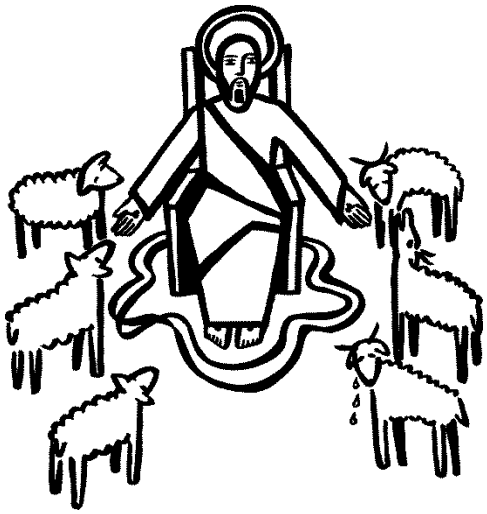


Christ the KING

November 22, 2026

Advent Lutheran Church

We extend welcome to people of all races, cultures and colors; to people of all sexual orientations, gender expression and gender identity; to people of all ages, backgrounds and abilities; to people of every legal, economic and marital status and to all those the world seeks to separate, divide or isolate. We celebrate your identity as a gift from God. You are welcome to a diverse community united by faith. Receive God's grace given to all regardless of worldly successes or failures. Together we commit ourselves to embrace the continuing work of anti-racism, social and economic justice and environmental care.

"Welcome one another therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God." Romans 15.7

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Welcome

Worship includes everyone! You are invited to speak the bold-printed words in this bulletin. "ELW" refers to the red hymnal in front of you. "ACS" refers to hymns found in the purple hymnal. During the Sharing of Peace, people generally move around the sanctuary to share signs of Christ's peace with a hug, a handshake, a peace sign, or saying the words, "Peace be with you." Participate at your own comfort level.

Children are welcome in worship! Children are always encouraged to participate in worship. If your little one needs a break, there is space to play and stretch out in the narthex. A TV screen will allow you to see and hear worship while supervising your child. Quiet bags and coloring supplies can be found in the narthex and brought to your pews. During the Family Lesson, children are invited to come forward, with or without a grown-up, for a message created especially for them. Don't worry — wiggles and noises are expected! Sunday School takes place after the Family Lesson in the A building next door; children return to worship during the Sharing of Peace.

Fidget toys are available in bags in most pews. Noise-canceling headphones are also available. Ask an usher if you need a set. Neurodiversity is celebrated here.

Holy Communion is intended for everyone. It is an open table. Ushers will guide you. Gluten-free wafers and non-alcoholic grape juice are available.

Newcomer today? Use the QR code on the back page to learn more about Advent.

Your offering of financial support, time and talent enables us to do God's work locally and globally! The QR links on the back page will guide you to an online giving platform or to our Vemo account. Checks can be written to Advent Lutheran Church. Thank you for your generosity!

Restrooms are located in the Fellowship Hall next door.

The blue HERE I AM! card in your pew rack can be used to request a meeting with the pastor or ask for prayers. Visitors are invited to share their contact information and check the appropriate box to request our e-news. Place the card in the gold plate that will be passed to you during Offering.

Thank you for serving today:

Ushers: Irene Bizier, Cari Krippner
Lector: Allen Richardson
Hospitality: Choir team
Flower: Women's bible study, in support of Pastor Anne.

— GATHERING —

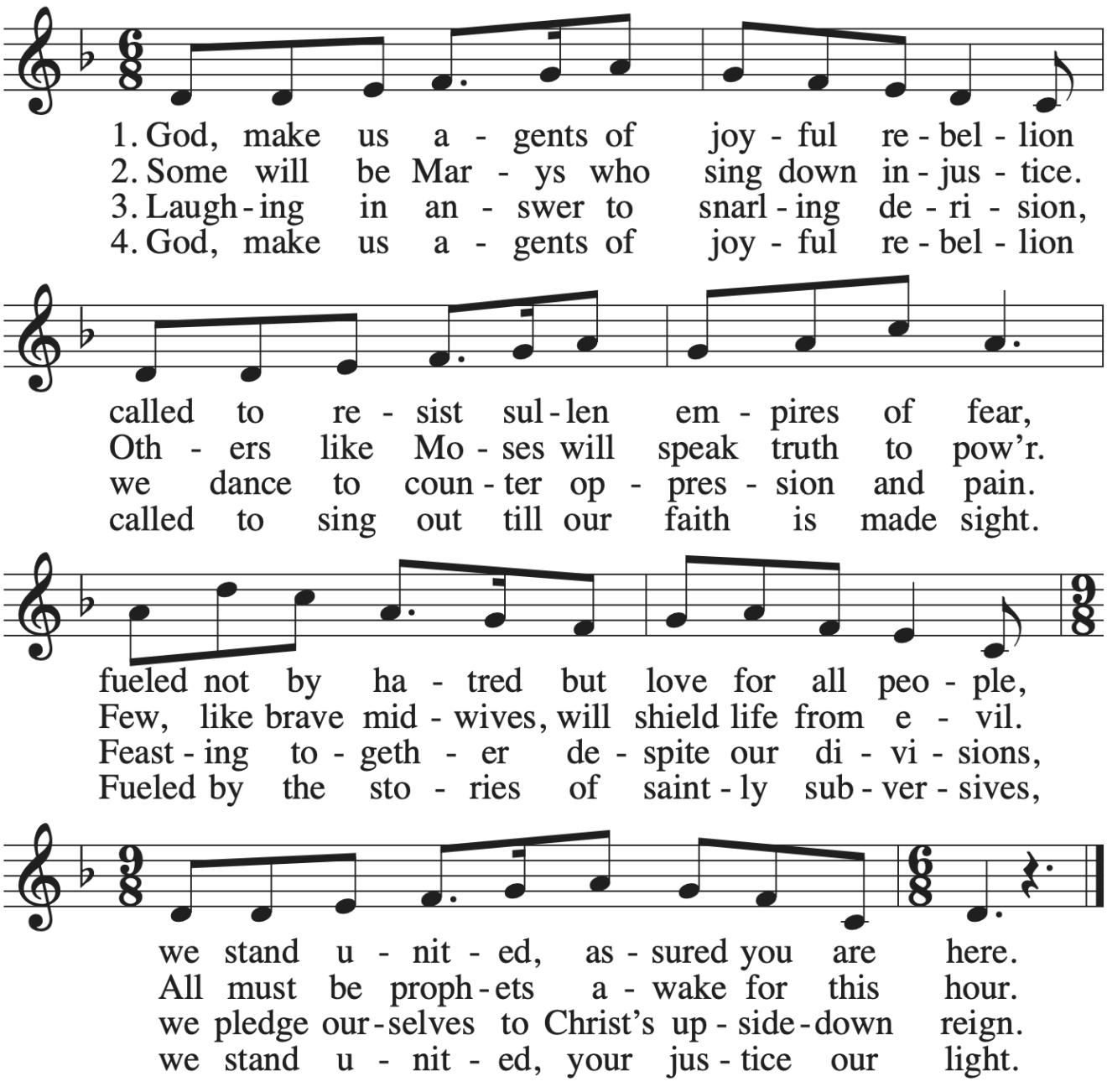
Prelude

Welcome & Gathering Hymn

GOD, MAKE US AGENTS OF JOYFUL REBELLION

David Bjorlin, b.1984

REBELLION
Benjamin Brody, b.1975



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Prayer of the Day
Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. By your merciful protection awaken us to the threatening dangers of our sins, and keep us blameless until the coming of your new day, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Amen.

—WORD —

Family Lesson and Sunday School

First Reading: Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24

11 Thus says the Lord GOD: I myself will search for my sheep and will sort them out. 12 As
shepherds sort out their flocks when they are among scattered sheep, so I will sort out my
sheep. I will rescue them from all the places to which they have been scattered on a day of
clouds and thick darkness. 13 I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from
the countries and bring them into their own land, and I will feed them on the mountains of
Israel, by the watercourses, and in all the inhabited parts of the land. 14 I will feed them
with good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel shall be their pasture; there they
shall lie down in good grazing land, and they shall feed on rich pasture on the mountains
of Israel. 15 I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down,
says the Lord GOD. 16 I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strays, and I will bind
up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, but the fat and the strong I will destroy. I
will feed them with justice.
20 Therefore, thus says the Lord GOD to them: I myself will judge between the fat sheep
and the lean sheep. 21 Because you pushed with flank and shoulder and butted at all the
weak animals with your horns until you scattered them far and wide, 22 I will save my
flock, and they shall no longer be ravaged, and I will judge between sheep and sheep.
23 I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them; he
shall feed them and be their shepherd. 24 And I the LORD will be their God, and my servant
David shall be prince among them; I the LORD have spoken.

Word of God. Word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**

Choir Anthem *O God, Our Help in Ages Past* Arr. Mark A. Miller
O God, our help in ages past,
Our hope for years and years to come,
Our shelter from the stormy blast,
And our eternal home.

Under the shadow of Your throne
Still may we ever dwell secure.

Sufficient is Your arm alone,
And our defense is sure.

O God, our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come,
Our shelter from the stormy blast,
And our eternal home.
Pray be our guide while life shall last
And our eternal home.

A thousand ages in Your sight
Are like an evening quickly gone;
Short as the watch that ends the night
Before the rising sun.

O time, like an ever-flowing stream,
Soon bears us, everyone, away.
We fly, forgotten as a dream,
But God remembers, so do we,
Your love will live on,
Your love will live on.

O God, our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come,
Our shelter from the stormy blast,
And our eternal home.
Pray be our guide while life shall last
And our eternal home!

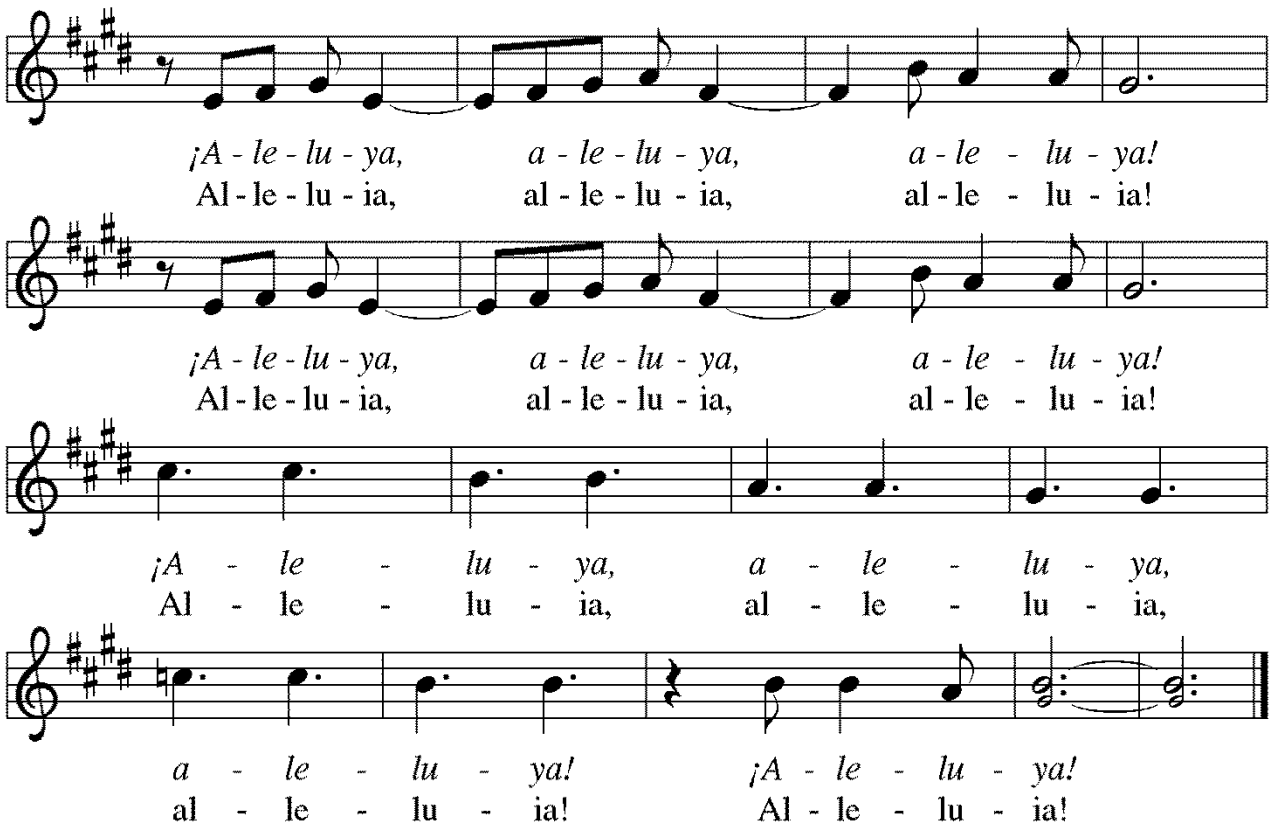
Second Reading: Ephesians 1:15-23

15 I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for
this reason 16 I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers, 17 that
the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and
revelation as you come to know him, 18 so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened,
you may perceive what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his
glorious inheritance among the saints, 19 and what is the immeasurable greatness of his
power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. 20 God put this
power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right
hand in the heavenly places, 21 far above all rule and authority and power and dominion
and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come.

22 And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for
the church, 23 which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

Word of God. Word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation



Gospel Reading: Matthew 25:31-46

The Holy Gospel according to Saint Matthew. **Glory to you, O Lord.**
31 "When the Son of Man comes in his glory and all the angels with him, then he will sit
on the throne of his glory. 32 All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will
separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, 33 and
he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. 34 Then the king will say to
those at his right hand, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom
prepared for you from the foundation of the world, 35 for I was hungry and you gave me
food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you
welcomed me, 36 I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of
me, I was in prison and you visited me.' 37 Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord,
when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food or thirsty and gave you something
to drink? 38 And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you or naked and
gave you clothing? 39 And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?'

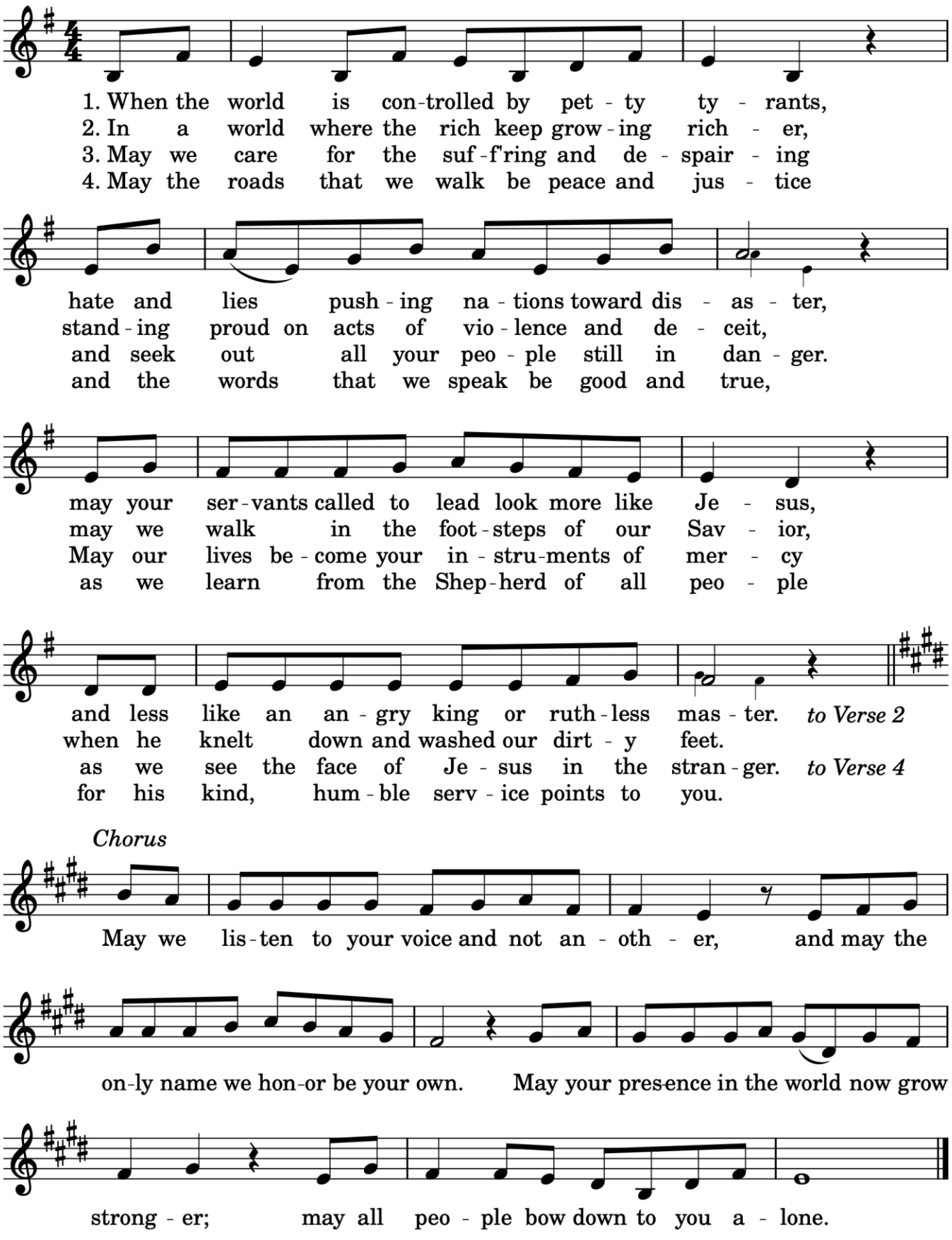
[40] And the king will answer them, ‘Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did it to me.’ [41] Then he will say to those at his left hand, ‘You who are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels, [42] for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, [43] I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.’ [44] Then they also will answer, ‘Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison and did not take care of you?’ [45] Then he will answer them, ‘Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.’ [46] And these will go away into eternal punishment but the righteous into eternal life.”

This is the Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon

Hymn of the Day

When the World is Controlled by Petty Tyrants



Text & Music: Joel Sierra, tr. David Bjorlin
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Prayers of the People
Sung Response: *Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying* ELW #752

Sharing Christ's Peace
The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

Announcements

—— MEAL ——

Offering and Offering Song *O Christ, What Can It Mean for Us* ELW #431

Giving Made Easy: *You may give your offering by scanning the Venmo QR code here. Thank you for your generosity and faithful support of our ministry.*

Offering Prayer
Eternal God,
our time, talents, and treasures are gifts from you.
Receive what we offer,
and all that you entrust to us,
until hungry no more, all the world is fed,
through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving
The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Eucharistic Prayer and Words of Institution

The Lord's Prayer
Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread;
and forgive us our sins,
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.

Instructions and Invitation to the Table
All are welcome at Christ's table. Ushers will guide you. Gluten-free and non-alcoholic elements are available.

Distribution and Music

Touch That Soothes and Heals	ACS #939
Come Now, You Blessed	ACS #1059
Build a Longer Table	ACS #1062

Post-Communion Blessing
Holy God,
we have received your never-ending mercy in this meal.
You continuously seek the lost,
bind the injured,
and feed your people abundantly.
Now send us out,
awake to your presence,
now and forever. Amen.

— SENDING —

Sending Hymn *Canticle of the Turning* ELW #723

Blessing
The holy Trinity,
Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit,
bless you with wisdom to welcome the reign of God,
today and always. **Amen.**

Dismissal
Go in peace. Encourage one another. **Thanks be to God.**

Announcements

Weekly Bible Study with Pastor Anne meets every Tuesday at 12pm in the Fellowship Hall or via Zoom (a link can be found in each Wednesday email). No meeting this coming Tuesday, Nov 24.

Office is closed on Nov 25.

Christmas Food Baskets 2026 - Saturday, December 19

- 8:30 AM Bagging Begins (Those driving too check in at Narthex)
- 9:30 AM Baggers who are driving and those only driving - Meet in Sanctuary
- 9:45 AM - 1 PM - Deliveries
- Drivers return paperwork and any food not delivered to church

Donations

- Online – Advent webpage, MAKE A DONATION > Food Baskets>Contributions OR
- Offering - Red envelopes - check to Advent Lutheran Church - Food Basket in memo line

Our **Preschool Christmas Concert** will be held on Monday, December 14 at 9:15am. We welcome you to the concert. Santa is coming at 10am. There will be a professional photographer. We will gather in the Fellowship Hall for treats with our preschool families after the concert. We are looking for volunteers who would be willing to prepare or donate **nut-free cookies, cake, brownies, or other baked treats** for approximately **10 families**. If you are able to help with either of these, please contact Jessie or Poorinma poornimaj@adventlutheran.net All are welcome.

Looking for encouragement and support on your weight-loss journey? Join us for **TOPS** meetings Wednesdays at 5:30 PM. We share helpful ideas, information, and support in a relaxed environment. More info available at TOPS.org.

Mary's Place Giving Tree 2026 is here! Take a tag off the tree, note the information on the back, buy one (or more) gift cards, write the card's amount on it, and mail them to the given address. It's that simple! If you would prefer to buy a gift for a child, go to marysplaceseattle.org, then "get involved" then "holiday giving". For convenience, purchase items on Amazon and have them shipped to the warehouse address at the bottom of the page. All gifts need to arrive at Mary's Place by December 12. Thank you for your generosity! Every donation means a warmer, happier Christmas for a needy family!

Monday Night Women's Bible Study on 12/7 from 7-8:30 pm

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