



**The Fourth Sunday of Easter**

**Sunday, April 26, 2026**

**Advent Lutheran Church**

[www.adventharleysville.org](http://www.adventharleysville.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.

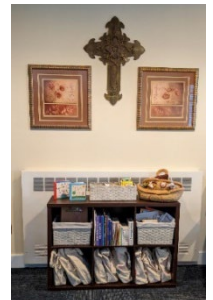
*\* indicates, please stand, as you are able.*

**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 \*\***



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**Prelude** Diptych for Organ – I. Prayer; *Brenda Portman*

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

## GATHERING

### THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✚ one God,  
The source of living water,  
The fount of every blessing,  
The font of new birth. **Amen**

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism,  
we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness.  
Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

*Water may be poured into the font as the presiding minister gives thanks.*  
We give you thanks, O God, O Living One,  
for you have created all, and you water the earth abundantly.  
Oceans and aquifers praise you. Rivers and streams bless you.  
The Perkiomen Creek and Schuylkill river witness to your ever flowing presence.

All life is sustained by you, our Source.

**We praise you for Christ, the firstborn from the dead,  
who frees us from sin and raises us up to new life.**

Here at this font we touch the river of the water of life,  
**bright as crystal, flowing through the city of God.**

Here, death is washed away forever.

**Here, we are grafted into the tree of life, with leaves for the healing of the world.**

Pour out your Holy Spirit on this assembly,  
into this community, and throughout all creation.  
Cleanse us from our fears and drown our divisions.

Grant that all may drink of your mercy and peace,  
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen**

**\* Sacrament of Holy Baptism: *Jack and Kennedy (11:00am)***

ELW Hymnal, page 227

*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.**

**\*Welcome**

L: Let us welcome the newly baptized.

**C: Jack and Kennedy, we welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share:  
join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word  
to all the world.**

**\*Greeting and Prayer of the Day**

A: 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.**

A: Let us pray...

**C: O God our shepherd, you know your sheep by name and lead us to safety through the valleys of death. Guide us by your voice, that we may walk in certainty and security to the joyous feast prepared in your house, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

**WORD**

**Psalm: Psalm 23**

<sup>1</sup>The Lord <sup>l</sup> is my shepherd;  
I shall not <sup>l</sup> be in want.

<sup>2</sup>**The Lord makes me lie down <sup>l</sup> in green pastures  
and leads me be- <sup>l</sup> side still waters.**

<sup>3</sup>You restore my <sup>l</sup> soul, O Lord,  
and guide me along right pathways <sup>l</sup> for your name's sake.

<sup>4</sup>**Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall <sup>l</sup> fear no evil;  
for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they <sup>l</sup> comfort me. R**

<sup>5</sup>You prepare a table before me in the presence <sup>l</sup> of my enemies;  
you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is <sup>l</sup> running over.

<sup>6</sup>**Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days <sup>l</sup> of my life,  
and I will dwell in the house of the <sup>l</sup> Lord forever. R**

**First Lesson: Acts 2:42-47**

<sup>42</sup> [The baptized] devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. <sup>43</sup> Awe came upon everyone because many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. <sup>44</sup> All who believed were together and had all things in common; <sup>45</sup> they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. <sup>46</sup> Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, <sup>47</sup> praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**\*Gospel Acclamation**

**C** 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. John, the 10<sup>th</sup> chapter.

**C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

**\*Gospel: John 10:1-10**

[Jesus said:] <sup>1</sup>“Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. <sup>2</sup>The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. <sup>3</sup>The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. <sup>4</sup>When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. <sup>5</sup>They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers.” <sup>6</sup>Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

<sup>7</sup>So again Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. <sup>8</sup>All who came before me are thieves and bandits, but the sheep did not listen to them. <sup>9</sup>I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved and will come in and go out and find pasture. <sup>10</sup>The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.”

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*

(8:30am) **\*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** God Created Heaven and Earth; Toa-Sia arr: Jayne Latva

**\*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 this sacrament 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: Come to the table. Feast on God's goodness and 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 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

*You Satisfy the Hungry Heart*

Hymn #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: 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: 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.**

**\*Sending Hymn:**            *All People That on Earth Do Dwell*

Hymn #883

**\*Dismissal**

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

**C: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

**Postlude**    Diptych for Organ – II. Paeon; *Brenda Portman*

## **Pastor Mark will be taking a sabbatical from May 14 through August 16.**

This is a planned time of rest, renewal, and spiritual growth, providing space for reflection, study, and rejuvenation that sustains long-term ministry. During this time, our church will continue its ministries and worship life with the support of retired pastors connected to Advent, along with our staff, Church Council, and the active participation of the congregation. Please join us in Fellowship Hall on May 10<sup>th</sup> between services to celebrate with Pastor Mark and his family before he leaves on May 14<sup>th</sup>.

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