

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 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.

Christ the King Sunday

November 25, 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

Even after Israel had experienced the vagaries of kings, they still longed for a true king to set things right. He would have the king's title of Anointed One (Messiah); he would be the "one like a human being" (Son of Man) given dominion in Daniel's vision. Jesus is given these titles, even though he is nothing like an earthly king. His authority comes from the truth to which he bears witness, and those who recognize the truth voluntarily listen to him. We look forward to the day he is given dominion, knowing his victory will be the nonviolent victory of love.

Prelude and Welcome

Hymn

Soon and Very Soon

Gather 770

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 196

Gloria

Gather 197

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

Almighty and ever-living God, you anointed your beloved Son to be priest and sovereign forever. Grant that all the people of the earth, now divided by the power of sin, may be united by the glorious and gentle rule of 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.

WORD

Reading

Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14

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To the community for whom this passage was written, it seemed as though the oppression they were experiencing would never end. Daniel's message is: It shall end. The Ancient One who is judge will call all nations to account and will give dominion to "one like a human being," the Messiah.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 93

Oh, Worship The King

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Reading

Revelation 1:4b-8

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The book of Revelation begins by celebrating the Almighty God, who spans all of time. Similarly, Jesus is celebrated as the firstborn from the dead who rules over the world's rulers. He is the one whose return we eagerly await.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able.

Oh, Worship the King

1 Oh, wor - ship the King, all - glo - rious a - bove.
2 The earth with its store of won - ders un - told,
3 Your boun - ti - ful care what tongue can re - cite?
4 Frail chil - dren of dust, and fee - ble as frail,
5 O mea - sure - less might, in - ef - fa - ble love,

Oh, grate - ful - ly sing God's pow - er and love;
Al - might - y, your pow'r has found - ed of old;
It breathes in the air, it shines in the light,
in you do we trust, nor find you to fail;
while an - gels de - light to hymn you a - bove,

our shield and de - fend - er, the An - cient of Days,
es - tab - lished it fast by a change - less de - cree,
it streams from the hills, it de - scends to the plain,
your mer - cies, how ten - der, how firm to the end,
the hum - bler cre - a - tion, though fee - ble their lays,

pa - vil - ioned in splen - dor, and gird - ed with praise.
and round it has cast, like a man - tle, the sea.
and sweet - ly dis - tills in the dew and the rain.
our mak - er, de - fend - er, re - deem - er, and friend.
with true ad - o - ra - tion shall sing to your praise.

Text: Robert Grant, 1779–1838, alt.
Music: HANOVER, William Croft, 1678–1727

Gospel Acclamation

Gather 198

The Cantor sings the acclamation alone the first time, then the assembly joins the Cantor.

Gospel Announcement

The Holy Gospel according to Mark, the thirteenth chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel

John 18:33-37

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In John's gospel, the story of Jesus and Pilate presents two different ways of exercising power: through force or with love.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Children's Message

Pastor Karen

Sermon

Pastor Karen Parker

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

Hymn

Crown Him With Many Crowns

Gather 485

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 Anthem

E'en So Lord Jesus

Paul Manz

Peace be to you and grace from him
Who freed us from our sins,
Who loved us all and shed his blood
That we might saved be.

Sing holy, holy to our Lord,
The Lord, Almighty God,
Who was and is and is to come;
Sing holy, holy, Lord!

Rejoice in heaven, all ye that dwell therein,
Rejoice on earth, ye saints below,
For Christ is coming, is coming soon,
For Christ is coming soon!

E'en so, Lord Jesus, quickly come,
And night shall be no more;
They need no light nor lamp nor sun,
For Christ will be their All

Offering Response

For the Beauty of the Earth

Gather 572

Vs. 1 & 6

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 celebrate the Morgan Hill Safe Car Park participants.

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:

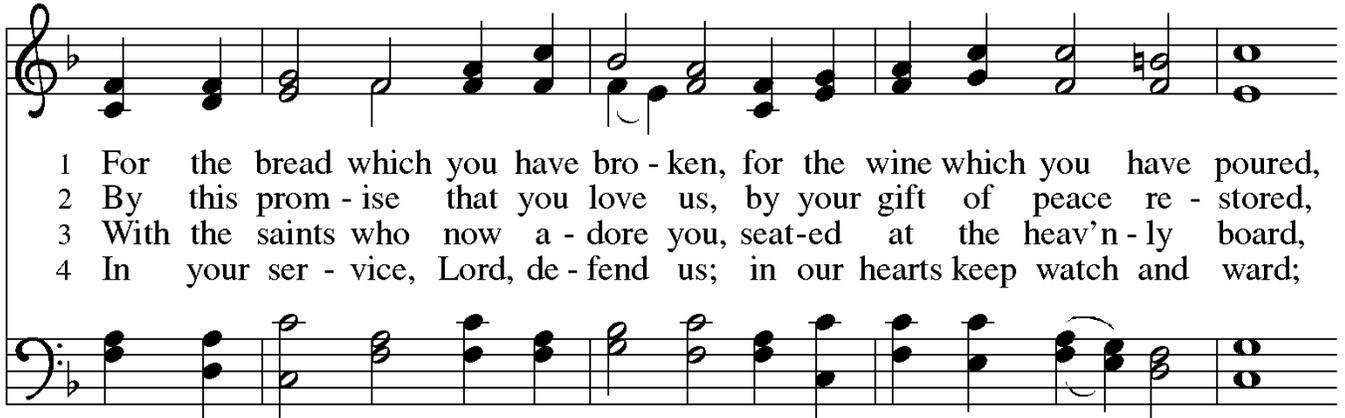
Beautiful Savior

For the Bread Which You Have Broken

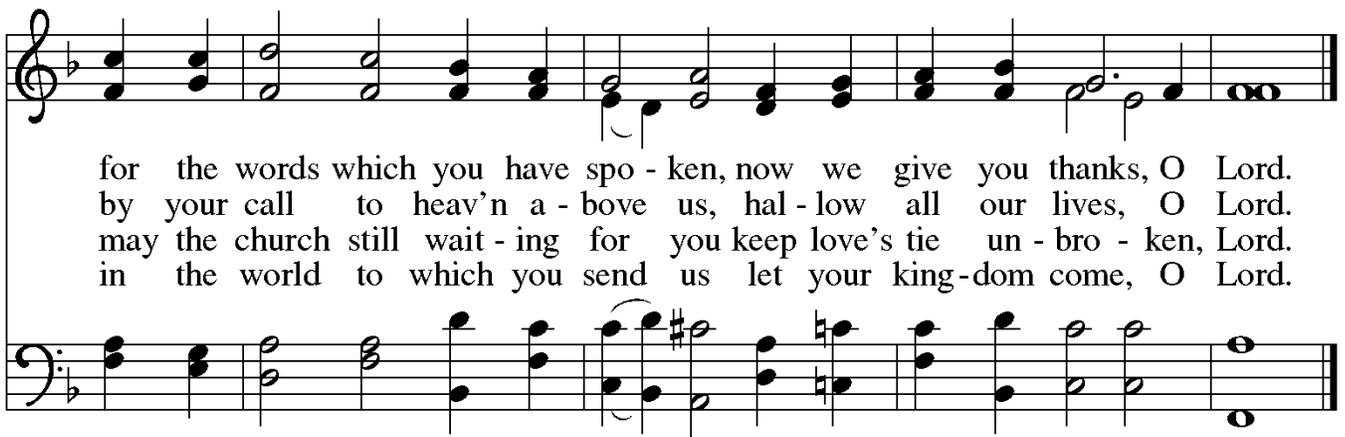
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For the Bread Which You Have Broken



1 For the bread which you have bro - ken, for the wine which you have poured,
2 By this prom - ise that you love us, by your gift of peace re - stored,
3 With the saints who now a - dore you, seat-ed at the heav'n - ly board,
4 In your ser - vice, Lord, de - fend us; in our hearts keep watch and ward;



for the words which you have spo - ken, now we give you thanks, O Lord.
by your call to heav'n a - bove us, hal - low all our lives, O Lord.
may the church still wait - ing for you keep love's tie un - bro - ken, Lord.
in the world to which you send us let your king - dom come, O Lord.

Text: Louis F. Benson, 1855–1930, alt.

Music: OMNI DIE, *Gross Catolisch Gesangbuch*, Nürnberg, 1631; arr. William Smith Rockstro, 1823–1895

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Beautiful Savior

1 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, King of cre - a - tion,
 2 Fair are the mead - ows, fair are the wood - lands,
 3 Fair is the sun - shine, fair is the moon - light,
 4 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, Lord of the na - tions,

Son of God and Son of Man!
 robed in the flow'rs of spring;
 bright the spar - kling stars on high;
 Son of God and Son of Man!

Tru - ly I'd love thee, tru - ly I'd serve thee,
 Je - sus is fair - er, Je - sus is pur - er,
 Je - sus shines bright - er, Je - sus shines pur - er,
 Glo - ry and hon - or, praise, ad - o - ra - tion,

light of my soul, my joy, my crown.
 he makes our sor - rowing spir - it sing.
 than all the an - gels in the sky.
 now and for - ev - er - more be thine!

Text: *Gesangbuch*, Münster, 1677; tr. Joseph A. Seiss, 1823–1904
 Music: SCHÖNSTER HERR JESU, Silesian folk tune, 19th cent.

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:

Mosaic from Christ the King Cathedral in Lubbock, Texas by Unknown
photographer

Ancient of Days Throne by artist unknown

Thy throne is established of old: thou art from everlasting Psalm 93:2 by
Michael Kpoh

Salvator Mundi by Leonardo da Vinci

Christ before Pilate from the series The Life of Jesus Christ by James Tissot

The Risen Lord by He Qi

*Jesus promises to share his reign with the good thief from the Stations of the
Cross at St. Mary Basilica in Minneapolis, MN* by Lucinda Naylor

Messiah by He Qi

And He Shall Reign by Kelly Kruse

DID YOU KNOW?

From Your Stewardship Committee

Morgan Hill Safe Car Park Participants

Advent's Fourth Quarter Mission is helping the homeless in Morgan Hill concentrating 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.

The SCP is staffed with volunteers for the both the morning and evening shifts and they are always eager for new volunteers. The morning shift is 7:00-8:00 AM and the evening shift is 7:00-8:00 PM.

On Thanksgiving Day members of Advent prepared and served a Thanksgiving meal in the Berkland Fellowship Hall. Laura McCoy, a new member at Advent, coordinated the dinner for a few of the families from SCP. There are plans for preparing a Christmas meal with the date and time to be announced.

Finally, we will be having the "Adopt a Family" Christmas program for these families. Cheryl Franzen spoke about the program during announcements at the worship service and will be coordinating efforts to have Advent families adopt a family and given the opportunity to provide a requested gift for each member of that family.

Additional information can be found in the December 2018 issue of Advent Adventures. www.advent-lutheran.org . If you have been involved with the Safe Car Park or are planning on adopting a family or volunteering for the Christmas meal, you're invited to take the communion elements to the altar for recognition of your stewardship at Advent and in the community and to receive a blessing from Pastor Karen.

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.

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.

Journeys through Revelation: Apocalyptic Hope for Today Begins Sunday, December 2

Journeys Through Revelation: Apocalyptic Hope for Today, Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago Professor of New Testament Barbara Rossing counters frightening popular interpretations of apocalyptic symbols and images in Revelation by showing that it is truly a Christ-centered book of hope. Pastor Anita will lead this Bible study on Sundays, beginning Dec. 2, 11 AM - 12 PM, in Room 1.

Study addresses questions raised by Revelation. The nine-lesson study guides learners on a journey to meet the crucified Lamb, Jesus. It addresses the questions, “Who wrote this book?” “Who was it for?” “What did the symbols mean for them and what do they mean for us, today?” Rossing reframes the popular interpretations of the images of war and violence in Revelation as exodus and liberation through the “wonder-working power’ of Jesus.”

Christmas in the Safe Park

This year Advent's fourth quarter mission project is the homeless in Morgan Hill. The Safe Park at Morgan Hill Bible Church is overnight parking for approximately 6 families. Advent families have the opportunity to adopt these families and provide a wrapped Christmas gift for each family member.

Initially, the family members and their ages are listed on the Christmas trees in the church narthex with wish lists and further instructions to follow. One or more Advent families can sign below the trees to adopt the family. Monetary contributions are welcome for food, gas and gift certificates and can be placed in the envelopes in the pews or below the trees. All gifts should be boxed and labeled by family and brought to church by 12/16. For additional information, please contact [Cheryl Franzen](mailto:neznarf@usa.net) at 408-779-0854 or neznarf@usa.net.

Lux: The Dawn From on High

On Sunday, December 9 at 5:30 P.M., Music at Advent will collaborate with students and faculty from Valley Christian School to present LUX: The Dawn From on High. The sanctuary will resound with beautiful music from over 100 singers and a 40-piece orchestra. This will be a perfect opportunity to discover more about light in all its many meanings. All are invited!

BCAC Open House

Saturday, December 15, 11:00 A.M.-1:00 P.M. Encourage families with children interested in learning music to be a part of the winter session, January 26 - March 30. The Open House will offer information on classes and be an opportunity to register children for classes - first come, first served. We will also need volunteers for the open house: if you can volunteer, contact the church office.

Service of the Longest Night

Monday, December 17 at 7:00 P.M. Christmas can be a painful time for some. We need the space and time to acknowledge our sadness; we need to know that we are not alone. Please join us for a time of reflection and prayer. All are welcome.

Christmas Eve Worship

Monday, December 24 at 4:30 P.M. and 7:30 P.M. Christ is born among us! The 4:30 P.M. Family Service will include story, candlelight and communion. The 7:30 P.M. Service will include carols, a sermon message, choir, candlelight and communion.

4th 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 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.

Epiphany Worship & Epiphany Party

Sunday, January 6 at 9:30 A.M. Epiphany marks the arrival of the wise men to worship Christ. Our worship service will close out the Christmas season celebration. Following worship, we will have an Epiphany party for all ages.

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.

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:

Jack Carlson

Crucifer:

Caden Carlson

Communion

Assistant:

Jacqui Kanode

Lector:

Janet Franklin

Ushers:

Dave Paulsen

Craig Simberg

Judy Simberg

Cantor:

Allen Siverson

Greeter:

Franzen Family

Healing Prayer:

Tom & Judith Dunham

SALT:

Gayle Carlile

Open/Lock up:

Sherry Quick/Kathy Panzica

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