



**A WARM WELCOME TO ADVENT LUTHERAN CHURCH  
ON THIS 3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  
JUNE 14, 2026**

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## INTRODUCTION

Moses tells the Israelites that they are called to be a priestly kingdom and a holy people. Jesus sends out the disciples as laborers into the harvest. In baptism we too are anointed for ministry, sharing God's compassion with our needy world. From the Lord's table we go forth to proclaim the good news, to heal the sick, and to share our bread with the hungry.

**PRELUDE** "Love Divine, All Love Excelling" arr. Raney **Jean Pontious**

You may stand.

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

**P** Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✚ one God, whose compassion endures forever.

**C** **Amen.**

**P** Let us confess our sin to God.

Compassionate God,

**C** **we confess to you all our sins. Our burden is heavy, and we cannot free ourselves. In your mercy, call us back to you. Your yoke is easy and your burden is light. Restore us to dwell in your peace. In Christ's name we pray, Amen.**

**P** Jesus says, "Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest." In the name of God, Father, ✚ Son, and Holy Spirit, your sins are forgiven. Rest in God's love.

**C** **Amen.**

**GATHERING HYMN** "Love Divine, All Love Excelling"

1 Love di - vine, all loves ex - cel - ling, Joy of  
4 Fin - ish then thy new cre - a - tion, pure and

The image shows a musical score for the hymn "Love Divine, All Love Excelling". It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff on top and a bass clef staff on the bottom. The key signature is one flat (B-flat). The melody is written in the treble clef, and the bass line is in the bass clef. The lyrics are written below the treble staff, with the first line starting at measure 1 and the second line starting at measure 4. The music is in a simple, hymn-like style with a steady rhythm.

heav'n, to earth come down! Fix in us thy  
spot - less let us be; let us see thy

hum - ble dwell - ing, all thy faith - ful mer - cies crown.  
great sal - va - tion per - fect - ly re - stored in thee!

Je - sus, thou art all com - pas - sion, pure, un -  
Changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry, till in

bound - ed love thou art; vis - it us with  
heav'n we take our place, till we cast our

thy sal - va - tion, en - ter ev - 'ry trem - bling heart.  
crowns be - fore thee, lost in won - der, love, and praise!

## 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.



**☩** Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God in the high - est;



glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



**☩** Lord God, heav-en - ly king, al-might - y God and Fa-ther, we



wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.



**☩** Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God in the high - est;



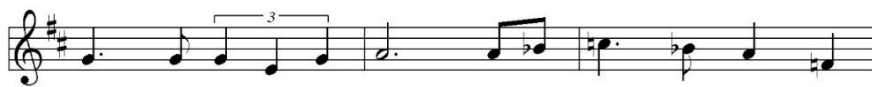
glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



**☩** Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther,



Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the



world: have mer - cy on us; you are seat - ed at the



right hand of the Fa - ther: re-ceive our prayer.



☐ Glo- ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;



glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.



I For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,

II



you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly



Spir - it, in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther, A - men.



☐ Glo- ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;



glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth,



and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

### 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 **God of compassion, you have opened the way for us and brought us to yourself. Pour your love into our hearts, that, overflowing with joy, we may freely share the blessings of your realm and faithfully proclaim the good news of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

*You may be seated.*

## WE HEAR THE WORD

*The pericopes readings for this week are: Exodus 19:2-8a; Psalm 100; Romans 5:1-8; Matthew 9:35-10:8*

### READING: Exodus 19:2-8a

[The Israelites] journeyed from Rephidim, entered the wilderness of Sinai, and camped in the wilderness; Israel camped there in front of the mountain. Then Moses went up to God; the Lord called to him from the mountain, “Thus you shall say to the house of Jacob and tell the Israelites: ‘You have seen what I did to the Egyptians and how I bore you on eagles’ wings and brought you to myself. Now, therefore, if you obey my voice and keep my covenant, you shall be my treasured possession out of all the peoples. Indeed, the whole earth is mine, but you shall be for me a priestly kingdom and a holy nation.’ These are the words that you shall speak to the Israelites.”

So Moses went, summoned the elders of the people, and set before them all these words that the Lord had commanded him. The people all answered as one, “Everything that the Lord has spoken we will do.”

*After the reading:*

A The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 100

“All People That on Earth Do Dwell”

1 All peo - ple that on earth do dwell, sing to the  
 2 Know that the Lord is God in - deed; with - out our  
 3 Oh, en - ter then his gates with praise; ap - proach with  
 4 For why? The Lord our God is good: his mer - cy

Lord with cheer - ful voice; him serve with mirth, his  
 aid he did us make. We are his folk, he  
 joy his courts un - to; praise, laud, and bless his  
 is for - ev - er sure; his truth at all times

praise forth tell; come ye be - fore him and re - joice.  
 doth us feed, and for his sheep he doth us take.  
 name al - ways, for it is seem - ly so to do.  
 firm - ly stood, and shall from age to age en - dure.

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

You may stand.

## VERSE

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

Al - le - lu - ia. You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew the 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> chapters.  
C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

## GOSPEL: Matthew 9:35-10:8

Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness. When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, “The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest.”

Then Jesus summoned his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to cure every disease and every sickness. These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon, also known as Peter, and his brother Andrew; James son of Zebedee and his brother John; Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James son of Alphaeus and Thaddaeus; Simon the Cananaean and Judas Iscariot, the one who betrayed him.

These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions: “Do not take a road leading to gentiles, and do not enter a Samaritan town, but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. As you go, proclaim the good news, ‘The kingdom of heaven has come near.’ Cure the sick; raise the dead; cleanse those with a skin disease; cast out demons. You received without payment; give without payment.

*After the reading:*

**P** The Gospel of the Lord.

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

**MESSAGE**  
**Pastor Joel Richter**

**SPECIAL MUSIC**

“Peace Like a River/Kumbaya”

**Choir from The Estates at Knightsbridge**

*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.*

**C** 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 now. Grace our ta - ble with your pres - ence,  
 Lord, 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** Gathered together by the Holy Spirit, let us pray for the church and the needs of the world.

*A brief silence*

**A** God of freedom, you ransomed Israel from slavery to be a holy people. As we observe Juneteenth this week, free us also to be a people who proclaim your liberating love. Strengthen us to work for justice and to share your love until all your children are free. God of grace,  
**C** **hear our prayer.**

**A** God of creation, you call all the earth to sing your praise. Tune our hearts to join the chorus of the natural world—the birds in song, the rivers in their flowing, and the wind in its blowing—as they declare your glory. God of grace,  
**C** **hear our prayer.**

**A** God of the nations, you sent Jesus to be the peace of all humankind. Turn our world right-side up. End war and violence, bring hope to places devastated by destruction, and sustain all who work for justice and peace. God of grace,  
**C** **hear our prayer.**

**A** God of compassion, you pour hope and love into our hearts in times of shame and doubt. Protect those experiencing housing insecurity, uplift all who struggle with hopelessness, mental or physical illness, and sustain those carrying hidden burdens and unspoken worries. God of grace,  
**C** **hear our prayer.**

A God of the harvest, you call your children to labor in your plentiful field. Send faithful servants to reap the harvest, and grant us wisdom to serve our local community and our neighbors without distinction, sharing your love generously. God of grace,

C **hear our prayer.**

A God of listening, you hear the silent longings of our hearts. We name before you those known to us in need, and we trust you to care for those whose names remain unspoken. (*Pause.*) God of grace,

C **hear our prayer.**

A God of faith, we give thanks for the saints who have earnestly sought you and faithfully led your church. Guide us as we follow in their footsteps and seek to be your faithful people in our time. God of grace,

C **hear our prayer.**

A Trusting that you receive all our prayers, spoken and unspoken, we commend them to you, O God, through Jesus Christ our Savior.

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 and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, through Christ our Lord; 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 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, God of pow - er and  
 might, heav - en 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. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

## THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

P Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord, heaven and earth are full of your glory.

In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son, who reached out to heal the sick and suffering, who preached good news to the poor, and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

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.

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension, we await his coming in glory.

Pour out your Holy Spirit, that by this Holy Communion we may know the unity we share with all your people in the body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, almighty Father, now and forever.

## **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 Heaven has come near. Come, share in the feast!

**☩** 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

### 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: <b>Amen</b>
The blood of Christ, shed for you.	The communicant may say: <b>Amen</b>

**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** Compassionate God, through the gifts of bread and wine our hearts are filled with the abundance of your love. Strengthen us that we, through this holy meal, may share your love freely, as you have shared with us. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit nourishing us now and forever.

**C** **Amen.**

## **WE ARE SENT OUT TO SERVE**

## **BENEDICTION**

**“Peace I Leave with You”  
The Choir from The Estates**

**Moore**

# SENDING HYMN

## “Jesus Calls Us”

1 Je - sus calls us; o'er the tu - mult of our  
4 In our joys and in our sor - rows, days of  
5 Je - sus calls us! By your mer - cy, Sav - ior,

life's wild, rest - less sea, day by day his clear voice  
toil and hours of ease, still he calls, in cares and  
may we hear your call, give our hearts to your o -

sound - ing, say - ing, “Chris - tian, fol - low me”;  
plea - sures, “Chris - tian, love me more than these.”  
be - dience, serve and love you best of all.

The musical score consists of three systems of music. Each system has a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are printed below the vocal line of each system.

### DISMISSAL

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

### POSTLUDE

<b><u>Sun June 14, 2026</u></b>	<b>10:00 am</b>
<b>ACOLYTE</b>	Camryn Ollanketo
<b>ORGANIST</b>	Jean Pontious
<b>ASSISTING MINISTER</b>	Julie Page
<b>PASTOR</b>	The Rev. Joel Richter



*The Altar Flowers are given in celebration of daughter Karrie Clark's birthday and grandson Alexander Clark's 7<sup>th</sup> birthday, from 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**

<b>Sun June 14</b>	Annual Congregational meeting	11:00am
<b>Mon June 15</b>	Men's SALT Bible study	2:30pm
	Church Council meeting	6:00pm
<b>Tue June 16</b>	Isabel's Quilters	9:00am
	Building Use – Singing Buckeyes	6:00pm
<b>Wed June 17</b>	Women's Bible Study	1:00pm
	Worship at The Estates	2:00pm

## **Looking Ahead:**

June 22-26	Advent's Vacation Bible School	9:00am – 11:30am
June 28	Jean Pontious' retirement celebration	11:00am

## **Upcoming Commemorations**

***Sun June 14, 2026: Basil the Great, Bishop of Caesarea, died 379; Gregory, Bishop of Nyssa, died around 385; Gregory of Nazianzus, Bishop of Constantinople, died around 389; Macrina, teacher, died around 379***

The Cappadocian fathers, as the three men in this group are known, explored the mystery of the Holy Trinity. Basil's monastic rule forms the basis for Eastern monastic life. Gregory of Nazianzus defended orthodox Christianity in Constantinople. Gregory of Nyssa, Basil's younger brother, wrote on the spiritual life. Macrina, older sister of Basil and Gregory of Nyssa, was the leader of a community dedicated to asceticism, meditation, and prayer.

***Wed June 17, 2026: Emanuel Nine, martyrs, died 2015***

On June 17, 2015, Clementa C. Pinckney, Cynthia Marie Graham Hurd, Susie Jackson, Ethel Lee Lance, DePayne Middleton-Doctor, Tywanza Sanders, Daniel Lee Simmons, Sharonda Coleman-Singleton, and Myra Thompson were murdered by a self-professed white supremacist while they were gathered for Bible study and prayer at the Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church (often referred to as Mother Emanuel) in Charleston, South Carolina. Pastors Pinckney and Simmons were both graduates of the Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary. A resolution to commemorate June 17 as a day of repentance for the martyrdom of the Emanuel Nine was adopted by the Churchwide Assembly of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America on August 8, 2019. Congregations of the ELCA are encouraged reaffirm their commitment to repenting of the sins of racism and white supremacy which continue to plague this church, to venerate the martyrdom of the Emanuel Nine, and to mark this day of penitence with study and prayer.

## **“Paraments and Stole for Ordinary Time” (Green Paraments)**

**by Melissa Richeson-O’Neil, Artist**

The words “Ordinary Time” are used to describe the weeks between church seasons – the weeks that fall between Christmastime and Easter and the weeks between Pentecost and Advent. The phrasing comes from the word “ordinal” meaning “counted” because we count these weeks to track the progression of the church year and the readings from the lectionary.

Keep in mind, however, that this time is anything but “ordinary!” Advent’s paraments for these weeks are full of energy. From the root at the base of the altar parament, four swirling masses spring forth, representing the four commitments of the people at Advent – to worship God, follow Jesus, serve others, and make disciples. The root itself mirrors the rose window above the altar which includes the stump of Jesse from which “A shoot shall come out...” (Isaiah 11:1). Flowing beneath and up the sides of the altar piece are streams of water in purples and blues – the cleansing waters of God’s love which supported and nourished Jesse and his descendants also nourish us through baptism.

The lower angles of both the altar and pulpit pieces reach upward from the center, depicting us as we outstretch our arms in praise to God. Open areas in the hangings allow sight of the shape and substance of the altar and pulpit, reminding us of the strength and love we receive from God as we share both Word and Eucharist.