

The Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost Sunday, October 19, 2025 Advent Lutheran Church

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ADVENT LUTHERAN CHURCH WELCOME STATEMENT

Advent Lutheran Church of Goschenhoppen, a welcoming community of God, believes ALL people are made in God's image and boundless love and ALL are valued equally within our congregation. We are empowered by God through faith to nurture and celebrate the vast diversity among individuals – single, married, partnered, divorced – embrace their uniqueness in all aspects of life including race, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expressions, physical or mental abilities, socioeconomic backgrounds and age. We at Advent, affirm and welcome you to share life with us and participate in God's ministry statement.

WELCOME FRIENDS AND GUESTS If you are a guest, we ask that you please sign our visitor register located on the table in the Narthex, and help yourself to one of the Welcome Bags. Please come back and worship with us.

LITURGY. Hymns can be found in the Evangelical Lutheran Worship book - our red hymnal in the pew rack, or placed under the chairs.

* indicates, please stand, as you are able.

MASKS - Masks are optional. Love your neighbor.



WE LOVE CHILDREN IN WORSHIP!

- Worship activities are located in the narthex cubbies.
- A staffed nursery is available for infants through age 6. The nursery is the last door on the right.
- Children's Church (kindergarten-5th) grade begins after the children's sermon. Children will return to worship during the passing of the peace.

FOR EVERYONE: Join us for fellowship following worship! All are welcome.

** Members, please remember to check your mailboxes today **



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Prelude: 11:00 Eternal Father Strong to Save; traditional

(Barbershop Quartet)

Prepare your hearts for worship in a quiet time and space during the prelude.

GATHERING

*Confession and Forgiveness

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, our maker, our helper, and our keeper. Amen.

P: Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection and self-examination.

Merciful God,

we are your imperfect people.

Too often we trample on the needy.

We grumble about your grace to others.

We turn away from too many who are poor.

Have mercy on us and forgive our sins.

Rejoice over us as ones who were lost

and have been found.

Amen.

P: Even when we are faithless, God remains faithful. Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners. You who were lost have been found. In the name of

→ Jesus, your sins are forgiven!

C: Amen.

*Gathering Hymn What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine

Hymn #774

*Greeting

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **C: And also with you.**



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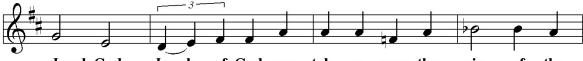
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*Prayer of the Day

A: The Lord be with you

C: And also with you.

A: Let us pray...

C: Merciful God, gracious and benevolent, through your Son you invite all the world to a meal of mercy. Grant that we may eagerly follow his call, and bring us with all your saints into your life of justice and joy, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

WORD

Psalm 32:1-7

- ¹ Happy are they whose transgressions [|] are forgiven, and whose sin is [|] put away!
 - ² Happy are they to whom the Lord im- | putes no guilt, and in whose spirit there | is no guile!
 - ³ While I held my tongue my bones with- ^I ered away, because of my groaning ^I all day long.
 - ⁴ For your hand was heavy upon me | day and night; my moisture was dried up as in the | heat of summer. R
- ⁵ Then I acknowledged my sin to you and did not con- ^I ceal my guilt.
 I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord." Then you forgave me the guilt ^I of my sin.
 - ⁶ Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to you in ¹ time of trouble; when the great waters overflow, they ¹ shall not reach them.
 - ⁷ You are my hiding-place; you preserve ¹ me from trouble; you surround me with shouts ¹ of deliverance. **R**

First Lesson: 2 Thessalonians 1:1-4, 11-12

¹ Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy,

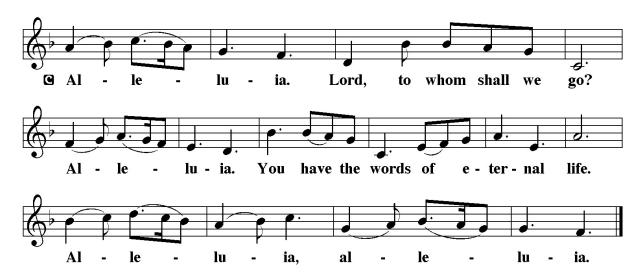
To the church of the Thessalonians in God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ:

- ² Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.
- ³ We must always give thanks to God for you, brothers and sisters, as is right, because your faith is growing abundantly, and the love of every one of you for one another is increasing. ⁴ Therefore we ourselves boast of you among the churches of God for your steadfastness and faith during all your persecutions and the afflictions that you are enduring.
- ¹¹ To this end we always pray for you, asking that our God will make you worthy of his call and will fulfill by his power every good resolve and work of faith, ¹² so that the name of our Lord Jesus may be glorified in you, and you in him, according to the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

*Gospel Acclamation



P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 19th chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

*Gospel: Luke 19:1-10

¹ [Jesus] entered Jericho and was passing through it.² A man was there named Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax collector and was rich. ³ He was trying to see who Jesus was, but on account of the crowd he could not, because he was short in stature. ⁴ So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore tree to see him, because he was going to pass that way. ⁵ When Jesus came to the place, he looked up and said to him, "Zacchaeus, hurry and come down; for I must stay at your house today." ⁶ So he hurried down and was happy to welcome him. ⁷ All who saw it began to grumble and said, "He has gone to be the guest of one who is a sinner." ⁸ Zacchaeus stood there and said to the Lord, "Look, half of my possessions, Lord, I will give to the poor; and if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I will pay back four times as much." ⁹ Then Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, because he too is a son of Abraham. ¹⁰ For the Son of Man came to seek out and to save the lost."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Children's Sermon Pastor Mark

Children ages kindergarten-5th grade are dismissed for Children's Church

Sermon Pastor Mark

*Hymn of the Day Love Divine, All Loves Excelling Hymn #631

*Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.

On the third day he rose again;

He ascended into heaven,

He is seated at the right hand of the Father,

and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit

the holy catholic church, the communion of saints,

the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body,

and the life everlasting. Amen.

*The Prayers

*The Peace

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: And also with you.

MEAL

Offertory	8:30	I Come with Joy	Hymn#482
	11:00	What God Ordains is Good Indeed; Bach	(Chancel Choir)

*Offertory Prayer

A: Lord of the harvest, we return to you a portion of what you have given to us. Turn us to set our hope not on the uncertainty of riches, but on you, who richly provides for us. In your generosity, multiply what we have gathered to bless all who are suffering and in need, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **C: Amen.**

*Communion Liturgy

P: Those of you worshiping with us online are invited to share communion with us. I invite you to have your bread and your wine or grape juice before you as we gather to receive communion. What we share is not a private ceremony, but an act of worship within this community gathered by a God who transcends time and space. It is "for you" – Christ promises to be there for you. Trust that. And this sacrament is also for all people; we celebrate in the assembly. We are one community in worship.

*Dialog

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

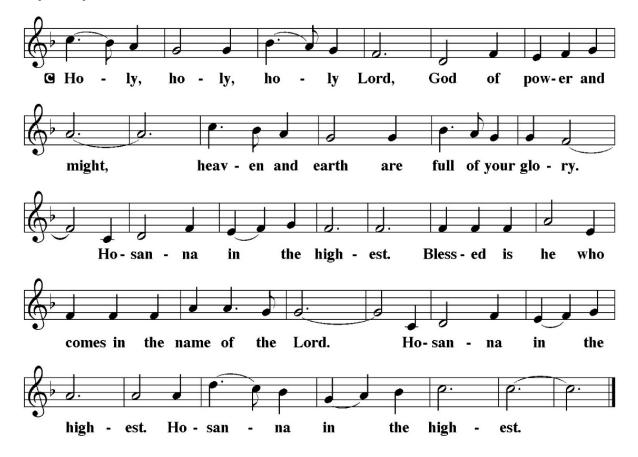
C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give you thanks and praise.

*Preface It is indeed right...join their unending hymn:

*Holy, Holy, Holy



*Thanksgiving at the Table

*Lord's Prayer

P: As people of God in this time and place, we use the language of today as we pray the prayer Jesus taught us.

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.

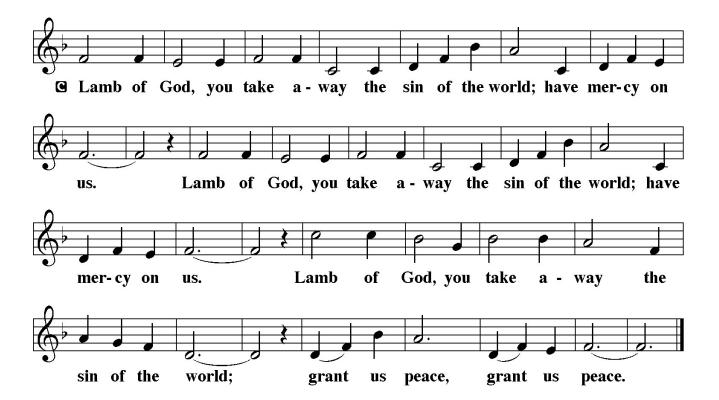
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

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

P: Jesus welcomes sinners and eats with them. Come to this meal of mercy. Come, not because you are perfect, but because you are forgiven.

*Lamb of God



Communion

Those worshiping in-person are invited to come forward as the ushers direct you. You may receive bread and dip it into the wine or grape juice; or you may pick up one of the sealed wafer/grape juice packets or a sealed gluten free wafer and hear the words of promise before returning to your seat to open it.

Those worshiping online are invited to use your own bread and wine or grape juice at this time, saying to each other, or to yourself, "The body of Christ given for you," and "The blood of Christ shed for you." For all of us, Christ promises to be present in, with, and under the bread and wine/juice.

Children who have not yet received their first communion may come forward (in person) for a blessing, or someone in the room (worshiping online) may pause to provide that blessing, saying "Remember, God loves you" or "You are a beloved child of God."

Communion Hymn: Blessed Assurance Hymn# 638

Post Communion Blessing

P: Now may the body and blood of our savior Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in God's Grace. **C: Amen.**

Post Communion Prayer

A: O God, through this meal you have strengthened us and appointed us to be your servants. Send us to do good and to be generous with our possessions, caring for those who are in need. We ask this in Jesus' name.

C: Amen.

SENDING

Announcements

*Benediction

P: The God of righteousness, who gives justice to the oppressed, who gives food to the hungry, who sets the captives free, + bless you now and forever.

C: Amen.

*Sending Hymn: O Christ the Same (tune: Londonderry Air) Hymn# 760

*Dismissal

A: Go in peace. Do not lose heart.

C: Saved by God's Grace, Renewed through Word and Sacrament, We are Sent as Disciples to Share the Gospel of Jesus. Thanks be to God.

Postlude

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