

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.

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

August 12, 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

Jesus says that the bread he gives for the life of the world is his flesh, and whoever eats this bread has eternal life now and will be raised on the last day. In Ephesians Paul tells us what this life Jesus gives us looks like, this life we live as those marked with the seal of the Holy Spirit in baptism. We live in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us. The whole purpose of life is giving yourself for the other.

Prelude and Welcome

Hymn

Gather Us In

Gather 744

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

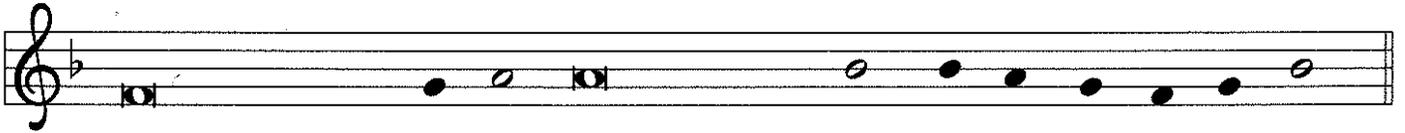
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In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



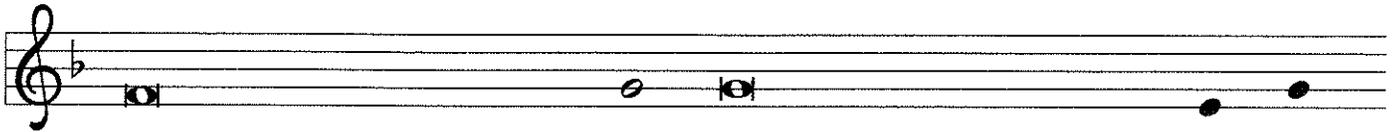
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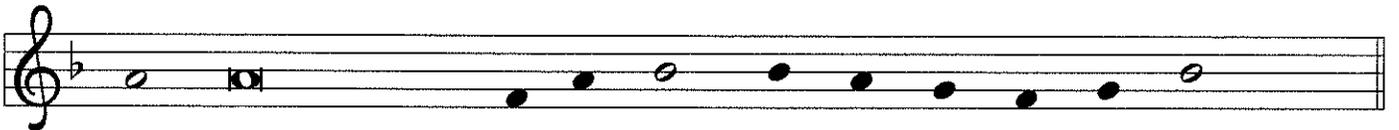
For the peace from a - bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



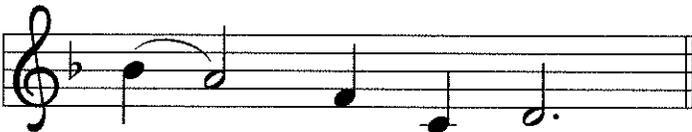
Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of



God, and for the uni - ty of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



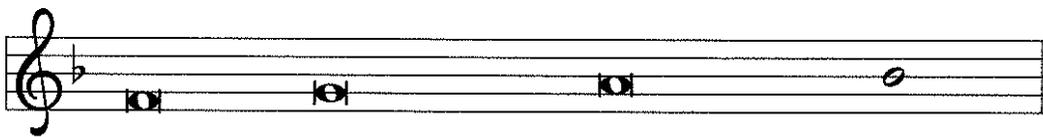
For this ho - ly house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and



praise, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gracious Lord.



A - men.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

Gracious God, your blessed Son came down from heaven to be the true bread that gives life to the world. Give us this bread always, that he may live in us and we in him, and that, strengthened by this food, we may live as his body in the world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Please be seated.

WORD

Reading

1 Kings 19:4-8

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First Kings chapter 18 describes the contest between Elijah and the prophets of Baal. The contest proves that the Lord is God, and afterward Elijah orders the killing of the Baal prophets. Angered by the deaths of her prophets, Queen Jezebel threatens to kill Elijah. This reading finds Elijah fleeing, fatigued, and in utter despair.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 34

Taste and See

Gather 814

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

Reading

Ephesians 4: 25-5:2

Christians are called to be imitators of God. This does not mean Christians are perfect. Rather, the Spirit is at work in our lives so that our actions and attitudes genuinely reflect the love and forgiveness we have received through Christ and his death.

So then, putting away falsehood, let all of us speak the truth to our neighbors, for we are members of one another.

Be angry but do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, and do not make room for the devil.

Thieves must give up stealing; rather let them labor and work honestly with their own hands, so as to have something to share with the needy.

Let no evil talk come out of your mouths, but only what is useful for building up, as there is need, so that your words may give grace to those who hear.

And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with which you were marked with a seal for the day of redemption.

Put away from you all bitterness and wrath and anger and wrangling and slander, together with malice, and be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you.

Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children, and live in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able.

Gospel Acclamation

The Cantor sings the acclamation alone, the congregation repeats along with the Cantor.

S 171a

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

Gospel Announcement

The holy gospel according to John, the sixth chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

.Gospel

John 6:35, 41-51

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After feeding more than five thousand people in the wilderness, Jesus teaches them regarding the true significance of this remarkable sign.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Back to School Blessing

Pastor Anita

Sermon

Pastor Anita Warner

Silence for reflection

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

Hymn of the Day

We Believe

Matthew Hooper

Verse 1

In this time of desperation
When all we know is doubt and fear,
There is only one foundation:
We believe, we believe.
In this broken generation,
When all is dark You help us see.
There is only one salvation;
We believe, we believe.

Chorus

We believe in God the Father.
We believe in Jesus Christ.
We believe in the Holy Spirit,

And He's given us new life.
We believe in the crucifixion.
We believe that He conquered death.
We believe in the resurrection,
And He's coming back again.
(We believe.)

Verse 2

So, let our faith be more than anthems,
Greater than the songs we sing,
In our weakness and temptations
We believe, we believe.

Chorus

Bridge

Let the lost be found and the dead be raised;
In the here and now let love invade.
Let the church live loud! Our God will save.
We believe, we believe!
And the gates of hell will not prevail,
For the pow'r of God has torn the veil.
Now we know Your love will never fail,
We believe! We believe!

Chorus

Prayers of the Church

...Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

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

Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts

Kyle T. Jones

Jesus, Thou Joy of loving hearts,
Thou Fount of life, Thou Light of all,
From the best bliss that earth imparts,
We turn unfilled to Thee again.

Refrain

Our restless spirits yearn for Thee,
Wheree'er our changeful lot is cast;
Glad when Thy gracious smile we see,
Blest when our faith can hold Thee fast.

Thy truth unchanged hath ever stood,
Thou savest them who on Thee call;
To those who seek Thee, Thou art good,
To them that find Thee, all in all.

Refrain

We taste Thee, O Thou living Bread,
And long to feast upon Thee still;
We drink of Thee, the Fountain head,
And thirst our souls from Thee to fill.

Refrain

O Jesus, ever with us stay,
Make all our moments calm and bright;
Chase the dark night of sin away,
Shed o'er the world Thy holy light.

Refrain

Offering Response

Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful

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Offering Prayer

Let us pray.

**Merciful God,
you open wide your hand
and satisfy the need of every living thing.
You have set this feast before us.
Open our hands to receive it.
Open our hearts to embrace it.
Open our lives to live it.
We pray this through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful

Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and
fill to the brim our cup of bless - ing. Gath - er a
har - vest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the
bread of life. Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u -
nite them with the prayers we of - fer. Grace our ta - ble with your
pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

The musical score is written on six staves in a single system. Each staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The music is in 4/4 time. The lyrics are printed below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes. The final note of the sixth staff is a double bar line.

Text: John W. Arthur, 1922-1980

Music: *Liturgy of Joy*, James M. Capers, b. 1948

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Today we celebrate *the participants in the ELCA Youth Gathering in Houston.*

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

S 173

Ho-ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, 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.

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

Come, let us eat, for now the feast is spread.

Agnus Dei

S 174

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

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:

O Come To The Altar

All Who Hunger

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Gather 820

O Come To The Altar

Furtick, Brown, Joye and Brock;
Mike Orth, Guitar and Voice

Are you hurting and broken within
Overwhelmed by the weight of your sin
Jesus is calling
Have you come to the end of yourself
Do you thirst for a drink from the well
Jesus is calling

Chorus

O come to the altar
The Father's arms are open wide
Forgiveness was bought with
The precious blood of Jesus Christ

Leave behind your regrets and mistakes
Come today there's no reason to wait
Jesus is calling
Bring your sorrows and trade them for joy
From the ashes a new life is born
Jesus is calling

Chorus

Bridge

Oh what a Savior
Isn't he wonderful
Sing alleluia Christ is risen
Bow down before him
For he is Lord of all
Sing alleluia Christ is risen
Bear your cross as you wait for the crown
Tell the world of the treasure you've found

SENDING

Blessing

Prayer after Communion

Jesus Christ, host of this meal,
you have given us not only this bread and cup,
but your very self, that we may feast on your great love.
Filled again by these signs of your grace,
may we hunger for your reign of justice,
may we thirst for your way of peace,
for you are Lord forevermore.
Amen.

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Benediction

Youth

Hymn

I Am The Bread Of Life

Gather 828
verses 1,2,5

Dismissal

Go in peace. The Spirit sends us forth to serve.
Thanks be to God.

Postlude



VISUAL ART this morning includes:

Elijah under the broom tree by Revd Ally Barrett

Elija by Siegor Koder

Church bulletin cover art by artist Stushie

Forgiveness by Sofiya Inger

The Bread of Life by Jesus Mafa

Living Bread from Heaven by Kennedy A Paizs

A Detail of a mosaic painting in Medjugorje of the 5th Luminous Mysteries of the Holy Rosary when Jesus instituted the Holy Eucharist.

Detail of The Risen Christ - by Stephen B. Whatley

Breaking of Bread by Siegor Koder

DID YOU KNOW?

From Your Stewardship Committee

Every three years, 30,000 high school youth and their adult leaders from across the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America gather for a week of faith formation known as the ELCA Youth Gathering. Through days spent in interactive learning, worship, Bible study, service and fellowship, young people grow in faith and are challenged and inspired to live their faith in their daily lives.

Last Sunday, five youths from Advent and Saint Stephen's Lutheran Church in Santa Cruz were an integral part of our Sunday worship service. They led parts of the service, performed with the choir, gave testimonials of what they took away from the Youth Gathering and were our lectors.

ELCA YOUTH GATHERING THEME



We are excited to share with you the theme for the 2018 ELCA Youth Gathering, “This Changes Everything.” Our primary scripture was Ephesians 2:8 “*For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God.*”

Grace is a foundational and distinctive piece of the Lutheran faith. This gift, undeserved and freely given, changes lives and perspectives as people realize they are enough because of what Christ has done and are called into the world to serve their neighbor and share the good news.

Our logo is a visual representation of our theme and the 2018 Gathering experience. It incorporates the coming together of a mosaic to reflect the diverse host city of Houston, as well as the idea that we are a church where *all* are imperfect and incomplete, yet we each belong in – and have an important place in – God’s masterpiece. The cross at the center of the logo is the focus – it is God’s grace, through Christ’s life, death and resurrection, that changes everything for all people.

In her book “Woo: Awakening Teenagers’ Desire to Follow in the Way of Jesus,” Morgan Schmidt identifies the three central desires of teens.

All youth desire:

- Someone to become
- Somewhere to belong
- Something to do [that changes the world]

Advent’s youth, their families and chaperones are invited to take the communion elements to the altar for recognition of your stewardship at Advent and to receive a blessing from Pastor Anita.

-Your Gifts and Participation Make a Difference.

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Brand Essence Survey

As we prayerfully consider the rebranding of our church, we welcome your input. If you haven't already taken the survey, please take a few minutes to complete this short survey at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/33HJZFF>. Your response will be anonymous. Survey results will be shared in September at a congregational gathering. If you completed a written copy of the survey, and have not turned it in, please bring to Advent.

Register Now for BCAC Classes

BCAC registration is underway and classes are filling up quickly. Sign up now. Classes begin Saturday, August 18. For more information and to register, please visit www.advent-lutheran.org/bcac.

Helpers Needed for Children's Time

Advent is looking for Children's Time helpers! We're looking for wonderful volunteers to help lead discussions and art activities for our preschool through 6th grade youth. Children's Time is moving to the end of service rather than during the sermon. Join us on today after service for an informational meeting and to sign up. Youth and parent/teen teams are encouraged to help out. This is a great way to connect with the youth at Advent. All lessons and activities are pre-planned so it's easy to step in and lend a hand! Contact [Kris Andry](mailto:krisandrysj@gmail.com) at krisandrysj@gmail.com for more information or just show up on Aug 12th.

Join Us for the Annual Food n' Fellowship Summer Party

All are welcome and invited to attend our Food n' Fellowship Annual Summer Party on Sunday, August 26 from 12:00 – 4:00 P.M. The party will be held at the House of Lee located at 630 Serpentine Court in Morgan Hill. The theme is “A Taste of Italy” and the menu will consist of Chicken and Shrimp Cacciatore, linguine pasta, fruit and salad bar, Italian rolls, cool drinks and gelato. The cost is

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\$12.50 per person and is payable upon reservation. Please RSVP to Nancy Lee at williamwlee@charter.net.

Third Quarter Mission Project

For the third quarter, Advent Lutheran has selected Lutheran World Relief (LWR) as our third quarter mission project. LWR is providing direct support to the families who are currently displaced by the war in their country. The last time we gave support to this organization, it was to help refugees who were here in the U.S. This time we are assisting those people who are still in the Middle East.

Please consider helping these families who have been affected by war and conflict.

If you would like to receive the above information by email each Friday, please contact the church office at 408-779-3551 or by email at office@advent-lutheran.org.

Worship Assistants

Our Musicians

Director of Music and Worship Arts

Kyle Jones

Choir Accompanist

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.

9:30 AM

Acolyte:

Lucas Groesser

Communion

Assistant:

Diana Guido

Lector:

Janet Franklin

Ushers:

Ken Carlson

Sherry Kalma

Arne Kalma

Cantors:

Mike Orth

Greeters:

Gill Family

Healing Prayer:

Daniel Carlile

SALT:

Gayle Carlile

Open/Lock up:

Craig & Judy Simberg/Panzica Family

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

Altar Guild for August: Dottie Ellsworth, Doris Staehr.

Communion Bread: Doris Staehr

Nursery Attendant: Ernestina Atanacio