



The Third Sunday of Easter

Sunday, April 19, 2026

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 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.

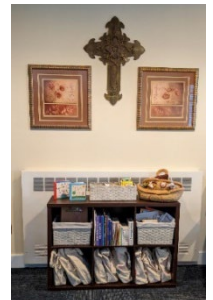
** indicates, please stand, as you are able.*

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 ****



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Prelude (8:30) Praise to The Lord, The Almighty; *Walther*

(11:00) When the Morning Stars Together; *Bayly*

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 God and Father of our Lord † Jesus Christ, by whose Spirit we have been reborn to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.

C: Amen.

P: Rejoicing in Christ's victory over sin and death, let us come before God who calls us to repentance.

Silence is kept for reflection and self-examination.

God of life,

by the resurrection of your Son

you make everything new.

Newness scares us,

and we confess to shutting our doors in fear.

We have not listened to voices that challenge us.

We have resisted the Holy Spirit

moving us in new directions.

Our hearts are slow to believe your promises.

Forgive us, O God,

and renew us to embrace without fear

the new life you have given us in Jesus Christ.

Amen.

P: People of God: Christ is alive, and death has lost its power. Through the waters of baptism you have been born anew by the living word of God. Know that your sins are forgiven in † Jesus' name and that the Spirit of the risen Christ is alive in you both now and forever.

C: Amen.

***Gathering Hymn**

At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing (1-4)

Hymn #362

***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: Halle Halle Hallelujah...

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I am the bread of life, feed on me;
I am the one true vine, grow in me;
I am the bread of life, feed on me;
Hallelujah, Hallelujah (*Refrain*)

***Prayer of the Day**

A: The Lord be with you

C: And also with you.

A: Let us pray...

C: Almighty and eternal God, the strength of those who believe and the hope of those who doubt, may we, who have not seen, have faith in you and receive the fullness of Christ's blessing, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

WORD

Psalm: Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19

¹ I love the Lord who has ^l heard my voice,
and listened to my ^l supplication,

² **for the Lord has given ^l ear to me
whenever ^l er I called.**

³ The cords of death entangled me; the anguish of the grave ^l came upon me;
I came to ^l grief and sorrow.

⁴ **Then I called upon the name ^l of the Lord:
"O Lord I pray you ^l save my life." R**

¹² How shall I re- ^l pay the Lord
for all the good things God has ^l done for me?

¹³ **I will lift the cup ^l of salvation
and call on the name ^l of the Lord.**

¹⁴ I will fulfill my vows ^l to the Lord
in the presence of ^l all God's people.

¹⁵ **Precious in your ^l sight, O Lord,
is the death ^l of your servants.**

¹⁶ O Lord truly I ^l am your servant;

I am your servant the child of your handmaid; you have freed me ^l from my bonds.

¹⁷ **I will offer you the sacrifice ^l of thanksgiving
and call upon the name ^l of the Lord. R**

¹⁸ I will fulfill my vows ^l to the Lord
in the presence of ^l all God's people,

¹⁹ **in the courts of ^l the Lord's house,
in the midst of you O Jerusalem. ^l Hallelujah! R**

First Lesson: Acts 2:14a, 36-41

^{14a} Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed [the crowd]: ³⁶ "Therefore let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified."

³⁷ Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, "Brothers, what should we do?" ³⁸ Peter said to them, "Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. ³⁹ For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him." ⁴⁰ And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, "Save yourselves from this corrupt generation." ⁴¹ So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

*Gospel Acclamation

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

Al - le - lu - ia. You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 24th chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

*Gospel: Luke 24:13-35

¹³ Now on that same day two [disciples] were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, ¹⁴ and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. ¹⁵ While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, ¹⁶ but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. ¹⁷ And he said to them, "What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?" They stood still, looking sad. ¹⁸ Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?" ¹⁹ He asked them, "What things?" They replied, "The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, ²⁰ and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. ²¹ But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. ²² Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, ²³ and when they did not find his body there they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. ²⁴ Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but they did not see him." ²⁵ Then he said to them, "Oh, how foolish you are and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! ²⁶ Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?" ²⁷ Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

²⁸ As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. ²⁹ But they urged him strongly, saying, "Stay with us, because it is almost evening and

the day is now nearly over.” So he went in to stay with them. ³⁰ When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. ³¹ Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him, and he vanished from their sight. ³² They said to each other, “Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?” ³³ That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem, and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. ³⁴ They were saying, “The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!” ³⁵ Then they told what had happened on the road and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

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

Sermon

Pastor Mark

***Hymn of the Day** *Day of Arising*

Hymn #374

***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**

MEAL

***The Peace**

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

C: And also with you.

Offertory

As We Gather at Your Table

Hymn #522

***Offertory Prayer**

A: Generous God, You bless us over and over, with resources and opportunities, through friends and congregation, in Christ's resurrection and through your Holy Spirit. Receive what we bring – these gifts of bread and wine. Bless them with your presence. Receive what we give – our offerings, our time and talents, and our hearts. Bless them for your service. And then bless us once more, to be your church and to bless the world around us. In the name of Jesus, we pray. **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 God 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 the 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.

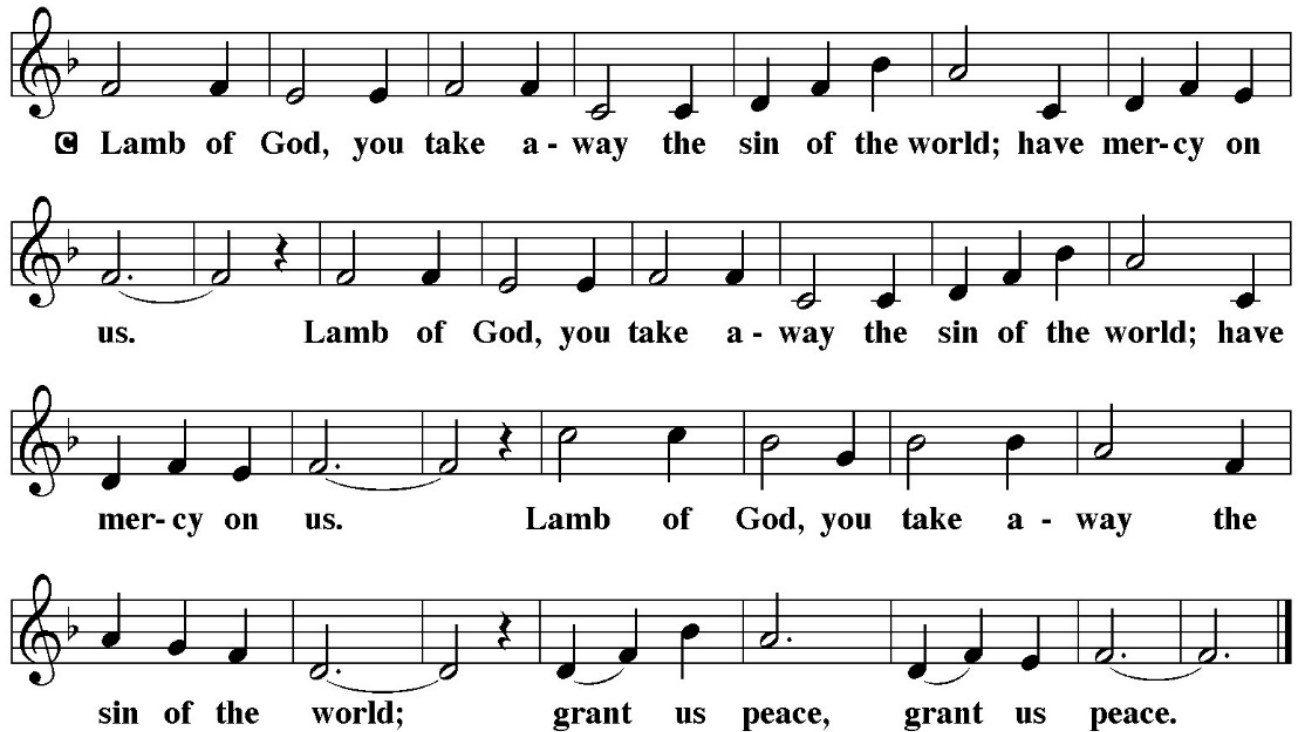
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

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: The disciples knew the Lord Jesus in the breaking of the bread. Come to this table where you are known and loved. 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 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

Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ

Hymn #674

Post Communion Blessing

P: God Almighty, who is the beginning and the end, Jesus Christ, the firstborn of the dead, and the Spirit, our advocate and peace, ✠ bless you now and forever.

C: Amen.

Post Communion Prayer

A: Holy One, through this meal you have made your home among us and are making all things new. Send us now to speak peace to anxious hearts, to love our enemies, and to bring your healing to the nations. In the name of Jesus,

C: Amen.

SENDING

Announcements

*Benediction

P: Receive the blessing of the holy Trinity:

May God, who calls all things into existence, Jesus Christ, who redeems us, and the Holy Spirit, whose breath sustains creation, ✠ bless you now and always. **C: Amen.**

***Sending Hymn:** *At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing (5-8)* Hymn #362

*Dismissal

A: Go in peace. Praise the Lord. Alleluia!

C: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

Postlude In Thee is Gladness; *J.S. Bach*

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