

Service of Worship

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost & Retirement of Pastor Anna M. Anderson

July 17, 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 worshipping 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)
Simone Arnold (cousin of Desiree Jessimy and Nesta Alleyne)
Douglas Bennett (brother of Shelley Bennett)
Sandra Bradley (mother of Mark Duncan)
Jacqui Fogg (friend of Advent)
Warren Hageman (member)
Jenny Jones (friend of the Falksens)
Kathryn "Kate" Juhl (member)
Ben Levisky (cousin of Joy Duncan)
Faith Minott (friend of Desiree Jessimy)
Janet Osborne (friend of Ingrid Berdahl)
Ingrid Palmquist (member)

Bill Pederson (father of Anne Curtis)
Patricia Pederson (mother of Anne Curtis)
Rev. Bill Perry (friend of Advent)
Chick Picard (Pastor Anna's brother-in-law)
Hannah Reese (friend of Sam & Anne Curtis)
Yvonne Ross (friend of Nesta Alleyne)
Jeannie Stevens (aunt of Sam Curtis)
Jean Wetzel (mother of Joy Duncan)
Bill Wentz (cousin of Joy Duncan)
Arthur Wichern (brother of Carole Assante)
Becky Wilfinger (friend of Marilyn Falksen)

For those deployed to serve this country:
Kevin Messer (friend of Advent)

GATHERING

PRELUDE

Trumpet Tune

D. German

WELCOME

Please stand as you are able

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Pastor 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

As We Gather at Your Table

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1 As we gath-er at your ta-ble, as we lis-ten to your word,
2 Turn our wor-ship in-to wit-ness in the sac-ra-ment of life;
3 Gra-cious Spir-it, help us sum-mon oth-er guests to share that feast



help us know, O God, your pres-ence; let our hearts and minds be stirred.
 send us forth to love and serve you, bring-ing peace where there is strife.
 where tri - um-phant Love will wel-come those who had been last and least.



Nour-ish us with sa - cred sto - ry till we claim it as our own;
 Give us, Christ, your great com-pas-sion to for - give as you for - gave;
 There no more will en - vy blind us nor will pride our peace de - stroy,



teach us through this ho - ly ban-quet how to make Love's vic - t'ry known.
 may we still be - hold your im - age in the world you died to save.
 as we join with saints and an - gels to re - peat the sound-ing joy.

Text: Carl P. Daw Jr., b. 1944

Music: *Oude en Nieuwe Hollandse Boerenlities en Contradansen*, 1710; arr. Julius Röntgen, 1855–1932

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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
(Please see graphic next page)

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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 Eternal God, you draw near to us in Christ, and you make yourself our guest. Amid the cares of our lives, make us attentive to your presence, that we may treasure your word above all else, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen

Please sit



FIRST READING: Genesis 18:1-10a

Reader: A reading from Genesis

¹The LORD appeared to Abraham by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the entrance of his tent in the heat of the day. ²He looked up and saw three men standing near him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent entrance to meet them, and bowed down to the ground. ³He said, "My lord, if I find favor with you, do not pass by your servant. ⁴Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree. ⁵Let me bring a little bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on—since you have come to your servant." So they said, "Do as you have said." ⁶And Abraham hastened into the tent to Sarah, and said, "Make ready quickly three measures of choice flour, knead it, and make cakes." ⁷Abraham ran to the herd, and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to the servant, who hastened to prepare it. ⁸Then he took curds and milk and the calf that he had prepared, and set it before them; and he stood by them under the tree while they ate.

⁹They said to him, "Where is your wife Sarah?" And he said, "There, in the tent." ^{10a}Then one said, "I will surely return to you in due season, and your wife Sarah shall have a son."

Reader: The Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God

PSALM: Psalm 15

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

¹LORD, who may dwell in your tabernacle?

Who may abide upon your holy hill?

²**Those who lead a blameless life and do what is right,
who speak the truth from their heart;**

³they do not slander with the tongue, they do no evil to their friends;
they do not cast discredit upon a neighbor.

⁴**In their sight the wicked are rejected,
but they honor those who fear the LORD.**

They have sworn upon their health and do not take back their word.

⁵They do not give their money in hope of gain,
nor do they take bribes against the innocent.

Those who do these things shall never be overthrown.

SECOND READING: Colossians 1:15-20

Reader: A reading from Colossians

¹⁵[Christ Jesus] is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; ¹⁶for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or do-

minions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. ¹⁷He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. ¹⁸He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. ¹⁹For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, ²⁰and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

Reader: The Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God

Please stand as you are able

THE GOSPEL VERSE

Celtic Alleluia

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

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

Music: Fintan O'Carroll and Christopher Walker
Music c. 1985 Fintan O'Carroll and Christopher Walker, admin. OCP Publications

P The Holy Gospel according St. Luke, the tenth chapter.

C **Glory to you, O Lord**

GOSPEL: Luke 10:38-42

³⁸Now as [Jesus and his disciples] went on their way, he entered a certain village, where a woman named Martha welcomed him into her home. ³⁹She had a sister named Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to what he was saying. ⁴⁰But Martha was distracted by her many tasks; so she came to him and asked, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her then to help me." ⁴¹But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things; ⁴²there is need of only one thing.

Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her."

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

Be Thou My Vision

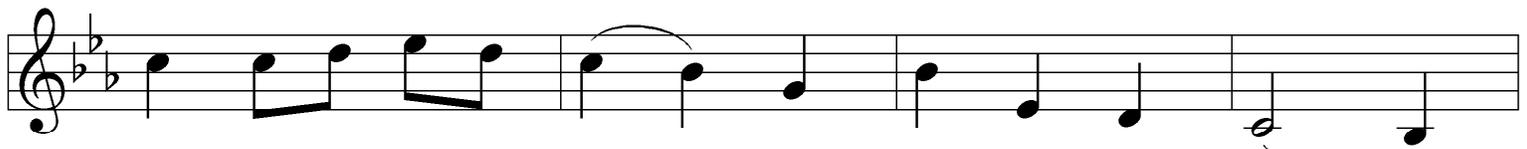
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1 Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;
2 Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true word;
3 Rich - es I heed not, nor vain, emp - ty praise,
4 Light of my soul, af - ter vic - to - ry won,



naught be all else to me, save that thou art:
I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord.
thou mine in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways:
may I reach heav - en's joys, O heav - en's Sun!



thou my best thought both by day and by night,
Thou my soul's shel - ter and thou my high tow'r,
thou, and thou on - ly, the first in my heart,
Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,



wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.
raise thou me heav'n - ward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.
great God of heav - en, my trea - sure thou art.
still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

Text: Irish 8th–10th cent.; tr. Mary E. Byrne, 1880–1931; vers. Eleanor H. Hull, 1860–1935, alt.
Music: SLANE, Irish tune

MEAL

SHARING THE PEACE

P 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

Veni Sancte Spiritus

J. Berthier

(David Day, violin; Gerry Fuller, percussion; Eric Heigis, voice)

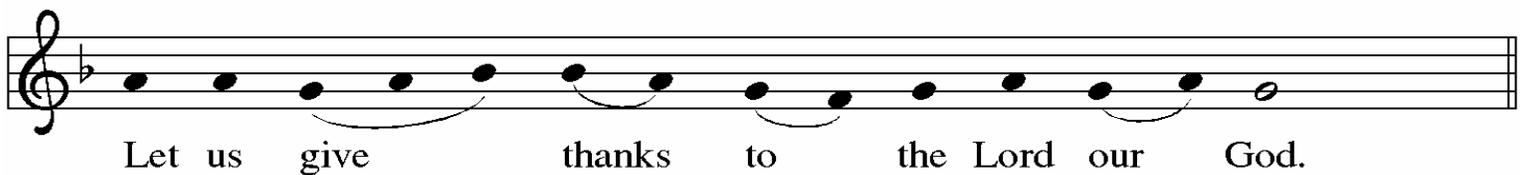
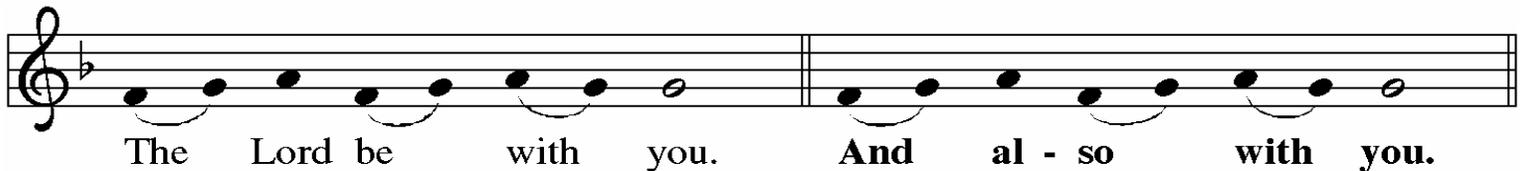
Please stand as your are able

OFFERTORY PRAYER

A 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 It is indeed right ...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,



heav'n 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 -

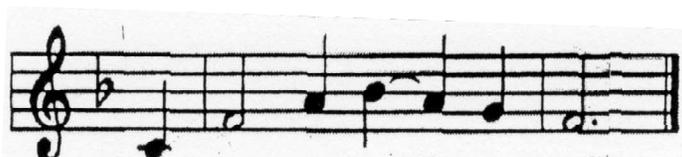


san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

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EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

P . . . now and forever..



A - men, a - men, a - men.



THE LORD'S PRAYER

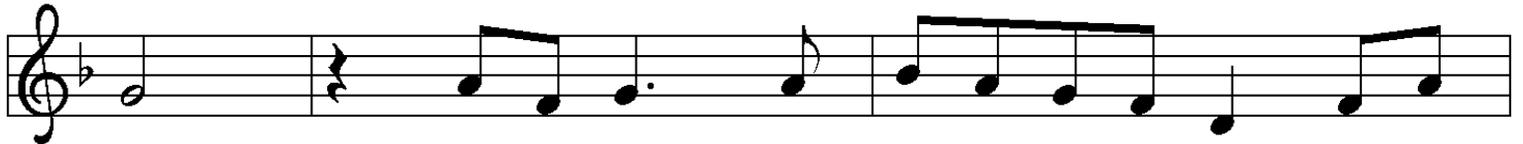
*Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins*

*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



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.

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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**

Please stand as you are able

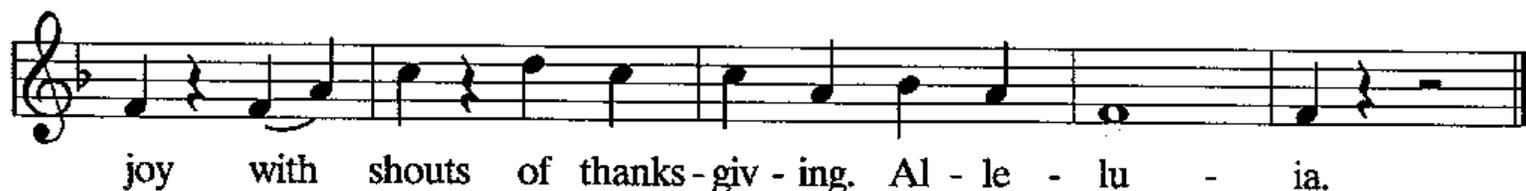
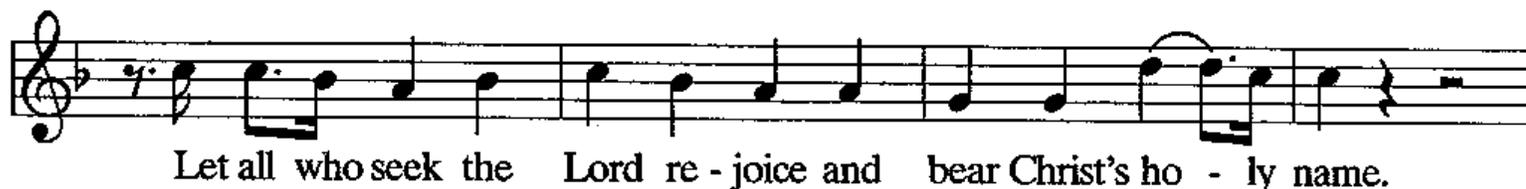
P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C **Amen**

POST COMMUNION CANTICLE

Thankful Hearts and Voice Raise

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Text: John Arthur, 1922–1980, alt., based on Ps. 105

Music: James Capers, b. 1948

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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**

Please sit

SENDING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please stand as you are able

BLESSING

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

C **Amen**

RECESSIONAL HYMN

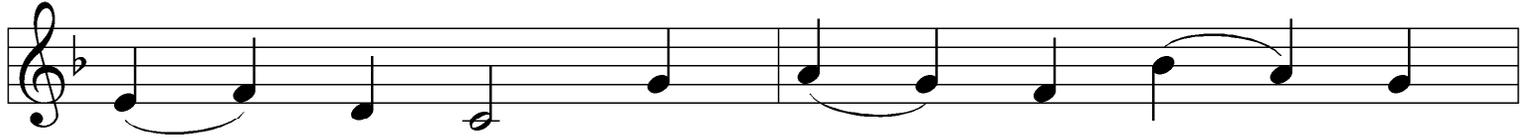
The Spirit Send Us Forth to Serve
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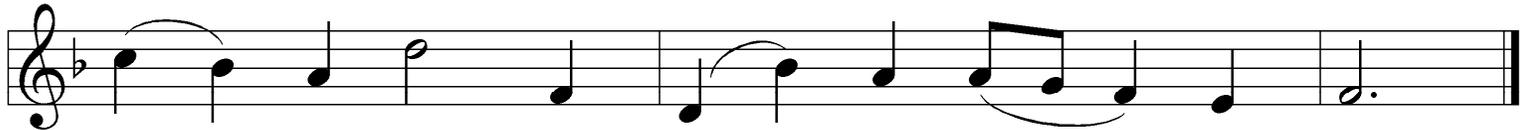




1 The Spir - it sends us forth to serve; we go in
 2 We go to com - fort those who mourn and set the
 3 We go to be the hands of Christ, to scat - ter
 4 Then let us go to serve in peace, the gos - pel



Je - sus' name to bring glad tid - ings
 bur - dened free; where hope is dim, to
 joy like seed and, all our days, to
 to pro - claim. God's Spir - it has em -



to the poor, God's fa - vor to pro - claim.
 share a dream and help the blind to see.
 cher - ish life, to do the lov - ing deed.
 pow - er'd us; we go in Je - sus' name.

Text: Delores Dufner, OSB, b. 1939
 Music: CHESTERFIELD, Thomas Haweis, 1734–1820

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DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE

Sheep May Safely Graze
(David Day, violin; John Matzner, cello; Ingrid Berdahl, piano)

J.S. Bach

ANNOUNCEMENTS

“Entertaining angels (messengers from God) unawares.” That’s what Abraham and Sarah, Mary and Martha did. We acknowledge God’s hospitable invitation to us as we sing “As We Gather at Your Table.” And gathered we hear Jesus’ teaching and invite him to “Be Thou My Vision.” Thus fed, “The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve.”

The Advent Council elected its non council officers as follows: Gerry Fuller - Secretary; Debbie Lewis - Treasurer; and David Falksen - Financial Secretary. We are so grateful for their continued service. Please pray for the whole executive team including President Marianne Hawn and Vice President Eric Heigis. Ministers continuing to serve for 1-year terms are Rensford Lovell - Finance Minister; Jones Day - Property Minister; and Shane Gainer - Technology Minister. Plans are being made for a Saturday morning leadership retreat, possibly in September, so that the new pastor (if approved) can participate.

Summer Cereal Drive. Our annual summer food drive continues through July. The LDS congregation on 23rd Street also plans to make a very large cereal donation to AFAC in honor of Pastor Anna’s friendship and work. You may bring your donations each Sunday or during office hours, Monday - Thursday, 11 am - 3 pm.

Hospitality! On Sunday mornings, YOU are the face of Advent. Engaging newcomers takes all of us. With more people coming, we are asking for intentional commitments to given Sundays for ushering, greeting and fellowship tasks, AND we are reminding all present to approach those you don’t know for conversation. We are all called to help rebuild Community for the sake of Advent’s mission.

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

Pastor	Rev. Anna Anderson
Assisting Minister	David Day
Communion Assistant	David Falksen
Altar Guild	Esther Day
Usher	Rensford Lovell
Greeter	Ismay Lovell
Organist	Eric Sparks
Videographer	Shane Gainer
Social Hour Host	NA - Retirement Luncheon

Learn more about us at www.adventlc.us or facebook.com/adventarlington.

The office is open Tuesday - Thursday from 11 am - 3 pm. You may email the office at adventlc@hotmail.com or call 703-521-7010. Pastor Anna may be contacted at pastor_anna2222@hotmail.com.



Godspeed, Pastor Anna!



In June 2005, Rev Anna Anderson accepted a call as Advent's eighth called pastor in 54 years. Today, we celebrate and thank Pastor Anna for 17 years of dedicated service and unconditional love for all God's children in this place. During Pastor Anna's tenure, together we have adopted vision and mission statements, dedicated a labyrinth, a



new building, and a new organ, served our neighbors near and far with meals, groceries, household goods, pet blessings, Vacation Bible School and a safe space to gather. We wish Pastor Anna and Wendell Godspeed, peace and boundless love as they bid us farewell. They will be a blessing wherever they worship and serve in the future.