

# A WARM WELCOME TO ADVENT LUTHERAN CHURCH

16<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

8:30 A.M. AND 11:00 A.M.

SEPTEMBER 25, 2022

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### PRELUDE

*“Variations of Gather Us In”*

Helman

BELL CHOIR

### INTRODUCTION

*Consideration of and care for those in need (especially those "at our gate," visible to us, of whom we are aware) is an essential component of good stewardship. It is in the sharing of wealth that we avoid the snare of wealth. It is the one whom death could not hold—who comes to us risen from the dead—who can free us from the death grip of greed.*

### CALL TO WORSHIP

P Come and worship!

C **We will praise the One between, within, and over.**

P Trust in the One who co-creates, the was, the now, and the will-be.

C **Our hope is in the One who creates expansive love calling us to do the same.**

P Follow the One who never breaks covenant.

C **We follow the One whose extravagant love calls us to co-create justice for the oppressed, feed the hungry, unlock prisons, and welcome strangers, orphans, and widows.**

P Praise the One whose justice is grace-full and inclusive.

C **We praise the Spirit that spans the ages. Amen!**

### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who is eager to forgive and who loves us beyond our days.

C **Amen.**

P Dear friends, together let us acknowledge our failure to love this world as Jesus does.

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.

*Pause for Reflection*

P God of mercy and forgiveness,

C **we confess that sin still has a hold on us. We have harmed your good creation.**

**We have failed to do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with you. Turn us in a new direction. Show us the path that leads to life. Be our refuge and strength on the journey, through Jesus Christ, our redeemer and friend. Amen.**

P Beloved of God: your sins are forgiven † and you are made whole. God points the way to new life in Christ, who meets us on the road. Journey now in God's abiding love through the power of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

### GATHERING HYMN

*“Gather Us In”*

Vss. 1 & 2

WOV #718



1 Here in this place the new light is stream-ing, now is the dark - ness  
 2 We are the young, our lives are a mys - t'ry, we are the old who



van - ished a - way; see in this space our fears and our dream-ings  
 yearn for your face; we have been sung through - out all of his - t'ry,



brought here to you in the light of this day.  
 called to be light to the whole hu - man race.



Gath-er us in, the lost and for - sak - en, gath - er us in, the  
 Gath-er us in, the rich and the haugh - ty, gath - er us in, the



blind and the lame; call to us now, and we shall a - wak - en,  
 proud and the strong; give us a heart, so meek and so low - ly,



we shall a - rise at the sound of our name.  
 give us the cour - age to en - ter the song.

#### 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, rich in mercy, you look with compassion on this troubled world. Feed us with your grace, and grant us the treasure that comes only from you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

## WE HEAR THE WORD

### FIRST READING: Amos 6:1a, 4-7

The prophet Amos announces that Israel's great wealth is a cause not for rejoicing but rather sorrow, because God's people have forgotten how to share their wealth with the poor. The wealthy will be the first to go into exile when judgment comes.

- <sup>1a</sup>Alas for those who are at ease in Zion,  
and for those who feel secure on Mount Samaria,  
<sup>4</sup>Alas for those who lie on beds of ivory,  
and lounge on their couches,  
and eat lambs from the flock,  
and calves from the stall;  
<sup>5</sup>who sing idle songs to the sound of the harp,  
and like David improvise on instruments of music;  
<sup>6</sup>who drink wine from bowls,  
and anoint themselves with the finest oils,  
but are not grieved over the ruin of Joseph!  
<sup>7</sup>Therefore they shall now be the first to go into exile,  
and the revelry of the loungers shall pass away.

After the reading:

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

### PSALM: Psalm 146

READ RESPONSIVELY

The LORD gives justice to those who are oppressed. (Ps. 146:7)

- A <sup>1</sup>Hallelujah! Praise the LORD, O my soul!  
C <sup>2</sup>**I will praise the LORD as long as I live;  
I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.**
- A <sup>3</sup>Put not your trust in rulers, in mortals in whom there is no help.  
C <sup>4</sup>**When they breathe their last, they return to earth,  
and in that day their thoughts perish.**
- A <sup>5</sup>Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help,  
whose hope is in the LORD their God;  
C <sup>6</sup>**who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in them;  
who keeps promises forever;**
- A <sup>7</sup>who gives justice to those who are oppressed,  
and food to those who hunger. The LORD sets the captive free.  
C <sup>8</sup>**The LORD opens the eyes of the blind; the LORD lifts up those who are bowed down; the LORD  
loves the righteous.**
- A <sup>9</sup>The LORD cares for the stranger; the LORD sustains the orphan and widow,  
but frustrates the way of the wicked.  
C <sup>10</sup>**The LORD shall reign forever, your God, O Zion, throughout all generations. Hallelujah!**

### CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

## SECOND READING: 1 Timothy 6:6-19

*Timothy is reminded of the confession he made at his baptism and of its implications for daily life. His priorities will be different from those of people who merely want to be rich.*

<sup>6</sup>Of course, there is great gain in godliness combined with contentment; <sup>7</sup>for we brought nothing into the world, so that we can take nothing out of it; <sup>8</sup>but if we have food and clothing, we will be content with these. <sup>9</sup>But those who want to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. <sup>10</sup>For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, and in their eagerness to be rich some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pains.

<sup>11</sup>But as for you, man of God, shun all this; pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, gentleness. <sup>12</sup>Fight the good fight of the faith; take hold of the eternal life, to which you were called and for which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. <sup>13</sup>In the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, I charge you <sup>14</sup>to keep the commandment without spot or blame until the manifestation of our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>15</sup>which he will bring about at the right time—he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords. <sup>16</sup>It is he alone who has immortality and dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see; to him be honor and eternal dominion. Amen.

<sup>17</sup>As for those who in the present age are rich, command them not to be haughty, or to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but rather on God who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. <sup>18</sup>They are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share, <sup>19</sup>thus storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of the life that really is life.

*After the reading:*

A The Word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

*Stand*

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke the 16<sup>th</sup> chapter.

**C Glory to you O Lord.**

## GOSPEL: Luke 16:19-31

*Jesus tells a parable in which the poor one is "lifted up" and the rich one is "sent away empty." Jesus makes it clear that this ethic of merciful reversal is not new but is as old as Moses and the prophets.*

[Jesus said:] <sup>19</sup>"There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. <sup>20</sup>And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, <sup>21</sup>who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man's table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. <sup>22</sup>The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. <sup>23</sup>In Hades, where he was being tormented, he looked up and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. <sup>24</sup>He called out, 'Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in agony in these flames.' <sup>25</sup>But Abraham said, 'Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony. <sup>26</sup>Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us.' <sup>27</sup>He said, 'Then, father, I beg you to send him to my father's house—<sup>28</sup>for I have five brothers—that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment.' <sup>29</sup>Abraham replied, 'They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them.' <sup>30</sup>He said, 'No, father Abraham; but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.' <sup>31</sup>He said to him, 'If they do not listen to

Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead."

After the reading:

**P** The Gospel of the Lord.

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

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**SERMON**

**PASTOR AARON LAYNE**

**SPECIAL MUSIC**

**"ON EAGLES' WINGS" WASSON**

**JEAN PONTIOUS**

### OFFERING OPPORTUNITY

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Stand

### 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 As scattered grains of wheat are gathered together into one bread, so let us gather our prayers for the church, those in need, and all of God's good creation.

*A brief silence.*

A O God, rich in mercy, fill your church with righteousness, faith, love, endurance, and gentleness. Empower the baptized by your Spirit to be rich in good works and ready to share. God of grace,

**C hear our prayer.**

A Protect the earth and its creatures. Provide water, food, shelter, and favorable habitats, especially for endangered species. Preserve threatened ice caps, glaciers, parks, and beaches. God of grace,

**C hear our prayer.**

A Increase justice in nations, local governments, and courtrooms. Guide lawyers and those who hold public office to act with compassion and discernment (*local authorities may be named*). God of grace,

**C hear our prayer.**

A Give food to the hungry. Set the captives free. Lift up those who are bowed down. Watch over the stranger. Tend to those who are ill (*especially*). Stir us to act in the best interest of our neighbors. God of grace,

**C hear our prayer.**

A Enliven our praise. Inspire musicians, artists, poets, and all who create beauty in this place (*those who plan and lead worship may be named*). God of grace,

**C hear our prayer.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

A Enfold the saints who have died in the arms of your loving care. Grant that the holy angels accompany us and bring us to eternal life with them in the light of your presence. God of grace,

**C hear our prayer.**

A Gathered together in the sweet communion of the Holy Spirit, gracious God, we offer these and all our prayers to you; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

**C Amen.**

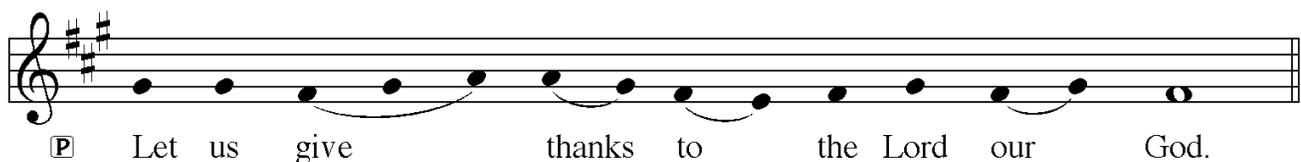
## GREAT THANKSGIVING



**P** The Lord be with you. **C** And al - so 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:



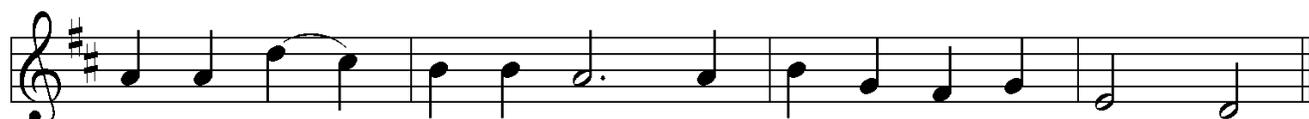
**Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might:**



**Heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.**



**Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes**



**in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.**

## 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**



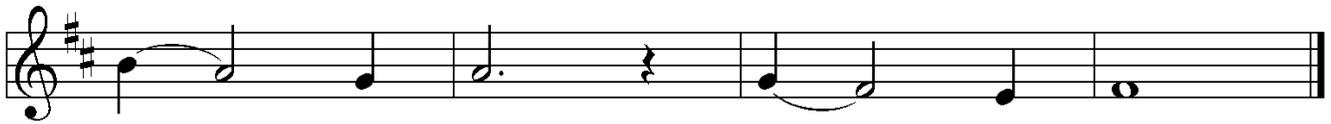
**C** Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



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

#### BLESSING AFTER COMMUNION

**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. God of the abundant table, you have refreshed our hearts in this meal with bread for the journey. Give us your grace on the road that we might serve our neighbors with joy; for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C** Amen.

#### WE ARE SENT OUT TO SERVE

#### BENEDICTION

**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



1 Long - ing for light, we wait in dark - ness. Long - ing for  
 2 Long - ing for peace, our world is trou - bled. Long - ing for  
 5 Man - y the gifts, man - y the peo - ple, man - y the



truth, we turn to you. Make us your own,  
 hope, man - y de - spair. Your word a - lone  
 hearts that yearn to be - long. Let us be ser - vants



your ho - ly peo - ple, light for the world to see.  
 has pow'r to save us. Make us your liv - ing voice.  
 to one an - oth - er, signs of your king - dom come.

*Refrain*



Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the



dark - ness. Christ, be our light! Shine in your



church gath - ered to - day.

**DISMISSAL**

A Go in peace. Worship God, Follow Jesus, Serve Others and Make Disciples.

C **Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE**

	8:30 A.M.	11:00 A.M.
<b>ASSISTING MINISTER</b>	JANE PRAUSE	ALYSHA CLOUS
<b>PASTOR</b>	THE REV. AARON LAYNE	



Today's Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God and in celebration of their son, Lee's birthday from Ed and Elaine Cooper; and to the glory of God and in remembrance of Delores Coleman, sister of Norma Pitts.