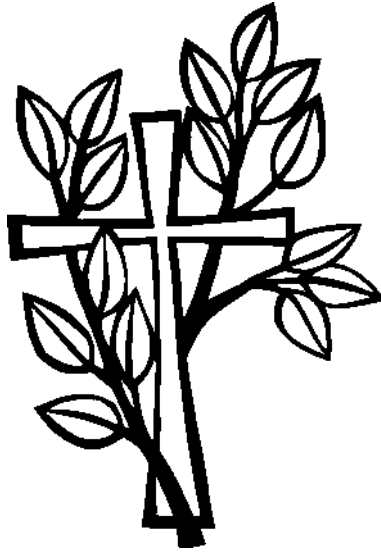




14th Sunday after Pentecost

August 30, 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 enables us to do God’s work locally and globally! The QR links on the back page will guide you to an online giving platform or to our Vemo account. Checks can be written to Advent Lutheran Church. Thank you for your generosity!

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: Cari Krippner

Hospitality: Preschool

Flowers: Bernice and Phil Clements, Happy 59th anniversary.

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—— GATHERING ——

Prelude

Welcome & Gathering Hymn *Will You Come and Follow Me*

ELW #798

Prayer of the Day

O God, we thank you for your Son, who chose the path of suffering for the sake of the world. Humble us by his example, point us to the path of obedience, and give us strength to follow your commands, through Jesus Christ, our Savior. **Amen.**

—— WORD ——

Family Lesson

First Reading: Jeremiah 15:15-21

¹⁵ O LORD, you know;
remember me and visit me,
and bring down retribution for me on my persecutors.

In your forbearance do not take me away;
know that on your account I suffer insult.

¹⁶ Your words were found, and I ate them,
and your words became to me a joy
and the delight of my heart,

for I am called by your name,
O LORD, God of hosts.

¹⁷ I did not sit in the company of merrymakers,
nor did I rejoice;
under the weight of your hand I sat alone,
for you had filled me with indignation.

¹⁸ Why is my pain unceasing,
my wound incurable,
refusing to be healed?

Truly, you are to me like a deceitful brook,
like waters that fail.

¹⁹ Therefore thus says the LORD:

If you turn back, I will take you back,
and you shall stand before me.

If you utter what is precious and not what is worthless,
you shall serve as my mouth.

It is they who will turn to you,
not you who will turn to them.

²⁰ And I will make you to this people
a fortified wall of bronze;
they will fight against you,
but they shall not prevail over you,
for I am with you
to save you and deliver you,
says the LORD.

²¹ I will deliver you out of the hand of the wicked
and redeem you from the grasp of the ruthless.

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

Second Reading: Romans 12:9-21

⁹ Let love be genuine; hate what is evil; hold fast to what is good; ¹⁰ love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. ¹¹ Do not lag in zeal; be ardent in spirit; serve the Lord. ¹² Rejoice in hope; be patient in affliction; persevere in prayer. ¹³

Contribute to the needs of the saints; pursue hospitality to strangers.

¹⁴ Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. ¹⁵ Rejoice with those who rejoice; weep with those who weep. ¹⁶ Live in harmony with one another; do not be arrogant, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. ¹⁷ Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. ¹⁸ If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. ¹⁹ Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God, for it is written, "Vengeance is mine; I will repay, says the Lord." ²⁰ Instead, "if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink, for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads." ²¹ Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

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

Gospel Acclamation

Halle, Halle, Hallelujah

ELW #174



Verses may be sung by a leader. Then the alleluia is repeated.

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Gospel Reading: Matthew 16:21-28

The Holy Gospel according to Saint Matthew. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

²¹ From that time on, after Peter confessed that Jesus was the Messiah, Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes and be killed and on the third day be raised. ²² And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, “God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you.” ²³ But he turned and said to Peter, “Get behind me, Satan! You are a hindrance to me, for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.”

²⁴ Then Jesus told his disciples, “If any wish to come after me, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ²⁵ For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. ²⁶ For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life?

²⁷ “For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. ²⁸ Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom.”

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

Sermon

Hymn of the Day

Lord Jesus, You Shall Be My Song

ELW #808

Prayers of the People

God of mercy, **hear our prayer.**

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

We Plow the Fields and Scatter

ELW #680

Giving Made Easy: *You may give your offering by scanning the Vemo QR code here. Thank you for your generosity and faithful support of our ministry.*



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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

Will You Let Me Be Your Servant

Beloved, God's Chosen

I Come with Joy

ELW #659

ELW #648

ELW #482

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 Hymn

We Are Marching in the Light

ELW #866



We are march - ing* in the light of God, we are march-ing in the light of God.



We are march-ing (march-ing, we are march-ing) Ooh,



we are march - ing in the light of God.

**Additional stanzas: We are Dancing, Praying, Singing, Learning...*

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Blessing

May God the Creator, Teacher, and Comforter, ☩ 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 the love of God! **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 meets every Tuesday at 12pm in the Fellowship Hall or via Zoom (a link can be found in each Wednesday email). This week's readings: Ezekiel 33:7-11; Romans 13:8-14; Matthew 18:15-20

Preschool Blessing & Open House

We have teachers, classrooms, supplies, and students—and we're ready to open our doors to families! Please join us during worship today for a special **Blessing of the Preschool** as we prepare to welcome children and families in our community. Your love, care, support, and prayers mean the world to us. Thank you! After worship, please stick around for our **Preschool Open House!** Tour the classrooms, meet the teachers, and see how God's love is being lived out through this new ministry. For more information about Advent Lutheran Preschool, visit www.adventlutheran.net/preschool. Or Follow Advent Preschool on Facebook for updates, photos, and news. Scan the QR code to follow us!



September 13: Rally Day Carnival: Invite your neighbors and friends for this celebratory day of fun and an opportunity to learn about all of our congregation's ministries. There will be food and snacks, carnival game and prizes, tables for each ministry team, an inflatable bounce house and slide, and more! ALL are welcome. Don't miss it!

Donations Needed for Rally Day: Please take a look at the sign-up sheets that will be in the Fellowship Hall after worship today. We need food (hot dogs, buns, watermelon, chips, cookies, and condiments), a couple of grills, and people willing to set up, clean up, and grill hot dogs. Thank you for your generosity!

First Sunday of the Month Food Drive on September 6

Hi Advent Hunger Fighters! You may bring your donations to church on Sunday or anytime during the week when the church office is open.

Please join us for **First Monday Bible Study** as we gather in devotion, fellowship, and prayer. Our next meeting is on Monday evenings at 7:00 pm, September 14th. For more information, contact Christine Maurich at bookreader.maurich@outlook.com.

CLASSICS returns on Sep 9 at 12:30

PieceMaker returns on Sep 3 at 12:30

Women's Afternoon Bible Study has changed to the 3rd Wednesday of the month, which will be on **Sep 16** from 1:00-3:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Questions? Contact Merry Long (merrylong06@comcast.net) or Ann Carlton (annlcarlton@gmail.com). We look forward to seeing you there!

Garden of Giving on August 25, broke the 4,000 pound mark for fruits and vegetables harvested from the Garden of Giving in 2026! With pumpkins, beans, cucumbers, zucchini, tomatoes, beets, and Asian pears yet to pick, we expect to harvest even more before the end of the season in October. Thanks be to God for a very productive year so far! If you have excess tree fruit in your garden, our team would be more than happy to include it at our food sharing. To coordinate harvest and/or pick-up, please contact Lynn Riley at lynn@maurella.net or call her at 206-617-0199. Thank you for your support.

What a wonderful summer! Last Wednesday we enjoyed our final Food Truck & Truck Tunes summer evening. It has been a wonderful season of music, great local food, conversation with friends and strangers, and creating a safe, welcoming place to build community. **A very special thank you is due to Ken Lysen** for organizing local bands for *every week of the summer!* What a joy! Thank you, Ken, and thank you to everyone who helped set up or clean up. We can't wait for Summer '27!

Scams this year can be quite convincing! A member recently received an email that looked to be from Pastor Anne. The email simply asked them to call the pastor as soon as possible for an urgent need. While that email has no specific request for money, if the recipient replied, the scammer would engage in a one-on-one conversation that would build up to asking for money, or more likely, gift cards. Remember, if Pastor Anne has something "very urgent" to discuss with you, she will never be that vague, and would more likely call you directly on the phone. When in doubt, call Pastor Anne or the church office. Please share this with your vulnerable friends and neighbors, and stay safe!

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