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**“Called by God’s Grace to Love and Serve”**

*Welcome !*



*November 3, 2024, 9:30 AM*  
*All Saints Sunday*

# Welcome

**We welcome everyone to worship** on this wonderful day. May God bless our time together in Worship with Word and Sacrament.

**If you are visiting with us today, we would love to get to know you.** Please fill out a *Welcome* card and place it in the offering basket. The reverse of this card can also be used for prayer requests, or other special needs.

**Need Directions?** Feel free to ask an usher if you need to find a restroom, or another particular room or group meeting here in the church building.

**Cell phone off?** – We respectfully ask that you silence your cell phone during worship this morning.

**For hearing impaired:** We now have four hearing receivers and two neck units. If you wish to use one, please see the person at the sound booth in the back of the Sanctuary.

## THE LORD INVITES EVERYONE TO HIS TABLE

### We Believe

Jesus Christ is present in the bread and wine.

We receive forgiveness of sins and strength for Christian living.

We are renewed in faith with the promise of salvation and eternal life.

### We Offer

Wine and grape juice (light colored glasses in center of trays)

Bread (including gluten-free wafers)

**Come, taste, and see that the Lord is good!**

## INTRODUCTION

Of all three years of the lectionary cycle, this year's All Saints readings have the most tears. Isaiah and Revelation look forward to the day when God will wipe away all tears; in John's gospel, Jesus weeps along with Mary and all the gathered mourners before he demonstrates his power over death. On All Saints Day we celebrate the victory won for all the faithful dead, but we grieve for our beloved dead as well, knowing that God honors our tears. We bring our grief to the table and find there a foretaste of Isaiah's feast to come.

**ORDER OF WORSHIP**  
**November 3, 2024, 9:30 AM**

**WELCOME**

*(Congregation please stand)*

**BRIEF ORDER OF CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

**P** 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.

**C** **Amen.**

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

*Silence for reflection*

**P** Most merciful God,

**C** **we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. 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. 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** In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the +Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** **Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN

“For All the Saints”

#422

Verses 1, 3, 5, 7

1 For all the saints who from their la - bors rest, who  
 2 Thou wast their rock. their for - tress, and their might; thou,  
*Stanzas 3-5 on facing page.*  
 6 But then there breaks a yet more glo - rious day: the  
 7 From earth's wide bounds, from o - cean's far - thest coast, through

thee by faith be - fore the world con - fessed, thy  
 Lord, their cap - tain in the well - fought fight; . . .

saints tri - um - phant rise in bright ar - ray; the  
 gates of pearl streams in the count - less host, . . .

name, O Je - sus, be for - ev - er blest.  
 thou, in the dark - ness drear, their one true light.

King of glo - ry pass - es on his way.  
 sing - ing to Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost:

GATHERING HYMN

“For All the Saints” - Continued

#422

Verses 1, 3, 5, 7

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

3 Oh, blest com - mu - nion, fel - low - ship di - vine, we fee - bly strug - gle.  
4 And when the strife is fierce, the war - fare long, steals on the ear the  
5 The gold - en eve - ning bright - ens in the west; soon, soon to faith - ful

they in glo - ry shine: yet all are one in thee, for all are  
dis - tant tri - umph song, and hearts are brave a - gain and arms are  
ser - vants com - eth rest: . . . sweet is the calm of par - a - dise the

thine.  
strong. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!  
blest.

## 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.**

## KYRIE

*Refrain*



Ky-ri - e e - lei - son, on our world and on our way.

Ky-ri - e e - lei - son, ev-'ry day.

For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the unity of all;  
For this holy house, for all who worship and praise,  
Let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord. *Refrain*

That we may live out your impassioned response to the hungry and the poor; that we may  
live out truth and justice and grace,  
Let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord. *Refrain*

For peace in our hearts, for peace in our homes, for friends and family;  
For life and for love, for our work and our play,  
Let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord. *Refrain*

For your Spirit to guide; that you center our lives in the water and the Word;  
That you nourish our souls with your body and blood,  
Let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord. *Refrain*

## HYMN OF PRAISE

*Refrain*



This is the feast of vic - t'ry for our God, for the



Lamb who was slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be



peo - ple of God. Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and

*Refrain*



hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his. This is the feast of



vic - t'ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain has be - gun his reign. Al -



le - lu - ia. 2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and



join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or,



glo - ry, and might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

*Final refrain*



This is the feast of vic - t'ry for our God, for the



Lamb who was slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

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## PRAYER OF THE DAY

**P** The Lord be with you

**C** And also with you.

**P** Let us pray, Almighty God,

**C** you have knit your people together in one communion in the mystical body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant us grace to follow your blessed saints in lives of faith and commitment, and to know the inexpressible joys you have prepared for those who love you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

*(Congregation please be seated)*

## FIRST READING

**Isaiah 25:6–9**

*Isaiah sees a vision of the end of days, when the Lord will gather all God's people on God's holy mountain and will prepare for them a rich feast. At this banquet the Lord will wipe the tears from all eyes. And there will be no more sorrow, for God will destroy death itself.*

On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples  
a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines,  
of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear.

<sup>7</sup>And he will destroy on this mountain  
the shroud that is cast over all peoples,  
the sheet that is spread over all nations;  
<sup>8</sup>he will swallow up death forever.

Then the Lord GOD will wipe away the tears from all faces,  
and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth,  
for the LORD has spoken.

<sup>9</sup>It will be said on that day,  
Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us.  
This is the LORD for whom we have waited;  
let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

**P** The Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.



**PSALM 24**    *(Verses in bold are read by the congregation)*

*They shall receive blessing from the God of their salvation. (Ps. 24:5)*

The earth is the LORD's and all that is in it,  
the world and those who dwell therein.

**<sup>2</sup>For the LORD has founded it upon the seas  
and established it upon the rivers.**

<sup>3</sup>Who may ascend the mountain of the LORD,  
and who may stand in God's holy place?

**<sup>4</sup>Those of innocent hands and purity of heart,  
who do not swear on God's being, nor do they pledge by what is false.**

<sup>5</sup>They shall receive blessing from the LORD  
and righteousness from the God of their salvation.

**<sup>6</sup>Such is the generation of those who seek you, O LORD,  
of those who seek your face, O God of Jacob.**

<sup>7</sup>Lift up your heads, O gates; and be lifted up, O everlasting doors,  
that the King of glory may come in.

**<sup>8</sup>Who is this King of glory?  
The LORD, strong and mighty, the LORD, mighty in battle!**

<sup>9</sup>Lift up your heads, O gates; and be lifted up, O everlasting doors,  
that the King of glory may come in.

**<sup>10</sup>Who is this King of glory?  
Truly, the LORD of hosts is the King of glory.**

**SECOND READING**

**Revelation 21:1–6**

*Here is a vision of the new heaven and new earth in which God resides fully with God's people so that mourning, despair, and pain have been eradicated. These renewing words from the God who spans all of time are trustworthy and true.*

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. <sup>2</sup>And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.

<sup>3</sup>And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,

"See, the home of God is among mortals.

He will dwell with them;

they will be his peoples,

and God himself will be with them;

<sup>4</sup>he will wipe every tear from their eyes.

Death will be no more;

mourning and crying and pain will be no more,

for the first things have passed away."

<sup>5</sup>And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new."

Also he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true." <sup>6</sup>Then he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the

thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life."

**P** The Word of the Lord.



**Thanks be to God.**

*(Congregation please stand)*

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

*Singing, we rise to greet Jesus Christ, present in the gospel reading*



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



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

**THE HOLY GOSPEL****John 11:32–44**

*Through the raising of Lazarus, Jesus offers the world a vision of the life to come, when death and weeping will be no more.*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to John.**G** **Glory to you, O Lord.**

When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." <sup>33</sup>When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. <sup>34</sup>He said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Lord, come and see." <sup>35</sup>Jesus began to weep. <sup>36</sup>So the Jews said, "See how he loved him!" <sup>37</sup>But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?"

<sup>38</sup>Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. <sup>39</sup>Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, "Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days." <sup>40</sup>Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?"

<sup>41</sup>So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, "Father, I thank you for having heard me. <sup>42</sup>I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me." <sup>43</sup>When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" <sup>44</sup>The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go."

**P** The Gospel of the Lord.**G** **Praise to you, O Christ.**

*(Congregation please be seated)*

**SERMON****Pastor Matthew Larson**

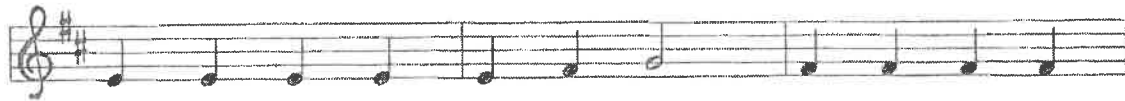
(Congregation please stand)

HYMN OF THE DAY

“Death Be Never Last”



1 We walk in light of count - less fac - es  
2 When sor - row's heav - y hand has weight - ed  
3 When joy re - turns with laugh - ter sing - ing



bright as beams of ris - ing sun, cer - tain as the  
loss a - gainst the great - er gain, pin - ning down that  
thanks to God for life's sweet song, let us fol - low



morn - ing chas - es night in end - less a - ges' run.  
grief sore fat - ed lad - en on the bed of pain.  
af - ter bring - ing thanks to God for those now gone.

*Refrain*



Turn - ing eyes now to their shin - ing mem - 'ry, to their faith - ful past,



saints be now the truth di - vin - ing: death be now but nev - er last.

*Congregation please be seated)*

**REMEMBERING THE SAINTS**

After each name is read, a chime will be heard for each name. After all the names have been read, you will have an opportunity to come forward and light a candle in memory of your loved one.

*Below are the names of the members (and friends) of Advent Lutheran Church who have died since All Saints' Day last year. We remember them in our prayers today, and we give thanks for their lives. We remember and find strength in their faith and the faith of all the saints both known to us and known only to God.*

Julie Bass  
Katy Brownlee  
Gwen Huber  
Bob Newcomb



**ALL SAINTS' DAY**

*(Congregation please stand)*

**P** Let us proclaim our Christian faith:

**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 PEOPLE**

*A brief silence.*

(Each petition ends, "Merciful God," to which the congregation responds, "receive our prayer")

*After the concluding prayer, respond with:*

**G Amen.**

**EXCHANGE OF PEACE**

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

**G** And also with you.

*Share the peace of God with one another.*

*(Congregation please be seated)*

## GATHERING OF OFFERINGS

### OFFERTORY

*(Congregation please stand)*

#### **“Accept, O Lord, the Gifts We Bring”**

**#691**

*Verse 1: Accept, O Lord, the gifts we bring to place upon your table.  
We do not worship as we ought but only as we're able.*

*Verse 2: The vines were planted, seeds were sown. They grew in your good pleasure.  
What once was common, daily food becomes a holy treasure.*

*Verse 3: Our hopes and dreams, our toils and cares we lift in prayer before you.  
Lord, by your grace now come to us, as humbly we adore you.*

### OFFERTORY PRAYER

- A** Let us pray, Blessed are you, O God,  
**C** source of every gift of your creation. By these gifts and with our lives, help us to serve one another and all in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

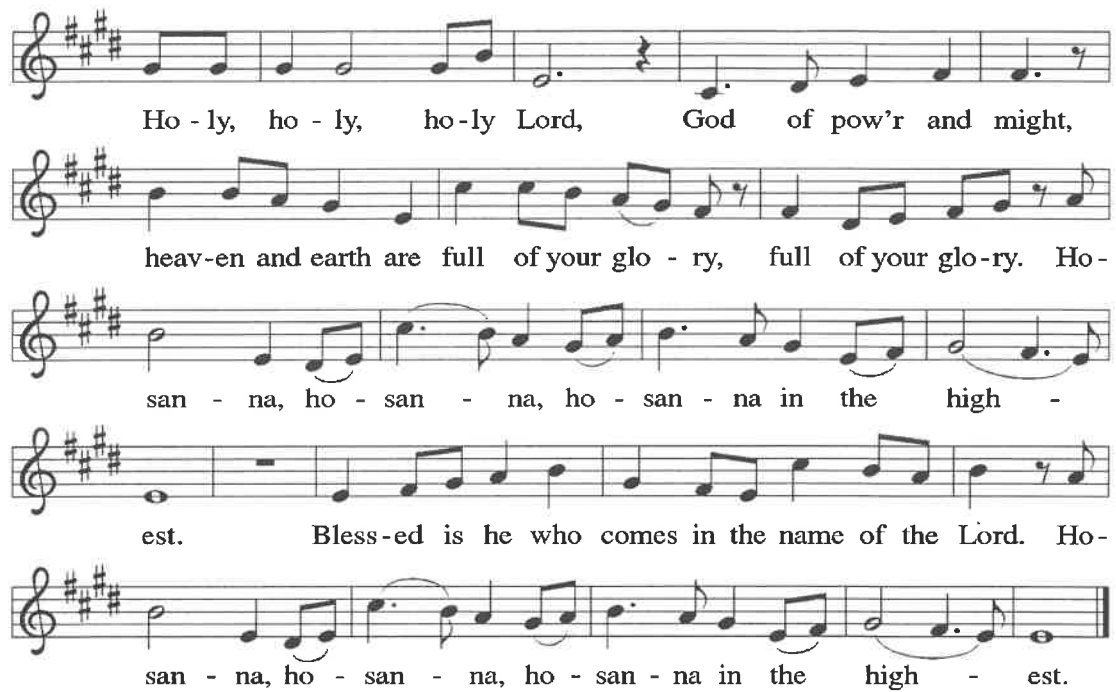
### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

- P** The Lord be with you.  
**C** And also 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 our thanks and praise.



- It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

### HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,  
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry, 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, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

*The minister continues with the eucharistic prayer.*

#### **WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

☞ Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

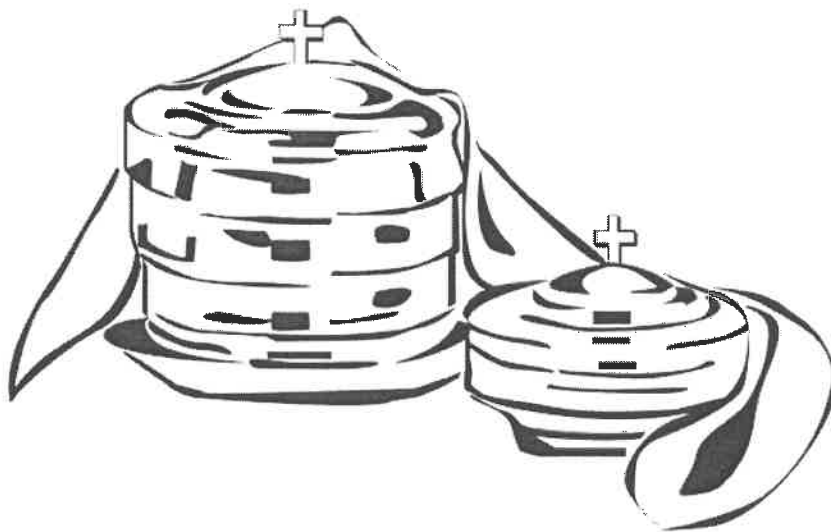
#### **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**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.**

*(Congregation please be seated)*

#### **INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

☞ Jesus welcomes you to this table. Come, here is your God.



## LAMB OF GOD



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, grant us peace, Lamb of God.

## HOLY COMMUNION

*(During communion please be respectful to those who use this time for prayer and reflection)*

*(Congregation please stand)*

**P** May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the gifts of his body and blood strengthen, keep and unite us, now and forever.

**G** Amen.

## POST COMMUNION PRAYER

**A** Holy God, you have welcomed us to this meal and fed us with dignity at your table. Send us now to welcome others and to be at peace with one another, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**G** Amen.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

## BENEDICTION

**P** The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.

**G** Amen.

SENDING SONG

“Oh, When the Saints Go Marching In”

1 Oh, when the saints go march - ing in, oh, when the  
 2 Oh, when the Lord in glo - ry comes, oh, when the  
 3 Oh, when the new world is re - vealed, oh, when the  
 4 Oh, when they gath - er round the throne, oh, when they  
 5 And on that hal - le - lu - jah day, and on that

saints go march - ing in, O Lord, I want to be in that  
 Lord in glo - ry comes, O Lord, I want to be in that  
 new world is re - vealed, O Lord, I want to be in that  
 gath - er round the throne, O Lord, I want to be in that  
 hal - le - lu - jah day, O Lord, I want to be in that

num - ber when the saints go march - ing in.  
 num - ber when the Lord in glo - ry comes.  
 num - ber when the new world is re - vealed.  
 num - ber when they gath - er round the throne.  
 num - ber on that hal - le - lu - jah day.

- Ⓐ As people of God, this is our mission at Advent:
- Ⓢ **“Called by God’s Grace to Love and Serve.”**

**DISMISSAL**

*(God sends us to live as Christ’s body in the world.)*

- Ⓐ Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.
- Ⓢ **Thanks be to God.**

**Serving in Worship Today-9:30 am**

|                      |                            |
|----------------------|----------------------------|
| Presiding Minister   | Pastor Matthew Larson      |
| Preacher             | Pastor Matthew Larson      |
| Assisting Minister   | Kara Wilson                |
| Communion Assistants | Jodi Meddock, Signe Stokes |
| Pianist              | Shirley Roraback           |
| Reader               | Brendan Wiechert           |
| Ushers               | Bill Johnson, Linda Semmen |
| Greeter              | Belle Campbell             |
| Musician             | Wes Todd                   |
| Audio/Video          | Ian Larson                 |
| Fellowship Host      | Sharon Scribner            |
| Cookies              | Linda Semmen               |
| Tellers              | McCune, Sturges            |

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**+ PRAYER AND PRAISE +**

**New this Week:** Prayers are needed for Marian Moseman for health issues and for Theresa Kappus as she goes through treatment for lymphoma.

**Church Family and Friends:** Barney Barnhart & family, Linda Bradford, Belle Campbell, Mallory Chapin & family, Pastor Lori Cornell, Georgia Coulston,, Michele & Eric Emme & family, Faye Grant, Dorothy Grier, Inez Hodge, Leigh & Steve Hopkins, Jenae & Alia, Savannah Kelley, Jeff & Abby Lanctot, Joanne Limbaugh & family, Jan Madden, Mike & Sandra McCune & family and friends, Ian & SaraLu Moore, Marian Moseman & family, Jeanne Mummert, Amaryllis & Ken Otteman, Myrna Rehn, Warren Seaholm, Neal Sullivan, Isabel Toth, Costa & Fotini Tsakarestos, Steve Woodard, and Chris Worth & family.

**For Family Members & Friends Serving in the Military:**

CPT Ashley Allinger, Chaplain US Army, CPT Zane Allinger, USAF, CPL Damien Anderson, Major Ryan Baker, Majors Megan & Robert Barnwell, SGT Alex Baron, USAF, Capt. Jordon Bolster, CPT Christopher Finch, Robert Guyton, TSG Christine Johnson, CW2 Aaron Lang, Sr. Airman Richard Luna III, MSgt. Duncan McFarlane, Bryan McGoon, SSG Aaron Moeller, Sam Nelson, Mst. Sgt. Alex Pohle, AF Staff Sgt. Garytt Shirey, Kurt Strigel, Colin Wells, U.S. Air Force, Ryan Wells, Master Sgt. AF Nat'l Guard Sarah Meddock, TSG Jason Wood, CPT Michael West, Staff SGT Jacob McKenzie, Capt. Stephen King, Airman Chase Strunk, U.S. Air Force, LCPL Jared Martin, Rafe Rector in Marines, Staff Sgt. Dan Zabriskie in the National Guard, and Airman Justin Wise, US Air Force.

**For Family Members & Friends Serving in Mission Fields around the world.**

*If you have a **prayer request**, please send an email to the church office at [alcpokane@comcast.net](mailto:alcpokane@comcast.net) or call the church office at (509) 928-7733.*





## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Online Worship:** [www.youtube.com/c/adventlutheranspokane](http://www.youtube.com/c/adventlutheranspokane)

### **ALL SAINTS SUNDAY**

**Today is All Saints Sunday.** It is the time to remember those who have died in the past year. We will be lighting pillar candles for those connected to Advent and then there will be a time for everyone to come up and light one or more candles to remember a family member, friend, etc.

### **CONFIRMATION**

The **Confirmation crew** will be meeting **after worship today** for our quarterly get together and go over the readings and your responses.

### **COUNCIL TABLE TALKS**

**TODAY** after worship, the Council continues its **table talks (scheduled the first Sunday of each month)**, for questions and answers. Look for the **Council table** in the Fellowship Hall during coffee hour.

### **MID-WEEK BIBLE STUDY**

Mid-Week **Bible study** meets each **Thursday morning at 10:00 am**. We are currently studying the book of **Revelation**.

### **MEN'S PRAYER GROUP**

The **Men's Prayer group** continues to meet each **Friday morning at 6:30 am at Denny's Restaurant on North Argonne. Please note the new location. (The Denney's at the Pines and Sprague location has permanently closed)**. All men are welcome!

### **MONTHLY LADIES LUNCHEON**

Our next luncheon will be **Saturday, November 9th at 11:30 a.m. at The Max at Mirabeau**. Please contact **Gerry O'Rourke at 509-893-0787** so she can make a reservation. The **sign-up sheet** is on the table in the Narthex or you may call the **Church office at 509-928-7733**. Thank you.

### **CROSSWALK YOUTH SHELTER DONATIONS**

**We are collecting** items for **Crosswalk through next Sunday, November 10:** sleeping bags, blankets, coats, hats, gloves, and any warm items that the teens could use this winter. **Thank you for donating!**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS-Continued**

### **DECORATE OUR COURTYARD**

Have you noticed how beautiful our courtyard is looking? Anyone who wishes to is encouraged to bring an Autumn decoration to display in the courtyard (pumpkins, potted Mums, etc.).

### **TREE OF SHARING**

If you are interested in providing a gift for someone less fortunate this Christmas season, we will once again have our **Tree of Sharing**. Our **Tree of Sharing** will be up the **Sunday before Thanksgiving**. This is an annual outreach activity of our church. For families, this can be an important way to teach children to provide for those in need. If you know of a child or a person in need, the deadline to provide their name to the church office is **Sunday, November 17**. Request forms are available on the table under the Sanctuary window in the Narthex. You may also call/email the Church office and give the request over the phone. **Questions?** Contact the **Church office** at **928-7733**. **Marlene Diehl** is once again organizing our **Tree of Sharing** this year! Thank you **Marlene!**

### **THANKSGIVING POTLUCK**

The **Hospitality Committee** is hosting a **Thanksgiving potluck** after worship on **Sunday, November 17**. The church will be providing turkey, mashed potatoes, gravy, and green beans. A **sign-up sheet** is on the table in the Narthex for you to sign up to bring a favorite salad (any kind) or a dessert. We would also appreciate volunteers to assist with serving and cleaning up after. **Questions?** Please contact **Sue Wipperling** at **509-496-0525**.

### **YOUTH FUNDRAISING**

The youth are continuing their fundraising. Do you need help with raking your leaves or pine needles? The **Youth Group** is available and willing to assist! Please see the **sign-up sheet** on the table in the Narthex. **Questions?** Please contact **Kara Wilson** at **(509) 994-4196**.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS-Continued**

### **THE FIG TREE FALL FUNDRAISER**

**The Fig Tree** has launched its fall campaign to invite renewing and new sponsors to join those supporting our media that share stories, connect people, offer resources, build understanding and inspire solidarity among the diverse people in the area. The “**Fall Festival of Sharing**” continues to **Giving Tuesday on December 3rd**. This offers opportunities to donate through **The Fig Tree Facebook Fundraiser** at [www.thefigtree.org/donate.html](http://www.thefigtree.org/donate.html) or by mail to **The Fig Tree, 1323 S. Perry St., Spokane, WA 99202**.

### **CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**

**Plan to stay for our Congregational Meeting on Sunday, December 8th**, immediately following the worship service. A quorum of **56 members** is needed. The purpose of this meeting is to approve the 2025 Church and Child Center Budgets and June 2nd Semi-Annual Congregational Meeting Minutes.

### **POINSETTIAS**

We will once again be **ordering 20 Poinsettias** to decorate our Sanctuary during our Advent season. You may purchase a poinsettia through the church or bring them from home. If you are wanting to purchase a plant through the church, please see the **order sheets** on the table in the Narthex. The orders are due by **Sunday, December 15. The cost is \$15 per plant.**