

Service of Worship

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

August 14, 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



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 (member)
Pat Futato (friend of Wendell Anderson)
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)
Rev. Bill Perry (friend of Advent)
Chick Picard (Pastor Anna's brother-in-law)
Yvonne Ross (friend of Nesta Alleyne)
Jean Wetzel (mother of Joy Duncan)
Bill Wentz (cousin of Joy Duncan)
Becky Wilfinger (friend of Marilyn Falksen)

For clear discernment as we vote on the call of a new pastor

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

GATHERING

PRELUDE

How Firm a Foundation

D. Wood

WELCOME

Please stand as your 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 for gives 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

All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly

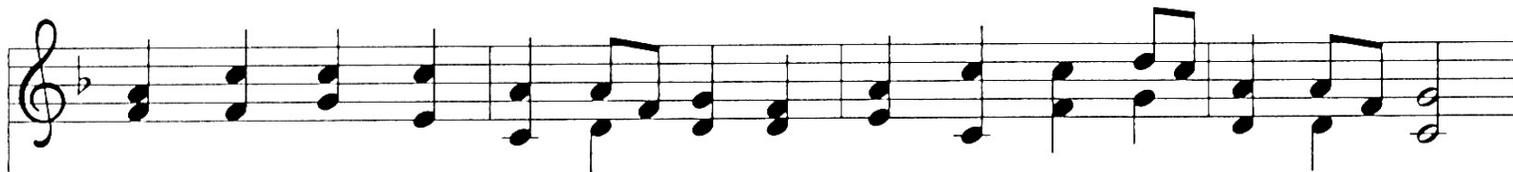
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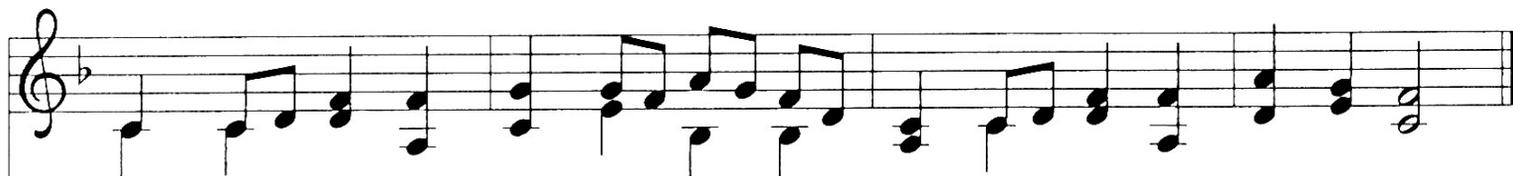
1 All who hun-ger, gath-er glad - ly; ho - ly man - na is our bread.
2 All who hun-ger, nev - er strang-ers; seek-er, be a wel-come guest.
3 All who hun-ger, sing to - geth - er, Je - sus Christ is liv - ing bread.



Come from wil-der-ness and wan-d'ring. Here in truth we will be fed.
 Come from rest-less-ness and roam-ing. Here in joy we keep the feast.
 Come from lone-li-ness and long-ing. Here in peace we have been fed.



You that yearn for days of full-ness, all a-round us is our food.
 We that once were lost and scat-tered in com-mu-nion's love have stood.
 Blest are those who from this ta-ble live their days in grat-i-tude.



Taste and see the grace e-ter-nal. Taste and see that God is good.
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Text: Sylvia G. Dunstan, 1955–1993
 Music: W. Moore, *Columbian Harmony*, 1825; arr. hymnal version
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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.**

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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 O God, judge eternal, you love justice and hate oppression, and you call us to share your zeal for truth. Give us courage to take our stand with all victims of bloodshed and greed, and, following your servants and prophets, to look to the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen

Please sit

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 23:23-29

Reader: A reading from Jeremiah

²³Am I a God near by, says the LORD, and not a God far off? ²⁴Who can hide in secret places so that I cannot see them? says the LORD. Do I not fill heaven and earth? says the LORD. ²⁵I have heard what the prophets have said who prophesy lies in my name, saying, "I have dreamed, I have dreamed!" ²⁶How long? Will the hearts of the prophets ever turn back—those who prophesy lies, and who prophesy the deceit of their own heart? ²⁷They plan to make my people forget my name by their dreams that they tell one another, just as their ancestors forgot my name for Baal. ²⁸Let the prophet who has a dream tell the dream, but let the one who has my word speak my word faithfully. What has straw in common with wheat? says the LORD. ²⁹Is not my word like fire, says the LORD, and like a hammer that breaks a rock in pieces?

Reader: The Word of the Lord

C: **Thanks be to God**

PSALM: Psalm 82

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

¹God stands to charge the divine council assembled,
giving judgment in the midst of the gods:

²**"How long will you judge unjustly,
and show favor to the wicked?"**

³Save the weak and the orphan;
defend the humble and needy;

⁴**rescue the weak and the poor;
deliver them from the power of the wicked.**

⁵They do not know, neither do they understand;
they wander about in darkness;
all the foundations of the earth are shaken.

⁶**Now I say to you, 'You are gods,
and all of you children of the Most High;**

⁷nevertheless, you shall die like mortals,
and fall like any prince."

⁸**Arise, O God, and rule the earth,
for you shall take all nations for your own.**

SECOND READING: Hebrews 11:29—12:2

Reader: A reading from Hebrews

²⁹By faith the people passed through the Red Sea as if it were dry land, but when the Egyptians attempted to do so they were drowned. ³⁰By faith the walls of Jericho fell after they had been encircled

for seven days. ³¹By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had received the spies in peace.

³²And what more should I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets—³³who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions, ³⁴quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. ³⁵Women received their dead by resurrection. Others were tortured, refusing to accept release, in order to obtain a better resurrection. ³⁶Others suffered mocking and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. ³⁷They were stoned to death, they were sawn in two, they were killed by the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, persecuted, tormented—³⁸of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, and in caves and holes in the ground.

³⁹Yet all these, though they were commended for their faith, did not receive what was promised, ⁴⁰since God had provided something better so that they would not, apart from us, be made perfect.

^{12:1}Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, ²looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

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 twelfth chapter.

C **Glory to you, O Lord**

GOSPEL: Luke 12:49-56

[Jesus said:]⁴⁹"I came to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled! ⁵⁰I have a baptism with which to be baptized, and what stress I am under until it is completed! ⁵¹Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division! ⁵²From now on five in one household will be divided, three against two and two against three; ⁵³they will be divided:

father against son
and son against father,
mother against daughter
and daughter against mother,
mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law
and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law."

⁵⁴He also said to the crowds, "When you see a cloud rising in the west, you immediately say, 'It is going to rain'; and so it happens. ⁵⁵And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, 'There will be scorching heat'; and it happens. ⁵⁶You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?"

P The Gospel of the Lord

C **Praise to you, O Christ**

Please sit

SERMON

Alex Stall, M. Div.

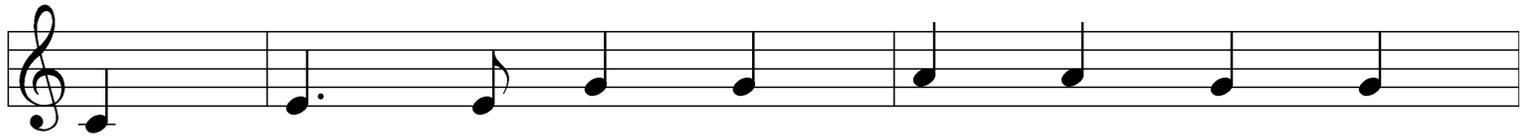
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HYMN OF THE DAY

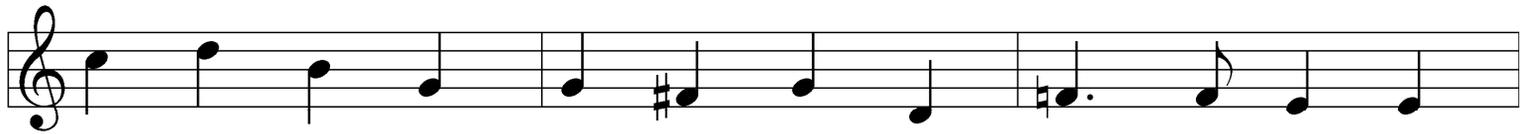
My Hope is Built on Nothing Less
(Please see graphic next page)

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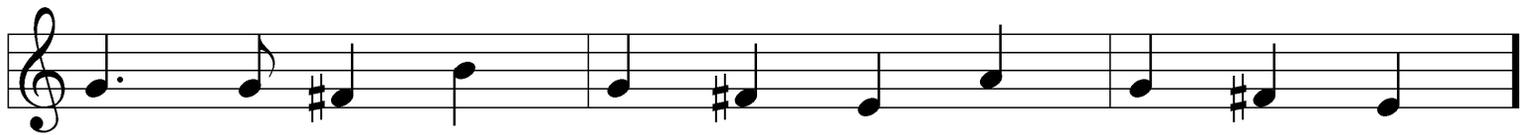




1 My hope is built on nothing less than
 2 When darkness veils his lovely face, I
 3 His oath, his covenant, his blood sus -
 4 When he shall come with trumpet sound, oh,



Je - sus' blood and right - teous - ness; no merit of my
 rest on his un - chang - ing grace; in ev - 'ry high and
 tain me in the rag - ing flood; when all sup - ports are
 may I then in him be found, clothed in his right - teous -



own I claim, but whol - ly lean on Je - sus' name.
 storm - y gale my an - chor holds with - in the veil.
 washed a - way, he then is all my hope and stay.
 ness a - lone, re - deemed to stand be - fore the throne!

Refrain



On Christ, the sol - id rock, I stand; all oth - er ground is sink - ing sand.

Text: Edward Mote, 1797–1874, alt.
 Music: MELITA, John B. Dykes, 1823–1876

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
 creator of heaven and earth.
 I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
 who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
 born of the virgin Mary,
 suffered under Pontius Pilate,

was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come 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.

THE PRAYERS (*sung response*)

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 on earth, O Lord.

The image shows a musical staff in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is: G4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), B4 (quarter), C5 (quarter), B4-A4 (beamed eighth notes), G4 (quarter), F#4 (quarter), E4 (quarter), D4 (quarter), C4 (quarter). The lyrics are written below the staff.

Text: South African, based on the Lord's Prayer
Music: South African traditional, as taught by Gobingca George Mxadana; transc. John L. Bell, b. 1949

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- A We pray to the Lord,
- C *sung response*
- 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

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

Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word

K. Sadowski

Please stand as your 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.**

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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. EUCHARISTIC 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*

Please sit

*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*

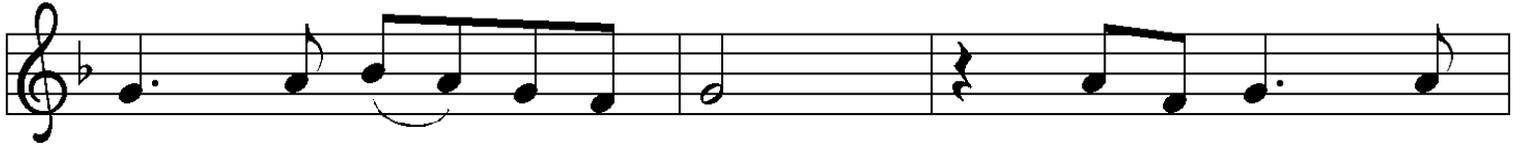




Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on



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
(Please see graphic next page)

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Thank-ful hearts and voic-es raise; tell ev-'ry-one what God has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re-joice and bear Christ's ho-ly name.



Send us with your prom-is-es, O God, and lead us forth in



joy with shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al-le-lu-ia.

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

Music: James Capers, b. 1948

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POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

P 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 your are able

BLESSING

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

C Amen

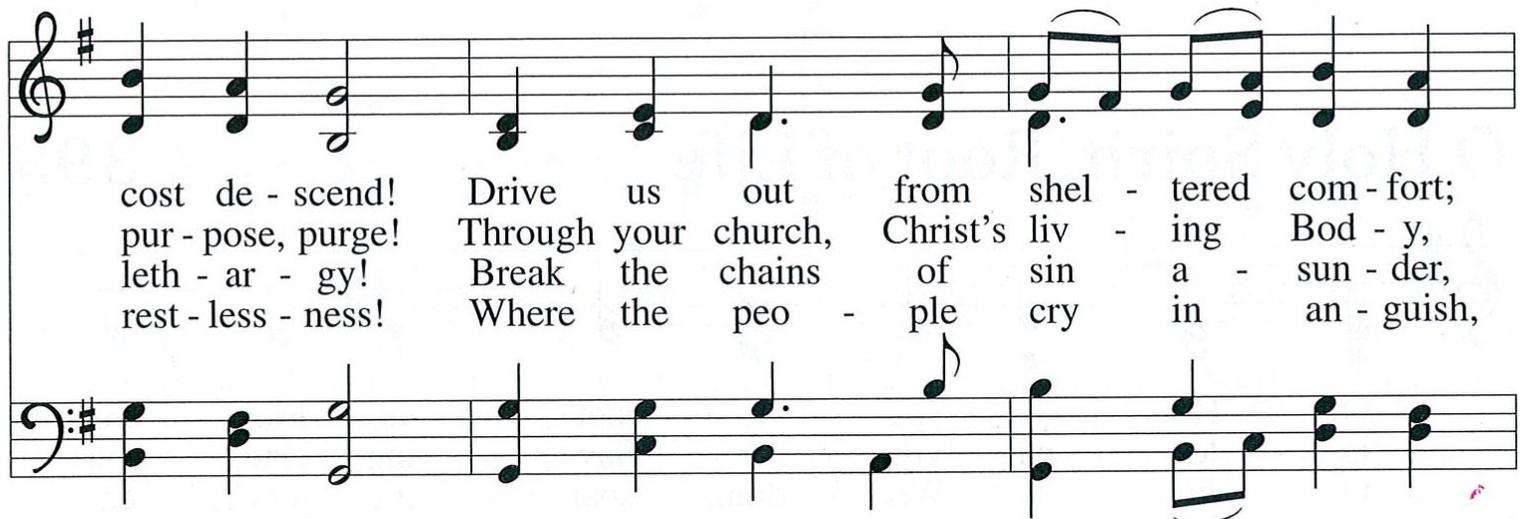
RECESSIONAL HYMN

God of Tempest, God of Whirlwind

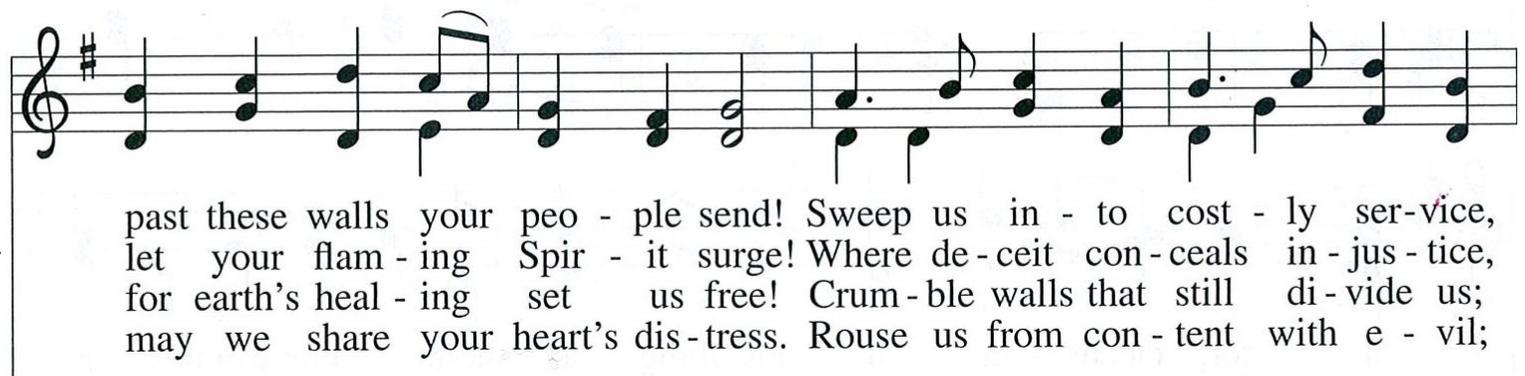
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1 God of tem - pest, God of whirl-wind, as on Pen - te -
2 God of blaz - ing, God of burn - ing, all that blocks your
3 God of earth - quake, God of thun - der, shake us loose from
4 God of pas - sion, God un - sleep - ing, stir in us love's



cost de - scend! Drive us out from shel - tered com - fort;
pur - pose, purge! Through your church, Christ's liv - ing Bod - y,
leth - ar - gy! Break the chains of sin a - sun - der,
rest - less - ness! Where the peo - ple cry in an - guish,



past these walls your peo - ple send! Sweep us in - to cost - ly ser - vice,
let your flam - ing Spir - it surge! Where de - ceit con - ceals in - jus - tice,
for earth's heal - ing set us free! Crum - ble walls that still di - vide us;
may we share your heart's dis - tress. Rouse us from con - tent with e - vil;

there with Christ to bear the cross, there with Christ to bear the cross!
 kin - dle us to speak your truth, kin - dle us to speak your truth!
 make us one in Christ our Lord, make us one in Christ our Lord!
 claim us for your king-dom's work, claim us for your king-dom's work!

Text: Herman G. Stuempfle Jr., b. 1923
 Music: John Hughes, 1873–1932
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DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE

Let the Whole Creation Cry

B. Bisbee

We give thanks for those assisting with worship . . .

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|--------------------|---|
| Presider | Rev. Leila Ortiz, Bishop, Metro Washington DC Synod |
| Preacher | Alex Stall, M. Div. |
| Assisting Minister | Eric Heigis |
| Altar Guild | Esther Day |
| Usher | Esther Day |
| Greeter | Ingrid Berdahl |
| Organist | Rhonda Rose |
| Videographer | Marianne Hawn |
| Social Hour Host | Advent Call Committee |

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please welcome the Rev. Leila Ortiz, Bishop of the Washington DC Metro Synod, who will be leading our service. Before becoming our bishop, she served as a representative to the Lutheran World Federation and was a participant in the Global Ecumenical Institute. She will represent the Synod for our Call Vote at today's congregational meeting.

We welcome to our pulpit Alexander P. Stall, Jr., Advent's pastoral call candidate. A graduate (M.Div.) of United Lutheran Seminary, Alex most recently served as Interim Pastor at Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Fairfax. Before responding to the call to full time ministry, Alex spent 33 years in software engineering, project management, and performance improvement. Most recently, he was owner and principal consultant for RiseUp! Performance Improvement, LLC.

SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Following today's worship service the congregation will meet to vote whether to call Alexander P. Stall, Jr., as Advent's pastor and, if the call is approved, to confirm a compensation package. Members unable to attend may join and vote via Zoom.

Office Closed. The office reopens Wednesday, August 17. Please reach out to Marianne Hawn or Gerry Fuller if a need arises before then.

The Advent Book Club will meet via Zoom at 3 pm Saturday, August 20, to discuss *The Code Breaker: Jennifer Doudna, Gene Editing, and the Future of the Human Race* by Walter Isaacson. It's the story of a young woman's passion to understand how nature works and how that curiosity led her and collaborators to develop CRISPR, a tool that allows scientist to edit DNA, opening a brave new world of medical miracles. The book also discusses the race to develop COVID-19. For more information and to get on the email list, please contact the Church office. All are welcome!

Some Important Sunday Morning Positions are Open

Would you please consider volunteering to serve as an Usher, Greeter, Videographer, or Social Hour Host? Here is help we really do need. Talk to Worship Coordinator Gerry Fuller or President Marianne Hawn for more information.



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