



The Fifth Sunday of Easter – Youth Sunday

Sunday, May 3, 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.

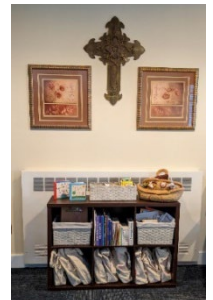
** indicates, please stand, as you are able.*

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 and Welcome

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: In the name of the Father, and of the +Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen

R1: We gather on this Youth Sunday, on a day when we think about faith and daily life.

R2: Sometimes life has hurts and difficult times.

R1: Psalm 23 reminds us that, like a shepherd, God is with us in those darkest valleys.

R2: We hear that. We know that. But it can be easy to forget about God when we think God has forgotten about us.

C: Dear God, forgive our lack of faith. Remind us that you continue to walk with us. Be our shepherd. Lead us, and comfort us.

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R2: Our gospel reading tells us that Jesus has a place for us, forever.

R1: And we are called to follow Jesus now, loving others, and living in joy.

R2: And yet it's so easy to miss that genuine love, and to chase after temporary sources of happiness instead.

C: Dear Jesus, forgive us when we turn away from you, and turn in on ourselves. Teach and empower us to love one another as you have loved us. And give us your joy - a real and lasting joy - both now and forever.

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R2: Paul's letter to the Corinthians invites us to see ourselves gathered and blessed by the Holy Spirit.

R1: We are given the metaphor of body. We are the body of Christ. The Holy Spirit blesses each of us individually to be part of that community.

R2: And yet, too often we focus on ourselves and miss the blessing of others; or worse, we see others as competition or threat rather than part of your blessing.

C: Dear Holy Spirit, empower us with your gifts. Inspire us with your vision of community. Guide us to share and care for each other in our hurts, and to rejoice and celebrate with each other in our accomplishments. Gather us now as your church in this place, so that we can be strengthened and blessed to be your church in the world. Amen

***Gathering Hymn**

We Are Marching in the Light

Hymn #866

***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.**

***Prayer of the Day**

A: The Lord be with you

C: And also with you

A: Let us pray...

C: Almighty God, your Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life. Give us grace to love one another, to follow in the way of his commandments, and to share his risen life with all the world, for he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

WORD

Psalm: Psalm 23

The Lord is my shepherd. He gives me everything I need.

² **He lets me lie down in fields of green grass.**

He leads me beside quiet waters.

³ He gives me new strength.

He guides me in the right paths
for the honor of his name.

⁴ **Even though I walk**

through the darkest valley,

I will not be afraid.

You are with me.

**Your shepherd's rod and staff
comfort me.**

⁵ You prepare a feast for me
right in front of my enemies.

You pour oil on my head.

My cup runs over.

⁶ **I am sure that your goodness and love will follow me
all the days of my life.**

And I will live in the house of the Lord forever.

First Lesson: 1 Corinthians 12:12-20,26-27

¹² There is one body, but it has many parts. But all its many parts make up one body. It is the same with Christ. ¹³ We were all baptized by one Holy Spirit. And so we are formed into one body. It didn't matter whether we were Jews or Gentiles, slaves or free people. We were all given the same Spirit to drink. ¹⁴ So the body is not made up of just one part. It has many parts. ¹⁵ Suppose the foot says, "I am not a hand. So I don't belong to the body." By saying this, it cannot stop being part of the body. ¹⁶ And suppose the ear says, "I am not an eye. So I don't belong to the body." By saying this, it cannot stop being part of the body. ¹⁷ If the whole body were an eye, how could it hear? If the whole body were an ear, how could it smell? ¹⁸ God has placed each part in the body just as he wanted it to be. ¹⁹ If all the parts were the same, how could there be a body? ²⁰ As it is, there are many parts. But there is only one body. ²⁶ If one part suffers, every part suffers with it. If one part is honored, every part shares in its joy. ²⁷ You are the body of Christ. Each one of you is a part of it.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

***Gospel Acclamation** *Halle, Halle, Hallelujah*

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 14th chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

***Gospel: John 14:1-14**

¹⁴ "Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God. Believe in me also. ² There are many rooms in my Father's house. If this were not true, would I have told you that I am going there? Would I have told you that I would prepare a place for you there? ³ If I go and do that, I will come back. And I will take you to be with me. Then you will also be where I am. ⁴ You know the way to the place where I am going." ⁵ Thomas said to him, "Lord, we don't know where you are going. So how can we know the way?" ⁶ Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. ⁷ If you really know me, you will know my Father also. From now on, you do know him. And you have seen him." ⁸ Philip said, "Lord, show us the Father. That will be enough for us." ⁹ Jesus answered, "Don't you know me, Philip? I have been among you such a long time! Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father. So how can you say, 'Show us the Father'?" ¹⁰ Don't you believe that I am in the Father? Don't you believe that the Father is in me? The words I say to you I do not speak on my own authority. The Father lives in me. He is the one who is doing his work. ¹¹ Believe me when I say I am in the Father. Also believe that the Father is in me. Or at least believe what the works I have been doing say about me. ¹² What I'm about to tell you is true. Anyone who believes in me will do the works I have been doing. In fact, they will do even greater things. That's because I am going to the Father. ¹³ And I will do anything you ask in my name. Then the Father will receive glory from the Son. ¹⁴ You may ask me for anything in my name. I will do it.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Children's Sermon

Sermon

*Hymn of the Day *Big House*

*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 risen Lord be with you always.

C: And also with you.

MEAL

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 this sacrament. 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



Eucharistic Prayer

P: Blessed are you O God of the universe. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. And yet you choose to dwell among us. You are sovereign of the universe. And yet you entered into our humanity. You speak through us. You mentor through us. You empower us. And you continue your transforming work through us.

R1: Throughout scripture we see God constantly bringing life out of death, and new possibilities out of old realities.

R2: Joseph is mistreated by his brothers, but God reworks that to save countless lives.

R1: Naomi and Ruth experience tragedy and loss, but through God blessings they become ancestors of King David.

R2: The followers of Jesus who abandoned him on Good Friday are reconciled – brought back into relationship – after Easter.

R1: A cross is transformed from symbol of death to a reminder of new life.

R2: A simple meal becomes a new covenant.

P: In the night in which he was betrayed, Jesus took bread, ...

***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.

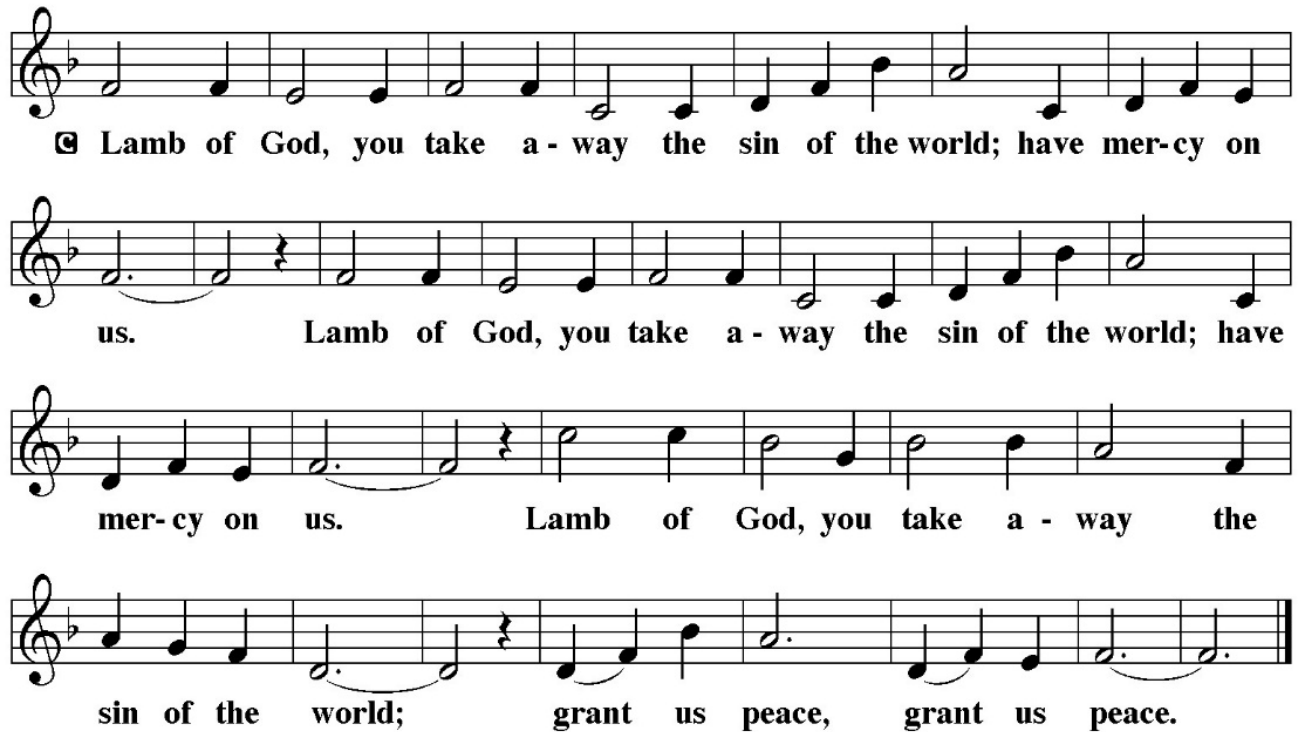
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen

P: We are gathered at the table. Christ is here.

R1: Christ invites us to the table, where we find community and joy.

R2: So come to the table, 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 Hymns

He's Got the Whole World in His Hands

V1 – world V2 – little, tiny baby V3 – you and me sister

V4 – you and me brother V5 – ev'rybody here

Jesus Loves Me!

1 Jesus loves me! this I know,
for the Bible tells me so;
little ones to him belong,
they are weak, but he is strong.

Refrain

Yes, Jesus loves me,
yes, Jesus loves me,
yes, Jesus loves me,
the Bible tells me so.

2 Jesus loves me! he who died
heaven's gates to open wide;
he will wash away my sin,
let his little child come in. *Refrain*

3 Jesus loves me! he will stay
close beside me all the way;
when at last I come to die,
he will take me home on high. *Refrain*

Text: Anna B. Warner, 1820-1915, alt.

I've Got Peace Like a River

1 I've got peace like a river,
I've got peace like a river,
I've got peace like a river in my soul;
I've got peace like a river,
I've got peace like a river,
I've got peace like a river in my soul.

2 I've got joy like a fountain,
I've got joy like a fountain,
I've got joy like a fountain in my soul;

I've got joy like a fountain,
I've got joy like a fountain,
I've got joy like a fountain in my soul.

3 I've got love like an ocean,
I've got love like an ocean,
I've got love like an ocean in my soul;
I've got love like an ocean,
I've got love like an ocean,
I've got love like an ocean in my soul.

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.**

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