

A Warm Welcome to Advent Lutheran Church on this

20th Sunday after Pentecost

8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

October 11, 2026



In Isaiah we are given a vision of the great feast to come, when God will wipe away death forever. In Jesus' parable about a great banquet, those invited do not come, so the invitation is extended to others. In our liturgy God spreads a table before us. Even amid anxiety and hardship we rejoice in the peace of God which surpasses all understanding. With great joy we feast at the table of the Lord, and we go forth to share the wonderful invitation with others hungering and thirsting for the abundant life of God.

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WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Rhosymedre

Ralph Vaughn Williams

Eliza Van Kan

You may stand.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God, who pours love into our hearts
and healing upon the earth.

C **Amen.**

P Confident that God justifies us by grace through faith, let us confess our sin.

Compassionate God,

C **we confess that we struggle to embody your goodness in the world and in our
own hearts. Creation groans from overuse. Jealousy and bitterness strain our
relationships. Indifference keeps us from seeking justice. Divisions disrupt
your call to show genuine love to others. Turn our hearts back to you.
Restore our world and reconcile us to one another. Renew us to live as your
holy people, following the way of Jesus Christ. Amen.**

P Hear this good news: We have peace with God through ✝ Jesus Christ, in whom
there is no condemnation, but only forgiveness and the promise of eternal life.
Receive freely this healing gift of grace.

C **Amen.**



1 Christ, whose glo - ry fills the skies, Christ, the true and on - ly light,
 2 Dark and cheer-less is the morn un - ac - com - pa - nied by thee;
 3 Vis - it then this soul of mine, pierce the gloom of sin and grief;

Sun of righ-teous-ness, a - rise, tri - umph o'er the shades of night;
 joy-less is the day's re - turn, till thy mer-cy's beams I see,
 fill me, ra - dian - cy di - vine, scat - ter all my un - be - lief;

Day-spring from on high, be near; Day-star, in my heart ap - pear.
 till they in - ward light im - part, glad my eyes, and warm my heart.
 more and more thy - self dis - play, shin - ing to the per - fect day.

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707–1788

Music: RATISBON, J. G. Werner, *Choralbuch*, 1815**GREETING**

- P** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit is with you all.
- C** And is also with you.

CANTICLE OF PRAISE



PEACE

P The peace of Christ is with you always.

C **And is also with you.**

Please take a moment to share the peace

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray together the prayer of the day.

C **Lord of the feast, you have prepared a table before all peoples and poured out your life with abundance. Call us again to your banquet. Strengthen us by what is honorable, just, and pure, and transform us into a people of righteousness and peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

You may be seated.

WE HEAR THE WORD

The pericopes readings for this week are: Isaiah 25:1-9; Psalm 23; Philippians 4:1-9; Matthew 22:1-14

FIRST READING: Isaiah 25:1-9

¹ O LORD, you are my God; I will exalt you; I will praise your name, for you have done wonderful things, plans formed of old, faithful and sure. ² For you have made the city a heap, the fortified city a ruin; the palace of foreigners is a city no more; it will never be rebuilt. ³ Therefore strong peoples will glorify you; cities of ruthless nations will fear you. ⁴ For you have been a refuge to the poor, a refuge to the needy in their distress, a shelter from the rainstorm and a shade from the heat.

When the blast of the ruthless was like a winter rainstorm, ⁵ the noise of foreigners like heat in a dry place, you subdued the heat with the shade of clouds; the song of the ruthless was stilled. ⁶ On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines, of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear. ⁷ And he will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the covering that is spread over all nations; ⁸ he will swallow up death forever. Then the Lord GOD will wipe away the tears from all faces, and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the LORD has spoken. ⁹ It will be said on that day, "See, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us. This is the LORD for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation."

After the reading:

A The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

1 I've got the joy, joy, joy, joy,
2 I've got the peace that pass - es un - der - stand - ing,
3 I've got the love of Je - sus, love of Je - sus,

down in my heart, down in my heart, down in my heart;
down in my heart, down in my heart, down in my heart;
down in my heart, down in my heart, down in my heart;

I've got the joy, joy, joy, joy,
I've got the peace that pass - es un - der - stand - ing,
I've got the love of Je - sus, love of Je - sus,

down in my heart, down in my heart to stay.
down in my heart, down in my heart to stay.
down in my heart, down in my heart to stay.

Text: George W. Cooke
Music: DOWN IN MY HEART, George W. Cooke

SECOND READING: Philippians 4:1-9

¹ My brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

² I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. ³ Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my coworkers, whose names are in the book of life.

⁴ Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. ⁵ Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. ⁶ Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.

⁷ And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

⁸ Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. ⁹ As for the things that you have learned and received and heard and noticed in me, do them, and the God of peace will be with you.

After the reading:

A The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

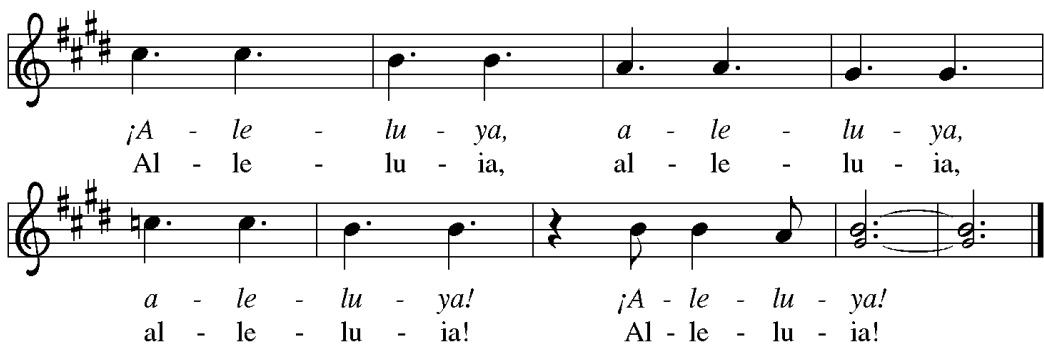
You may stand.

VERSE



A - le - lu - ya, a - le - lu - ya, a - le - lu - ya!
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

A - le - lu - ya, a - le - lu - ya, a - le - lu - ya!
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!



P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew the 22nd chapter.

C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

GOSPEL: Matthew 22:1-14

¹ Once more Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying: ² “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. ³ He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come.

⁴ Again he sent other slaves, saying, ‘Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.’ ⁵ But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, ⁶ while the rest seized his slaves, mistreated them, and killed them. ⁷ The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. ⁸ Then he said to his slaves, ‘The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. ⁹ Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.’ ¹⁰ Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad, so the wedding hall was filled with guests.

¹¹ “But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, ¹² and he said to him, ‘Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?’ And he was speechless. ¹³ Then the king said to the attendants, ‘Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’ ¹⁴ For many are called, but few are chosen.”

After the reading:

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to you, O Christ.**

You may be seated.

MESSAGE
Pastor Joel Richter

SPECIAL MUSIC

8:30AM

Eliza Van Kan, piano

11:00AM

Psalm 23, A Psalm of Hope by Heather Sorenson

Advent Choir

Offering is taken and the offering plates will be passed. You may put your donation in one of the pew envelopes and put in the offering plates, or use the “Online Donator” card, found in the pew rack. You can also support Advent’s Ministries by using this QR code:



You may stand.

A musical score for a choir, written on four staves. The music is in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The lyrics are written below the notes. The score begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The lyrics are: "Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your pres - ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re - store to me the joy of your sal - va - tion, and up - hold me with your free Spir - it." The score ends with a double bar line.

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not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re - store to me the joy of
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OFFERING PRAYER

- P Let us pray. God of creation, you send rain and the earth springs forth abundantly. All blessings are from you; make us generous with what we have. Use our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts in service to you and in love to our neighbors, today and always.
- C **Amen.**

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**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

A Seeking the Spirit of God who makes all things new, we pray for the church and the world.

A brief silence

A Holy God, we remember your promise of unity on your holy mountain. Empower the World Council of Churches and all those working across religious difference, that the world may know your undivided love. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A We remember your promise of green pastures and quiet waters. Preserve all places of natural beauty and restore our relationship with the land. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A We remember your promise to not abandon us amid storm and disasters. Renew all communities facing disasters and give courage to those leading relief efforts. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A We remember your promise to wipe away every tear. Heal and console all who are sick or suffering especially those we name in our hearts or on our lips (*pause for prayers*). Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A We remember your promise of a banquet open to all people. Challenge this congregation to open wide our doors and welcome everyone to the table by building a bigger table. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A We remember the praises played by the musicians in the courts of the temples. Continue to allow our music praising you to resonate through the walls. As it resonates, bring to us the musician needed to play songs on the organ and piano. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

- A We remember your promise to swallow up death forever. We give thanks for those who have gone before us. Hear us, O God.
- C **Your mercy is great.**
- A Trusting in your boundless grace, O God, we lift up these spoken prayers and those in our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
- C **Amen.**

THE 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 our 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:



God of might and pow - er; ho - ly is the Lord.

Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na here on

earth. . . . Blest is he who comes in the

name . . . of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the

high - est, ho - san - na here on earth. . . .

Blest is he who comes in the name . . . of the Lord.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

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.

THE 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.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P Christ invites you to this table. All who are thirsty, all who are hungry, come!

You may be seated.



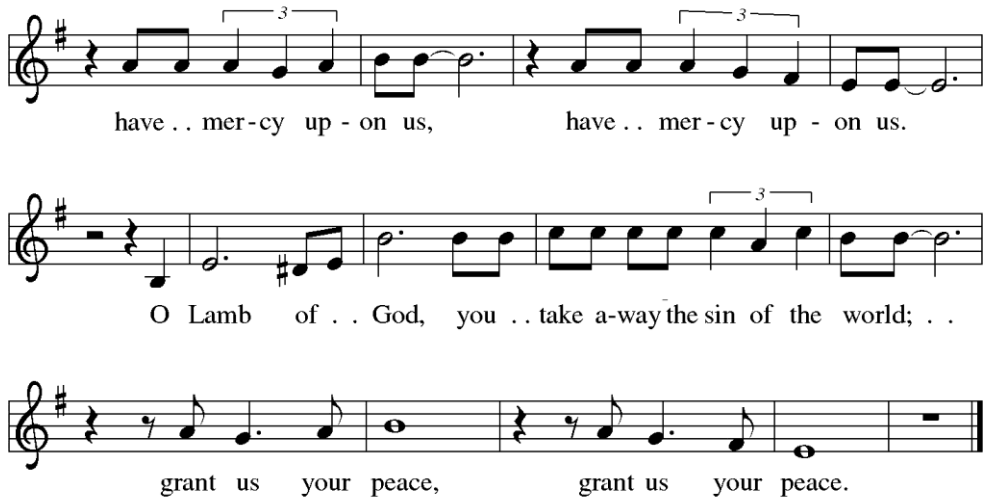
O Lamb of . . God, you . . take a-way the sin of the world; . .



have . . mer-cy up - on us, have . . mer-cy up - on us.



O Lamb of . . God, you . . take a-way the sin of the world; . .



DISTRIBUTION

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Believing in the real presence of Christ in the bread and wine of Holy Communion, this family of faith practices Eucharistic hospitality. All are welcome when they are worshipping us.

Holy Communion Instructions

As the ministers give the bread and cup to each communicant, they say these words:

The body of Christ, given for you.	The communicant may say: Amen
The blood of Christ, shed for you.	The communicant may say: Amen

This communion bread is free from: Gluten, Dairy, Nuts, Egg and Yeast.

Grape juice is available by request at the chancel rail.

Please place your empty communion cup in the baskets provided on the first row of chairs.

***If you would like to receive communion at your seat,
please let an usher know.***

You may stand.

POST COMMUNION

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C **Amen**

PRAYER

A Sustaining God, with this bread and cup, you nourish us with mercy and abundant life. By your Spirit, send us from this table to serve a needy world. Make us living signs of your liberation, healing, and love, following the way of Jesus, in whose name we pray.

C **Amen.**

WE ARE SENT OUT TO SERVE

BENEDICTION

P The God of love draw you into full accord and one mind, in the body of Christ Jesus.

C **Amen.**

P The God of hope grant you strength and joy in all circumstances through the interceding of the Spirit.

C **Amen.**

P The God of grace ✠ bless you now and forever.

C **Amen.**

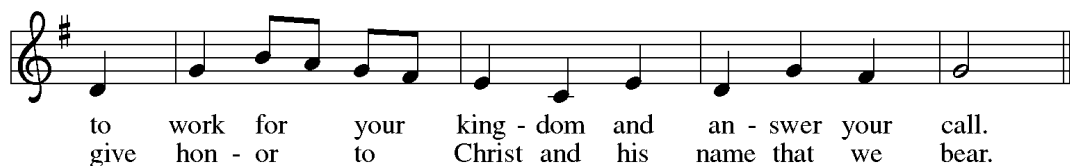
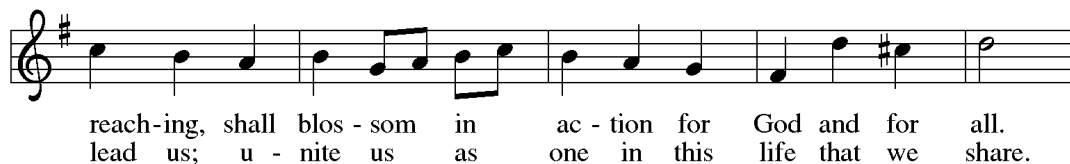
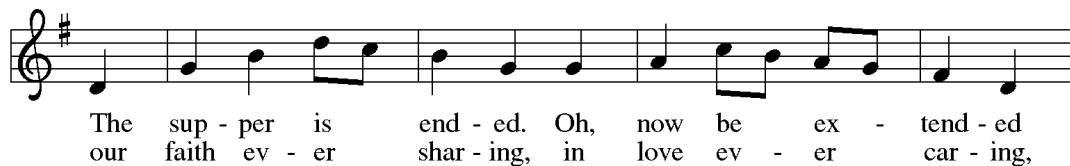
SENDING HYMN

Sent Forth by God's Blessing

ELW 547



1 Sent forth by God's bless - ing, our true faith con - fess - ing,
2 With praise and thanks - giv - ing to God ev - er - liv - ing,



Text: Omer Westendorf, 1916–1997, alt.

Music: THE ASH GROVE, Welsh folk tune

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DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE

	8:30 am	11:00 am
Acolyte		Hadley Samuel
Assisting Minister	Susan Cockerill	Beth Pittman
Pianist/Organist	Eliza Van Kan	
Pastor	The Rev. Joel Richter	

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The Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God, and in loving memory of Nancy Kasai, from Jill Kasai.

Please check the 2026 Altar Flower Chart located above the usher stand to order flowers in honor of someone special or celebrating special occasions. Open dates are November 1, 15, 22, & 29. Price is \$25.00 per vase.

This Week at Advent

Sun Oct 11	Worship Service	8:30am
	Congregation Meeting and Sunday School/Adult Learning	9:45-10:45am
	Worship Service (livestreamed)	11:00am
	Young Adult Group meets <i>@First Watch Upper Arlington</i>	12:30pm
	Holy Hikes! <i>@Park of Roses</i>	12:30pm
	Sr. High/Confirmation	5:30pm
Mon Oct 12	Worship & Witness team meeting	6:00pm
	Administration Team meeting	6:30pm
Tue Oct 13	Building Use – Singing Buckeyes	6:00pm
Wed Oct 14	Worship <i>@The Estates</i>	2:00pm
	Praise & Worship Band rehearsal	7:00pm
Thur Oct 15	Church Staff meeting	4:30pm
	Advent Choir rehearsal	7:30pm
Fri Oct 16	NO SCHOOL	

Looking Ahead:

Oct 18	Activities & Ministries Fair	in between services
Oct 25	Confirmation – One Service	10:00 a.m.
	Reception for Confirmands	11:15 a.m.
Nov 1	First Sunday Fellowship	in between services
Nov 22	Sr. High provides dinner for Jacob's Porch	5:15pm
Nov 25	Thanksgiving Eve worship service	7:00pm

Upcoming Commemorations

*Wed Oct 14, 2026: **Marmaduke N. Carter, pastor, 1961 (TFF)***

In 1916 Marmaduke Carter became the principal of the Christian Day School (formerly called the Rosebud School) and the first pastor of Christ Church, Rosebud, Alabama, a pioneering congregation in African American ministry among Lutherans in the South.

*Thur Oct 15, 2026: **Teresa of Ávila, teacher, renewer of the church, died 1582***

A mystical writer and reformer of the monastic order (Carmelites) to which she belonged, Teresa may also be commemorated with John of the Cross on December 14. Latino Christians traditionally remember her on this date.

*Sat Oct 17, 2026: **Ignatius, Bishop of Antioch, martyr, died around 115***

Ignatius was the second bishop of Antioch in Syria, the city where the name "Christians" originated. Ignatius is known to us from his letters, which encouraged Christians to live in love, yet stand firm in true doctrine.

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