Advent Lutheran Church

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

Welcome!



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April 27, 2025, 9:30 AM Service of the Word

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

In spite of all we have heard and all that we have seen, it is often hard to believe. Because it is hard to believe, we will invest ourselves in the Easter mystery for fifty days (a week of weeks). Because it is hard to believe, John the evangelist will provide sign after sign celebrating Jesus' victory over death. Because it is hard to believe, the Lord Jesus will return to us again and again in the mystery of the holy communion, inviting us to touch and taste his presence, and offering us his peace.

ORDER OF WORSHIP April 27, 2025, 9:30 AM

PRELUDE

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

BRIEF ORDER OF CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

(Congregation please stand)

- In the name of the Father, and of the +Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.
- God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of our 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 our neighbors.

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.
- God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of +Jesus Christ your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.
- Amen.



- 1 The day of res ur rec tion! Earth, tell it out a broad,
- 2 Let hearts be purged of e vil that we may see a right
- 3 Now let the heav'ns be joy ful, let earth its song be gin,
- 4 All praise to God the Fa ther, all praise to Christ the Son,



the pass-o - ver of glad - ness, the pass-o - ver of God. the Lord in rays e - ter - nal of res - ur - rec - tion light, the round world keep high tri - umph and all that is there - in. all praise to God the Spir - it, e - ter - nal Three in One!



From death to life e - ter - nal, from sin's do - min - ion free, and lis - t'ning to his ac - cents, may hear, so calm and plain, Let all things, seen and un - seen, their notes of glad - ness blend; Let all the ran - somed num - ber fall down be - fore the throne,

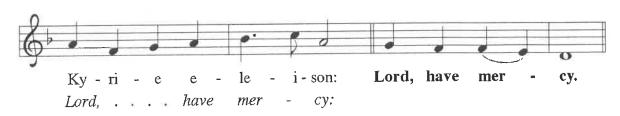


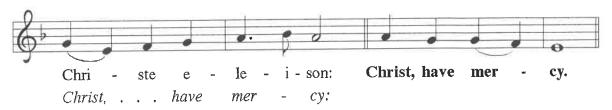
o - ver with hymns of vic - to - ry. Christ has brought us our hear - ing, may own "All hail!" and glad re - frain. raise the his joy that has no end! Christ the Lord has ris - en, our glo - ry as - cribe to God a - lone! hon - or, pow'r, and

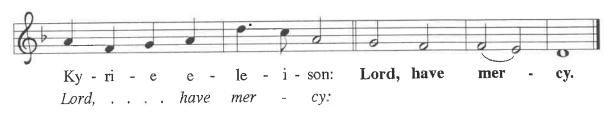
GREETING

- 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







GLORY TO GOD

- **Refrain:** Glory to God, glory to God, glory to God in the highest; glory to God, glory to God, and peace to God's people on earth.
- **Verse 1:** Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.
- **Refrain:** Glory to God, glory to God, glory to God in the highest; glory to God, glory to God, and peace to God's people on earth.
- Verse 2: Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world:
 have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
 receive our prayer.
- **Refrain:** Glory to God, glory to God, glory to God in the highest; glory to God, glory to God, and peace to God's people on earth.
- Verse 3: For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.
- **Final refrain:** Glory to God, glory to God, glory to God in the highest; glory to God, glory to God, and peace to God's people on earth, and peace to God's people on earth.

SALUTATION

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

PRAYER OF THE DAY

- P Let us pray, O God of life,
- you reach out to us amid our fears with the wounded hands of your risen Son. By your Spirit's breath revive our faith in your mercy, and strengthen us to be the body of your Son, 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 Acts 5:27–32

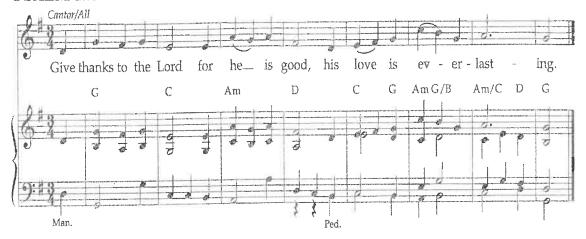
Peter has been arrested for proclaiming the good news of Jesus' death and resurrection. His response to the charges of the high priest summarizes the early church's proclamation of forgiveness of sin through repentance.

When they had brought [the apostles,] they had them stand before the council. The high priest questioned them, ²⁸saying, "We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and you are determined to bring this man's blood on us." ²⁹But Peter and the apostles answered, "We must obey God rather than any human authority. ³⁰The God of our ancestors raised up Jesus, whom you had killed by hanging him on a tree. ³¹God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Savior that he might give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. ³²And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him."

The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM 118



- Let the house of Israel say, "His mercy endures forever."

 Let the house of Aaron say, "His mercy endures forever."

 Let those who fear the LORD say, "His mercy endures forever."
- Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting.
- I was hard pressed and was falling, but the LORD helped me. My strength and my courage is the LORD, and he has been my savior. The joyful shout of victory in the tents of the just:
- Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting.
- P The stone which the builders rejected has become the cornerstone. By the LORD has this been done; it is wonderful in our eyes. This is the day that the LORD has made; let us be glad and rejoice in it.
- Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting.

The book of Revelation recounts a mystical vision of the risen Christ, experienced by a Christian prophet named John. Here he describes Christ as a timeless redeemer, the beginning, present, and end of all time.

John to the seven churches that are in Asia:

Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, ⁵ and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, ⁶ and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

⁷Look! He is coming with the clouds; every eye will see him, even those who pierced him; and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail. So it is to be. Amen.

⁸I am the Alpha and the Omega, says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

P The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

(Congregation please stand)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



THE HOLY GOSPEL John 20:19-31

The unprecedented events of the day of resurrection continue as the risen Jesus appears to his fearful disciples. A week later, after Thomas worships Jesus, Jesus pronounces that the blessings of the resurrection are also for those who "have not seen and yet believe."

P The Holy Gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁰After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." ²²When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

²⁴But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the

mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

²⁶A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁷Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." ²⁸Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" ²⁹Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

believe."

30 Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. 31 But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

P The Gospel of the Lord.

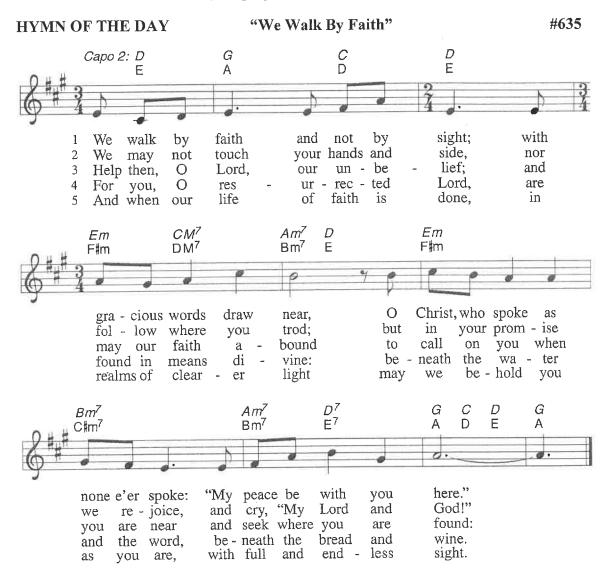
Praise to you, O Christ.

(Congregation please be seated)

SERMON

Vicar Brendan Wiechert

(Congregation please stand)



(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 guilts 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, Shelle Seaholm, Sharon Scribner, 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

(Each petition ends, "Hear us, O God" to which the congregation responds, "Your mercy is great."

After the concluding prayer, respond with:

C Amen.

EXCHANGE OF PEACE

(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.

THANKSGIVING FOR THE WORD

- Let us pray, Praise and thanks to you, holy God, for by your Word you made all things: you spoke light into darkness, called forth beauty from chaos, and brought life into being. For your Word of life, O God,
- we give you thanks and praise.
- By your Word you called your people Israel to tell of your wonderful gifts: freedom from captivity, water on the desert journey, a pathway home from exile, wisdom for life with you. For your Word of life, O God,
- we give you thanks and praise.
- Through Jesus, your Word made flesh, you speak to us and call us to witness: forgiveness through the cross, life to those entombed by death, the way of your self-giving love. For your Word of life, O God,
- we give you thanks and praise.
- Send your Spirit of truth, O God; rekindle your gifts within us: renew our faith, increase our hope, and deepen our love, for the sake of a world in need. Faithful to your Word, O God, draw near to all who call on you; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory forever.
- C Amen.

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

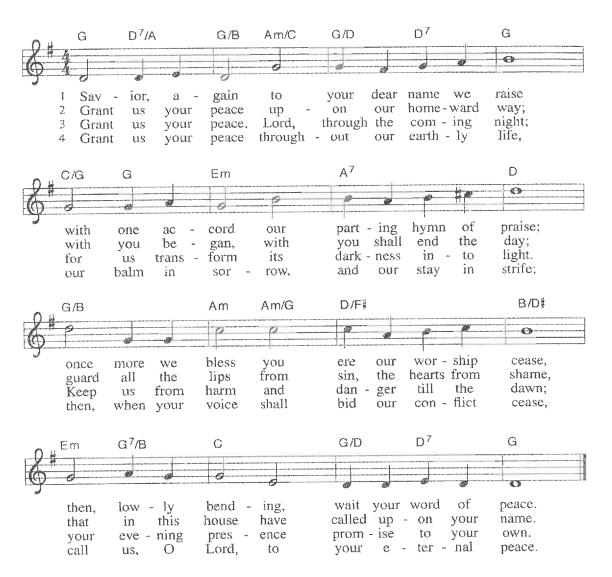
The Lord's Prayer

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.

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.



- As people of God, this is our mission at Advent:
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DISMISSAL

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

- A Go in peace. Share the harvest.
- C Thanks be to God.

Serving in Worship Today-9:30 am

Presiding Minister Vicar Brendan Wiechert Vicar Brendan Wiechert

Assisting Minister Kara Wilson
Pianist Kevin Kelly
Reader Heidi Perry

Ushers Darrell & Francie Shoquist

Greeter Bob Hubert
Musician Wes Todd
Audio/Video Ian Larson
Altar Flowers Easter flowers

Fellowship Hosts

Cookies

Tellers Diehl

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+ PRAYER AND PRAISE +

New this Week: Ann Koschalk is requesting prayers for her neighbor Tom Anderson and his family. Tom is currently in Sacred Heart Hospital awaiting a heart valve replacement and undergoing further medical testing. Please keep Tom and his family in your prayers as he continues his medical testing, upcoming surgery, and for his recovery process. Thank you for your prayers for the Anderson family. Debbie Martin is requesting prayers for her neighbor Barbara. Barbara's husband died last month and she is trying to get her house on the market to sell so she can go help her sister out (who was just diagnosed with cancer) and taking care of their mother. Also her daughter was admitted to Sacred Heart for an abscess in her breast. She recently had a baby so they have a lot of stress and would appreciate our prayers. And please continue to keep Pastor Matt, Kristin, and their family in your prayers as they are traveling from Kristin's mother's memorial service. We pray for comfort for their family as they are mourning her mother's passing.

Church Family and Friends: Barney Barnhart & family, Michael Baumann, Manda Benton, Evelyn Bolster, Linda Bradford, Belle Campbell, George & Sandy Coombs, Georgia Coulston, Nancy Filardo & family, Dorothy Grier, Leigh & Steve Hopkins, Mary & Clancy Howard, Midge Kiourkas, Jayne family, family of Audrey Jackson, Judy & Manny, Savannah Kelley, Larson family, Jan Madden & family, Duncan McMillan, McCune family & Donny, Ian & SaraLu Moore, Moseman family, Jeanne Mummert, Craig Nurvic, Amaryllis & Ken Otteman, Jared & Cindy Pauletto, Rector family, Myrna Rehn, Shirley Roraback, Janice Seegar, 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, April 27, 2025 - Sunday, May 4, 2025

SUNDAY Quilt Sunday

'Fill the Shelf' Sunday

9:30 am Worship Service-Service of the Word

After Worship

Coffee Fellowship Adult Sunday School

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

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

6:00 pm Boy Scouts

TUESDAY 9:00 am-12:00 pm Happy Piecemakers-Packing quilts for shipping

6:00 pm Cub Scouts

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

11:00 am Child Center Chapel in the sanctuary

THURSDAY 9:00 am Happy Helpers

10:00 am Mid-Week Bible Study 5:30 pm-6:30 pm AA Meeting

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

Avenue, Spokane Valley

Shipping quilts

SATURDAY

SUNDAY 8:30 am-11:30 am Vitalant Blood Drive

9:30 am Worship Service with Holy Communion

After Worship

Coffee Fellowship

Adult Sunday School -Meet in the classroom

Council Table Talks

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

TODAY

Pastor Matt and his family are out of town for Kristin's mother's memorial service and Vicar Brendan is preaching. There will be no communion today.

THE HAPPY PIECEMAKERS QUILTS

Today is our 'Quilt Sunday' and three quilts will be raffled off. The Happy Piecemakers offer their beautiful quilts for sale for \$50 each. Please make checks payable to Advent Lutheran Church and place in the offering. Thank you. The Happy Piecemakers will be shipping the quilts this coming Friday, They have made 115 quilts, 4 Baby Care Kits, and 9 additional quilts to be given to Medical Lake.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

The **Adult Sunday School**, lead by **Vicar Brendan**, will meet right after worship. Grab your coffee and a cookie after the service and join the group in the classroom.

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!

VITALANT BLOOD DRIVE

Advent will host it's next blood drive next Sunday, May 4, 8:30 am-11:30 am. The blood bank is in great need of donors! If you are able, please sign up. Questions? Contact Julie Meyers-Lehman at 509-868-6501. The sign-up sheet is on the sign up table in the Narthex or you may sign up anytime online at vitalant.org.

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS-Continued

GOLDENAGERS' DAY OUT

Next Tuesday, May 6 from 10am-2pm, the Goldenagers will be going to Camp Lutherhaven for the Spring Goldenagers' Day Out. Meet at the church and ready to leave by 8:45 am and return by 2:45 pm. We plan to carpool. Questions? Contact Linda Semmen at 509-389-4191. Advent Lutheran Church will cover the costs for attendees.

MONTHLY LADIES LUNCHEON

Our next luncheon will be May 10th 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.

SPOKANE INDIANS BASEBALL GAME

Spokane Indians are once again offering 'Faith Nights' at their stadium. Advent Lutheran has a reservation for Saturday, May 10th, 6:35 pm. Upper Box Seats, \$13 per ticket. Purchase your tickets through this link: https://fevo-enterprise.com/event/Adventlutheran6
OR, you may call Drew Fryling, Group Ticket Coordinator, Monday-Friday, 9am-5pm at 509-343-6804.

COMMITTEE LEADERS

Committee leaders, have you submitted your committee reports for the Semi-Annual Congregational meeting booklet? If not, please submit your report to the Church office no later than May 16th. This will allow congregation members to review the booklet prior to the June 8th Semi-Annual Congregational meeting. Thank you.

SEMI-ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

The Semiannual Congregational Meeting will be on Sunday, June 8th, immediately following the worship service. At this meeting we will elect three new Council members and review Committee and small group reports. Please plan to attend as we need a quorum to vote on the new Council members.

ANNOUNCEMENTS-Continued

MISSING COMMUNION KITS

We are missing two of our wooden communion kits. If you have them, please return them to the church office. Thank you.

EASTER CANDY

Thank you everyone who generously donated candy for the Child Center Easter Egg Hunt as well as for the church Easter goodie bags. We received enough donations and everyone had a great time! Your support is very appreciated.

