



Palm/Passion Sunday
Sunday, March 29, 2026
Advent Lutheran Church

www.adventharleystown.org

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 care for the environment and strive for racial equity and social and economic justice. We at Advent affirm and welcome you to share life with us and participate in God's ministry.

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.

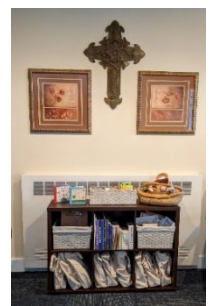
** indicates, please stand, as you are able.*

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 8:30 am: Join us for fellowship following worship! All are welcome.

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



Advent Lutheran Church
470 Landis Road
Harleysville, PA 19438
215-256-9941
www.adventharleysville.org

Prelude *Hosanna! Loud Hosanna;* V. Ryan

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

GATHERING

Welcome

“The liturgy for the first day of Holy Week is in two parts. It begins with a procession with palms as a dramatic prelude to the Eucharist; this memorable ceremony gives the nickname “Palm Sunday” to the day. The service itself is a celebration of the Passion of Jesus Christ, a highlight of which is the reading of the passion account. As a prelude to the reading of the passion, the procession with palms provides for an appropriate outburst of joy which does not lose sight of the solemn goal of Jesus’ triumphal entry. He rides on to die. The somberness of the passion, which is the focus of Holy Week, is thus framed by the joy of the preparatory procession and by the greater joy of Easter which is its purpose and culmination.”

- from the Manual on the Liturgy ...

***Palm Sunday Greeting**

P: Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

C: Hosanna in the highest.

***Announcement of the Gospel**

L: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 21st chapter.

C: Hosanna to the Son of David.

*** Processional Gospel: Matthew 21:1-11**

L: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord.

*** Blessing and Procession of Palms**

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray. We praise you, O God, for your redemption of the world through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Today he entered the holy city in triumph and was proclaimed Messiah and King by those who spread garments and branches along his way. Bless these branches and those who

carry them. Grant us grace to follow him in the way of the cross, so that, dying and rising with him, we enter into your kingdom; through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **C: Amen.**

Those worshiping in person are invited stay in place or join in the palm procession as you wish. Weather-permitting, the procession will go out the front left side of the sanctuary, down a step, along the sidewalk to the narthex entrance, then process back up the aisle.

Those worshiping with us online are invited to either stay in place or create a procession in your home, moving from room to room and pausing in each room to proclaim Christ as sovereign of each place as you say:

P: Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

If more than one person is present, the other(s) may respond:

C: Hosanna in the highest heaven!

Palm Procession #1

All Glory, Laud, and Honor

Hymn #344

Refrain

Refrain

	All glory, laud, and honor to you, redeemer, king, to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring.	1	You are the king of Israel and David's royal Son, now in the Lord's name coming, our King and Blessed one. <i>Refrain</i>
3	The multitude of pilgrims with palms before you went; our praise and prayer and anthems before you we present. <i>Refrain</i>	4	To you before your passion, They sang their hymns of praise. To you, now high exalted, Our melody we raise. <i>Refrain</i>

Text: Theodulph of Orleans, 760-821; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818-1866, alt. Used by permission. Annual License #20836

Palm Procession #2

The Palms



O'er all the way green palms and
His word goes forth, and peo - ple
Sing and re - joice, O blest Je -



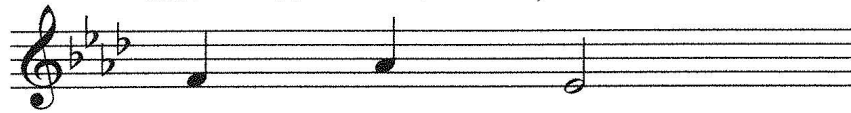
blos - somsgay Are strewn this day in fest - 'val
by its might Once more their free - dom gain from
ru - sa - lem, Of all thy songs sing the e -



prep - a - ra - tion,
deg - ra - da - tion;
man - ci - pa - tion;



Where Je - sus comes, to wipe our
Hu - man - i - ty doth give to
Thro' bound - less love, the Christ of

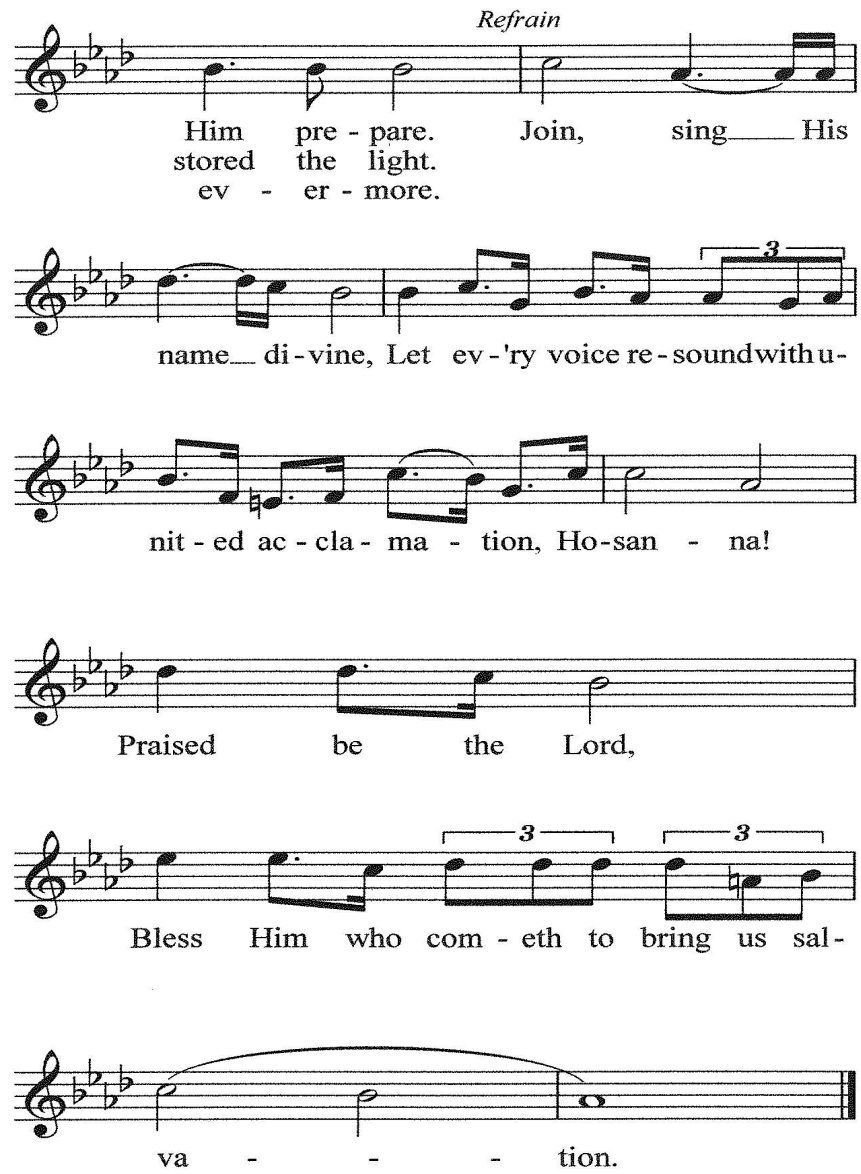


tears a - way;
each his right,
Bethe - le - hem



E'en now the throng to wel - come
While those in dark - ness find re -
Brings forth the hope to thee for -

Refrain



Him pre - pare. Join, sing His
stored the light. ev - er - more.
name di - vine, Let ev - 'ry voice re - sound with u -
nit - ed ac - cla - ma - tion, Ho - san - na!
Praised be the Lord,
Bless Him who com - eth to bring us sal -
va - - - tion.

***Prayer of the Day**

A: Let us pray. Surprising God, you have come to our lives in ways we do not expect. We ask for success;

C: you teach us acceptance.

A: We ask to be loved;

C: you ask us to love,

A: We ask for ease;

C: you challenge us.

A: We ask for a triumphant Messiah;

C: you come as one obedient to death.

A: We glorify the winner;

C: you glorify the loser who dies on a criminal's cross.

A: Walk among us, surprising God of peace.

C: Sanctify our joys and our successes; turn our hearts to you.

A: At the name of Jesus, we bow before you. May your name be glorified in your church, now and always.

C: Amen

WORD

PSALM 31:9-16

⁹Have mercy on me O LORD for I ^l am in trouble;

my eye is consumed with sorrow, and also my throat ^l and my belly.

¹⁰**For my life is wasted with grief and my ^l years with sighing;**

my strength fails me because of affliction and my bones ^l are consumed.

¹¹I am the scorn of all my enemies a disgrace to my neighbors, a dismay to ^l my acquaintances;

when they see me in the street ^l they avoid me.

¹²**Like the dead I am forgotten, ^l out of mind;**

I am as useless as a ^l broken pot. R

¹³For I have heard the whispering of the crowd; fear is ^l all around;

they put their heads together against me; they plot to ^l take my life.

¹⁴**But as for me I have trusted in ^l you, O LORD.**

I have said, "You ^l are my God.

¹⁵My times are ^l in your hand;

rescue me from the hand of my enemies and from those who ^l persecute me.

¹⁶**Let your face shine up- ^l on your servant;**

save me in your ^l steadfast love." R

Children's Sermon

Pastor Mark

***Hymn of the Day**

Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross

Hymn# 335

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 26th and 27th chapters.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

We read the first part of The Passion of Our Lord according to Matthew from pages 3 & 4 of the booklet.

MEAL

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

We use a combination of the accounts from Matthew, Mark, Luke, and First Corinthians as we witness to Christ's words and actions in the Last Supper.

P: In those final moments with his disciples, Jesus celebrated with them a meal, and gave to them a gift and a promise.

In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, gave thanks,
broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.
Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

P: As we pause before hearing the account of Christ's ultimate love and sacrifice, we pause now to receive Christ in the bread and wine. Come, not because you are perfect, but because you are forgiven.

***Communion**

P: 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."

Lamb of God



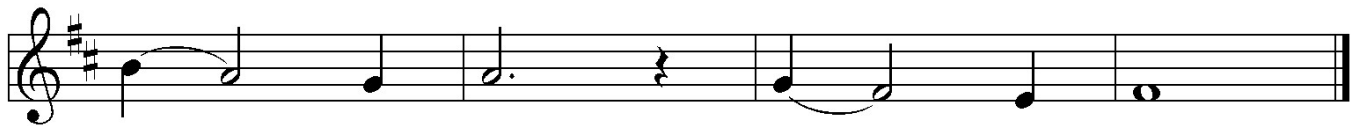
Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



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 Hymns

Ah, Holy Jesus

Hymn# 349

Jesus, Remember Me

Hymn# 616

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

The Passion of Our Lord According to Matthew (see booklet)

After the final verse, we pause in silence.

A: Let us pray. Holy God,

C: Your son, our Savior, "did not count equality with God as something to be exploited but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and become obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross." (Philippians 2:6-8) Fill us with gratitude at this ultimate act of love and draw us into your forgiving embrace. Inspire us in faith, and empower us in a faithful response, in your holy name. Amen.

The Peace

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

C: And also with you.

Offertory 8:30am: *Crown of Thorns, Crown of Glory*; Favre
11:00am: *Jesus is a Rock in a Weary Land*; V. Ryan

*Offertory Prayer

A: Holy God, out of love you have provided for us. Receive now our own offerings, as signs of our love in response. Use these offerings, and our lives, for your loving purposes. **C: Amen**

*The Prayers

*Lord's Prayer

P: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus 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**

SENDING

*Benediction

P: May the reality of God's incredible gift of love be on your mind and in your heart this week, preparing you for the joyful celebration of the Easter promise.

And now may God bless you and keep you;

may God's face shine upon you and be gracious to you;

may God look upon you with favor, and † give you peace.

C: Amen.

***Sending Hymn:** *Christ, the Life of All the Living*

Hymn #339

*Dismissal

A: Go into the world as followers of Jesus,

C: May his Cross mark our ways. Amen.

Postlude *Sing My Tongue*; V. Ryan

Liturgies and music from Sundays and Seasons, With One Voice, Lutheran Book of Worship and Evangelical Lutheran Worship. Reprinted by permission under Augsburg Fortress Liturgies Annual License #20836. Heaven and Earth: A Liturgy for Advent Lutheran Church. ©2024 Vincent M. Ryan. Reprinted by permission.

2026 Council Members

Name and Position/Team
Amy Coll, President
Zach Boyer, Vice President, Christian Ed liaison
Diana McClure, Treasurer, Finance Team & Stewardship liaison
Rich Lantz, Secretary, Welcome Team chair & liaison
Lora Drenth, Worship & Music Team liaison
Judi Greene, Fellowship liaison
Bruce Rhoades, Property Team liaison
Helen Nace, Social Ministry Team chair and liaison
Teresa Feeser, Stewardship liaison

Ministers - All the People of Advent

Pastor - The Rev. Mark Singh-Hueter, ThePastor14@gmail.com

Minister of Music – Vincent M. Ryan, music@adventharleysville.org

Coordinator of Spiritual Development – Carrie Ryan, cryan@adventharleysville.org

Office Administrator – Kim Long, office@adventharleysville.org

Streaming Producer – Hannah Fisher **Sexton** – Susan Underkoffler

Lay Eucharist Ministers – Joan Kelley, Carrie Ryan,
Erica Heck, Betty Keck, Jo Gilbert



H O L Y · W E E K

MAUNDY THURSDAY



April 2, 7:30pm*

- ✦ *Public Absolution*
- ✦ *Holy Communion*
- ✦ *Stripping of the Altar*



April 3, 7:30pm*

- ✦ *Bidding Prayers*
- ✦ *Adoration of the Cross*
- ✦ *Tenebrae Service as Candles are put out*



Easter Sunrise, April 5, 6:30am (OUTDOORS)

- ✦ *Beginning around a great fire*
- ✦ *Transition to Easter – song, flowers, bells*
- ✦ *Easter scripture, message, hymns*
- ✦ *Sharing Holy Communion*

Easter Sunday, April 5

8:30am* INDOOR and Livestreamed

- ✦ *Easter scripture, message, hymns*
- ✦ *Sharing Holy Communion*

11:00am INDOOR service

- ✦ *Easter scripture, message, hymns*
- ✦ *Sharing Holy Communion*

