

A WARM WELCOME TO ADVENT LUTHERAN CHURCH

OLD FASHIONED GOSPEL SERVICE

10:00 AM

JULY 27, 2025

PRELUDE

“SHALL WE GATHER”

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INTRODUCTION

As Solomon prays for wisdom, we seek to more deeply know the treasures of faith. In today's gospel Jesus offers everyday images that reveal to us the reign of God: a tree that becomes a sheltering home, yeast that penetrates and expands, a treasured pearl, a net that gains a great catch. Even as we seek the riches of God's reign, the great surprise is that God's grace finds us first!

Stand

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

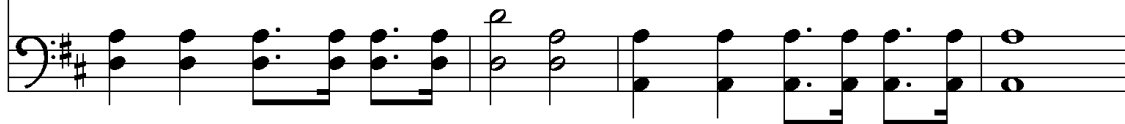
- P** Let us humbly make confession unto God, imploring his forgiveness through Jesus Christ our Lord.
- C** **O God, our heavenly Father, I confess unto thee that I have grievously sinned against thee in many ways; not only by outward transgressions, but also by secret thoughts and desires which I cannot fully understand, but which are all known unto thee. I do earnestly repent and am heartily sorry for these my offenses, and I beseech thee of thy great goodness to have mercy upon me, and for the sake of thy dear Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, to forgive my sins, and graciously to help my infirmities.**
- P** Almighty God, our heavenly Father, hath had mercy upon us, and for the sake of the sufferings, death, and resurrection of his dear Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, forgiveth us all our sins. As a Minister of the Church of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore declare unto you who do truly repent and believe in Him, the entire forgiveness of all your sins; in the name of the Father, Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen

GATHERING HYMN

"Shall We Gather"



1 Shall we gath - er at the riv - er, where bright an - gel feet have trod,
2 On the mar - gin of the riv - er, wash - ing up its sil - ver spray,



with its crys - tal tide for - ev - er flow - ing by the throne of God?
we will walk and wor - ship ev - er, all the hap - py gold - en day.



Refrain



Yes, we'll gath - er at the riv - er, the beau - ti - ful, the beau - ti - ful riv - er;



gath - er with the saints at the riv - er that flows by the throne of God.



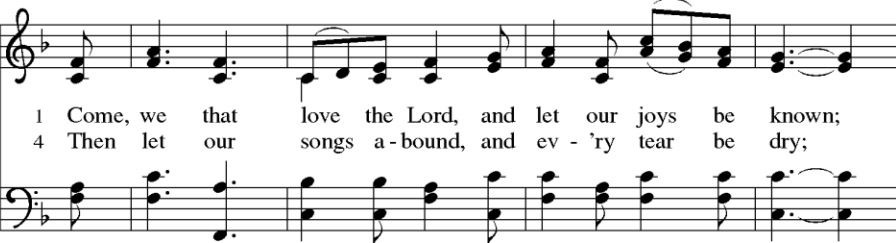
GREETING

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

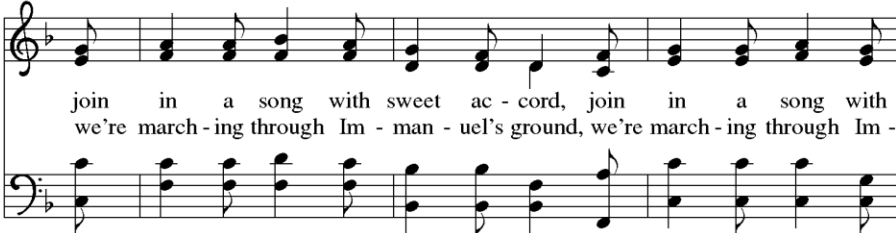
C And is also with you.

HYMN

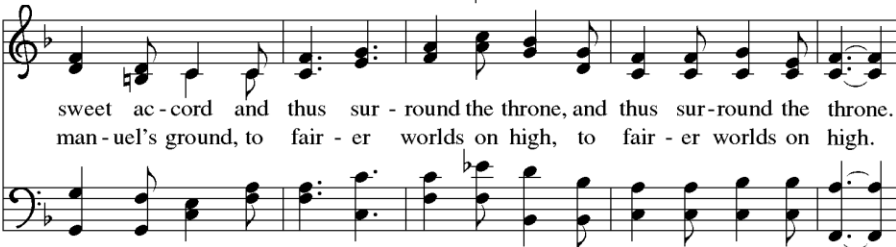
“Come We That Love the Lord”



1 Come, we that love the Lord, and let our joys be known;
4 Then let our songs a-bound, and ev - 'ry tear be dry;



join in a song with sweet ac - cord, join in a song with
we're march - ing through Im - man - uel's ground, we're march - ing through Im -



sweet ac - cord and thus sur - round the throne, and thus sur-round the throne.
man-uel's ground, to fair - er worlds on high, to fair - er worlds on high.



Refrain
We're march - ing to Zi - on, beau - ti - ful, beau - ti - ful Zi - on:



we're march - ing up - ward to Zi - on, the beau - ti - ful cit - y of God.

WE SHARE THE PEACE

P The peace of Christ is with you always.

C **And is also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray together the prayer of the day.

C **Almighty and ever-living God, you are always more ready to hear than we are to pray, and you gladly give more than we either desire or deserve. Pour upon us your abundant mercy, forgive us those things that weigh on our conscience, and give us those good things that come only through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen**

Sit

WE HEAR THE WORD

FIRST READING: Genesis 18:20-32

Abraham undertakes the role of a mediator between God and sinful humanity.

Then the Lord said, “The outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah is so great and their sin so grievous that I will go down and see if what they have done is as bad as the outcry that has reached me. If not, I will know.”

The men turned away and went toward Sodom, but Abraham remained standing before the Lord. Then Abraham approached him and said: “Will you sweep away the righteous with the wicked? What if there are fifty righteous people in the city? Will you really sweep it away and not spare the place for the sake of the fifty righteous people in it? Far be it from you to do such a thing—to kill the righteous with the wicked, treating the righteous and the wicked alike. Far be it from you! Will not the Judge of all the earth do right?” The Lord said, “If I find fifty righteous people in the city of Sodom, I will spare the whole place for their sake.”

Then Abraham spoke up again: “Now that I have been so bold as to speak to the Lord, though I am nothing but dust and ashes, what if the number of the righteous is five less than fifty? Will you destroy the whole city for lack of five people?”

“If I find forty-five there,” he said, “I will not destroy it.”

Once again he spoke to him, “What if only forty are found there?” He said, “For the sake of forty, I will not do it.” Then he said, “May the Lord not be angry, but let me speak. What if only thirty can be found there?” He answered, “I will not do it if I find thirty there.” Abraham said, “Now that I have been so bold as to speak to the Lord,

what if only twenty can be found there?” He said, “For the sake of twenty, I will not destroy it.” Then he said, “May the Lord not be angry, but let me speak just once more. What if only ten can be found there?” He answered, “For the sake of ten, I will not destroy it.”

After the reading:

A The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

HYMN

“Oh, How I Love Jesus”

Vss. 1 & 2

1 There is a name I love to hear, I love to sing its worth;
 2 It tells me of a Sav-ior's love, who died to set me free;

it sounds like mu - sic in my ear, the sweet-est name on earth.
 it tells me of his pre - cious blood, the sin - ner's per - fect plea.

Refrain

Oh, how I love Je - sus, oh, how I love Je - sus,

oh, how I love Je - sus, be - cause he first loved me!

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

HYMN

"Just a Closer Walk With Thee – *congregation sings refrain only*

Refrain Just a clos - er walk with thee, grant it, Je - sus, is my plea;
 1 I am weak but thou art strong: Je - sus, keep me from all wrong;
 2 Through this world of toil and snares, if I fal - ter, Lord, who cares?
 3 When my fee - ble life is o'er, time for me will be no more;

dai - ly walk-ing close to thee, let it be, dear Lord, let it be.
 I'll be sat - is - fied as long as I walk, let me walk close to thee. *Ref.*
 Who with me my bur - den shares? None but thee, dear Lord, none but thee. *Ref.*
 guide me gent - ly, safe - ly o'er to thy king - dom shore, to thy shore. *Ref.*

Stand

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew the 13th chapter.

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

GOSPEL: Luke 11:1-13

In teaching his disciples this prayer, Jesus also reminds them to focus on God's coming reign, God's mercy, and the strengthening of the community. Jesus encourage his disciples to child-like trust and persistence in prayer.

One day Jesus was praying in a certain place. When he finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray, just as John taught his disciples." He said to them, "When you pray, say: "Father, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come. Give us each day our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, for we also forgive everyone who sins against us. And lead us not into temptation."

Then Jesus said to them, "Suppose you have a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say, 'Friend, lend me three loaves of bread; a friend of mine on a journey has come to me, and I have no food to offer him.' And suppose the one inside answers, 'Don't bother me. The door is already locked, and my children and I are in bed. I can't get up and give you anything.' I tell you, even though he will not get up and give you the bread because of friendship, yet because of your shameless audacity he will surely get up and give you as much as you need.

"So I say to you: Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives; the one who seeks finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened.

"Which of you fathers, if your son asks for a fish, will give him a snake instead? Or if he asks for an egg, will give him a scorpion? If you then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!"

After the reading:

P The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Sit

MESSAGE

PASTOR DAVID HINKELMAN

Stand

HYMN

"Count Your Blessings"

Vss. 1 & 2

1. When up - on life's bil - lows you are tem - pest - tossed,
2. Are you ev - er bur - dened with a load of care?

when you are dis - cour - aged, think - ing all is lost,
Does the cross seem heav - y you are called to bear?

count your man - y bless - ings— name them one by one—
Count your man - y bless - ings; ev - 'ry doubt will fly,

and it will sur - prise you what the Lord hath done.
and you will be sing - ing as the days go by.

Refrain

Count your bless - ings; name them one by one.
Count your man - y bless - ings; name them one by one.

Count your bless - ings; see what God hath done.
Count your man - y bless - ings; see what God hath done.

Count your bless - ings; name them one by one.
Count your man - y bless - ings; name them one by one.

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APOSTLES' CREED

A Christians, what do we believe?

C **I believe in God, the Father almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth: and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord. Who
was conceived by the Holy Ghost, Born of the Virgin Mary, Suffered under**

Pontius Pilate, Was crucified, dead, and buried: He descended into hell: The third day he rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; The holy Christian Church, the Communion of Saints; The Forgiveness of sins; The Resurrection of the body, And the Life everlasting. Amen.

THE PRAYERS

A In solidarity with all creation, we join our voice to the voice of the whole church and pray for the needs of the world.

A brief silence.

A Loving God, create in your church a desire for union with you in prayer. Raise up leaders to teach Christ's devotion to prayer and model Christ's way of prayer, until all people experience prayerful intimacy with you. Guide our bishop Susanne as she witnesses to the power of prayer. God of grace,

C hear our prayer.

A Reveal to humanity the sacredness of all creation. With the breath of your Spirit, realign the balances of nature. Grant persistence in prayer and action for the sake of the earth, our common home.

God of grace,

C hear our prayer.

A Teach rulers of the earth to care for the lowly and have no preference for the powerful. Direct the heart of every person to seek your will on earth as it is in heaven. God of grace,

C hear our prayer.

A To all whose prayers are cries for help, give your good gifts, and satisfy their deepest needs. We pray aloud and silently for those in need of healing; family members, friends, co-workers, casual acquaintances and those we know by name only (leave a time of silence for people to name those for whom they pray).

Gather them to your constant, loving presence, that they may rest in the confidence of life with you. God of grace,

C hear our prayer.

- A Center the ministries of this assembly on prayer and service. Guide our relationships in the wider community, being ready to assist those who seek help. Strengthen feeding, clothing, and housing ministries and community partnerships. God of grace,
- C **hear our prayer.**
- A God of peace, harmony and justice, guide the leaders of the nations to promote peace for all people. Help us put aside our warring ways and heal the ancient hatreds that divide us into segregated tribes. We lift up especially those places where the valley of the shadow of death is a daily reality. God of grace,
- C **hear our prayer.**
- A We give thanks for all who have gone before us. May we trust your steadfast love and continue in hope until we are united with all your saints. God of grace,
- C **hear our prayer.**
- A Trusting in your lovingkindness, we place our prayer and hope in you, in the name of Jesus Christ.
- C **Amen.**

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:

HYMN

"When the Roll is Called Up Yonder"

Vss. 1 & 3

1. When the trum-pet of the Lord shall sound and time shall be no more
3. Let us la - bor for the Mas - ter from the dawn till set - ting sun,

And the morn-ing breaks e - ter - nal, bright and fair - When the
Let us talk of all His won-drous love and care; Then when

saved of earth shall gath - er o - ver on the oth - er shore
all of life is o - ver and our work on earth is done

And the roll is called up yon - der, I'll be there!
And the roll is called up yon - der, I'll be there!

The musical score is written for two voices (Soprano and Bass) and piano accompaniment. It features a key signature of one flat (B-flat) and a 4/4 time signature. The melody is primarily in the soprano part, with the bass part providing harmonic support. The piano accompaniment consists of chords and moving lines in both hands. The lyrics are printed below the vocal staves, with some lines split between the two parts. The score concludes with a double bar line.

Refrain

When the roll is called up yon - der, When the

roll When the roll is called up yon - der, When the roll when the roll

is called up yon - der—When the roll is called up yon - der I'll be there!

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:

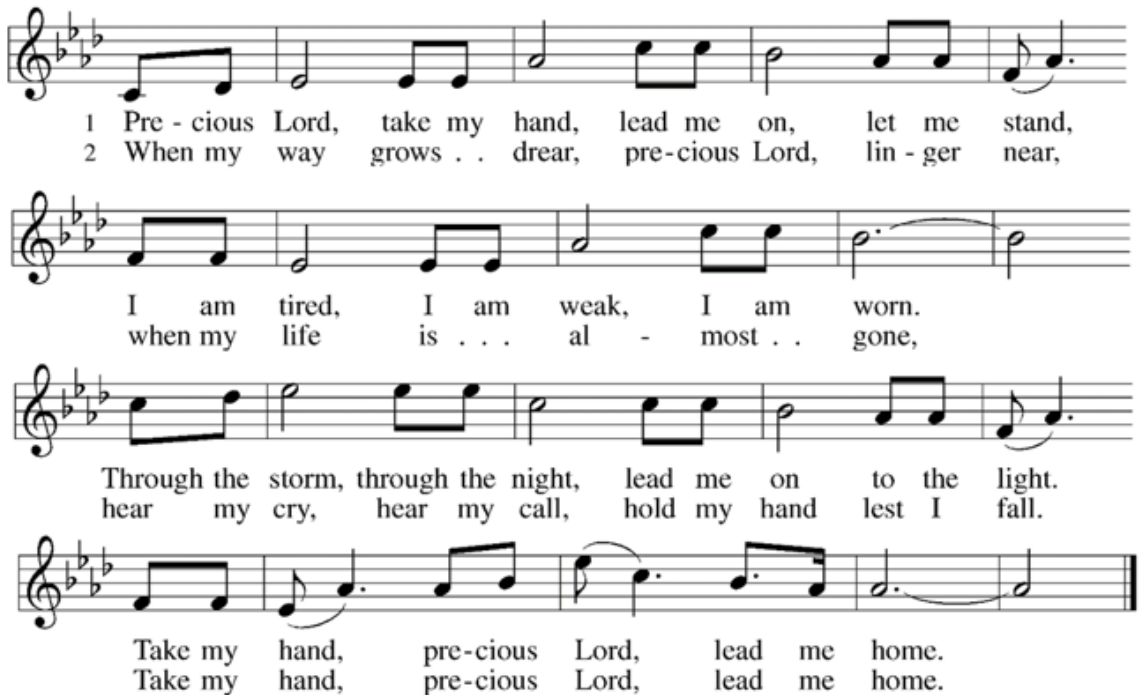
C Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.

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

HYMN

PRECIOUS LORD



1 Pre - cious Lord, take my hand, lead me on, let me stand,
2 When my way grows . . drear, pre-cious Lord, lin - ger near,

I am tired, I am weak, I am worn.
when my life is . . . al - most . . gone,

Through the storm, through the night, lead me on to the light.
hear my cry, hear my call, hold my hand lest I fall.

Take my hand, pre-cious Lord, lead me home.
Take my hand, pre-cious Lord, lead me home.

DISTRIBUTION

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

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

A Let us pray. God of field and forest, sea and sky, you are the giver of all good things. Sustain us with these gifts of your creation, and multiply your graciousness in us, that the world may be fed with your love, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
C Amen.

WE ARE SENT OUT TO SERVE

BLESSING

P The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.
C Amen

SENDING HYMN

"I'll Fly Away"

Vss. 1 - 3

1. Some glad morn-ing when this life is o'er, I'll fly a -
2. When the shad-ows of this life have gone, fly a-way,
3. Just a few more wea-ry days and then,

way; To a home on God's ce - les - tial shore, I'll
fly a-way; Like a bird from pris - on bars has flown, fly a-way,
To a land where joys shall nev - er end,

Refrain

fly a - way. I'll fly a - way, O glo-ry, I'll
fly a-way. fly a-way, fly a-way, fly a-way,

fly a - way; in the morn-ing; When I die, hal - le - lu - jah, by and by,

Optional choral ending

I'll fly a-way, fly a - way. I'll fly a - way.

DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE

“Reprise of I’ll Fly Away”

This morning the Altar flowers are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of my mother’s (Clara Ruoff) and brother’s (John Ruoff) birthdays, from Norma Pitts.

The 2025 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.

	10:00 A.M.
ASSISTING MINISTER	JENNIFER PARKER
PASTOR	THE REV. AARON LAYNE