



The Sixth Sunday of Easter
Sunday, May 10, 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.

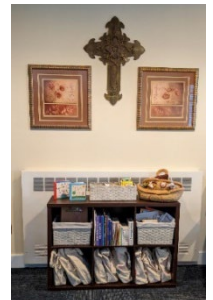
** indicates, please stand, as you are able.*

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.



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



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Prelude Pastorale on Engleberg; *M. Burkhardt*

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.

***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...*

I am the resurrection, live in me;
I am the way, the truth, follow me;
I am the resurrection, live in 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 ever-living God, you hold together all things in heaven and on earth. In your great mercy receive the prayers of all your children, and give to all the world the Spirit of your truth 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.

Psalm: Psalm 66:8-20

- ⁸ Bless our ^l God you peoples;
let the sound of ^l praise be heard.
- ⁹ **Our God has kept us a- ^l mong the living
and has not allowed our ^l feet to slip. R**
- ¹⁰ For you O God have ^l tested us;
you have tried us just as sil- ^l ver is tried.
- ¹¹ **You brought us in- ^l to the net;
you laid heavy burdens up- ^l on our backs.**
- ¹² You let people ride over our heads; we went through ^l fire and water,
but you brought us out into a place ^l of refreshment.
- ¹³ **I will enter your house ^l with burnt offerings
and will pay ^l you my vows—**
- ¹⁴ those that I promised ^l with my lips
and spoke with my mouth when I ^l was in trouble.
- ¹⁵ **I will offer you burnt offerings of fatlings with the ^l smoke of rams;
I will give you ox- ^l en and goats. R**
- ¹⁶ Come and listen all you ^l who believe,
and I will tell you what God has ^l done for me.
- ¹⁷ **I called out to God ^l with my mouth,
and praised the Lord ^l with my tongue.**
- ¹⁸ If I had cherished evil ^l in my heart,
the Lord would ^l not have heard me;
- ¹⁹ **but in truth ^l God has heard me
and has attended to the sound ^l of my prayer.**
- ²⁰ Blessed be God, who has not reject- ^l ed my prayer,
nor withheld unfailing ^l love from me. R

First Lesson: Acts 17:22-31

- ²² Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, “Athenians, I see how extremely spiritual you are in every way. ²³ For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, ‘To an unknown god.’ What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. ²⁴ The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by

human hands,²⁵ nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things.²⁶ From one ancestor he made all peoples to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live,²⁷ so that they would search for God and perhaps fumble about for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us.²⁸ For ‘In him we live and move and have our being’; as even some of your own poets have said, ‘For we, too, are his offspring.’

²⁹ “Since we are God’s offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold or silver or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals.³⁰ While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent,³¹ because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.”

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. John, the 14th chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

***Gospel: John 14:15-21**

¹⁵ “If you love me, you will keep my commandments. ¹⁶ And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. ¹⁷ This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

¹⁸ “I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. ¹⁹ In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. ²⁰ On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. ²¹ They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me, and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.”

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**

Loving Spirit (v. 4 = Choir)

Hymn #397

Reception of New Members - Affirmation of Baptism:

ELW Hymnal, page 234

These persons have come to us from other churches, and desire to make public affirmation of their Baptism:

- Jerry and Pat Tancredi
- Dawn and Mark Medvesky
- Marvin Miller
- Dorothy Davis
- Heather & Drew McLean
- Joe Bittner

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.**

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 risen Lord be with you always.

C: And also with you.

MEAL

Offertory Children of the Heavenly Father; *H. Helvey*

***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 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 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**

☐ 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

*Children of the Heavenly Father
Bread of Life from Heaven*

Hymn #781
Hymn #474

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

Commissioning for Sabbatical

*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:

We Know That Christ Is Raised

Hymn #449

***Dismissal**

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

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. Alleluia!

Postlude Finale on Engleberg; *M. Burkhardt*

We would like to welcome our new members today!

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 today to celebrate with Pastor Mark and his family before he leaves on May 14th.

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