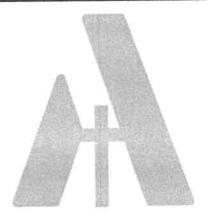
## Advent Lutheran Church

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June 29, 2025, 9:30 a.m. Third Sunday after Pentecost

Welcome!

# 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

We have no good apart from God. That makes our Lord's call to follow him an invitation to freedom. This is freedom to revel in the Spirit's fruits: love, joy, peace, patience, and the like. This is the path of life.

## ORDER OF WORSHIP June 29, 2025, 9:30 a.m.

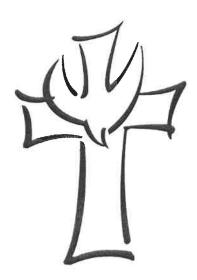
(Congregation please stand)

## BRIEF ORDER OF CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

- Blessed be the Holy Trinity, + one God, the God of manna, the God of miracles, the God of mercy.
- C Amen.
- P Drawn to Christ and seeking God's abundance, let us confess our sin.

## Silence for reflection

- P God, our provider,
- help us. It is hard to believe there is enough to share. We question your ways when they differ from the ways of the world in which we live. We turn to our own understanding rather than trusting in you. We take offense at your teachings and your ways. Turn us again to you. Where else can we turn? Share with us the words of eternal life and feed us for life in the world. Amen.
- Beloved people of God: in Jesus, the manna from heaven, you are fed and nourished. By Jesus, the worker of miracles, there is always more than enough. Through Jesus, +the bread of life, you are shown God's mercy: you are forgiven and loved into abundant life.
- C Thanks be to God!





## Greeting

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.



## Kyrie

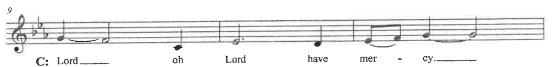
A: In peace, let us pray to the Lord



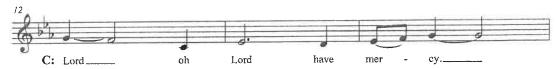
A: For the peace that comes from above, For the healing of our brokenness and sin, let us pray, let us pray to the Lord



A: For the peace of all God's creation, For the unity of all God's people, let us pray, let us pray to the Lord.



A: For this holy house of God, for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray, let us pray to the Lord



A: Help, save, comfort and defend us gracious Lord



#### **HYMN OF PRAISE**

## "Life Together"



#### PRAYER OF THE DAY

- P The Lord be with you.
- And also with you.
- P Let us pray, Sovereign God,
- ruler of all hearts, you call us to obey you, and you favor us with true freedom. Keep us faithful to the ways of your Son, that, leaving behind all that hinders us, we may steadfastly follow your paths, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

(Congregation please be seated)

#### FIRST READING

1 Kings 19:15–16, 19–21

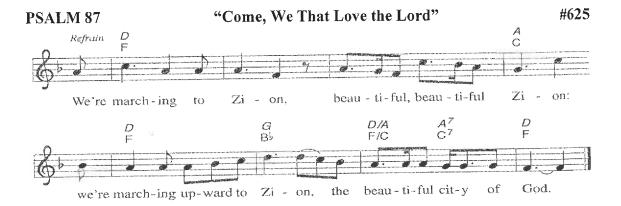
In the story preceding today's reading, the prophet Elijah flees for his life to the security of God's mountain. There the Lord reveals to Elijah that there are still other faithful people in Israel and commissions him to anoint new leaders, including his own successor, Elisha.

Then the LORD said to [Elijah,] "Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus; when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael as king over Aram. <sup>16</sup>Also you shall anoint Jehu son of Nimshi as king over Israel; and you shall anoint Elisha son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah as prophet in your place.

There were twelve yoke of oxen ahead of him, and he was with the twelfth. Elijah passed by him and threw his mantle over him. <sup>20</sup>He left the oxen, ran after Elijah, and said, "Let me kiss my father and my mother, and then I will follow you." Then Elijah said to him, "Go back again; for what have I done to you?" <sup>21</sup>He returned from following him, took the yoke of oxen, and slaughtered them; using the equipment from the oxen, he boiled their flesh, and gave it to the people, and they ate. Then he set out and followed Elijah, and became his servant.

The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.



- P Come, we that love the Lord, and let our joys be known; join in a song with sweet accord, join in a song with sweet accord and thus surround the throne, and thus surround the throne.
- We're marching to Zion, beautiful, beautiful Zion: we're marching upward to Zion, the beautiful city of God.
- Let those refuse to sing who never knew our God: but children of the heav'nly King, but children of the heav'nly King may tell their joys abroad, may tell their joys abroad.
- We're marching to Zion, beautiful, beautiful Zion: we're marching upward to Zion, the beautiful city of God.
- P The hill of Zion yields a thousand sacred sweets before we reach the heav'nly fields, before we reach the heav'nly fields, or walk the golden streets, or walk the golden streets.
- We're marching to Zion, beautiful, beautiful Zion: we're marching upward to Zion, the beautiful city of God.
- Then let our songs abound, and ev'ry tear be dry; we're marching through Immanuel's ground, we're marching through Immanuel's ground, to fairer worlds on high, to fairer worlds on high.
- We're marching to Zion, beautiful, beautiful Zion: we're marching upward to Zion, the beautiful city of God.

#### SECOND READING

For Paul, the freedom Christ gives is not permission to do whatever we want. It is the invitation to be what we could not be otherwise. The power and guidance of Christ's Holy Spirit produce a different kind of life, one marked by the fruit of this Holy Spirit.

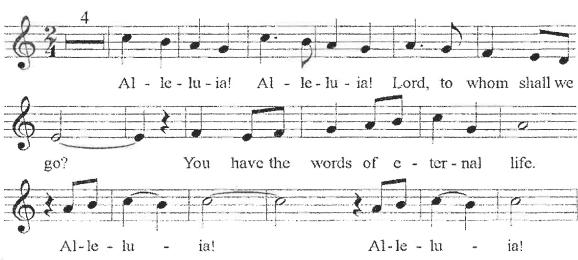
For freedom Christ has set us free. Stand firm, therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery. <sup>13</sup>For you were called to freedom, brothers and sisters only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for self-indulgence, but through love become slaves to one another. <sup>14</sup>For the whole law is summed up in a single commandment, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." <sup>15</sup>If, however, you bite and devour one another, take care that you are not consumed by one another. <sup>16</sup>Live by the Spirit, I say, and do not gratify the desires of the flesh. <sup>17</sup>For what the flesh desires is opposed to the Spirit, and what the Spirit desires is opposed to the flesh; for these are opposed to each other, to prevent you from doing what you want. <sup>18</sup>But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not subject to the law. <sup>19</sup>Now the works of the flesh are obvious: fornication, impurity, licentiousness, <sup>20</sup>idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousy, anger, quarrels, dissensions, factions, <sup>21</sup>envy, drunkenness, carousing, and things like these. I am warning you, as I warned you before: those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.

<sup>22</sup>By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, <sup>23</sup>gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against such things. <sup>24</sup>And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. <sup>25</sup>If we live by the Spirit, let us also be guided by the Spirit.

C Thanks be to God.

The Word of the Lord. (Congregation please stand)

#### **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**



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THE HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 9:51-62

Jesus is unwavering in his commitment to his mission in Jerusalem and will not be swayed by pettiness. In a series of striking cases in point, he calls his disciples to a similar single-mindedness.

P The Holy Gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

When the days drew near for [Jesus] to be taken up, he set his face to go to Jerusalem. <sup>52</sup>And he sent messengers ahead of him. On their way they entered a village of the Samaritans to make ready for him; <sup>53</sup>but they did not receive him, because his face was set toward Jerusalem. <sup>54</sup>When his disciples James and John saw it, they said, "Lord, do you want us to command fire to come down from heaven and consume them?" <sup>55</sup>But he turned and rebuked them. <sup>56</sup>Then they went on to another village.

but he said, "Lord, first let me go and bury my father." <sup>60</sup>But Jesus said to him, "Let the dead bury their own dead; but as for you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God." <sup>61</sup>Another said, "I will follow you, Lord; but let me first say farewell to those at my home." <sup>62</sup>Jesus said to him, "No one who puts a hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God."

P The Gospel of the Lord.

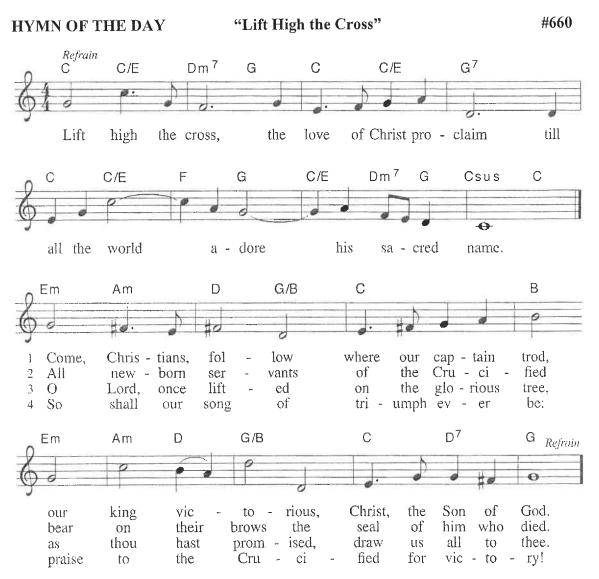
Praise to you, O Christ.

(Congregation please be seated)

SERMON

**Pastor Matthew Larson** 

## (Congregation please stand)



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:

C Amen.

P

#### **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)

## "Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful"



#### **OFFERTORY PRAYER**

- Let us pray, Blessed are you,
- O Lord our God, creator of the universe. At the beginning of time you breathed into us your spirit, the breath of life, and made us to enjoy life together. In love you blessed us with time and talent and the resources of creation. In thanksgiving we bring you the first fruits of our labor, offer ourselves to your service, and dedicate our lives to the care and redemption of all that you have made, for the sake of him who offered his life for us, Jesus Christ our Lord—the first fruits of the resurrection. Amen.

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING



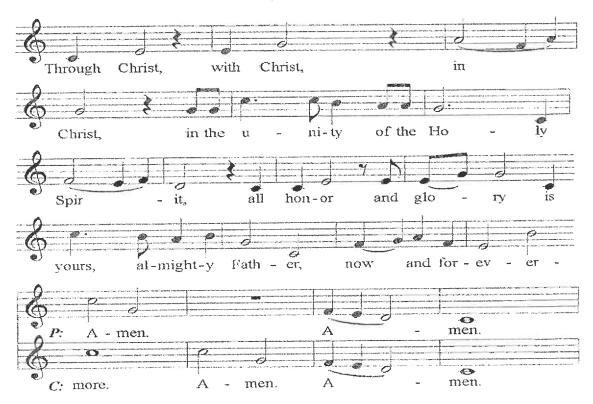
P It is indeed right and salutary...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



The minister continues with the eucharistic prayer.

#### WORDS OF INSTITUTION

## THROUGH CHRIST, WITH CHRIST, IN CHRIST

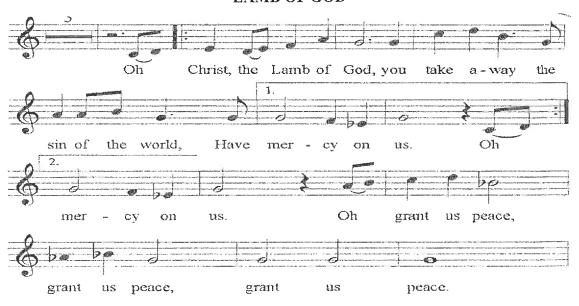


## The Lord's Prayer

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**

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION - All who believe Jesus Christ is present in this meal, offering forgiveness and new life, are welcome to the Lord's Table. Gluten-free wafers are also available. PLEASE NOTE: If you are unable to come forward but would like to receive Communion, please ask an usher to tell the pastor – Holy Communion can be brought to you.

## (Congregation please stand)

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

## **CANTICLE**

## 'LIFE TOGETHER' (REPRISE)

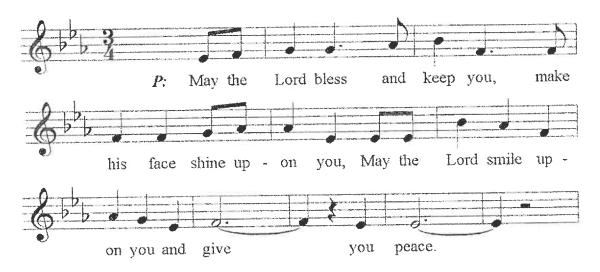


## POST COMMUNION PRAYER

- Jesus, Bread of life, we have received from your table more than we could ever ask. As you have nourished us in this meal, now strengthen us to love the world with your own life. In your name we pray.
- C Amen.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## BENEDICTION

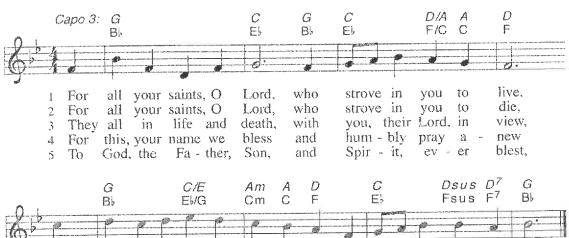






## "For All Your Saints, O Lord"

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- 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.)

- **A** Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.
- Thanks be to God.

## Serving in Worship Today-9:30 am

Presiding Minister Pastor Matthew Larson
Preacher Pastor Matthew Larson

Assisting Minister Duane Yates

Communion Assistants Karen Nelson, Carol Scheurer

Pianist Shirley Roraback Musician Wes Todd Cantor Nancy Filardo

Reader Vicar Brendan Wiechert

Greeter

Ushers Bill Johnson, Linda Semmen

Audio/Video Ian Larson

Fellowship Hosts Dennis & Cathy Johnson

Cookies Linda Semmen

Tellers Cook

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#### + PRAYER AND PRAISE +

New this Week: Please pray for Midge Kiourkas as she has undergone some medical testing and is now awaiting answers for a recurring medical issue. She would appreciate our prayers. Please also pray for Denise & Charlie Walker's daughter LeAnn & her family (LeAnn, Erik, River, and Lilah Tinch) as they are mourning the sudden passing of her mother-in-law Nati Tinch. Please keep them and her father-in-law Roger in your prayers.

Church Family and Friends: Tom Anderson & family, Barbara, Barney Barnhart & family, Michael Baumann, Manda Benton, Linda Bradford, Barbie Bybford, Belle Campbell, Cherie, George & Sandy Coombs, Georgia Coulston, Genevieve Davenport, Bob Dunlap, Janet Esser, Nancy Filardo & family, Dorothy Grier, Leigh & Steve Hopkins, Mary & Clancy Howard, family of Audrey Jackson, Judy & Manny, Savannah Kelley, Larson family, Leatha family, Jan Madden & family, Duncan McMillan, McCune family & Donny, Megan, Ian & SaraLu Moore, Moseman family, Craig Nurvic, Gerry O'Rourke, Tim O'Rourke, Amaryllis & Ken Otteman, Jared & Cindy Pauletto, Myrna Rehn, Janice Seegar, Tom Sernka, Eva Sturges, Isabel Toth, family of Margot 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, Major 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, June 29, 2025 - Sunday, July 6, 2025

SUNDAY 'Fill the Shelf' Sunday

9:30 am Worship Service with Holy Communion

After Worship

Coffee Fellowship

Pictorial directory photos-See Kathy Piper in the Narthex

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

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

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

6:00 pm Boy Scouts

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

4:00 pm Child Center Board meeting

6:00 pm Cub Scouts

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

11:00 am Child Center Chapel in the sanctuary

6:30 -7:30 pm Summer book study here at Advent

**THURSDAY** 9:00 am Happy Helpers

10:00-10:30 am Child Center gymnastics

5:30 pm Bike, Brews, and Bible with Vicar Brendan-Meet at Emry's

5:30 pm-6:30 pm AA Meeting

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

Avenue, Spokane Valley

Church Office & Child Center Closed

#### **SATURDAY**

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After Worship

Coffee Fellowship Council Table Talks

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

## PICTORIAL DIRECTORY

It's that time again...time to update our pictorial directory. **Kathy Piper** has once again graciously agreed to take the photos. She will be available after the worship service **today**. **If it has been awhile since you have had a photo taken**, **especially those with children**, **please see Kathy**. This is your opportunity to have a new photo taken in addition to updating your contact information. Thank you.

#### **SUMMER BOOK STUDY**

Pastor Matt is leading a summer book study each Wednesday at 6:30 pm. If you are interested in attending and/or hosting the book study, please see the sign-up sheet on the table in the Narthex. The book we will be reading is "Chasing Francis" by Ian Morgan Cron. This week we will be meeting here at Advent.

## BIKES, BREW, AND BIBLE STUDY

Bikes, Brew, and Bible Study will be meeting Thursday, July 3rd, at 5:30 pm. We are meeting outside Emry's Beer & Mead Works located at 21850 E. Wellington Parkway (just north of Liberty Lake on Harvard Road, but south of the river). We will meet at 5:30pm on Wellington, share a quick prayer/scripture/reflection, ride out and back on the Centennial Trail for a total of 30-40 minutes, and then reflect in community over a beverage of your choice. It is ride at your own conversational pace! The purpose of the group is to discover a context where someone who finds themselves outside the church but might be comfortable exploring "church" and engaging in Biblical reflection. While not necessary, you are encouraged to invite someone to join the activity. You are welcome to contact Vicar Brendan at (509) 863-5100 with any questions.

#### INDEPENDENCE DAY

The Church Office and Child Center will be closed on Friday, July 4th and the Child Center will be closed on Monday, July 7th, in observance of the Independence Day holiday.

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS-Continued**

## ARBOR CREST OUTING

The GoldenAgers will meet here at the church and will be taking the bus to Arbor Crest Winery on Thursday, July 10, at 4:15 pm. to listen to Blues music (musician is Ron Green), and eat dinner. The cost is \$14 at the gate or you may go online to arborcrest.com to purchase your advance ticket for \$10. Arbor Crest has a food truck where you may purchase food, or you may bring your own sack dinner, but no outside beverages are allowed, including bottles of water. A reserved 8' table will be available for some to sit around with the white plastic chairs they provide, or you may prefer to bring your own foldup umbrella chair. Please RSVP to Linda Semmen at 509-389-4191 by Monday, July 7<sup>th</sup>. A sign-up sheet is also available on the table in the Narthex. You may also drive yourself and meet the Advent group there. Bus will be leaving Arbor Crest at 7:30 pm to return to Advent.

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

Our next 'Come to Friday Dinner' will take place on Friday, July 11th, from 5:00 pm-6:00 pm. Menu: Roasted hotdogs and hamburgers, potato & macaroni salad, watermelon, and Jello. 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, July 12th at 11:30 a.m. at The Max at Mirabeau. The sign-up sheet is on the table in the Narthex. Questions? Please contact Gerry O'Rourke at 509-893-0787.

#### BUNCO

Everyone is welcome to come to Advent for **Bunco!** Each month we plan to have a Bunco game here at Advent. We need 12 –16 players. See the **sign-up sheet** on the table in the Narthex. **Thursday**, **July 17**, **at 2:30 pm.** will be our first game. We need a host to sign up for each month and bring snacks. **Cindy Falk** will host the month of July. Questions? Call **Cindy Falk at 719-659-0439** or the church office at **509-928-7733**.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS-Continued**

#### **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.

## **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!

## **AUTOMATIC DEFIBRILLATOR CLASS**

Our Parish Nurse, Debbie Martin, will be conducting an automatic defibrillator class after worship on a Sunday to be determined. If you are interested, please see the sign-up sheet on the table in the Narthex and Debbie will be contacting you.

#### ADVENT COOKBOOK

The **Social Committee** is tossing around some ideas to get an **Advent cookbook** moving forward. Think about some special recipes you would like to share and we will start collecting your recipes in September. Other churches and friends of Advent are also invited to share a recipe. This will be a fundraiser for the Synod office and any additional funds will be used toward the purchase of our new LED sign on Broadway. Questions? Call **Cindy Falk at 719-659-0439** or the church office at **509-928-7733**.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS-Continued**

