



The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, September 28, 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.

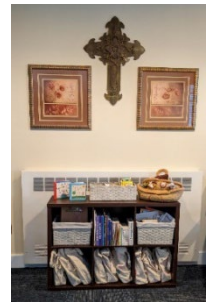
** indicates, please stand, as you are able.*

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 - I Can Only Imagine; *Millard* Lauren Ryan and Caetlyn Stover, voice
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** *Be Thou My Vision*

Hymn #793

***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



☐ 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.



☐ Lord God, heav- en - ly king, al- might- y God and Fa- ther, we



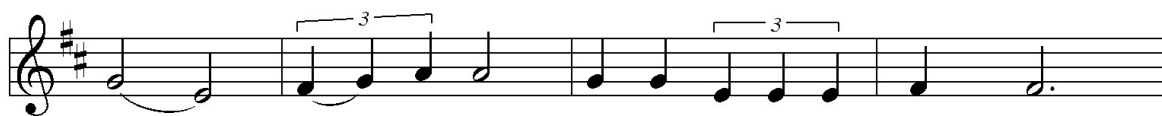
wor- ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.



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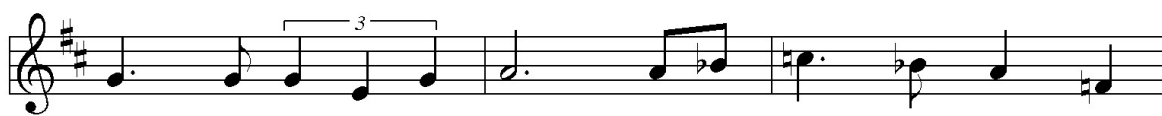
glo- ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo- ple on earth.



☐ 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.

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 For you a-lone are the Ho - ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,

II you a-lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly

Spir - it, in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther, A - men.

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,

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

***Prayer of the Day**

A: The Lord be with you

C: And also with you.

A: Let us pray...

C: God among us, we gather in the name of your Son to learn love for one another. Keep our feet from evil paths. Turn our minds to your wisdom and our hearts to the grace revealed in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Psalm 113

- ¹ Hallelujah! Give praise you servants ¹ of the Lord;
praise the name ¹ of the Lord.
- ² **Let the name of the ¹ Lord be blessed,
from this time forth for- ¹ evermore.**
- ³ From the rising of the sun to its ¹ going down
let the name of the ¹ Lord be praised.
- ⁴ **The Lord is high a- ¹ bove all nations;
God's glory a- ¹ bove the heavens. R**
- ⁵ Who is like the ¹ Lord our God,
who sits en- ¹ throned on high,
- ⁶ **but stoops ¹ to behold
the heavens ¹ and the earth?**
- ⁷ The Lord takes up the weak out ¹ of the dust
and lifts up the poor ¹ from the ashes,
- ⁸ **enthroning them ¹ with the rulers,
with the rulers ¹ of the people.**
- ⁹ The Lord makes the woman of a ¹ childless house
to be a joyful mother of children. ¹ Hallelujah! **R**

First Lesson: Amos 8:4-7

- ⁴ Hear this, you that trample on the needy,
and bring to ruin the poor of the land,
- ⁵ saying, "When will the new moon be over
so that we may sell grain;
and the sabbath,
so that we may offer wheat for sale?
We will make the ephah small and the shekel great,
and practice deceit with false balances,
- ⁶ buying the poor for silver
and the needy for a pair of sandals,
and selling the sweepings of the wheat."
- ⁷ The Lord has sworn by the pride of Jacob:
Surely I will never forget any of their deeds.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

*Gospel Acclamation



P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 16th chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

*Gospel: Luke 16:1-13

¹ Then Jesus said to the disciples, "There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was squandering his property. ² So he summoned him and said to him, 'What is this that I hear about you? Give me an accounting of your management, because you cannot be my manager any longer.' ³ Then the manager said to himself, 'What will I do, now that my master is taking the position away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. ⁴ I have decided what to do so that, when I am dismissed as manager, people may welcome me into their homes.' ⁵ So, summoning his master's debtors one by one, he asked the first, 'How much do you owe my master?' ⁶ He answered, 'A hundred jugs of olive oil.' He said to him, 'Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it fifty.' ⁷ Then he asked another, 'And how much do you owe?' He replied, 'A hundred containers of wheat.' He said to him, 'Take your bill and make it eighty.' ⁸ And his master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly; for the children of this age are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light. ⁹ And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of dishonest wealth so that when it is gone, they may welcome you into the eternal homes.

¹⁰ "Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much; and whoever is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much. ¹¹ If then you have not been faithful with the dishonest wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? ¹² And if you have not been faithful with what belongs to another, who will give you what is your own? ¹³ No slave can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth."

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** *Take My Life, That I May Be*

Hymn #583

***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 Eternal Father Strong to Save; *arr. Johnson* Barb Taylor, Bill Kesack, Ron Moritz,
Rich Lantz

***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**

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.

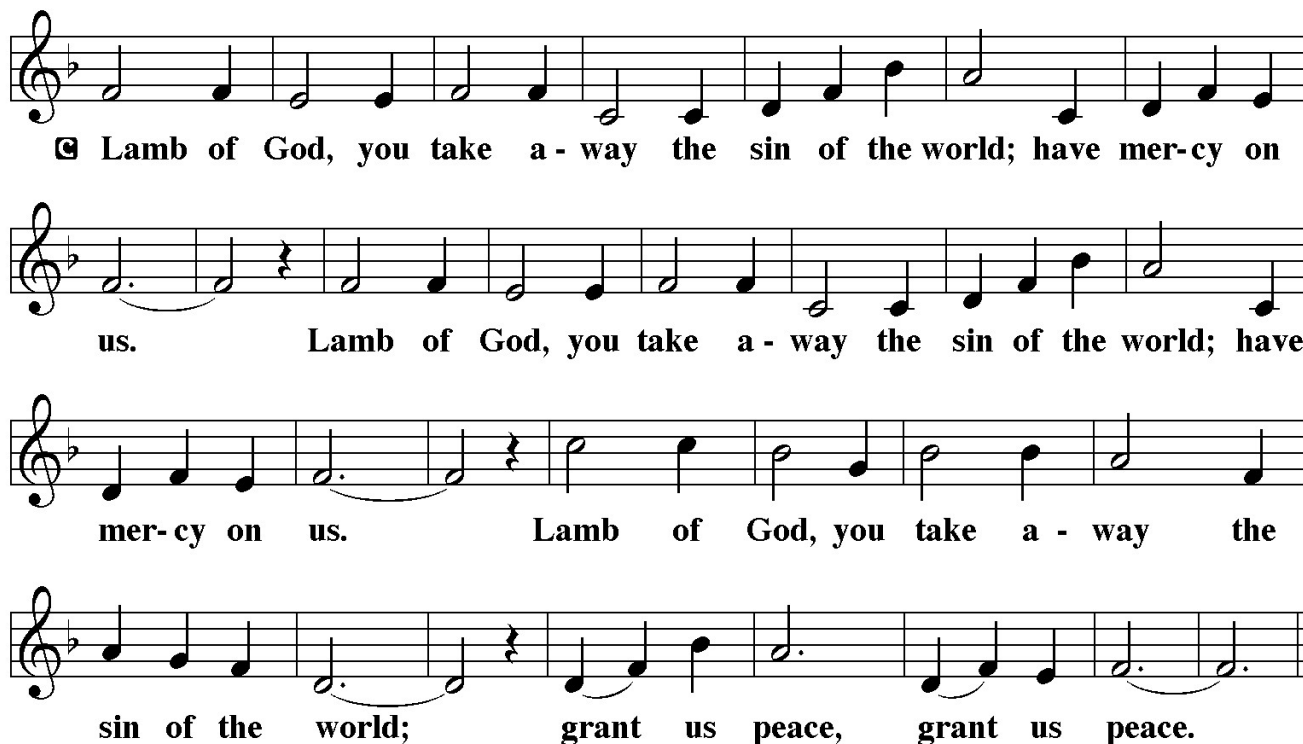
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

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: *As Saints of Old* Hymn# 695

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:** *Son of God, Eternal Savior* Hymn# 655

*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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