

A Service of Remembrance



Advent Lutheran Church
November 6, 2022

Greeting

Invitation to Remembrance

L: God of all seasons and senses, grant us the sense of your timing; to submit gracefully and rejoice quietly in the turn of the seasons, in this season of short days and long nights.

C: Teach us the lessons of endings; children growing, friends leaving, loved ones dying, grieving over, grudges over, blaming over, excuses over.

L: God, grant us a sense of your timing.

Silence

L: In this season of short day and long nights,

C: Teach us the lessons of beginnings; that such waitings and endings may be the starting place.

L: Seeds planted which bring to birth what is ready to be born – something right and just and new.

C: A new song, a deeper relationship, a fuller love – in the fullness of your time.

L: God, grant us a sense of your timing.

C: Amen.

Opening Song

ELW #765 "Lord of All Hopefulness"



1 Lord of all hope - ful - ness, Lord of all joy,
2 Lord of all ea - ger - ness, Lord of all faith,
3 Lord of all kind - li - ness, Lord of all grace,
4 Lord of all gen - tle - ness, Lord of all calm,



whose trust, ev - er child - like, no cares could de - stroy:
whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe:
your hands swift to wel - come, your arms to em - brace:
whose voice is con - tent - ment, whose pres - ence is balm:



be there at our wak - ing, and give us, we pray,
be there at our la - bors, and give us, we pray,
be there at our hom - ing, and give us, we pray,
be there at our sleep - ing, and give us, we pray,



your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.
your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.
your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.
your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.

Lighting of the Memorial Candles

- L: The highest candle in the center is the Christ Candle. It reminds us that Christ is always with us and is the Light of the world.

Candle of Grief – Candle of Courage – Candle of Memories
Candle of Peace – Candle of Hope – Candle of Faith – Candle of Love

Litany

- L: At the rising of the sun and at its going down, we remember those we love who have died.
- C: At the blowing of the wind and the chill of the winter, we remember them.

L: At the opening of the buds and the rebirth of spring, we remember them.

C: At the blueness of the skies, and in the warmth of the summer, we remember them.

L: At the rustling of the leaves, and in the beauty of autumn, we remember them.

C: During the holidays, and at the year's end, we remember them.

L: As long as we live, they too will live, for they are now a part of us, as we remember them.

C: When we are weary and in need of strength, we remember them.

L: When we are lost and sick in heart, we remember them.

C: When we have joy we want to share, we remember them.

The Readings of Remembrance

Revelation 21:1-6

John 11

Candle Lighting & Remembering

(As you come forward, light a candle on the table and announce the name of the person.)

Responsive Prayer

L: The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not want,

C: His love is everlasting.

L: He makes me lie down in green pastures,

C: His love is everlasting.

L: He leads me beside still waters; he restores my soul,

C: His love is everlasting.

L: Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil, for you are with me,

C: His love is everlasting.

L: Your rod and your staff, they comfort me,

C: His love is everlasting.

L: You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies,

C: His love is everlasting.

L: You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows,

C: His love is everlasting.

L: Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,

C: **His love is everlasting.**

L: And I shall dwell in the house of the LORD my whole life long,

C: **His love is everlasting.**

The Lord's Prayer (*spoken*)

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.**

Benediction

Sending Song

ELW #773 "*Precious Lord*"

Precious Lord, take my hand,
Lead me on, let me stand,
I am tired, I am weak, I am worn;
Through the storm, through the night,
Lead me on to the light:
Take my hand, precious Lord,
Lead me home.

When my way grows drear,
Precious Lord, linger near,
When my life is almost gone,
Hear my cry, hear my call,
Hold my hand lest I fall:
Take my hand, precious Lord,
Lead me home.

When the darkness appears
And the night draws near,
And the day is past and gone,
At the river I stand,
Guide my feet, hold my hand:
Take my hand, precious Lord,
Lead me home.

L: Let us go forth in peace,

C: **in the name of Christ. Amen.**