



The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Sunday, September 21, 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.

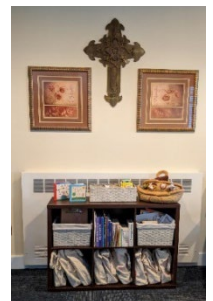
** indicates, please stand, as you are able.*

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

Litany for Reconciliation

Leader: O God, you open doors and dismantle barriers ...Open our hearts to praise you,

Piano side: that we might live the full truth of who we are,

Pipes side: that we might live as neighbors and friends, no longer strangers and enemies.

Leader: Open our hearts to the transforming power of your love,

Piano side: that we might forgive and reconcile, making peace and learning war no more,

Pipes side: that we might be your people, one body in one Spirit to share your grace in the world.

Leader: Open our hearts to your gracious love,

Piano side: that we might receive your forgiveness,

Pipes side: that we might receive your mercy.

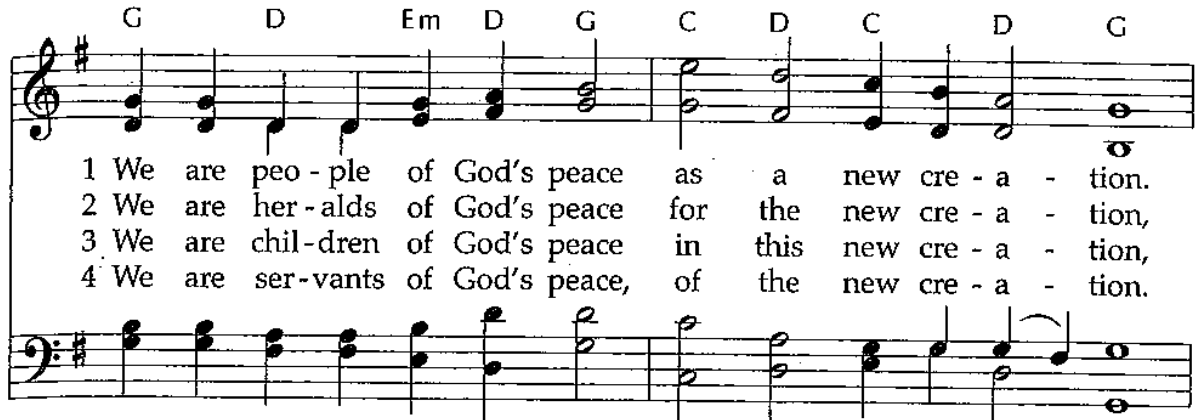
Leader: O God, you have redeemed us through our brother, friend and Savior. May we walk together in your peace. **Amen**

***Gathering Hymn** *We Are People of God's Peace*

We Are People of God's Peace 797

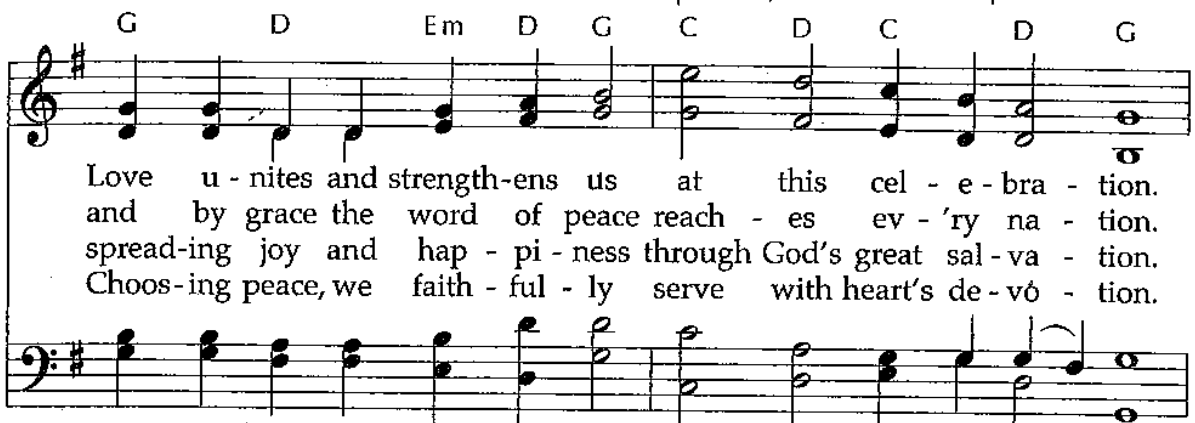
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G D Em D G C D C D G



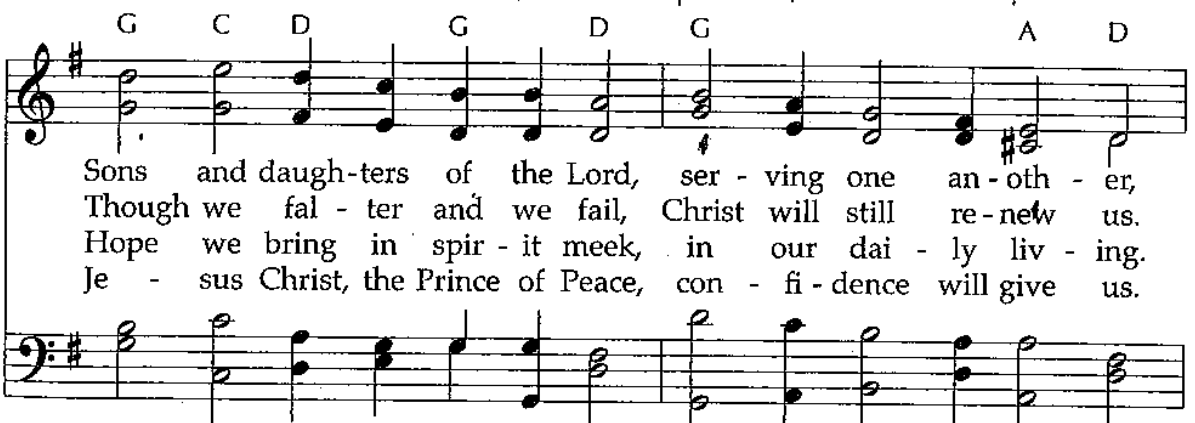
1 We are peo - ple of God's peace as a new cre - a - tion.
 2 We are her - alds of God's peace for the new cre - a - tion,
 3 We are chil - dren of God's peace in this new cre - a - tion,
 4 We are ser - vants of God's peace, of the new cre - a - tion.

G D Em D G C D C D G



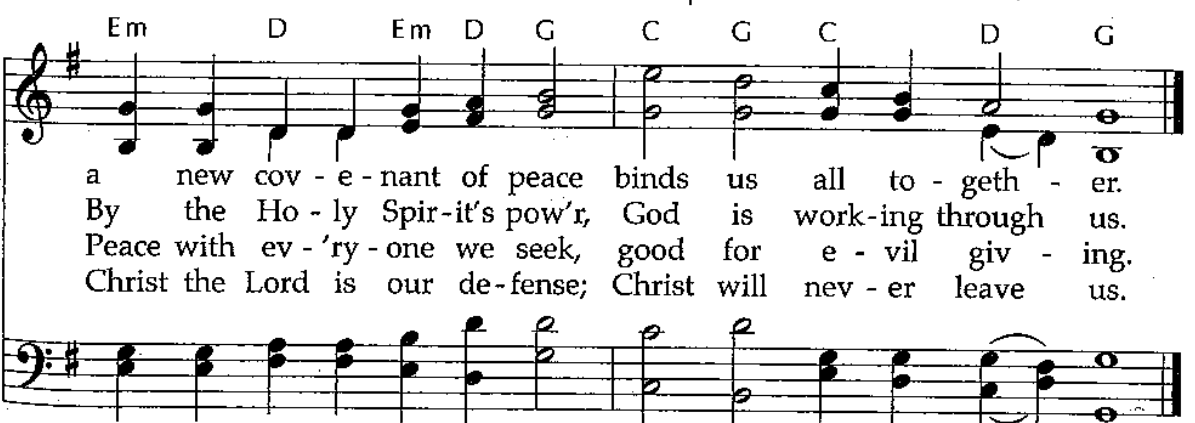
Love u - nites and strength - ens us at this cel - e - bra - tion.
 and by grace the word of peace reach - es ev - 'ry na - tion.
 spread - ing joy and hap - pi - ness through God's great sal - va - tion.
 Choos - ing peace, we faith - ful - ly serve with heart's de - vó - tion.

G C D G D G A D



Sons and daugh - ters of the Lord, ser - ving one an - oth - er,
 Though we fal - ter and we fail, Christ will still re - new us.
 Hope we bring in spir - it meek, in our dai - ly liv - ing.
 Je - sus Christ, the Prince of Peace, con - fi - dence will give us.

Em D Em D G C G C D G



a new cov - e - nant of peace binds us all to - geth - er.
 By the Ho - ly Spir - it's pow'r, God is work - ing through us.
 Peace with ev - 'ry - one we seek, good for e - vil giv - ing.
 Christ the Lord is our de - fense; Christ will nev - er leave us.

Text: based on Menno Simons (present-day Netherlands), *Reply to False Accusations*, 1552; stanzas 1, 3, 4 vers. David Augsburg (USA), 1978; adapt. Esther Bergen (Canada), 1990; stanza 2 vers. Mennonite Worship and Song Committee, 2017 © Mennonite World Conference
 Music: Johann Horn (present-day Germany), *Ein Gesangbuch der Brüder im Behemen und Merhenn*, 1544; rev. in *Catholicum Hymnologicum Germanicum*, 1584

*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.**

*Gloria

C - All

I – High Voices

II – Low Voices



C Glo- ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;



glo- ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo- ple on earth.



I Lord God, heav- en - ly king, al- migh- y God and Fa- ther, we



wor- ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.



C Glo- ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;



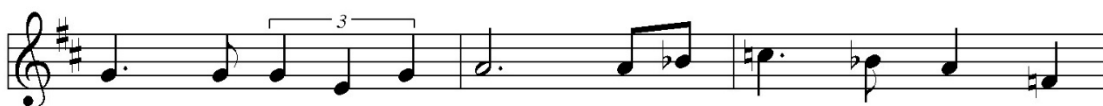
glo- ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo- ple on earth.



II Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther,



Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the



world: have mer - cy on us; you are seat - ed at the



right hand of the Fa - ther: re- ceive our prayer.



***Prayer of the Day**

A: The Lord be with you

C: And also with you.

A: Let us pray...

C: Draw your church together, O God, into one great company of disciples, together following our teacher Jesus Christ into every walk of life, together serving in Christ's mission to the world, and together witnessing to your love wherever you will send us; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Children's Sermon – Meet Joel Nofziger

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

Psalm 133

¹How good and how pleasant it is,

when kindred live together in unity!

²It is like fine oil upon the head, flowing down upon the beard,

upon the beard of Aaron, flowing down upon the collar of his robe.

³It is like the dew of Hermon flowing down upon the hills of Zion.

For there the LORD has commanded the blessing: life forevermore.

First Lesson: 1 Corinthians 3:10-15

¹⁰ According to the grace of God given to me, like a wise master builder I laid a foundation, and someone else is building on it. Let each builder choose with care how to build on it. ¹¹ For no one can lay any foundation other than the one that has been laid; that foundation is Jesus Christ. ¹² Now if anyone builds on the foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw— ¹³ the work of each builder will become visible, for the day^[a] will disclose it, because it will be revealed with fire, and the fire will test what sort of work each has done. ¹⁴ If the work that someone has built on the foundation survives, the builder will receive a wage. ¹⁵ If the work is burned up, the builder will suffer loss; the builder will be saved, but only as through fire.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Sermon

Joel Nofziger

Based on readings from Sermon on the Mount

***Hymn of the Day**

O God and Father of Us All

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O God and Fa - ther of us all, we wor - ship and a -
A - noint the lips that read and speak, to guide their proc - lam -
En - light - en us to un - der - stand your vis - ion, e - ver -
O God, you sit u - pon the throne as rul - er of cre -

dore you. We gath - er now to hear your call, and bring our praise be
- a - tion. Give us the wis - dom that we seek; make good - ness our vo -
grow - ing; that we may join with heart and hand the la - bor still on -
- a - tion. All powr' and might are yours a - lone, be - yond each earth - ly.

fore you. Your good - ness comes a - new each day; teach us to keep your
- ca - tion. Bless us with hun - ger for this bread, your Word, by which our
- go - ing. With hol - i - ness pre - pare our way; in - still each thought and
na - tion. From humb - le dust our hearts we raise, for your name's sake our

nar - row way. For bless - ings we im - plore you.
souls are fed, the feast of cel - e - bra - tion.
word we say with truth be - yond our know - ing.
prayer and praise, through Christ, our true sal - va - tion.

*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**

A: Let us pray

**C: Listening God,
you hear our prayers before we speak,
yet welcome our praying;
therefore we come with confidence
to lay our requests before you.**

A: ...we lay our requests before you.

C: Lord, hear our prayer.

***The Peace**

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

C: And also with you.

MEAL

Offertory:

Behold How Pleasant

ELW#649

***Offertory Prayer**

A: O God, our offerings proclaim that work and worship are one, that life is undivided. Use these gifts for your church's ministries of reconciliation, service, and mercy.

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 Lord, God of pow-er and
might, heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry.
Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the
high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

***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**



☐ Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on



us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have



mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the



sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

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: *You Satisfy the Hungry Heart* ELW# 484

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 prisoners free, ✠ bless you now and forever.

C: Amen.

***Sending Hymn:** *Heart with Loving Heart United*

Heart with Loving Heart United 813

O DU LIEBE MEINER LIEBE 8.7.8.7 D



1 Heart with lov - ing heart u - nit - ed, met to know God's ho - ly will.
 2 May we all so love each oth - er and all self - ish claims de - ny,
 3 Since, O Lord, you have de-mand-ed that our lives your love should show,



Let this love, in us ig - nit - ed, more and more our spir - its fill.
 so that each one for the oth - er will not hes - i - tate to die.
 so we wait to be com-mand-ed forth in - to your world to go.



He the head, we are his mem-bers, we re-flect the light he is.
 E - ven so our Lord has loved us, for our lives he gave his life.
 Kin-dle in us love's com - pas-sion so that ev - 'ry - one may see



He the mas - ter, we dis - ci - ples, he is ours and we are his.
 Still he grieves and still he suf-fers, for our self - ish - ness and strife.
 in our fel - low - ship the prom-ise of a new hu - man - i - ty.



Chord symbols represent a simplified harmony.

Text: Nicolaus L. von Zinzendorf (Germany), *Herz und Herz vereint zusammen*, 1723, *Die letzten Reden unseres Herrn*, 1725;
 trans. Walter Klaassen (Canada), 1965, alt., © 1969, 1983 Walter Klaassen

Music: *Manuscript Chorale Book* (USA), 1735; adapt. from "Sollen nun die grünen Jahre" (present-day Germany), ca. 1700

***Dismissal**

A: We came to worship.

C: We go now to serve.

A: We have been given the light.

C: We go now to let it shine.

A: We have been blessed by God's love.

C: We go now to share it.

A: We are Christ's disciples.

C: We go now to witness to all.

Postlude

2025 Council Members

Name and Position/Team
Amy Coll, President, Social Ministry
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Our worship today includes prayers and hymns reflective of the Mennonite tradition. Joel Nofziger's preaching text will be excerpts from the Sermon on the Mount – a key scriptural passage for Mennonites.

Just 7 years ago, Lutherans worldwide celebrated the 500th anniversary of Martin Luther posting his *95 Theses* in Wittenberg, Germany in 1517 that became the catalyst for a movement in the Church that we now call the Reformation. Calls for reform within the church had existed, almost from the beginning, but the monk who became Professor who became reformer set many things in motion, including other voices calling for reform – other Reformers would follow.

On January, 21, 1525, a group of Christian Reformers including George Blaurock and Conrad Grebel gathered for a secret service in Zurich, Switzerland. They were protesting the state church and infant baptism which seemed to be more of a secular moment than spiritual decision. At the service, they baptized one another. This was the beginning of the Anabaptist Movement from which Mennonite and Amish believers stem. 'Ana' means 'again' – these first Anabaptists were 'baptized again.' It was a rebellious action that led to consternation in the Church – Catholic, Lutheran and Reformed - and the persecution of many Anabaptists.

Of course, there is much more to these stories of reform and reformers. It took almost 500 years, but there have been acts of reconciliation between Lutherans and Mennonites. Internationally, the Lutherans publicly apologized to the Mennonites at the Lutheran World Assembly in Stuttgart in 2010. Locally, the Lutherans of the SE PA Synod publicly apologized to local Mennonites at their Synod Assembly in Franconia in 2011. Congregationally, Advent Lutheran and Salford Mennonite have forged a relationship that has led to sharing work in a community garden, combining for outreach projects and joining for a Thanksgiving Eve service annually.

Our local community has a Mennonite Resource Center that supports efforts of Mennonite World Relief and a Mennonite Heritage Center that stewards Mennonite history and tradition.