



ADVENT

EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN
CHURCH AND SCHOOL

Welcome!

COVID-Response Plan Update – **BLUE**

*A copy of our Covid-Response Plan is available
on our website and in the Narthex.*

- **Sunday 8:15am Divine Service MASK-REQUIRED**
- **Sun School & Bible Class 9:35am**
- **MASK-REQUIRED** unless eating or drinking
- **Sun. 10:45am Divine Service MASK-RECOMMENDED**
- **Wed. 7:00pm Lenten Service MASK-RECOMMENDED**
- **Pews are taped to better accommodate social distancing.** You may sit anywhere in the Sanctuary NOT marked with blue tape and 6' from other individuals or households. In addition, we ask that you do not gather in the narthex or elsewhere before or after the service.
- **For those who continue to shelter in place**, the early service will be streamed on our YouTube channel.
- **To view the service or Bible Study online**, visit our homepage at www.adventlutheran.org and click on the YouTube link. Videos are streamed "live" or you may watch them at any time.
- **If you watch the service online, please print this bulletin** (includes the entire service - hymns, propers, prayers, etc.)
- **If you do not have a hymnal at home**, feel free to retrieve yours from your member mailbox, or we can drop one off for you.
- **If you desire to receive the Sacrament**, call the pastors directly, call the office, or make an appointment online by visiting our website. Follow the link on our homepage to a sign-up where you may choose a 15min time to meet a pastor privately here at Church.
- **Communication updates are posted on the website.** Check there weekly for bulletins and prayer sheets, etc. Copies of the latest updates will also be available in the narthex.

Visitors & Guests

- Thank you for attending! Please introduce yourself to one of the Pastors or Elders and refer to our **Communion Policy** on page 2.
- Please sign our Visitors' Register in the Narthex.

Third Sunday of Easter
18 April 2021 Anno Domini



"We should get really well acquainted with this Christ-King, and place all our hope boldly in the life which is to come, where we will be forever happy, free of all sin and infirmity. It's for that reason that Christ came, and was crucified, died, rose from the dead, and ascended into heaven to occupy his kingdom. That's how he overcame sin, death, and the devil for us, and by his blood and Holy Spirit swept us clean of all filth, so that all who believe in him are righteous and blessed, and will someday pass through temporal death into his eternal, heavenly kingdom. That's why all of us should truly welcome this Christ-King, recognizing him as our righteous helper, and by the power of the Word, Sacraments, and faith, enjoy him now and forever!"

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The Sacrament of the Altar

Advent Evangelical Lutheran Church teaches and believes that through the body and blood of Jesus Christ, offered under bread and wine in the Lord's Supper, God gives to His children the forgiveness of sins. Since this is a sacred meal, Advent distributes the Lord's Supper to communicants who have been prepared to receive it.

- **If you are a member at an LCMS parish**, please speak with one of our pastors beforehand so that they may greet you and inform you accordingly regarding our practice.
- **If you are a visitor** and have not been confirmed or hold to a confession of faith that differs from Advent and the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod, please refrain from receiving the Lord's Supper until you have spoken with our pastor. If communing, please prepare with prayers in hymnal on pages 308, 329-330.
- **Distribution** - If communing, at the appropriate time in the Divine Service, please approach the altar via the center aisle. When directed to a position at the rail, bow and kneel without waiting (you may also stand as needed). After you receive the sacrament, please stand, bow and return to your pew via the side aisle. The final blessing will be made at the end of the distribution and the covering of the elements.

Worship Broadcasts

Sunday services are livestreamed on our You Tube channel. Weekly service bulletins are available on our website at www.adventlutheran.org.

The Congregation at Prayer

The Guide for Daily Meditation and Prayer is now included in this bulletin and may be found on the last pages.

In-person Sunday School & Bible Class have resumed!

To participate in Sunday School online, please contact Sarah Becker at sarahsmile2005@gmail.com Bible Study will be streamed on our YouTube channel.

Please see an Usher for help locating:

- **Hearing assistive devices** for use during worship are available in the Narthex.
- **Wheelchairs** are available upon request.
- **Restrooms** are located to the left of the Narthex as you enter the church.
- **The Nursery and Cry Room** provide quiet places for active or crying children and are equipped to broadcast our services.

To receive Advent Announcements via email every Friday, sign up on the website's 'Contact Us' page or contact the office at 317.873.6318 or email info@adventlutheran.org

"HERE I STAND SUNDAY"

Today, April 18, 2021, the LCMS will commemorate the 500th anniversary of Martin Luther's defense of the pure Gospel by observing "Here I Stand" Sunday. Join us as we mark the occasion with **Rev. Dr. John Fiene**, Emeritus Pastor, leading this Sunday's Bible Study on the history behind Martin Luther who stood before the Emperor 500 years ago. Read more at [The Lutheran Reporter](#).

Special Music – Thank you to the Men's Choir and to Kay Longworth, on flute.

8:15 a.m. Service

Acolyte	OPEN
Altar Guild	Marcy Phillips, Laurel Steffes
Crucifer	OPEN
Elders	Mark Harris, Matt Comer

10:45 a.m. Service

Acolyte	OPEN
Altar Guild	Janet Johnson, Jen Siukola
Crucifer	OPEN
Elders	Pete Miller, Ned Ryan

Third Sunday of Easter – *Misericordias Domini*

Today's Readings

Ezekiel 34:11-16

1 Peter 2:21-25

John 10:11-16

The Good Shepherd Cares for His Sheep

Our Lord Jesus is the Good Shepherd (John 10:11-16). He is not like the hireling, who cares nothing for the sheep and only for himself, who flees when he sees the wolf coming. Rather, Jesus is the Good Shepherd who seeks out His scattered sheep to deliver them (Ezek. 34:11-16). He gathers them and feeds them in rich pasture. He binds up the broken and strengthens the sick. He lays down His life for wandering and wayward sheep. On the cross, Christ bore in His body the attacks of the predators of sin and death and the devil for you that you might be saved. He now lives

to restore your soul in the still waters of baptism, to lead you in the paths of righteousness by the voice of His Gospel, to prepare the table of His holy supper before you, that you may dwell in the house of the Lord forever (Psalm 23). "For you were straying like sheep but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls" (1 Peter 2:25).



Exploring the Hymn of the Day – *The King of Love My Shepherd Is*

Henry W. Baker (1821-77) was an Anglican priest of the high church tradition who served a parish in Herefordshire, England. Even today this county is a popular tourist destination for sightseers in search of the "real" England of un-spoiled, green, and rolling countryside. This scenic domain was coupled with Baker's own rich vision of the Christian life, a life thoroughly shaped by the Gospel and Sacraments within the living traditions of the ancient Church. Baker was a strong advocate of the views expressed within the Oxford Movement.

This rich resource of images and allusions drawn from the Church and from the land found deep expression in Baker's hymn paraphrase of Psalm 23. Although Baker asked John Dykes to compose a tune, different from the Irish melody in LSB, the wedding of text and tune (whether Dykes' tune or "St. Columba") wraps the singer in the atmosphere of the psalm, a decidedly idyllic atmosphere that breathes the air of the English shire and the Irish glen.



In His Service Today:

- P** Rev. Jim Grady, Asst. Pastor
- A** Rev. Marcus Mackay, Sr. Pastor
Deb Trewartha, Director of Choirs; Preschool Director
Phil Lehman, Kantor & Organist
Ryan Scrogam & Matthias Mackay, Audio/Visual

Divine Service - Setting One

Prelude & Ringing of Bells

Easter Acclamation

- P** Alleluia! Christ is risen!
- C** He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Stand

Processional Hymn

Shepherd of Tender Youth

LSB 864



1 Shep - herd of ten - der youth, Guid - ing in
2 You are the ho - ly Lord, O all - sub -
3 You are the great High Priest; You have pre -
4 O ev - er be our guide, Our shep - herd,
5 So now, and till we die, Sound we Your



love and truth Through de - vious ways; Christ, our tri -
du - ing Word, Heal - er of strife. Your - self You
pared the feast Of ho - ly love; And in our
and our pride, Our staff and song. Je - sus, O
prais - es high And joy - ful sing: In - fants and



um - phant king, We come Your name to sing
did a - base That from sin's deep dis - grace
mor - tal pain None calls on You in vain;
Christ of God, By Your en - dur - ing Word
all the throng, Who to the Church be - long,



And here our chil - dren bring To join Your praise.
You so might save our race And give us life.
Our plea do not dis - dain; Help from a - bove.
Lead us where You have trod; Make our faith strong.
U - nite to swell the song To Christ, our king!

Confession and Absolution

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

- P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** Amen.
- P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
- C** But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

- P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
- C** Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. 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. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. 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** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** Amen.

Service of the Word

Introit

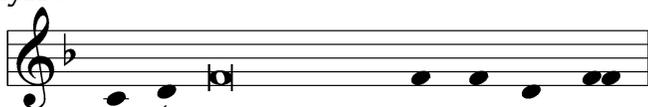
Psalm 33:1, 18-20; antiphon: vv. 5b, 6a



- A** *The earth is full of the steadfast love of the LORD. Alle- | luia.*
By the word of the LORD the heavens were made. Alle- | luia.**
- C** **Shout for joy in the LORD, O you | righteous!***
Praise befits the | upright.
- A** *Behold, the eye of the LORD is on those who | fear him,*
on those who hope in his | steadfast love,*
- C** **that he may deliver their | soul from death***
and keep them alive in | famine.
- A** *Our soul waits | for the LORD;*
he is our help | and our shield.*
- C** **Glory be to the Father and | to the Son***
and to the Holy | Spirit;
as it was in the be- | ginning,
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.*
- C** *The earth is full of the steadfast love of the LORD. Alle- | luia.*
By the word of the LORD the heavens were made. Alle- | luia.**

Kyrie

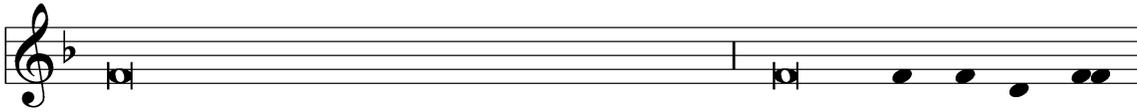
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- A** In peace let us pray to the Lord.



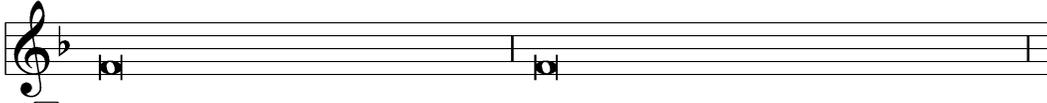
- C** Lord, have mer - cy.



A For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.



G Lord, have mer - cy.



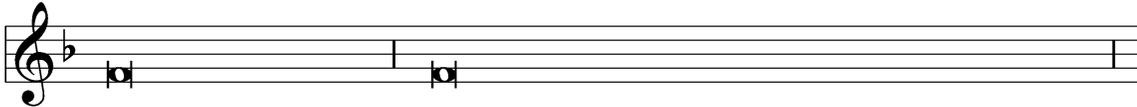
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



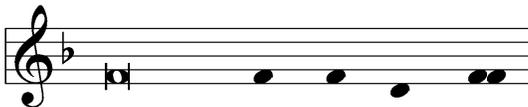
and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.



G Lord, have mer - cy.



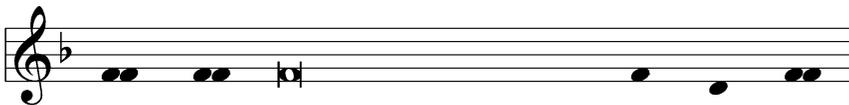
A For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise



let us pray to the Lord.



G Lord, have mer - cy.



A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord.



G A - men.

Refrain

C This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.

Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

1 — Wor-ty is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose
 2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and
 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and
 4 Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to
 5 For the Lamb ——— who was slain has be -

blood set us free to be peo - ple of God. *Refrain*
 hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are His. *Refrain*
 join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: *Stanza 4*
 God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men. *Refrain*
 gun His reign. Al - le - lu - ia. *Final Refrain*

Final Refrain

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.

Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C And al - so with you.

P Let us pray.

O God, through the humiliation of Your Son You raised up the fallen world. Grant to Your faithful people, rescued from the peril of everlasting death, perpetual gladness and eternal joys; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Old Testament Reading

Ezekiel 34:11-16

¹¹For thus says the Lord GOD: Behold, I, I myself will search for my sheep and will seek them out. ¹²As a shepherd seeks out his flock when he is among his sheep that have been scattered, so will I seek out my sheep, and I will rescue them from all places where they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. ¹³And I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land. And I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the ravines, and in all the inhabited places of the country. ¹⁴I will feed them with good pasture, and on the mountain heights of Israel shall be their grazing land. There they shall lie down in good grazing land, and on rich pasture they shall feed on the mountains of Israel. ¹⁵I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I myself will make them lie down, declares the Lord GOD. ¹⁶I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, and the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them in justice."

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Choir Anthem

Savior, Like a Shepherd, Lead Us

David A. White, St. James Music Press, 1998

*Savior, like a shepherd lead us; much we need thy tender care;
in thy pleasant pastures feed us; for our use thy folds prepare.
Blessed Jesus! Thou hast bought us, thine we are.*

*Early let us seek thy favor, early let us learn thy will;
do thou, Lord, our only Savior, with thy love our bosoms fill.
Blessed Jesus! Thou hast loved us: love us still.*

Epistle

1 Peter 2:21-25

²¹For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you might follow in his steps. ²²He committed no sin, neither was deceit found in his mouth. ²³When he was reviled, he did not revile in return; when he suffered, he did not threaten, but continued entrusting himself to him who judges justly. ²⁴He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed. ²⁵For you were straying like sheep, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand



C Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Holy Gospel

*John 10:11-16***P** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the tenth chapter.

C Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

¹¹[Jesus said:] "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. ¹²He who is a hired hand and not a shepherd, who does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and flees, and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. ¹³He flees because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep. ¹⁴I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, ¹⁵just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for the sheep. ¹⁶And I have other sheep that are not of this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

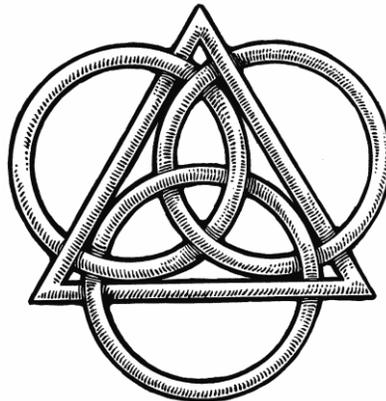
Nicene Creed

C I believe in one God,
the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth
and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried.
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures
and ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of the Father.
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,
whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,
who spoke by the prophets.
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
and I look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life ✝ of the world to come. Amen.

Sit





1 The King of love my shep - herd is, Whose good - ness
 2 Where streams of liv - ing wa - ter flow, My ran - somed
 3 Per - verse and fool - ish oft I strayed, But yet in
 4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill With Thee, dear



fail - eth nev - er; I noth - ing lack if
 soul He lead - eth And, where the ver - dant
 love He sought me And on His shoul - der
 Lord, be - side me, Thy rod and staff my



I am His And He is mine for - ev - er.
 pas - tures grow, With food ce - les - tial feed - eth.
 gent - ly laid And home re - joic - ing brought me.
 com - fort still, Thy cross be - fore to guide me.

5 Thou spreadst a table in my sight;
 Thine unction grace bestoweth;
 And, oh, what transport of delight
 From Thy pure chalice floweth!

6 And so through all the length of days
 Thy goodness faileth never;
 Good Shepherd, may I sing Thy praise
 Within Thy house forever!

Sermon

Prayer of the Church

Offertory

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C What shall I ren - der to the Lord for all His ben - e - fits to



me? I will of - fer the sac - ri - fice of thanks - giv - ing and will



call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of sal -



va - tion and will call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my



vows to the Lord now in the pres - ence of all His peo - ple, in the



courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Je - ru - sa - lem.

Service of the Sacrament

Preface

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P The Lord be with you.



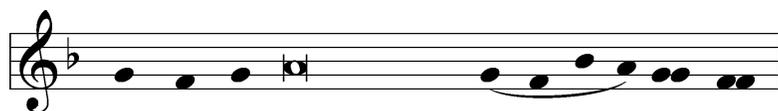
C And al - so with you.



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 Him thanks and praise.

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God. And most especially are we bound to praise You on this day for the glorious resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ, the very Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us and bore the sins of the world. By His dying He has destroyed death, and by His rising again He has restored to us everlasting life. Therefore with Mary Magdalene, Peter and John, and with all the witnesses of the resurrection, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus

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C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:



Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo - ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -

san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

P Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Lord's Prayer

C 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.

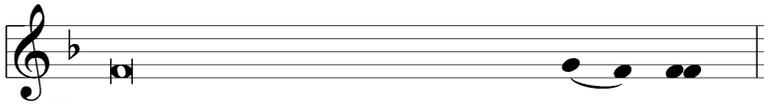
The Words of Our Lord

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Pax Domini

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P The peace of the Lord be with you al - ways.



C A - men.

Agnus Dei

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C Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the world; have



mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the



world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a - way the



sin of the world; grant us peace.

Sit

Distribution

*Please wait patiently in your pew until an Elder or Usher motions to you. You and/or your household should come down the Center Aisle, maintaining appropriate distance between other Individuals and/or Households that will be in front and behind you. You may kneel or stand at the Communion Rail. **Please maintain appropriate distance from other parishioners.** If you are wearing a mask, please remove it and hold out your hand to receive our Lord's Body, the Common Chalice and/or Individual Chalice. After communion, please exit to the side aisle, placing the individual chalices carefully in the bowl provided. Then return to your seats, maintaining appropriate distance from the other communicants.*

The pastor and those who assist him receive the body and blood of Christ first and then distribute them to those who come to receive, saying:

Take, eat; this is the true body of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, given into death for your sins.

Amen.

Take, drink; this is the true blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, shed for the forgiveness of your sins.

Amen.

1 *Have no fear, little flock;
Have no fear, little flock,
For the Father has chosen
To give you the Kingdom;
Have no fear, little flock!*

2 *Have good cheer, little flock;
Have good cheer, little flock,
For the Father will keep you
In His love forever;
Have good cheer, little flock!*

3 *Praise the Lord high above;
Praise the Lord high above,
For He stoops down to heal you,
Uplift and restore you;
Praise the Lord high above!*

4 *Thankful hearts raise to God;
Thankful hearts raise to God,
For He stays close beside you,
In all things works with you;
Thankful hearts raise to God!*

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Distribution Hymn

Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord

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1 Draw near and take the bod - y of the Lord,
2 He who His saints in this world rules and shields,
3 Come for - ward then with faith - ful hearts sin - cere,



And drink the ho - ly blood for you out - poured;
To all be - liev - ers life e - ter - nal yields;
And take the pledg - es of sal - va - tion here.



Of - fered was He for great - est and for least,
With heav'n - ly bread He makes the hun - gry whole,
O Lord, our hearts with grate - ful thanks en - dow



Him - self the vic - tim and Him - self the priest.
Gives liv - ing wa - ters to the thirst - ing soul.
As in this feast of love You bless us now.



1 The Lord's my shep - herd, I'll not want; He makes me
 2 My soul He doth re - store a - gain And me to
 3 Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale, Yet will I
 4 My ta - ble Thou hast fur - nish - ed In pres - ence
 5 Good-ness and mer - cy all my life Shall sure - ly



down to lie In pas - tures green; He
 walk doth make With - in the paths of
 fear no ill; For Thou art with me,
 of my foes; My head Thou dost with
 fol - low me; And in God's house for -



lead - eth me The qui - et wa - ters by.
 righ - teous - ness, E'en for His own name's sake.
 and Thy rod And staff me com - fort still.
 oil a - noint, And my cup o - ver - flows.
 ev - er - more My dwell - ing place shall be.

Stand

In dismissing the communicants, the following is said:

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart † in peace and with great joy, your sins are forgiven.

C Amen.

Post-Communion Canticle

Thank the Lord

LSB 164



C Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev-'ry-one what He has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and proud-ly bear His name.



He re-calls His prom-is - es and leads His peo-ple forth in joy



with shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia.

Post-Communion Collect

LSB 166

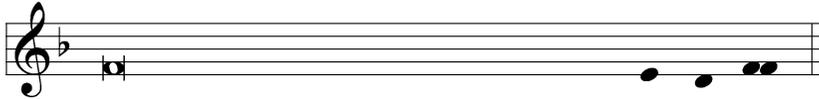
A Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Benediction

LSB 166



P The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you
and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.



Recessional Hymn

Thine Forever, God of Love

LSB 687



UPCOMING WEEK AT ADVENT

SUNDAY	8:15 am	Divine Service MASK-REQUIRED
	10:45 am	Divine Service MASK-RECOMMENDED
TUESDAY	6:45 pm	Choir Practice
WEDNESDAY	9:30 am	Adult Bible Study
	6:30 pm *	Midweek Compline Service - MASK-RECOMMENDED
	7:00 pm	Confirmation Class
	7:00 pm	Adult Bible Study

*Last midweek service until the Fall.

NEW ORGAN PROJECT

It has been over a year and a half since Advent Evangelical Lutheran Church was anonymously given a very generous gift, designated towards paying off our mortgage, repairing and paving our parking lot and replacing our organ in the Sanctuary. Thanks be to God! We are now excited to announce that we are ready to proceed with the purchase of a new organ! The Church Council has approved the purchase of a new custom-made, 4 manual Walker organ that we hope to have installed by Reformation Day later this year. The cost will be \$207,200. The generous donation that paid off the mortgage and resurfaced our parking lot has \$147,000 remaining to be put towards the purchase of the new organ. This leaves a \$60,000 shortfall, which we hope to make up for with donations from the congregation. *Organ Fund donation envelopes can be found in the Narthex* if you would like to contribute, mail or drop off at the Church Office. Thank you!

HELP YOUR COMMUNITY SPRING FORWARD AT ADVENT BLOOD DRIVE!

Thursday, 04/29/2021 from 4-8p.m. in Fellowship Hall

Due to Covid, blood donations are down 35% this year due to the inability of high schools and universities to sponsor blood drives. Your community needs OUR HELP! Versiti Blood Center of Indiana supplies blood to more than 60 hospitals across the state of Indiana and collects more than 130,000 units of blood. The patients in our communities and our hospital partners continue to rely on the generosity of donors. We can only rely on each other for this precious resource. **Giving blood saves lives – it also warms the heart.** When you give blood, you also will be screened for COVID-19 anti-bodies, which will let you know if you have ever been exposed. **[CLICK HERE TO SIGN UP ONLINE](#)** on the Versiti website.

Eligibility - Photo ID is required, Masks REQUIRED, Eat & hydrate before donating; snacks provided after donation

For more information about the blood donation process, visit **www.versiti.org/IN** Questions about donating re: medications, travel, tattoos, etc.? Contact **[Kashiun Pierce](#)**.

On behalf of all the patients and their families...Thank you!!

CALLING ADVENT MEDICAL PROFESSIONALS!

The emergency response committee is currently working on policies and procedures to deal with Various types of emergencies within the church. We would like to put together a list of **medical professionals within the congregation** to have as a resource only. If you would like to be added to the list please text or email your name, and medical profession to Stacy Miller, RN at 317-965-8808 or **smiller18@msn.com**.

Congregation at Prayer

A Guide for Daily Meditation and Prayer

Third Sunday of Easter – April 18, 2021

Review or learn by heart from Luther’s Small Catechism: Table of Duties – To Husbands: 1 Peter 3:7; Colossians 3:19

Verse of the week: Romans 8:31b-32 If God is for us, who can be against us? 32 He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how shall He not with Him also freely give us all things?

Daily Prayer LSB Pray and confess out loud **Daily Prayer – For Individuals and Families** as you are able, or as your family size and ages dictate. Use the one appropriate for the time of day your devotion takes place. Include the Apostles Creed before The Lord’s Prayer if the setting you regularly use does not include it so as to confess it daily. Learn by heart the catechism, and hymn of the week.

Readings for the week...

	Bible Narrative	Second Reading
Sunday	Jesus, the Good Shepherd – John 10:11-16	
Monday	Jesus Eats Breakfast by the Sea of Tiberias – John 21:1-14	1 Peter 1:3-12
Tuesday	Jesus Restores Peter – John 21:15-25	1 Peter 5:1-11
Wednesday	The Ark of the Covenant Is Captured – 1 Samuel 3:21 – 4:18 (19-22)	Philippians 4:10-23
Thursday	The Ark Brings Judgment upon the Philistines – 1 Samuel 5:1 – 6:1	Colossians 1:1-8
Friday	The Ark of the Covenant Is Returned to Israel – 1 Samuel 6:1 – 7:1	Colossians 1:9-18
Saturday	To Whom Will You Liken the Lord – Isaiah 40:25-31	1 Peter 2:11-20
Sundays	Ezek. 34:11-16	
Lectionary	1 Peter 2:21-25	
Readings	John 10:11-16	

Psalm 23

Good Shepherd, open our eyes to see Your blessing. Open our ears to hear Your voice. Open our hearts that we may Love You. Amen. (Prayer from *The Lutheran Study Bible*)

<i>Daily Psalms</i>	<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>
Morning	88	89	91	92	95, 96	98, 100	101
Evening	87	90	93	94	97	99	102

Hymn of the Week: LSB 709 – The King of Love My Shepherd Is

The tune can be found on the web. Search “ST. COLUMBA”

Weekly Collect - O God, through the humiliation of Your Son You raised up the fallen world. Grant to Your faithful people, rescued from the peril of everlasting death, perpetual gladness and eternal joys; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Daily Themes for Prayer:

- Sunday:** *Pray for the joy of the resurrection among us; for true and godly worship throughout the world; and for the faithful preaching and hearing of God's Word.*
- Monday:** *Pray for faith to live in the promises of Holy Baptism; for your calling and daily work; for the unemployed; for the salvation and well-being of our neighbors; for government; and for peace.*
- Tuesday:** *Pray for deliverance against temptation; for the addicted and the despairing; for the tortured and oppressed; and for those struggling with besetting sins.*
- Wednesday:** *Pray for marriage and family, that all may live together under the grace of Christ according to the Word of God; for parents who must rear their children alone; and for godly school, our church schools, and seminaries.*
- Thursday:** *Pray for the Church and her pastors; for missionaries; and for fruitful and salutary use of the blessed sacrament of the Lord's body and blood.*
- Friday:** *Pray for the preaching of the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ and for its spread throughout the whole world, especially in our community; and for the persecuted.*
- Saturday:** *Pray for faithfulness to the end; for the sick and dying; for the revival for those who are withering in the faith or have fallen away; and for receptive hearts for worship and study on the Lord's Day.*

Specific prayer requests may now be found in the announcements that are emailed weekly to all members.

Looking forward to The Fourth Sunday of Easter – April 18, 2021

Hymns Next Week: 821, 836, 619 – 603 – 659, 810

Texts: Isaiah 52:7-10, 2 Timothy 4:5-18, Mark, 16:14-20



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