

A WARM WELCOME TO ADVENT LUTHERAN CHURCH

11TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

10:00 AM

AUGUST 24, 2025

INTRODUCTION

Remember the sabbath day. Call the sabbath a delight. This is the Lord's day, and the Lord will do for us what the Lord does: feed us, forgive us, help and heal us. Rejoice at all the wonderful things God is doing.

PRELUDE

"How Great Thou Art"

Workman

THE SINGING BUCKEYES

Stand or remain seated

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P In the name, Father ✠ Son ✠ Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

P Baptized into Christ, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P Merciful God,

C **you free us to love others, but we neglect our neighbors and follow our own way. You lead us by the Spirit of joy and peace, but we turn away from the abundant life you offer. You surround us with patience, kindness, and generosity, but we grow weary in doing what is right. In your mercy, forgive us. Do not give up on us. Heal us, break our bonds, and show us the path of life. Amen.**

P You belong to Christ Jesus and you are God's children through faith. In the cross of ✠ Christ, and through the power of the Holy Spirit, your sins are forgiven. Clothed with Christ, you are a new creation.

C **Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN

"Come Ye Disconsolate"

1 Come, ye dis - con - so - late, wher - e'er ye lan - guish;
3 Here see the Bread of life; see wa - ters flow - ing

come to the mer - cy - seat, fer - vent - ly kneel.
forth from the throne of God, pure from a - bove.

Here bring your wound - ed hearts, here 'tell your an - guish;
Come to the feast of love; come, ev - er know - ing

earth has no sor - row that heav'n can - not heal.
earth has no sor - row but heav'n can re - move.

The musical score is written for a four-part setting (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) using a treble and bass clef. The lyrics are arranged in four systems, each with two staves. The first system includes a 1-measure and a 3-measure version of the first line. The second system ends with a double bar line and a fermata. The third system ends with a double bar line and a fermata. The fourth system ends with a double bar line and a fermata.

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



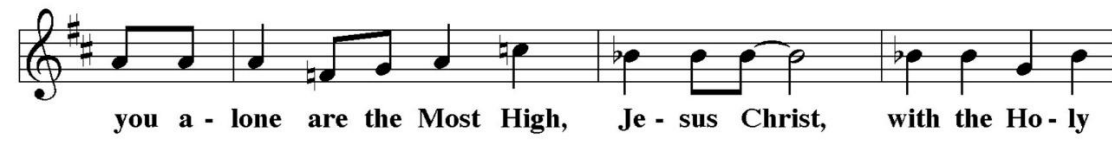
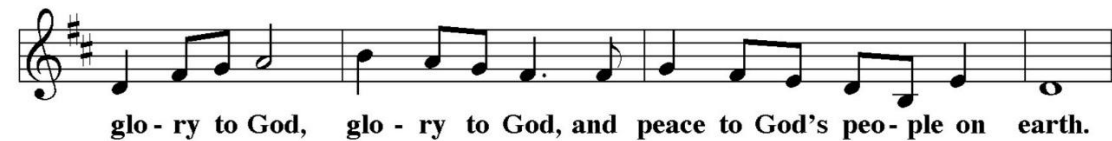
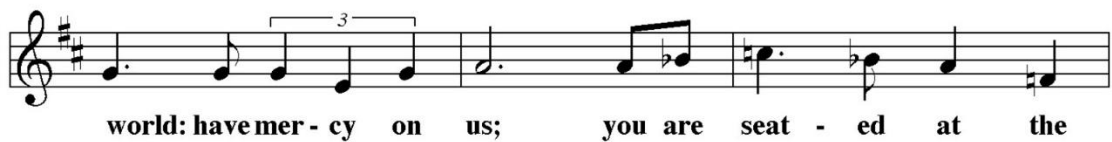
wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.

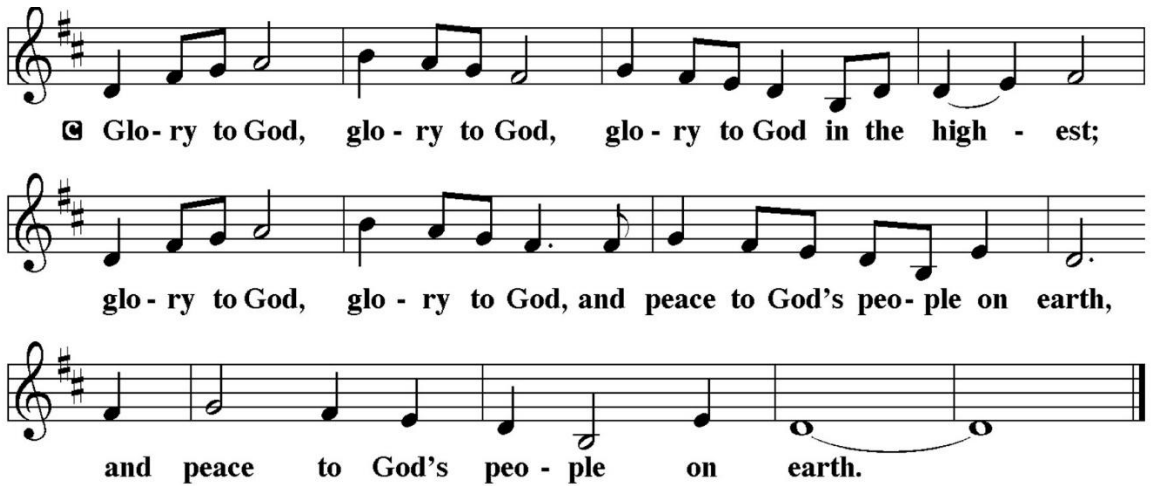


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PEACE

- 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, mighty and immortal, you know that as fragile creatures surrounded by great dangers, we cannot by ourselves stand upright. Give us strength of mind and body, so that even when we suffer because of human sin, we may rise victorious through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

Sit

WE HEAR THE WORD

READING: Isaiah 58:9b-14

God promises those who have returned from exile that where justice and mercy prevail, the ruins will be rebuilt and light will rise in the darkness. It is a day for new beginnings.

If you remove the yoke from among you,
 the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil,
 if you offer your food to the hungry
 and satisfy the needs of the afflicted,

then your light shall rise in the darkness
and your gloom be like the noonday.
The Lord will guide you continually
and satisfy your needs in parched places
and make your bones strong,
and you shall be like a watered garden,
like a spring of water
whose waters never fail.
Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt;
you shall raise up the foundations of many generations;
you shall be called the repairer of the breach,
the restorer of streets to live in.

If you refrain from trampling the Sabbath,
from pursuing your own interests on my holy day;
if you call the Sabbath a delight
and the holy day of the Lord honorable;
if you honor it, not going your own ways,
serving your own interests or pursuing your own affairs;
then you shall take delight in the Lord,
and I will make you ride upon the heights of the earth;
I will feed you with the heritage of your ancestor Jacob,
for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.

After the reading:

A The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM

"NOW THANK WE ALL OUR GOD"

1 Now thank we all our God with hearts and hands and voices,
3 All praise and thanks to God the Fa - ther now be giv - en,

who won - drous things has done, in whom this world re - joic - es;
the Son, and Spir - it blest, who reign in high - est heav - en,

who, from our moth - ers' arms, has blest us on our way
the one e - ter - nal God, whom earth and heav'n a - dore;

with count - less gifts of love, and still is ours to - day.
for thus it was, is now, and shall be ev - er - more.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE



P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke the 13th chapter.

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

GOSPEL: Luke 13:10-17

Jesus heals a woman on the sabbath, offering her a new beginning for her life. When challenged by a narrow reading of the sabbath command, Jesus responds by expanding “sabbath work” to include setting people free from bondage.

Now [Jesus] was teaching in one of the synagogues on the Sabbath. And just then there appeared a woman with a spirit that had crippled her for eighteen years. She was bent over and was quite unable to stand up straight. When Jesus saw her, he called her over and said, “Woman, you are set free from your ailment.” When he laid his hands on her, immediately she stood up straight and began praising God. But the leader of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had cured on the Sabbath, kept saying to the crowd, “There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be cured and not on the Sabbath day.” But the Lord answered him and said, “You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the Sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the manger and lead it to water? And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen long years, be set free from this bondage on the Sabbath day?” When he said this, all his opponents were put to shame, and the entire crowd was rejoicing at all the wonderful things being done by him.

After the reading:

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

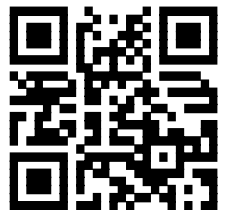
MESSAGE

SPECIAL MUSIC

“NO MORE SORROW”

KILBY III

THE SINGING BUCKEYES



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OFFERTORY



☞ Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of



bles - 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 Creator God, in your wisdom you bring forth all that is good and the harvest is plentiful. Strengthen us at your table with these gifts of the earth and our labor, that we may work for the good of all; through Jesus Christ, our Savior. 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 Let us pray for the church, the creation, and the whole people of God, for God is near.

A brief silence.

A You call your church to proclaim liberation and freedom to all. Give wisdom to bishop Suzanne, synod councils and staff, and congregation leaders as they pursue a more just and equitable church and society. Strengthen Dustin Bunch and Craig Dame as they assume new responsibilities in the Advent congregation. Hear us, O God.

C **Your mercy is great.**

A You inspire all creation to sing and bless your holy name. Send healing rains to parched places and relief to flooded lands. Lead us to enact policies to rebuild ruined ecosystems and habitats. Hear us, O God.

C **Your mercy is great.**

- A You work vindication and justice for all who are oppressed. Strengthen the resolve of world leaders and local officials in the way of love and mercy, so that all persons may experience abundant life. Hear us, O God.
- C **Your mercy is great.**
- A You satisfy your people with good things. In your steadfast love, receive the cries of all who are bent over under the weight of addiction, isolation, and mental or physical illness. 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). Manifest your healing presence in their midst. Hear us, O God.
- C **Your mercy is great.**
- A You sent your Son to teach new ways of living and to proclaim justice for all people. Strengthen the Christian community and other religious groups to be a witness for peace and wellbeing for all people. Be a voice of reason among world leaders and proclaim peace for all those areas of our world that live with hate and violence. We lift up Ukraine, Gaza, as well as Israel and Russia as they seek to destroy. Be with all who are living in the valley of death. Hear us, O God.
- C **Your mercy is great.**
- A With all your apostles, prophets, and saints, we give thanks and bless your holy name. As they now rest from their labors, guide us by the witness of their lives to pursue your reign, which can never be shaken. Hear us, O God.
- C **Your mercy is great.**
- A Confident in God's presence and promise, we entrust our prayers to the one who always receives them; through Jesus Christ, our wisdom and companion.
- C **Amen.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING

P The Lord is with you

C **And is also with you**

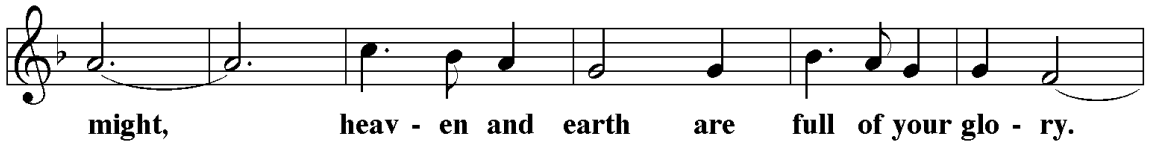
P Lift up your hearts

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.

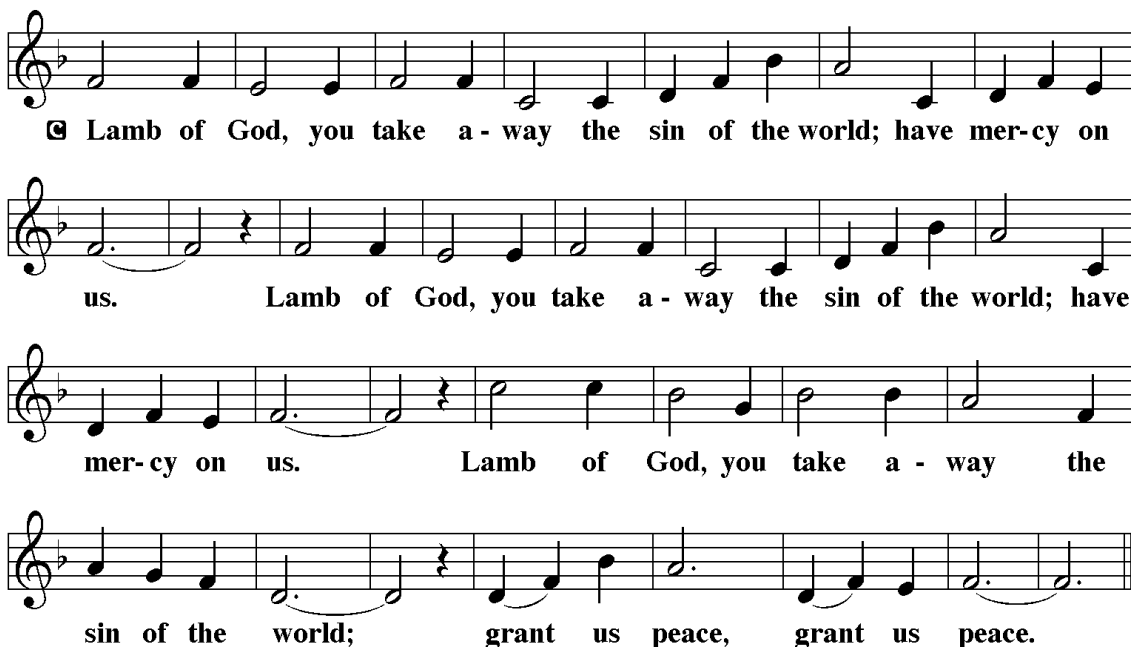
LORD'S PRAYER

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.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P The kingdom of God is set before you. Eat and rejoice.



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 baptized persons are welcomed to Communion when they are worshipping with 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.

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.***

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

C Amen

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

A Mothering God, you gathered us to your table and we drank deeply of your grace. Send us out by your Spirit to love our neighbors as ourselves and proclaim your love in Jesus' name.

C Amen.

WE ARE SENT OUT TO SERVE

BENEDICTION

“Irish Blessing”

Gray

The Singing Buckeyes

SENDING HYMN

“Oh Happy Day”

1 Oh, hap - py day when we shall stand a - mid the
2 Oh, bless - ed day when Christ shall come and show him -

heav'n - ly throng; and sing with hosts from ev - 'ry land the
self as Lord, and thou - sands meet in their new home which

new ce - les - tial song, the new ce - les - tial song.
Je - sus has pre - pared, which Je - sus has pre - pared.

DISMISSAL

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

Postlude

ACOLYTE	JACK O'NEAL
ASSISTING MINISTER	ALYSHA CLOUS
INTERIM PASTOR	DAVID HINKELMAN

The Altar Flowers are given in celebration of Courtney Pittman's birthday, with love from her family, and in honor of Betty Milligan from Mike & Jane Millgan.



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 August 31, September 7 & 21.

Coming Soon:

Join Us for Rally Day! September 7, 2025, 9:45am-10:45am

All ages will gather in the fellowship hall for donuts, music & activities for all! K-5 will then go to their Sunday school rooms to meet their teachers!

God's Work, Our Hands Sunday, September 7th, 2025

In recognition of God's Work, Our Hands Sunday, Advent's Social Concerns Team is asking for donations of items to be included in Blessing Bags for the Less Fortunate. Designated bins for these donations are located in the Narthex. We will collect donations through August 24th. Advent's youth plans on assembling the bags on August 31st, so they will be available in the Narthex on God's Work, Our Hands Sunday. This year we are hoping to prepare 300 bags. Here is a link to the list of Blessing Bag items that are needed: [Items Needed for Blessing Bags](#). Please note, *travel size only*!

In addition, we are collecting school supplies for elementary students attending Columbus City Schools. Donations will be collected through September 7th. Click here for a list of items that are needed; [School Supplies list](#). Advent also has a school supply wish list on Amazon (many thanks, Dustin Bunch!).

We thank you for your continued generosity!

Our Sanctuary Is Turning 25!

The 25th anniversary of the dedication of our sanctuary is Sunday, September 14! The celebration in honor of this special event will take place shortly after the conclusion of the 8:30 AM service. It will be a joyful time of worship, gratitude, and sharing together. Please sign up to bring your favorite dish to help make this milestone celebration even more special.

Note: This celebration will replace our traditional First Sunday Fellowship for the month, so we will NOT have First Sunday Fellowship on Sunday, Sept. 7.

Please share this news with your Advent friends and family. We look forward to commemorating this meaningful occasion with you!

