

**A WARM WELCOME TO ADVENT LUTHERAN CHURCH
ON THIS SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
MAY 10, 2026**

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SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

10:00 A.M.

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INTRODUCTION

Jesus does not abandon his followers. Through the Holy Spirit, Jesus comes to abide with his disciples of every generation. As Pentecost draws near, we are reminded that the risen Christ dwells in us as the Spirit of truth. We receive this Spirit in baptism and pray that in our gathering around the Lord's table the Spirit will transform us to be the body of the risen Christ in the world.

PRELUDE

“Jesus Loves Me”

Confirmation Chimes

You may remain seated or stand.

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

P Alleluia! Christ is risen.

C **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

P Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne and to the Lamb!

C **Amen.**

P Let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism.

Merciful God, you are the one who was, who is, and who is to come. You lead us beside still waters. We thank you for the waters of creation: morning dew, gentle rain, roaring waves. We thank you for the waters that nourish us. Blessed are you.

C **You guide us to springs of the water of life.**

P Jesus Christ, you are the faithful witness who accompanies us on our journeys. We give you thanks for your life-giving death and resurrection. We praise you for joining us in joy and sorrow. Blessed are you.

C **You guide us to springs of the water of life.**

P Holy Spirit, you anoint our head with oil and our cup overflows. Break down barriers that divide us. Fill us with the breath of peace. Blessed are you.

C **You guide us to springs of the water of life.**

P Holy One, we thank you for the gifts and grace of baptism, and for making us a new creation. We join with saints and angels, giving you honor and praise, now and forever.

C Amen.

GATHERING HYMN

“Lift High the Cross”

Refrain

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro - claim till

all the world a - dore his sa - cred name.

1 Come, Chris - tians, fol - low where our cap - tain trod,
4 So shall our song of tri - umph ev - er be:

Refrain

our king vic - to - rious, Christ, the Son of God.
praise to the Cru - ci - fied for vic - to - ry!


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.



A This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia.



B Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo-ple of God. Pow-er and rich-es and wis-dom and



strength, and hon-or and bless-ing and glo-ry are his.




This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia.



Sing with all the peo-ple of God and join in the



hymn of all cre-a-tion: Bless-ing and hon-or and glo-ry and



might be to God and the Lamb for-ev-er. A-men.



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain



has be-gun his reign. Al-le-lu-ia. Al-le-lu-ia.

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 **Almighty and ever-living God, you hold together all things in heaven and on earth. In your great mercy receive the prayers of all your children, and give to all the world the Spirit of your truth and peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

Sit

WE HEAR THE WORD

The pericopes readings for this week are: Acts 17:22-31; Psalm 66:8-20; 1 Peter 3:13-22; John 14:15-21

READING: Acts 17:22-31

Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, “Athenians, I see how extremely spiritual you are in every way. For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, ‘To an unknown god.’ What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. From one ancestor he made all peoples to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, so that they would search for God and perhaps fumble about for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. For ‘In him we live and move and have our being’; as even some of your own poets have said,

‘For we, too, are his offspring.’

“Since we are God’s offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold or silver or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.”

After the reading:

A The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM

“I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light”

1 I want to walk as a child of the light. I want to

The first system of music consists of a treble and bass staff. The treble staff has a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#) and a 4/4 time signature. The melody begins with a quarter note G4, followed by quarter notes A4, B4, and C5. The bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment with chords and single notes.

fol - low Je - sus. God set the stars to give

The second system continues the melody. The treble staff features a half note G4, followed by quarter notes A4, B4, and C5. The bass staff continues with accompaniment, including a prominent bass line with a half note G2 and quarter notes.

light to the world. The star of my life is Je - sus.

The third system concludes the piece. The treble staff has a half note G4, followed by quarter notes A4, B4, and C5. The bass staff ends with a final chord in the right hand and a half note G2 in the left hand.

Refrain

In him there is no dark-ness at all. The night and the

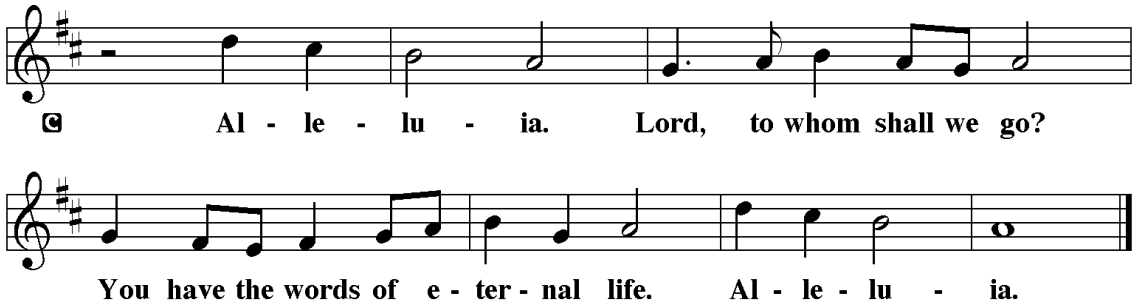
day are both a - like. The Lamb is the light of the

cit - y of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

You may remain seated or stand.

VERSE



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?
You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

- P The Holy Gospel according to St. John the 14th chapter.
C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

GOSPEL: John 14:15-21

[Jesus said to the disciples:] “If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

“I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me, and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.”

After the reading:

- P The Gospel of the Lord.
C **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SPECIAL MUSIC

“The Gathering of Spirits”

by Carrie Newcomer

Advent’s Praise & Worship Band

MESSAGE
PASTOR DAVID HINKELMAN

SPECIAL MUSIC

“When I Wiggle”

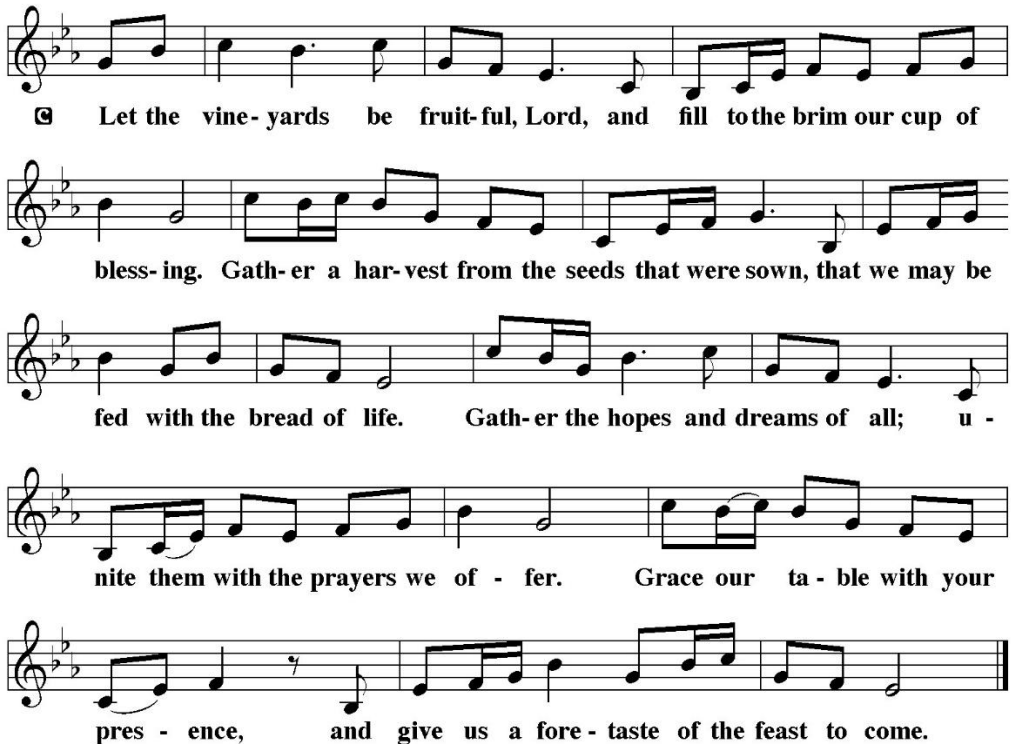
Cathy Skogen-Soldner

Advent Angels and Former Angels

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 remain seated or stand



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 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.

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 Trusting in the power of Christ's resurrection to heal and redeem our broken world, let us pray for the needs of all creation.

A brief silence

A God of new life, you call us through the waters of baptism to be in relationship with you and one another. Guide the church and its leaders to proclaim Christ's righteousness throughout the world. We pray for military and prison chaplains serving near and far, and for our Bishop Suzanne and national Bishop Curry.
Merciful God,

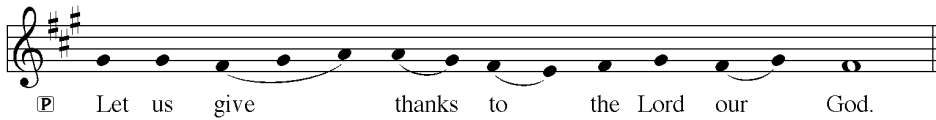
C **receive our prayer.**

A You create the world and all that is in it. Shelter budding plants and young animals, provide unpolluted habitats and clean water, and raise up stewards for the environment. Merciful God,

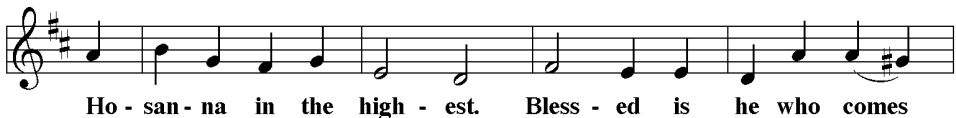
C **receive our prayer.**

- A You set civil servants in the places where we live. Instill truth and equity among judges and lawyers, gentleness and courage among first responders, and peace among leaders of towns and nations. We lift up especially Ukraine, Israel, Iran, Gaza, Tanzania, China, North Korea, United States, and Russia - may they all learn the ways of peace. Merciful God,
- C **receive our prayer.**
- A You provide comfort in times of trouble. Heal those who are sick, shelter any who are unhoused, feed those undernourished, and accompany and console all who are lonely, bereaved, anxious, or ill. We pray especially for family members, friends, co-workers, casual acquaintances and those we know only by name, either out loud, or silently in our hearts (*pause*). Merciful God,
- C **receive our prayer.**
- A You are love and you desire that we love one another. As a mother hen cares for her chicks, bless all who provide motherly care in our lives, and inspire us to care for one another. Merciful God,
- C **receive our prayer.**
- A God of new life, your steadfast love endures forever. Inspire us by the example of the faithful departed, who clung to your promises of life, forgiveness of sins, and salvation. Merciful God,
- C **receive our prayer.**
- A God of resurrection power, use us and these prayers to proclaim the good news of new life to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Savior.
- C **Amen.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING



P It is indeed right, and our duty and our joy... And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, with the angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

P Blessed are you, Lord of heaven and earth. In mercy for our fallen world you gave your only Son, that all those who believe in him should not perish, but have eternal life. We give thanks to you for the salvation you have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Send now your Holy Spirit into our hearts, that we may receive our Lord with a living faith as he comes to us in his holy supper.

C **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

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.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P Come to the table of new life. Receive the risen Lord.



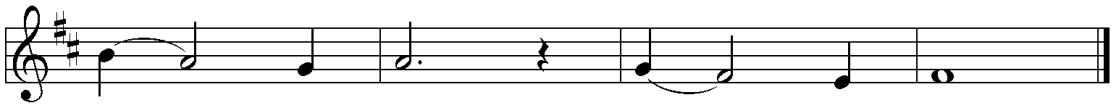
C Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



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.

DISTRIBUTION

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.***

POST COMMUNION

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

C Amen

PRAYER

A Holy One, through this meal you have made your home among us and are making all things new. Send us now to speak peace to anxious hearts, to love our enemies, and to bring your healing to the nations. In the name of Jesus,
C Amen.

WE ARE SENT OUT TO SERVE

Graduate Recognition and Summer Ministry Blessing

BENEDICTION

P God Almighty, who is the beginning and the end, Jesus Christ, the firstborn of the dead, and the Spirit, our advocate and peace, ✝ bless you now and forever.
C Amen.

SENDING HYMN

“Will You Come and Follow Me”



1 “Will you come and fol - low me if I but call
2 “Will you leave your - self be - hind if I but call
5 Lord, your sum - mons ech - oes true when you but call



your name? Will you go where you don't
your name? Will you care for cruel and
my name. Let me turn and fol - low



know and nev - er be the same?
kind and nev - er be the same?
you and nev - er be the same.



Will you let my love be shown, will you let my
Will you risk the hos - tile stare, should your life at -
In your com - pa - ny I'll go where your love and



name be known, will you let my life be
 tract or scare? Will you let me an - swer
 foot - steps show. Thus I'll move and live and



grown in you and you in me?"
 pray'r in you and you in me?"
 grow in you and you in me.

DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE

Sun May 10, 2026	10:00 am
ACOLYTE	CAMRYN OLLANKETO
CANTOR	BETH PITTMAN
ORGANIST	JEAN PONTIOUS
ASSISTING MINISTER	ANNA LAYNE
PASTOR	INTERIM PASTOR DAVID HINKELMAN



The Altar Flowers are given in celebration of Bev’s birthday, from Bob Goldie, and of Elizabeth’s 10th birthday, from her grandmother, Jean Pontious.

Please check the 2026 Altar Flower Chart located above the usher stand to order flowers in honor of someone special or celebrating special occasions. Price is \$25.00 per vase.

This Week at Advent

Sun May 10	Reception for Pastor Dave’s Final Sunday at Advent	11:00am
	NO Confirmation/Youth	
Mon May 11	Worship & Witness Team meets	6:00pm
	Administration Team meets	6:30pm
Tue May 12	Building Use – Singing Buckeyes	6:00pm
Wed May 13	Last Day of Classes	
	Pre-K graduation in sanctuary	11:30am
	Worship at The Estates	2:00pm
	Praise & Worship Band rehearsal	7:00pm
Thur May 14	NO Advent Choir rehearsal	
Sat May 16	Building Use – Singing Buckeyes	9:00am-2:00pm
	VBS Decorating	10:00am-12:00pm

Looking Ahead:

Sun May 24	Pastor Joel Richter's First Sunday at Advent	10:00am
Sun June 7	Pastor Joel Richter's Installation	10:00am
June 22-26	Advent's Vacation Bible School	9:00am – 11:30am
June 28	Jean Pontious' retirement celebration	11:00am

Commemorations This Week:

Thur May 14, 2026: **Matthias, Apostle**

Matthias was the apostle added to the Twelve after Jesus' resurrection, as a replacement for the dead Judas Iscariot. He had traveled among the followers of Jesus throughout the Lord's ministry. Formerly commemorated on February 24, Matthias's celebration is moved to May 14 in agreement with most Western calendars.

“White Paraments”

by Melissa Richeson-O'Neil, Artist

Think of open windows and the great gladness of an awakening earth! White paraments are used for the church's high celebrations, Easter and Christmas. Easter is the Church's most ancient and beautiful season, announcing resurrection and calling us to live as if God's rule of justice and peace were fully with us. Christmas announces the glorious appearing of God on earth, the radiance of Christ's birth bursting through the darkness of our lives. Both seasons call us to breathe deeply, live fully, and celebrate life.

While brainstorming the white paraments for Advent Lutheran, the Liturgy Committee concurred that we would limit the color scheme of the designs to whites and golds. Gold has long represented richness and splendor, while purity and completeness. The five pieces of Advent's white altar parament may be hung in different arrangements and numbers. The entire payment was constructed to reveal the altar itself and the crosses on top.

The appliqued fabric designs depict ancient symbols from Church history. The palm leaf recalls the joyous celebration of Palm Sunday – throngs of people waving palms in delight as they witnessed Christ’s triumphant entry into Jerusalem. The palm curves just as an actual frond would bend while being waved.

The *Chi Rho*, which looks like the letters “P” and “X” superimposed on one another, is one of the earliest cruciform symbols. It is a combination of the first two letters of the word “Christ” in Greek- *chi* for “Ch” and *rho* for “r”.

Another panel depicts an abstracted sheaf of wheat, bordered on one side by deep blue stitching of flowing waters. Water brings to mind our births and baptisms; the wheat symbolizes Christ as the bread of life.

Water images also appear behind appliques of fish. The fish, or “*ichthus*”, is an acrostic of the first letters of the Greek words for “Jesus Christ, Son of God, Savior”. Two semi-circles, overlapped to form a fish shape, were a symbol often used among early Christians to identify one another during the times of Roman persecution.

The sun radiates from an upper corner on the final panel. We call Jesus “the Light of the World” and refer to the purity of God’s love. The sun’s rising marks each new day – especially those of resurrection and birth – and an Isaiah reading for Advent cries, “Oh, that you would tear open the heavens and come down!”

Finally, each individual panel is quilted, binding together layers of silk and batting just as God’s love binds our lives together as the children of God. The stitches are like the prayers of God’s children, shared love filling lives with joy and compassion.