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# A WARM WELCOME TO ADVENT LUTHERAN CHURCH

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

8:30AM & 11:00AM

OCTOBER 5, 2025

## INTRODUCTION

*A little faith goes a long way is Jesus' point in the gospel. A mustard seed's-worth of faith has miraculous potential. The patience, tenacity, and endurance required for the life of faith are the blessings received in holy baptism, holy communion, and the word read and proclaimed in this assembly. Anticipate them. Receive them with thanksgiving.*

## PRELUDE

**"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"**

**arr. Moglebust**

**BELL CHOIR**

*Stand or remain seated*

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God, our maker, our helper, and our keeper.  
C **Amen.**

P Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

P Merciful and loving God,  
C **we are your stiff-necked people. We trample on the needy. We grumble about your grace to others. We turn away from the poor. Have mercy on us and forgive our sins. Rejoice over us as ones who were lost and have been found. Amen.**

P Even when we are faithless, God remains faithful. Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners. You who were lost have been found. In the name of ✝ Jesus, your sins are forgiven!  
C **Amen.**

# GATHERING HYMN

## “Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

1 Great is thy faith - ful - ness, O God my Fa - ther; there is no  
 2 Sum - mer and win - ter and spring - time and har - vest, sun, moon, and

shad - ow of turn - ing with thee; thou chang - est not, thy com -  
 stars in their cours - es a - bove join with all na - ture in

pas - sions they fail not; as thou hast been, thou for - ev - er wilt be.  
 man - i - fold wit - ness to thy great faith - ful - ness, mer - cy, and love.

*Refrain*

Great is thy faith-ful-ness! Great is thy faith-ful-ness! Morn-ing by

morn-ing new mer-cies I see; all I have need-ed thy

hand hath pro-vid-ed; great is thy faith-ful-ness, Lord, un-to me.

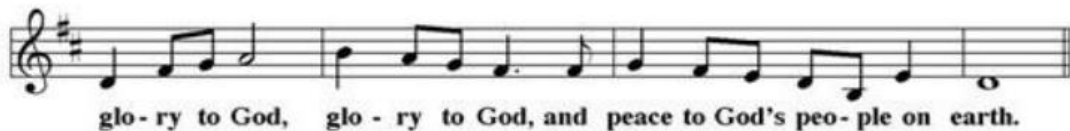
**GREETING**

**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.



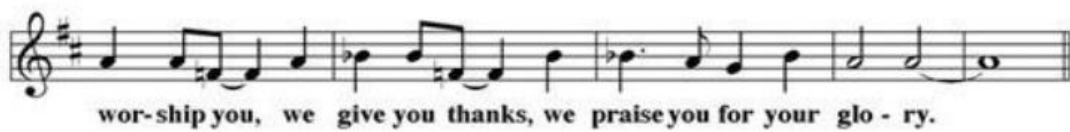
☐ Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God in the high - est;



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



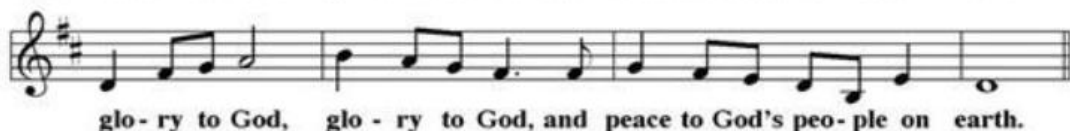
① Lord God, heav-en - ly king, al-might- y God and Fa-ther, we



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



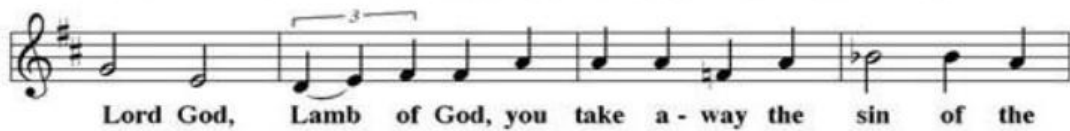
☐ Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God in the high - est;



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



② 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.

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

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*

## Blessing of the Quilts

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray together the prayer of the day.

C **Benevolent, merciful God: When we are empty, fill us. When we are weak in faith, strengthen us. When we are cold in love, warm us, that with fervor we may love our neighbors and serve them for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

Sit

### WE HEAR THE WORD

*The pericopes readings for this week are: Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4, Psalm 37:1-9, 2 Timothy 1:1-14, and Luke 17:5-10.*

### READING: Habakkuk 1:1-4, 2:1-4

The oracle that the prophet Habakkuk saw.

O Lord, how long shall I cry for help, and you will not listen?

Or cry to you “Violence!” and you will not save?

Why do you make me see wrongdoing and look at trouble?

Destruction and violence are before me; strife and contention arise.

So the law becomes slack, and justice never prevails.

The wicked surround the righteous; therefore judgment comes forth perverted.

I will stand at my watchpost and station myself on the rampart;

I will keep watch to see what he will say to me and what he will answer concerning my complaint.

Then the Lord answered me and said:

Write the vision; make it plain on tablets, so that a runner may read it.

For there is still a vision for the appointed time; it speaks of the end and does not lie.

If it seems to tarry, wait for it; it will surely come; it will not delay.

Look at the proud! Their spirit is not right in them, but the righteous live by their faithfulness.

After the reading:

A The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

## PSALM

## “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.

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE



## ALLELUIA VERSE



The musical score for the Alleluia Verse is written on three staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first staff begins with a common time signature 'C' and contains the lyrics 'Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?'. The second staff continues with 'Al - le - lu - ia. You have the words of e - ter - nal life.' The third staff concludes with 'Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.' The melody is simple and melodic, using eighth and quarter notes with various rests.

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. Luke the 17<sup>th</sup> chapter.  
C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

### GOSPEL: Luke 17:5-10

The apostles said to the Lord, “Increase our faith!” The Lord replied, “If you had faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, ‘Be uprooted and planted in the sea,’ and it would obey you.

“Who among you would say to your slave who has just come in from plowing or tending sheep in the field, ‘Come here at once and take your place at the table’? Would you not rather say to him, ‘Prepare supper for me; put on your apron and serve me while I eat and drink; later you may eat and drink’? Do you thank the slave for doing what was commanded? So you also, when you have done all that you were ordered to do, say, ‘We are worthless slaves; we have done only what we ought to have done!’ ”

*After the reading:*

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

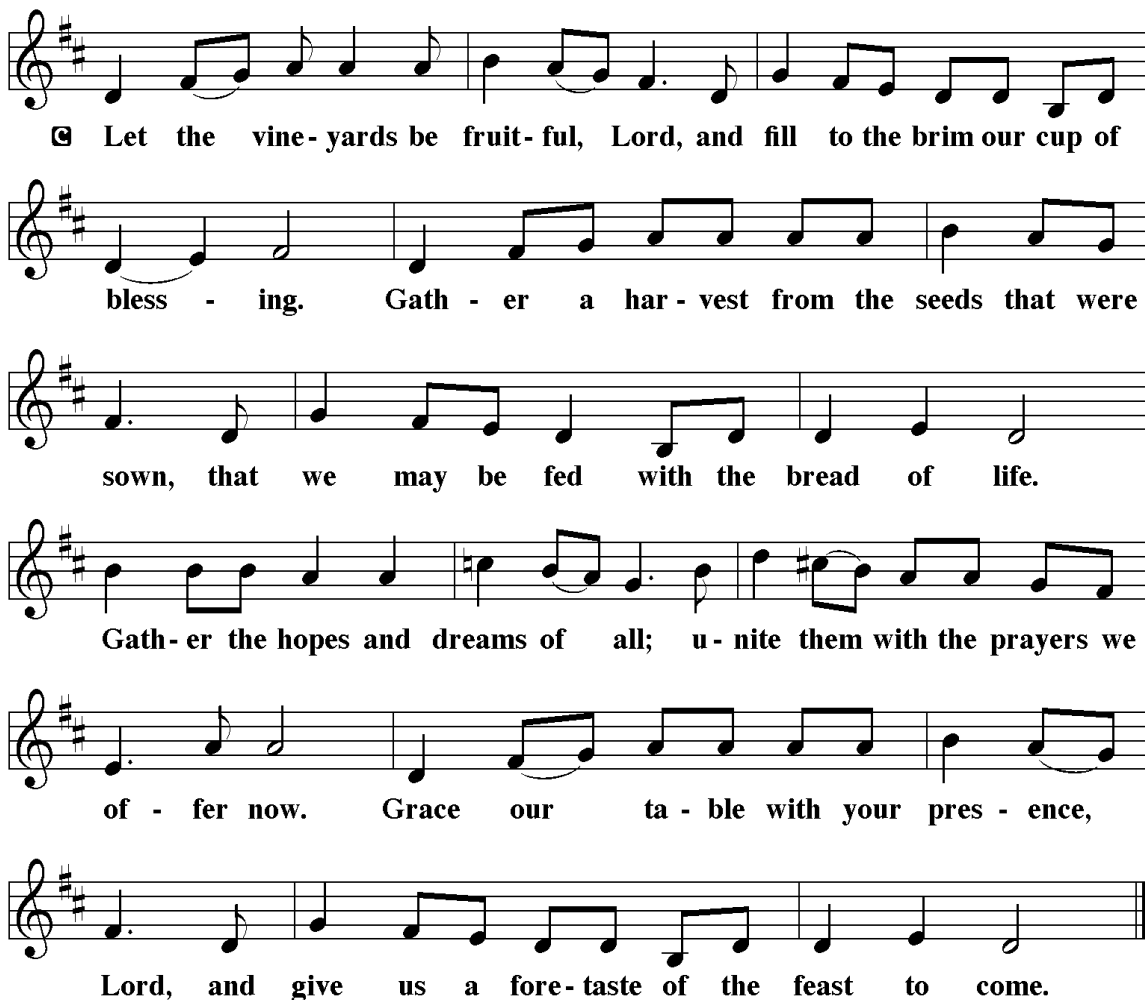
**TEMPLE TALK**  
**Call Committee Update – Tom Heiby**

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*Time, talents, and treasure are God’ blessings, gifts that are shared with us. We share a portion of those gifts in order to carry out Advent’s ministry at home and in the world. Our world mission takes place through the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, in our home through the Southern Ohio Synod and Lutheran Social Agencies. All these ministries appreciate what you share. Thank you from our Bishop Suzanne and from all those here at Advent.*

## OFFERTORY



**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.

- A** Let us pray.
- C** Lord of the harvest, we return to you a portion of what you have given to us. Turn us to set our hope not on the uncertainty of riches, but on you, who richly provides for us. Multiply what we have gathered to bless all who are suffering and in need, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## 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      Renewed in God's everlasting grace, let us pray for the church, the world, and all creation.

*A brief silence.*

A      O God of the church, you give the church a treasure in Jesus Christ. Draw us into the gift of faith passed down from generation to generation. Remind your people that faith the size of a mustard seed is enough. Pour out wisdom on our bishop Suzanne. God of grace,

C      **receive our prayer.**

A      O God of creation, you nourish the earth with grace and mercy. Bring favorable weather during the harvest season and sustain all creation along with all who labor in the field. Ensure the welfare of animal companions whose presence offers comfort, safety, and joy. God of grace,

**C** receive our prayer.

A O God of nations and communities, you govern and guard the world. Give leaders and people in authority a spirit of making just and righteous laws. Bring peace to countries affected by war and violence. We lift up Ukraine, Gaza, as well as Israel and Russia. Be with all who are living in the valley of death. God of grace,

**C** receive our prayer.

A O God of those in need, you care for those who are sick, oppressed, bereaved, lonely, and poor. Come to the help of all in need. Help us to trust that you will come to us at the right time. 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). God of grace,

**C** receive our prayer.

A O God, you nurture our faith. Thank you for those of all ages who teach, lead, and learn in your little flock Advent, and beyond. Give growth to the seeds of faith watered by faithful examples of baptismal living. God of grace,

**C** receive our prayer.

A O God of ages past, thank you for the witness of those who have died in faith this past week: *John Coleman, Kim's uncle*. May the faith of those who now rest in your merciful arms shape our faith in your Son, Jesus Christ. God of grace,

**C** receive our prayer.

A We offer our prayers, O God, trusting in your everlasting grace and mercy through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C** Amen.

## GREAT THANKSGIVING

P The Lord is with you

C **And is also with you**

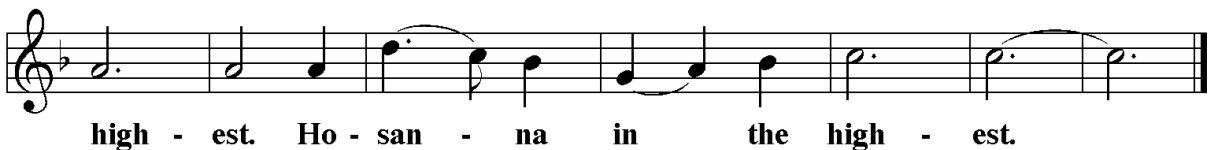
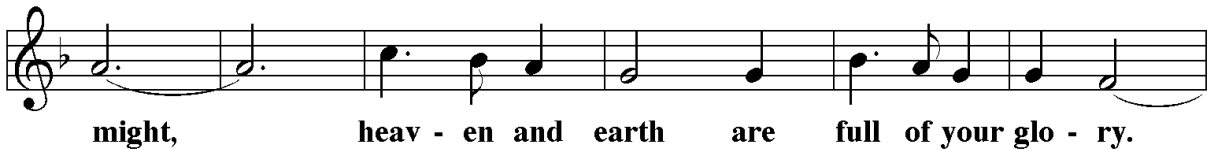
P Lift up your hearts

C **We lift them to the Lord**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C **It is right to give 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:



## 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.**

## 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.

## 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: **Amen**

The blood of Christ, shed for you. The communicant may say: **Amen**

**This communion bread is free from: Gluten, Dairy, Nuts, Egg and Yeast.**

Grape juice is available by request at the chancel rail.

**After receiving the elements, you may return to your seats.**

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.**

## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P Jesus welcomes sinners and eats with them. Come to this meal of mercy.



**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.**



### **POST COMMUNION**

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

### **PRAYER**

- A O God, through this meal you have strengthened us and appointed us to be your servants. Send us to do good and to share our possessions with all in need. We ask this in Jesus' name.
- C **Amen.**

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

### **BENEDICTION**

- P The God of righteousness, who gives justice to the oppressed, who gives food to the hungry, who sets the prisoners free, ✝ bless you now and forever.
- C **Amen.**

## SENDING HYMN

### “Lord Dismiss Us”

1 Lord, dis - miss us with your bless-ing, fill our hearts with joy and peace;  
3 Sav - ior, when your love shall call us from our strug - gling pil - grim way,  
let us each, your love pos - sess - ing, tri - umph in re - deem-ing grace.  
let no fear of death ap - pall us, glad your sum - mons to o - bey.  
Oh, re - fresh us; oh, re - fresh us, trav - 'ling through this wil - der-ness.  
May we ev - er, may we ev - er reign with you in end-less day.

## 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		TEDDY DENNETT
ASSISTING MINISTER	BETH PITTMAN	CRAIG FORSYTH
PASTOR	INTERIM PASTOR DAVID HINKELMAN	

*The Altar Flowers today are given in honor of Matthew Marquette's birthday, by his mother, Claudia Malone, and from Jennifer Parker, to praise God for the blessing of animals in our lives.*



*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 are October 26 and November 2, 9, 16 & 30.*

### Looking Ahead:

<b>Sun Oct 26, 2025</b>	<b>Reformation Sunday</b>	<b>both services</b>
<b>Sun Nov 2, 2025</b>	<b>Confirmation</b>	<b>ONE SERVICE, 10:00am</b>
	<b>Reception for Confirmands</b>	<b>11:00am, Fellowship Hall</b>
<b>Sun Dec 7, 2025</b>	<b>Live Nativity</b>	<b>5:00pm</b>
<b>Wed Dec 24, 2025</b>	<b>Christmas Eve Family Service</b>	<b>4:30pm</b>
	<b>Christmas Eve Candlelight Service</b>	<b>7:00pm</b>
<b>Thur Dec 25, 2025</b>	<b>Christmas Day Service</b>	<b>10:00am</b>
<b>Fri Feb 13-Sat Feb 14</b>	<b>Fun in Faith Retreat, Grades 2-5</b>	<b>Hopewood Pines</b>
<b>Wed Feb 19</b>	<b>Ash Wednesday service</b>	<b>7:00pm</b>
<b>Sun April 5</b>	<b>Easter Sunday! Worship</b>	<b>8:30am &amp; 11:00am</b>
<b>Sun May 3</b>	<b>Advent's 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration!</b>	

## **Commemorations This Week:**

**Mon, Oct 6: William Tyndale, translator, martyr, died 1536**

Tyndale was ordained a priest in England, and wished to translate the Bible into English. He was opposed in this by King Henry VIII, causing him to flee to Germany. He completed the New Testament in 1525, but before he could finish the Old Testament, he was tried for heresy and burned at the stake.

**Tue, Oct 7: Henry Melchior Muhlenberg, pastor in North America, died 1787**

Divided Lutherans in America asked leaders in Europe to send someone who could take charge and unite their work. Muhlenberg was sent, and was effective in organizing the American Lutherans. Among other accomplishments, his liturgical principles became the basis for the Common Service of 1888.

**Fri, Oct 10: Massie L. Kennard, renewer of the church, died 1986 (TFF)**

A native of Chicago, Kennard was a major figure in supporting and working toward ethnic and racial inclusiveness in the former Lutheran Church in America. Ordained in 1958, he served in positions including Director for Minority Concerns of the Division for Mission in North America.