

Service of Worship

Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

January 30, 2022



We give thanks that you are worshipping with us today. Advent Lutheran Church is part of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. We welcome you on your spiritual journey, be it for an hour or a lifetime! We are delighted that you have joined in this worshiping community and pray that you will be safe in these times. Whether you are in person or virtual, we would love for you to make yourself known to Advent by filling out a green contact/prayer card or by emailing the church or through Facebook. Everything you need for the worship service is printed in the bulletin.



PRAYER CONCERNS

We keep the following persons in prayer



Richard Ahlvin (uncle of Anne Curtis)
Rev. Anna Anderson (Pastor)
Ben Levisky and Bill Wentz (cousins of Joy Duncan)
Lawrence Blackmore (friend of the Lovells)
Sandra Bradley (mother of Mark Duncan)
Warren Hageman (member)
Ray Hawn (member)
Jenny Jones (friend of the Falksens)
Kathryn "Kate" Juhl (member)
Janet Osborne (friend of Ingrid Berdahl)
Ingrid Palmquist (member)
Rev. Bill Perry (friend of Advent)
Patti Peterson (wife of Walter Peterson)
David Pellinen (member)
Chick Picard (Pastor Anna's brother-in-law)
Michele Polestino (friend of Carole Assante)

Hannah Reese (friend of Sam & Anne Curtis)
Yvonne Ross (friend of Nesta Alleyne)
Rev. Lowell Schuetze (friend of Advent)
Jeannie Stevens (aunt of Sam Curtis)
Linda and David Trismen (parents of Eric Trismen, friend of Advent)
Jean Wetzel (mother of Joy Duncan)
Arthur and Charles Wichern (brothers of Carole Assante)
Becky Wilfinger (friend of Marilyn Falksen)

For those deployed to serve this country:

Delaunta Fitzgerald (grandson of Chandra Fitzgerald)
Kevin Messer (friend of Advent)
Charlie Nash (son of Gordon & Susan Nash)
Dallas Polk (grandson of Chandra Fitzgerald)

GATHERING

PRELUDE

Siciliano

J. Alcock

WELCOME

CONFSSION AND FORGIVENESS

P In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Congregation **Amen**

P Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C **Amen**

P Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

P Most merciful God,

C **we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves.**

We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed,

by what we have done and by what we have left undone.

We have not loved you with our whole heart;

we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us.

Forgive us, renew us, and lead us,

so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways,

to the glory of your holy name. Amen

P In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen**

CALL TO WORSHIP

Borning Cry

ELW 732



1 "I was there to hear your born-ing cry, I'll be there when you are old.

2 "When you heard the won - der of the Word I was there to cheer you on;

3 "In the mid - dle a - ges of your life, not too old, no lon - ger young,



I re - joiced the day you were bap - tized to see your life un - fold.
you were raised to praise the liv - ing Lord, to whom you now be - long.
I'll be there to guide you through the night, com-plete what I've be - gun.



I was there when you were but a child, with a faith to suit you well;
If you find some-one to share your time and you join your hearts as one,
When the eve - ning gent - ly clos - es in and you shut your wea - ry eyes,



in a blaze of light you wan-dered off to find where de-mons dwell."
I'll be there to make your vers - es rhyme from dusk till ris - ing sun."
I'll be there as I have al - ways been, with just one more sur - prise."



4 "I was there to hear your born-ing cry, I'll be there when you are old.



I re - joiced the day you were bap - tized to see your life un - fold."

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GREETING

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit
be with you all.

C **And also with you.**

HYMN OF PRAISE

Glory Be to God in Heaven

S 204:



1 Glo-ry be to God in heav-en; peace, good-will to all the earth.
2 Glo-ry be to Christ for - ev - er, Lamb of God and Lord of love.



Might-y God of all cre - a - tion, Fa - ther of sur - pass - ing worth:
Son of God and gra-cious Sav - ior, you have come from heav'n a - bove;



we ex - alt you, we a - dore you, we lift high our thanks and praise.
on the cross you died to save us; now you reign at God's right hand.



Saints and an - gels bow be - fore you; here on earth our songs we raise.
Hear our prayer; re - store, for - give us; in your prom-ise firm we stand.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Almighty and ever-living God, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and love; and that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C **Amen**

Please sit

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 1:4-10

Reader: A reading from Jeremiah

⁴Now the word of the LORD came to me saying,

⁵"Before I formed you in the womb I knew you,
and before you were born I consecrated you;
I appointed you a prophet to the nations."

⁶Then I said, "Ah, Lord GOD! Truly I do not know how to speak, for I am only a boy." ⁷But the LORD said to me,

"Do not say, 'I am only a boy';
for you shall go to all to whom I send you,
and you shall speak whatever I command you.

⁸Do not be afraid of them,
for I am with you to deliver you,
says the LORD."

⁹Then the LORD put out his hand and touched my mouth; and the LORD said to me,

"Now I have put my words in your mouth.

¹⁰See, today I appoint you over nations and over kingdoms,
to pluck up and to pull down,
to destroy and to overthrow,
to build and to plant."

Reader The Word of the Lord

C **Thanks be to God**

PSALM: Psalm 71:1-6

(Assisting minister reads light print; congregation reads bold.)

¹In you, O LORD, have I taken refuge;
let me never be put to shame.

²**In your righteousness, deliver me and set me free;**
incline your ear to me and save me.

³Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe;
you are my crag and my stronghold.

⁴**Deliver me, my God, from the hand of the wicked,
from the clutches of the evildoer and the oppressor.**

⁵For you are my hope, O Lord GOD,
my confidence since I was young.

**⁶I have been sustained by you ever since I was born;
from my mother's womb you have been my strength;
my praise shall be always of you.**

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 13:1-13

Reader: A reading from 1st Corinthians

¹If I speak in the tongues of mortals and of angels, but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. ²And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. ³If I give away all my possessions, and if I hand over my body so that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing.

⁴Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant ⁵or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; ⁶it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. ⁷It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

⁸Love never ends. But as for prophecies, they will come to an end; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will come to an end. ⁹For we know only in part, and we prophesy only in part; ¹⁰but when the complete comes, the partial will come to an end. ¹¹When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child; when I became an adult, I put an end to childish ways. ¹²For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then we will see face to face. Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known. ¹³And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love.

Reader: The Word of the Lord

C: **Thanks be to God**

Please stand as you are able

THE GOSPEL HYMN

Celtic Alleluia

ELW 174

The musical notation consists of a single melodic line on a treble clef staff. The key signature is F major (one sharp). The melody begins with a quarter note followed by eighth notes. The lyrics are: Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Music: Fintan O'Carroll and Christopher Walker
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P The Holy Gospel according St. Luke, the fourth chapter.
C **Glory to you, O Lord**

GOSPEL: Luke 4:21-30

²¹Then [Jesus] began to say to [all in the synagogue in Nazareth,] "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing." ²²All spoke well of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his mouth. They said, "Is not this Joseph's son?" ²³He said to them, "Doubtless you will quote to me this proverb, 'Doctor, cure yourself!' And you will say, 'Do here also in your hometown the things that we have heard you did at Capernaum.'" ²⁴And he said, "Truly I tell you, no prophet is accepted in the prophet's hometown. ²⁵But the truth is, there were many widows in Israel in the time of Elijah, when the heaven was shut up three years and six months, and there was a severe famine over all the land; ²⁶yet Elijah was sent to none of them except to a widow at Zarephath in Sidon. ²⁷There were also many lepers in Israel in the time of the prophet Elisha, and none of them was cleansed except Naaman the Syrian." ²⁸When they heard this, all in the synagogue were filled with rage. ²⁹They got up, drove him out of the town, and led him to the brow of the hill on which their town was built, so that they might hurl him off the cliff. ³⁰But he passed through the midst of them and went on his way.

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

Please sit

SERMON

Rev. Anna Anderson

Please stand as you are able

HYMN OF THE DAY

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light
(Please see graphic next page)

ELW 815



1 I want to walk as a child of the light.
2 I want to see . . . the brightness of God.
3 I'm look - ing for . . . the coming of Christ.

I want to fol - low Je - sus.
I want to look at Je - sus.
I want to be with Je - sus.

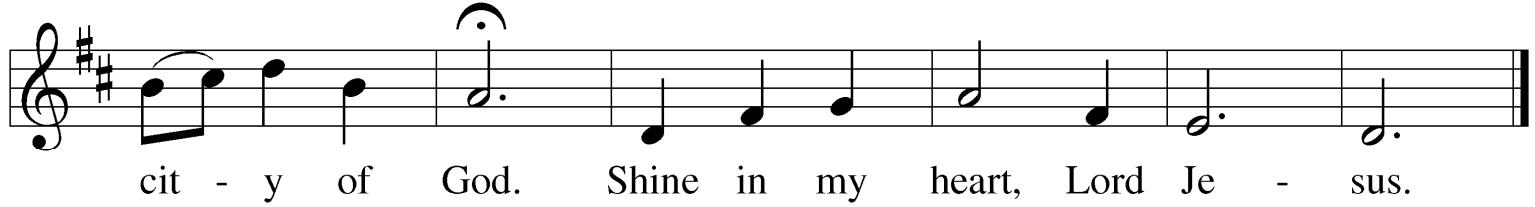
God set the stars to give light to the world.
Clear Sun of righ - teous - ness, shine on my path,
When we have run . . . with pa - tience the race,

The star of my life is Je - sus.
and show me the way to the Fa - ther.
we shall know the joy of Je - sus.

Refrain

In him there is no dark - ness at all. The night and the

day are both a - like. The Lamb is the light of the



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THE PRAYERS

A With the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all God's creation.

A brief silence. After each petition please respond: "Your will be done."

A We pray to the Lord,

C **Your will be done**

P Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

C **Amen**

MEAL

SHARING THE PEACE

A The peace of Christ be with you always.

C **And also with you.**

We greet one another with a gesture of peace.

Please sit

OFFERTORY

The King of Love My Shepherd Is

E. Englert

Please stand as you are able

OFFERTORY PRAYER

- P Let us pray. Blessed are you,
- C **O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: ourselves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. 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.**

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

- P . . . now and forever..
- C **Amen**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

*Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins*

*as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen*

Please sit

DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

(All are welcome to receive. Wine and white grape juice are available by individual cup. If you do not commune, you are welcome to come forward for a blessing. We ask that you please maintain a safe distance as we commune. Hand sanitizer is available at the usher's stand.

*As the ministers give the bread and cup to each communicant, they say these words:
The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you.
The communicant may say: Amen*

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

Please remain seated

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

A Let us pray.
C **O God, we give you thanks that you have set before us this feast, the body and blood of your Son. By your Spirit strengthen us to serve all in need and to give ourselves away as bread for the hungry, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SENDING

BLESSING

P Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.
C **Amen**

DISMISSAL

A Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
C **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

Praise to the Lord the Almighty

J.G. Walther

We give thanks for those assisting with worship today . . .

Pastor	Rev. Anna Anderson
Assisting Minister	Eric Heigis
Communion Assistant	Marianne Hawn
Altar Guild	George & Susan Toth
Organist	Eric Sparks
Videographer	Shane Gainer
Hospitality Team	Wendell Anderson, Shelley Bennett, Gerry Fuller, Eric Heigis and Kevin Letterly

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Love, love, love, sweet love... Jesus' church in Nazareth and St. Paul's church in Corinth thought they had a lot of it, but both churches defined Christian love as being mainly for others like them. And they thought God should share their preferences. And Jesus found out you can't go home again. Nevertheless, God is faithful from our "borning cry" till "we shut our weary eyes." Meanwhile, in this life we seek to "walk as a child of the light" in love, even for our enemies.

Tax Information. The 2021 reports of individual contributions are being completed. If you would like to receive your report electronically instead of a mailed copy, please email Financial Secretary David Falksen at davidfalksen@yahoo.com and include the email address where the report should be sent.



Let's Score for AFAC! Our Souper Bowl season food drive continues through Super Bowl Sunday, February 13. Please help us support our neighbors and the Arlington Food Assistance Center (AFAC) by donating soup and other nonperishable items. **Our Goal: 400 cans!**

Choose the RIGHT TEAM for You. To carry Advent into the future, several teams have been created to generate ideas and to plan for their execution. They are:

1. Defining our Mission;
2. Assessing our Resources;
3. Establishing Goals;
4. Determining Actions to achieve our goals;
5. Planning for Executing those actions.

Please prayerfully consider your response to being invited onto a team or volunteer to serve on one by emailing Shelley Bennett.

Death of a Member. In the sure and certain hope in the resurrection to eternal life, we are saddened to announce that Aarre David Pellinen, Anita Alanko's father, passed away peacefully January 25 in Florida. The family will have a memorial service at the Finnish church in Florida, but arrangements are not complete. Condolences may be sent to Aune Pellinen, 3915 Carolina Dr., Lake Worth, FL 33461. The home phone number is 561-586-3295.

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