### Advent Lutheran Church

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"Called by God's Grace to Love and Serve"

# Welcome!



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October 13 2024, 9:30 AM Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost

## 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

The rich man who comes to ask Jesus what he should do to inherit eternal life is a good man, sincere in his asking. Mark's gospel is alone in saying that Jesus looked on him and loved him. Out of love, not as judgment, Jesus offers him an open door to life: sell all you own and give it to the poor. Our culture bombards us with the message that we will find life by consuming. Our assemblies counter this message with the invitation to find life by divesting for the sake of the other.

#### ORDER OF WORSHIP October 13, 2024, 9:30 AM

#### WELCOME

(Congregation please stand)

#### BRIEF ORDER OF CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

#### Silence for reflection

- P Most merciful God,
- 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.
- 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.



- 1 Rise up, O saints of God! From vain am bi tions turn;
- 2 Speak out, O saints of God! De spair en gulfs earth's frame;
- 3 Rise up, O saints of God! The king-dom's task em brace;
- 4 Give heed, O saints of God! Cre a tion cries in pain;
- 5 Com-mit your hearts to seek the paths which Christ has trod;



Christ rose tri - um-phant that your hearts with no - bler zeal might burn. as heirs of God's bap - tis - mal grace, the word of hope pro-claim. re - dress sin's cru - el con - se-quence; give jus - tice larg - er place. stretch forth your hand of heal-ing now, with love the weak sus - tain. and, quick - ened by the Spir-it's pow'r, rise up, O saints of God!

#### **GREETING**

- P 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**



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**



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#### PRAYER OF THE DAY

- The Lord be with you
- And also with you. C
- Let us pray, Almighty and ever-living God,
- increase in us your gift of faith, that, forsaking what lies behind and C reaching out to what lies ahead, we may follow the way of your commandments and receive the crown of everlasting joy, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

(Congregation please be seated)

FIRST READING Amos 5:6-7, 10-15

Amos was a herdsman by profession and a prophet by God's call. During a time of great prosperity in the northern kingdom of Israel, the prophet speaks to the wealthy upper class. He warns his listeners that fulfilling God's demand for justice brings blessing, while corruption and oppression incur God's wrath.

Seek the LORD and live, or he will break out against the house of Joseph like fire, and it will devour Bethel, with no one to quench it.

Ah, you that turn justice to wormwood, and bring righteousness to the ground! They hate the one who reproves in the gate, and they abhor the one who speaks the

<sup>11</sup>Therefore because you trample on the poor and take from them levies of grain, you have built houses of hewn stone, but you shall not live in them; you have planted pleasant vineyards, but you shall not drink their wine.

<sup>12</sup>For I know how many are your transgressions, and how great are your sins you who afflict the righteous, who take a bribe, and push aside the needy in the gate.

13Therefore the prudent will keep silent in such a time;
for it is an evil time. 14Seek good and not evil, that you may live;

and so the LORD, the God of hosts, will be with you, just as you have said.

<sup>15</sup>Hate evil and love good, and establish justice in the gate; it may be that the LORD, the God of hosts, will be gracious to the remnant of Joseph.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SPECIAL MUSIC

"In You, We Are One"

**Advent Choral** 

#### **SECOND READING**

Hebrews 4:12-16

We cannot hide our thoughts, desires, and actions from God, to whom we are completely accountable. Nevertheless, Jesus understands our human weakness and temptations, because he also experienced them. Therefore we can approach the throne of grace to receive divine mercy from Christ.

Indeed, the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing until it divides soul from spirit, joints from marrow; it is able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart. <sup>13</sup>And before him no creature is hidden, but all are naked and laid bare to the eyes of the one to whom we must render an account.

<sup>14</sup>Since, then, we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession. <sup>15</sup>For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin. <sup>16</sup>Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

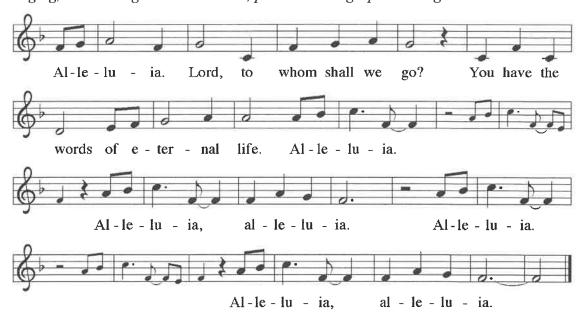
P The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

(Congregation please stand)

#### **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

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



#### THE HOLY GOSPEL

Mark 10:17-31

Jesus has been teaching his disciples about what is most valued in God's eyes. Now, a conversation with a rich man brings his message home to the disciples in a way that is surprising but unforgettable.

P The Holy Gospel according to Mark.

Glory to you, O Lord.

As [Jesus] was setting out on a journey, a man ran up and knelt before him, and asked him, "Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?" <sup>18</sup>Jesus said to him, "Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. <sup>19</sup>You know the commandments: 'You shall not murder; You shall not commit adultery; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; You shall not defraud; Honor your father and mother." <sup>20</sup>He said to him, "Teacher, I have kept all these since my youth." <sup>21</sup>Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, "You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me." <sup>22</sup>When he heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions.

<sup>23</sup>Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, "How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!" <sup>24</sup>And the disciples were perplexed at these words. But Jesus said to them again, "Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! <sup>25</sup>It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God." <sup>26</sup>They were greatly astounded and said to one another, "Then who can be saved?" <sup>27</sup>Jesus looked at them and said, "For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible." <sup>28</sup>Peter began to say to him, "Look, we have left everything and followed you."

<sup>28</sup>Peter began to say to him, "Look, we have left everything and followed you." <sup>29</sup>Jesus said, "Truly I tell you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields, for my sake and for the sake of the good news, <sup>30</sup>who will not receive a hundredfold now in this age—houses, brothers and sisters, mothers and children, and fields, with persecutions—and in the age to come eternal life. <sup>31</sup>But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first."

P The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

(Congregation please be seated)

**SERMON** 

**Pastor Matthew Larson** 

#### (Congregation please stand)



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## HYMN OF THE DAY "I Will Call Upon the Lord" - Continued



#### (Congregation please be seated)

#### PRAYER FOR THE DEDICATION OF QUILTS, KITS, AND LAYETTES

- Let us pray. O Lord our God, maker of all things, you have blessed us with so many gifts—a good eye for color, the ability to make fine stitches, the skills to develop ever-new and exciting patterns. Now we offer the fruits of our labors, the quilts and kits we have made, to you.
- We dedicate these quilts and kits to your service, trusting that your love will go wherever each item is sent, making it more than just a piece of material, a collection of items—making each piece we have created an expression of love.
- There is no way for us to imagine the power and effect an act of love can have on a person's life—how you can use something as small as a quilt, a layette, a health kit to radiate your love from us to the world.
- May these be used in your service and become blessings for all those who receive them.
- Lord, we know that all we possess comes from your loving hand. Give us grace to honor you with all of our being: draw our hearts to you, guide our minds, fill our imaginations, control our wills, so that we may be wholly yours.
- Use us as you will, always to your glory and the welfare of your people. Amen.

We thank all our dedicated Happy Piecemakers: Manda Benton, Diane Buck, Belle Campbell, Joanne Day, JoAnn Dunlap, Marsha Jones, Colleen Kusler, Sue May, Marian Moseman, Shelle Seaholm, Sharon Scribner, Eva Sturges, Linda Sweet, Midge Thorin, Dee Yates, and Jan Ziemer.

#### (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, "God of grace," to which the congregation responds, "hear our prayer"

After the concluding prayer, respond with:

C Amen.

#### **EXCHANGE OF PEACE**

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

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- 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

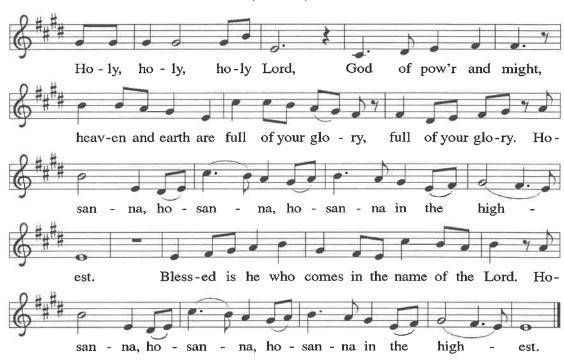
- **A** Let us pray, Blessed are you, O God,
- source of every gift of your creation. By these gifts and with our lives, help us to serve one another and all in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

#### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

- P The Lord be with you.
- **And also with you.**
- P Lift up your hearts.
- **9** We lift them to the Lord.
- **P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- **Q** 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



The minister continues with the eucharistic prayer.

#### WORDS OF INSTITUTION

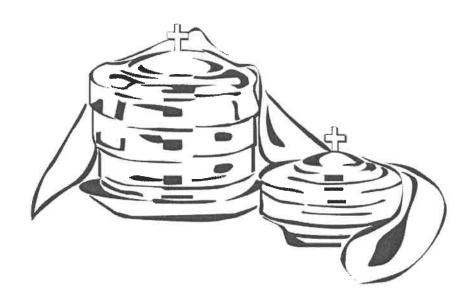
Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

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.

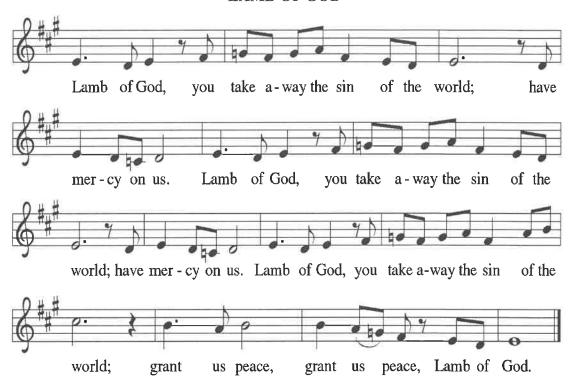
(Congregation please be seated)

#### INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Jesus welcomes you to this table. Come, here is your God.  $\mathbf{P}$ 



#### **LAMB OF GOD**



#### **HOLY COMMUNION**

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

(Congregation please stand)

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

#### POST COMMUNION PRAYER

- 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.
- C Amen.

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### BENEDICTION

- 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.
- C Amen.



- 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.)

- P 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 Annitta Hackett, Denise Walker

Praise Team Director Kevin Kelly

Pianist Kevin Kelly, Shirley Roraback

Reader Linda Tompkins
Ushers Rick & Jodi Meddock
Greeter Belle Campbell
Musician Wes Todd
Audio/Video Ian Larson

Fellowship Hosts

Cookies Holly Gunby, Denise Walker

Tellers Diehl

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#### + PRAYER AND PRAISE +

**New this Week:** Prayers are appreciated for Peggy Hinrichs daughter, Peggy, as she recovers from a fall. Continued prayers for Tes Sturges and Georgia Coulston as they are recovering from surgery.

Church Family and Friends: Barney Barnhart & family, Belle Campbell, Mallory Chapin & family, Pastor Lori Cornell, Kathleen Curry, Michele & Eric Emme & family, Faye Grant, Dorothy Grier, Faith Gunby, Inez Hodge, Leigh & Steve Hopkins, Jenae & Alia, Savannah Kelley, Joanne Limbaugh & family, Jan Madden, Mike & Sandra McCune & family and friends, Ian & SaraLu Moore, Marian Moseman, Bill Moore, Jeanne Mummert, Amaryllis & Ken Otteman, Kathy Piper, Myrna Rehn, Isabel Toth, Costa & Fotini Tsakarestos, Babs & Rick Velategui & family, 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 alcspokane@comcast.net or call the church office at (509) 928-7733.

#### Coming This Week - Sunday, October 13, through Sunday, October 20, 2024

**SUNDAY** Quilt Sunday and Raffle

9:30 am Worship Service with Holy Communion

After Worship

Coffee Fellowship

10:45 am High School Sunday School-Starbucks on Sprague

MONDAY 8:30 am-9:30 am Senior Fitness Class

9:45 am-11:45 am Balance Class-For those currently registered

6:00 pm Boy Scouts

**TUESDAY** 9:00 am-12:00 pm Happy Piecemakers

6:00 pm Cub Scouts

WEDNESDAY 8:30 am-9:30 am Senior Fitness Class

9:45 am-11:45 am Balance Class-For those currently registered

11:00 am Child Center Chapel in the sanctuary

6:00 pm-7:30 pm Girl Scouts

THURSDAY 9:00 am-11:00 am Happy Helpers

5:30 pm-6:30 pm AA Meeting

FRIDAY Quilt Shipping Day

6:30 am Men's Prayer Breakfast at Denny's Restaurant-Sprague &

Pines Road

5:00 pm-6:00 pm 'Come to Friday Dinner'

**SATURDAY** 

**NEXT SUNDAY** 9:30 am Worship Service with Holy Communion

After Worship

Coffee Fellowship

10:45 am High School Sunday School-Starbucks on Sprague

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Online Worship: www.youtube.com/c/adventlutheranspokane

#### THE HAPPY PIECEMAKERS QUILT RAFFLE

The Happy Piecemakers will be raffling four quilts TODAY! The proceeds for the quilts go to help offset the cost of shipping the quilts to Lutheran World Relief. The Happy Piecemakers have assembled and sewn 165 quilts and 7 baby care kits to be shipped to Lutheran World Relief next week.

#### NO MID-WEEK BIBLE STUDY

There will be NO Mid-Week Bible study this Thursday morning.

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

The Men's Prayer group continues to meet each Friday morning at 6:30 am at Denny's Restaurant on Sprague and Pines. All men are welcome!

#### **BABY CARE KITS**

The **Happy Piecemakers** (quilters) are collecting the following baby items (size 6-24 months; up to size 2) to assemble baby care kits for shipping with the quilts on October 18:

- Lightweight cotton t-shirts (NO ONESIES)
- Long or short sleeve gowns or sleepers (without feet)
- Sweaters or sweatshirts with a hood, or include a baby cap
- Baby socks

If you are able to bring any of these baby items, please bring them to the church no later than **Tuesday**, **October 15**. Thank you.

#### **'COME TO FRIDAY DINNER'**

Our next 'Come to Friday Dinner' will be on October 18th from 5:00 pm-6:00 pm. Menu: Chicken fettucine and steamed carrots.. If you are interested, please call the church office at 509-928-7733 or place your name and the number of meals you wish on the signup sheet on the table in the Narthex. EVERYONE welcome!

#### **NEXT SUNDAY**

Next Sunday, Vicar Brendan Wiechert will be preaching.

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS-Continued**

#### CROSSWALK YOUTH SHELTER DONATIONS

We have begun collecting items for Crosswalk: sleeping bags, blankets, coats, hats, gloves, and any warm items that the teens could use this winter. Thank you for donating!

#### ABOUT CROSSWALK YOUTH SHELTER

Established in 1985 and operating continuously since then, **Crosswalk Youth Shelter Spokane** is one of two licensed emergency shelters serving homeless youth in Eastern Washington. An array of professional case managers, teachers, health care workers, and behavioral health counselors work with Crosswalk youth with the primary goal of ending their homelessness and connecting them to stabilizing and supportive services.

#### **COMMUNION BREAD**

Advent is looking for a few volunteers to make communion bread. This is a very simple recipe to use and we will need a small loaf each week. If you are interested in making some communion bread, please call the church office. We also have copies of the recipe available in the church office. OR, you may purchase a loaf of simple bread (no seeds or nuts) to use and bring it to the church office (such as the King's Hawaiian bread). Thank you.

#### **DECORATE OUR COURTYARD**

Anyone who wishes to is encouraged to bring an Autumn decoration to display in the courtyard (pumpkins, potted Mums, etc.).

#### THE FIG TREE FALL FUNDRAISER

The Fig Tree is launching 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" began October 4th and continues to Giving Tuesday on December 3rd. This offers opportunities to donate through The Fig Tree Facebook Fundraiser at <a href="https://www.thefigtree.org/donate.html">www.thefigtree.org/donate.html</a> or by mail to The Fig Tree, 1323 S. Perry St., Spokane, WA 99202.