

# ADVENT LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Saturday, July 7, 2018 – 5:00 PM

Sunday, July 8, 2018 - 9:00 AM

## ***Service of Word, Song, and Prayer***

### ***7th Sunday after Pentecost***



## **Introduction**

Jesus does great deeds of power and gives his disciples authority over demons. Yet none of this power is unilateral; it all must be received by faith. Jesus asks his disciples to go out without money or supplies, so that they will be dependent on how others receive them. When we are sent from the assembly to witness and to heal, we are asked to be vulnerable, to be dependent on the reception of others. The Spirit always operates in the between: between Jesus and his Abba, between Jesus and us, between you and me, between us and those to whom we are sent.



# PRELUDE

## INTRODUCTION TO THE DAY AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

*The assembly stands.*

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,  
who forgives all our sin,  
whose mercy endures forever.

**Amen.**

God of all mercy and consolation,  
come to the help of your people,  
turning us from our sin to live for you alone.  
Give us the power of your Holy Spirit  
that we may confess our sin,  
receive your forgiveness,  
and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Gracious God,  
**have mercy on us.**

**We confess that we have turned from you  
and given ourselves into the power of sin.**

**We are truly sorry and humbly repent.**

**In your compassion forgive us our sins,  
known and unknown,**

**things we have done and things we have failed to do.**

**Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit,  
so that we may live and serve you in newness of life  
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**

**Amen.**

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us  
even when we were dead in sin,

and made us alive together with Christ.

By grace you have been saved.

In the name of ✠ Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven.

Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

**Amen.**

## **HYMN OF THE DAY – red hymnal 876**

*“Let the Whole Creation Cry”*

### **GREETING**

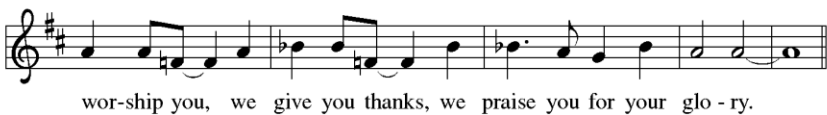
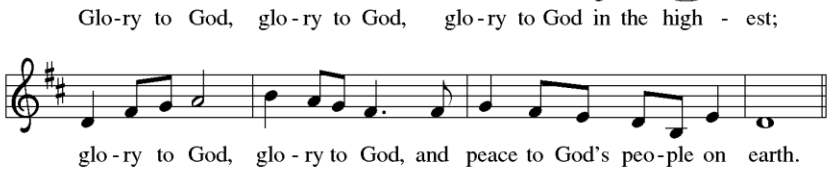
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,


the love of God,

and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**And also with you.**

### **GLORY TO GOD**





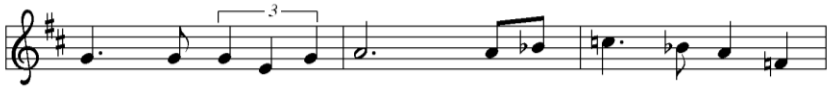
glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.




2 Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther,



Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the



world: have mer - cy on us; you are seat - ed at the



right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.

*Refrain*




Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God in the high - est;



glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



3 For you a-lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,



you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly

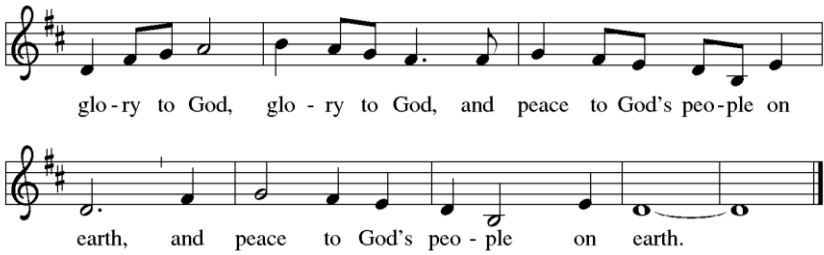


Spir - it, in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

*Final refrain*



Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God in the high - est;



## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

**God of the covenant,  
in our baptism you call us to proclaim  
the coming of your kingdom.  
Give us the courage you gave the apostles,  
that we may faithfully witness to your love and peace  
in every circumstance of life,  
in the name of Jesus Christ,  
our Savior and Lord.  
Amen.**

*The assembly is seated.*

## FIRST READING: Ezekiel 2:1-5

*In 597 BCE, the priest Ezekiel was removed into exile in Babylon. While there, he received a vision of God appearing majestically on a chariot throne. Today's reading recounts God's commissioning of Ezekiel during this vision. The prophet is to speak God's word to a people unwilling to hear.*

<sup>1</sup>[A voice] said to me: O mortal, stand up on your feet, and I will speak with you.<sup>2</sup>And when he spoke to me, a spirit entered into me and set me on my feet; and I heard him speaking to me. <sup>3</sup>He said to me, Mortal, I am sending you to the people of Israel, to a nation of rebels who have rebelled against me; they and their ancestors have transgressed against me to this very day. <sup>4</sup>The descendants are impudent and stubborn. I am sending you to them, and you shall say to them, "Thus says the Lord GOD."

<sup>5</sup>Whether they hear or refuse to hear (for they are a rebellious house), they shall know that there has been a prophet among them.

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **SECOND READING: 2 Corinthians 12:2-10**

*Christians do not boast of their own accomplishments. Rather, Christian boasting focuses attention on how the power of Christ is present in our lives, especially in times of weakness and vulnerability. No matter what our circumstances in life, Christ's grace is sufficient for us.*

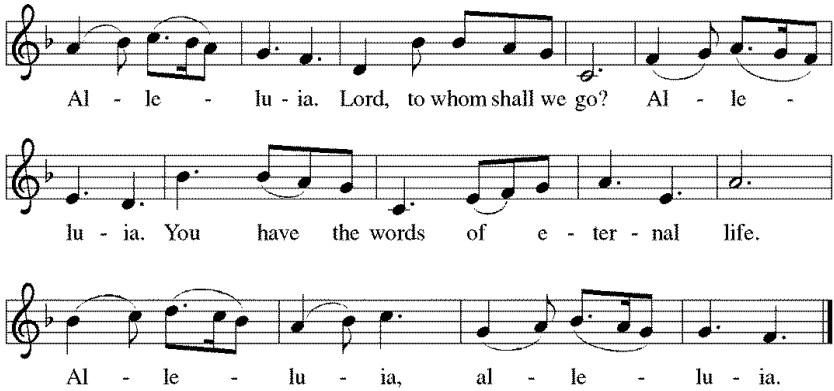
<sup>2</sup>I know a person in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows. <sup>3</sup>And I know that such a person—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows—<sup>4</sup>was caught up into Paradise and heard things that are not to be told, that no mortal is permitted to repeat. <sup>5</sup>On behalf of such a one I will boast, but on my own behalf I will not boast, except of my weaknesses. <sup>6</sup>But if I wish to boast, I will not be a fool, for I will be speaking the truth. But I refrain from it, so that no one may think better of me than what is seen in me or heard from me, <sup>7</sup>even considering the exceptional character of the revelations. Therefore, to keep me from being too elated, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to torment me, to keep me from being too elated. <sup>8</sup>Three times I appealed to the Lord about this, that it would leave me, <sup>9</sup>but he said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness.” So, I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me. <sup>10</sup>Therefore I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities for the sake of Christ; for whenever I am weak, then I am strong.

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

# GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*The assembly stands.*



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

## GOSPEL: Mark 6:1-13

*At home and abroad, Jesus and his disciples encounter resistance as they seek to proclaim God's word and relieve affliction.*

<sup>1</sup>[Jesus] came to his hometown, and his disciples followed him.<sup>2</sup>On the sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astounded. They said, "Where did this man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been given to him? What deeds of power are being done by his hands! <sup>3</sup>Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon, and are not his sisters here with us?" And they took offense at him. <sup>4</sup>Then Jesus said to them, "Prophets are not without honor, except in their hometown, and among their own kin, and in their own house." <sup>5</sup>And he could do no deed of power there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and cured them. <sup>6</sup>And he was amazed at their unbelief.

Then he went about among the villages teaching. <sup>7</sup>He called the twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. <sup>8</sup>He ordered them to take nothing for their journey except a staff; no bread, no bag, no money in their belts; <sup>9</sup>but to wear sandals and not to put on two tunics. <sup>10</sup>He said to them, "Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave the place. <sup>11</sup>If any place will not welcome you and they refuse to hear you, as you leave, shake off the dust that is on



your feet as a testimony against them.”<sup>12</sup> So they went out and proclaimed that all should repent. <sup>13</sup> They cast out many demons, and anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them.

The gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*The assembly is seated.*

## **LET’S TALK CHILDREN**

***“You are a dearly loved child of God.”***

## **SERMON**

*The assembly stands after the sermon.*

## **HYMN OF THE DAY – red hymnal 579**

***“Lord, You Give the Great Commission”***

## **CREED**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,**

**the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

### **PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you always.  
**And also with you.**

*The assembly is seated after the Peace.*

### **OFFERING**

*The assembly stands as the offering is brought forward.*

### **OFFERING PRAYER**

Let us pray. O God of justice and love,  
**we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us: ourselves, our time, and our possession. We give thanks to you that you illumine our way through life with the words of your Son. Give us the light we need, awaken us to the needs of others, and at the end bring all the world to your feast; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory forever. Amen.**

### **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.**

## **BLESSING**

### **HYMN OF THE DAY – red hymnal 551**

*“The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve”*

## **DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Christ is with you. **Thanks be to God.**

## **POSTLUDE**

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**PICK UP a “Taking Faith Home”** sheet as you leave worship today. Built around the 4 Key Faith Practices, it offers a number of ways your family or household can “take faith home” with you and grow together in grace through the week!

**VISITORS:** Thank you for being with us. We invite you to sign the guest register in the Narthex and/or the Welcome Mat in your pew. And, please come again!!

**WELCOME MATS** are distributed at the beginning of the Offering. Please sign the sheet and pass the mat down to the next person in your pew. Once all people have signed it in your row, return the mat back to the center. Visitors, please include your contact information as well. Thank you!!

**ALTAR FLOWERS** Today’s altar flowers are given by Chad and Shelley Hovey in honor of their 29<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary.

**MINISTERS:** All Members of the Congregation

**STAFF:**

Interim Pastor:	Pastor David Russell
Director of Faith Formation:	Deacon Ellen Koester
Church Office Secretary:	Linda Samp
Music Director:	Jolynn Lottman
Organist:	Brenda Henderson
Saturday Accompanist:	Loretta Dirst
Custodians:	Chris & Marty Hanson Family

**SERVING THIS WEEKEND:**

	<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Sunday</b>
Greeters	Dave & Becky Gillette	Dean & Jim Rohweder
Lector	Dave Nason	Dave Nason
Acolyte		
Nursery		Ann Davis
Ride for Danny Hanson		Hanson

**Attendance Last Weekend**

Saturday – 21

Sunday – 45

**THIS WEEK AT ADVENT**

7/07	Saturday	5:00 PM	Worship
7/08	Sunday	9:00 AM	Worship
7/10	Tuesday	6:30 PM	Executive Committee Mtg.
7/11	Wednesday	7:00 PM	Deacon Advisory Committee Mtg. (at Judy Stegmaier's)
7/12	Thursday	6:00 PM	Worship Committee Mtg. (at Judy Stegmaier's)
7/14	Saturday	5:00 PM	Worship/Communion
7/15	Sunday	9:00 AM	Worship/Communion

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## KEYS? WHERE ARE THE KEYS?

The Church Council has decided to make a Register of each Church key which has been given out. We have no idea, at this point, how many keys we have and where they are! Please let our Secretary, Linda Samp, know if you have a key to the church, and which doors that key will open. We have also asked the Worship Committee to make sure each member of that committee has a key to the church so that setting up communion is much more convenient. So, help us become more organized and let Linda know if you have a key. If you need a key, also let Linda know.

## ENJOY A GOURMET BRUNCH AND HELP OTHERS!

Lutheran Hillside Village is hosting its 6<sup>th</sup> annual Benevolent Care Brunch Extraordinaire on Sat., Sept. 22 from 8:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Guests will be treated to your choice of delicious gourmet entrées prepared by our executive chef, Mark Shoopman, and his talented team. The cost is \$50 per person (\$25 is tax deductible.) Proceeds will benefit the Lutheran Hillside Village Benevolent Fund to support care center (nursing) residents who outlive their resources. Reservation forms will be available in August. Please call Lutheran Hillside Village Foundation; Phil King (309.683.1298) or Laurie Hahn (309.683.1263) for a form.

***Please consider inviting your family and friends. This is the foundation's biggest fundraiser of the year. We need your help to make it a success! If you are interested in scheduling a tour of the village on the day of the event, please call Stephanie Marchand (309.692.4600) by Sept. 14. Thank you for your continued support of Lutheran Hillside Village.***

**HOLY COMMUNION INSTRUCTION** Several students will be preparing to receive Communion for their first time. There will be three class sessions that will be held at 10:15 am on Sundays July 22 and August 19. These are to be cross-generational experiences so family members are encouraged to attend. Others of all ages are also invited to share this experience and to refresh their own understanding of Holy Communion. Talk to Deacon Ellen or just come to class.

**ELCA YOUTH GATHERING IN HOUSTON** Our youth arrived back home safely Sunday night. It was a wonderful experience for all who attended.

**WORSHIP ASSISTANT SIGN-UP SHEET** is on the kiosk by the library. Please sign-up if you would like to assist.

**HELP A CHILD WITH THEIR READING** The Morton Library needs more volunteers on Mondays July 9, 16, and 23 from 9:30 - 10:30am. All you do is listen to a child read. No special skills needed. Contact Lori Daniel at the library.

[lorid@mortonlibrary.org](mailto:lorid@mortonlibrary.org).