

# Advent Lutheran Church

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## **WELCOME**

Thank you for worshiping 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](mailto: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 the 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.

# Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

November 11, 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

*Widows are visible everywhere in today's readings. Jesus denounces those scribes who pray impressive prayers but devour widows' houses. He commends the poor widow who in his view gave far more than the major donors. Jesus doesn't see her simply as an object of compassion or charity. She, like the widow of Zarephath who shares her last bit of food with Elijah, does something of great importance.*

## Prelude and Welcome

Hymn

Let All Things Now Living

Gather 567

## Baptism of Alea Aimee Cleaver

Presentation

Renunciation of Evil

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

**I renounce them.**

Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

**I renounce them.**

Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

**I renounce them.**

## Confession of Faith

Do you believe in God the Father?

**I believe in God the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**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.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**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.**

# Baptism, Response, and Laying on of Hands

*After the baptism, the cantor sings, then the congregation repeats*

The image shows a musical score for two parts of a liturgical service. The first part is a two-staff piece in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The vocal line (treble clef) begins with a half note G4, followed by quarter notes A4, B4, and C5. The piano accompaniment (bass clef) consists of a steady bass line of G2, A2, B2, and C3. The lyrics are: "You be - long to Christ, in whom you have been bap - tized." The second part is also a two-staff piece in G major and 4/4 time. The vocal line begins with a half note G4, followed by quarter notes A4, B4, and C5. The piano accompaniment consists of a steady bass line of G2, A2, B2, and C3. The lyrics are: "al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia." The score ends with a double bar line.

## Presentation of Candle and Welcome

Jesus said, I am the light of the world.  
Whoever follows me will have the light of life.

Let us welcome Alea Aimee, newly baptized.  
**We welcome you into the body of Christ  
and into the mission we share:  
join us in giving thanks and praise to God  
and bearing God's creative and redeeming love  
to all the world.**

## 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.**

## Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

O God, you show forth your almighty power chiefly by reaching out to us in mercy. Grant us the fullness of your grace, strengthen our trust in your promises, and bring all the world to share in the treasures that come through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**      *Please be seated.*

Pastor Anita

## WORD

### Children's Message /Reading

Pastor Anita & children

1 Kings 17:8-16

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*This chapter begins the story of Elijah. God sends a drought on Israel because of the sins of King Ahab. This passage depicts God's saving acts not only on behalf of Elijah, but also on behalf of those who are associated with the prophet, even a foreigner, the widow of Zarephath.*

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

### Psalm 146

Happy the Poor in Spirit

Gather 139

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

## Reading

Hebrews 9:24-28

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*The letter to the Hebrews describes Christ as a high priest who offers himself as a sacrifice for our sin. Christ does not die again and again each year. He died once, is alive with God, and will reveal himself on the last day.*

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand as you are able.*

## Alleluia Verse

Gather 198

*The Cantors sing the Alleluias alone the first time, then the Assembly sings the Alleluias with the Cantors.*

## Gospel Announcement

The Holy Gospel according to Mark, the twelfth chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

## Gospel

Mark 12:38-44

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*After engaging in a series of public arguments with religious leaders in the temple, Jesus contrasts the proud and oppressive ways of those leaders with the sacrificial humility and poverty of the widow.*

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## Sermon

Pastor Anita Warner

*Silence for reflection. When the music begins, stand to sing the hymn of the day.*

## Reception of New Members

Let us rejoice with these sisters and brothers in Christ.

**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.**

# Hymn

## Take My Life, That I May Be

The musical score is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of two systems. The first system has a treble clef staff with a melody and a bass clef staff with a harmonic accompaniment. The second system continues the melody and accompaniment. The lyrics are printed below the treble clef staff of each system.

1 Take my life, that I may be con - se - crat - ed, Lord, to thee;  
2 Take my hands and let them move at the im - pulse of thy love;  
3 Take my voice and let me sing al - ways, on - ly, for my King;  
4 Take my sil - ver and my gold, not a mite would I with - hold;

take my mo - ments and my days; let them flow in cease - less praise.  
take my feet and let them be swift and beau - ti - ful for thee.  
take my lips and let them be filled with mes - sag - es from thee.  
take my in - tel - lect, and use ev - 'ry pow'r as thou shalt choose.

5 Take my will and make it thine;  
it shall be no longer mine.  
Take my heart, it is thine own;  
it shall be thy royal throne.

6 Take my love; my Lord, I pour  
at thy feet its treasure store;  
take myself, and I will be  
ever, only, all for thee.

Text: Frances R. Havergal, 1836–1879, alt.  
Music: PATMOS, William H. Havergal, 1793–1870

## Prayers of the Church

...Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

# Offertory

All Good Gifts

David Schwoebel

## *Refrain*

All good gifts around us are sent from heaven above;  
then thank the Lord, O thank the Lord for all his love.

We plow the fields and scatter the good seed on the land,  
but it is fed and watered by God's almighty hand;  
He sends the snow in winter, the warmth to swell the grain,  
the breezes and the sunshine, and soft refreshing rain.

## *Refrain*

He only is the Maker of all things near and far,  
He paints the wayside flower, He lights the evening star;  
the wind and waves obey Him, by Him the birds are fed;  
much more to us His children, He gives our daily bread.

## *Refrain*

We thank Thee, then, O Father for all things bright and good,  
the seedtime and the harvest, our life, our health, our food. Accept the gifts  
we offer for all Thy love imparts,  
and what Thou most desirest, our humble, thankful hearts.

## *Refrain*

## 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.*

### Offering Response

For the Beauty of the Earth

Gather 572

Vs. 1 & 5

### Offering Prayer

Let us pray.

**Creator God,**

**you made everything, and you provide for every need.**

**The bread we break and the wine we pour come from you.**

**As we eat and drink with thanksgiving,**

**fill us with your love;**

**let that love flow through us to others;**

**and join us to the saints before us**

**in a holy and boundless communion;**

**through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

**Amen.**

### Celebration of Ministry

*Today we honor and give thanks for Veterans.*

# The Great Thanksgiving

Preface Dialog

Gather 199

Sanctus

Gather 201

## 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

Hunger no more. Thirst no more.  
Come to the banquet of life.

Agnus Dei

Gather 207

# 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:

For the Fruit of All Creation

We Plow the Fields and Scatter

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## SENDING

### Blessing

### Prayer after Communion

Let us pray.

**Sovereign God,  
in this meal you give us a foretaste  
of the great feast to come.  
Keep us faithful to you,  
that we, with all your saints,  
may at length celebrate  
the marriage feast of the Lamb,  
Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

### Announcements

### Benediction

The love of God surround you;  
the grace of ✠ Christ release you;  
and the Holy Spirit be your guide and strength,  
now and forevermore.

**Amen.**

# For the Fruit of All Creation

1 For the fruit of all cre - a - tion, thanks be to God.  
 2 In the just re - ward of la - bor, God's will is done.  
 3 For the har - vests of the Spir - it, thanks be to God.

For these gifts to ev - 'ry na - tion, thanks be to God.  
 In the help we give our neigh - bor, God's will is done.  
 For the good we all in - her - it, thanks be to God.

For the plow - ing, sow - ing, reap - ing, si - lent growth while we are sleep - ing,  
 In our world - wide task of car - ing for the hun - gry and de - spair - ing,  
 For the won - ders that as - tound us, for the truths that still con - found us,

fu - ture needs in earth's safe - keep - ing, thanks be to God.  
 in the har - vests we are shar - ing, God's will is done.  
 most of all, that love has found us, thanks be to God.

Text: Fred Pratt Green, 1903–2000

Music: AR HYD Y NOS, Welsh traditional; arr. Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1872–1958

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# We Plow the Fields and Scatter

1 We plow the fields and scat - ter the good seed on the land,  
 2 You on - ly are the mak - er of all things near and far.  
 3 We thank you, our cre - a - tor, for all things bright and good,

but it is fed and wa - tered by God's al - might - y hand,  
 You paint the way - side flow - er, you light the eve - ning star.  
 the seed - time and the har - vest, our life, our health, our food.

who sends the snow in win - ter, the warmth to swell the grain,  
 The winds and waves o - bey you, by you the birds are fed;  
 No gifts have we to of - fer for all your love im - parts,

the breez - es and the sun - shine, and soft re - fresh - ing rain.  
 much more to us, your chil - dren, you give our dai - ly bread.  
 but what you most would trea - sure—our hum - ble, thank - ful hearts.

*Refrain*

All good gifts a - round us are sent from heav'n a - bove.

We thank you, Lord, we thank you, Lord, for all your love.

Text: Matthias Claudius, 1740–1815; tr. Jane M. Campbell, 1817–1878, alt.  
 Music: WIR PFLÜGEN, Johann A. P. Schulz, 1747–1800

## Dismissal

Led on by the saints before us,  
Go in peace to serve the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

## Closing Voluntary



VISUAL ART this morning includes:

*Detail of panes 3* by Villasenor

*Elijah and the Widow of Zarephath*, painting by Bernardo Strozzi--  
Kunsthistorisches Museum, Vienna, ca. 1630s.

*Orphans*, 1885; Thomas Benjamin Kennington (1856–1916) Tate Britain

*The Ascension* by William Blake

*The Widow's Mite* by JESUS MAFA. from Art in the Christian Tradition, a project  
of the Vanderbilt Divinity Library, Nashville, TN

*The Poor Widow* (thanks to Liturgy)

*The Widow's Mite* by Louis Glanzman

*The Widow's Mite* by Katie Hoffman

*The John Lennon Mural* is graffiti art on a wall in Prague, Czech Republic

*Day by Day* by John Urbain

Photo by Amy Pectol

*Procession of Lights* by Elise Ritter

## **DID YOU KNOW?**

### *From Your Stewardship Committee*

Many Americans mistakenly believe that Veterans Day is the day America sets aside to honor American military personnel who died in battle or as a result of wounds sustained from combat. That's not quite true. Memorial Day is the day set aside to honor America's war dead.

Veterans Day, on the other hand, honors *ALL* American veterans, both living and dead. In fact, Veterans Day is largely intended to thank *LIVING* veterans for dedicated and loyal service to their country. November 11 of each year is the day that we ensure veterans know that we deeply appreciate the sacrifices they have made in the lives to keep our country free.

### **Veterans Day**

In 1947, Raymond Weeks, of Birmingham Ala., organized a "Veterans Day" parade on November 11th to honor all of America's veterans for their loyal and dedicated service. Shortly thereafter, Congressman Edward H. Rees (Kansas) introduced legislation to change the name of Armistice Day to Veterans Day in order to honor all veterans who have served the United States in all wars. In 1954, President Eisenhower signed a bill proclaiming November 11 as Veterans Day, and called upon Americans everywhere to rededicate themselves to the cause of peace. He issued a Presidential Order directing the head of the Veterans Administration (now called the Department of Veterans Affairs), to form a Veterans Day National Committee to organize and oversee the national observance of Veterans Day. Congress passed legislation in 1968 to move Veterans Day to the fourth Monday in October. However as it became apparent that November 11th was historically significant to many Americans, in 1978, Congress reversed itself and returned the holiday to its traditional date.

All veterans are asked to take the communion elements to the altar for recognition of your service to our country, your stewardship at Advent and to receive a blessing from Pastor Anita.

***Your Gifts and Participation Make a Difference!***

# ***Announcements***

## **Commitment of Giving for 2019**

In the spirit of “Live Simply,” 33 households have shared their commitments of giving for the mission and ministry of this congregation in 2019. We thank those who have already offered commitments and invite those who have not yet done so, including those who give through Simply Giving, to offer a commitment of giving. Commitment cards are available in the gathering area.

## **Fall Work Day at Advent**

Please plan on coming to our fall work day, on Saturday, November 10 beginning at 8:00 A.M. and help for us long as you can. We will be working until 1:00 P.M. We need lots of helpers of all ages to make our facility sparkle!

## **Altar Guild Annual Meeting**

Would you like to help our church prepare for worship? Consider serving on the altar guild! You are invited to the Altar Guild’s annual meeting on Saturday, November 10 at 10 AM in the fellowship hall. New members of the altar guild will be trained and mentored by existing members. A potluck luncheon will follow the meeting. Bring your favorite dish to share and any ideas or plans you have for our upcoming year.

## **New Member Sunday**

Be a part of welcoming new members into our congregation this coming Sunday during worship.

## **Congregational Meeting**

Everyone is invited to the Congregational Meeting on Sunday, November 11 at 11:00 A.M. Agenda topics include approval of the minutes of the previous meeting, election of Council members for next year, presentation of proposed budget for next year, and presentation of proposed capital campaign. Voting members are confirmed members. Such confirmed members, during the current or preceding calendar year, shall have communed and shall have made a contribution of record to this congregation. Members of this congregation who have satisfied these basic standards shall have the privilege of voice and vote at every regular and special meeting of the congregation. (Advent's Constitution section \*8.02c)

## **Mary & Martha Circle (Advent Women's Bible Study)**

Bible Study: "Turn, Turn, TURN: A time for faithful repentance"

Session Three – Turning as the church to the world

Focus Verse – "If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness." 1 ( John 1:8-9)

The group will meet Wednesday, November 14 in Berkland Fellowship Hall and will be hosted by Susan Gaetano. Fellowship will be at 10:00 A.M. and Bible study at 10:30 A.M. All women of Advent are invited. Please join us and bring a friend if you wish. If you need a copy of the study or have any questions, please contact [Sheila Walton \(sagwalton@gmail.com\)](mailto:sagwalton@gmail.com).

## **Advent Daily Devotionals**

Advent daily devotionals will be available starting Sunday, November 18 and can be found in the Gathering Area and Berkland Fellowship Hall.

## **Jerusalem: What Makes for Peace?**

On Thursday, November 15, Bethel Lutheran Church will be hosting Dr. Mitri Raheb, presenting "Jerusalem: What Makes a Difference?" This will be a timely exploration of Jerusalem as key to peace in the Middle East. Dinner is at 6:00 P.M. and presentation at 7:00 P.M. Visit [www.bit.ly/2PAEqR4](http://www.bit.ly/2PAEqR4) for more information to register. Contact the church office if you would like to carpool.

## **Chili with the Bishop**

Reports are in: Bp Mark's chili is delicious! Please join us on Saturday, November 17th from 12:00 P.M. to 3:00 P.M. Worship will be Dinner Church as we enjoy the chili. This will be the El Camino Conference's fall assembly (the conference includes ELCA congregations from King City to Los Altos). To register, please visit

<https://events.r20.constantcontact.com/register/eventReg?oeidk=a07efpeldpke8eef14&oseq=&c=&ch=>

Bp Mark looks forward to visiting Advent and to hearing from you what God is doing in and through your lives and ministries. Since Advent is hosting, we simply need to provide logistical help, setting up round tables with tablecloths, plates, bowls, napkins, cups, utensils, booster seats for kids, A Paschal candle, & a basket for collecting an offering. Please contact [Sherry](#) in the church office if you can be on the team to do this to help host our conference.

## **Tax-Advantage Giving Before Year-End**

On Sunday, November 18, at 11 AM Mike Glantz of Thrivent Financial will offer a presentation on charitable giving of required minimum distributions, and other advice for tax-advantaged giving before year-end. All are welcome to this event sponsored by the Stewardship Committee.

## **Interfaith Thanksgiving Service- “In Faith, We Give Service”**

The Interfaith CommUNITY of South County (ICSC) invites all to this child and family friendly Thanksgiving service hosted by Advent Lutheran on November 18 at 4:00 P.M. Potluck reception to follow. Everyone is encouraged to bring a non-perishable food item to be donated to a local food pantry.

### **Introducing a New Mass Setting**

Advent is the dawning of a new liturgical year, a time for reflection and even new beginnings. For some years, we have celebrated this season with Kären Salveson's *Prepare Us Now and Come*. This year, you will be introduced to a new service setting, *Of the Father's Love Begotten*. The seasonal mass will set familiar texts to familiar carol tunes as well as feature newly composed music for lighting the advent candles and Mary's Song, the Magnificat.

On Thursday, November 29, you are invited to enjoy an evening of food and music in preparation for Advent. The evening will begin with a soup supper in Berkland Hall from 6:00pm – 6:45pm. Sign-ups for bringing soup will be in the gathering area. After this time of fellowship, we will transition to the sanctuary to learn our new service music together from 6:45pm – 7:30pm. Please join us as we prepare our hearts and minds for a worshipful season with this fresh, exciting service setting.

### **4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Mission: Helping the Homeless in Morgan Hill**

Advent's fourth quarter mission will concentrate on helping meet the needs of the families living at the Safe Car Park (SCP) housed on the Morgan Hill Bible Church back parking lot. These eight, currently seven, homeless families have been selected to live on this site. There are currently 12 adults, 7 children, and two infants at the park nightly. The site is equipped with a washer/dryer and a bathroom with a shower.

Also, if there's an interest in anyone from Advent to prepare and serve a Thanksgiving or Christmas meal for the folks at the park, please contact

[Jacqui Kanode](#) or [Sherry Quick](#) for more details. The SCP does not have a kitchen so it would need to be something that is prepared elsewhere and brought in. This meal could also be prepared and served at Advent if there are interested members willing to sponsor this activity.

### **Food of the Month**

Advent collects non-perishable food for the Reach Out food bank at St. Catherine Church in Morgan Hill. Food for the month for November are holiday foods. Other items welcome anytime are: tuna, canned fruits/vegetables, rice, beans, hearty soup/chili, and even baby diapers. Items can be placed in the white wire baskets near the office at Advent.

**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](mailto:office@advent-lutheran.org).**

# **Our Core Values**

This is a safe place to be who you are. God's love accepts and invites each of us to bring all of ourselves: our thoughts, beliefs, questions, age, ethnicity, gender identity, abilities and disabilities, sexual orientation, cultures and life experiences.

We find joy and purpose when multiple generations together are:

- Experiencing the living presence of Christ as music and other creative arts bring the scriptures to life when we gather and worship.
- Exploring the spiritual journey, rooted in the Lutheran perspective.
- Engaging with our neighbors to support God's mission of grace, healing and abundant life for all.

# ***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:**

Theo Brady

**Communion**

**Assistant:**

Darlene Day

**Lector:**

Margie Siverson

**Ushers:**

Ken Carlson

Sherry Kalma

Arne Kalma

**Cantors:**

Hannah Chin, Megan Gill, Jennifer Hamilton

**Greeter:**

Don and Pat Schneider

**Healing Prayer:**

Daniel Carlile

**SALT:**

Steve Barr

**Open/Lock up:**

Sherry Quick/Carrie Merrell

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

**Altar Guild for November:** Jacqui Kanode, Dottie Ellsworth, Cheryl Franzen

Bread: Ruth Johnson

**Nursery Attendant:** Ernestina Atanacio