# A WARM WELCOME TO ADVENT LUTHERAN CHURCH

4 <sup>™</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST					
	8:30 AND 11:00 A.M.		JULY <b>3, 2022</b>		
PRELUDE	"God of Our Fathers"	Shehi	Jean Pontious		

## INTRODUCTION

God is the source of our nourishment. Jesus' invitation to "take and eat... take and drink" is a repeated one. In holy communion, in the word read and proclaimed, in the assembly of the people of God, the dominion of God has come near. Rejoice! Your name is written in heaven.

## **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

- P In the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen
- P Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid:
   Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love
   you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

## C Amen

- P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.
- P Most merciful God,
- C we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen
- P Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
- 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.





#### PRAYER OF THE DAY

- P Let us pray together the prayer of the day.
- C O God, the Father of our Lord Jesus, you are the city that shelters us, the mother who comforts us. With your Spirit, accompany us on our life's journey, that we may spread your peace in all the world, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

#### WE HEAR THE WORD

#### FIRST READING: Isaiah 66:10-14

Those who returned from the exile found that the hopes for the glorious restoration of Judah were not completely fulfilled. For these disappointed people, the prophet envisions salvation in the image of a nursing woman. Mother Jerusalem and a mothering God remind the community how they are sustained and supported.

<sup>10</sup>Rejoice with Jerusalem, and be glad for her, all you who love her; rejoice with her in joy, all you who mourn over her-<sup>11</sup>that you may nurse and be satisfied from her consoling breast; that you may drink deeply with delight from her glorious bosom. <sup>12</sup>For thus says the LORD: I will extend prosperity to her like a river, and the wealth of the nations like an overflowing stream; and you shall nurse and be carried on her arm, and dandled on her knees. <sup>13</sup>As a mother comforts her child, so I will comfort you; you shall be comforted in Jerusalem. <sup>14</sup>You shall see, and your heart shall rejoice; your bodies shall flourish like the grass; and it shall be known that the hand of the LORD is with his servants, and his indignation is against his enemies. After the reading:

A The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

#### PSALM 66:1-9

#### READ RESPONSIVELY

All the earth bows down before you and sings out your name. (Ps. 66:4)

- A <sup>1</sup>Be joyful in God, all you lands; be joyful, all the earth.
- C <sup>2</sup>Sing the glory of God's name; sing the glory of God's praise.

- A <sup>3</sup>Say to God, "How awesome are your deeds!
   Because of your great strength your enemies cringe before you.
- C <sup>4</sup>All the earth bows down before you, sings to you, sings out your name."
- A <sup>5</sup>Come now and see the works of God, how awesome are God's deeds toward all people.
- C <sup>6</sup>God turned the sea into dry land, so that they went through the water on foot, and there we rejoiced in God.
- A <sup>7</sup>Ruling forever in might, God keeps watch over the nations; let no rebels exalt themselves.
- C <sup>8</sup>Bless our God, you peoples; let the sound of praise be heard.
- A <sup>9</sup>Our God has kept us among the living and has not allowed our feet to slip.

# CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

# SECOND READING: Galatians 6: 1-16

In the close of his letter to the Galatians, Paul encourages them to live as people made right with God through faith in Jesus Christ. Here Paul offers practical advice about how believers exercise common concern for one other in "the family of faith."

<sup>1</sup>My friends, if anyone is detected in a transgression, you who have received the Spirit should restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness. Take care that you yourselves are not tempted. <sup>2</sup>Bear one another's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ. <sup>3</sup>For if those who are nothing think they are something, they deceive themselves. <sup>4</sup>All must test their own work; then that work, rather than their neighbor's work, will become a cause for pride. <sup>5</sup>For all must carry their own loads. <sup>6</sup>Those who are taught the word must share in all good things with their teacher.

<sup>7</sup>Do not be deceived; God is not mocked, for you reap whatever you sow. <sup>8</sup>If you sow to your own flesh, you will reap corruption from the flesh; but if you sow to the Spirit, you will reap eternal life from the Spirit. <sup>9</sup>So let us not grow weary in doing what is right, for we will reap at harvest time, if we do not give up. <sup>10</sup>So then, whenever we have an opportunity, let us work for the good of all, and especially for those of the family of faith.

<sup>11</sup>See what large letters I make when I am writing in my own hand! <sup>12</sup>It is those who want to make a good showing in the flesh that try to compel you to be circumcised—only that they may not be persecuted for the cross of Christ. <sup>13</sup>Even the circumcised do not themselves obey the law, but they want you to be circumcised so that they may boast about your flesh. <sup>14</sup>May I never boast of anything except the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. <sup>15</sup>For neither circumcision nor uncircumcision is anything; but a new creation is everything! <sup>16</sup>As for those who will follow this rule—peace be upon them, and mercy, and upon the Israel of God.

# After the reading:

- A The Word of the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

Stand

- P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke the 10<sup>th</sup> chapter.
- C Glory to you O Lord.

## GOSPEL: Luke 10:1-11, 16-20

Jesus commissions harvesters and laborers to go where he would go and do what he would do. Risking hardship and danger in exchange for the experience of great joy, they offer peace and healing as signs that the reign of God is near.

After this the Lord appointed seventy others and sent them on ahead of him in pairs to every town and place where he himself intended to go. <sup>2</sup>He said to them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest. <sup>3</sup>Go on your way. See, I am sending you out like lambs into the midst of wolves. <sup>4</sup>Carry no purse, no bag, no sandals; and greet no one on the road. <sup>5</sup>Whatever house you enter, first say, 'Peace to this house!' <sup>6</sup>And if anyone is there who shares in peace, your peace will rest on that person; but if not, it will return to you. <sup>7</sup>Remain in the same house, eating and drinking whatever they provide, for the laborer deserves to be paid. Do not move about from house to house. <sup>8</sup>Whenever you enter a town and its people welcome you, eat what is set before you; <sup>9</sup>cure the sick who are there, and say to them, 'The kingdom of God has come near to you.' <sup>10</sup>But whenever you enter a town and they do not welcome you, go out into its streets and say, <sup>111</sup>Even the dust of your town that clings to our feet, we wipe off in protest against you. Yet know this: the kingdom of God has come near.' <sup>16</sup>Whoever listens to you listens to me, and whoever rejects you rejects me, and whoever rejects me rejects the one who sent me.

<sup>17</sup>The seventy returned with joy, saying, "Lord, in your name even the demons submit to us!" <sup>18</sup>He said to them, "I watched Satan fall from heaven like a flash of lightning. <sup>19</sup>See, I have given you authority to tread on snakes and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy; and nothing will hurt you. <sup>20</sup>Nevertheless, do not rejoice at this, that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven."

After the reading:

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

Sit

**SERMON** 

**PASTOR AARON LAYNE** 

 SPECIAL MUSIC
 "Be Thou My Vision/My Shepherd Supplies my Needs"
 Adams

 CLarinet/Piano
 Angela Pontious and Jean Pontious

## **APOSTLES' CREED**

- A Christians, What do we believe?
- C I believe in God, the Father almighty,

creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit

and born of the virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate,

was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended into hell.

On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven,

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again 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,

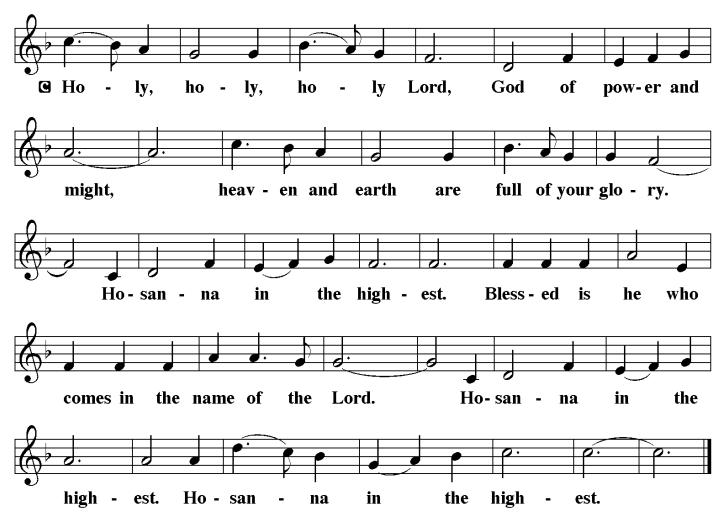
and the life everlasting. Amen

## THE PRAYERS

- A God of grace,
- C hear our prayer.

## **GREAT THANKSGIVING**

- 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 him thanks and praise.
- P It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

- P In the night in which he was betrayed,
  - our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.
  - Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
    - Do this for the remembrance of me.

#### LORD'S PRAYER

- A Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:
- C Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,

thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

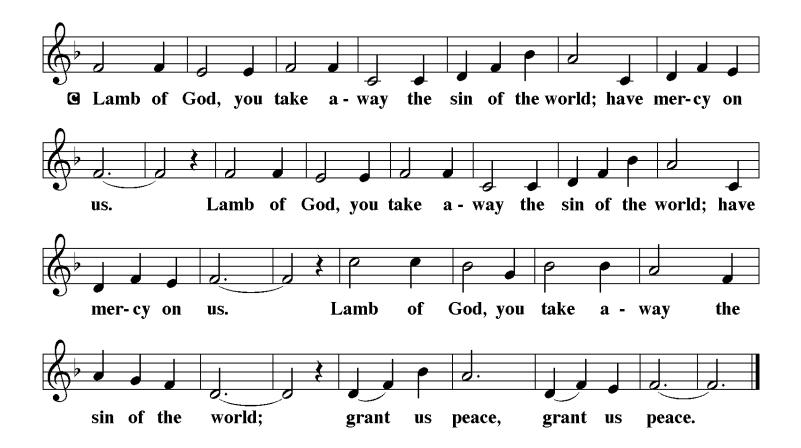
Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses,

as we forgive those who trespass against us;

and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,

forever and ever. Amen



#### DISTRIBUTION

- P And now may the body of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, and His most holy and precious blood, strengthen you and preserve you and keep you to true faith unto life everlasting. May we depart in peace and may the Lord be with you.
- C Amen

#### POST COMMUNION PRAYER

A Let us pray. Life-giving God, through this meal you have bandaged our wounds and fed us with your mercy. Now send us forth to live for others, both friend and stranger, that all may come to know your love. This we pray in the name of Jesus.

C Amen.

## WE ARE SENT OUT TO SERVE

#### BLESSING

- P The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and † give you peace.
- C Amen



## DISMISSAL

- A Go in peace. Worship God, Follow Jesus, Serve Others, and Make Disciples.
- C Thanks be to God.

## POSTLUDE



This morning the Altar flowers are given to the Glory of God in loving memory of Micah Heckman and Paul Pontious from Jean Pontious.

**The 2022 flower chart** is located in the Narthex above the Usher's stand. Please sign up to purchase flowers for that special someone or to celebrate a date or memory. All vases are \$22.00 each.

	8:30 a.m.	11:00 A.M.	
Assisting Minister	Beth Pittman	AMY LYTLE	
Pastor	THE REV. AARON LAYNE		