

Advent Lutheran Church

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WELCOME

Welcome Guest! We pray the service will be a blessing for you and that you will join us again soon. Thank you for worshiping with us today. Your presence is a joy to this faith community. If you are visiting, please fill out the Guest card in the pew rack and place it in the offering plate, or in the basket in the narthex / gathering area, as a way to help us welcome you further and another way of offering yourself to God on this day.

NURSERY CARE

Nursery care for infants and toddlers is available during the worship service in Room 7 adjacent to the courtyard. If you prefer to keep your children with you during all or part of the worship service, feel free to pick them up and walk with them in the back of the worship area if they become restless.

COMMUNION

All baptized persons who believe that through the bread and wine we receive Christ's body and blood for our forgiveness are invited to commune. The center ring of glasses contains white grape juice for those who prefer it. Tell the pastor if you need gluten free bread.

PRAYER MINISTRY

Prayer ministers are available for individual prayer during communion and after the service at the front right corner area of the sanctuary.

PRAYER CHAIN

If you would like some of Advent's people to join you in praying for any matter, you may contact Sheila Walton at sagwalton@aol.com or 779-4646. Anyone may also write any prayer request on the inside of the Guest Information card and leave it in the offering or in the basket on the Welcome table in the narthex/gathering area.

HEARING ASSISTANCE UNITS

Hearing Enhancement Equipment is available for check-out from the Sound and Light booth in the back corner of the sanctuary

Worship Assistants

Our Musicians

Pianist / Accompanist:	Susan Persing
Organist:	Dave Johanson
Chancel Choir Director:	Phil Robb
Youth Choir Director:	Phil Robb

Gather Musicians: Bruce Naylor, Erik Siverson, Bob Eltgroth, Matt Carson, Elizabeth Johanson, Luke Northcott, Rolf Siverson, Mark Gaetano, Ed Merrell, Dick Simunic and Valerie Sacks.

8:00 AM

10:45 AM

Acolyte:	Cassi Orth	Matt Katterhagen
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Lectors:	Norm Osumi	Peter Walker
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Communion

Assistants:	Darlene Day	Virginia Haberkamp
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Cantor:	Mike Orth	Brenda Hendricksen
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Ushers:	Ken Carlson	Bruce Corbridge
	Jim Carr	Ed Carr
	Dan Carr	

Greeters	Osumi Family	Briese Family
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Healing Prayer	Sherry Quick	Tom & Judith Dunham
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The Altar flowers today are donated by John Hodgkiss to the glory of God and in memory of his twin sister, Lois.

High School & Adult Drama Director: Marc Northcott

SALT - Sound And Light Team: Matt Glover, Adam Paulsen, Marc Northcott and Matthew Paulsen.

Altar Guild for January Marjorie Siverson, Ellen Siverson, Marianne Glover, Erika Cockerill; **Communion Bread:** Rosemary Perry

Nursery Attendants: Ernestina & Azucena Atanacio.

Third Sunday after Epiphany

January 22, 2012

We greet you in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Whoever you are and wherever you are in your journey of faith, you are welcome in this community celebrating God's Spirit in the world.

God's grace meets us in the water and Word, and in the bread and wine. We are here to know the touch of God's forgiveness and love and to hear God's calling in our lives.

Please introduce yourself to others here and to the pastor. We invite you to complete the Guest card in the pew rack and place it in the offering plate as a reminder of your presence with us in worship today.

GATHERING

Stories of the call to discipleship continue as the Time after Epiphany plays out the implications of our baptismal calling to show Christ to the world. Jesus begins proclaiming the good news and calling people to repentance right after John the Baptist is arrested for preaching in a similar way. Knowing that John was later executed, we see at the very outset the cost of discipleship. Still, the two sets of fisherman brothers leave everything they have known and worked for all their lives to follow Jesus and fish for people.

Welcome and Call to Worship

P: We await your message, God of all places and times.

C: You call us out of our comfort zones to do new things and try better ways. You direct us to reach out to others. Speak your truth to us in this service so we can carry it to the places where you want us to go, to the people you are eager to reach. Amen.

Prelude

Confession and Forgiveness

P: Blessed be the Holy Trinity, + one God,
who spoke light into creation,
who calls us to listen and follow,
who sends us to shine like stars.

C: Amen.

P: Let us come before God, confessing our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: You we name as Lord, Sovereign, King.

**C: Your rule draws close and visible among us
when we see new possibilities break out,
or watch the rise and fall beyond expectation.
Your rule draws close when you dispatch prophets,
messengers, and angels, who proclaim your word.
You dispatch your word through human utterers:
preachers, poets, artists,
various freakish dissenters and dreamers.
We confess that we do not want to be addressed
by dreams, breaks, or possibilities.
We most certainly do not want to be bearers of such
dreams, breaks, or possibilities,
because we are mostly agents of steady equilibrium.
Nonetheless, we dare to yearn for your word
and occasionally utter it.
Forgive our resistance for your call to leave behind
the old ways of life in favor of following Jesus.
Forgive our choosing the safe and known
over the risk of entering your realm and walking only by faith.**

P: Jesus calls out to you: Follow me.

He invites you to hear the good news of God near at hand

The book of Jonah is a comedy starring a reluctant prophet who is given a one-sentence message: Nineveh will be destroyed in forty days. Much to Jonah's dismay, the people of Nineveh repent. The point of the story is to get the reader to wrestle with the question, "On whom should God have mercy?"

L: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 62

In God Alone

No. 59

The cantor sings the Refrain alone the first time, then the congregation sings the Refrain with the cantor; the cantor sings the verses.

Reading

I Corinthians 7:29-31

printed on the back

Paul does not disapprove of marriage or other human social institutions. He does, however, want Christians to live in the present in fervent anticipation of God's future, which even now has dawned through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

L: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Alleluia Verse

No. 198

The cantor sings alone the first time, then all sing together.

Gospel announcement

L: The Holy Gospel according to Mark, the first chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel

Mark 1:14-20

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Before Jesus calls his first disciples, he proclaims a message that becomes known as "the gospel" or good news from God. God is ready to rule our lives. Those who realize this will respond with repentance and faith.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Please Be Seated

Children's Message

Hymn

Lord, When You Came

No. 696

Sermon

Reality Shift

Pastor Anita Warner

text: Mark 1:14-20

Silence for reflection

10:45: Anthem

Follow Me

sung by the Chancel Choir

Apostles' 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 the Church

P: ...Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

MEAL

Peace

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: And also with you.

You are invited to share a sign of God's peace with others. You may use these or similar words: "Peace be with you." You may use the sign of a handshake, a hug, or a bow with palms together. Please allow those who prefer less contact to choose the level of touch.

Offering

Welcome! If you are visiting, please fill out a Guest card this morning on the welcome table in the narthex / gathering area and leave it in the basket, as a way to help us welcome you further and another way of offering yourself to God on this day.

Please Stand

Offering Response I Danced in the Morning

No. 708

Refrain only

Offering Prayer

C: Let us pray.

C: God of steadfast love, we pray that you will love the world through the moneys we dedicate today. We pray that your work of transformation will be carried forward by our gifts. As a church, we seek to follow where Jesus leads. As individuals, we heed the call to discipleship. Bless our efforts to fish for people – for their sakes, not our own. Amen.

Celebration of Ministry

Today we celebrate the ministry of the Nominating Committee.

The Great Thanksgiving

Preface Dialog

No. 199

Sanctus

No. 201

Eucharistic Prayer

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.

Invitation to Communion

P: Come to the table of mercy,

where the feast of life is spread.

Agnus Dei

No. 207

Communion

We believe that in the bread and wine of communion we receive Christ's body and blood for our forgiveness, life, and salvation. Come forward as the ushers direct to receive the bread and then the wine. The center ring of cups in each tray contains grape juice for those who prefer it. We invite those who do not yet receive communion to come forward

for a blessing – please cross your arms over your chest as a sign.

Songs during communion:

10:45: Invitation to Communion

sung by the Chancel Choir

The Summons

No. 700

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

No. 507

SENDING

Blessing

Closing Prayer

C: Let us pray.

C: Everlasting God, we bless you

**that you have brought us to the mountaintop
and fed us with the life and light of your Son.**

Send us in his name from this place

to bring light into dark corners,

healing where lives are torn,

and nourishment to every hungry heart,

in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Announcements

Benediction

P: God the Father, light-creator;

God the Son, Light from Light;

and God the Holy Spirit, light-revealer,

bless you and + give you peace.

C: Amen.

Song Sing Hey for the Carpenter

No. 692

Dismissal

A: Go in peace. God's reality is at hand.

C: Thanks be to God.



VISUAL ART this morning is *Christ and the Fishermen* (1998, oil) by Bagong Kussudiardja (Indonesia).

The artist wrote,

Art is part of my life. I feel that one needs art
just as one needs food, clothing, and shelter.

I live every day receptive to everything surrounding me,
open to the past and things inherited from my ancestors,
open to the present and to the future.

Even though something may be very small,
I try to understand it completely, since human life must be able
to appreciate the vitality of all things.

BANNERS AND LITURGICAL ARTS OPPORTUNITY

The Worship and Music Committee is seeking someone who will oversee the selection of banners for the rest of Epiphany season (through Feb. 19). We are also seeking new leadership in Liturgical Arts. For more information, please speak with Linda Loftesness, Worship and Music chair.

DID YOU KNOW?

From Your Stewardship Committee

Today we celebrate with and recognize Advent's Nominating Committee. According to the church constitution, A Nominating Committee of three voting members of this congregation shall be appointed by the Congregation Council for a term of one year. Members of the Nominating Committee are not eligible for consecutive reelection.

The members of the Nominating Committee are; Dick Simunic, Marcia Nelson and Floyd Seitz. The members of the committee are invited to bring the communion elements to the altar and receive a blessing from Pastor Warner.

Your Gifts and Participation Make a Difference!

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

From your Stewardship Committee

Making Decisions

William McKinley, the 25th President, once had to choose between two equally qualified men for a key job. He puzzled over the choice until he remembered a long-ago incident.

On a rainy night, McKinley had boarded a crowded streetcar. One of the men he was now considering had also been aboard, though he didn't see McKinley. Then an old woman carrying a basket of laundry struggled into the car, looking in vain for a seat. The job candidate pretended not to see her and kept his seat. McKinley gave up his seat to help her.

Remembering the episode, which he called "this little omission of kindness," McKinley decided against the man on the streetcar. Our decisions – even the small, fleeting ones – tell a lot about us.

Adapted from Presidential Anecdotes

SINGING SCHOOL FOR NON-SINGERS

January 29, 9:30 AM, in the sanctuary

Singing is an important part of our worship together. What if you don't think you can sing? Did someone once tell you that you couldn't sing? Do you wish your voice sounded different or that you could sing with more confidence?

Everyone can sing better with a little practice and with instruction on breathing and tone production.

Advent's Music Director, Phil Robb, will lead a "singing school" on January 29. He will teach us ways to produce a sound that pleases your ear as well as glorifying God. Turn over a new leaf in the New Year and take advantage of this wonderful opportunity. Singers and non-singers are all welcome!

MORE ABOUT ADVENT LUTHERAN CHURCH

You are welcome and invited to participate in the ministries of our congregation. To receive Advent's monthly newsletter, please contact the office at (408) 779-3551, or office@advent-lutheran.org. The monthly newsletter, with a calendar of events, and much more about Advent's ministries is on our homepage: www.advent-lutheran.org.

Our worship services are at 8:00 AM and 10:45 AM each Sunday. Christian education for all ages, preschool through adult, is at 9:30 AM. Please contact Pastor Warner if you would like to learn more about life with Christ or the ministries of this congregation. Advent is a part of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, www.elca.org.

For more information on ministries with children, youth and families, contact Casey Carlson at 408-761-6673 or youth@advent-lutheran.org.

PASCHAL CANDLE – ANNUAL REPORT CORRECTION

Advent's new Paschal Candle was donated to the church by the Mary & Martha Circle and dedicated on Christ the King Sunday.



FIRST QUARTER MISSION: LUTHERAN CAMPUS MINISTRY

Our first quarter mission is supporting part-time campus ministers with our prayers and special offerings. Rev. Clark Brown serves as part-time campus minister at CSU-Monterey Bay, and Inese Dahl serves as part-time campus minister at UC-Santa Cruz. To support this ministry of the gospel, mark special offerings “first quarter mission” or “Lutheran Campus Ministry.” If you may be interested in serving on the Campus Ministry Board, contact Pastor Warner or Pastor Brown, when he preaches at Advent on February 19.

WOMEN OF FAITH CONFERENCES COMES TO SAN JOSE



STANDARD	VIP SECTION
\$59	\$79

*A \$2 per person service fee will be added to your order.

The Women of Faith Conference is coming to San Jose this year. It is a one day event to be held in the Convention Center on Saturday, February 25th from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm. If you are interested in attending, please call Marianne Glover by Wednesday, January 18th if possible so she can purchase the tickets. The price is \$61.00. Thank you!

Mid-Week Bible Study Invitation

All members and friends of Advent church are invited!
01-10-12 we will begin a new midweek bible study.
We will be discussing ten subjects coupled with teaching
DVD of the author Dallas Willard, Theologian from USC
being interviewed by John Ortberg, Senior
Pastor, Menlo Park Presbyterian Church.

"The breadth of issues covered is astonishing:
from soul's redemption and justification to discipleship
and our growth in grace to death and the state of our
existence in heaven." by Richard Foster

1. Entering The Eternal Kind of Life Now
2. Gospels of Sin Management
3. What Jesus Knew: Our God Bathed World
4. Who is really Well Off?-The Beatitudes
5. The Rightness Of The Kingdom
6. Escaping Deceptions Of Reputation and Wealth
7. The Community of Prayerful Love
8. Being A Disciple or Student of Jesus
9. Curriculum For Christ-likeness
10. Restoration Of All Things

If you would like more information or order the book
please contact francis_gilroy@yahoo.com

Advent Family Announcement

Cherub Choir

Who: 4 year olds – 2nd grade

When: 9:15 - 10:00 AM on Saturdays

Where: the Sanctuary

Cherubography

"Cherubs in Motion"

Who: 3rd Grade - 6th Grade

When: 9:15 - 10:00 AM on Saturdays

Where: Room 2 in Youth Building

Are you in 3 – 6th grade and love to move? Come and join us as we choreograph different movements to music for the upcoming Christmas Season. For more information, contact Michelle Fumagalli at michellefumagalli@charter.net

Mission Possible: God's Not So Secret Agents

Who: 3 – 6 graders

When: Feb. 24-26, 2012

Where: Mt. Cross Lutheran Camp

How Much? \$115 if signed up before Feb. 7, or \$130 if signed up after.

God's Love is NOT hidden! God's Love is for EVERYONE! Jesus is the ULTIMATE agent of GRACE! Come spend a weekend with us in the Santa Cruz Mountains and become a Not-So-Secret Agent of God's grace!

Youth Announcements:

Sunday Mornings @ 9:30 am SUNDAY SCHOOL!

Come and learn some new stuff, make new friends, grow in faith, and begin your day with your friends in faith. Check out Sunday School for all ages!

- High School students, join the conversation! Together we will meet in the library to explore heaven, hell, and the afterlife, accompanied by the book, *Love Wins* by Rob Bell. High School students are also welcome to join the adult study in the fellowship hall.
- Middle School students (6-8 grades) meet in room 1 for discussion and video based on the Re:Form curriculum.

Wednesday Evening

@ 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm Jan. 25 Confirmation Lesson
 @ 7:00 pm – 8:00 pm Feb. 1 Guide Huddle

Thursday Evenings

@ 5:30 pm – 6:30 pm Youth Choir
 @ 6:45 pm – 7:30 pm Faith Journeys I: Life & God talk at Peet's on Cochrane
 @ 7:30 pm – 8:30 pm Faith Journeys II: Lectio Divina in the youth room
 @ 9:00 pm – 10:00 pm Faith Journeys III: Young Adult Lectio Divina +

February Fundraisers:

Super Bowl Youth Fundraiser Snacks and Hot Dishes

Order Pick Up, Feb. 5 after each service

Make your Super Bowl Sunday easy with your choice of veggie platter with ranch & blue cheese dips, corn and black bean enchiladas, or chili and cornbread Casserole. Get your orders into the front office by **Friday, Feb. 3**. Order forms can be found in the narthex or e-mailed by request. Enchiladas are vegetarian and gluten free. Chili can be vegetarian per request.

Sweetheart's Babysitting

Tuesday, Feb. 14

4:00 pm–9:00 pm

Longing for a dinner-for-two on Valentine's Evening? Drop the kids off at the youth room to take advantage of this donation-only fundraiser. Give what you can and let the priority be a night off with your sweetheart. Please R.S.V.P. by contacting Casey Carlson by Monday, Feb. 13.

PASTA FEED

Friday, Feb. 17

6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Come hungry! Invite your friends!

Support the youth who are headed to Lake Shasta and/or New Orleans this summer with an all-you-can-eat pasta feed. YUM!

\$10.00 for everyone 10 years old +

\$5.00 for everyone under 10 years old

This price includes all the pasta you can eat (with vegetarian option), salad, bread, and ice cream sandwiches.

February Service Events:

Tue., Feb. 14 4:00 pm–6:00 pm

Advent Youth and families are invited to serve our neighbors through the ministry of Community Table every second Tuesday of the month.

Tue., Feb. 21 4:00 pm–6:00 pm

With a twist on our usual Community Table experience, the group headed to New Orleans in July will also serve pancakes in honor of Fat Tuesday.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING` Today

SUNDAY, JANUARY 22, 9:30 AM

All are invited and encouraged to participate in our annual budget meeting. Confirmed members of Advent in good standing are voting members for this meeting.

1. Opening Prayer
2. Approval of Minutes for Congregational Meeting on November 7, 2011
3. Presentation of Annual Reports
4. Strategic Plan Update
5. Presentation of Proposed 2012 Congregational Budgets
 - a. Budget A
 - b. Budget B
6. Resolution to Amend the Advent Constitution to conform with the ELCA Model Constitution
7. Other Business
8. Closing Prayer

Monday Evening Book Group

New Year/New Book

The Monday Evening Book group will resume meeting on January 23, 2012 in the Library from 7:00 – 8:30. We will be meetings for 8 weeks to read the book “Misquoting Jesus: The Story Behind Who Changed the Bible and Why.” The author, Bart D. Ehrman, is a New Testament scholar and chairs the Department of Religious Studies at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. To order a book, the cost is \$10 and there is a sign up in the Narthex. All orders must be placed by January 18th. For further information call the church office or Lee Tyler at 778-1876. All are welcome to join in the discussion of this book or just read along with us on your own.

Food n' Fellowship Winter Party:

It's time for our Food n' Fellowship Winter Party! All are nvited...All are welcome! Please reserve the date on your brand new calendars!

Date: Sunday.....January 29, 2012
Time: 1:00 p.m.
Place: Westside Grill
8080 Santa Teresa Blvd, Suite 100, Gilroy, CA

Menu: Drink and Dessert Included
Choose one entree below.....
\$15 per person
Cobb Salad (soup included)
Steak House Salad (soup included)
Crab n' Avocado Melt Sandwich
(green or caesar salad included)
French Dip Sandwich
(green or caesar salad included)
Chicken n' Artichoke Cannelloni
(green or caesar salad included)
Prawn Pomodoro Pasta
(green or caesar salad included)

Party Agenda:

Business meeting
White Elephant gift exchange
Dancing (yes, they have a dance floor in our private banquet room)

Note: Let me know your "wish" so that I can
put it on our "wish list" to be voted on
at our event.

I hope to see a HUGE turnout for our Annual F&F Winter Party and the
Westside Grill is the place to go for a really nice lunch, so get your RSVP to
me soon!

Peace n' Blessings,
Nancy Lee, Coordinator



Sunday School
Church School

Godly Play (preschool – Grade 2) Room 12
Grades 3-5 Room 10
Grades 6-8 Room 2
Grades 9-12 Room Library

**NURSERY CARE IS AVAILABLE ALL MORNING
IN ROOM 7**

ADULTS

Annual Meeting of the Congregation in Sanctuary

MID-WEEK BIBLE STUDY

Tuesday mornings at 10:00 AM.

All are welcome every Tuesday in the Library at Advent.

francis_gilroy@yahoo.com.

WOMEN'S SPIRITUALITY CIRCLE

Meets on Thursdays @ 10:00 AM

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

MARY AND MARTHA CIRCLE

Meets 2nd Wednesday of the month @ 10:00 AM

INDIVIDUAL AND GROUP SPIRITUAL DIRECTION

For support in your prayer life, deepening relationship with God and living out your faith with the gifts you are given,

please contact Lee Tyler at 778-1876 or

ltyler3@juno.com

Week of January 22nd – 29th

Today	8:00 AM	Worship Service
	9:30 AM	Christian Education
	9:30 AM	Annual Meeting of the Congregation
	10:45 AM	Worship Service
	1:00 PM	New Life Church Worship Service
Monday	7:00 PM	Monday Night Book Group
	7:00 PM	Al-Anon
	7:00 PM	FA
Tuesday	10:00 AM	Mid Week Bible Study
	5:00 PM	Community Table
	6:00 PM	Women for Sobriety
Wednesday	7:00 PM	Confirmation
	7:00 PM	New Life Church Worship Service
Thursday	10:00 AM	Women's Spirituality Circle
	5:30 PM	Youth Choir
	6:30 PM	Faith Journeys I
	7:30 PM	Faith Journeys II
	7:30 PM	Chancel Choir
	9:00 PM	Faith Journeys III
Friday	6:30 PM	AA
Saturday	7:30 AM	Men's Fellowship
	9:15 AM	Cherub Choir
	10:00 AM	Women for Sobriety
	10:00 AM	Youth Led Worship music rehearsal
	11:00 AM	Youth Led Worship general rehearsal
Next Sunday	8:00 AM	Youth Led Worship Service
	9:30 AM	Christian Education
	9:30 AM	Singing School with Phil Robb in Sanctuary
	10:45 AM	Youth Led Worship Service
	1:00 PM	Food and Fellowship Winter Party
	1:00 PM	New Life Church Worship Service