

6th Sunday after Pentecost Sunday, July 5, 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
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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: Eric Botterbusch and Pam Stubsten

Lector: Steve Cleaves

Hospitality: Church Council

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--- GATHERING ---

Prelude

Welcome & Gathering Hymn

This Is My Song

ELW #887

Kyrie

Refrain

Ky-ri - e e - lei - son, on our world and on our way.

Ky-ri - e e - lei - son, ev-'ry day.

1 For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the
2 That we may live out your im - passioned re - sponse to the
3 For peace in our hearts, . . . for peace in our homes, . . for
4 For your Spir - it to guide; that you cen - ter our lives in the

u - ni - ty of all; for
hun - gry and the poor; that
friends and fam - i - ly; for
wa - ter and the word; that you

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

let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.

Refrain

Prayer of the Day

Lord of all the worlds, guide this nation by your Spirit to go forward in justice and freedom. Give to all living in these lands the blessings of well-being and harmony, but above all things give us faith in you, that our nation may bring glory to your name and blessings to all peoples, through Jesus Christ, our Savior. **Amen.**

--- WORD ---

Family Lesson

First Reading: Zechariah 9:9-12

⁹ Rejoice greatly, O daughter Zion!

Shout aloud, O daughter Jerusalem!

See, your king comes to you;

triumphant and victorious is he,

humble and riding on a donkey,

on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

¹⁰ He will cut off the chariot from Ephraim

and the war horse from Jerusalem;

and the battle bow shall be cut off,

and he shall command peace to the nations;

his dominion shall be from sea to sea

and from the River to the ends of the earth.

¹¹ As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you,

I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit.

¹² Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope;

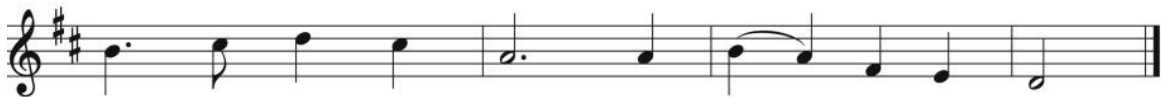
today I declare that I will restore to you double.

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

Psalm 145:8-14



I will praise your name for ev-er, my king and my God.



I will praise your name, my king and my God.

The LORD is kind and full of compassion,
slow to anger, abounding in mercy.
How good is the LORD to all,
compassionate to all his creatures. *R.*

All your works shall thank you, O LORD,
and all your faithful ones bless you.
They shall speak of the glory of your
reign,

and declare your mighty deeds. *R.*

They shall make known your might to
the whole human race,
and the glorious splendor of your
reign.

Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom;
your rule endures for all
generations. *R.*

Second Reading: Romans 7:15-25a

¹⁵ I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. ¹⁶ Now if I do what I do not want, I agree that the law is good. ¹⁷ But in fact it is no longer I who do it but sin that dwells within me. ¹⁸ For I know that the good does not dwell within me, that is, in my flesh. For the desire to do the good lies close at hand, but not the ability. ¹⁹ For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do. ²⁰ Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I who do it but sin that dwells within me.

²¹ So I find it to be a law that, when I want to do what is good, evil lies close at hand. ²² For I delight in the law of God in my inmost self, ²³ but I see in my members another law at war with the law of my mind, making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. ²⁴ Wretched person that I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? ^{25a} Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

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

Gospel Acclamation

Halle, Halle, Hallelujah

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.

Gospel Reading: Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

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

¹⁶ “To what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to one another,

¹⁷ ‘We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we wailed, and you did not mourn.’

¹⁸ “For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, ‘He has a demon’; ¹⁹ the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, ‘Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!’ Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds.”

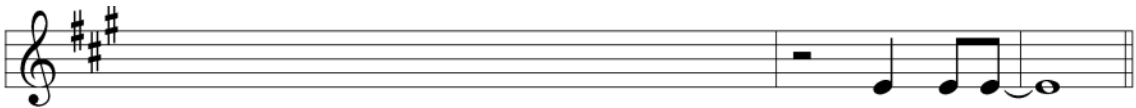
²⁵ At that time Jesus said, “I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; ²⁶ yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. ²⁷ All things have been handed over to me by my Father, and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

²⁸ “Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. ²⁹ Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰ For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

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

Sermon

Litany for the Healing of the Nations



The leader names those for whom prayers are made. The assembly responds: Peace be yours.

After each verse:



For the heal-ing of the na-tions, we pray to you, O God.



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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

Let us pray.

**Blessed are you, O God,
for waves of grain and harvesters,
fruitful vines and winepresses,
for our labor and our rest,
for the gifts of your hand in this land.
Transform us and what we offer
into the banquet of your compassion,
serving your love without limits
through Jesus Christ, our Savior. 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.

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God of Love, We've Known Division



God of love, we've known di - vi - sion, and we've seen its aw - ful cost.
Turn us, Lord, from what di - vides us, fear that drives us far a - part,
May we all, in con - ver - sa - tion, speak the truth and lis - ten well.
You have chal - lenged us to good - ness; you have shown a kind - er way.



We have strug - gled as a na - tion, and there's much that we have lost.
greed that leads to great in - jus - tice, rac - ist ways that break your heart.
May we hear, a - cross this na - tion, sto - ries oth - ers have to tell.
It's your love that now in - spires us as we seek a bet - ter day.



We have been a house di - vid - ed, and di - vi - did, we can't stand.
May we seek what brings to - geth - er: hearts that bear each oth - er's pain,
May we learn from oth - er cul - tures and be blessed by their world - view;
May we end our harsh di - vi - sion; may we stop the hate and fear.



May our na - tion be u - nit - ed; give us peace through - out this land.
care and mer - cy toward our neigh - bors, love that wel - comes stran - gers in.
May we serve with one an - oth - er, lov - ing oth - ers, lov - ing you.
Make us one, Lord, as a na - tion, may we be u - nit - ed here.

Prayer after Communion

Let us pray.

**We thank you, God of heaven and earth,
that you fill our deepest need
with the very gift of Jesus Christ,
broken and poured out for us.
Pour us out into a broken world.
Channel our common life
toward the common good,
following the way our Savior leads us
now and forever. Amen.**

— SENDING —

Blessing

The Author of life,
the Word of salvation,
the Breath of new birth,

✠ one God, bless you
and equip you for living and serving,
today and every day.

Amen.

Sending Hymn

Let Streams of Living Justice

ELW #710

Dismissal

Go in peace. Seek liberty and justice for all.

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 happens 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 55:10-13; Romans 8:1-11 ; Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

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.

First Sunday of the Month Food and Pet Food Drive Today

Just a reminder that July 5th is the first Sunday of the month food drive. Your donations are greatly appreciated and enable us to stock the pantry on a daily basis. Without you, we would not be able to sustain this ministry for our community. Thanks for all you do!



Have you seen the Little Library lately? We are blessed to have a carefully curated library located in our Fellowship Hall for your enjoyment and learning. Unlike a stereotypical dusty old church library, ours is filled with excellent reads, both old and new, and is constantly updated to reflect monthly themes, highlight a diversity of authors, and introduce you to an array of literary styles. You're always welcome to check out a book to bring home until you're finished with it. And now, the library includes a **puzzle exchange station!** Check it out!

Landscaping Work Party Coming Up! We need all willing hands to assemble near the garage shed at 8am on Saturday, July 11. Bring your powered weed-whackers, loppers, garden shears, and machetes (no chainsaws!). Together we will tackle the overgrown undergrowth around our storm water catch basin. Sign up on the bulletin board in the Office lobby to work, bring tools, or provide refreshments.

Contact Andrew at maintenance@adventlutheran.net with questions.

Ministry Leader Planning Meeting - Ministry leaders and other interested persons will meet on Sunday, July 12th in room C1 after church. We will discuss plans for this coming year. Please let Jill Bossen know if you are attending.

Donate a plant for the sanctuary! According to the Church calendar, we're in the Time After Pentecost -- or what Pastor Anne likes to call, "the green and growing season." You'll notice scripture lessons and themes around discipleship, faith formation, abundance, life, and transformation. In keeping with that spirit, we're beautifying our sanctuary with more and more greenery through the summer and into fall. We hope to add one or two new green plants to our space each

week. Please consider donating a plant anonymously or in honor or memory of a loved one.

Thanks to Tami “Green Thumb” Green for suggesting the following indoor plants, which should do well in the conditions of our sanctuary: Prayer Plant, Cast Iron Plant, Heart-Leaf Philodendron, ZZ Plant, Snake Plant, Dwarf Umbrella Plant, Peperomia Obtusifolia, Begonia Rex, Chinese Evergreen, Peace Lily, Dracaena, English Ivy, Pothos Plants

SAVE THE DATE! Please note these special summer Sundays:

June 22: Children’s camps on Advent campus begin

June 28: Pride Worship with Pop-Up Pride Choir

July 5: Prayer for the Healing of the Nations

July 19: Outdoor Worship

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! 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!

Support Children, Youth, and Family Ministries! Everyone is welcome to a CYF Ministries program meeting on Wednesday, July 8 at 6:30pm, either in person or on Zoom. Join Bryant as we talk about how best to serve our young members and neighbors through faith formation, welcoming spaces, family events, and service opportunities. New volunteers are always welcome as together we fulfill the baptismal promises we make to every Child of God.

Office is closed on Monday July 6.

Blood Drive returns on July 27 at 10am to 4pm. Seattle is a host city for the FIFA Men’s World Cup 2026, June 11 – July 19, 2026. Just like in soccer, every player matters. And in our community, every blood donor does too. When you donate blood, you help create a level playing field for patients whose lives depend on timely access to lifesaving blood. Join us July 27 and book your appointment for the [Advent Lutheran Church Community Blood Drive](#). The blood collection team from Bloodworks Northwest will be in the Fellowship Hall for the day, and you only need to set aside an hour of your time to have a game-changing impact. Donors need to be at least 16 years old, and everyone needs to check in with photo ID. You can enter to Donate & Win a \$10,000 Gift Card, <https://www.bloodworksnw.org/win> June 1 – July 31, 2026. The lucky winner will be contacted via email before August 15, 2026, and will have 48 hours to accept their prize.

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