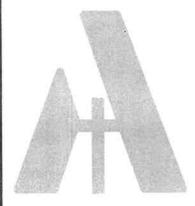
# Advent Lutheran Church

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# ADVENT Lutheran Church

A congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

July 13, 2025, 9:30 a.m. Fifth 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

To love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul, strength, and mind is to reflect God's mercy in responding to one's neighbor. That mercy found its most profound expression in the "gospel that has come to you"—namely the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. That gospel mercy comes to us again today: at the font, at the altar, and from the pulpit. It is very near to you.

# ORDER OF WORSHIP July 13, 2025, 9:30 a.m.

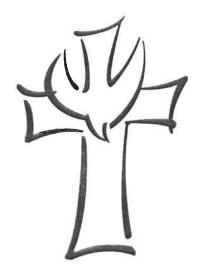
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#### BRIEF ORDER OF CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

- Blessed be the Holy Trinity, + one God, the God of manna, the God of miracles, the God of mercy.
- G 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.
- Thanks be to God!





- 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 pres-ence; 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-phani 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 vie - 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

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

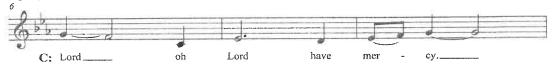


#### **Kyrie**

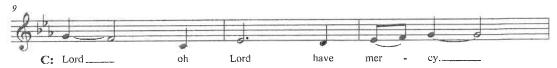
A: In peace, let us pray to the Lord



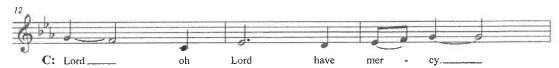
A: For the peace that comes from above, For the healing of our brokenness and sin, let us pray, let us pray to the Lord



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

- The Lord be with you.
- And also with you.
- **P** Let us pray, O Lord God,
- your mercy delights us, and the world longs for your loving care. Hear the cries of everyone in need, and turn our hearts to love our neighbors with the love of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

(Congregation please be seated)

#### FIRST READING Deuteronomy 30:9–14

Moses calls the people who are about to enter the promised land to renew the covenant God made with their ancestors. Through this covenant God gives life and asks for obedience. God's commandment is neither burdensome nor too far off, but dwells in the people's own hearts.

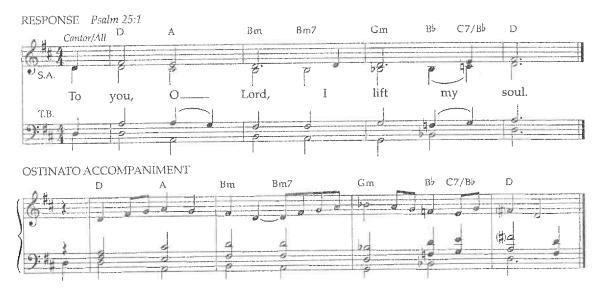
The LORD your God will make you abundantly prosperous in all your undertakings, in the fruit of your body, in the fruit of your livestock, and in the fruit of your soil. For the LORD will again take delight in prospering you, just as he delighted in prospering your ancestors, <sup>10</sup>when you obey the LORD your God by observing his commandments and decrees that are written in this book of the law, because you turn to the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul.

<sup>11</sup>Surely, this commandment that I am commanding you today is not too hard for you, nor is it too far away. <sup>12</sup>It is not in heaven, that you should say, "Who will go up to heaven for us, and get it for us so that we may hear it and observe it?" <sup>13</sup>Neither is it beyond the sea, that you should say, "Who will cross to the other side of the sea for us, and get it for us so that we may hear it and observe it?" <sup>14</sup>No, the word is very near to you; it is in your mouth and in your heart for you to observe.

P The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

#### PSALM 25



- Your ways, O LORD, make known to me; teach me your paths. Guide me in your truth and teach me, for you are God my savior.
- To you, O Lord, I lift my soul.
- Good and upright is the LORD; thus he shows sinners the way. He guides the humble to justice and teaches the humble his way.
- To you, O Lord, I lift my soul.
- All the paths of the LORD are kindness and constancy toward those who keep his covenant and his decrees. The friendship of the LORD is with those who fear him, and his covenant for their instruction.
- To you, O Lord, I lift my soul.

The letter to the Colossians was written to warn its readers of various false teachings. The first part of the letter is an expression of thanks for the faith, hope, and love that mark this community, including a prayer for strength and courage from Paul.

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our brother,

<sup>2</sup>To the saints and faithful brothers and sisters in Christ in Colossae:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father.

<sup>3</sup>In our prayers for you we always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>4</sup>for we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love that you have for all the saints, <sup>5</sup>because of the hope laid up for you in heaven. You have heard of this hope before in the word of the truth, the gospel <sup>6</sup>that has come to you. Just as it is bearing fruit and growing in the whole world, so it has been bearing fruit among yourselves from the day you heard it and truly comprehended the grace of God. <sup>7</sup>This you learned from Epaphras, our beloved fellow servant. He is a faithful minister of Christ on your behalf, <sup>8</sup>and he has made known to us your love in the Spirit.

<sup>9</sup>For this reason, since the day we heard it, we have not ceased praying for you

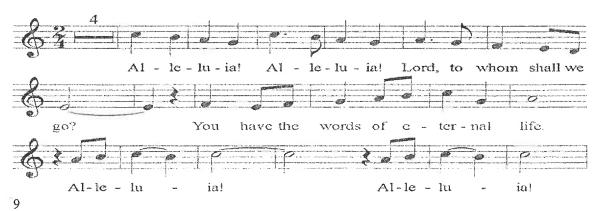
<sup>9</sup>For this reason, since the day we heard it, we have not ceased praying for you and asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of God's will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, <sup>10</sup>so that you may lead lives worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him, as you bear fruit in every good work and as you grow in the knowledge of God. <sup>11</sup>May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully <sup>12</sup>giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. <sup>13</sup>He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, <sup>14</sup>in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

The Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

(Congregation please stand)

#### **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**



THE HOLY GOSPEL Luke 10:25–37

Jesus is challenged to explain what is involved in obeying the greatest commandment. Jesus tells a parable rich in surprises: those expected to show pity display hard hearts while the lowly give and receive unexpected and lavish mercy.

P The Holy Gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Just then a lawyer stood up to test Jesus. "Teacher," he said, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?" <sup>26</sup>He said to him, "What is written in the law? What do you read there?" <sup>27</sup>He answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself." <sup>28</sup>And he said to him, "You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live."

<sup>29</sup>But wanting to justify himself, he asked Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?"

<sup>30</sup>Jesus replied, "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and went away, leaving him half dead.

<sup>31</sup>Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. <sup>32</sup>So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. <sup>33</sup>But a Samaritan while traveling came near him; and when he saw him, he was moved with pity. <sup>34</sup>He went to him and bandaged his wounds, having poured oil and wine on them. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. <sup>35</sup>The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, 'Take care of him; and when I come back, I will repay you whatever more you spend.' <sup>36</sup>Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?" <sup>37</sup>He said, "The one who showed him mercy." Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."

P The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

(Congregation please be seated)

**SERMON** 

Pastor Matthew Larson

# (Congregation please stand)



P Let us proclaim our Christian faith:

## Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

- I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.
- I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

  Amen.

#### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

After the concluding prayer, respond with:

Amen.

#### EXCHANGE OF PEACE

(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"

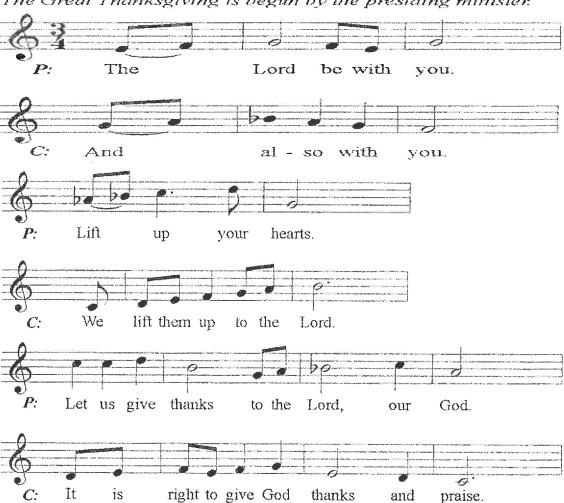


#### **OFFERTORY PRAYER**

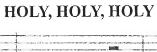
- (A) Let us pray, Blessed are you,
- O Lord our God, creator of the universe. At the beginning of time you breathed into us your spirit, the breath of life, and made us to enjoy life together. In love you blessed us with time and talent and the resources of creation. In thanksgiving we bring you the 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

The Great Thanksgiving is begun by the presiding minister.



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

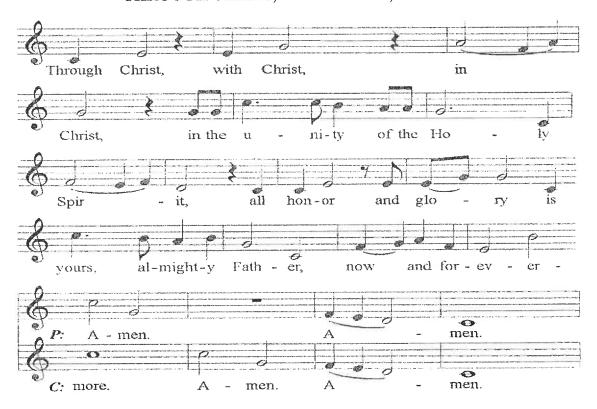




The minister continues with the eucharistic prayer.

#### WORDS OF INSTITUTION

# THROUGH CHRIST, WITH CHRIST, IN CHRIST

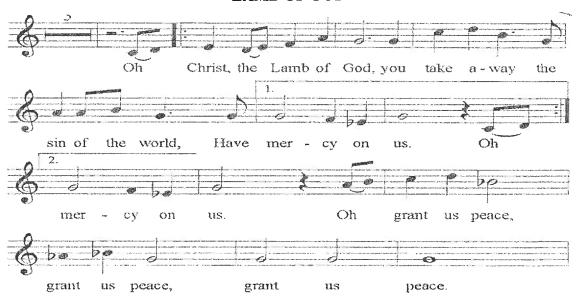


#### The Lord's Prayer

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)

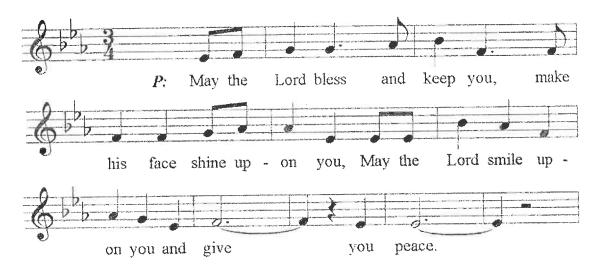


#### POST COMMUNION PRAYER

- 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





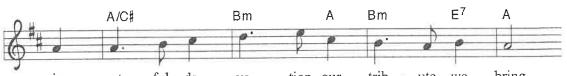
#### **SENDING SONG**

#### "We Praise You, O God"

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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.
- C Thanks be to God.

#### Serving in Worship Today-9:30 am

Presiding Minister Pastor Matthew Larson

Preacher Pastor Matthew Larson

Assisting Minister Holly Gunby

Communion Assistants Francie Shoquist, Denise Walker

Pianist Shirley Roraback

Musician Wes Todd

Cantor Pastor Matthew Larson

Reader Barb Potter

Greeter Ushers

Audio/Video Ian Larson

Fellowship Hosts Dennis & Cathy Johnson
Cookies Barbie Byford, Nancy Byford

Tellers McCune

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#### + PRAYER AND PRAISE +

**New this Week:** Prayers are needed for Audrey Knuttel as she is facing some upcoming medical treatments. Continued prayers are also needed for our local communities who are experiencing the effects of the fires and the victims and their families in the recent floodings across our nation.

Church Family and Friends: Tom Anderson & family, Barbara, Barney Barnhart & family, Michael Baumann, Manda Benton, Linda Bradford, Barbie Byford, 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, Midge Kiourkas, 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, Roger & Carol Scheurer, Eva Sturges, Tinch family, Isabel Toth, family of Margot Wilson, 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, July 13, 2025 - Sunday, July 20, 2025

**SUNDAY** 9:30 am Worship Service with Holy Communion

After Worship

Coffee Fellowship

10:45 am High School Sunday School - Mini golf 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

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

2:30 pm Bunco

5:30 pm Bike, Brews, and Bible -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

**SATURDAY** 

**SUNDAY** 9:30 am Worship Service with Holy Communion

After Worship

Coffee Fellowship

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

#### **RECOGNITION AWARD**

The City Council selected Terry Powell as this month's recipient of the You Rock! Community Recognition Program. If anyone from the church is interested in being there when Terry gets the award from the Deputy Mayor, it will be presented at the City Council meeting at 6:00 pm on Tuesday, July 15 at City Hall (10210 E Sprague). Meetings are open to the public and everyone is welcome.

#### BIKES, BREW, AND BIBLE STUDY

Bikes, Brew, and Bible Study continues to meet each Thursday 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. Questions? Contact Vicar Brendan at (509) 863-5100.

#### **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. Cost is \$5/person. Questions? Call **Cindy Falk at 719-659-0439** or the church office at 509-928-7733.

#### 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**

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

Our next 'Come to Friday Dinner' will take place on Friday, July 25th, from 5:00 pm-6:00 pm. Menu: Taco bar and Spanish rice. 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!

#### **NEWSLETTER DEADLINE**

If you wish to submit an article or announcement for the **August** newsletter, please submit it to the church office no later than **Friday**, **July 25th**.

#### **GOLF TOURNAMENT**

Save the date! August 17, at 1:30 pm. Trailhead Golf Course in Liberty Lake. Advent will be hosting a golf tournament with a meal after, to raise funds for Camp Lutherhaven camperships. Please see the sign-up sheets on the table in the Narthex. There are several opportunities for you to participate. You may sign up to be a part of the tournament, you may come to watch and support the participants and enjoy the lunch, or just offer a donation. Thank you! Questions? Call Cindy Falk at 719-659-0439 or the church office at 509-928-7733.

#### 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!

#### **CHURCH OFFICE**

Cheryl will be taking a few vacation days this coming week. Please note that if you call the church office and leave a message, someone will return your call, however, it may be a delayed response. Thank you for your understanding.