

Advent Lutheran Church

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WELCOME

Thank you for worshipping with us today. If you are visiting, please fill out a guest card and place it in the offering plate or in the basket in the entry area to help us welcome you. Please introduce yourself to others near you and to the pastor. We hope you can join us again soon.

NURSERY CARE

Nursery care for infants and toddlers is available in Berkland Fellowship Hall directly behind the entry area. Children are welcome and included at worship; feel free to walk with them in the back of the worship area if they become noisy or restless.

COMMUNION

Baptized persons who believe that through the bread and wine we receive Christ's body and blood for our forgiveness are invited to communion. The center ring of glasses contains white grape juice. Gluten free bread is available.

PRAYER MINISTER

Prayer ministers are available for individual prayer during communion and after the service at the front right corner area of the sanctuary.

PRAYER CHAIN

If you would like some of Advent's people to join you in prayer you may contact Jane Osumi at janeybugo@yahoo.com. You may also write a prayer request on the guest card and leave it in the offering plate or in the basket on welcome table in the gathering area.

HEARING ASSISTANCE UNITS

Hearing enhancement equipment is available in the sound booth in the back corner of the sanctuary.

Fifth Sunday in Lent

March 18, 2018

We greet you in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Whoever you are and wherever you are in your journey of faith, you are welcome in this community celebrating God's Spirit in the world.

God's grace meets us in the water and Word, and in the bread and wine. We are here to know the touch of God's forgiveness and love and to hear God's calling in our lives.

Please introduce yourself to others here and to the pastor. We invite you to complete the Guest card in the pew rack and place it in the offering plate as a reminder of your presence with us in worship today.

GATHERING

God promises Jeremiah that a "new covenant" will be made in the future: a covenant that will allow all the people to know God by heart. The church sees this promise fulfilled in Christ, who draws all people to himself when he is lifted up on the cross. Our baptismal covenant draws us to God's heart through Christ and draws God's light and truth into our hearts. We see God's heart most clearly in the way Jesus shares human suffering, in an agony both the John and Hebrews readings describe.

Prelude and Welcome

Stand

Confession and Forgiveness

During the season of Lent we are called to return to the Lord with all our heart. Let us confess our sin and seek reconciliation with God and neighbor.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

Merciful God,
you sent Jesus Christ to save the lost.
We confess that we have strayed from you
and turned aside from your way.
We fail in love, neglect justice,
and ignore your truth.
Have mercy on us and wash away our sin.
Create in us clean hearts
for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.
Behold, now is the acceptable time;
now is the day of salvation.
Almighty God have mercy on us,
forgive us all our sins,
and bring us to everlasting life. **Amen.**

Hymn

Deep Within

Gather 399

Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit
be with you all.
And also with you.

Kyrie

Gather 214

Sing in English, then in Spanish, then in English.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

O God, with steadfast love you draw us to yourself, and in mercy you receive our prayers. Strengthen us to bring forth the fruits of the Spirit, that through life and death we may live in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Please be seated.

10:45: Anthem

I Am The Way

Dan Goeller

I am the Way, the Truth and the Life;
No one comes to the Father except through Me.
In my Father's house, are many dwellings;
I go to prepare a place for you.
I will come again and receive you to Myself;
That where I am you may be also.

I am the Way, the Truth and the Life;
No one comes to the Father except through Me.
If you hold to my teaching, you truly are my disciples.
Then you will know the truth and the truth will set you free!
Let not your heart be troubled.
You trust in God, trust also in Me.

I am the Way, the Truth and the Life;
No one comes to the Father except through Me.

WORD

Reading

Jeremiah 31:31-34

printed on the back

The Judeans in Babylon blamed their exile on their ancestors, who had broken the covenant established at Sinai. Here the prophet looks to a day when God will make a new covenant with the people. There will be no need to teach the law, because God will write it on their hearts.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 51

Psalm 51: Create in Me

Gather 57

The Cantor sings the Refrain alone the first time, then the congregation sings the Refrain with the Cantor, then Cantor sings the verses.

Reading

Hebrews 5: 5-10

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Using priestly imagery and references to the Old Testament, the author explains how Christ lived in trusting obedience to God, and so God has made Christ the source of our eternal salvation.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand for the reading of the gospel

Gospel announcement

The Holy Gospel according to John, the twelfth chapter.

Gospel

John 12: 20-33

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Jesus entered Jerusalem for the last time to celebrate the Passover festival. Here Jesus' words about seeds planted in the ground turn the disaster of his death into the promise of a harvest in which everyone will be gathered.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you O Christ.

Gradual

In The Lord, I'll Be Ever Thankful

Gather 566

(sung twice)

Please be seated.

Children's Message

Miss Rumphius

story and pictures
by Barbara Cooney

Sermon

Pastor Anita Warner

Silence for reflection

When the music begins, stand to sing the hymn of the day.

Hymn of the Day

Seed That In Earth Is Dying



1 Seed that in earth is dy - ing grows in - to ears of
2 We were bap - tized in Je - sus, in - to his death and
3 Seed that in earth is dy - ing ris - es to bear much



grain. Grapes that are crushed in the ves - sel
grave, to res - ur - rec - tion's prom - ise:
fruit. Christ, as we meet at your ta - ble,



turn in - to gold - en wine. God, through this mys - ter - y grant us
praise and e - ter - nal life. Heav - en's own prais - es be - gin here
give us the bread of life. Lord, we do thank and a - dore you!



faith in our deep - est dark - ness, life in our night and death.
where you your - self are near us, deep in our night and death.
Un - ceas - ing praise of the a - ges ris - es from night and death.

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Music: Harald Herresthal, b. 1944

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SÅKORN SOM DØR I JORDEN

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Prayers of the Church

...Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

MEAL

Peace

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

You are invited to share a sign of God's peace with others. You may use these or similar words: "Peace be with you." You may use the sign of a handshake, a hug, or a bow with palms together. Please allow those who prefer less contact to choose the level of touch.

Offering

Welcome! If you are visiting, please fill out a Guest card this morning on the welcome table in the narthex / gathering area and leave it in the basket, as a way to help us welcome you further and another way of offering yourself to God on this day.

Offertory

8:00 Voluntary on Martydom

Kristina Langlois

10:45 Fairest Lord Jesus

Charles Forsberg

Fairest Lord Jesus, Ruler of all nations,
O Thou of God and man the Son;
Thee will I cherish, Thee will I honor
Thou, my soul's glory, joy and crown.

Fair are the meadows, fairer still the woodlands,
Robed in the blooming garb of spring:
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer,
Who makes the woeful heart to sing!

Fair is the sunshine, fairer still the moonlight
And all the twinkling starry host:
Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer
Than all the angels heav'n can boast.

Offering Response

We Remember

Gather 593
refrain only

Offering Prayer

Let us pray.

Merciful God,

receive the sacrifice of our praise and thanksgiving

and the offering of our lives,

that following in the way of the cross,

we may know the joy of the resurrection;

through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Celebration of Ministry

Today we celebrate the ministry of the Greeters.

The Great Thanksgiving

Preface Dialog

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Sanctus

Gather 219

Eucharistic Prayer

Lord's Prayer

**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.**

Invitation to Communion

Return to God with all your heart.
Receive bread for the journey, drink for the desert.

Angus Dei

Gather 225

Communion

We believe that in the bread and wine of communion we receive Christ's body and blood for our forgiveness, life, and salvation. Come forward as the ushers direct to receive the bread and the wine. The center ring of cups in each tray contains grape juice for those who prefer it. We invite those who do not yet receive communion to come forward for a blessing — please cross your arms over your chest as a sign.

Songs during communion:

I Am The Bread Of Life

Gather 828

SENDING

Blessing

Prayer after Communion

Let us pray.

**Compassionate God,
you have fed us with the bread of heaven.
Sustain us in our Lenten pilgrimage:
may our fasting be hunger for justice,
our alms, a making of peace,
and our prayer, the song of grateful hearts;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Announcements

Benediction

May God who has called us forth from the dust of the earth,
and claimed us as children of the light,
strengthen you on your journey into life renewed.
The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord's face shine upon you with grace and mercy.
The Lord look upon you with favor
and give you ☩ peace. **Amen.**

Hymn

Will You Let Me Be Your Servant

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Dismissal

Marked with the cross of Christ,
go forth to love and serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Will You Let Me Be Your Servant

1 Will you let me be your ser - vant, let me be as
 2 We are pil - grims on a jour - ney, we are trav - 'lers
 3 I will hold the Christ - light for you in the night - time
 4 I will weep when you are weep - ing; when you laugh I'll
 5 Will you let me be your ser - vant, let me be as

Christ to you? Pray that I may have the grace to
 on the road; we are here to help each oth - er
 of your fear; I will hold my hand out to you,
 laugh with you. I will share your joy and sor - row
 Christ to you? Pray that I may have the grace to

let you be my ser - vant, too.
 walk the mile and bear the load.
 speak the peace you long to hear.
 till we've seen this jour - ney through.
 let you be my ser - vant, too.

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VISUAL ART this morning includes:

Divine Spark by Robyn Sand Anderson from “The Suffering of Becoming”

I Am The Way by Jill Carlson

The Prophet Jeremiah, 1968 Oil on canvas by Marc Chagall

Diagnosis by Robyn Sand Anderson

“*Christus*,” 1821 marble statue by Bertel Thorvaldsen in Church of Our Lady in Copenhagen, Denmark

Harvestfest; Hand Woven Tapestry, Peruvian alpaca, cotton and mixed fibers by Maximo Laura

Refiner’s Fire by Robyn Sand Anderson from “The Suffering of Becoming”

“*Christ in Gethsemane*” by Michael O’Brien

DID YOU KNOW?

From Your Stewardship Committee

A church greeter is the first person people see when visiting a church. The greeter welcomes regular members and visitors with a smile, hug or handshake as they arrive at the doors and may assist the ushers in their duties as well.

The greeter should smile, make eye contact and take the initiative and greet. If the greeter doesn’t know the person they’re greeting they should say “I don’t think I’ve met you yet, I’m (insert name)”. If the person or persons are new, the greeter should offer to show them where the restrooms are and offer information about childcare if necessary.

Greeters are invited to bring the communion elements to the altar to receive a blessing from Pastor Warner and to celebrate your stewardship at Advent Lutheran.

-Your Gifts and Participation Make a Difference!



**NURSERY CARE IS AVAILABLE ALL MORNING
IN BERKLAND FELLOWSHIP HALL**

CHILDREN

**Jubilation Youth Choir, Grades 3-6
Wednesdays at 4:30 PM**

YOUTH

**Resound Youth Choir, Grades 7 – 12
Wednesdays at 5:45 PM**

CONFIRMATION

For youth in grades 7-9; meets next March 31. 9:30 to noon

MID-WEEK BIBLE STUDY

**Tuesday mornings @ 10:00 AM
All are welcome every Tuesday in the Library**

WOMEN'S SPIRITUALITY CIRCLE

Meets on Thursdays @ 10:00 AM in Library

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

MARY AND MARTHA CIRCLE

**Meets 2nd Wednesday of the month @ 10:00 AM in
Berkland Fellowship Hall**

INDIVIDUAL AND GROUP SPIRITUAL DIRECTION

For support in your prayer life, deepening your relationship with God and living out your faith with the gifts you are given, please contact Lee Tyler at 778-1876 or ltyler3@juno.com

Worship Assistants

Our Musicians

Director of Music and Worship Arts
Choir Accompanist

Kyle Jones
Andoni Bundros

Celebration Musicians: Bruce Naylor, Erik Siverson, Catherine Holmes, Bob Eltgroth, Kathy Hopkins, John Hopkins, Gunnar Marcheschi, Ed Merrell, Elle Munk, Valerie Sacks, Dick Simunic and Aaron James.

	8:00 AM	10:45 AM
Acolyte:	Drew Bergholz	Lukas Groesser
Communion		
Assistant:	Jacqui Kanode	Dottie Ellsworth
Lector:	Arne Kalma	Tom Dunham
Ushers:	Norm Osumi Andrew Munk	Nace Panzica Kathy Panzica
Cantor:	Megan Gill and Mary Kohlmiller	Gretchen Leff
Greeters:	Franzen Family	Fran Hagenbuch
Healing Prayer:	Sherry Quick	Tom & Judith Dunham
SALT:	Steve Barr	Terry Pratt
Open/Lock up:	Sherry Quick	Kathy Panzica

SALT - Sound and Light Team: Steve Barr, Oskar Brady, Gayle Carlile, Gunnar Marcheschi, Paul Panzica, Dave Paulsen, Dave Pepper and Terry Pratt.

Altar Guild for March: Doris Staehr, Liz Marcheschi, Liz Pratt
Communion Bread: Ruth Johnson

Nursery Attendant: Ernestina Atanacio