



Reformation and Confirmation Sunday

Sunday, October 26, 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.

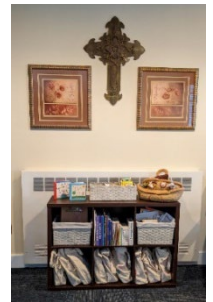
** indicates, please stand, as you are able.*

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: 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** *Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice (1-4)*

Hymn #594

*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;



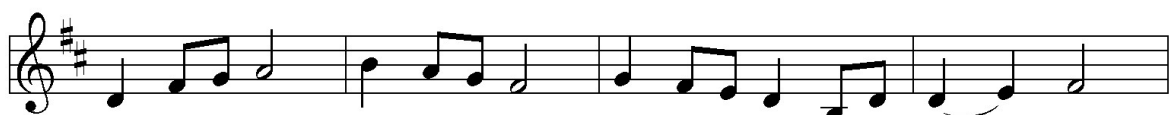
glo- ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo- ple on earth.



☐ 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.



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



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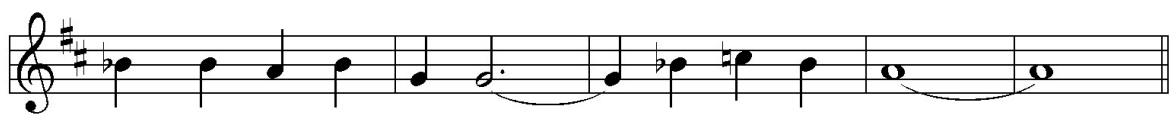
☐ Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther,



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: Gracious Father, we pray for your holy catholic church. Fill it with all truth and peace.

Where it is corrupt, purify it; where it is in error, direct it; where in anything it is amiss, reform it; where it is right, strengthen it; where it is in need, provide for it; where it is

divided, reunite it; for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

WORD

Hymn: (Inspired by Psalm 46) A Mighty Fortress is Our God

Hymn# 503

First Lesson: Ephesians 2:4-10

⁴But God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us ⁵even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved— ⁶and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, ⁷so that in the ages to come he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness towards us in Christ Jesus. ⁸For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God— ⁹not the result of works, so that no one may boast. ¹⁰For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

***Gospel Acclamation**



P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 4th and 5th chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

***Gospel: Matthew 4:1-4 and 5:14-16**

[After his baptism,] 4 ... Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tested by the devil. 2 He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterward he was famished. 3 The tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread." 4 But he answered, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.' "

[In the sermon on the mount, Jesus taught:]

14 "You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. 15 People do not light a lamp and put it under the bushel basket; rather, they put it on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. 16 In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

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

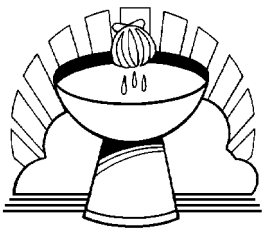
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***Hymn of the Day**

This Little Light of Mine

Hymn #677



Rite of Affirmation of Baptism

Today we celebrate the Affirmation of Baptism
with seven of our youth.

This is just one milestone on their life-long faith journey!



8:30 AM Worship

Caleb Hartman Miller (mentor Vince Ryan)

Samuel Peter Stratton (mentor Kevin Self)

Magnus Nelson DaLuz (mentor Brett Neese)

11:00 AM Worship

Luke Robert Taylor (mentor Travis Nace)

Alexander Richard Diaz (mentor Don Roessler)

Taylor Avery Moyer (mentor Diana McClure)

Lucy Claire Holloway (mentor Kristen Heck)

Presentation for Affirmation of Baptism

***Profession of Faith**

For the three-fold renunciation, respond each time with:

C: I renounce them

P: Do you believe in God the Father?

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

P: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**C: 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.**

P: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**C: 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.**

Public Witness of the Confirmands

Affirmation of Baptism

P: People of God, to you promise to support these sisters and brothers,
and pray for them in their life in Christ?

C: We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.

Confirmation Blessing and Laying on of Hands

*Confirmands and families have invited people important to the life and faith of that student.
We ask them to come forward as soon as that confirmand moves forward, to be a part of the
laying on of hands and blessing.*

P: God in heaven, for Jesus' sake, stir up in ____ the gift of your Holy Spirit;
Confirm her/his faith, guide her/his life, empower her/him in her/his serving,
Give her/him patience in adversity, and bring her/him to everlasting life. Amen

Relighting of the Baptismal Light

Welcome

L: Let us now rejoice with these sisters and brothers in Christ.

C: We rejoice with you in the life of baptism.

**Together we will give thanks and praise to God
and proclaim the good news to all the world.**

*The Prayers

*The Peace

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

C: And also with you.

MEAL

Offertory *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 worshipping 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.

The musical score is written on five staves in a single system. It begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody is composed of eighth and quarter notes, with some phrases spanning across bar lines. The lyrics are written below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span multiple notes. The piece concludes with a double bar line.

*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.

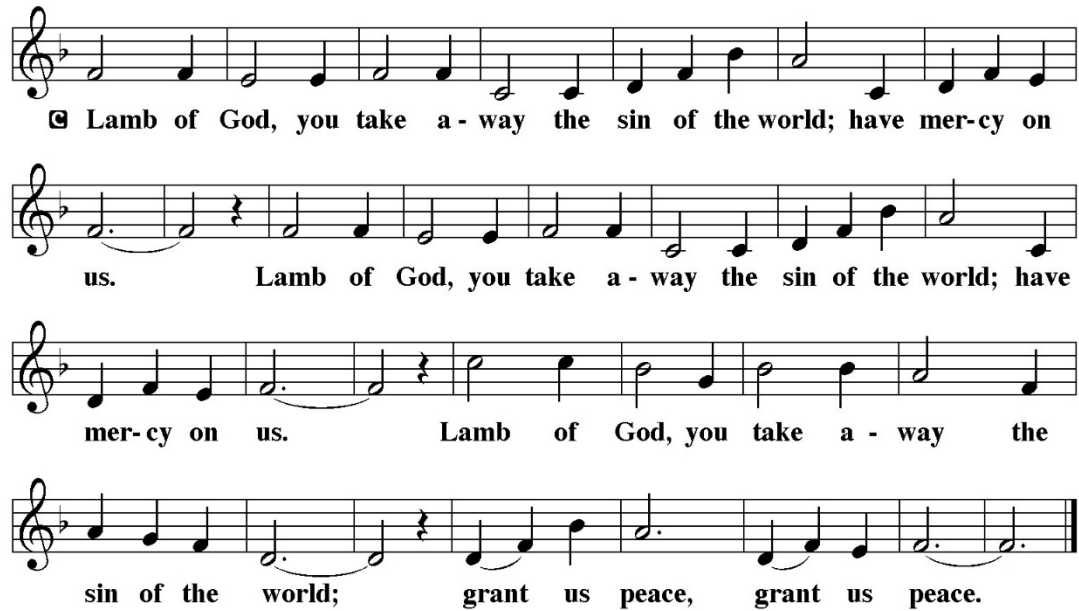
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

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: Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word

Hymn# 517

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:** *Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice (5-8)* Hymn #594

*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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Thank you Wade Dahlgren and Jeremy Evans for playing in worship today.

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