Advent Lutheran Church

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

Welcome!



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May 18, 2025, 9:30 AM Fifth Sunday of Easter

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

Easter initiates a new day. It anticipates a new heaven and a new earth. The risen Lord is making all things new. In the mystery of holy baptism God has made new people of us. Today the Lord Jesus invites us to see everyone in a new light—through the lens of love.

ORDER OF WORSHIP May 18, 2025, 9:30 AM

WELCOME

(Congregation please stand)

BRIEF ORDER OF CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

If we say we have no sin we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. Let us confess our sin to God who is faithful and just and who has promised to forgive our sin and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence for reflection

- P Most merciful God.
- have mercy on us. We confess to you that 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 trusted you with our whole heart; we have not loved one another in deed and in truth. In your compassion forgive our sin and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ our light and our truth. Amen.
- With joy, I proclaim to you that Almighty God, rich in mercy, abundant in love, forgives you all your sin and grants you newness of life in Jesus Christ.
- Thanks be to God!



"On Jordan's Stormy Bank I Stand"

#437



- 1 On Jor-dan's storm-y bank I stand, and cast a wish-ful eye 2 All o'er those wide ex-tend-ed plains shines one e ter nal day;
- 2 All o'er those wide ex tend ed plains shines one e ter nal day; 3 No chill-ing winds or poi-s'nous breath can reach that health-ful shore;
- 4 When shall I reach that hap py place and be for ev er blest?



to Ca - naan's fair and hap - py land, where my pos - ses - sions lie. there God the Son for - ev - er reigns and scat - ters night a - way. sick - ness and sor - row, pain and death, are felt and feared no more. When shall I see my Sav-ior's face and in God's bos - om rest?



I am bound for the prom-ised land,

I am bound for the prom-ised land;



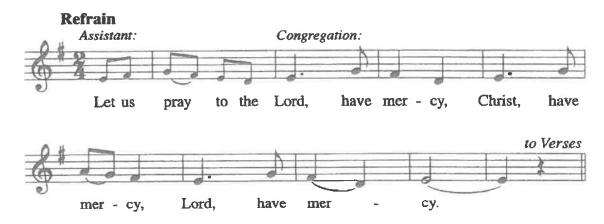
oh, who will come and go with me? I am bound for the prom-ised land.

GREETING

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

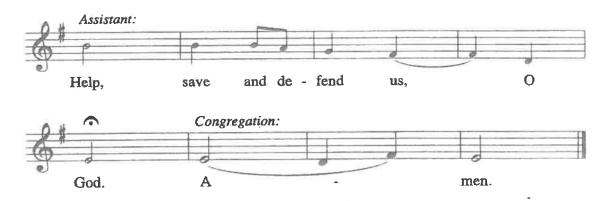
KYRIE

P In peace, in peace,



Assistant: For the Reign of God, and for peace throughout the world, for the unity of all . . . (to Refrain)

Assistant: For your people here, who have come to give you praise, for the strength to live your Word . . . (to Refrain)



NOW THE FEAST

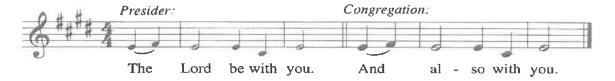


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NOW THE FEAST-Continued



SALUTATION



PRAYER OF THE DAY

- P Let us pray, O Lord God,
- you teach us that without love, our actions gain nothing. Pour into our hearts your most excellent gift of love, that, made alive by your Spirit, we may know goodness and peace, 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 Acts 11:1–18

In defense of his earlier baptism of pagan believers, Peter demonstrates to the members of the Jerusalem church that God's intention to love Gentiles as well as Jews is revealed in Jesus' own testimony. In this way the mission to the Gentiles is officially authorized.

Now the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. ²So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, ³saying, "Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?" ⁴Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, ⁵I was in the city of Joppa praying. and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me. ⁶As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. ⁷I also heard a voice saying to me, 'Get up, Peter; kill and eat.' ⁸But I replied, 'By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth.' But a second time the voice answered from heaven, 'What God has made clean, you must not call profane.' 10 This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. ¹¹At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. ¹²The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man's house. ¹³He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, 'Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; ¹⁴he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved.' ¹⁵ And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. ¹⁶And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, 'John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit. 17 If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?" ¹⁸When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, "Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life."

The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

All Things Bright and Beautiful - Based on Psalm 148



- P Each little flower that opens, each little bird that sings, God made their glowing colors, God made their tiny wings.
- All things bright and beautiful, all creatures great and small, all things wise and wonderful, the Lord God made them all.
- P The purple-headed mountains, the river running by, the sunset and the morning that brightens up the sky.
- (all things bright and beautiful, all creatures great and small, all things wise and wonderful, the Lord God made them all.
- P The cold wind in the winter, the pleasant summer sun, the ripe fruits in the garden, God made them ev'ry one.
- All things bright and beautiful, all creatures great and small, all things wise and wonderful, the Lord God made them all.
- P God gave us eyes to see them, and lips that we might tell how great is God Almighty, who has made all things well.
- All things bright and beautiful, all creatures great and small, all things wise and wonderful, the Lord God made them all.

SECOND READING

Revelation 21:1-6

John's vision shows us that in the resurrection the new age has dawned; God dwells with us already. Yet we wait for the time when the tears that cloud our vision will be wiped away. Then we will see the new heaven, new earth, and new Jerusalem.

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. ²And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. ³And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,

"See, the home of God is among mortals.

He will dwell with them;

they will be his peoples,

and God himself will be with them;

⁴he will wipe every tear from their eyes.

Death will be no more;

mourning and crying and pain will be no more,

for the first things have passed away."

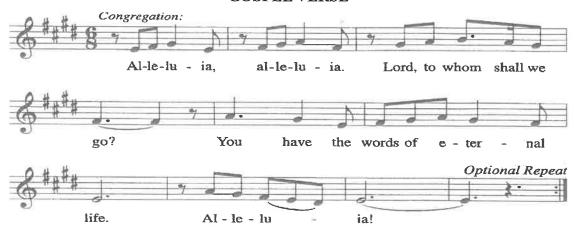
⁵And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true." ⁶Then he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life."

P The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

(Congregation please stand)

GOSPEL VERSE



(Sing twice)

THE HOLY GOSPEL

John 13:31-35

After washing the disciples' feet, predicting his betrayal, and then revealing his betrayer, Jesus speaks of his glorification on the cross. This deep complicated love of Jesus, even to death on the cross, will be the distinctive mark of Jesus' community.

P The Holy Gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

When he had gone out, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. ³²If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. ³³Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, 'Where I am going, you cannot come.' ³⁴I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. ³⁵By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

P The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

(Congregation please be seated)

SERMON

Pastor Matthew Larson



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.

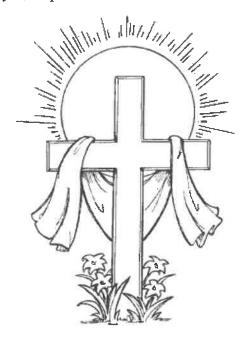
PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

A brief silence.

(Each petition ends, "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.
- **C** And also with you.

Share the peace of God with one another.

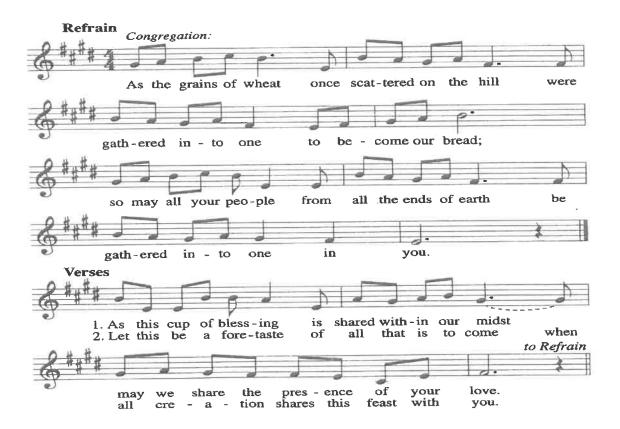
(Congregation please be seated)

GATHERING OF OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

(Congregation please stand)

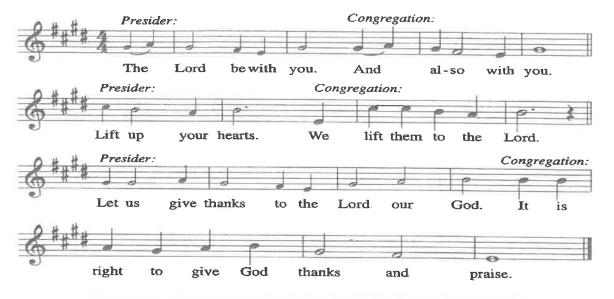
"As the Grains of Wheat"



OFFERTORY PRAYER

- A Let us pray, Merciful God,
- everything in heaven and earth belongs to you. We joyfully release what you have entrusted to us. May these gifts be signs of our whole lives returned to you, dedicated to the healing and unity of all creation, through Jesus Christ. Amen.

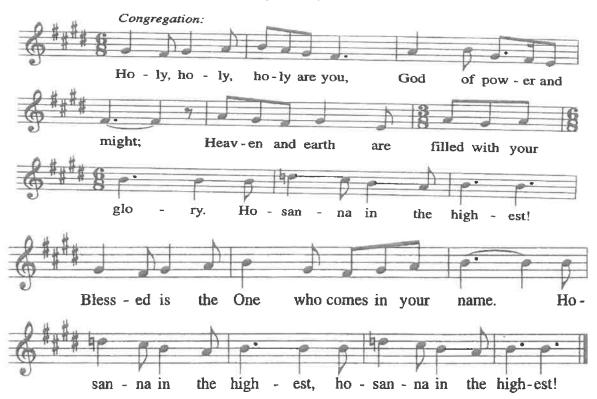
THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

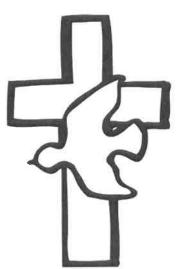




P It is our duty and delight...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY





The minister continues with the eucharistic prayer.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

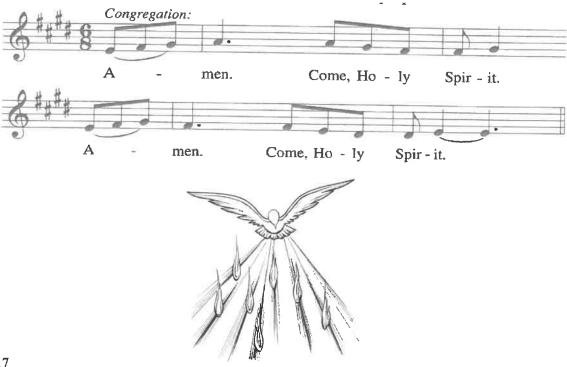
EUCHARISTIC ACCLAMATION 2

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus. Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

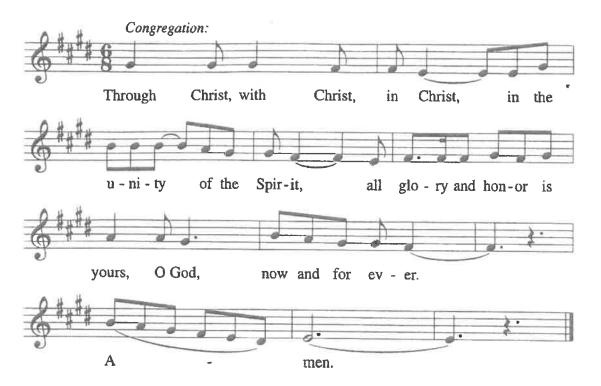


EUCHARISTIC ACCLAMATION 3

P Amen. Come, Holy Spirit. Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.



"THROUGH CHRIST, WITH CHRIST, IN CHRIST"

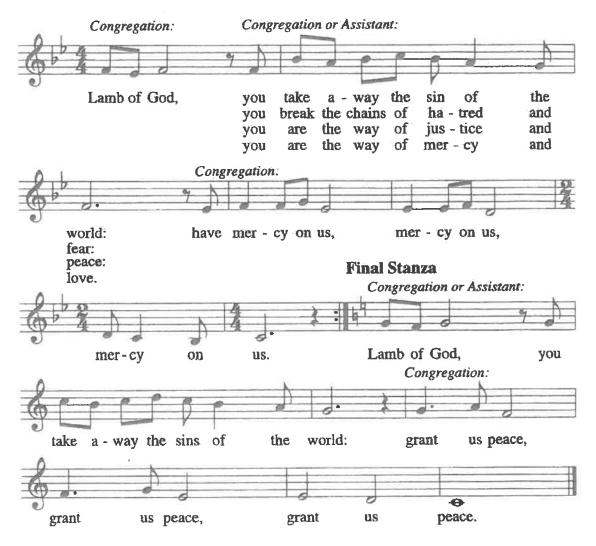


The Lord's Prayer

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)

- 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.

"Thanks Be to You"



POST COMMUNION PRAYER

- God of abundance, with this bread of life and cup of salvation you have united us with Christ, making us one with all your people. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- C Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BENEDICTION

- May God bless and keep us. May God's face shine on us and be gracious to us. May God look on us with favor and + give us peace.
- C Amen.



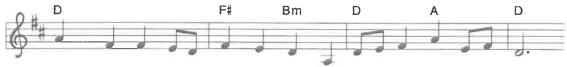
SENDING SONG

"This Is My Father's World"

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- 1 This is my Fa-ther's world, and to my lis-t'ning ears all 2 This is my Fa-ther's world; the birds their car-ols raise; the
- 2 This is my Fa-ther's world; the birds their car-ols raise; the 3 This is my Fa-ther's world; oh, let me not for get that,



na - ture sings, and round me rings the mu - sic of the spheres. morn - ing light, the lil - y white, de - clare their mak - er's praise. though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the rul - er' yet.



I This is Fa-ther's world; thought of my rest in the me This is my Fa-ther's world; he shines in all that's fair. This is my Fa-ther's world; why should my heart be



rocks and trees, of rus - tling grass I Lord is king, let skies and seas; his hand the won-ders wrought. hear him pass; he speaks to me ev-'ry-where. heav-en ring; God reigns, let earth be glad!

- 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.)

Serving in Worship Today-10:00 am

Presiding Minister Pastor Matthew Larson
Preacher Pastor Matthew Larson

Assisting Minister Holly Gunby

Communion Assistants Jodi Meddock, Linda Tompkins

Pianist Shirley Roraback Reader Holly Gunby

Ushers Bill & Rita Thurston
Greeter Belle Campbell
Musicians Wes Todd
Audio/Video Ian Larson

Fellowship Hosts Forrest & Marlene Diehl

Tellers McCune

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+ PRAYER AND PRAISE +

New this Week: Prayers are needed for Tom Sernka as he is suffering some lung issues. We pray for healing for Tom. Clancy and Mary Howard need our prayers as Clancy has moved into a residential care home and it is difficult for Mary and her family. Prayers ae also needed for Mike and Sandra McCune's neighbor Cherie. She has been struggling with cancer and would so appreciate our prayers for healing. Thank you all for your prayers for Cherie and her family. Prayers are needed for Jan Madden and her family as Jan's sister has passed away. We pray for them as they are grieving and mourning her passing. Thank you for your prayers during this sad time for their families.

Church Family and Friends: Barbara, Barney Barnhart & family, Michael Baumann, Manda Benton, Evelyn Bolster, Linda Bradford, Mike Britton, 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, 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, May 18, 2025 - Sunday, May 25, 2025

SUNDAY 9:30 am Worship Service with Holy Communion

After Worship

Coffee Fellowship

Adult Sunday School -Meet in the classroom

Confirmation

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

3:00 pm-6:00 pm Mt. Zion Romanian Church

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

4:00 pm Worship & Music Committee meeting

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 Fitness Class

11:00 am Child Center Chapel in the sanctuary

6:00 pm-7:30 pm Girl Scouts

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

Newsletter Deadline

SATURDAY

SUNDAY Memorial Day Weekend

9:30 am Worship Service with Holy Communion

After Worship

Coffee Fellowship

Adult Sunday School -Meet in the classroom-Last class

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

4:00 pm-7:00 pm Mt. Zion Romanian Church

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

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. **Next Sunday will be our final class**.

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!

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

If you wish to submit an article or announcement for the **June** newsletter, please submit it to the Church office no later than **Friday, May 23rd**.

NEXT SUNDAY

Next Sunday, May 25, Vicar Brendan will preach and Pastor Matt will preside the worship service.

MEMORIAL DAY

The Church Office and Child Center will be closed on Monday, May 26, in observance of Memorial Day.

GRADUATES

Do you have a **graduate** in your family? If so, please notify the church office by **May 28th**. We would like to recognize our graduates in the bulletin on **June 1st**.

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

OLD EYE GLASSES AND HEARING AIDS

If you have **eye glasses or hearing aids** you are no longer using, please donate them! We have collection boxes here at the Church, **under the bulletin board**, for both eye glasses and hearing aids.

'COME TO FRIDAY DINNER'

Our next 'Come to Friday Dinner' will take place on Friday, May 30th from 5:00 pm-6:00 pm. Menu: Goulash & combread. 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!

SEMI-ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

The Semi-Annual 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. Copies of the Congregational Meeting booklets are available. You may pick up a copy in the Narthex, on the table under the bulletin board. You are encouraged to review it prior to the Congregational meeting.

MONTHLY LADIES LUNCHEON-(Note NEW location for June)
Our next luncheon will be June 14th at 11:30 a.m. at IHOP. We will be meeting at IHOP just for the month of June. 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.

THANK YOU

The **Happy Piecemakers** (quilters) would like to thank everyone who supported their raffle by purchasing tickets and buying quilts. They were able to raise **\$650** towards the shipping of their quilts to **Lutheran World Relief** and to use some of the funds for batting. Congratulations to the winners of the raffle: **Barbie Byford**, **Midge Kiourkas**, and **Sharon Young**.

ANNOUNCEMENTS-Continued

Next Sunday is our 'Fill the Shelf' Sunday!!



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!