**Worship Plan for Sunday, Nov 12, 2017**

**WELCOME & SHARING OF CONCERNS & CELEBRATIONS**

Good morning and welcome to worship at Advent Lutheran. We are glad to have you here this morning, and we trust God will be at work in you through this time we share.

There are clipboards in the narthex with resources for children and those of you who find it easier to focus with something to keep your hands and mind active. If you missed those on the way in, go ahead and pick one of those up now.

While they do that, be sure to let us know you were present this morning by filling out the Connection Card in your bulletin. There are some upcoming events and opportunities on the back that you can let us know you want to be part of too. When you’ve filled it out you can place it in the pocket on the center aisle of your pew.

Does anyone have a concern for prayer or a celebration to share from the past or upcoming week?

Thanks everyone.

Now let us begin our worship as we stand together

and join in confession and forgiveness.

**GATHERING SONG (11 am only)** *All Are Welcome (ELW 641 vs. 1, 3, 5)*

**CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS (8:30 AM only – Baptism at 11 am)**

Blessed be the + holy Trinity,

the one who fashions us, the one who heals us,

the one who reforms us again and again.

**Amen.**

Let us confess our sin, calling for God’s transforming power.

Source of all life,

**we confess that we have not trusted your grace to set us free.**

**We fear that we are not good enough.**

**We hear your word of love freely given to us, yet we expect others to earn it.**

**We turn the church inward, rather than moving it outward.**

**Forgive us. Stir us. Reform us to be a church powered by love,**

**willing to speak for what is right, act for what is just,**

**and seek the healing of your whole creation.**

**Amen.**

God hears our cry and sends the Spirit to change us

and to empower our lives in the world.

Our sins are forgiven, + God’s love is unconditional,

and we are raised up as God’s people who will always be made new,

in the name of Jesus Christ.

**Amen.**

**NOW THE FEAST** *Now the Feast and Celebration (ELW 167)*

**GREETING (8:30 am only)**

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.**

**PRAYER OF THE DAY (8:30 am only)**

O God of justice and love, you illumine our way through life with the words of your Son. Give us the light we need, and awaken us to the needs of others, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

*(The first reading is read by the lay assistant)*

**THE READING**:  Judges 4:4-9

A reading from Judges.

4 At that time Deborah, a prophetess, wife of Lappidoth, was judging Israel. 5 She used to sit under the palm of Deborah between Ramah and Bethel in the hill country of Ephraim; and the Israelites came up to her for judgment. 6 She sent and summoned Barak son of Abinoam from Kedesh in Naphtali, and said to him, “The Lord, the God of Israel, commands you, ‘Go, take position at Mount Tabor, bringing ten thousand from the tribe of Naphtali and the tribe of Zebulun. 7 I will draw out Sisera, the general of Jabin’s army, to meet you by the Wadi Kishon with his chariots and his troops; and I will give him into your hand.’ ” 8 Barak said to her, “If you will go with me, I will go; but if you will not go with me, I will not go.” 9 And she said, “I will surely go with you; nevertheless, the road on which you are going will not lead to your glory, for the Lord will sell Sisera into the hand of a woman.” Then Deborah got up and went with Barak to Kedesh.

*The reading may be concluded:*

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

**CHOIR ANTHEM (11 am only)** *Truly God is Good Michael Barrett*

*Please stand to welcome the Gospel.*

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (8:30 am only)**

*(The gospel is read by the pastor)*

**GOSPEL:** Luke 8:1-3

*The gospel is announced.*

The holy gospel according to St. Luke.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

8Soon afterwards he went on through cities and villages, proclaiming and bringing the good news of the kingdom of God. The twelve were with him, 2as well as some women who had been cured of evil spirits and infirmities: Mary, called Magdalene, from whom seven demons had gone out, 3and Joanna, the wife of Herod’s steward Chuza, and Susanna, and many others, who provided for them out of their resources.

*The gospel concludes:*

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**CHILDREN’S MESSAGE (11 am only)**

**SERMON**

**HYMN OF THE DAY** *Wake, Awake, for Night is Flying (ELW 436) Vs. 1, 3*

*(The pastor reads the introduction and the ending,   
the lay assistant reads the indented petitions.)*

**PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

Welcoming God’s reign of righteousness and mercy, let us pray with people of every time and place.

Awaken your church to be ready to respond when Christ meets us in the cries of those in need. We lift up the church’s mission of care through Lutheran World Relief and other agencies *(especially…)*.   
Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

We give thanks for natural resources like oil, coal, trees, sun, water, and wind. Help us to use them wisely. Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

Answer the cries of your people in nations caught in war and destruction. Hold in your care all veterans and their families (*especially those we name and remember now)*.   
Ease the burden of tough memories and bring restoration and wholeness.   
Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

Shine your merciful and healing light on the despairing places of our minds and souls. Bring hope in the midst of danger, depression and illness. We pray especially for…   
Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

Bless those who prepare for marriage or who have been married in this place. Strengthen all bonds of friendship and relationship in our community.   
Give us joy in life together. Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

Keep us alert for Christ’s coming, sustained by the promise that we will be reunited with all the faithful who have died. Thank you for their lives of witness. Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

Receive these prayers and the hopes and concerns of our hearts, O God, as we entrust into your loving care all for whom we pray, through Jesus Christ our Lord **Amen.**

**PEACE (11 am only)**

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS & OFFERING (11 am only)**

**OFFERTORY (11 am only)**  *As the Grains of Wheat (ELW 465)*

**THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE**

O God of justice and love,

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 bring all the world to your feast.

For, 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.”

Remembering his love for us on the way, at the table, and to the end,  
we proclaim the mystery of faith.

**Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.**

We pray for the gift of your Spirit; in our gathering; within this meal;   
and among your people throughout the world;   
even as we pray in the words of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**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**

These are the gifts of God, for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God!**

**COMMUNION**

*(The prayer after communion is read by the lay assistant)*

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Holy and compassionate God,

in bread and wine you give us gifts that form us to be humble and courageous.

May your words come to life in our serving and in our witness,

that we might speak a living voice of healing and justice to all the world,

through Jesus Christ, our rock and our redeemer

**Amen.**

**Blessing**God, creator of all things, speaking reformation into being;  
Jesus Christ, savior of the world, raising the dead;  
Holy Spirit, living voice, calling and enlightening the church;   
Almighty God, Father, + Son, Holy Spirit,   
bless you now and forever.  
**Amen.**

**Sending Song** *Let Streams of Living Justice (ELW 710)   
 (vs 1, 3)*

*(The dismissal is given by the lay assistant)***DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Share the Good News.  
**Thanks be to God!**

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