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# A WARM WELCOME TO ADVENT LUTHERAN CHURCH

# **24**<sup>TH</sup> **SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

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

NOVEMBER 23, 2025

#### INTRODUCTION

Jeremiah's promise of the execution of "justice and righteousness in the land" finds ironic fulfillment in the execution of Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews. It appears utterly contradictory that a king should be crucified with a criminal. This victory appears for all the world as humiliating defeat. Yet through the gate of death Jesus opens the door to paradise.

**PRELUDE** 

"REJOICE THE LORD IS KING"

arr. Berry

**Jean Pontious** 

You may remain seated or stand.

#### **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

- P Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.
- C Amen.
- P Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Faithful God,

- you have shown us the ways of your heart, yet we stray from your paths. We are stuck in sinful systems of oppression and do not embrace the freedom of your faithful promises. We ignore our neighbors. We exploit the earth. We reject your abundance, trusting our impulses instead of your steadfast love. Repair our relationships, restore what we have broken, renew our hearts, and bring us to new life. Amen.
- P Hear the good news: God the Faithful One loves you, + in Christ Jesus your sins are forgiven, and by the power of the Holy Spirit you are set free.
- C Amen.



## **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 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.
- O God, our true life, to serve you is freedom, and to know you is unending joy. We worship you, we glorify you, we give thanks to you for your great glory. Abide with us, reign in us, and make this world into a fit habitation for your divine majesty, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

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#### WE HEAR THE WORD

The pericopes readings for this week are: Jeremiah 23:1-6, Psalm 46, Colossians 1:11-20, and Luke 23:33-43

# READING: Jeremiah 23:1-6

Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the Lord. Therefore thus says the Lord, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people: It is you who have scattered my flock and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. So I will attend to you for your evil doings, says the Lord. Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall no longer fear or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the Lord.

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In his days Judah will be saved, and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: "The Lord is our righteousness."

After the reading:

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



#### CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

You may remain seated or stand.

#### **ALLELUIA VERSE**



- P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke the 23<sup>rd</sup> chapter.
- C Glory to you, O Lord.

# GOSPEL: Luke 23:33-43

When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. [Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing."] And they cast lots to divide his clothing. And the people stood by watching, but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, "He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!" The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine and saying, "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!" There was also an inscription over him, "This is the King of the Jews."

One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, "Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!" But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong." Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come in your kingdom." He replied, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in paradise."

After the reading:

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

# MESSAGE PASTOR DAVID HINKELMAN

## **SPECIAL MUSIC**

8:30 A.M.

"CROWN HIM WITH MANY CROWNS"

ARR. RANEY

**JEAN PONTIOUS** 

11:00 A.M.

"CELTIC PRAISE"

by Lopez

#### **ADVENT ADULT CHOIR AND PRAISE & WORSHIP BAND**

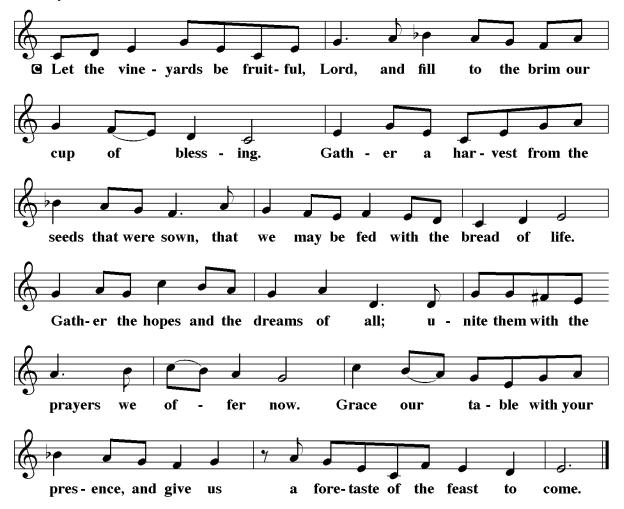


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"Here I Am" video plays

You may remain seated or 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 Gathered with one voice, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

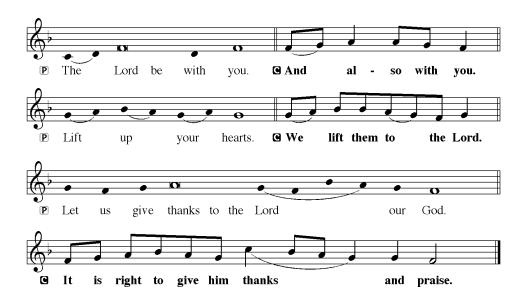
# A brief silence

- A We pray for the church in the world, its leaders, and its mission to share the good news of healing and restoration. Inspire us to embody the beloved community in ways that faithfully witness to the Holy Spirit. Fill our Bishop Suzanne and our national bishop Rev. Yehiel Curry with your Spirit. Hear us, O God.
- C Your mercy is great.
- A We pray for the trembling mountains and glad streams of creation. Preserve and renew your coastlines, deep seas, forests, and grasslands. Guide all who tend flocks or care for creatures of all kinds. Hear us, O God.
- C Your mercy is great.
- A We pray for leaders and advocates in government, civic life, and public safety. Support equity across the globe, and heal division with accountability and truth. We lift up Sudan, Tanzania, Ukraine, Gaza, as well as Israel and Russia. Be with all who are living in the valley of death. Hear us, O God.
- C Your mercy is great.
- A We pray for any who are hungry, living in poverty or desperation, weary in body or spirit, or sick. Comfort all in need of your tender care. We take a moment now to pray for those in need of healing; family members, friends, co-workers, casual acquaintances and those we know by name, either out loud, or silently in our hearts (*pause*). Hear us, O God.

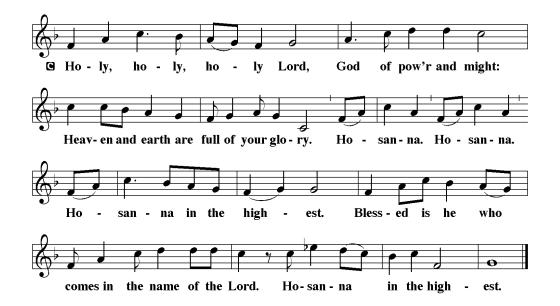
# C Your mercy is great.

- A We pray for this part of the body of Christ gathered around word and sacrament. Bring us into authentic community where all ages are valued and experience God's faithfulness together. Hear us, O God.
- C Your mercy is great.
- A We give thanks for all who have died in faith. May we remember them faithfully until we are gathered with you in the paradise you promise. Hear us, O God.
- C Your mercy is great.
- A We offer these and all our prayers to you, O God, trusting in your grace and unyielding love; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- C Amen.

#### **GREAT THANKSGIVING**



P It is indeed right, our duty and our joy.... 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:



#### 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.

#### 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 There is a place for you at the table of God. Come, receive the food that does not perish, a taste of life eternal.

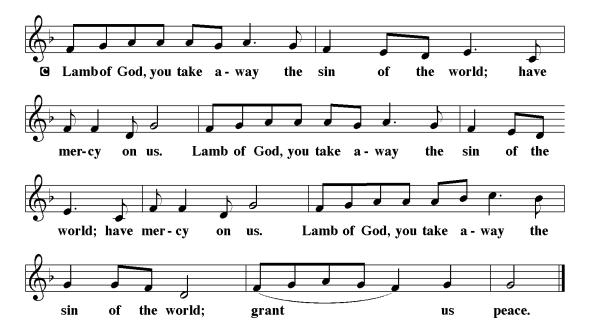
#### **DISTRIBUTION**

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 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

#### **PRAYER**

A God of field and flower, wheat and grape, you have nourished us with the bread of heaven that gives life to the world. Strengthened by the body and blood of your Son, send us out to gather your good gifts for all who hunger and thirst, and embolden us to love and serve in Christ's name.

#### C Amen.

#### WE ARE SENT OUT TO SERVE

#### BENEDICTION

P The love of God the Sovereign strengthen you, God the Son save you, and God the Holy Spirit anoint you for the work ahead. The holy Trinity bless you + and grant you a faithful and courageous heart now and forever.

#### C Amen.



#### **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		CAMRYN OLLANKETO
Assisting Minister	Brent Welch	JENNIFER PARKER
Pastor	Interim Pastor David Hinkelman	



The Altar Flowers are given from Brenda Wheeler and Norma Pitts, to the Glory of God and with thankfulness for our many blessings.

Please check the 2025 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. Available dates coming up: November 30 and December 14 & 21. And be sure to sign up for the dates you want in 2026, as well!

# This Week at Advent

Tue Nov 25	Building Use – Singing Buckeyes	6:00pm
Wed Nov 26	Worship at The Estates	2:00pm
	Thanksgiving Eve Worship	7:00pm
	In person and online	
Thur Nov 27	Happy Thanksgiving!	

# **Looking Ahead:**

Weds in Advent	Wednesday Night Zoom Worship	7:00 pm	
Sun Dec 7, 2025	Live Nativity	5:00 pm	
Fri Dec 12, 2025	Christmas with the Staff	6:30pm-8:00pm	
Wed Dec 24, 2025	Christmas Eve Family Service	4:30 pm	
	Christmas Eve Candlelight Service	7:00 pm	
Thur Dec 25, 2025	Christmas Day Service	10:00 am	
Jan 6, 2026	Epiphany Worship Service	7:00 pm	
Fri Feb 13-Sat Feb 14, 2026	Fun in Faith Retreat, Grades 2-5	Hopewood Pines	
Wed Feb 18, 2026	Ash Wednesday service	7:00 pm	
Weds in Lent	Soup Suppers & Worship Service	6:30pm/7:15pm	
Thur April 2, 2026	Maundy Thursday Worship Services	12Noon & 7:00pm	
Fri April 3, 2026	Good Friday Worship Services	12Noon & 7:00pm	
Sun April 5, 2026	Easter Sunday! Worship	8:30 am & 11:00 am	
Sun May 3, 2026	Advent's 60th Anniversary Celebration!		

#### **Commemorations This Week:**

Sun Nov 23:

# Clement, Bishop of Rome, died around 100

Clement was the third bishop of Rome. He is best remembered for a letter he wrote to the congregation in Corinth, still struggling with the same problems that led to Paul's letters to them. As did Paul, he focused on the need for love among Christians.

# Miguel Agustín Pro, martyr, died 1927

Pro grew up in a time when the Mexican revolutionaries accused the church of siding with the wealthy. He became a Jesuit priest, and worked on behalf of the poor and homeless. Falsely accused of throwing a bomb at a government official, he was executed, but not before crying out "Long live Christ the King!"

# Mon Nov 24: Justus Falckner, died 1723; Jehu Jones, died 1852; William Passavant, died 1894; pastors in North America

Not only was Falckner the first Lutheran ordained in North America, but he published a catechism which was the first Lutheran book published on the continent. Jones was the Lutheran church's first African American pastor and carried out missionary work in Philadelphia which led to the formation there of the first African American Lutheran congregation (St. Paul's). William Passavant helped to establish hospitals and orphanages in a number of cities and was the first to introduce deaconesses to the work of hospitals in the United States.

# Tue Nov 25: Isaac Watts, hymnwriter, died 1748

Thought by many to be the greatest hymnwriter in the English language, Watts as a youth was critical of the quality of the metrical psalter of the time. He wrote about 600 hymns—many based on the psalms, but others that are not.