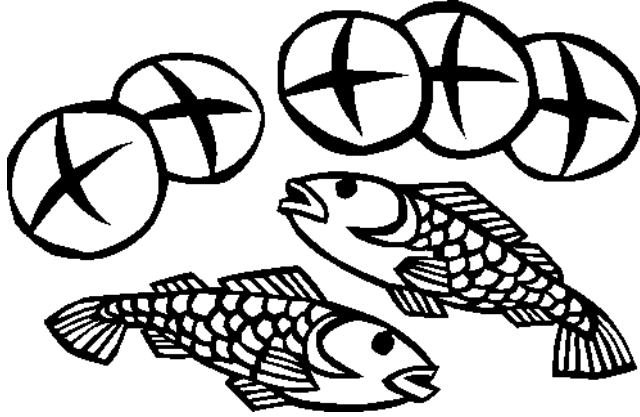




10th Sunday after Pentecost

August 2, 2026

Advent Lutheran Church

We extend welcome to people of all races, cultures and colors; to people of all sexual orientations, gender expression and gender identity; to people of all ages, backgrounds and abilities; to people of every legal, economic and marital status and to all those the world seeks to separate, divide or isolate. We celebrate your identity as a gift from God. You are welcome to a diverse community united by faith. Receive God's grace given to all regardless of worldly successes or failures. Together we commit ourselves to embrace the continuing work of anti-racism, social and economic justice and environmental care.

*"Welcome one another therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you,
for the glory of God." Romans 15.7*



Advent is a **Reconciling in Christ** congregation
of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

Welcome

Worship includes everyone! You are invited to speak the bold-printed words in this bulletin. “ELW” refers to the red hymnal in front of you. “ACS” refers to hymns found in the purple hymnal. During the Sharing of Peace, people generally move around the sanctuary to share signs of Christ’s peace with a hug, a handshake, a peace sign, or saying the words, “Peace be with you.” Participate at your own comfort level.

Children are welcome in worship! Sunday School is taking a break this summer, but children are always encouraged to participate in worship. If your little one needs a break, there is space to play and stretch out in the narthex. A TV screen will allow you to see and hear worship while supervising your child. Quiet bags and coloring supplies can be found in the narthex and brought to your pews. During the Family Lesson, children are invited to come forward, with or without a grown-up, for a message created especially for them. Don’t worry — wiggles and noises are expected!

Fidget toys are available in bags in most pews. Noise-canceling headphones are also available. Ask an usher if you need a set. Neurodiversity is celebrated here.

Holy Communion is intended for everyone. It is an open table. Ushers will guide you. Gluten-free wafers and non-alcoholic grape juice are available.

Newcomer today? Use the QR code on the back page to learn more about Advent.

Your offering of financial support, time and talent is welcome and important. The QR link will guide you to online giving. Checks can be written to Advent Lutheran Church.

Restrooms are located in the Fellowship Hall next door.

The blue HERE I AM! card in your pew rack can be used to request a meeting with the pastor or ask for prayers. Visitors are invited to share their contact information and check the appropriate box to request our e-news. Place the card in the gold plate that will be passed to you during Offering.

Thank you for serving today:

Ushers: Diane and Ken Krause

Lector: Teresa Garcia-Lowe

Hospitality: Council

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--- GATHERING ---

Prelude

Welcome & Gathering Hymn *All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly*

ELW #461

Invocation & Kyrie



For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the u - ni - ty of all;
That we may live out your im - passioned re - sponse to the hun - gry and the poor;
For peace in our hearts, . . . for peace in our homes, . . . for friends and fam - i - ly;
For your Spir - it to guide; that you cen - ter our lives in the wa - ter and the word;



for this ho - ly house, for all who wor - ship and praise,
that we may live out . . . truth and jus - tice and grace,
for life and for love, . . . for our work and our play,
that you nour - ish our souls . . . with your bod - y and blood,



Prayer of the Day

Glorious God, your generosity waters the world with goodness, and you cover creation with abundance. Awaken in us a hunger for the food that satisfies both body and spirit, and with this food fill all the starving world; through your Son, Jesus Christ, and our Savior. **Amen.**

First Reading: Isaiah 55:1-5

- ¹ Hear, everyone who thirsts;
 come to the waters;
and you who have no money,
 come, buy and eat!
Come, buy wine and milk
 without money and without price.
² Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread
 and your earnings for that which does not satisfy?
Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good,
 and delight yourselves in rich food.
³ Incline your ear, and come to me;
 listen, so that you may live.
I will make with you an everlasting covenant,
 my steadfast, sure love for David.
⁴ See, I made him a witness to the peoples,
 a leader and commander for the peoples.
⁵ Now you shall call nations that you do not know,
 and nations that do not know you shall run to you,
because of the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel,
 for he has glorified you.

Word of God. Word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalms: 145:8-9, 14-21

- ⁸ The LORD is gracious and full of compassion,
 slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.
⁹ **LORD, you are good to all,
 and your compassion is over all your works.**
¹⁴ The Lord upholds all those who fall
 and lifts up those who are bowed down.
¹⁵ **The eyes of all wait upon you, O LORD,
 and you give them their food in due season.**
¹⁶ You open wide your hand
 and satisfy the desire of every living thing.
¹⁷ **You are righteous in all your ways
 and loving in all your works.**
¹⁸ You are near to all who call upon you,
 to all who call upon you faithfully.
¹⁹ **You fulfill the desire of those who fear you;**

you hear their cry and save them.
²⁰ You watch over all those who love you,
but all the wicked you shall destroy.
²¹ **My mouth shall speak the praise of the LORD;
let all flesh bless God's holy name forever and ever.**

Second Reading: Romans 9:1-5

¹ I am speaking the truth in Christ—I am not lying; my conscience confirms it by the Holy Spirit—² I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. ³ For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my own brothers and sisters, my own flesh and blood. ⁴ They are Israelites, and to them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises; ⁵ to them belong the patriarchs, and from them, according to the flesh, comes the Christ, who is over all, God blessed forever. Amen.

Word of God. Word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation

Halle, Halle, Hallelujah

ELW #172

Gospel Reading: Matthew 14:13-21

The Holy Gospel according to Saint Matthew. **Glory to you, O Lord.**
¹³ Now when Jesus heard [about the beheading of John the Baptist,] he withdrew from there in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. ¹⁴ When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd, and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. ¹⁵ When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, “This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves.” ¹⁶ Jesus said to them, “They need not go away; you give them something to eat.” ¹⁷ They replied, “We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish.” ¹⁸ And he said, “Bring them here to me.” ¹⁹ Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven and blessed and broke the loaves and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. ²⁰ And all ate and were filled, and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. ²¹ And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

This is the Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon

Hymn of the Day

By Your Hand You Feed Your People

ELW #469

Sharing Christ's Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

You are invited to share a sign of God's peace with those around you; a hug, a handshake, a fist bump, peace sign, and/or the words, "Peace be with you."

Announcements

— MEAL —

Offering Song

Praise and Thanksgiving

ELW #689

Offering Prayer

Loving God,

we offer at your table the gifts of our hearts.

Help us take heart in you and share freely of your love,

so that all creation can taste your abundance.

We ask this in the name of Jesus. Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Eucharistic Prayer and Words of Institution

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven,

hallowed be your name,

your kingdom come,

your will be done,

on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread;

and forgive us our sins,

as we forgive those

who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial,

and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power,

**and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.**

Instructions and Invitation to the Table

All are welcome at Christ's table. Ushers will guide you. Gluten-free and non-alcoholic elements are available.

Distribution and Music

Come, Let Us Eat

ELW #491

Bread of Life, Our Host and Meal

ELW #464

Come to Me, All Pilgrims Thirsty

ELW #777

Post-Communion Blessing

Holy One,

You set a place for us at your table, and we have been fed and strengthened by your grace. Abide in us as we go out in love. Give us courage, tenderness, and joy, to honor the beauty of your creation and bear your love to the world. Amen.

— SENDING —

Sending Hymn Blessing

Go, My Children, with My Blessing

ELW #543

May the Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer,
✠ one God, who formed you with delight
and called you by name,
bless, heal, hold, and empower you
today and always. **Amen.**

Dismissal

Go in peace. Share God's love!
Thanks be to God!

Postlude

Thank you for worshipping with us today! We are a more complete community because you are here. Everyone is invited to share coffee, tea, treats, and friendly conversation in the Fellowship Hall after worship. Please join us!

Announcements

Weekly Bible Study with Pastor Anne resumes this Tuesday at 12pm in the Fellowship Hall or via Zoom (a link can be found in each Wednesday email). This week's readings: 1 Kings 19:9-18; Romans 10:5-15; Matthew 14:22-33

Pastor Anne will be on vacation from July 23 through August 3.

Thank you to Rev. Joe Kutzke here with us today!

Garden of Giving Open House Today! Grab a cup of coffee in the Fellowship Hall and then join us for our annual open house in the Garden of Giving after worship today. Explore the grounds and learn about our ministry to help feed those in need in South Snohomish County. Light refreshments served.

Advent Lutheran Preschool Update

Our preschool team has been busy preparing to welcome students this fall! You may have even noticed families on campus touring the preschool. We are delighted to be welcoming our first group of students and continue to enroll for the coming school year. Our goal is to grow enrollment enough to open a second class, so if you know a family with preschool-aged children, please keep spreading the word about Advent Lutheran Preschool! Families can learn more, contact us, and register at www.adventlutheran.net/preschool.

Thank you for helping us share this exciting new ministry with our community!

Last week, we introduced our Preschool Board. This week, we're delighted to introduce our teachers!

Please welcome:

- **Jessie Sandvik**
- **Poornima Jagadeesan**

Jessie and Poornima bring years of preschool teaching experience and are familiar faces to many in our community, having previously taught at our location with Prince of Peace Preschool. We are thrilled they have chosen to continue this journey with us as Advent Lutheran Preschool begins its very first school year.

Be sure to stop by our **Preschool Baby Shower** next **Sunday, August 9, following worship** to meet Jessie and Poornima in person!

Preschool Baby Shower - Sunday, August 9, following worship

Help us welcome the arrival of **Advent Lutheran Preschool!**

Join us after worship to meet our teachers, enjoy treats and fellowship, and celebrate this exciting new ministry.

Your presence is the greatest gift, but if you would like to help "shower" the preschool, you can: Bring or send a gift from our [online registry](#): Give a monetary gift (please designate "**Preschool**" online in the memo line of your check)

Every gift will help create a warm, welcoming classroom for our first students this fall. Thank you for your support!

Council members want to hear from you! TODAY after worship, members of our congregation council will be at a designated table in the Fellowship Hall to answer your questions, listen to your ideas or concerns, and share what the council has been up to. We encourage you to stop by and say hello. And a reminder, you can always share your thoughts and questions with the council using the email, churchcouncil@adventlutheran.net.

The first Sunday of the month is **The Advent Little Pantry Food and Pet Food Drive**, and we'd greatly appreciate your donations of non-perishable food items.

SAVE THE DATE! Please note these special summer Sundays:

August 2: Garden of Giving Open House (after worship)

August 16: Outdoor Worship

September 13: Rally Day with Ministry Fair and Carnival!

Live Music & Food Truck Wednesdays are HERE! This coming food truck is Express Mexican Grill with live music from Lyle Rognlien. Join your church family and our neighbors for an evening of food, fellowship, and live music! From 4:30 to 7:30pm every Wednesday during the summer you will find a local food truck *and* a local band right outside Advent's sanctuary. Come support a local business for dinner and stay for the fun! Tables and chairs are provided but you're invited to bring your favorite lawn chair or blanket and BYOB. Sign up to help with setup or cleanup. All are welcome!

Looking forward to Wednesday August 12

First Annual Truck Tunes OPEN MIC night will be hold on August 12. Time slots are a maximum of 20 minutes. Signup starts at 4:30 PM at the church when the food truck opens. Equipment will be provided including PA system, microphones, and various amplifiers.

Sunday School On Summer Break

After another amazing school year of Sunday School, our volunteers are taking a summer break. We will still have a family lesson each Sunday and invite you and your kids to enjoy our activity bags during the rest of worship. We will also still have our kids space set up for kids with their adult to enjoy. Sunday School volunteer training will come in August with a new year of Sunday School beginning in September.

National Night Out at Buffalo Park on Aug 4 at 5pm host by Mill Creek Police.

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