



The Ascension of our Lord

Sunday, May 17, 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.

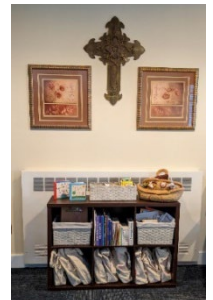
** indicates, please stand, as you are able.*

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 Eden's Song; *Schweizer*

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 God, your blessed Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, ascended far above all heavens that he might fill all things. Mercifully give us faith to trust that, as he promised, he abides with us on earth to the end of time, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Psalm: Psalm 47

- ¹ Clap your hands, | all you peoples;
shout to God with a | joyful sound.
- ² **For the Lord Most High is | to be feared:
a great king over | all the earth,**
- ³ who subdues the | peoples under us,
and the nations un- | der our feet;
- ⁴ **who chooses our inheri- | tance for us,
the pride of Jacob, | whom God loves. R**
- ⁵ God has gone up | with a shout,
the Lord with the sound | of the ram's horn.
- ⁶ **Sing praises to | God, sing praises;
sing praises to our | king, sing praises. R**
- ⁷ For God is king of | all the earth;
sing praises | with a song.
- ⁸ **God reigns o- | ver the nations;
God is en- | throned on high.**
- ⁹ The nobles of the peoples have gathered as the people of the | God of Abraham.
The rulers of the earth belong to God, who is high- | ly exalted. **R**

First Lesson: Acts 1:1-11

[Luke writes:] ¹ In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus began to do and teach ² until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. ³ After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. ⁴ While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem but to wait there for the promise of the Father. "This," he said, "is what you have heard from me; ⁵ for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now."

⁶ So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" ⁷ He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. ⁸ But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." ⁹ When he had said this, as they were watching, he

was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. ¹⁰ While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. ¹¹ They said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.”

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 24:44-53**

⁴⁴ [Jesus said to the eleven and those with them,] “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.”⁴⁵ Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, ⁴⁶ and he said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day ⁴⁷ and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. ⁴⁸ You are witnesses of these things. ⁴⁹ And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised, so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high.”

⁵⁰ Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed

them. ⁵¹ While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. ⁵² And they worshiped him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy, ⁵³ and they were continually in the temple blessing God.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Children's Sermon Bible Bearer: Pastor Steve Interviewer: Charlotte Vincent
Children ages kindergarten-5th grade are dismissed for Children's Church

Sermon *Pastor Steve*

***Hymn of the Day** *I Come with Joy* Hymn #482

***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

Thy Holy Wings

Hymn #613

***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

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.

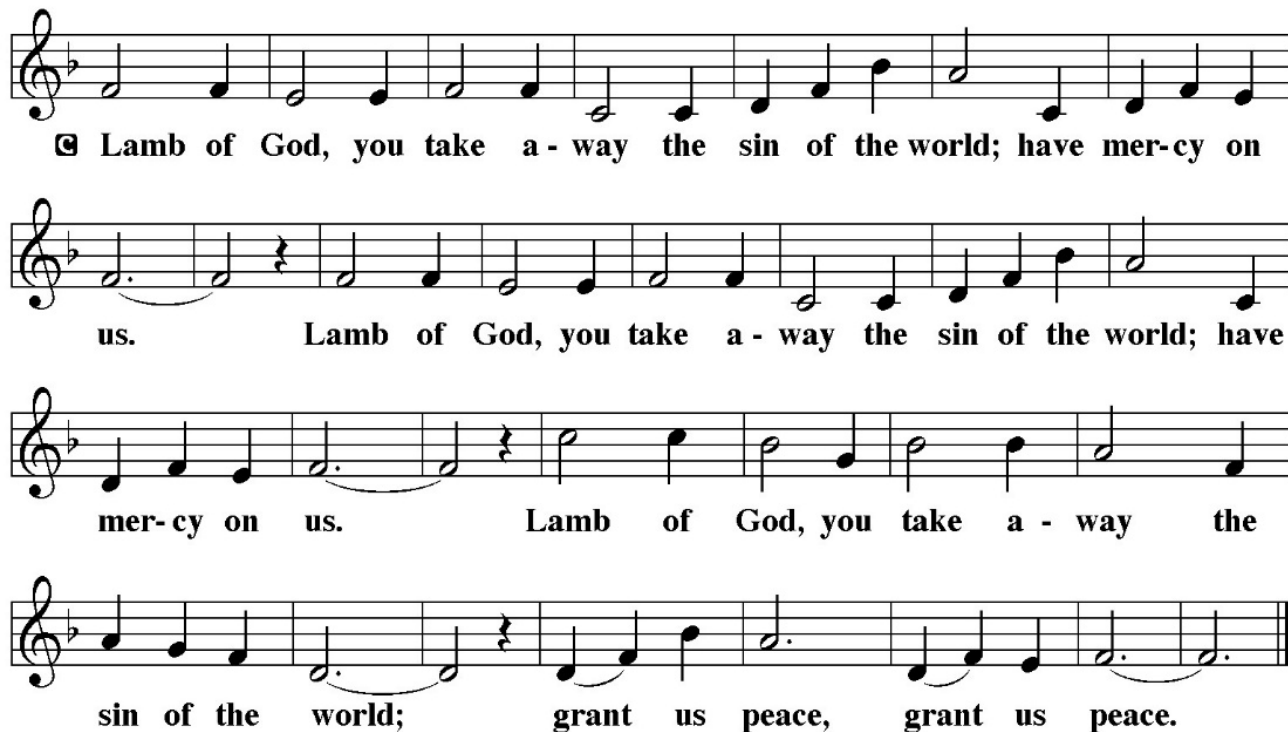
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

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

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

Hymn #733

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: *Crown Him with Many Crowns* Hymn #855

*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 Fugue on Christe Sanctorum; A. Börjesson

Pastoral Sabbatical

Our pastor, Mark Singh-Hueter, is currently on 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. We are glad you are joining us for worship today.

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