

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

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.



May 9, 2021 Sixth Sunday of Easter

PRELUDE

PASTORAL GREETING

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen.C: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: O God, you have prepared for those who love you joys beyond understanding. Pour into our hearts such love for you that, loving you above all things, we may obtain your promises, which exceed all we can desire; through Jesus Christ, your Son and our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

FIRST READING

Acts 10:44-48

⁴⁴While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. ⁴⁵The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, ⁴⁶for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, ⁴⁷"Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?" ⁴⁸So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Psalm 98

Sing a new song to the Lord, who has done marvelous things,
whose right hand and holy arm have won the victory.
² O Lord, you have made known your victory,
you have revealed your righteousness in the sight of the nations.
³ You remember your steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel;
all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.
Shout with joy to the Lord, all you lands;
lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.
R: Shout with joy to the Lord, all you lands.
⁵ Sing to the Lord with the harp,
with the harp and the voice of song.
With trumpets and the sound of the horn
shout with joy before the king, the Lord.
⁷ Let the sea roar, and all that fills it,
the world and those who dwell therein.
⁸ Let the rivers clap their hands,
and let the hills ring out with joy before the Lord,
who comes to judge the earth.
⁹ The Lord will judge the world with righteousness
and the peoples with equity.
R: Shout with joy to the Lord, all you lands.

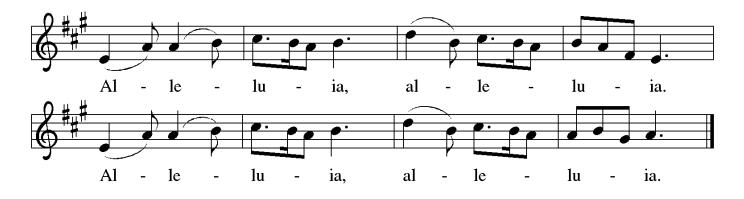
SECOND READING

1 John 5:1-6

¹Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. ²By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. ³For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, ⁴for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. ⁵Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

⁶This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth.

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GOSPEL

John 15:9-17

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

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

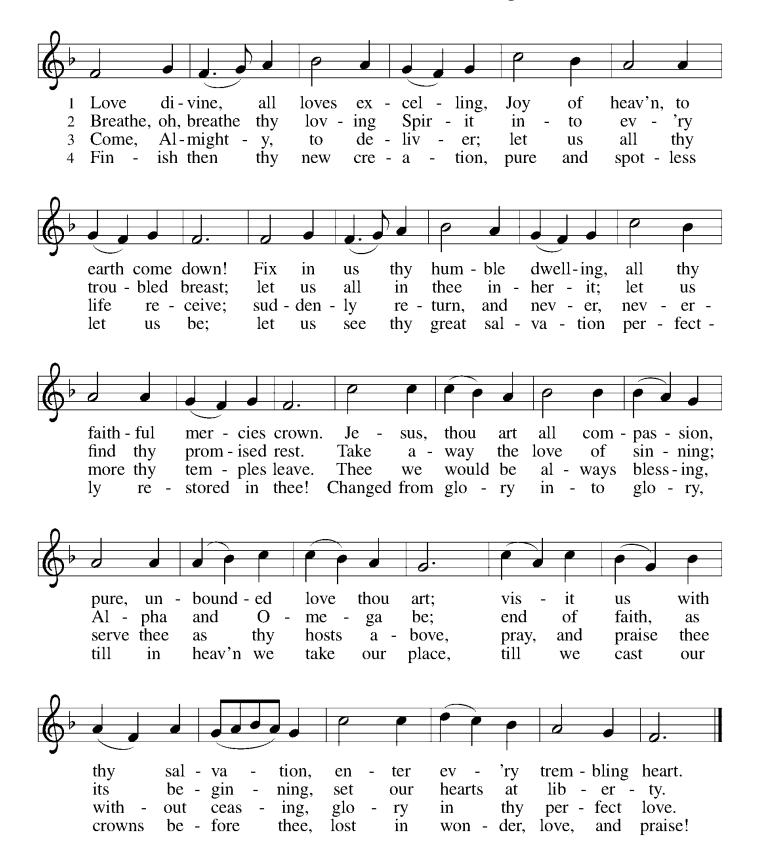
[Jesus said:] ""As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. "If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. "I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

¹²"This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. ¹³No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. ¹⁴You are my friends if you do what I command you. ¹⁵I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. ¹⁶You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. ¹⁷I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another."

P: The gospel of the Lord.C: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Pastor Alexis Twito



PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Alive in the risen Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit, we bring our prayers before God who promises to hear us and answer in steadfast love.

A brief silence.

Creating God, the earth praises you. The seas roar and the hills sing for joy. Fill the earth with your love so that by their song, all creatures of land and sea and sky, burrowing and soaring, may call us to join with them in praise. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Faithful Savior, you conquer the world not with weapons but with undying love. Plant your word in the hearts of the nations' leaders and give them your Spirit, so that the peoples of the world may live in peace. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Caring Healer, you forget no one and accompany the lonely. Provide for those needing homes or medical care and point us towards life-changing responses to these needs in our own communities. Be present with those who are sick or suffering, especially ... Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Gracious God, as a mother comforts her child, you comfort us. Bless mothers and mothering people in our lives. Comfort those who miss their mothers, mothers who grieve, those who grieve because they cannot be mothers, and those who have never known a loving mother. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Gentle Redeemer, all who die in you abide in your presence forever. We remember with thanksgiving those who shared your love throughout their lives. Keep us united with them in your lasting love. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

In the hope of new life in Christ, we raise our prayers to you, trusting in your neverending goodness and mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P: Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

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.

CLOSING PRAYER

P: Wellspring of joy, through this meal you have put gladness in our hearts. Satisfy the hunger still around us, and send us as joyful witnesses, that your love may bring joy to the hearts of all people, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING

P: May our glorious God grant you a spirit of wisdom to know and to love the risen Lord Jesus. The God of life, Parent, + Child, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

C: Amen.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

You are invited to share a sign of peace with your neighbors, without leaving your pew or engaging in physical touch or embraces

DISMISSAL

- L: Go in peace. Share the good news. Alleluia!
- C: Thanks be to God.

OFFERING

As you leave worship today, we invite you to respond to God's abundant generosity and graciousness by giving back to God, and supporting the mission and ministry of Advent Lutheran Church. Offering plates are located near the exits, next to the takehome communion kits, and you are encouraged to leave your gift on your way out. Thank you!

POSTLUDE

Safety Greeters will dismiss everyone by rows, so please remain in your seats, enjoying our postlude music, until the greeter dismisses you. As you leave, you are encouraged to grab a take-home communion kit and leave your offering. We ask, however, that you do not congregate or socialize inside the church, but rather move outside to do so.

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