

A Warm Welcome to Advent Lutheran Church on this

21st Sunday after Pentecost

8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

October 18, 2026



In today's first reading God uses the Gentile ruler Cyrus to accomplish divine purposes. When the Pharisees try to trap Jesus, he tells them to give the emperor what belongs to him and to God what belongs to God. To gather for worship reminds us that our ultimate allegiance is to God rather than to any earthly authority. Created in the image of God, we offer our entire selves in the service of God and for the sake of the world.

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WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Come Thou Almighty King

Felice de Giardini

Beth Pittman, piano

You may stand.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God, who pours love into our hearts and healing upon the earth.

C **Amen.**

P Confident that God justifies us by grace through faith, let us confess our sin.

Compassionate God,

C **we confess that we struggle to embody your goodness in the world and in our own hearts. Creation groans from overuse. Jealousy and bitterness strain our relationships. Indifference keeps us from seeking justice. Divisions disrupt your call to show genuine love to others. Turn our hearts back to you. Restore our world and reconcile us to one another. Renew us to live as your holy people, following the way of Jesus Christ. Amen.**

P Hear this good news: We have peace with God through ✝ Jesus Christ, in whom there is no condemnation, but only forgiveness and the promise of eternal life. Receive freely this healing gift of grace.

C **Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN

All My Hope on God is Founded

WOV 782 vs. 1,3,4

1 All my hope on God is found - ed who will all my
 3 Great thy good - ness e'er en - dur - ing; deep thy wis - dom,
 4 Still from earth to God e - ter - nal sac - ri - fice of

trust re - new, who through change and chance will guide me,
 pass - ing thought; splen - dor, light and life at - tend thee,
 praise be done, high a - bove all prais - es prais - ing

on - ly good and on - ly true. God un - known, from thy
 beau - ty spring - ing out of nought. Ev - er - more from God's
 for the gift of God's own Son. Christ shall call one and

throne call my heart to be thine own.
 store new - born worlds rise and a - dore.
 all: you that fol - low shall not fall.

Text: Joachim Neander, 1650–1680; para. Robert Bridges, 1844–1930, alt.
 Music: Herbert Howells, 1892–1983
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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.

CANTICLE 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.

C **Sovereign God, raise your throne in our hearts. Created by you, let us live in your image; created for you, let us act for your glory; redeemed by you, let us give you what is yours, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

You may be seated.

WE HEAR THE WORD

The pericopes readings for this week are: Isaiah 45:1-7; Psalm 96:1-9[10-13]; 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10; Matthew 22:15-22

FIRST READING: Isaiah 45:1-7

¹ Thus says the LORD to his anointed, to Cyrus, whose right hand I have grasped to subdue nations before him and to strip kings of their robes, to open doors before him—and the gates shall not be closed: ² I will go before you and level the mountains; I will break in pieces the doors of bronze and cut through the bars of iron; ³ I will give you the treasures of darkness and riches hidden in secret places, so that you may know that it is I, the LORD, the God of Israel, who call you by your name. ⁴ For the sake of my servant Jacob and Israel my chosen, I call you by your name; I give you a title, though you do not know me. ⁵ I am the LORD, and there is no other; besides me there is no god. I arm you, though you do not know me, ⁶ so that they may know, from the rising of the sun and from the west, that there is no one besides me; I am the LORD, and there is no other. ⁷ I form light and create darkness, I make weal and create woe; I the LORD do all these things.

After the reading:

A The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Treble staff: *Refrain* Just a clos - er walk with thee, grant it, Je - sus, is my plea;
 1 I am weak but thou art strong: Je - sus, keep me from all wrong;
 2 Through this world of toil and snares, if I fal - ter, Lord, who cares?
 3 When my fee - ble life is o'er, time for me will be no more;

Bass staff:

dai - ly walk-ing close to thee, let it be, dear Lord, let it be.
 I'll be sat - is - fied as long as I walk, let me walk close to thee. *Ref.*
 Who with me my bur-den shares? None but thee, dear Lord, none but thee. *Ref.*
 guide me gent - ly, safe - ly o'er to thy king - dom shore, to thy shore. *Ref.*

Text: North American traditional

Music: CLOSER WALK, North American traditional

SECOND READING: 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

¹ Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy,

To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ:
Grace to you and peace.

² We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly ³ remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁴ For we know, brothers and sisters beloved by God, that he has chosen you, ⁵ because our message of the gospel

came to you not in word only but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction; just as you know what kind of persons we proved to be among you for your sake. ⁶ And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for in spite of persecution you received the word with joy from the Holy Spirit, ⁷ so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. ⁸ For the word of the Lord has sounded forth from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia but in every place your faith in God has become known, so that we have no need to speak about it. ⁹ For they report about us what kind of welcome we had among you and how you turned to God from idols to serve a living and true God ¹⁰ and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead—Jesus, who rescues us from the coming wrath.

After the reading:

A The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

You may stand.

VERSE

A - le - lu - ya, a - le - lu - ya, a - le - lu - ya!
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

A - le - lu - ya, a - le - lu - ya, a - le - lu - ya!
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

A - le - lu - ya, a - le - lu - ya,
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,

a - le - lu - ya! A - le - lu - ya!
al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew the 22nd chapter.
C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

GOSPEL: Matthew 22:15-22

¹⁵ The Pharisees went and plotted to entrap [Jesus] in what he said. ¹⁶ So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, “Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one, for you do not regard people with partiality. ¹⁷ Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar or not?” ¹⁸ But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, “Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? ¹⁹ Show me the coin used for the tax.” And they brought him a denarius. ²⁰ Then he said to them, “Whose head is this and whose title?” ²¹ They answered, “Caesar’s.” Then he said to them, “Give therefore to Caesar the things that are Caesar’s and to God the things that are God’s.” ²² When they heard this, they were amazed, and they left him and went away.

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

8:30AM	<i>Now Thank We All Our God</i>	Crüger
	Beth Pittman, piano	

11:00AM	<i>Honey in the Rock</i>	Ligertwood/Lake
	Advent’s Praise & Worship Band	

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.

Musical notation for a hymn in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is written on a single staff with a treble clef. The lyrics are: "Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your pres - ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re - store to me the joy of your sal - va - tion, and up - hold me with your free Spir - it." The music consists of four lines of notes, each corresponding to a line of lyrics. The first line ends with a double bar line, and the second line ends with a repeat sign. The third and fourth lines end with double bar lines.

Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right
spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your pres - ence, and take
not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re - store to me the joy of
your sal - va - tion, and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

OFFERING PRAYER

- P** Let us pray. God of creation, you send rain and the earth springs forth abundantly. All blessings are from you; make us generous with what we have. Use our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts in service to you and in love to our neighbors, today and always.
- C** 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 Calling upon the Spirit of God who makes all things new, we pray for the church and the world.

A brief silence

A Living and loving God, you inspire us to share the message of the gospel. Give your spirit of love to seminarians and those beginning their lives in ordained ministry, including Tony Maggio. Hear us, O God.

C **Your mercy is great.**

- A Creating and majestic God, we give you thanks for the majesty of our oceans. Protect the abundant life within them and sustain all those who work to preserve them. Hear us, O God.
- C **Your mercy is great.**
- A Wise and loving God, reveal your wisdom in all things. Direct all who hold positions of authority around the world, that they act with compassion, seeking the good of all. Hear us, O God.
- C **Your mercy is great.**
- A Protecting God, be with all people who work in dangerous or degrading environments. Grant them safety and courage, and heal all those who are injured, sick, or suffering especially Amy, Brenda, Dee, Jerry and those we name on our lips and in our hearts (*pause for prayers*). Hear us, O God.
- C **Your mercy is great.**
- A All knowing and all-seeing God, continue to bless those who do the quiet, unseen work of the church as represented in our ministry fair today. Encourage them in their work of faith and labor of love. Hear us, O God.
- C **Your mercy is great.**
- A Consoling God, thank you for our ancestors who have been called home to you. Hear us, O God.
- C **Your mercy is great.**
- A Trusting in your boundless grace, O God, we lift up these spoken prayers and those in our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
- C **Amen.**

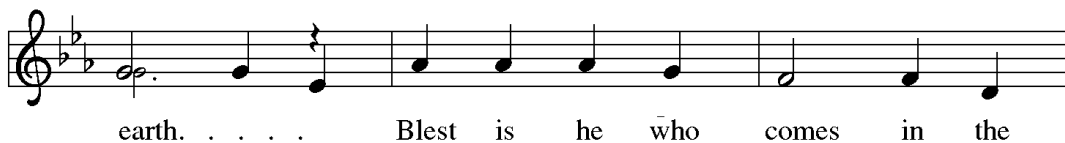
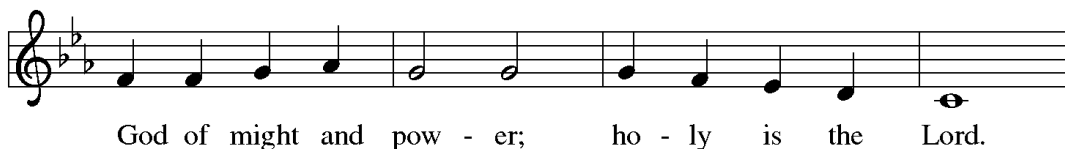
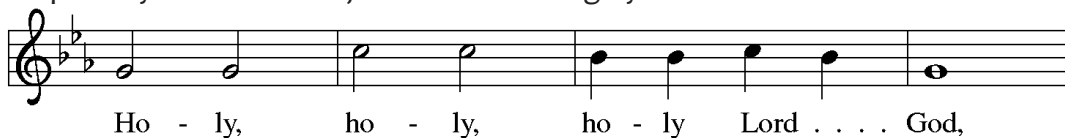
THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

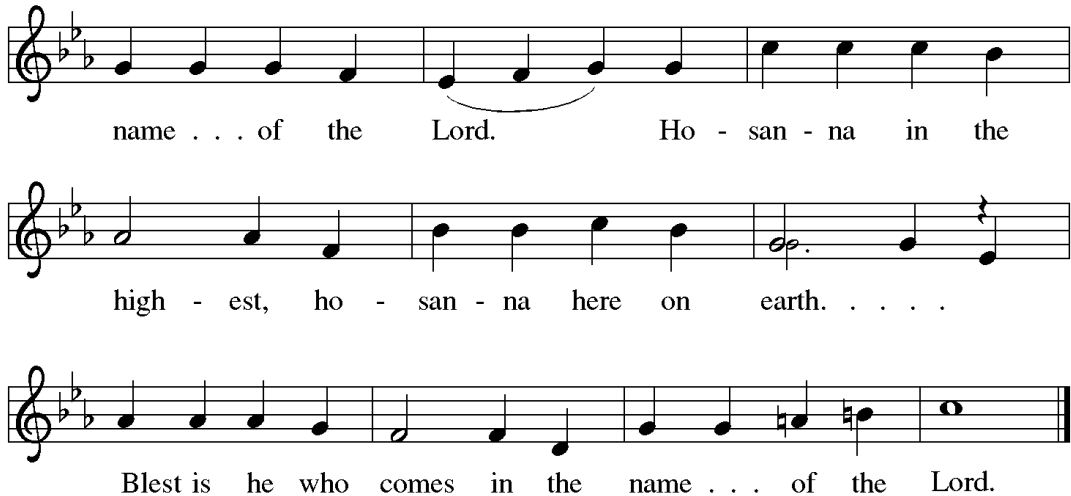
- P The Lord be with you.
- C **And also with you.**
- P Lift up your hearts.
- C **We lift them to the Lord.**

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, 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:





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.

THE 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 Christ invites you to this table. All who are thirsty, all who are hungry, come!

You may be seated.



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.

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 Sustaining God, with this bread and cup, you nourish us with mercy and abundant life. By your Spirit, send us from this table to serve a needy world. Make us living signs of your liberation, healing, and love, following the way of Jesus, in whose name we pray.

C **Amen.**

WE ARE SENT OUT TO SERVE

BENEDICTION

P The God of love draw you into full accord and one mind, in the body of Christ Jesus.

C **Amen.**

P The God of hope grant you strength and joy in all circumstances through the interceding of the Spirit.

C Amen.

P The God of grace ✝ bless you now and forever.

C Amen.

SENDING HYMN

God of Grace and God of Glory

ELW 705, vs 1 & 4

The musical score is written for a two-part setting (Soprano and Bass) in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of three systems of music. Each system has a treble staff for the Soprano part and a bass staff for the Bass part. The lyrics are printed below the staves, with line numbers 1 and 4 indicating different verses. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with a mix of quarter, eighth, and half notes. The bass line provides a steady accompaniment with mostly quarter and eighth notes. The final system ends with a double bar line.

1 God of grace and God of glo - ry, on your peo - ple
4 Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion to the e - vils

pour your pow'r; crown your an - cient chur - ch's sto - ry;
we de - plore; let the gift of your sal - va - tion

bring its bud to glo - rious flow'r. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age
be our glo - ry ev - er - more. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,

for the fac - ing of this hour, for the fac - ing of this hour.
serv-ing you whom we a - dore, serv - ing you whom we a - dore.

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		Sam Witten
Assisting Minister	Susan Cockerill	Xavier Toliver
Pianist/Organist	Beth Pittman	
Pastor	The Rev. Joel Richter	

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The Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God and in celebration of their October birthdays, from Roy and Jane Hart; and with thanks to God for Isabel's Quilters and the comfort they bring to many, from Brenda Wheeler.

Please check the 2026 Altar Flower Chart located above the usher stand to order flowers in honor of someone special or celebrating special occasions. Open dates are November 1 & December 27. Price is \$25.00 per vase.

This Week at Advent

Sun Oct 18	Worship Service	8:30am
	Activities & Ministries Fair & Sunday School	9:45am
	Worship Service (livestreamed)	11:00am
	Sr. High/Confirmation	12:15pm
Mon Oct 19	NO SCHOOL	
	Men's SALT Bible Study	2:30pm
	Church Council meeting	6:30pm
Tue Oct 20	Advent serves @Faith Mission	4:30pm
	Building Use – Singing Buckeyes	6:00pm
Wed Oct 21	Women's Bible Study	10:00am
	Worship @The Estates	2:00pm
	Y ² group meets	6:30pm
Thur Oct 22	Advent Choir rehearsal	7:30pm
Sat Oct 24	Confirmation rehearsal	1:00pm

Looking Ahead:

Sun Oct 25	Confirmation – One Service	10:00 a.m.
	Reception for Confirmands	11:15 a.m.
Sun Nov 1	First Sunday Fellowship	in between services
Sun Nov 22	Sr. High provides dinner for Jacob’s Porch	5:15pm
Tue Nov 24	Thanksgiving worship service	7:00pm
Sun Dec 6	First Sunday Fellowship	in between services
	Live Nativity!	5:00pm-7:00pm

Upcoming Commemorations

*Sun Oct 18, 2026: **Luke, Evangelist***

Identified as the author of both Luke and Acts, Luke was careful to place the events of Jesus' life in their social and religious contexts. His gospel gives us some of the most beloved parables, as well as the songs of Zechariah, Mary, the angels, and Simeon.

*Fri Oct 23, 2026: **James of Jerusalem, martyr, died around 62***

One of three early-church leaders named James, this man is identified in the New Testament and by a historian of the time as a brother of Jesus. Scholars are uncertain whether this means a blood brother. He was a leader of the church in Jerusalem.

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