

# Service of Worship

## Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 26, 2021



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)  
*Ben Levisky and Bill Wentz* (cousins of Joy Duncan)  
*Lawrence Blackmore* (friend of the Lovells)  
*Sonja Blair* (cousin of Desiree Jessimy)  
*Sandra Bradley* (mother of Mark Duncan)  
*Warren Hageman* (member)  
*Ray Hawn* (member)  
*Jenny Jones* (friend of the Falksens)  
*Kathryn "Kate" Juhl* (member)  
*Mimi McNeel* (friend of Ellie Holsopple)  
*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

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### PRELUDE

### WELCOME

### 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.

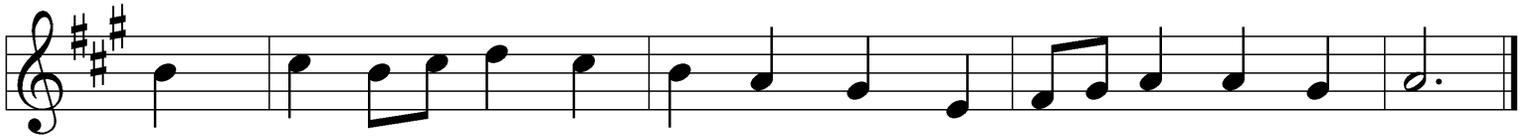
*Silence for reflection and self-examination.*

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**



1 Rise up, O saints of God! From vain am - bi - tions turn;  
 3 Rise up, O saints of God! His king - dom's task em - brace;  
 5 Com - mit your hearts to seek the paths which Christ has trod



Christ rose tri - um - phant that your hearts with no - bler zeal might burn.  
 re - dress sin's cru - el con - se - quence; give jus - tice larg - er place.  
 and quick - ened by the Spir - it's pow'r, rise up, O saints of God!

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 Music: FESTAL SONG, William H. Walter, 1825–1893

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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)*





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** Generous God, your Son gave his life that we might come to peace with you. Give us a share of your Spirit, and in all we do empower us to bear the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C** Amen



## FIRST READING: Numbers 11:4-6, 10-16, 24-25

Reader: A reading from Numbers

<sup>4</sup>The rabble among them had a strong craving; and the Israelites also wept again, and said, "If only we had meat to eat! <sup>5</sup>We remember the fish we used to eat in Egypt for nothing, the cucumbers, the melons, the leeks, the onions, and the garlic; <sup>6</sup>but now our strength is dried up, and there is nothing at all but this manna to look at."

<sup>10</sup>Moses heard the people weeping throughout their families, all at the entrances of their tents. Then the LORD became very angry, and Moses was displeased. <sup>11</sup>So Moses said to the LORD, "Why have you treated your servant so badly? Why have I not found favor in your sight, that you lay the burden of all this people on me? <sup>12</sup>Did I conceive all this people? Did I give birth to them, that you should say to me, 'Carry them in your bosom, as a nurse carries a sucking child,' to the land that you promised on oath to their ancestors? <sup>13</sup>Where am I to get meat to give to all this people? For they come weeping to me and say, 'Give us meat to eat!' <sup>14</sup>I am not able to carry all this people alone, for they are too heavy for me. <sup>15</sup>If this is the way you are going to treat me, put me to death at once—if I have found favor in your sight—and do not let me see my misery."

<sup>16</sup>So the LORD said to Moses, "Gather for me seventy of the elders of Israel, whom you know to be the elders of the people and officers over them; bring them to the tent of meeting, and have them take their place there with you. <sup>24</sup>So Moses went out and told the people the words of the LORD; and he gathered seventy elders of the people, and placed them all around the tent. <sup>25</sup>Then the LORD came down in the cloud and spoke to him, and took some of the spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders; and when the spirit rested upon them, they prophesied. But they did not do so again.

Reader: The Word of the Lord

**C Thanks be to God**

## PSALM: Psalm 19:7-14

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

<sup>7</sup>The teaching of the LORD is perfect and revives the soul;  
the testimony of the LORD is sure and gives wisdom to the simple.

<sup>8</sup>**The statutes of the LORD are just and rejoice the heart;  
the commandment of the LORD is clear  
and gives light to the eyes.**

<sup>9</sup>The fear of the LORD is clean and endures forever;  
the judgments of the LORD are true and righteous altogether.

<sup>10</sup>**More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine gold,  
sweeter far than honey, than honey in the comb.**

<sup>11</sup>By them also is your servant enlightened,  
and in keeping them there is great reward.

<sup>12</sup>**Who can detect one's own offenses?  
Cleanse me from my secret faults.**

<sup>13</sup>Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins;  
let them not get dominion over me;  
then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of a great offense.

<sup>14</sup>**Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart  
be acceptable in your sight,  
O LORD, my strength and my redeemer.**

## SECOND READING: Numbers 26-29

Reader: A reading from Numbers

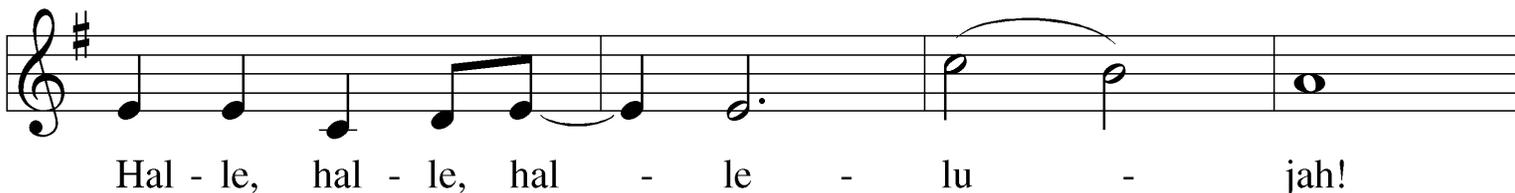
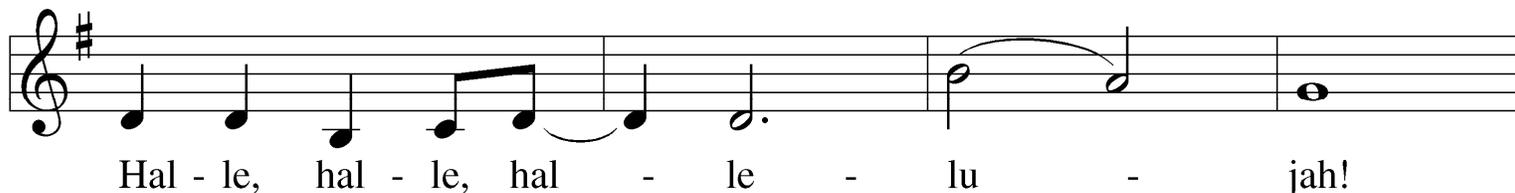
<sup>26</sup>Two men remained in the camp, one named Eldad, and the other named Medad, and the spirit rested on them; they were among those registered, but they had not gone out to the tent, and so they prophesied in the camp. <sup>27</sup>And a young man ran and told Moses, "Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp." <sup>28</sup>And Joshua son of Nun, the assistant of Moses, one of his chosen men, said, "My lord Moses, stop them!" <sup>29</sup>But Moses said to him, "Are you jealous for my sake? Would that all the LORD's people were prophets, and that the LORD would put his spirit on them!"

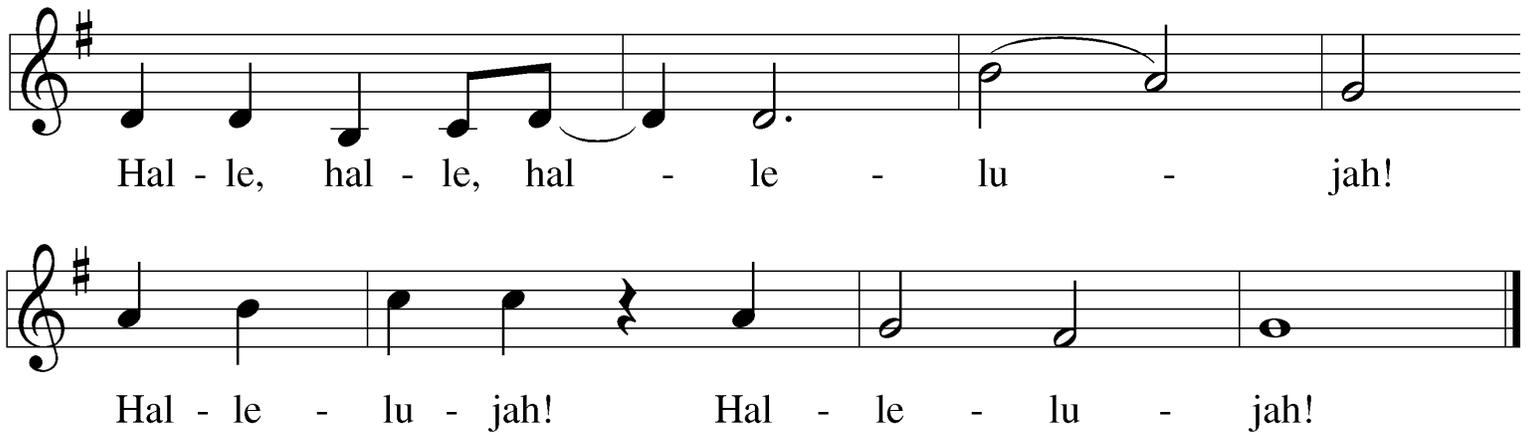
Reader: The Word of the Lord  
C **Thanks be to God**

## THE GOSPEL HYMN

## Halle, Halle, Hallelujah

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Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah!

Hal - le - lu - jah! Hal - le - lu - jah!

Text: Caribbean traditional  
 Music: HALLE, HALLE, Caribbean traditional

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark the ninth chapter.  
 C **Glory to you, O Lord**

**GOSPEL: Mark 9:38-50**

<sup>38</sup>John said to [Jesus,] "Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he was not following us." <sup>39</sup>But Jesus said, "Do not stop him; for no one who does a deed of power in my name will be able soon afterward to speak evil of me. <sup>40</sup>Whoever is not against us is for us. <sup>41</sup>For truly I tell you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you bear the name of Christ will by no means lose the reward.

<sup>42</sup>If any of you put a stumbling block before one of these little ones who believe in me, it would be better for you if a great millstone were hung around your neck and you were thrown into the sea. <sup>43</sup>If your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life maimed than to have two hands and to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire. <sup>45</sup>And if your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life lame than to have two feet and to be thrown into hell. <sup>47</sup>And if your eye causes you to stumble, tear it out; it is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and to be thrown into hell, <sup>48</sup>where their worm never dies, and the fire is never quenched.

<sup>49</sup>"For everyone will be salted with fire. <sup>50</sup>Salt is good; but if salt has lost its saltiness, how can you season it? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another."

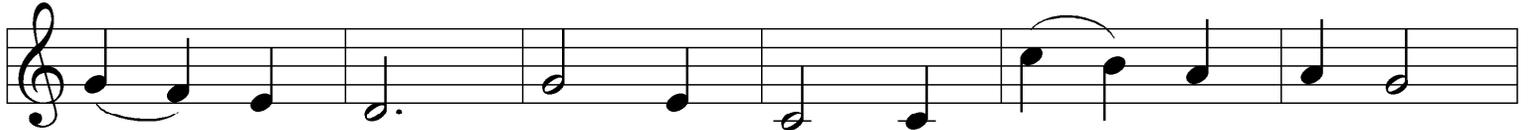
P The Gospel of the Lord  
 C **Praise to you, O Christ**

**SERMON**

**Rev. Scott Ickert**



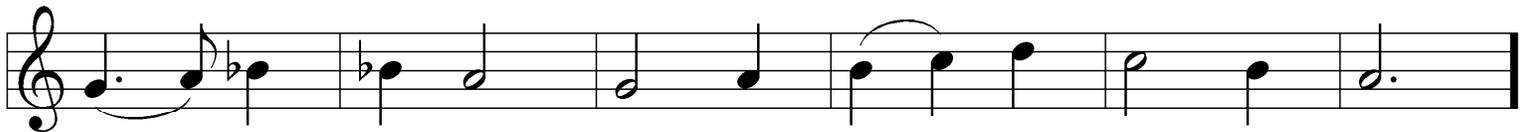
1 Lord, you give the great com - mis - sion: "Heal the sick and  
 2 Lord, you call us to your ser - vice: "In my name bap -



preach the Word." Lest the church ne - glect its mis - sion,  
 tize and teach." That the world may trust your prom - ise,



and the gos - pel go un - heard, help us wit - ness  
 life a - bun - dant meant for each, give us all new



to your pur - pose with re - newed in - teg - ri - ty.  
 fer - vor, draw us clos - er in com - mu - ni - ty.

*Refrain*



With the Spir - it's gifts em - pow'r us for the work of min - is - try.

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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**

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## MEAL

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## 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.*

## OFFERING

*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: our selves, 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*

## BLESSING FOR OUR INTERNET CONGREGATION

P If you are staying for Communion, please follow the instructions of the ushers. If you are leaving worship now, receive the blessing: May the Lord bless you and keep you, may God's face shine upon you and grant you peace.

C **Amen**

## DISMISSAL FOR 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. You are invited to use hand sanitizer at any time. It is available as you enter the labyrinth and as you leave the Table.)*

*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***

## TRANSITIONAL MUSIC



SENDING

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**BLESSING**

A 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.

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

Guest Pastor	Rev. Scott Ickert
Assisting Minister	Gerry Fuller
Communion Assistant	Ingrid Berdahl
Altar Guild	Joy Duncan
Organist	Heidi Bessette
Videographer	Shane Gainer
Hospitality Team	Wendell Anderson, Shelley Bennett, Gerry Fuller, Eric Heigis, Christin Chung Kjelland and Kevin Letterly

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

*What does inclusive leadership look like in God's kingdom? We call to each other singing "Rise up, O Saints of God" and of our reliance on the Spirit's leading as we sing "Lord, you give the great commission ... with the Spirit's gifts empower us."*

Please welcome the Rev. Scott Ickert, our guest pastor while Pastor Anna is recovering. Rev. Ickert retired as pastor of Resurrection Lutheran Church in Arlington.

**THANK YOU** to those Advent folk who helped with the collection for our Afghan allies through Lutheran Social Services.



### Coffee with the Prez

Sunday morning, October 3

Grab a cup of coffee at 9 and join the informal discussion at 9:15 in the Fellowship Hall. Topics will include income and membership growth, theology student/intern, personnel review of all salaried personnel, property maintenance and management, and more. Contact President Shelley Bennett for more information.

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