who dwell on the face of the whole earth. <sup>36</sup> 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.

**RESPONSE:** O Lord, have mercy upon us. **Thanks be to God.**

**CATECHESIS:**

The end is coming and this should not be a surprise. Wars, perplexity, violence, disasters, and other great calamities all show that creation is disintegrating and these signs and warnings have all been with us since the fall into sin. Sin has taken its toll and all have inherited its curse. But when you see these great and terrible things happening, take

comfort and rejoice for the end is coming. And also rejoice, for your salvation has already been won by Jesus Christ. On Calvary, our Lord came in a cloud, nailed to the cross, bleeding and dying showing His power over sin and death, and there Jesus revealed His great glory. On the cross, Jesus Christ bought you back out of sin, death and Hell. So fear not, no matter what you may experience. No temptation has overtaken you that is not common to man. Remember, our Lord is faithful and He will see you through to the very end. For Jesus began a good work in your Baptism and He will bring it to completion by returning and taking you home to heaven. But for now, in the midst of war, illness, sorrow, guilt, shame and regret, Jesus still comes to you as He has promised in His Holy Word and Sacrament. He speaks His Words of warning and comfort to you. Jesus comes to feed your body with His Body and Blood to strengthen you for your remaining trials to come. So take heart, no matter what lies ahead, for your redemption is drawing near.

**APOSTLES' CREED:**

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

**And 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 sits at the right hand of God, the Father Almighty. From thence 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.**

**KYRIE:** Lord, have mercy; **Christ, have mercy;** **Lord, have mercy.**

**LORD'S PRAYER:**

**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.**

**COLLECT OF THE WEEK:**

Stir up our hearts, O Lord : to make ready the way of Thine only-begotten Son; so that by His coming we may be enabled to serve Thee with pure minds; through the same Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord; who liveth and reignest with Thee and the Holy Ghost : ever one God, world without end. **Amen**

**LUTHER'S MORNING PRAYER:** **LUTHER'S EVENING PRAYER:**

(p. 327 in the hymnal or in Section 2 Daily Prayers in the Catechism)

**BENEDICAMUS:**

Let us bless the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Looking ahead to Gaudete (Advent III) – 12/12/2021:**

Isaiah 40:1-11; 1 Corinthians 4:1-5; Matthew 11:2-11; Chief Hymn: 345