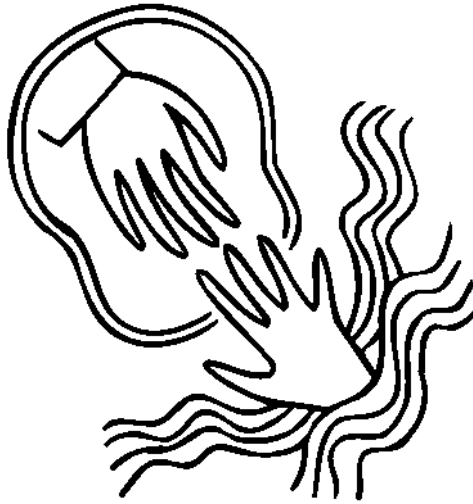




11th Sunday after Pentecost

August 9, 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: Bill Case and Ken Krause

Lector: Carolyn Johnson

Hospitality: Vicky Roberts, Bernice and Phil Clements

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— GATHERING —

Prelude

Welcome & Gathering Hymn

Oh, Sing to the Lord

ELW #822

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

O God our defender, storms rage around and within us and cause us to be afraid. Rescue your people from despair, deliver your children from fear, and preserve us in the faith of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior. **Amen.**

First Reading: 1 Kings 19:9-18

⁹ At Horeb, the mount of God, Elijah came to a cave and spent the night there.

Then the word of the LORD came to him, saying, “What are you doing here, Elijah?” ¹⁰ He answered, “I have been very zealous for the LORD, the God of hosts, for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away.”

¹¹ He said, “Go out and stand on the mountain before the LORD, for the LORD is about to pass by.” Now there was a great wind, so strong that it was splitting mountains and breaking rocks in pieces before the LORD, but the LORD was not in the wind, and after the wind an earthquake, but the LORD was not in the earthquake, ¹² and after the earthquake a fire, but the LORD was not in the fire, and after the fire a sound of sheer silence. ¹³ When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. Then there came a voice to him that said, “What are you doing here, Elijah?” ¹⁴ He answered, “I have been very zealous for the LORD, the God of hosts, for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away.” ¹⁵ Then the LORD said to him, “Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus; when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael as king over Aram. ¹⁶ Also you shall anoint Jehu son of Nimshi as king over Israel, and you shall anoint Elisha son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah as prophet in your place. ¹⁷ Whoever escapes from the sword of Hazael, Jehu shall kill, and whoever escapes from the sword of Jehu, Elisha shall kill. ¹⁸ Yet I will leave seven thousand in Israel, all the knees that have not bowed to Baal, and every mouth that has not kissed him.”

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

Psalm: 85:8-13

⁸ I will listen to what the LORD God is saying;

for you speak peace to your faithful people and to those who turn their hearts to you.

⁹ **Truly, your salvation is very near to those who fear you,
that your glory may dwell in our land.**

¹⁰ Steadfast love and faithfulness have met together;
righteousness and peace have kissed each other.

¹¹ **Faithfulness shall spring up from the earth,
and righteousness shall look down from heaven.**

¹² The LORD will indeed grant prosperity,
and our land will yield its increase.

¹³ **Righteousness shall go before the LORD
and shall prepare for God a pathway.**

Second Reading: Romans 10:5-15

⁵ Moses writes concerning the righteousness that comes from the law, that “the person who does these things will live by them.” ⁶ But the righteousness that comes from faith says, “Do not say in your heart, ‘Who will ascend into heaven?’ ” (that is, to bring Christ down) ⁷ “or ‘Who will descend into the abyss?’ ” (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). ⁸ But what does it say?

“The word is near you,

in your mouth and in your heart”

(that is, the word of faith that we proclaim), ⁹ because if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰ For one believes with the heart, leading to righteousness, and one confesses with the mouth, leading to salvation. ¹¹ The scripture says, “No one who believes in him will be put to shame.” ¹² For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. ¹³ For “everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.”

¹⁴ But how are they to call on one in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in one of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim him? ¹⁵ And how are they to proclaim him unless they are sent? As it is written, “How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!”

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

Gospel Acclamation

Halle, Halle, Hallelujah

ELW #172

Hal-le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal -
- le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le -
lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah.

Music: Caribbean traditional

Gospel Reading: Matthew 14:22-33

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

²² Jesus made the disciples get into a boat and go on ahead to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, while he dismissed the crowds. ²³ And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, ²⁴ but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. ²⁵ And early in the morning he came walking toward them on the sea. ²⁶ But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out in fear. ²⁷ But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid."

²⁸ Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." ²⁹ He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus. ³⁰ But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and, beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!" ³¹ Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, "You of little faith, why did you doubt?" ³² When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. ³³ And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

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

Sermon

Hymn of the Day

Walk Across the Water

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Prayers of the People

Merciful God, **receive 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

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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Walk across the Water



1 When the wa - ters of our moth - er broke and the
 2 On the day we came to be bap - tized, by the
 3 And when Is - rael fled from E - gypt's land, they were
 4 Is that my Lord a - walk - ing — on the



world first came to be— it was
 word in the wa - ter freed, Je - sus
 chased up to the sea. Mo - ses'
 Sea of Gal - i - lee? Je - sus



in that in - stant God done spoke and said,
 looked in - to our won - d'ring eyes and said,
 God said, "Take them by the hand and
 says, "If your faith be more than talk, then



"Walk a - cross the wa - ter to me."
 "Walk a - cross the wa - ter to me."
 walk a - cross the wa - ter to me."
 walk a - cross the wa - ter to me."



"Walk a-cross the wa - ter. Walk a-cross the



wa - ter. Let your faith run free on the rag - ing sea,



and walk a-cross the wa - ter to me."

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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

Precious Lord, Take My Hand
When Peace, Like a River
Eternal Father, Strong to Save

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ELW #785
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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

What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine

ELW #774

Blessing

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 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: Isaiah 56:1, 6-8; Matthew 15:21-28

Preschool Baby Shower – TODAY, 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:

<https://www.myregistry.com/giftlist/adventlutheranpreschool>

☞ 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.

If you know of any families who might be interested in our preschool, please let them know about us and send them to our website for more information:

www.adventlutheran.net/preschool.

Thank you for your prayers and support! We will continue to accept gifts from the registry for one more week! If you need to have a large package delivered to the preschool, please arrange delivery with office staff ahead of time. Thank you!

Adopt-A-Highway Aug 29 at 9am meet at 132nd and Seattle Hill road CVS parking lot.

SAVE THE DATE! Please note these special summer Sundays:

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 Split Open and Melt with live music from Sean Bendickson. 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.



Join us for a

BABY SHOWER

celebrating the opening of

Advent Lutheran Preschool

SUNDAY, AUGUST 9
FOLLOWING WORSHIP
Fellowship Hall

Help us "shower" our new preschool
with love, prayers, and support!

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