



The Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, August 31, 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.

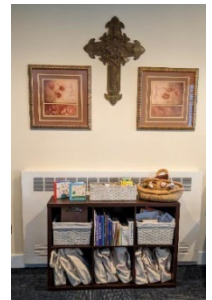
** indicates, please stand, as you are able.*

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:

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: In the name of the Father, and of the ✝ Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

P: Baptized into Christ, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection and self-examination.

Merciful God,

you free us to love others,

but too often we neglect our neighbors and follow our own way.

You lead us by the Spirit of joy and peace,

but we turn away from the abundant life you offer.

You surround us with patience, kindness, and generosity,

but we grow weary in doing what is right.

In your mercy, forgive us.

Do not give up on us.

Heal us, break our bonds,

and show us the path of life. Amen

P: You belong to Christ Jesus and you are God's children through faith.

In the cross of ✝ Christ, and through the power of the Holy Spirit, your sins are forgiven.

Clothed with Christ, you are a new creation.

C: Amen.

***Gathering Hymn** *Shall We Gather at the River*

Hymn #423

*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.**

*Hymn of Praise

Refrain



Now the feast and cel - e - bra - tion, all of cre - a - tion



sings for joy to the God of life and love and free-dom;



praise and glo - ry for - ev - er - more!



1 Now is the feast of the Lamb once slain, whose blood has



Refrain
freed and u - nit-ed us to be one great peo-ple of God.



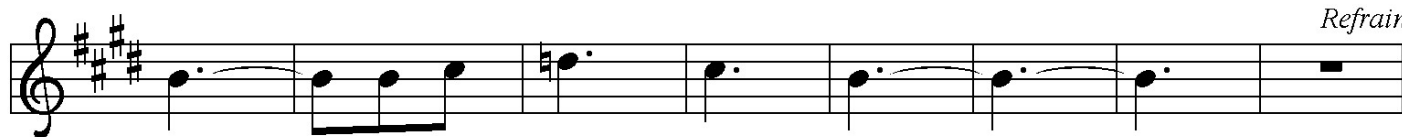
2 Pow - er and rich-es, wis-dom and might, all hon - or and



Refrain
glo - ry to Christ for - ev - er.



3 For God has come to dwell with us, to make us peo-ple of



God; to make all things new.

*Prayer of the Day

A: The Lord be with you

C: And also with you.

A: Let us pray...

C: O God, you resist those who are proud and give grace to those who are humble. Give us the humility of your Son, that we may embody the generosity of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

WORD

Psalms 112

¹ Hallelujah! Happy are they who ¹ fear the Lord
and have great delight in ¹ God's commandments!

² **Their descendants will be mighty ¹ in the land;
the generation of the upright ¹ will be blessed. R**

³ Wealth and riches will be ¹ in their house,
and their righteousness will ¹ last forever.

⁴ **Light shines in the darkness ¹ for the upright;
the righteous are merciful and full ¹ of compassion.**

⁵ It is good for them to be gener- ¹ ous in lending
and to manage their af- ¹ fairs with justice.

⁶ **For they will nev- ¹ er be shaken;
the righteous will be kept in everlast- ¹ ing remembrance. R**

⁷ They will not be afraid of any ¹ evil rumors;
their heart is steadfast, trusting ¹ in the Lord.

⁸ **Their heart is established and ¹ will not shrink,
until they see their desire up- ¹ on their enemies.**

⁹ They have given freely to the poor, and their righteousness stands ¹ fast forever;
they will hold up their ¹ head with honor.

¹⁰ **The wicked will see it and be angry; they will gnash their teeth and ¹ pine away;
the desires of the wick- ¹ ed will perish. R**

First Lesson: Proverbs 25:6-7a

⁶ Do not put yourself forward in the king's presence or stand in the place of the great;

^{7a} for it is better to be told, "Come up here," than to be put lower in the presence of a noble.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

*Gospel Acclamation



P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 14th chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

*Gospel: Luke 14:1, 7-14

¹ On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the sabbath, they were watching him closely.

⁷ When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honor, he told them a parable. ⁸ "When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honor, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host; ⁹ and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, 'Give this person your place,' and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. ¹⁰ But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, 'Friend, move up higher'; then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. ¹¹ For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted."

¹² He said also to the one who had invited him, "When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbors, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. ¹³ But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. ¹⁴ And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Children's Sermon

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

Sermon

Pastor Mark

***Hymn of the Day**

My Lord, What a Morning

Hymn #438

***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 Hymn

My Shepherd, You Supply My Need

Hymn#782

*Offertory Prayer

A: Generous God, receive these offerings that we bring, and bless them so that they might be used to build up your church in ways that help us to grow in faith and faithfulness, and to reach out in invitation and service to others. Bless also the gifts of wheat and grapes, of bread and wine, and in this communion strengthen us for that witness and service.

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



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly are you, God of pow - er and
might; heav - en and earth are filled with your
glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is the one who comes in your name. Ho -
san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

*Thanksgiving at the Table

*Lord's Prayer

P: Joining with people around the world, we are bold to pray using the words our Savior taught us:

**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.**

P: The commonwealth of God is set before you. Eat and rejoice. Come, not because you are perfect, but because you are forgiven.

***Lamb of God**

Congregation: *Congregation or Assistant:*

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
 you break the chains of ha - tred and
 you are the way of jus - tice and
 you are the way of mer - cy and

Congregation:

world: have mer - cy on us, mer - cy on us,
 fear:
 peace:
 love.

Final Stanza

Congregation or Assistant:

mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you
 take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace,
 grant us peace, grant us peace.

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Communion

Those worshipping 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 worshipping 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 (worshipping online) may pause to provide that blessing, saying "Remember, God loves you" or "You are a beloved child of God."

Communion Hymn

Abide With Me

Hymn# 629

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: Mothering God, you gathered us to your table and we drank deeply of your grace. Send us out by your Spirit to love our neighbors as ourselves and proclaim your love in Jesus' name.
C: Amen.

SENDING

Announcements

*Benediction

P: The love of God abound in you; the grace of our Savior Jesus Christ fill your hearts; and the life of the Spirit ✝ bless you and give you peace.
C: Amen.

*Sending Hymn

It Is Well With My Soul

Hymn#785

*Dismissal

A: Go in peace. Live by the Spirit.

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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Today's Worship Volunteers:

9:30 am

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Lector: David Lutchter

Communion Ast: Carrie Ryan, _____

Ushers: Dean Shollenberger, Carrie Johnson

Acolyte: _____

Welcome Table: _____

Announcements: _____

Nursery Helper: _____

Bread: Carrie Ryan

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