

Advent Lutheran Church

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“Called by God’s Grace to Love and Serve”



A congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

September 14, 2025, 9:30 a.m.
Fourteenth 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

The grumbling of the Pharisees and the scribes in today's gospel is actually our holy hope: This Jesus welcomes sinners and eats with them. That our God wills to seek and to save the lost is not only a holy hope, it is our only hope. As Paul's first letter to Timothy reminds us, "The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners." Thanks be to God.

ORDER OF WORSHIP
September 14, 2025, 9:30 a.m.

(Congregation please stand)

BRIEF ORDER OF CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P In the name of the Father, and of the +Son, and of the holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

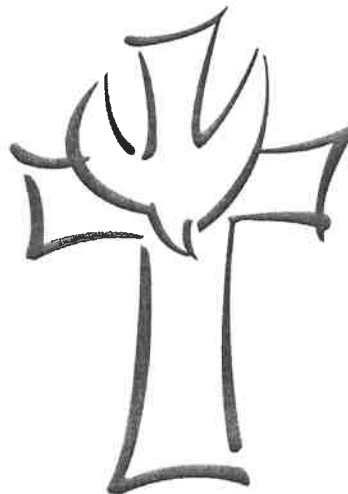
Silence for reflection

P Gracious God,

C have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in the newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

P God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of +Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

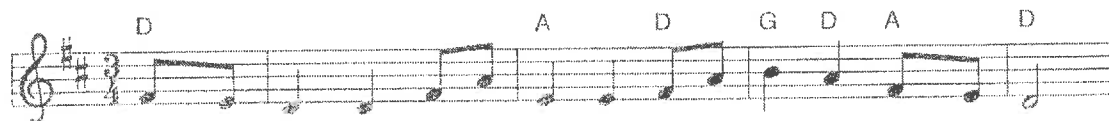
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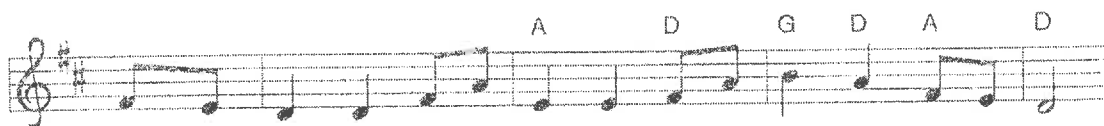
GATHERING HYMN

"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

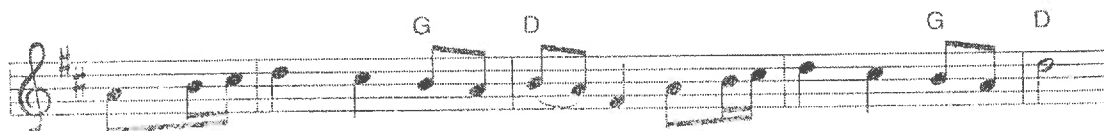
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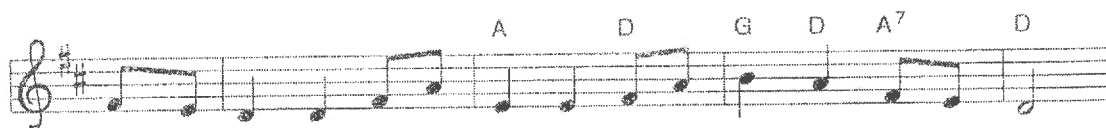
1 Come, thou Fount of ev - 'ry bless-ing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;
2 Here I raise my Eb-en - e - zer: "Hith-er by thy help I've come";
3 Oh, to grace how great a debt-or dai - ly I'm con-strained to be:



streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing, call for songs of loud-est praise.
and I hope, by thy good plea-sure, safe - ly to ar - rive at home.
let that grace now like a fet - ter bind my wan-d'ring heart to thee.



While the hope of end-less glo - ry fills my heart with joy and love.
Je - sus sought me when a strang-er, wan-d'ring from the fold of God;
Prone to wan - der, Lord, I feel it; prone to leave the God I love.



teach me ev - er to a - dore thee; may I still thy good-ness prove.
he, to res - cue me from dan-ger, in - ter - posed his pre-cious blood.
Here's my heart, oh, take and seal it; seal it for thy courts a - bove.

GREETING

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

KYRIE

Se - ñor, Se - ñor, ten pie - dad; ten pie - dad de no -
 Lord, . . have mer - cy on us; O . . . Lord, have . . .

so - tros. Se - ñor, Se - ñor, ten pie -
 mer - cy. Lord, . . have mer - cy on

dad; ten pie - dad de no - so - tros.
 us; O . . . Lord, have . . mer - cy.

Cris - to, Cris - to, ten pie - dad; ten pie - dad de no -
 Christ, . . have mer - cy on us; O . . . Christ, have . .

so - tros. Cris - to, Cris - to, ten pie -
 mer - cy. Christ, . . have mer - cy on

dad; ten pie - dad de no - so - tros.
 us; O . . . Christ, have . . mer - cy.

Se - ñor, Se - ñor, ten pie - dad; ten pie - dad de no -
 Lord, . . have mer - cy on us; O . . . Lord, have . . .

so - tros. Se - ñor, Se - ñor, ten pie -
 mer - cy. Lord, . . have mer - cy on

dad; ten pie - dad de no - so - tros.
 us; O . . . Lord, have . . mer - cy.

“GLORY TO GOD”



¡Glo - ria, glo - ria, glo - ria en las al - tu - ras a Dios!
 Glo - ria, glo - ria, glo - ria, glo - ry to God . . on high!



¡Glo - ria, glo - ria, glo - ria en las al - tu - ras a Dios!
 Glo - ria, glo - ria, glo - ria, glo - ry to God . . on high!



Y en la tie - rra paz pa-ra a-que-llos que a-ma el Se - ñor.
 And on earth . . . peace to God's peo-ple. Glo - ry to God.



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 And on earth . . . peace to God's peo-ple. Glo - ry to God.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray, O God,

C overflowing with mercy and compassion, you lead back to yourself all those who go astray. Preserve your people in your loving care, that we may reject whatever is contrary to you and may follow all things that sustain our life in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

(Congregation please be seated)

FIRST READING

Exodus 32:7–14

While Moses is on Mount Sinai, the people grow restless and make a golden calf to worship. Today's reading shows Moses as the mediator between an angry God and a sinful people. Moses reminds God that the Israelites are God's own people and boldly asks mercy for them.

The LORD said to Moses, "Go down at once! Your people, whom you brought up out of the land of Egypt, have acted perversely; ⁸they have been quick to turn aside from the way that I commanded them; they have cast for themselves an image of a calf, and have worshiped it and sacrificed to it, and said, 'These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!'" ⁹The LORD said to Moses, "I have seen this people, how stiff-necked they are. ¹⁰Now let me alone, so that my wrath may burn hot against them and I may consume them; and of you I will make a great nation."

¹¹But Moses implored the LORD his God, and said, "O LORD, why does your wrath burn hot against your people, whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with great power and with a mighty hand? ¹²Why should the Egyptians say, 'It was with evil intent that he brought them out to kill them in the mountains, and to consume them from the face of the earth'? Turn from your fierce wrath; change your mind and do not bring disaster on your people. ¹³Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, your servants, how you swore to them by your own self, saying to them, 'I will multiply your descendants like the stars of heaven, and all this land that I have promised I will give to your descendants, and they shall inherit it forever.'" ¹⁴And the LORD changed his mind about the disaster that he planned to bring on his people.

P The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM 51

Cantor/All

Be mer - ci - ful, O Lord, for we have sinned. Be

mer - ci - ful, O Lord, for we have sinned.

- P** Have mercy on me, O God, in your goodness; in the greatness of your compassion wipe out my offense. Thoroughly wash me from my guilt and of my sin cleanse me.
- C** Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned. Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.
- P** For I acknowledge my offense, and of my sin is before me always: "Against you only have I sinned, and done what is evil in your sight."
- C** Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned. Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.
- P** A clean heart create for me, O God, and a steadfast spirit renew within me. Cast me not out from your presence, and your Holy Spirit take not from me.
- C** Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned. Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.
- P** Give me back the joy of your salvation, and a willing spirit sustain in me. O Lord, open my lips, and my mouth shall proclaim your praise.
- C** Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned. Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.

SECOND READING

1 Timothy 1:12-17

The letters to Timothy are called the Pastoral Epistles because they contain advice especially intended for leaders in the church. Here the mercy shown to Paul, who once persecuted the church, is cited as evidence that even the most unworthy may become witnesses to the grace of God.

I am grateful to Christ Jesus our Lord, who has strengthened me, because he judged me faithful and appointed me to his service, ¹³even though I was formerly a blasphemer, a persecutor, and a man of violence. But I received mercy because I had acted ignorantly in unbelief, ¹⁴and the grace of our Lord overflowed for me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. ¹⁵The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners—of whom I am the foremost. ¹⁶But for that very reason I received mercy, so that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display the utmost patience, making me an example to those who would come to believe in him for eternal life. ¹⁷To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

P The Word of the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.

(Congregation please stand)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Singing, we rise to greet Jesus Christ, present in the gospel reading

A - le - lu - ya, a - le - lu - ya, a - le - lu - ya!
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

A - le - lu - ya, a - le - lu - ya, a - le - lu - ya!
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

A - le - lu - ya, a - le - lu - ya,
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,

a - le - lu - ya! A - le - lu - ya!
al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 15:1-10

Jesus tells two stories that suggest a curious connection between the lost being found and sinners repenting. God takes the initiative to find sinners, each of whom is so precious to God that his or her recovery brings joy in heaven.

P The Holy Gospel according to Luke.

G Glory to you, O Lord.

Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to [Jesus.] ²And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, "This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them."

³So he told them this parable: ⁴Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it? ⁵When he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. ⁶And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbors, saying to them, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.' ⁷Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance.

⁸Or what woman having ten silver coins, if she loses one of them, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it? ⁹When she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.' ¹⁰Just so, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents."

P The Gospel of the Lord.

G Praise to you, O Christ.

(Congregation please be seated)

SERMON

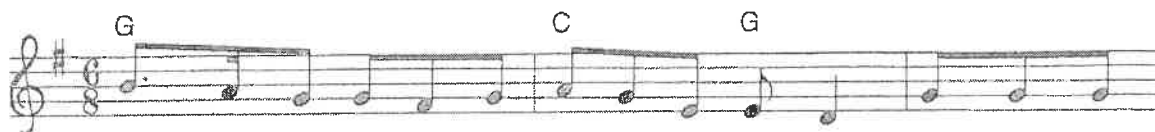
Pastor Matthew Larson

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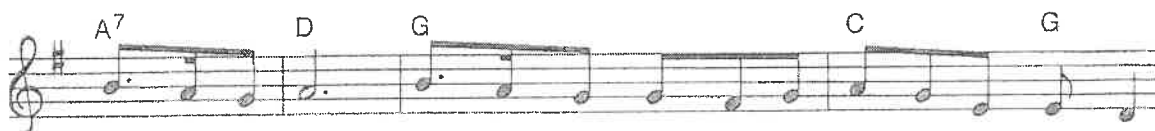
HYMN OF THE DAY

"Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling"

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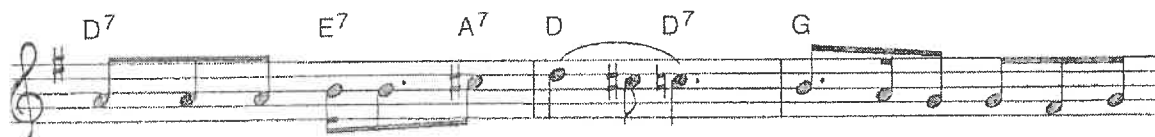
- 1 Soft - ly and ten - der - ly Je - sus is call - ing, call - ing for
- 2 Why should we tar - ry when Je - sus is plead - ing, plead - ing for
- 3 Oh, for the won - der - ful love he has prom - ised, prom - ised for



you and for me. See, on the por - tals he's wait - ing and watch - ing,
you and for me? Why should we lin - ger and heed not his mer - cies,
you and for me! Though we have sinned, he has mer - cy and par - don,



watch - ing for you and for me.
mer - cies for you and for me? "Come home, come home!"
par - don for you and for me.



You who are wea - ry, come home." Ear - nest - ly, ten - der - ly,



Je - sus is call - ing, call - ing, "O sin - ner, come home!"

☞ 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, "receive 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.)

☞ 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)

“Take My Life, That I May Be”

#583

Refrain: *Take my life, that I may be consecrated, Lord, to thee;
take my moments and my days;
let them flow in ceaseless praise.*

Verse 2: *Take my silver and my gold, not a mite would I withhold;
take my intellect and use ev'ry pow'r as thou shalt choose.*

Refrain: *Take my life, that I may be consecrated, Lord, to thee;
take my moments and my days;
let them flow in ceaseless praise.*

OFFERTORY PRAYER

- [A]** Let us pray, Jesus, Bread of life,
[C] you have set this table with your very self, and called us to the feast of plenty. Gather what has been sown among us, and strengthen us in this meal. Make us to be what we receive here, your body for the life of the world. Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

- [P]** The Lord be with you.
[C] And also with you.
[P] Lift up your hearts.
[C] We lift them to the Lord.
[P] Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
[C] It is right to give our thanks and praise.

- ☐ It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

San - to, san - to, san - to, es el Se - ñor,
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord . . . God,

Dios del u - ni - ver - so; san - to, es el Se - ñor.
God of might and pow - er; ho - ly is the Lord.

San - to, san - to, san - to, san - to, es el Se - ñor,
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord . . . God,

Dios del u - ni - ver - so; san - to, es el Se - ñor.
God of might and pow - er; ho - ly is the Lord.

Ho - san - na en el cie - lo, ho - san - na en la
Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na here on

tie - rra. Ben - di - to el que vie - ne en el
earth. Blest is he who comes in the

nom - bre del Se - ñor. Ho - san - na en el
name . . . of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the

cie - lo, ho - san - na en la tie - rra. Ben -
high - est, ho - san - na here on earth.

di - to el que vie - ne en el nom - bre del Se - ñor.
Blest is he who comes in the name . . . of the Lord.

The minister continues with the eucharistic prayer.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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

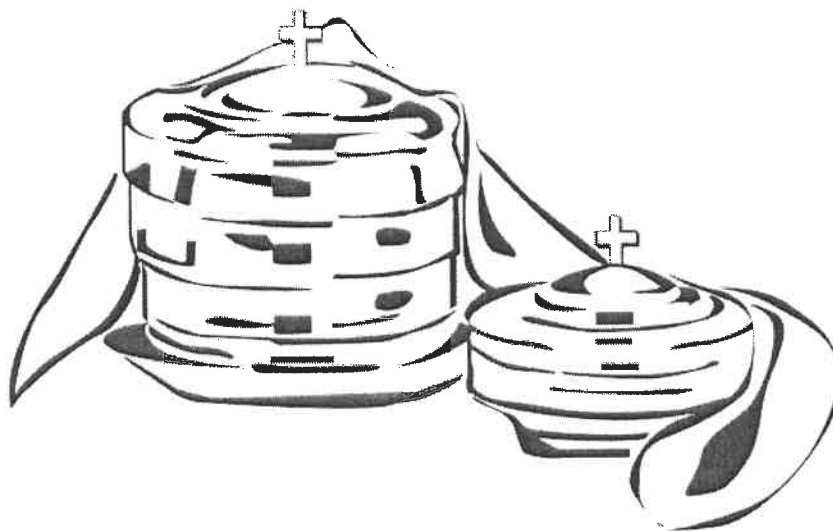
THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

(Congregation please be seated)

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

[P] Christ has set the table with more than enough for all.
Come!



LAMB OF GOD



Cor - de - ro de Dios, tú que qui-tas el pe-ca-do del mun-do;
O Lamb of . . God, you . . take a-way the sin of the world; . .



ten pie-dad de no - so-tros, ten pie-dad de no - so-tros.
have . . mer-cy up - on us, have . . mer-cy up - on us.



Cor-de - ro de Dios, tú que qui-tas el pe-ca-do del mun-do;
O Lamb of . . God, you . . take a-way the sin of the world; . .



ten pie-dad de no - so-tros, ten pie-dad de no - so-tros.
have . . mer-cy up - on us, have . . mer-cy up - on us.



Cor-de - ro de Dios, tú que qui-tas el pe-ca-do del mun-do;
O Lamb of . . God, you . . take a-way the sin of the world; . .



da - nos tu paz, da - nos tu paz.
grant us your peace, grant us your peace.

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)

P 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.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

A 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

P The blessing of God, who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us, +be upon you now and forever.

C Amen.

SENDING SONG

"Praise the Lord, Rise Up Rejoicing"

#544

Capo 3: D F A⁷/C[#] C⁷/E D F A C

1 Praise the Lord, rise up re - joic - ing, wor - ship, thanks, de -
 2 Scat - tered flock, one shep - herd shar - ing. lost and lone - ly,
 3 Sins for - giv - en, wrongs for - giv - ing, we go forth a -

E⁷/B G⁷/D A C F[#]m Am A C E G A C

vo - tion voic - ing: glo - ry be to God on high!
 one voice hear - ing, ears at - ten - tive to your word;
 lert and liv - ing in your Spir - it, strong and free.

B⁷ D⁷ Em Gm D F F[#] A⁷

Christ, your cross and pas - sion shar - ing, by this eu - cha -
 by your blood new life re - ceiv - ing, in your bod - y,
 Part - ners in your new cre - a - tion, seek - ing peace in

Bm Dm A/C[#] C/E Bm Dm Em Gm A⁷ C⁷ D F

rist de - clar - ing yours the fi - nal vic - to - ry.
 firm be - liev - ing, we are yours, and you the Lord.
 ev - 'ry na - tion, may we faith - ful fol - l'wers be.

- A** As people of God, this is our mission at Advent:
C “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	Vicar Brendan Wiechert
Communion Assistants	Betty Quinn, Linda Sweet
Pianist	Shirley Roraback
Musician	Wes Todd
Cantor	Liz Law
Reader	Tom Sernka
Greeter	
Ushers	Bill Johnson, Linda Semmen
Audio/Video	Ian Larson
Fellowship Hosts	Missy Bliesner
Cookies	Shirley Roraback
Tellers	Diehl

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+ PRAYER AND PRAISE +

New this Week: With great sadness we share that Ken Leonard had a heart attack last week and sadly passed away. Please keep his wife Jane and their family in your prayers as they are mourning his passing. Continued prayers for Bob & JoAnn Dunlap as Bob is now home from the hospital and recovering. Prayers of healing are needed for Sandy Coombs as she recovers from a bad fall. She is in quite a bit of pain.

Church Family and Friends: Ahern family, Ania, Barbara, Barney Barnhart & family, Harry & Manda Benton, Bolster family, Linda Bradford, Belle Campbell & family, Cherie, Dave & Sharon Cook, George & Sandy Coombs, Georgia Coulston, Genevieve Davenport, Bonnie Davis, Janet Esser, Nancy Filardo & family, Joyce Flanigan & family, Dorothy Grier, Leigh & Steve Hopkins, Mary & Clancy Howard, family of Audrey Jackson, Jay & Judy, Judy Jaramillo & family, Savannah Kelley, Midge Kiourkas, Terry Kolden, Larson family, Leatha family, Jan Madden & family, Duncan McMillan, McCune family & Donny, Megan, Ian & SaraLu Moore, Moseman family, Kathleen Naliboff, Craig Nurvic, Otteman family, Myrna Robb, Twila O'Gallagher, Gerry O'Rourke, Tim O'Rourke, Jared & Cindy Pauletto, Myrna Rehn, Roger & Carol Scheurer, Tom Sernka & family, Eva Sturges, Tinch family, Rick Velategui, family of Margot Wilson, and Anna Yeoman.

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, Capt. Richard Luna III, USAF, 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, USMC, Staff Sgt. Dan Zabriskie in the National Guard.

*If you have a **prayer request**, please send an email to the church office at alcpokane@comcast.net or call the church office at (509) 928-7733.*

Coming This Week: Sunday, September 14, 2025 - Sunday, September 21, 2025

- 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
- 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 pm-7:30 pm Adult Children of Alcoholics (ACOA) meeting
- THURSDAY** 9:00 am Happy Helpers
10:00 am Mid-Week Bible Study
5:30 pm-6:30 pm AA Meeting
- FRIDAY** 6:30 am Men's Prayer Breakfast –Revel Community, 16807 E. Mission
Avenue, Spokane Valley
- SATURDAY** **9:00 am-noon Fall Clean-Up Day at Advent**
4:00 pm AA Quarterly meeting
- SUNDAY** 9:30 am Worship Service with Holy Communion
After Worship
Coffee Fellowship
'New Faces' Orientation-Meet in the classroom
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

MID-WEEK BIBLE STUDY

Mid-Week **Bible study** meets each Thursday, at **10:00 am**. Everyone is welcome! We are currently studying the Gospel of **Luke**.

MEN'S PRAYER GROUP

The **Men's Prayer group** continues to meet each **Friday** morning at **6:30 am** at **Revel Community, 16807 E. Mission Avenue, Spokane Valley**. All men are welcome!

FALL CLEAN-UP DATE AT ADVENT

Saturday morning, **September 20**, is designated as **Advent's Fall Clean-Up Day** - from **9 AM to 12 PM**. Questions? Please contact **Forrest Diehl at 509-991-4736**. If you are available, we would love to have you join us! Please bring your work gloves and any yard tools you wish to help spruce up the grounds of Advent. We will have a truck with a trailer to haul away brush clippings, weeds, leaves, and other debris. We also have a **sign-up sheet** on the table for areas you may wish to help with. Thank you.

'NEW FACES'

Pastor Matt will be doing an **orientation** on **September 21** for those who are new to our congregation. We will be meeting in the **classroom** after worship. If you have not come up and been introduced during a **'New Faces' Sunday**, please come, we will have a **'New Faces' Sunday** on **September 28** during the worship service.

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!

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GOLDENAGERS' DAY OUT

Tuesday, September 23rd from 10am-2pm, the **Goldenagers** will be going to **Camp Lutherhaven** for the **Fall Goldenagers' Day Out**. Please meet at the church and ready to leave by **8:45 am** and we will return by **2:45 pm**. Lunch is included. We plan to carpool. **Questions?** Contact **Linda Semmen at 509-389-4191**. Advent Lutheran Church will cover the costs for attendees. **Pastor Dave Ellingson from Edmonds, Washington** will be the guest speaker. Dave, the Paddle Pilgrim, has taught courses in spirituality, environmental ethics, human development, and youth ministry at Trinity Lutheran College. He is a Lutheran pastor, author, kayaker, Master Gardener, former distance runner and triathlete, and has a Doctorate in Holistic Health. He is married, father of five grown children and enjoys his five grandchildren. He readily admits that from the earliest age, his middle name has been activity!

NAME TAG ORDER

Do you need a name tag? The name tags come with a magnetic back. If you have a pacemaker or other medical condition that would prevent you from using a magnetic back, please let us know. We are happy to order you a name tag with a pin. Thank you. Please see the **sign-up sheet** on the table in the Narthex. **This order will be placed on October 13.**

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR HAPPY HELPERS BREAKFAST

Volunteers are needed to come to Advent on **Thursday, October 23rd**, between **8am and noon** to assist with cutting and coring apples so the **Happy Helpers** can make their homemade applesauce. The **Happy Helpers** also need people to assist with setting up and cooking the sausage on **Saturday, October 25, at 1:30 pm** and serving the food at the breakfast on **Sunday, October 26th**. See the **sign-up sheets** on the table in the Narthex. Questions? Please contact **Butch Yarnell at 360-513-0396** or call the church office at **509-928-7733**.

NOTE: For those signing up to volunteer for this wonderful breakfast, please plan to meet **after worship on October 19th** to go over planning. (We can do it over coffee in the fellowship hall.)

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HAPPY HELPERS BREAKFAST

Happy Helpers Breakfast: Sunday, October 26th, beginning at 8:00 am. (Breakfast will be served from 8:00 am until approximately one hour after the worship service). All are welcome! This breakfast is the Happy Helpers' primary effort to raise money for the operating expenses for the annual maintenance of our facility. Join us! No one goes away hungry! **Breakfast menu:** scrambled eggs, sausage links, pancakes, and homemade applesauce. Drinks will be coffee, tea, apple and orange juice.