Advent Lutheran Church

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

Welcome!



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February 23, 2025, 9:30 AM Seventh Sunday after Epiphany

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 plate. 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

Mercy. Mercy. Mercy. Joseph lives it in Egypt. Jesus preaches it in the gospel. The Spirit guides us into merciful lives with the power of forgiveness to reconcile what is fractured and divided. Such merciful living is the baptismal blessing of having put on Christ. It is the gift of the life-giving Spirit. It is a reflection of God's glory revealed in Christ.

ORDER OF WORSHIP February 23, 2025, 9:30 AM

PRELUDE

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

BRIEF ORDER OF CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

(Congregation please stand)

- Blessed be the holy Trinity, +One God, who greets us in this and every season, whose word never fails, whose promise is sure.
- G Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of our neighbors.

- P Merciful God,
- we confess that we have sinned.
 We have hurt our community.
 We have squandered your blessings.
 We have hoarded your bounty.
 In the name of Jesus, forgive us and grant us your mercy. Amen.

Silence for reflection

- P Righteous God,
- We confess that we have sinned.
 We have failed to be honest.
 We have lacked the courage to speak.
 We have spoken falsely.
 In the name of Jesus, forgive us and grant us your mercy. Amen.
- God is a cup of cold water when we thirst. God offers boundless grace when we fail. Claim the gift of God's mercy: you are freed and forgiven in the name of + Jesus Christ.
- C Amen.

GATHERING HYMN "All Creatures, Worship God Most High!"

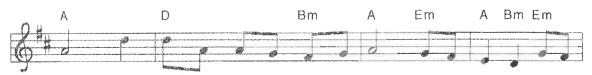
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- 1 All crea-tures, wor-ship God most high! Sound ev-'ry voice in earth and
- 2 Sing, broth er wind; with clouds and rain you grow the gifts of fruit and
- 3 Sing, broth er fire, so mirth-ful, strong; drive far the shad-ows, join the
- 4 All who for love of God for give. all who in pain or sor row



sky: Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! Sing, broth - er sun, in splen-dor grain: Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! Dear sis - ter wa-ter, use - ful, throng: Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! Dear moth - er earth, so rich in grieve: Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! Christ bears your bur-dens and your



bright; sing, sis ter moon and stars of night; clear, make mu - sic for your Lord to hear; care, praise God in col - ors bright and rare; fears; still make your song a - mid the tears;

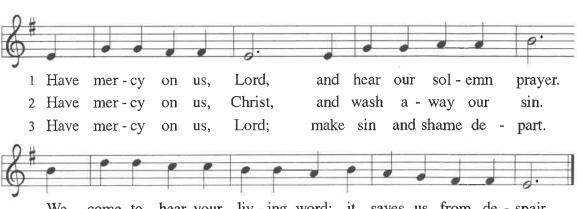
Al-le - lu - ia, al-le -



GREETING

- The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- **G** And also with you.

KYRIE



We come to hear your liv-ing word; it saves us from de-spair. Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may be - gin.

Re - new us with your sav-ing pow'r; cre - ate in us new hearts!

GLORY BE TO GOD IN HEAVEN



- 1 Glo-ry be to God in heav-en; peace, good-will to all the earth.
- 2 Glo-ry be to Christ for ev er, Lamb of God and Lord of love.
- 3 Ho-ly One we now ac-claim you; Lord a lone, to you we call;



Might-y God of all cre - a - tion, Fa - ther of sur - pass - ing worth: Son of God and gra - cious Sav - ior, you have come from heav'n a - bove; Ho - ly One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all:



we ex - alt you, we a - dore you, we lift high our thanks and praise. on the cross you died to save us; now you reign at God's right hand. Je-sus Christ, with God the Spir - it, in the Fa-ther's splen-dor bright.



Saints and an - gels bow be - fore you; here on earth our songs we raise. Hear our prayer; re - store, for - give us; in your prom - ise firm we stand. For the peace that we in - her - it, glo - ry be to God on high!

SALUTATION

- The Lord be with you.
- C And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

- Let us pray, O Lord Jesus,
- make us instruments of your peace, that where there is hatred, we may sow C love, where there is injury, pardon, and where there is despair, hope. Grant, O divine master, that we may seek to console, to understand, and to love in your name for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

(Congregation please be seated)

FIRST READING

Genesis 45:3-11, 15

Many years after being sold into slavery by his jealous brothers, Joseph reveals himself to them. Now the second-in-command in Egypt, Joseph reassures his brothers that God has used their evil intentions for good to preserve life during a devastating famine, and Joseph forgives them.

³ Joseph said to his brothers, 'I am Joseph. Is my father still alive?' But his brothers could not answer him, so dismayed were they at his presence.

⁴ Then Joseph said to his brothers, 'Come closer to me.' And they came closer. He said, 'I am your brother Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. ⁵ And now do not be distressed, or angry with yourselves, because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life. ⁶ For the famine has been in the land these two years; and there are five more years in which there will be neither ploughing nor harvest. ⁷ God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. 8 So it was not you who sent me here, but God; he has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. ⁹ Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, "Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me, do not delay. 10 You shall settle in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children, as well as your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. 11 I will provide for you there—since there are five more years of famine to come—so that you and your household, and all that you have, will not come to

poverty."

15 And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them; and after that his brothers talked

The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

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PSALM 37:1-11, 39-40

- Do not fret because of the wicked; do not be envious of wrongdoers,
- ² for they will soon fade like the grass, and wither like the green herb.
- ³ Trust in the LORD, and do good; so you will live in the land, and enjoy security.
- ⁴ Take delight in the LORD, and he will give you the desires of your heart.
- ⁵ Commit your way to the LORD; trust in him, and he will act.
- ⁶ He will make your vindication shine like the light, and the justice of your cause like the noonday.
- ⁷Be still before the LORD, and wait patiently for him; do not fret over those who prosper in their way, over those who carry out evil devices.
- per in their way, over those who carry out evil devices.

 Refrain from anger, and forsake wrath. Do not fret—it leads only to evil.
- ⁹ For the wicked shall be cut off, but those who wait for the LORD shall inherit the land
- ¹⁰ Yet a little while, and the wicked will be no more; though you look diligently for their place, they will not be there.
- But the meek shall inherit the land, and delight in abundant prosperity.
- ³⁹ The salvation of the righteous is from the LORD; he is their refuge in the time of trouble.
- ⁴⁰ The LORD helps them and rescues them; he rescues them from the wicked, and saves them, because they take refuge in him.

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 15:35-38, 42-50

- ³⁵But someone will ask, 'How are the dead raised? With what kind of body do they come?' ³⁶Fool! What you sow does not come to life unless it dies. ³⁷ And as for what you sow, you do not sow the body that is to be, but a bare seed, perhaps of wheat or of some other grain. ³⁸ But God gives it a body as he has chosen, and to each kind of seed its own body.
- ⁴² So it is with the resurrection of the dead. What is sown is perishable, what is raised is imperishable. ⁴³ It is sown in dishonor, it is raised in glory. It is sown in weakness, it is raised in power. ⁴⁴ It is sown a physical body, it is raised a spiritual body. If there is a physical body, there is also a spiritual body. ⁴⁵ Thus it is written, 'The first man, Adam, became a living being'; the last Adam became a life-giving spirit. ⁴⁶ But it is not the spiritual that is first, but the physical, and then the spiritual. ⁴⁷ The first man was from the earth, a man of dust; the second man is from heaven. ⁴⁸ As was the man of dust, so are those who are of the dust; and as is the man of heaven, so are those who are of heaven. ⁴⁹ Just as we have borne the image of the man of dust, we will also bear the image of the man of heaven. ⁵⁰ What I am saying, brothers and sisters is this: flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable.
- P The Word of the Lord.
- Thanks be to God.

(Congregation please stand)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al - le-lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav-ing word.



Let it burn like fire with-in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.



Al - le-lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 6:27-38

Jesus continues to address a crowd of his disciples. He invites his followers to sower radical love, blessing, forgiveness, generosity, and trust even on enemies and outsiders. Living in harmony with God's intent brings the regard of overflowing blessing.

P The Holy Gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

²⁷ 'But I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, ²⁸ bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. ²⁹ If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. ³⁰ Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. ³¹ Do to others as you would have them do

to you.

those who love them. ³³ If you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. ³⁴ If you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again. ³⁵ But love your enemies, do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return. Your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High; for he is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. ³⁶ Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.

³⁷ Do not judge, and you will not be judged; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven; ³⁸ give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap; for the

measure you give will be the measure you get back.'

P The Gospel of the Lord.

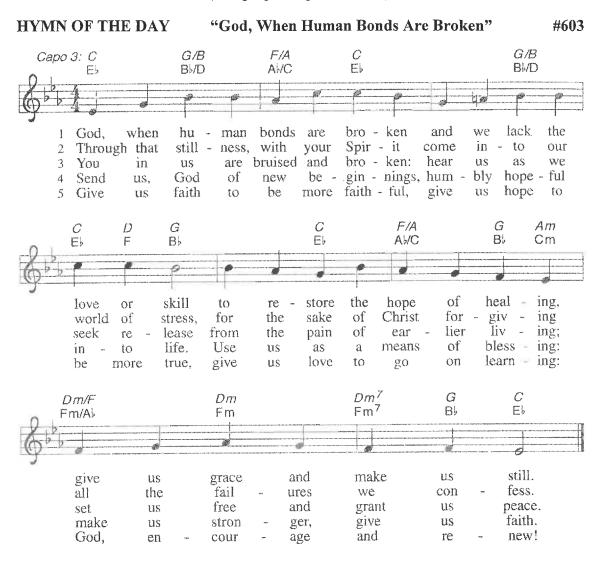
Praise to you, O Christ.

(Congregation please be seated)

SERMON

Pastor Matthew Larson

(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

(Each petition ends, "God of grace" to which the congregation responds, "hear our prayer."

After the concluding prayer, respond with:

Amen.

EXCHANGE OF PEACE

(In the midst of cold and flu season, please be sensitive to those who wish to 'keep their hands to themselves.' Thank you.)

- P The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- And also with you.

Share the peace of God with one another.

(Congregation please be seated)

GATHERING OF OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

(Congregation please stand)



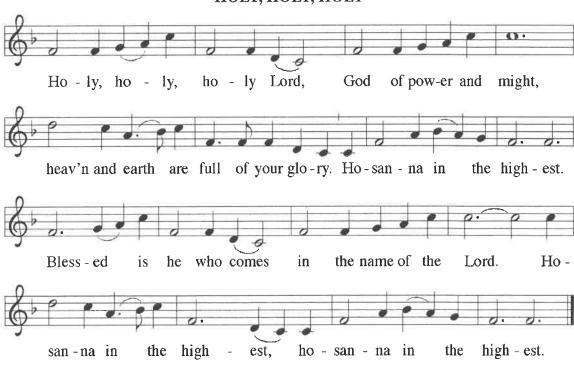
OFFERTORY PRAYER

- Let us pray, God of field and forest, sea and sky, you are the giver of all good things. Sustain us with these gifts of your creation, and multiply your graciousness in us, that the world may be fed with your love, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
- C Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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

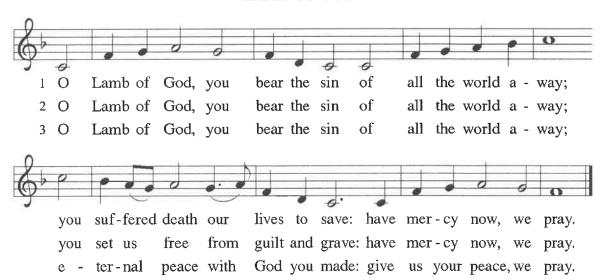
© Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

The Lord's Prayer

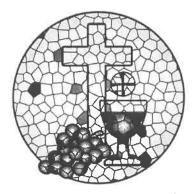
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name,
Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.

(Congregation please be seated)

LAMB OF GOD



HOLY COMMUNION



(Congregation please stand)

FOLLOWING COMMUNION

- The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.
- C Amen.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

- We thank you, generous God, for the refreshment we have received at your banquet table. Send us now to spread your generosity into all the world, through the one who is our dearest treasure, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
- C Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BENEDICTION

- The God who calls across the cosmos and speaks in the smallest seed + bless, keep, and sustain you now and to the end of the age.
- C Amen.





the dry lands, gush with springs; the hills and The trees shall clap their hands;

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and be led forth in peace, as all the world in won-der ech-oes sha-lom.

- 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. Share the harvest.
- C 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, Linda Tompkins

Pianist Kevin Kelly Reader Kara Wilson

Ushers Bill Johnson, Linda Semmen

Greeter Belle Campbell
Musician Wes Todd
Audio/Video Ian Larson
Fellowship Hosts Carol Johnson

Cookies Carol Johnson, Linda Semmen

Tellers McCune

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+ PRAYER AND PRAISE +

New this week: Barb Potter's friend Rhonda is back in the hospital and needs our prayers for healing. Prayers are also needed for Midge Kiourkas as she has been in the hospital for some tests. Prayers are needed for Sandra McCune's brother-in-law Donny as he is experiencing some health problems. We're praying for answers and healing. Thank you for your prayers for Donny and his family.

Church Family and Friends: Barney Barnhart & family, Manda Benton, Linda Bradford, Belle Campbell, George & Sandy Coombs, Georgia Coulston, Angela Davila, Dorothy Grier, Leigh & Steve Hopkins, Mary & Clancy Howard, Jayne family, Judy & Manny, Savannah Kelley, Bridget Madden, Jan Madden & family, Ian & Sara-Lu Moore, Moseman family, Jeanne Mummert, Amaryllis & Ken Otteman, Jared & Cindy Pauletto, Myrna Rehn, Rhonda, Carol & Roger Scheurer, Eva Sturges, Isabel Toth, family of Margot Wilson, Marlene Wilson, Steve Woodard, Chris Worth & family, and Jenniper Zapay.

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, SSgt. Andy Falk, Army, CPT Christopher Finch, Robert Guyton, 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.

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, February 23, 2025 - Sunday, March 2, 2025

SUNDAY 'Fill the Shelf' Sunday

9:30 am Worship Service with Holy Communion

After Worship

Coffee Fellowship

'New Faces' Orientation-meet in the conference room 10:45 am High School Sunday School-Starbucks on Sprague

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

12:30 pm-6:00 pm ALCC Parent Conferences

6:00 pm Boy Scouts Newsletter Deadline

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

12:30 pm-6:00 pm ALCC Parent Conferences

6:00 pm Cub Scouts

6:00 pm Heads of Committee meeting

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

11:00 am Child Center Chapel in the sanctuary 12:30 pm-6:00 pm ALCC Parent Conferences

THURSDAY 9:00 am Happy Helpers

10:00 am Mid-Week Bible Study

12:30 pm-6:00 pm ALCC Parent Conferences

5:30 pm-6:30 pm AA Meeting

FRIDAY 7:00 am Men's Prayer Breakfast –Revel Community, 16807 E. Mission

Avenue, Spokane Valley

12:30 pm-6:00 pm ALCC Parent Conferences

SATURDAY

SUNDAY 9:30 am Worship Service with Holy Communion/'New Faces'

After Worship

Coffee Fellowship Adult Sunday School

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

There will be no Adult Sunday School today.

'NEW FACES' ORIENTATION

After worship today, Pastor Matt will be leading an orientation for those who are new to our community. It is a short conversation about Advent and the Lutheran Church and how we see ourselves in it. We will then have a 'New Faces' Sunday next week, March 2nd where we will introduce you to the community and welcome your presence with us. If you have been with us for a month or a year but have not been welcomed with a New Faces group, please join us!! We will be meeting in the conference room.

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

If you wish to submit an article or announcement for the **March** newsletter, please submit it to the Church office no later than **Monday**, **February 24th**.

MID-WEEK BIBLE STUDY

Mid-Week Bible study meets each Thursday morning at 10:00 am. All are welcome. We are studying selections from the book of Genesis.

MEN'S PRAYER GROUP

The Men's Prayer group continues to meet each Friday morning at 7:00 am at Revel Community, 16807 E. Mission Avenue, Spokane Valley. All men are welcome!

FAT TUESDAY

Episcopal Church of the Resurrection, 15319 E 8th Ave, Spokane Valley, has extended an invitation to Advent Lutheran for a Fat Tuesday Pancake supper at 5:30 on March 4th. All are welcome to join them as we prepare for the Lenten season.

ANNOUNCEMENTS-Continued

FAT TUESDAY

Jazz Mass liturgy on Fat Tuesday, March 4th, at St. Mark's Lutheran Church, 24th & Grand, at 7:00 pm. Sinful desserts will be served after worship. Speaker: Gretchen M. Rehberg, Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Spokane. If you wish to ride the bus, please be at the church and ready to leave promptly at 5:30 pm. The sign-up sheet is on the table in the Narthex.

MONTHLY LADIES LUNCHEON

Our next luncheon will be March 8th at 11:30 a.m. at The Max at Mirabeau. Please contact Gerry O'Rourke at 509-893-0787 no later than the Wednesday before so a reservation may be made. The sign-up sheet is on the table in the Narthex or you may call the Church office at 509-928-7733.

SPECIAL MUSIC FOR PALM SUNDAY, HOLY WEEK, AND EASTER

We would like to have a choir come together to prepare special music for this most special time of the year. If you are interested and able to participate, weekly practices will start on Tuesday, March 11, 2025 at 4:00 p.m. at the church. Questions? Contact Paula Kenney at 509-991-3869.

LUTHERHAVEN CAMPERSHIPS

See the **sign-up sheet** on the table in the Narthex to sign up your child for summer camp at **Camp Lutherhaven**. The camp schedule is posted on the bulletin board outside the classroom.

SPOKANE VALLEY PARTNERS FOOD BANK

Thank you for your generosity in bringing your food donations for the Spokane Valley Partners Food Bank as we continue to "FILL THE SHELF"!! You may place your food donations in the barrel in the Narthex. Thank you!

ANNOUNCEMENTS-Continued

