Advent Lutheran Church

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

Welcome!



April 6, 2025, 9:30 AM Fifth Sunday in Lent

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

Our God makes all things new. In the first reading God promises it. In the gospel Mary anticipates it, anointing Jesus' feet with costly perfume in preparation for the day of his burial. In the second reading Paul recalls his transformation from the persecutor Saul into an apostle. In baptism, God's new person (you!) rises daily from the deadly mire of trespasses and sins.

ORDER OF WORSHIP April 6, 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 forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.
- C Amen.

Let us return to God, confessing our sin in the assurance of God's abiding love.

Silence for reflection

- P Compassionate One,
- you are slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love, but our lives do not always reflect you and your love for the world.

 We do not show others the tender compassion you have shown to us. We do not welcome others with the radical hospitality you grant to all people. We oppress others, even though you have set us free again and again. We squander the abundant gifts of the earth. Transform our lives and guide us again in the way of the cross. Amen.
- Beloved in Christ, God's arms are always stretched open wide to welcome the wandering ones home. In + Christ your sins are forgiven. You have a place in God's house forever.
- C Amen.

GATHERING HYMN

"As We Gather at Your Table"

#522



- 1 As we gath-er at your ta-ble, as we lis ten to your word,
- 2 Turn our wor-ship in to wit-ness in the sac ra ment of life;
- 3 Gra-cious Spir-it, help us sum-mon oth-er guests to share that feast



help us know, O God, your presence; let our hearts and minds be stirred, send us forth to love and serve you, bring-ing peace where there is strife, where tri - um-phant Love will wel-come those who had been last and least.



Nour-ish us with sa-cred sto-ry till we claim it as our own; Give us, Christ, your great com-pas-sion to for - give as you for - gave; There no more will en - vy blind us nor will pride our peace de - stroy,

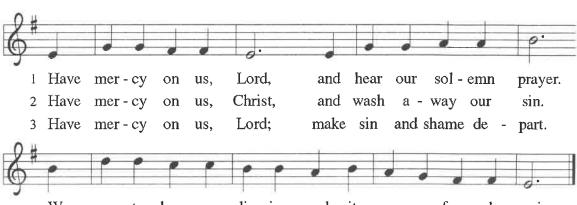


teach us through this ho-ly ban-quet how to make Love's vic - t'ry known. may we still be - hold your im - age in the world you died to save. as we join with saints and an - gels to re - peat the sound-ing joy.

GREETING

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

SALUTATION

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

PRAYER OF THE DAY

- **P** Let us pray, Creator God,
- you prepare a new way in the wilderness, and your grace waters our desert. Open our hearts to be transformed by the new thing you are doing, that our lives may proclaim the extravagance of your love given to all through 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 Isaiah 43:16–21

The prophet declares that long ago the Lord performed mighty deeds and delivered Israel from Egyptian bondage through the waters of the sea. Now, the Lord is about to do a new thing, bringing the exiles out of Babylon and through the wilderness in a new exodus.

Thus says the LORD, who makes a way in the sea, a path in the mighty waters, ¹⁷who brings out chariot and horse, army and warrior; they lie down, they cannot rise, they are extinguished, quenched like a wick: ¹⁸Do not remember the former things, or consider the things of old. ¹⁹I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?

I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert.

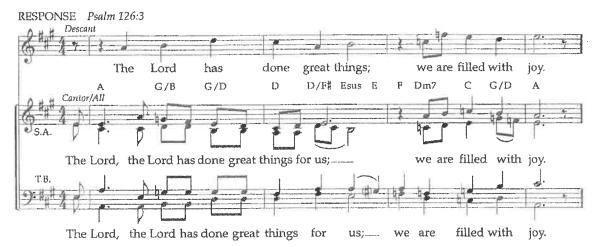
²⁰The wild animals will honor me, the jackals and the ostriches;

for I give water in the wilderness, rivers in the desert, to give drink to my chosen people, ²¹the people whom I formed for myself so that they might declare my praise.

The Word of the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.

PSALM 126



- P When the Lord brought back the captives of Zion, we were like men dreaming. Then our mouth was filled with laughter, and our tongue with rejoicing.
- The Lord, the Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.
- P Then they said among the nations, "The Lord has done great things for them." The Lord has done great things for us; we are glad indeed.
- The Lord, the Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.
- P Restore our fortunes, O Lord, like the torrents in the southern desert. Those that sow in tears shall reap rejoicing.
- The Lord, the Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.
- P Although they go forth weeping, carrying seed to be sown, they shall come back rejoicing, carrying their sheaves.
- The Lord, the Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.

SECOND READING

Philippians 3:4b-14

Writing to Christians in Philippi, Paul admits that his heritage and reputation could give him more reason than most people to place confidence in his spiritual pedigree. But the overwhelming grace of God in Jesus calls Paul to a new set of values.

If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: ⁵circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; ⁶as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to right-eousness under the law, blameless.

⁷Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. ⁸More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ ⁹and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. ¹⁰I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, ¹¹if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

¹²Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. ¹³Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, ¹⁴I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

P The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

(Congregation please stand)

LENTEN ACCLAMATION



We are turn - ing, Lord, to hear you; you are mer - ci - ful and kind -



slow to an - ger, rich in bless - ing, and with love to us in - clined.

THE HOLY GOSPEL John 12:1-8

Judas willfully misinterprets as waste Mary's extravagant act of anointing Jesus' feet with costly perfume. Jesus recognizes that her lavish gift is both an expression of love and an anticipation of his burial.

P The Holy Gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. ²There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him. ³Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. ⁴But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, ⁵Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor? ⁶(He said this not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.) ⁷Jesus said, "Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. ⁸You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me."

P The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

(Congregation please be seated)

SERMON

Pastor Matthew Larson

(Congregation please stand)

HYMN OF THE DAY

"My Hope is Built on Nothing Less"

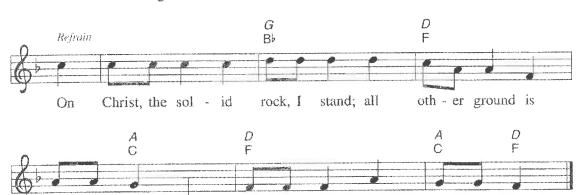
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- 1 My hope is built on noth-ing less than Je-sus' blood and righ-teous-ness;
- When dark-ness veils his love-ly face, I rest on his un chang-ing grace;
- 3 His oath, his cov e nant, his blood sus -tain me in the rag ing flood;
- When he shall come with trum-pet sound, oh, may I then in him be found,



no mer-it of my own I claim, but whol - ly lean on Je-sus' name. in ev-'ry high and storm - y gale my an - chor holds with-in the veil. when all sup-ports are washed a-way, he then is all my hope and stay. clothed in his righ-teous-ness a-lone, re-deemed to stand be - fore the throne!



sink-ing sand, all

oth - er ground is

sink - ing sand.

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, in your mercy," to which the congregation responds, "receive our prayer."

After the concluding prayer, respond with:

C 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.
- **C** And also with you.

Share the peace of God with one another.

(Congregation please be seated)

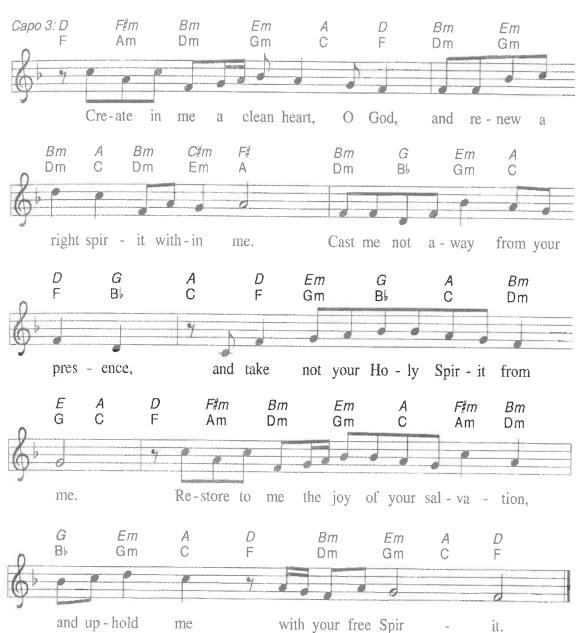
GATHERING OF OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

(Congregation please stand)

"Create in Me a Clean Heart"

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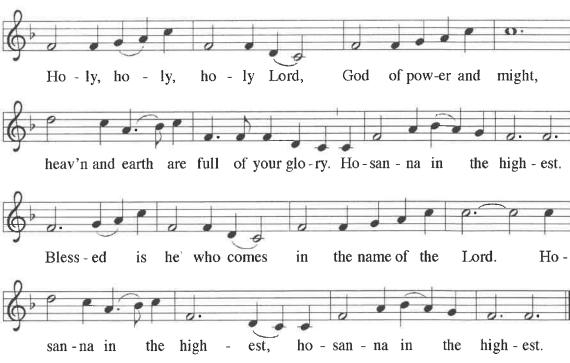
OFFERTORY PRAYER

- 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.
- 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.
- P 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.

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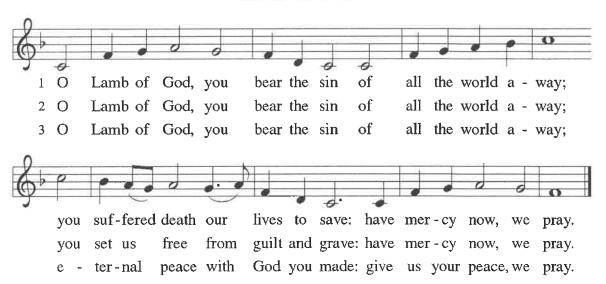
P Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

The Lord's Prayer

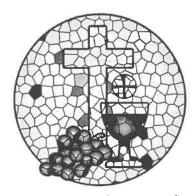
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name,
Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the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



SENDING SONG

"As the Sun with Longer Journey"

#329



- the sun with long-er jour-ney melts the As
- Through the days of wait-ing, watch-ing, in
- be giv-en to the mak-er of the

win-ter's snow and ice, des - ert of our sin, sea-sons' year-ly round:



slow-ly grow-ing ra-diance warms the seed be-neath the earth, on the far ho - ri - zon for a sign of cloud or wind, Son, and Ho - ly Spir - it—Source, Sus - tain-er, Lord of life, with its search-ing Fa - ther,



sun of Christ's up - ris - ing gent-ly bring our hearts to life. may the a - wait the heal - ing wa-ters of our Sav-ior's vic - to the ev - er turn - ing a - ges roll to their e - ter - nal

- 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 Duane Yates

Communion Assistants Sandra McCune, Francie Shoquist

Pianist Barb Nelson Reader Larry Nelson

Ushers Bill Johnson, Linda Semmen

Greeter Belle Campbell
Musician Wes Todd
Audio/Video Ian Larson
Fellowship Hosts Missy Bliesner

Cookies Linda Semmen, Denise Walker

Tellers Cook

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+ PRAYER AND PRAISE +

New this week: Prayers are needed for Missy Bliesner's brother Craig Nurvic. He was hospitalized with sepsis in his leg, and he ended up losing his left leg above the knee. Please pray for his recovery and well-being. Prayers are also needed for Shirley Roraback and her family. Shirley is at Sacred Heart hospital and needs our prayers for recovery. Sandy Coombs is experiencing quite a bit of pain from her recent fall and broken bone and would appreciate our prayers as well.

Church Family and Friends: Barney Barnhart & family, Michael Baumann, Manda Benton, Linda Bradford, Belle Campbell, George & Sandy Coombs, Georgia Coulston, Angela Davila, 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, Bridget Madden, Jan Madden & family, Dunday McMillan, McCune family & Donny, Ian & SaraLu Moore, Moseman family, Jeanne Mummert, Amaryllis & Ken Otteman, Jared & Cindy Pauletto, Rector family, Myrna Rehn, 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 6, 2025 - Sunday, April 13, 2025

SUNDAY Fifth Sunday in Lent

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

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

5:00 pm Executive Committee meeting 4:00 pm Worship & Music meeting

6:00 pm Boy Scouts

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

4:00 pm Choir practice 5:00 pm Council meeting 6:00 pm Cub Scouts

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

11:00 am Child Center Chapel in the sanctuary

5:30 pm Lenten Soup Supper-(our last soup supper)

6:30 pm Lenten worship service

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

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

SATURDAY 10:00 am Child Center Easter Egg Hunt

11:30 am Ladies Lunch at The Max at Mirabeau

4:00 pm AA Quarterly Meeting

SUNDAY Palm Sunday

9:30 am Worship Service with Holy Communion

After Worship

Coffee Fellowship Confirmation

Adult Sunday School

10:45 am High School Sunday School-here at Advent

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

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

SAUSAGE FEED

St. John's Lutheran Church of Sprague is hosting a Sausage Feed, this afternoon, 11:00 am-3:00 pm. Cost: Adults: \$18; Children 6-12: \$12; 5 and under: Free. Menu: Smoked sausage, mashed potatoes, green beans, sauer-kraut, homemade applesauce, dessert. Sprague Community Hall, 3rd & C Street, Sprague, WA. Sponsored by Thrivent. Questions? Call Maureen Bourne at 509-257-2806.

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!

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 are each Tuesday at 4:00 p.m. at the church.

Questions? Contact Paula Kenney at 509-991-3869.

LENTEN SOUP SUPPERS

Lenten soup suppers continue at **5:30 pm** through **this Wednesday, April 9th.** Please see the **sign-up** sheet on the table in the Narthex if you would like to bring soup. Our **Lenten worship service** will begin at **6:30 pm**, both qin-person and livestream. Please come to soup suppers, even if you do not sign up to bring soup. The sign-up sheet is to have an idea on how much soup we will have. All are welcome whether you bring soup or not.

ANNOUNCEMENTS-Continued

'COME TO FRIDAY DINNER'

Our next 'Come to Friday Dinner' will take place on Friday, April 11th from 5:00 pm-6:00 pm. Menu: baked chicken, mashed potatoes and gravy, a vegetable, and garlic bread. 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!

MONTHLY LADIES LUNCHEON

Our next luncheon will be **Saturday, April 12th** at **11:30 a.m.** at **The Max at Mirabeau**. Please contact **Gerry O'Rourke at 509-893-0787** if you have questions. The **sign-up sheet** is on the table in the Narthex. **Thank you**.

EASTER FLOWERS

You may purchase a white Easter Mum to decorate the sanctuary after Easter. The forms are available on the table in the Narthex. The cost is \$17 per plant. Deadline is Sunday, April 13. (Due to some having allergies, this year we will purchase two Easter Lilies and 16 white Mums).

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!

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Palm Sunday: April 13

9:30 am Worship service with Holy Communion

Maundy Thursday: April 17, 6:30 pm Good Friday: April 18, 6:30 pm

(The Church office and Child Center will be closed)

Easter Sunday: April 20

Easter Breakfast-Serving between 8:30 am-10:30 am

8:00 am Sunrising Service: Saltese Cemetery-(in person only) **10:00 am** Worship service at Advent with Holy Communion

(All services at Advent are in-person and online)

ANNOUNCEMENTS-Continued

EASTER BREAKFAST MENU

Serving: 8:30 am – 10:30 am

Pancakes (Gluten free options available)
Bacon & Eggs
Seasonal Fruit
Assorted fruit juices/Coffee/Tea
(Free-will offering gratefully accepted)

We have a **sign-up sheet** on the table in the Narthex to help us determine how much food we will need. It is not necessary, but it is very helpful. Thank you.

FLOWERS FOR THE CROSS ON EASTER SUNDAY

If you have flowers in your yard and would like to bring a few blossoms, please bring the flowers to church Easter morning. The stems should be 4-5 inches long to make it easy to insert in the wire mesh on the cross. There is a sign-up sheet on the table in the Narthex. Thank you!!

GOLDEN AGERS' DAY OUT

Tuesday, May 6 from 10am-2pm.

Join us for fun, laughs, food, song, and stories. Golden Agers' Day Out is a one day retreat especially for retirees, senior adults and older adult groups; a great day during a beautiful time of year at camp! Join us for a terrific day at Camp Lutherhaven....a fabulous lunch is included, great friends, and plenty of laughs, as always! This year's speaker will be Tracy Smith, a former Olympic athlete. (Meet at the church and ready to leave by 8:45 am and return by 2:45 pm). Questions? Contact Linda Semmen at 509-389-4191. Advent Lutheran Church will cover the costs for attendees.

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS-Continued

COMMITTEE LEADERS

It's that time of year again....time to be thinking of your committee reports for the **Semi-Annual Congregational** meeting booklet. If you would like to submit a **report about your committee's activities** (photos are great too!), of this past year or what you have planned this coming year, **please submit your report to the Church office no later than May 16th.**

COUNCIL MEMBERS NEEDED

Advent has **three open seats** on the church Council. Please prayerfully consider being a part of our Council. This is a **one hour per month** commitment for three years, and you are able to meet either in-person or by Zoom. New Council member nominees are needed by **May 16th.**

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.

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.