

Service of Worship

First Sunday of Advent

November 28, 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)
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

All Earth is Hopeful

D. Cherwien

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**

GATHERING HYMN

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

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1 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som cap - tive
4 O come, O Branch of Jes - se, free your own from Sa - tan's

Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile here
tyr - an - ny; from depths of hell your peo - ple save,

Refrain
un - til the Son of God ap - pear. Re-joyce! Re-joyce!
and give them vic - t'ry o'er the grave.

Em - man - u - el shall come to you, O Is - ra - el.

5 O come, O Key of David, come,
and open wide our heav'nly home;
make save the way that leads on high,
and close the path to misery

Refrain

Text: *Psalteriolum Cantionum Catholicarum*, Köln, 1710; tr. Composite
Music: French processional, 15th cent.
Text sts. 2, 6, 7 © 1977 Augsburg Fortress

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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KYRIE

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Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy.



Lord, have mer - cy; have mer - cy, O Lord.

Music: *Mass No. 1*, Avon Gillespie
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PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. By your merciful protection awaken us to the threatening dangers of our sins, and keep us blameless until the coming of your new day, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen

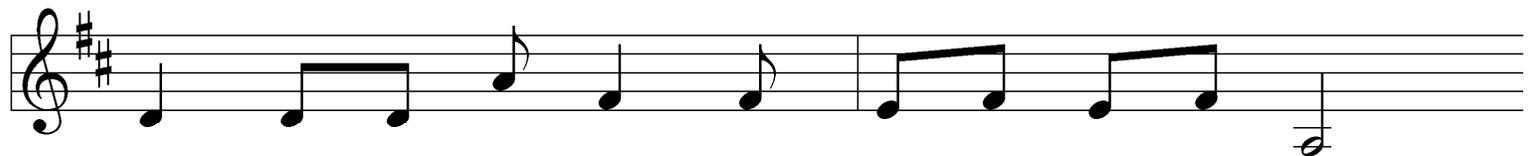
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BLESSING

LIGHTING OF ADVENT WREATH

All Earth is Hopeful

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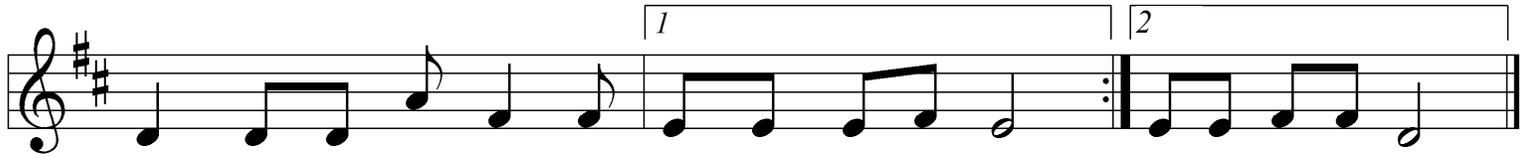
1 All earth is hope - ful, the Sav - ior comes at last!
2 Peo - ple of Is - rael, you heard the proph - et tell:



Fur - rows lie o - pen for God's cre - a - tive task: this, the
"A vir - gin moth - er will bear Em - man - u - el"; she con -



la - bor of peo - ple who strug - gle to see how
 ceived him, "God with us," our broth - er, whose birth re -



God's truth and jus - tice set ev - 'ry - bod - y free.
 stores hope and cour-age to chil-dren of this earth.

Text: Alberto Taulé, b. 1932; tr. Madeleine Forell Marshall, b. 1946
 Music: TODA LA TIERRA, Alberto Taulé, b. 1932

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FIRST READING: Jeremiah 33:14-16

Reader: A reading from Jeremiah

¹⁴The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. ¹⁵In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. ¹⁶In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: "The LORD is our righteousness."

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

PSALM: Psalm 25:1-10

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

¹To you, O LORD,
 I lift up my soul.
²**My God, I put my trust in you; let me not be put to shame,
 nor let my enemies triumph over me.**
³Let none who look to you be put to shame;
 rather let those be put to shame who are treacherous.
⁴**Show me your ways, O LORD,
 and teach me your paths.**

- ⁵Lead me in your truth and teach me,
for you are the God of my salvation;
in you have I trusted all the day long.
- ⁶**Remember, O LORD, your compassion and love,
for they are from everlasting.**
- ⁷Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions;
remember me according to your steadfast love
and for the sake of your goodness, O LORD.
- ⁸**You are gracious and upright, O LORD;
therefore you teach sinners in your way.**
- ⁹You lead the lowly in justice
and teach the lowly your way.
- ¹⁰**All your paths, O LORD, are steadfast love and faithfulness
to those who keep your covenant and your testimonies.**

SECOND READING: 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

Reader: A reading from 1st Thessalonians

⁹How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? ¹⁰Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith.

¹¹Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. ¹²And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. ¹³And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

Reader: The Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God

Please stand as you are able

THE GOSPEL VERSE

Christ Be Our Light

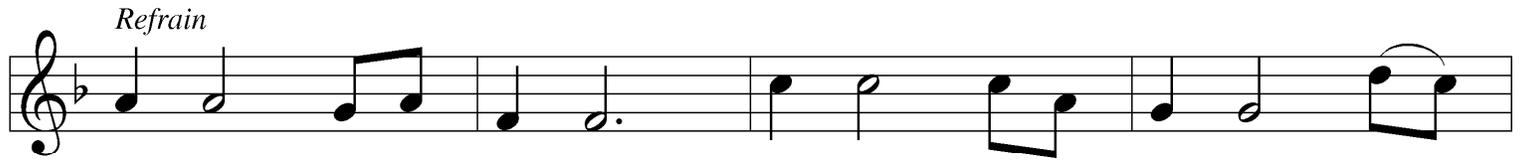
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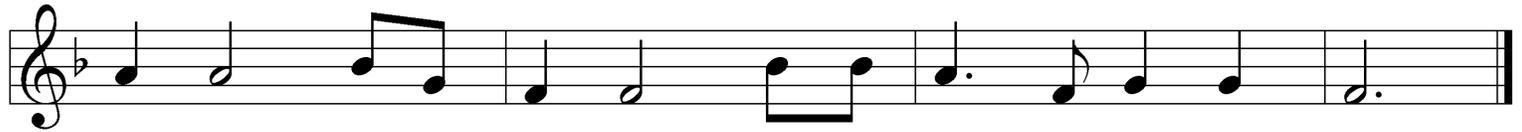
Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the



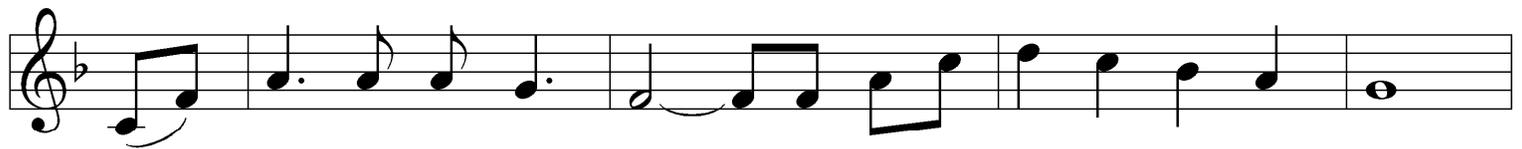
dark - ness. Christ, be our light! Shine in your



My Lord, what a morn-ing; my Lord, what a morn-ing; oh,



my Lord, what a morn-ing, when the stars be-gin to fall.



1 You will hear the trum-pet sound,
 2 You will hear the sin-ner cry, to wake the na-tions un-der-ground,
 3 You will hear the Chris-tian shout,



look-ing to my God's right hand, when the stars be-gin to fall.

Refrain

Text: African American spiritual
 Music: BURLEIGH, African American spiritual

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

He Came Down

D. Lasky

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*

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 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

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

Awake, Awake and Greet the New Morn

M. Haugen

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

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

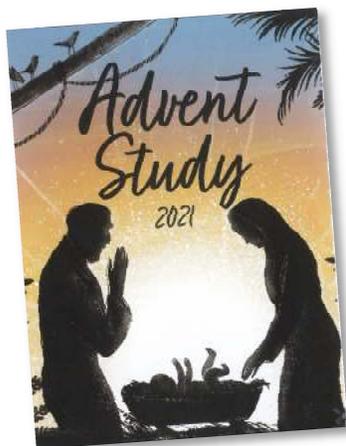
ANNOUNCEMENTS



Deck the Welcome Center! Stay after worship and help decorate the Christmas tree and start decorating for the anniversary celebration. Pizza and drinks will be provided.

Order Your Christmas Flowers! Order forms are available in the Welcome Center and online. The cost is a \$20 donation. When ordering, please include your dedication for the Christmas Eve bulletin and notate Christmas flowers on your check. Orders and checks may be placed in the offering plate or mailed to the church. Email Esther Day or the office for more information. Please note the deadline to order is December 12.

Gifts of Hope. Our Synod's alternative gift-giving program, Gifts of Hope, is the perfect way to remember a friend or relative at Christmas. By donating to a vetted beneficiary organization in your friend or relative's name, you can transform the lives of others in need while honoring your friend or relative. Visit GiftsOfHopeDC.org or read the article in the weekly Advent email to learn more.



Advent Devotions. An Advent Calendar and Study guide are available in the Welcome Center for you to pick up on Sundays.

You're invited to . . .

A Day of Celebrations

commemorating our

70th

ANNIVERSARY

Sunday, December 05, 2021

Please plan to join us as we celebrate seven decades as a church. The day will start with a coffee meet and greet before worship, a labyrinth walk, and conclude with a lunch buffet.

Advent's Work Recognized by Arlington County. Congratulations People of Advent! Advent will receive the James B. Hunter Award from Arlington County that recognizes individuals and organizations for their work in inclusion and human rights. The awards ceremony is virtual on December 9 from 7-9 pm. Learn more at www.arlingtonva.us/About-Arlington/News/Articles/2021/Arlington-Names-2021-James-B.-Hunter-Human-Rights-Winners.

As more people feel comfortable at indoor worship, we invite you to consider helping with worship. If you would like to try out serving as a Communion Assistant, Assisting Minister, or on the Altar set-up team or the hospitality team,



please email Pastor Anna.

Musicians! If you would be willing, we would welcome instrumental or choral offerings during the Advent and Christmas services. Please email your availability to Pastor Anna.

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Learn more about us at www.adventlc.us or facebook.com/adventarlington. The office is open Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 11 am - 3 pm. You may email us at adventlc@hotmail.com or call us at 703-521-7010. Email Pastor Anna Anderson directly at pastor_anna2222@hotmail.com.