

Advent

Lutheran Church



Advent is a congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in American (ELCA) and part of the Greater Milwaukee Synod.

We are a **Reconciling in Christ (RIC)** church, which means we welcome all people, regardless of age, race, sexual orientation or gender identity.

Welcome to Advent Lutheran Church.
*"Serving ALL humanity to build
a community that emulates Christ"*

RECONCILING in CHRIST



Plainly said

"ALL ARE WELCOME"

March 3, 2021

Midweek Lenten Worship



OPENING LENTEN LITANY

P: Gracious Creator, you fashioned us in your image in the midst of a world beyond our knowledge and understanding. You weave us together in community with all created things, and deepen our awareness of the ways you connect us to the earth.

C: Jesus, we follow the Way of the Cross towards Love.

P: Neighbor to all people, you call us into human communities to serve and be served by one another. You open our hearts to the needs of all our neighbors, and teach us to recognize the gifts you have given each of us to use in service to others.

C: Jesus, we follow the Way of the Cross towards Love.

P: Mender of division, you sent Christ to heal the world and to gather those on the margins. You bring healing power and grace to us, so that we extend healing and grace to those separated from their communities and longing for a tangible sign of your love.

C: Jesus, we follow the Way of the Cross towards Love.

P: Each step along the way, as we near the cross, we have opportunities to put love in action, to forgive, to make peace, to serve.

C: Amen, Lord Jesus.

- 1 **Now it is evening: lights of the city
bid us remember Christ is our light.
Many are lonely, who will be neighbor?
Where there is caring, Christ is our light.**
- 2 **Now it is evening: food on the table
bids us remember Christ is our life.
Many are hungry, who will be neighbor?
Where there is sharing, Christ is our life.**
- 3 **Now it is evening: little ones sleeping
bid us remember Christ is our peace.
Some are neglected, who will be neighbor?
Where there is caring, Christ is our peace.**
- 4 **Now it is evening: here in our meeting
may we remember Christ is our friend.
Some may be strangers, who will be neighbor?
Where there's a welcome, Christ is our friend.**

SCRIPTURE

Romans 4:13-25

¹³The promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. ¹⁴If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void.

¹⁵For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation.

¹⁶For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, ¹⁷as it is written, “I have made you the father of many nations”)—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. ¹⁸Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become “the father of many nations,” according to what was said, “So numerous shall your descendants be.” ¹⁹He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah’s womb. ²⁰No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, ²¹being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. ²²Therefore his faith “was reckoned to him as

righteousness.”²³ Now the words, “it was reckoned to him,” were written not for his sake alone,²⁴ but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead,²⁵ who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

Word of God. Word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**

HOMILY

MABO—Haiti Children’s Home

SPECIAL OFFERING

This Lent, we are inviting you to consider putting Love in Action by supporting various ministries of the congregation with a special offering. Each midweek service, we ask you to consider a gift to the ministry being highlighted that day. You may send in a gift by check with that ministry in the memo line, or you can go to our website to make an online donation to that ministry.

SONG:

“Magnificat”

from Holden Evening Prayer

All



1., 3. My soul pro-claims your great-ness, O God, and my
2. You have cast the might - y down from their thrones, and up -

spir - it re - joic - es in you. You have looked with love on your
lift - ed the hum - ble of heart. You have filled the hun - gry with

ser - vant here, and blessed me all my life through.
won - drous things, and left the wealth - y no part.

Great and might - y are you, O Ho - ly One,
Great and might - y are you, O Faith - ful One,

strong is your kind - ness ev - er - more. How you fa - vor the
strong is your jus - tice, strong your love, as you prom - ised to

D.C.

weak and low - ly one, hum - bling the proud of heart!
Sar - ah and A - bra - ham, kind - ness for - ev - er - more.

PRAYERS

From Holden Evening Prayer

Intercessions

All
[A] *repeat continuously* [B]

Hmm. God of mer-cy, hold us in love.

[A] *Leader or Assistant* [B]

1. In peace, in peace, we pray to you:
2. For peace and sal - va - tion, we pray to you:
3. For peace be-tween na - tions, for peace be-tween peo - ples:
4. For us, who are gath - ered to wor - ship and praise you:
5. For all of your ser - vants who live out your gos - pel:
6. For all those who gov - ern, that jus - tice might guide them:
7. For all those who la - bor in ser - vice to oth - ers:
8. Grant weath - er that nour - ish - es all of cre - a - tion:
9. Keep watch on our loved ones and keep us from dan - ger:
10. For all the be - lov - ed who rest in your mer - cy:

[A] *Leader or Assistant*

Help us, com-fort us, all of our days:

All

Keep us, hold us, gra - cious God.

LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father, who art in Heaven, hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.**

BLESSING

P: May we find the road that leads to life;
may we take the turns that bring right relationships;
may we pause to accompany others on the way in love;
and may we journey with God through Lent,
our eyes fixed the horizon where we meet God's radical embrace.

C: Amen.

DISMISSAL

P: Go in Peace. Put love in action.

C: Thanks be to God.

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