# Advent Lutheran Church

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



# ADVENT Lutheran Church

A congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

July 6, 2025, 9:30 a.m. Fourth 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

God is the source of our nourishment. Our Lord's invitation to "take and eat ... take and drink" is a repeated one. In the holy eucharist, in the word read and proclaimed, in the assembly of the people of God, the dominion of God has come near. Rejoice! Your name is written in heaven.

# ORDER OF WORSHIP July 6, 2025, 9:30 a.m.

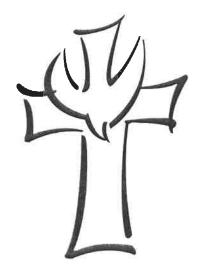
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#### BRIEF ORDER OF CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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





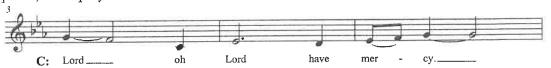
# Greeting

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



# **Kyrie**

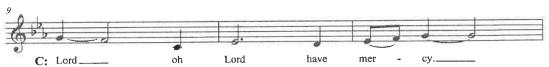
A: In peace, let us pray to the Lord



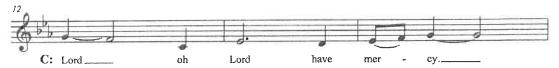
A: For the peace that comes from above, For the healing of our brokenness and sin, let us pray, let us pray to the Lord



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, O God,
- the Father of our Lord Jesus, you are the city that shelters us, the mother who comforts us. With your Spirit accompany us on our life's journey, that we may spread your peace in all the world, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

(Congregation please be seated)

FIRST READING Isaiah 66:10–14

Those who returned from the exile found that the hopes for the glorious restoration of Judah were not completely fulfilled. For these disappointed people, the prophet envisions salvation in the image of a nursing woman. Mother Jerusalem and a mothering God remind the community how they are sustained and supported.

Rejoice with Jerusalem, and be glad for her, all you who love her; rejoice with her in joy, all you who mourn over her—

that you may nurse and be satisfied from her consoling breast; that you may drink deeply with delight from her glorious bosom.

<sup>12</sup>For thus says the LORD: I will extend prosperity to her like a river, and the wealth of the nations like an overflowing stream; and you shall nurse and be carried on her arm, and dandled on her knees.

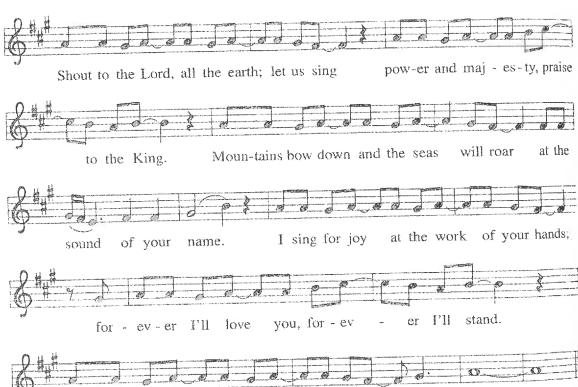
<sup>13</sup>As a mother comforts her child, so I will comfort you; you shall be comforted in Jerusalem.

<sup>14</sup>You shall see, and your heart shall rejoice; your bodies shall flourish like the grass; and it shall be known that the hand of the LORD is with his servants, and his indignation is against his enemies.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

you.



My Jesus, my Savior, Lord, there is none like you. All of my days I want to praise the wonders of your mighty love.

Noth-ing com-pares to the prom-ise I have

- Shout to the Lord, all the earth; let us sing power and majesty, praise to the King. Mountains bow down and the seas will roar at the sound of your name. I sing for joy at the work of your hands; forever I'll love you, forever I'll stand. Nothing compares to the promise I have in you.
- My comfort, my shelter, tower of refuge and strength; let ev'ry breath, all that I am never cease to worship you.
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In the close of his letter to the Galatians, Paul encourages them to live as people made right with God through faith in Jesus Christ. Here Paul offers practical advice about how believers exercise common concern for one other in "the family of faith."

<sup>7</sup>Do not be deceived; God is not mocked, for you reap whatever you sow. <sup>8</sup>If you sow to your own flesh, you will reap corruption from the flesh; but if you sow to the Spirit, you will reap eternal life from the Spirit. <sup>9</sup>So let us not grow weary in doing what is right, for we will reap at harvest time, if we do not give up. <sup>10</sup>So then, whenever we have an opportunity, let us work for the good of all, and especially for those of the family of faith.

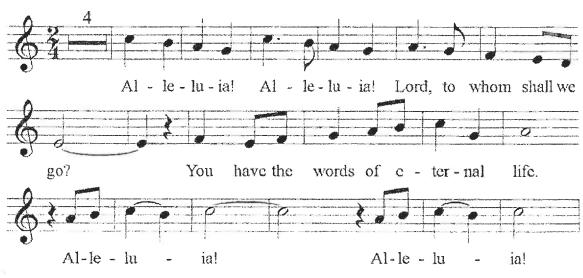
Who want to make a good showing in the flesh that try to compel you to be circumcised—only that they may not be persecuted for the cross of Christ. <sup>13</sup>Even the circumcised do not themselves obey the law, but they want you to be circumcised so that they may boast about your flesh. <sup>14</sup>May I never boast of anything except the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. <sup>15</sup>For neither circumcision nor uncircumcision is anything; but a new creation is everything! <sup>16</sup>As for those who will follow this rule—peace be upon them, and mercy, and upon the Israel of God.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

(Congregation please stand)

#### **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**



# THE HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 10:1–11, 16–20

Jesus commissions harvesters and laborers to go where he would go and do what he would do. Risking hardship and danger in exchange for the experience of great joy, they offer peace and healing as signs that the reign of God is near.

The Holy Gospel according to Luke.

G Glory to you, O Lord.

After this the Lord appointed seventy others and sent them on ahead of him in pairs to every town and place where he himself intended to go. <sup>2</sup>He said to them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest. <sup>3</sup>Go on your way. See, I am sending you out like lambs into the midst of wolves. <sup>4</sup>Carry no purse, no bag, no sandals; and greet no one on the road. <sup>5</sup>Whatever house you enter, first say, 'Peace to this house!' <sup>6</sup>And if anyone is there who shares in peace, your peace will rest on that person; but if not, it will return to you. <sup>7</sup>Remain in the same house, eating and drinking whatever they provide, for the laborer deserves to be paid. Do not move about from house to house. <sup>8</sup>Whenever you enter a town and its people welcome you, eat what is set before you; <sup>9</sup>cure the sick who are there, and say to them, 'The kingdom of God has come near to you.' <sup>10</sup>But whenever you enter a town and they do not welcome you, go out into its streets and say, <sup>11</sup>Even the dust of your town that clings to our feet, we wipe off in protest against you. Yet know this: the kingdom of God has come near.'

16" Whoever listens to you listens to me, and whoever rejects you rejects me, and

whoever rejects me rejects the one who sent me."

<sup>17</sup>The seventy returned with joy, saying, "Lord, in your name even the demons submit to us!" <sup>18</sup>He said to them, "I watched Satan fall from heaven like a flash of lightning. <sup>19</sup>See, I have given you authority to tread on snakes and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy; and nothing will hurt you. <sup>20</sup>Nevertheless, do not rejoice at this, that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

(Congregation please be seated)

**SERMON** 

Vicar Brendan Wiechert



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.

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.
- **G** 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 C 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.



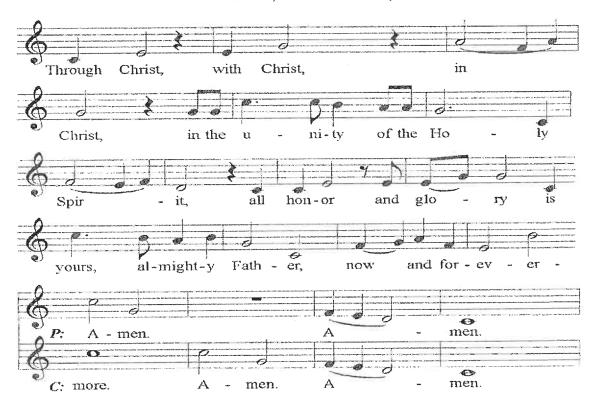
P It is indeed right and salutary...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



The minister continues with the eucharistic prayer.

# WORDS OF INSTITUTION

# THROUGH CHRIST, WITH CHRIST, IN CHRIST

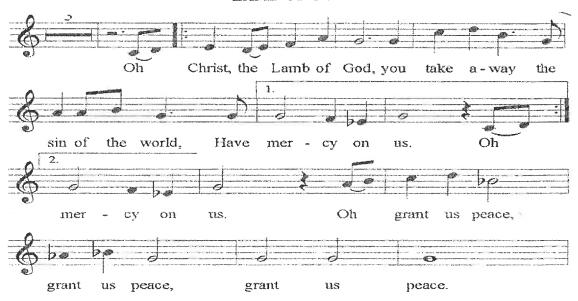


# The Lord's Prayer

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)

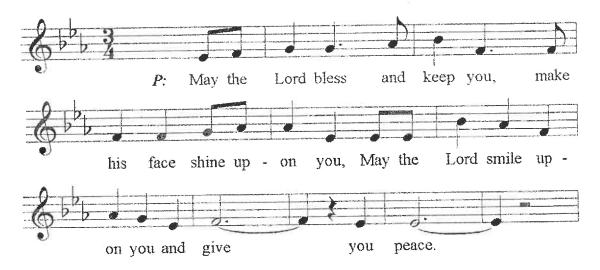


# POST COMMUNION PRAYER

- 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**

# "O Beautiful for Spacious Skies"

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- 1 O beau-ti-ful for spa-cious skies, for am ber waves of grain, 2 O beau-ti-ful for he roes proved in lib er at ing strife,
- 2 O beau-ti-ful for he roes proved in lib er at ing strife, 3 O beau-ti-ful for pa - triot dream that sees be-yound the years



for pur-ple moun-tain maj-es-ties a - bove the fruit-ed plain: who more than self their coun-try loved, and mer - cy more than life: thine al - a - bas - ter cit - ies gleam, un - dimmed by hu - man tears:





and crown thy good with broth-er-hood from sea to shin-ing sea. till all suc-cess be no - ble-ness, and ev-'ry gain di - vine. con-firm thy soul in self-con-trol, thy lib-er-ty in law.

- As people of God, this is our mission at Advent: A
- "Called by God's Grace to Love and Serve." C

#### **DISMISSAL**

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

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

# Serving in Worship Today-9:30 am

Presiding Minister

Preacher

Assisting Minister

Communion Assistants

Pianist

Musician

Cantor Reader

Greeter

Ushers

Audio/Video Fellowship Hosts

Cookies

Tellers

Vicar Brendan Wiechert

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Kara Wilson Sandra McCune, Francie Shoquist

Shirley Roraback

Wes Todd Kristin Larson

Marilyn Keith

Bill & Rita Thurston

Ian Larson

Shoquist, Thurston

In consultation with Bishop Meggan Manlove, Vicar Brendan Wiechert has been authorized to preside over the Sacrament of Holy Communion this Sunday.

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#### + PRAYER AND PRAISE +

**New this Week:** Prayers are needed for Roger and Carol Scheurer as Roger is recovering from suffering a heart attack. Prayers for the families, friends, and co-workers of the fallen firefighters in Coeur d' Alene, as well as the surrounding communities.

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, 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 6, 2025 - Sunday, July 13, 2025

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

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

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

6:00 pm Boy Scouts

Church Office & Child Center Closed

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

6:00 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

6:30 -7:30 pm Summer book study at the home of Holly Gunby,

10309 E. Valleyway, Spokane Valley

THURSDAY 9:00 am Happy Helpers

10:00-10:30 am Child Center gymnastics

4:15 pm Arbor Crest outing

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

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

SATURDAY 11:30 am Ladies Lunch at The Max at Mirabeau

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# **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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

# INDEPENDENCE DAY

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

# **SUMMER BOOK STUDY**

Pastor Matt is leading a summer book study each Wednesday at 6:30 pm. This week we will meet at the home of Holly Gunby, 10309 E. Valleyway, Spokane Valley. If you are interested in attending and/or hosting the book study, please see the sign-up sheet in the Narthex. he book we are reading is "Chasing Francis" by Ian Morgan Cron.

# 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.

# 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.

# **ANNOUNCEMENTS-Continued**

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

#### **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.

#### THANK YOU

Clancy and Mary Howard would like to extend a very heartfelt thank you to the Happy Helpers and especially Bill Thurston, his son, and grandson, for moving a large and heavy chair for Clancy, and for your visits. Your kindness means so much and you are all very appreciated! THANK YOU!

# **ANNOUNCEMENTS-Continued**

# **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. More details coming soon!

# **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.

# 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**.