

Advent

Lutheran Church

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



RECONCILING in CHRIST



Plainly said

"ALL ARE WELCOME"

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.

February 28, 2021

Second Sunday in Lent

PRELUDE

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

PASTORAL 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.

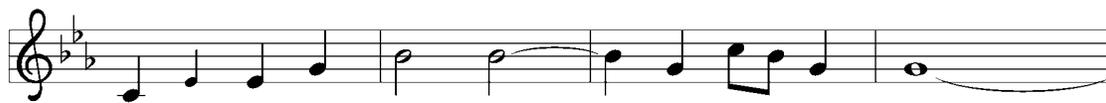
GATHERING SONG

"I Want Jesus to Walk with Me"

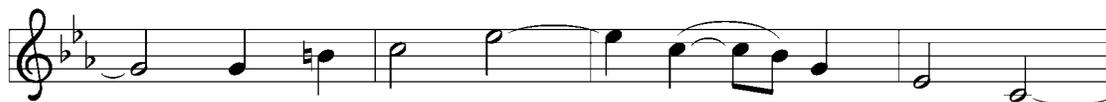
ELW 325



1 I want Je - sus to walk with me;
2 In my tri - als, Lord, walk with me;
3 When I'm in trou - ble, Lord, walk with me;



I want Je - sus to walk with me;
in my tri - als, Lord, walk with me;
when I'm in trou - ble, Lord, walk with me;



all a - long my pil - grim jour - ney,
when my heart is al - most break - ing,
when my head is bowed in sor - row,



Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me.
Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me.
Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me.

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, the keeper of the covenant,
the source of steadfast love, our rock and our redeemer.

C: **Amen.**

P: God hears us when we cry, and draws us close in Jesus Christ. Let us return to the one
who is full of compassion. Fountain of living water,

C: **pour out your mercy over us.**

Our sin is heavy, and we long to be free.

Rebuild what we have ruined and mend what we have torn.

Wash us in your cleansing flood.

**Make us alive in the Spirit to follow in the way of Jesus,
as healers and restorers of the world you so love. Amen.**

P: Beloved, God's word never fails. The promise rests on grace: by the saving love of
Jesus Christ, the wisdom and power of God, your sins are + forgiven, and God
remembers them no more. Journey in the way of Jesus.

C: **Amen.**

LENTEN CANDLE LIGHTING LITANY

Week Two: Responsibility

L: We light two candles as a symbol of our hope in Jesus Christ to teach us again how to
love, how to break down walls and to build bridges. Responsibility is love in action.
Let us pray.

C: **Creator God, remind us again of our responsibility to care for one another, and
to watch out for each other. As we journey towards the cross this Lenten season,
help us to love our neighbors as ourselves. Amen.**

SONG:

“Make Me a Servant”

Make me a ser-vant, hum-ble and meek, Lord, let me
lift up those who are weak. And may the prayer of my
heart al-ways be: Make me a ser-vant, make me a
ser-vant, make me a ser-vant to-day. _____

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: O God, by the passion of your blessed Son you made an instrument of shameful death to be for us the means of life. Grant us so to glory in the cross of Christ that we may gladly suffer shame and loss for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

FIRST READING

Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16

¹When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the Lord appeared to Abram, and said to him, “I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless. ²And I will make my covenant between me and you, and will make you exceedingly numerous.” ³Then Abram fell on his face; and God said to him, ⁴“As for me, this is my covenant with you: You shall be the ancestor of a multitude of nations. ⁵No longer shall your name be Abram, but your name shall be Abraham; for I have made you the ancestor of a multitude of nations. ⁶I will make you exceedingly fruitful; and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come from you. ⁷I will establish my covenant between me and you, and your offspring after you throughout their generations, for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you.”

¹⁵God said to Abraham, “As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. ¹⁶I will bless her, and moreover I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall give rise to nations; kings of peoples shall come from her.”

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

PSALM

Psalm 22:23-31 (*please read responsively the bold verses*)

²³You who fear the Lord, give praise! All you of Jacob’s line, give glory.
Stand in awe of the Lord, all you offspring of Israel.

²⁴**For the Lord does not despise nor abhor the poor in their poverty;
neither is the Lord’s face hidden from them;
but when they cry out, the Lord hears them.**

²⁵From you comes my praise in the great assembly;
I will perform my vows in the sight of those who fear the Lord.

²⁶**The poor shall eat and be satisfied,
Let those who seek the Lord give praise! May your hearts live forever!**
R: All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord.

²⁷All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord;
all the families of nations shall bow before God.

²⁸**For dominion belongs to the Lord,
who rules over the nations.**

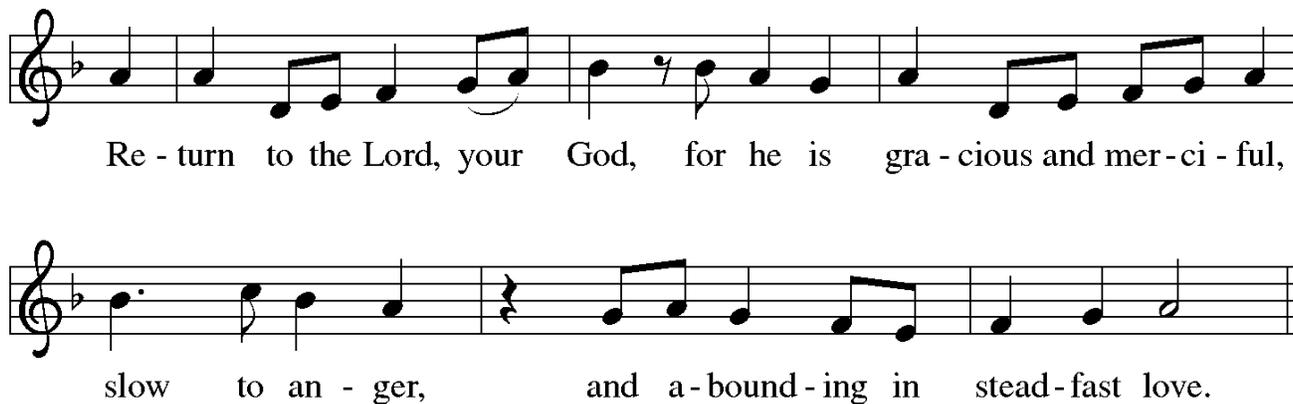
²⁹Indeed, all who sleep in the earth shall bow down in worship;
all who go down to the dust, though they be dead, shall kneel before the Lord.

³⁰**Their descendants shall serve the Lord,
whom they shall proclaim to generations to come.**

³¹They shall proclaim God's deliverance to a people yet unborn,
saying to them, "The Lord has acted!"

R: All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for he is gra - cious and mer - ci - ful,
slow to an - ger, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

GOSPEL

Mark 8:31-38

P: A reading from the holy gospel according to Mark.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus] began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. ³²He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. ³³But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things." ³⁴He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ³⁵For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. ³⁶For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? ³⁷Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? ³⁸Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

P: The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

HYMN OF THE DAY

"Take Up Your Cross"

ELW 667

[TUNE: O WALY WALY -The Gift of Love]

- 1 "Take up your cross," the Savior said,
"if you would my disciple be;
forsake the past, and come this day,
and humbly follow after me."
- 2 Take up your cross; let not its weight
pervade your soul with vain alarm;
his strength shall bear your spirit up,
sustain your heart, and nerve your arm.
- 3 Take up your cross, nor heed the shame,
nor let your foolish heart rebel;
for you the Lord endured the cross
to save your soul from death and hell.
- 4 Take up your cross and follow Christ,
nor think till death to lay it down;
for those who humbly bear the cross
one day will wear the glorious crown.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Relying on the promises of God, we pray boldly for the church, the world, and all in need.

A brief silence.

Your gift of grace is for all people. Give confident faith to all the baptized, that they may follow you wholeheartedly. Give new believers joy in your promises; give hope and courage to those who suffer for their faith. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

All the ends of the earth worship you. From galaxies to microorganisms, preserve your creation. Teach humanity to wonder at your works and to join you in tending to creation's well-being. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

You rule over the nations. Raise up advocates for peace and justice within and between nations. Give life where hope seems dead; call into existence new realities we cannot even imagine. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

In Jesus you joined humanity in suffering and death. Reveal to all the depth of your love shown on the cross. Accompany all who suffer in body, mind, and spirit. Restore all who are sick or grieving. Bring vindication for victims of injustice, exploitation, and oppression especially those on our prayer list, and those we lift before you now, in the silence of our hearts ... Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

You made Abraham and Sarah the ancestors of a multitude of nations. Bless grandparents, parents, and foster parents, and the children who look to them for care and guidance. Console those who deal with infertility, parents who have entrusted their children to adoption, and children longing to be adopted. Equip ministries and services to families. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We await the day of Christ's coming in glory. Lead us by the example of all the saints whom you have called to take up their cross and follow you, that together we may find our lives in you. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We entrust ourselves and all our prayers to you, O faithful God, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

SHARING THE PEACE

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: **And also with you.**

OFFERING

We now invite you to take a moment to prepare your offering at home. Sharing our blessings back to the Church is one way that we participate in the mission and ministry of the congregation. We are so grateful for all the ways you have already supported Advent and pray that you continue to do so. You may give online at adventchurch.org, or can mail/drop off your offering envelope to the church.

OFFERTORY SONG:**“Near the Cross”***arr. J. Carter***OFFERTORY PRAYER**

L: Let us pray.

Faithful God, you walk beside us in desert places, and you meet us in our hunger with bread from heaven. Accompany us in this meal, that we may pass over from death to life with Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P: In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

P: Gathered to be one through the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

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.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION**CLOSING PRAYER**

P: God of steadfast love,
at this table you gather your people into one body for the sake of the world.
Send us in the power of your Spirit,
that our lives bear witness to the love that has made us
new in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

BLESSING

P: You are what God made you to be: created in Christ Jesus for good works, chosen as holy and beloved, freed to serve your neighbor. God bless you + that you may be a blessing, in the name of the holy and life-giving Trinity.

C: Amen.

DISMISSAL

L: Go in Peace. Put love in action.

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Liturgy and Gospel Acclamation from Sundays and Seasons Augsburg Fortress license SB160615. Used with permission.

"I Want Jesus to Walk with Me"
Text/Music: African-American spiritual
Public Domain.
Used with permission. OneLicense.net #A-736994 license w podcast

"Take up your Cross, the Savior Said"
Text: Charles Everest - public domain
Tune: O WALY WALY
Used with permission. OneLicense.net #A-736994 license w podcast

Advent Lutheran Church

W63N642 Washington Ave, Cedarburg, WI 53012 | 262-377-2710 | www.adventchurch.org