



**A WARM WELCOME TO ADVENT LUTHERAN CHURCH
ON THIS 5TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
JUNE 28, 2026**

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INTRODUCTION

The welcome of baptism is for all God's children. This baptismal gift sets us free from the power of sin and death. In today's gospel, Christ promises that the disciple who gives a cup of cold water to the little ones serves Christ himself. From worship we are sent on our baptismal mission: to serve the little ones of this world and to be a sign of God's merciful welcome.

PRELUDE "Meditation on a Hymn" arr. Pforsich **Charlie Pforsich**

This piece was commissioned by the Choir of Advent Lutheran Church as a gift of gratitude to Jean Pontious on her retirement as Director of Music Ministries. We thank Jean for her years of faithful service, her dedication to worship, and the countless ways she has enriched our congregation through music and ministry.

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

“Oh Praise the Gracious Power”



1 Oh, praise the gra - cious pow'r that tum - bles walls of fear
4 Oh, praise the word of faith that claims us as God's own,
5 Oh, praise the tide of grace that laps at ev - 'ry shore



and gath - ers in one house of faith all strang - ers far and near:
a liv - ing tem - ple built on Christ, our rock and cor - ner - stone:
with vi - sions of a world at peace, no lon - ger bled by war:

Refrain



We praise you, Christ! Your cross has made us one!

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;



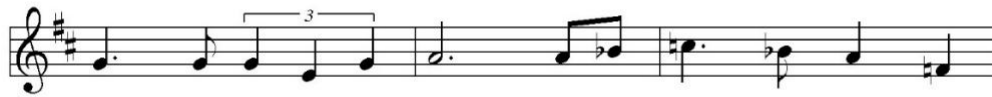
glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



☐ 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.



C 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
II 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.



C 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 **O God, you direct our lives by your grace, and your words of justice and mercy reshape the world. Mold us into a people who welcome your word and serve one another, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**

You may be seated.

WE HEAR THE WORD

The pericopes readings for this week are: Jeremiah 28:5-9; Psalm 89; 1-4, 15-18; Romans 6:12-23; Matthew 10:40-42

READING: Jeremiah 28:5-9

The prophet Jeremiah spoke to the prophet Hananiah in the presence of the priests and all the people who were standing in the house of the Lord, and the prophet Jeremiah said, “Amen! May the Lord do so; may the Lord fulfill the words that you have prophesied and bring back to this place from Babylon the vessels of the house of the Lord and all the exiles. But listen now to this word that I speak in your hearing and in the hearing of all the people. The prophets who preceded you and me from ancient times prophesied war, famine, and pestilence against many countries and great kingdoms. As for the prophet who prophesies peace, when the word of that prophet comes true, then it will be known that the Lord has truly sent the prophet.”

After the reading:

A The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 89

“I Love to Tell the Story”

1 I love to tell the sto - ry of un - seen things a - bove,

of Je - sus and his glo - ry, of Je - sus and his love.

I love to tell the sto - ry, be - cause I know it's true;

it sat - is - fies my long - ings as noth - ing else would do.

Refrain

I love to tell the sto - ry; I'll sing this theme in glo - ry

and tell the old, old sto - ry of Je - sus and his love.

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 10th chapter.

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

GOSPEL: Matthew 10: 40-42

[Jesus said to the twelve:] “Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet’s reward, and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous, and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple—truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward.”

After the reading:

P The Gospel of the Lord.

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

You may be seated.

MESSAGE
Pastor Joel Richter

SPECIAL MUSIC

“The Gift of Love”

by Larson

Matt & Beth Pittman, vocals

Jean Pontious, piano

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.



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 Faithful God, establish your church as a place of welcome and hospitality, a beacon of your peace in a divided world. Nourish us with your grace, that we may faithfully represent you and proclaim your hope to all nations. God of grace,

C **hear our prayer.**

A Freeing God, bring liberty and justice to every corner of the earth. Transform our lives so we might continue to pursue freedom until all people are set free. As we mark the 250th anniversary of the United States this week, let your freedom ring through our land and our hearts by the renewing power of your grace. God of grace,

C **hear our prayer.**

A Creator God, nourish and restore the earth where drought, deforestation, and pollution wound your creation. Grant us wisdom and courage to care for the natural world, that we may participate in its healing and renewal. God of grace,
C **hear our prayer.**

A Provider God, give your children what they need—physically, emotionally, and spiritually. Bless all caregivers who extend your hospitality through generous and compassionate service. God of grace,
C **hear our prayer.**

A Eternal God, we remember with gratitude the faithful departed of this community, of the wider church, and of the whole world. We give thanks for the saints of every time and place who now rest in your eternal light. 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 our 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!

You may be seated.

☞ 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: **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.

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.***

You may stand.

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

P Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer, ✠ one God, bless, heal, and hold you today and always.

C **Amen.**

SENDING 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-nature 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.

DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE

<u>Sun June 28, 2026</u>	10:00 am
ACOLYTE	Teddy Dennett
ORGANIST	Jean Pontious
ASSISTING MINISTER	Craig Forsyth
PASTOR	The Rev. Joel Richter



The Altar Flowers are given to the glory of God, and in celebration of Bob and Bev Goldie's 47th wedding anniversary.

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

Sun June 28	Reception for Jean's Retirement	11:00am
Tue June 30	Building Use – Singing Buckeyes	6:00pm
Wed July 1	Women's Bible Study	1:00pm
	Worship at The Estates	2:00pm
Fri July 3	Office Closed in observance of Independence Day holiday	

Looking Ahead:

July 12

International Potluck

11:00am

Upcoming Commemorations

*Sun June 28, 2026: **Irenaeus, Bishop of Lyons, died around 202***

This important early church leader tried very hard to hold to the faith handed down by the apostles. An opponent of the movement known as gnosticism, Irenaeus was one of the first to speak of the church as catholic, or linked together.

*Mon June 29, 2026: **Peter and Paul, Apostles***

These two strong-willed apostles are the pillars of the church in the first generation after Christ. Peter was one of the Twelve, one who both offered a glorious confession of faith and later denied knowing Jesus. Paul once led the persecution of Christians, then was converted and helped bring the faith to non-Jewish people.

*Wed July 1, 2026: **Catherine Winkworth, died 1878; John Mason Neale, died 1866; hymn translators***

Neale was an English priest who specialized in the translation of Latin and Greek hymns into English. Winkworth lived in Manchester, England, and devoted herself to translating German hymns. Almost all English-speaking hymnals include many of their translations.

*Fri July 3, 2026: **Thomas, Apostle***

Though frequently remembered as "doubting Thomas," this apostle also demonstrated a willingness to suffer and die with Jesus (John 11:16), and finally claimed the risen Christ as "my Lord and my God!" By tradition, he later worked as a missionary in India. Long commemorated on December 21, Thomas's celebration is moved to July 3 in agreement with ecumenical calendars.

“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.