# 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

October 12, 2025, 9:30 a.m. Eighteenth 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

It's a miracle! Multiple miracles! The waters of holy baptism have healed us. The body and blood of Jesus in holy communion have made us clean. We have died with Christ and been raised with him. For all this we have returned to offer thanks. From this place we are sent on our way rejoicing to share the good news.

# ORDER OF WORSHIP October 12, 2025, 9:30 a.m.

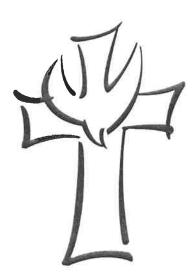
(Congregation please stand)

#### BRIEF ORDER OF CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

- In the name of the Father, and of the +Son, and of the holy Spirit.
- C Amen.
- Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

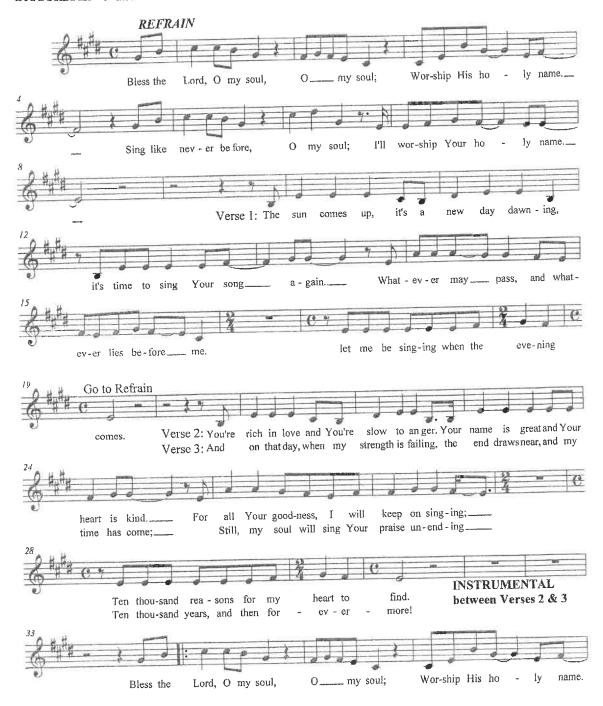
Silence for reflection

- P Gracious God,
- 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.
- 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.
- C Amen.



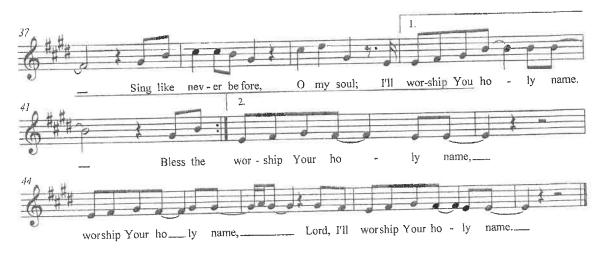
#### **GATHERING HYMN**

# "Ten Thousand Reasons"



# **GATHERING HYMN**

# "Ten Thousand Reasons"- Continued



#### GREETING

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



#### "GLORY TO GOD"



#### PRAYER OF THE DAY

- **P** The Lord be with you.
- And also with you.
- P Let us pray, Almighty and most merciful God,
- your bountiful goodness fills all creation. Keep us safe from all that may hurt us, that, whole and well in body and spirit, we may with grateful hearts accomplish all that you would have us do, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

(Congregation please be seated)

#### FIRST READING

Kings 5:1-3, 7-15c

Naaman, a Syrian general, suffers from leprosy. In this passage Elisha miraculously cures his illness, but only after Naaman realizes, with the help of his servants, that he also needs healing for his pride. This foreign general then acknowledges the sovereignty of the God of Israel.

Naaman, commander of the army of the king of Aram, was a great man and in high favor with his master, because by him the LORD had given victory to Aram. The man, though a mighty warrior, suffered from leprosy. 2Now the Arameans on one of their raids had taken a young girl captive from the land of Israel, and she served Naaman's wife. <sup>3</sup>She said to her mistress, "If only my lord were with the prophet who is in Samaria! He would cure him of his leprosy." <sup>7</sup>When the king of Israel read the letter, he tore his clothes and said, "Am I God, to give death or life, that this man sends word to me to cure a man of his leprosy? Just look and see how he is trying to pick a quarrel with me." <sup>8</sup>But when Elisha the man of God heard that the king of Israel had torn his clothes, he sent a message to the king, "Why have you torn your clothes? Let him come to me, that he may learn that there is a prophet in Israel." So Naaman came with his horses and chariots, and halted at the entrance of Elisha's house. 10 Elisha sent a messenger to him, saying, "Go, wash in the Jordan seven times, and your flesh shall be restored and you shall be clean." 11 But Naaman became angry and went away, saying, "I thought that for me he would surely come out, and stand and call on the name of the LORD his God, and would wave his hand over the spot, and cure the leprosy! <sup>12</sup>Are not Abana and Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? Could I not wash in them, and be clean?" He turned and went away in a rage. <sup>13</sup>But his servants approached and said to him, "Father, if the prophet had commanded you to do something difficult, would you not have done it? How much more, when all he said to you was, 'Wash, and be clean'?" 14So he went down and immersed himself seven times in the Jordan, according to the word of the man of God; his flesh was restored like the flesh of a young boy, and he was clean. <sup>15</sup>Then he returned to the man of God, he and all his company; he came and stood before him and said, "Now I know that there is no God in all the earth except in Israel."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

#### **PSALM 111**

I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart. (Ps. 1111)

- Hallelujah! I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart, in the assembly of the upright, in the congregation.
- <sup>2</sup>Great are your works, O LORD, pondered by all who de-light in them.
- Majesty and splendor mark your deeds, and your righteousness end dures forever.
- You cause your wonders to be remembered; you are gracious and full of compassion.
- You give food to those who fear you, remembering forever er your covenant.
- You have shown your people the power of your works in giving them the lands of the nations.
- The works of your hands are faithful- ness and justice; all of your pre- cepts are sure.
- 8They stand fast forev- er and ever, because they are done in truth and equity.
- <sup>9</sup>You sent redemption to your people and commanded your cove- nant forever; holy and awesome is your name.
- The fear of the LORD is the begin- ining of wisdom; all who practice this have a good understanding.

  God's praise en- dures forever.

#### SECOND READING

2 Timothy 2:8–15

Though Paul is chained as a prisoner, he reminds Timothy that the word of God is never shackled or confined. He encourages his young friend to proclaim that word of freedom in an honest and upright life as well as in his teaching and preaching.

Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, a descendant of David-that is my gospel, <sup>9</sup> for which I suffer hardship, even to the point of being chained like a criminal. But the word of God is not chained. <sup>10</sup>Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, so that they may also obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus, with eternal glory. <sup>11</sup>The saying is sure:

If we have died with him, we will also live with him;

<sup>12</sup> if we endure, we will also reign with him;

if we deny him, he will also deny us;

<sup>13</sup>if we are faithless, he remains faithful—

for he cannot deny himself.

<sup>14</sup>Remind them of this, and warn them before God that they are to avoid wrangling over words, which does no good but only ruins those who are listening. 15Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved by him, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly explaining the word of truth.

P The Word of the Lord. C Thanks be to God.

(Congregation please stand)

# GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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



#### THE HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 17:11-19

Jesus' mission includes making the unclean clean again. Unexpectedly, a cleansed Samaritan leper becomes a model for those who would praise and worship God and give thanks for God's mercy.

P The Holy Gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

While He was on the way to Jerusalem, He was passing between Samaria and Galilee. <sup>12</sup> And as He entered a village, ten men with leprosy who stood at a distance met Him; <sup>13</sup> and they raised their voices, saying, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!" <sup>14</sup> When He saw *them*, He said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they were going, they were cleansed. <sup>15</sup> Now one of them, when he saw that he had been healed, turned back, glorifying God with a loud voice, <sup>16</sup> and he fell on his face at His feet, giving thanks to Him. And he was a Samaritan. <sup>17</sup> But Jesus responded and said, "Were there not ten cleansed? But the nine—where *are they*? <sup>18</sup> Was no one found who returned to give glory to God, except this foreigner?" <sup>19</sup> And He said to him, "Stand up and go; your faith has made you well."

P The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

(Congregation please be seated)

**SERMON** 

Vicar Brendan Wiechert

# (Congregation please stand)



# (Congregation please be seated)

# PRAYER FOR THE DEDICATION OF QUILTS, KITS, AND LAYETTES

- Let us pray. O Lord our God, maker of all things, you have blessed us with so many gifts—a good eye for color, the ability to make fine stitches, the skills to develop ever-new and exciting patterns. Now we offer the fruits of our labors, the quilts and kits we have made, to you.
- We dedicate these quilts and kits to your service, trusting that your love will go wherever each item is sent, making it more than just a piece of material, a collection of items—making each piece we have created an expression of love.
- There is no way for us to imagine the power and effect an act of love can have on a person's life—how you can use something as small as a quilt, a layette, a health kit to radiate your love from us to the world.
- May these be used in your service and become blessings for all those who receive them.
- Lord, we know that all we possess comes from your loving hand. Give us grace to honor you with all of our being: draw our hearts to you, guide our minds, fill our imaginations, control our wills, so that we may be wholly yours.
- Use us as you will, always to your glory and the welfare of your people.

  Amen.

We thank all our dedicated Happy Piecemakers: Manda Benton, Diane Buck, Belle Campbell, Joanne Day, JoAnn Dunlap, Marsha Jones, Colleen Kusler, Linda Mael, Christal Nelson, Sharon Scribner, Linda Sweet, Midge Thorin, Dee Yates, and Jan Ziemer.

# (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, "receive our prayer."

After the concluding prayer, respond with:

C Amen.

#### **EXCHANGE OF PEACE**

(Please be sensitive to those who wish to 'keep their hands to themselves.' Thank you.)

- 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"

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**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

- Let us pray, Jesus, Bread of life,
- 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.
- And also with you.
- P Lift up your hearts.
- We lift them to the Lord.
- P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- 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



The minister continues with the eucharistic prayer.

#### WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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

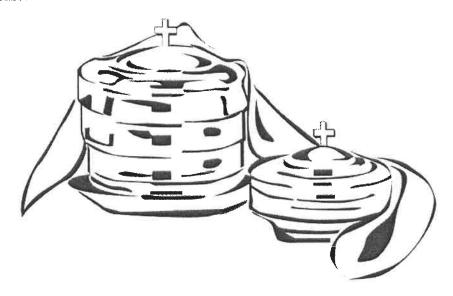
# THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

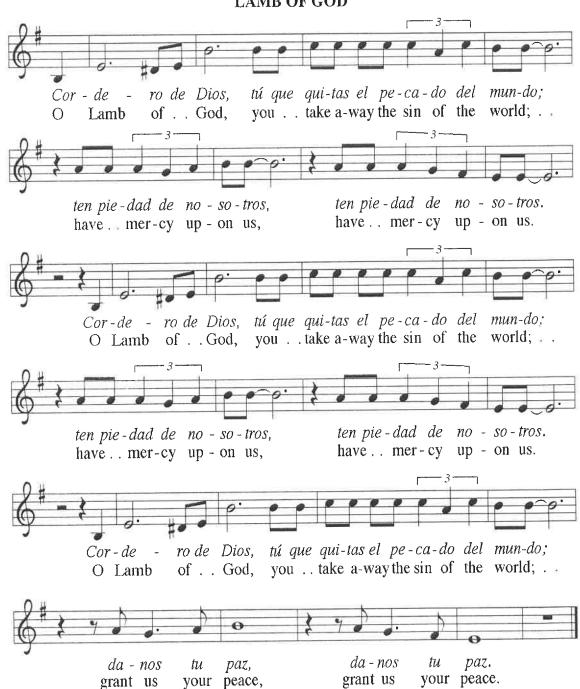
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#### INVITATION TO COMMUNION

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



#### 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)

- May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the gifts of his body and blood strengthen, keep and unite us, now and forever.
- Amen.

#### 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

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



# "Go, My Children with My Blessing"

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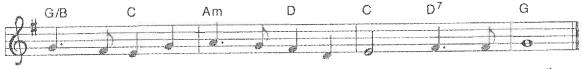
- 1 "Go, my chil dren, with my bless-ing, nev er a lone. 2 "Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure.
- 2 "Go, my chil dren, sins for giv en, at peace and pure 3 "Go, my chil dren, fed and nour-ished, clos er to me.



own. am with you, you are my Wak - ing, sleep - ing, I what I can cure. you learned how I love you, much joy ful and free. by serv-ing, love love and Grow in



In my love's bap-tis - mal riv - er I have made you mine for -ev - er. Here you heard my dear Son's sto - ry, here you touched him, saw his glo - ry. Here my Spir - it's pow - er filled you, here my ten - der com-fort stilled you.



own." my bless-ing, my with you are my chil-dren, Go, pure." for - giv - en, peace and sins at Go, my chil-dren, free." and nour-ished, joy ful and fed my chil-dren, Go,

- 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 Holly Gunby
Preacher Vicar Brendan Wiechert

Assisting Minister Kara Wilson

Communion Assistants Francie Shoquist, Denise Walker

Pianist Shirley Roraback
Musician Wes Todd
Reader Tom Sernka

Reader To Greeter

Ushers Rick & Jodi Meddock
Audio/Video Ian Larson

Fellowship Hosts Missy Bliesner Cookies Missy Bliesner

Tellers Cook

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#### + PRAYER AND PRAISE +

Church Family and Friends: Ahern family, Ania, Barbara, Barney Barnhart & family, Harry & Manda Benton, Bolster family, Linda Bradford, Bruce Berglund, Belle Campbell & family, Cherie, Dave & Sharon Cook, George & Sandy Coombs, Georgia Coulston, Genevieve Davenport, Bonnie Davis, Bob & JoAnn Dunlap, Janet Esser, Nancy Filardo & family, Joyce Flanigan & family, Geri & Joanne, Dorothy Grier, Holly Frampton, Leigh & Steve Hopkins, Mary & Clancy Howard, family of Audrey Jackson, Jay & Judy, Judy Jaramillo & family, Savannah Kelley, Midge Kiourkas, Larson family, Leatha family, Jane Leonard & family, Jan Madden & family, Duncan McMillan, Megan, Ian & SaraLu Moore, Moseman family, Kathleen Naliboff, Craig Nurvic, Otteman family, Twila O'Gallagher, Gerry O'Rourke, Tim O'Rourke, Barb Potter's friend Tim, Myrna Rehn, Myrna Robb, 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 alcspokane@comcast.net or call the church office at (509) 928-7733.

# Coming This Week: Sunday, October 12, 2025 - Sunday, October 19, 2025

SUNDAY Quilt Sunday-Raffle

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

5:00 pm Council meeting

6:00 pm Boy Scouts

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

6:00 pm Cub Scouts

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

11:00 am Child Center Chapel in the sanctuary

6:00 pm-7:30 pm Girl Scouts

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** 

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# **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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

THE HAPPY PIECEMAKERS QUILTS & QUILT RAFFLE

Today is our 'Quilt Sunday' and three quilts will be raffled off. The Happy Piecemakers offer their beautiful quilts for sale for \$50 each. Please make checks payable to Advent Lutheran Church and place in the offering. Thank you. The proceeds for the quilts go to help offset the cost of shipping the quilts to Lutheran World Relief. The Happy Piecemakers will be shipping the quilts this coming Friday. They have made 131 quilts and 4 Baby Care Kits.

# 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 tomorrow.

# '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!

**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 on Sunday, October 26th, help with serving the food at the breakfast 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 next Sunday, October 19th to go over planning. (We can do it over coffee in the fellowship hall.)

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS-Continued**

#### 'GATHERED FOR GOOD'

Join us! Please consider attending the Lutheran Community Services Northwest's 'Gathered for Good' Annual Luncheon on Saturday, October 18th at the Mukogawa U.S. Campus, 4000 W. Randolph Road, Spokane. Social hour: 11:30 am, Lunch served: 12:30 pm. Together, we'll gather in fellowship, strengthen bonds, and raise support for child welfare, advocacy, and behavioral health services—ensuring that health, justice, and hope remain within reach for those who need them most. Come be a part of a meaningful afternoon of connection, inspiration, and impact. Table hosts are needed. While there is no cost to attend, please clearly communicate that this is a fundraising event and any amount donated is important. Registration Required. Questions? Please contact Megan Eichmeyer at 509-343-5060.

#### NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

If you wish to submit an article or announcement for the **November** newsletter, please submit it to the Church office no later than **Friday**, **October 24th**.

#### 'COME TO FRIDAY DINNER'

Our next 'Come to Friday Dinner' will be on October 24th from 5:00 pm-6:00 pm. The menu will be pot roast & carrots, roasted potatoes, and salad. Please see the sign-up sheet on the table in the Narthex.

#### 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.

#### **DECORATE OUR COURTYARD**

Anyone who wishes to is encouraged to bring an Autumn decoration to display in the courtyard (pumpkins, potted Mums, etc.).

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS-Continued**

# ST. MARY PARISH ART WALK

St. Mary Catholic Church is hosting a series of Art Walk, themed "Saints in Sacred Art", to be held in their school gym/parish hall, 304 S. Adams Road, Spokane Valley. October 25 & 26. See the bulletin board in the Narthex for full details.

# **ADVENT'S NEW WEBSITE**

An update on our Website! Our new website should be up very soon. We ran into some difficulties with software and the site we are using to keep our website up to date. Our website had to be re-constructed to "work" with this site.

#### **BLESSING BAGS**

The Outreach Committee has begun collecting hats and blankets to donate to UGM and homeless youth. Any winter item will be greatly appreciated and there will be a bin in the Narthex for donations. Outreach will also be collecting items for Blessing Bags. Blessing Bags are made to give out to the homeless and their pets. If you have extra bottled water, Band-aids, granola bars, tooth brushes, etc...please add to the Blessing Bags bin. We are planning to put together Blessing Bags and oatmeal packets before the new year. If you have any questions on what to donate or help with outreach please contact Missy Bliesner at 509-954-6406 or mnurvis@hotmail.com.