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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 19, 2025, 9:30 a.m.*

*Nineteenth 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**

Pray always. Do not lose heart. This is the encouragement of the Christ of the gospel today. Persistence in our every encounter with the divine will be blessed. Wrestle with the word. Remember your baptism again and again. Come regularly to Christ's table. Persistence in our every encounter with the divine will be blessed.

**ORDER OF WORSHIP**  
**October 19, 2025, 9:30 a.m.**

**PRELUDE**

**WELCOME TO WORSHIP**

**BRIEF ORDER OF CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

*(Congregation please stand)*

**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.

**C** Amen.

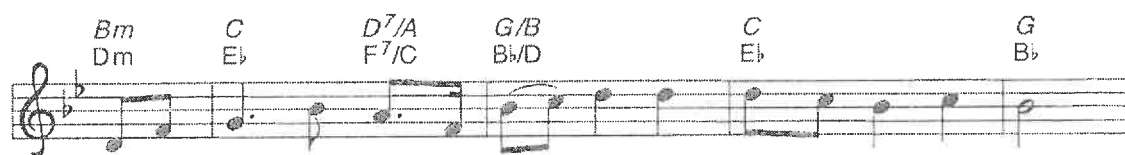
## GATHERING HYMN

## "O God beyond All Praising"

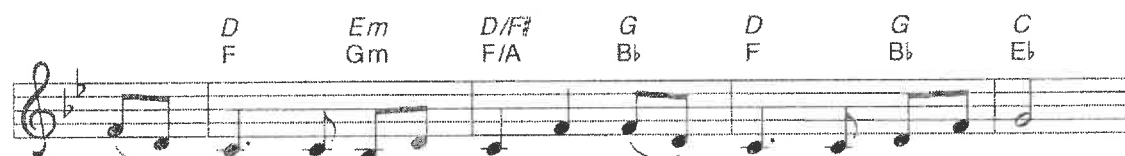
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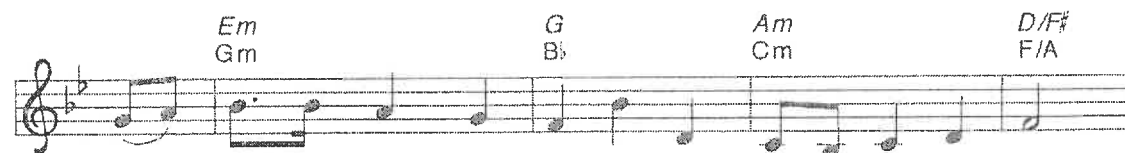
1 O God be-yond all prais-ing, we wor-ship you to-day  
2 The flow'r of earth-ly splen-dor in time must sure-ly die,  
3 Then hear, O gra-cious Sav-ior, ac-cept the love we bring,



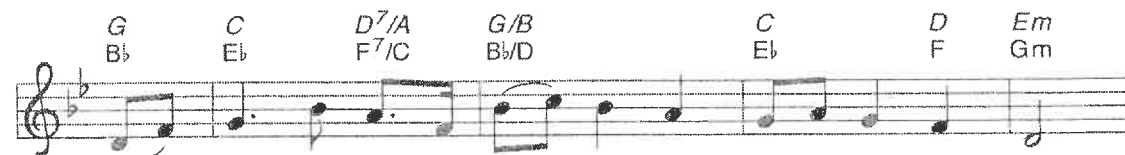
and sing the love a-maz-ing that songs can-not re-pay;  
its frag-ile bloom sur-ren-der to you, the Lord most high;  
that we who know your fa-vor may serve you as our King;



for we can on-ly won-der at ev-'ry gift you send,  
but hid-den from all na-ture the e-ter-nal seed is sown-  
'and wheth-er our to-mor-rows be filled with good or ill,



at bless-ings with-out num-ber and mer-cies with-out end:  
though small in mor-tal stat-ure, to heav-en's gar-den grown:  
we'll tri-umph through our sor-rows and rise to bless you still:



we lift our hearts be-fore you and wait up-on your word,  
for Christ, your gift from heav-en, from death has set us free,  
to mar-vel at your beau-ty and glo-ry in your ways,

# GATHERING HYMN

## "O God beyond All Praising"

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*Bm* *C* *D<sup>7</sup>/A* *G/B* *C* *G*  
*Dm* *E<sup>b</sup>* *F<sup>7</sup>/C* *B<sup>b</sup>/D* *E<sup>b</sup>* *B<sup>b</sup>*

we hon - or and a - dore you, our great and might - y Lord.  
 and we through him are giv - en the fi - nal vic - to - ry.  
 and make a joy - ful du - ty our sac - ri - fice of praise.

# 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.



## KYRIE



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

so - tros. mer - cy. Se - ñor, Se - ñor, ten pie -  
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. mer - cy. Cris - to, Cris - to, ten pie -  
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. mer - cy. Se - ñor, Se - ñor, ten pie -  
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.*



*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.*

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

- P** The Lord be with you.
- C** And also with you.
- P** Let us pray, O Lord God,
- C** **tireless guardian of your people, you are always ready to hear our cries. Teach us to rely day and night on your care. Inspire us to seek your enduring justice for all this suffering world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

*(Congregation please be seated)*

## FIRST READING

**Genesis 32:22–31**

*Returning to the home he had fled many years before after stealing his brother's birth-right and his father's blessing, Jacob wrestles all night long with a divine adversary who ultimately blesses him and changes his name to "Israel," a name that means "he wrestles with God."*

The same night [Jacob] got up and took his two wives, his two maids, and his eleven children, and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. <sup>23</sup>He took them and sent them across the stream, and likewise everything that he had. <sup>24</sup>Jacob was left alone; and a man wrestled with him until daybreak. <sup>25</sup>When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he struck him on the hip socket; and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. <sup>26</sup>Then he said, "Let me go, for the day is breaking." But Jacob said, "I will not let you go, unless you bless me." <sup>27</sup>So he said to him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Jacob." <sup>28</sup>Then the man said, "You shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with humans, and have prevailed." <sup>29</sup>Then Jacob asked him, "Please tell me your name." But he said, "Why is it that you ask my name?" And there he blessed him. <sup>30</sup>So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, "For I have seen God face to face, and yet my life is preserved." <sup>31</sup>The sun rose upon him as he passed Penuel, limping because of his hip.

**P** The Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## PSALM 121

*My help comes from the LORD, the maker of heaven and earth. (Ps. 121:2)*

Our help is from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

C Dm/C Cmaj7 C6 Gm7 Bbmaj7 C(add2) C

**C** Our help is from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

**P** I lift up my eyes toward the mountains; whence shall help come to me?  
My help is from the LORD, who made heaven and earth.

**C** Our help is from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

**P** May he not suffer your foot to slip; may he slumber not who guards you:  
indeed, he neither slumbers nor sleeps, the guardian of Israel.

**C** Our help is from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

**P** The LORD is your guardian; the LORD is your shade; he is beside you at  
your right hand. The sun shall not harm you by day, nor the moon by  
night.

**C** Our help is from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

**P** The LORD will guard you from all evil; he will guard your life. The LORD  
will guard your coming and your going, both now and forever.

**C** Our help is from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

## SECOND READING

**2 Timothy 3:14—4:5**

*Paul continues his instruction of Timothy, his younger colleague in ministry, by emphasizing the importance of faithful teaching despite opposition.*

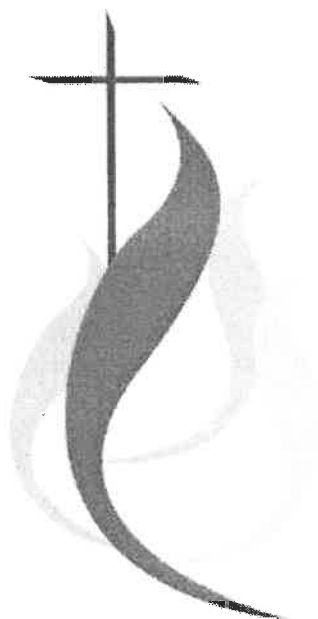
But as for you, continue in what you have learned and firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it, <sup>15</sup>and how from childhood you have known the sacred writings that are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. <sup>16</sup>All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, <sup>17</sup>so that everyone who belongs to God may be proficient, equipped for every good work.

<sup>4:1</sup>In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I solemnly urge you: <sup>2</sup>proclaim the message; be persistent whether the time is favorable or unfavorable; convince, rebuke, and encourage, with the utmost patience in teaching. <sup>3</sup>For the time is coming when people will not put up with sound doctrine, but having itching ears, they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own desires, <sup>4</sup>and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander away to myths. <sup>5</sup>As for you, always be sober, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully.

**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*

*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 18:1–8**

*Jesus tells a parable of a hateful judge who is worn down by a widow's pleas. Jesus is calling God's people to cry out for justice and deliverance. For if an unethical judge will ultimately grant the plea of a persistent widow, how much more will God respond to those who call.*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to Luke.

**G** Glory to you, O Lord.

Then Jesus told them a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart. <sup>2</sup>He said, "In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor had respect for people. <sup>3</sup>In that city there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, 'Grant me justice against my opponent.' <sup>4</sup>For a while he refused; but later he said to himself, 'Though I have no fear of God and no respect for anyone, <sup>5</sup>yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice, so that she may not wear me out by continually coming.'" <sup>6</sup>And the Lord said, "Listen to what the unjust judge says. <sup>7</sup>And will not God grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long in helping them? <sup>8</sup>I tell you, he will quickly grant justice to them. And yet, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?"

**P** The Gospel of the Lord.

**G** Praise to you, O Christ.

*(Congregation please be seated)*

Statement of Faith  
Family Reflections

THE RITE OF CONFIRMATION

AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM

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Anna Hostetler  
Grace Hostetler  
Claire Marshall  
Zoey Tsakarestos

Apostles' Creed

**P** Do you believe in God the Father?

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

**P** Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**C** 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.

**P** Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**C** 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.

**P** Let us rejoice with Anna Hostetler, Grace Hostetler, Claire Marshall, and Zoey Tsakarestos in Christ,

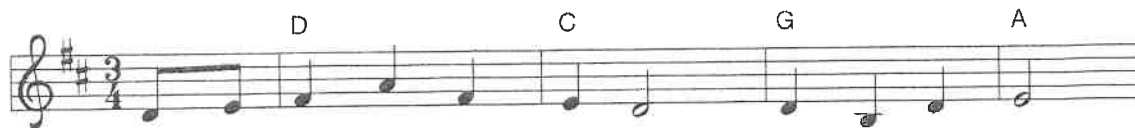
**C** We rejoice with you in the life of baptism. Together we will give thanks and praise to God and proclaim the good news to all the world.

(Congregation please stand)

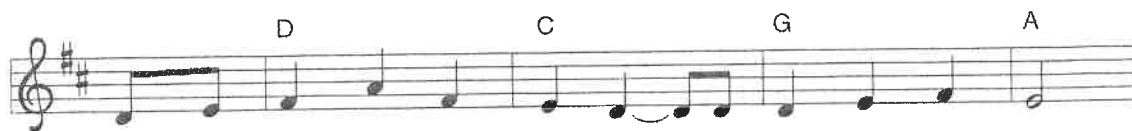
HYMN OF THE DAY

"Baptized and Set Free"

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1 We are peo - ple cre - a - ted, cho - sen by God.  
 2 We are fed and we're nour - ished, filled and re - freshed.  
 3 We are nour - ished by wa - ter, all liv - ing things  
 4 Now with praise and thanks - giv - ing, we join the song.



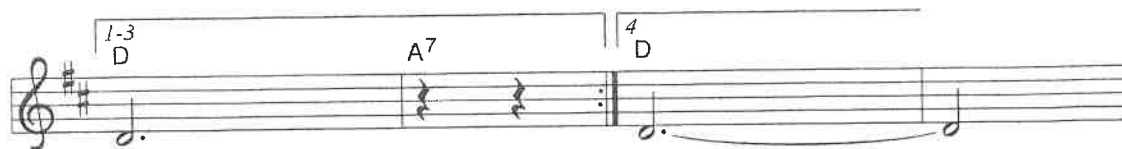
Then we're washed, ev - er gent - ly, in mer - cy and love.  
 Then our hun - ger re - turns and a - gain we are blessed.  
 and by life that the Spir - it a - bun - dant - ly brings.  
 All are wel - come! We gath - er to sing loud and strong.



Sin has pow - er no more. Je - sus o - pened the door  
 For what - ev - er the need, God is great - er in - deed:  
 As we jour - ney toward home, may your pres - ence be known:  
 Not en - slaved, but set free! From now on, all will be



to a foun - tain bring - ing heal - ing, and whole - ness and  
 end - less o - cean, al - ways deep - er than all of our  
 pre - cious riv - er, ev - er - flow - ing, now car - ry us  
 one in Je - sus, one in wa - ter, bap - tized and set



more.  
 need.  
 home.

free!

### **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**

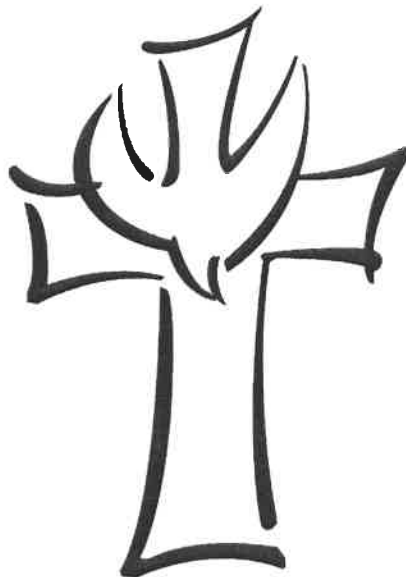
*(Please be sensitive to those who wish to 'keep their hands to themselves.' Thank you.)*

**☒** 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, el Se - ñor,  
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord . . . God,

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

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

Dios del u - ni - ver - so; san - to, 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.

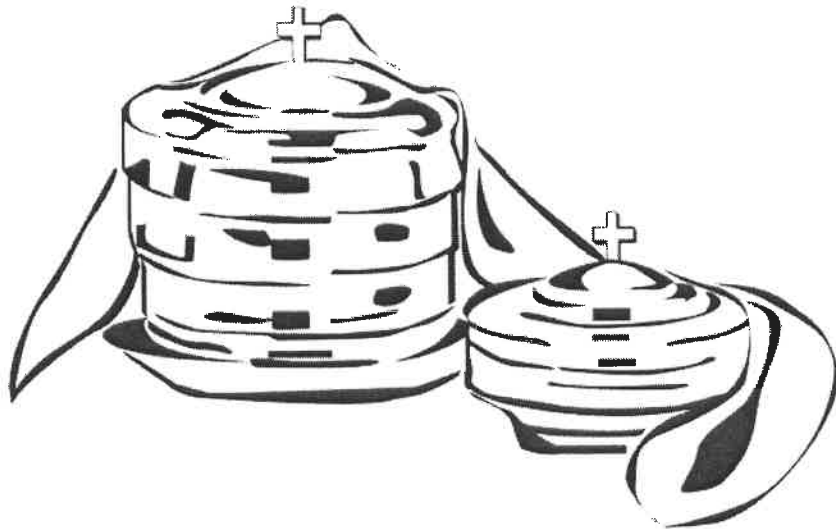
#### **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**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



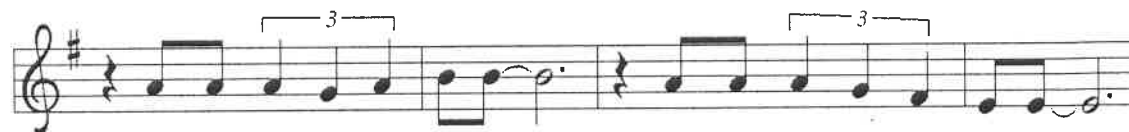
Cor - de - ro de Dios, tú que qui-tas el pe-ca-do del mun-do;  
O Lamb of . . God, you . . take a-way the sin of the world; . .



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;  
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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

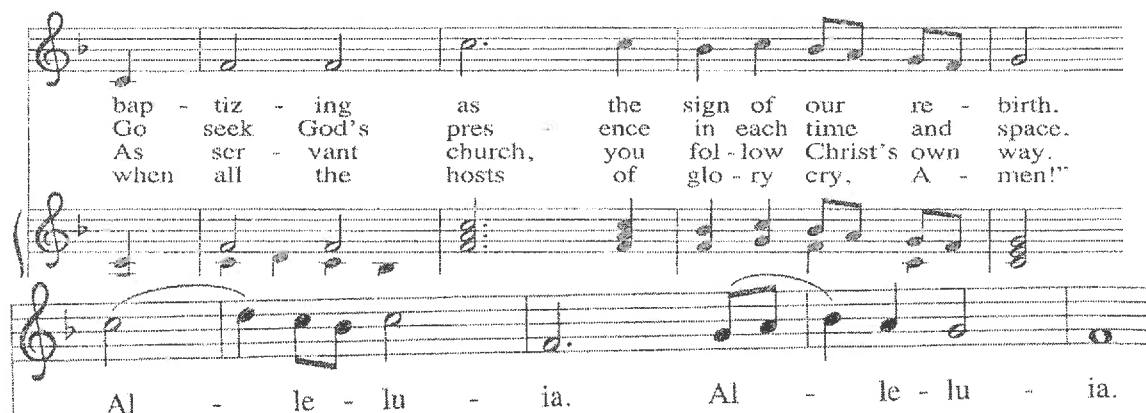
## "Go to the World"



1 Go to the world! Go in - to all the earth.  
 2 Go to the world! Go in - to ev - 'ry place,  
 3 Go to the world! Go strug - gle, bless, and pray;  
 4 "Go to the world! Go as the ones I send,



Go preach the cross where Christ re - news life's worth,  
 Go live the word of God's re - deem - ing grace.  
 the nights of tears give way to joy - ous day,  
 for I am with you till the age shall end,



bap - tiz - ing as the sign of our re - birth.  
 Go seek God's pres - ence in each time and space.  
 As ser - vant church, you fol - low Christ's own way.  
 when all the hosts of glo - ry cry, A - men!"

Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.



- 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   | Duane Yates                     |
| Communion Assistants | Sandra McCune, Francie Shoquist |
| Pianist              | Kevin Kelly                     |
| Musician             | Wes Todd                        |
| Cantor               | Liz Law                         |
| Reader               | Heidi Perry                     |
| Greeter              |                                 |
| Ushers               | Bill Johnson, Linda Semmen      |
| Audio/Video          | Ian Larson                      |
| Fellowship Hosts     | Dennis & Cathy Johnson          |
| Cookies              | Linda Semmen                    |
| Confirmation Cake    | Parents                         |
| Tellers              | Shoquist, Thurston              |

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**+ PRAYER AND PRAISE +**

**New this Week:** Prayers are needed for Michele & Eric Emme as Eric recovers from surgery. Eric is Arne and Kathy Weinman's son-in-law. Beth Anne Klim would appreciate our prayers as she is struggling with a difficult situation that can only be solved by God. It's a relationship issue and a spiritual problem. Please pray God's favor and blessings upon her.

**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, 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, October 19, 2025 - Sunday, October 26, 2025**

**SUNDAY**      **Confirmation Sunday**  
9:30 am Worship Service with Holy Communion  
After Worship  
         Coffee Fellowship  
             **Happy Helpers Breakfast planning meeting**  
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  
6:00 pm Girl Scouts  
6:30 pm-7:30 pm Adult Children of Alcoholics (ACOA) meeting

**THURSDAY**    **8:00 am – Noon Happy Helpers Applesauce day**  
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  
5:00 pm-6:00 pm ‘Come to Friday Dinner’  
**Newsletter Deadline**

**SATURDAY**   8:30 am–1:00 pm Daughters of Norway  
1:30 pm Happy Helpers-Cooking Prep

**SUNDAY**       **Reformation Sunday**  
**‘Fill the Shelf’ Sunday**  
**8:00 am-11:30 am Happy Helpers’ Breakfast**  
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](http://www.youtube.com/c/adventlutheranspokane)

### **CONFIRMANDS**

The following will be confirming their faith today during the worship service:  
Anna Hostetler, Grace Hostetler, Claire Marshall, and Zoey Tsakarestos.  
**Congratulations Confirmands!**

### **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR HAPPY HELPERS BREAKFAST**

Volunteers are needed to come to Advent this **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 today** to go over planning. (We can do it over coffee in the fellowship hall.)

### **'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.

### **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**.

### **HAPPY HELPERS BREAKFAST**

**Happy Helpers Breakfast: Next 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.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS-Continued

### REFORMATION SUNDAY

**Next Sunday, October 26th is Reformation Sunday.** We encourage you to wear **RED** for Reformation! So why do we wear **RED** clothing on Reformation Sunday? We invite everyone to wear the liturgical color **next Sunday, October 27th**, because **RED** represents the Holy Spirit. Luther believed that the Reformation was a direct result of the Holy Spirit moving him and others to action. This day is a celebration of the Holy Spirit that continues to move us toward the grace and mercy of God even today.

### BLESSING BAGS

The **Outreach Committee** has begun collecting hats, coats, 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**.

### DECORATE OUR COURTYARD

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

### 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!