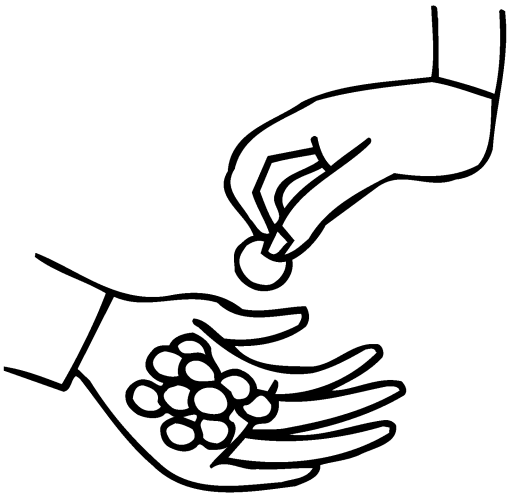


25th Sunday after Pentecost

November 15, 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

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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! 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! Sunday School takes place after the Family Lesson in the A building next door; children return to worship during the Sharing of Peace.

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: Eric Botterbusch
Hospitality: Nancy Fischer and Columbarium committee

—— GATHERING ——

Prelude

Welcome & Gathering Hymn *You Are Holy* ELW #525

Generosity Story

Prayer of the Day
Righteous God, our merciful master, you own the earth and all its peoples, and you give us all that we have. Inspire us to serve you with justice and wisdom, and prepare us for the joy of the day of your coming, through Jesus Christ, our Savior. **Amen.**

——WORD ——

Family Lesson and Sunday School

First Reading: Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18

12 At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps,
and I will punish the people
who settle like dregs in wine,
those who say in their hearts,
"The LORD will not do good,
nor will he do harm."
13 Their wealth shall be plundered
and their houses laid waste.
Though they build houses,
they shall not inhabit them;
though they plant vineyards,
they shall not drink wine from them.

14 The great day of the LORD is near,
near and hastening fast;
the sound of the day of the LORD is bitter;
the warrior cries aloud there.
15 That day will be a day of wrath,
a day of distress and anguish,
a day of ruin and devastation,
a day of darkness and gloom,
a day of clouds and thick darkness,
16 a day of trumpet blast and battle cry
against the fortified cities
and against the lofty battlements.

17 I will bring such distress upon people
that they shall walk like the blind;
because they have sinned against the LORD,
their blood shall be poured out like dust
and their flesh like dung.
18 Neither their silver nor their gold
will be able to save them
on the day of the LORD's wrath;
in the fire of his passion
the whole earth shall be consumed,
for a full, a terrible end
he will make of all the inhabitants of the earth.

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

Psalm 90:1-8, 12
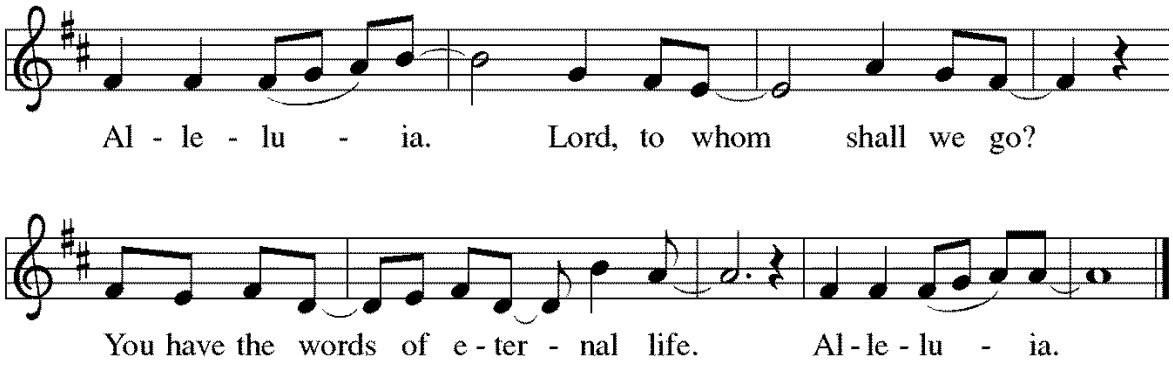
1 Lord, you have been our refuge
from one generation to another.
2 **Before the mountains were brought forth, or the land and the earth were born,**
from age to age you are God.
3 You turn us back to the dust and say,
"Turn back, O children of earth."
4 **For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when it is past**
and like a watch in the night;
5 you sweep them away like a dream,
they fade away suddenly like the grass:
6 **in the morning it is green and flourishes;**
in the evening it is dried up and withered.
7 For we are consumed by your anger;
we are afraid because of your wrath.
8 **Our iniquities you have set before you,**
and our secret sins in the light of your countenance.
12 **So teach us to number our days**
that we may apply our hearts to wisdom

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

[1] Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have
anything written to you. [2] For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will
come like a thief in the night. [3] When they say, “There is peace and security,” then sudden
destruction will come upon them, as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there
will be no escape! [4] But you, brothers and sisters, are not in darkness, for that day to
surprise you like a thief; [5] for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are
not of the night or of darkness. [6] So, then, let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us
keep awake and be sober, [7] for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk
get drunk at night. [8] But since we belong to the day, let us be sober and put on the
breastplate of faith and love and for a helmet the hope of salvation. [9] For God has
destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, [10] who
died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. [11] Therefore
encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

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

Gospel Acclamation



Gospel Reading: Matthew 25:14-30

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

[14] “For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his
property to them; [15] to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each
according to his ability. Then he went away. At once [16] the one who had received the five
talents went off and traded with them and made five more talents. [17] In the same way, the
one who had the two talents made two more talents. [18] But the one who had received the
one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master’s money. [19] After a
long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. [20] Then the one
who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying,
‘Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.’ [21] His
master said to him, ‘Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in

a few things; I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.’
[22] And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, ‘Master, you handed over
to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.’ [23] His master said to him, ‘Well
done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things; I will put
you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.’ [24] Then the one who had
received the one talent also came forward, saying, ‘Master, I knew that you were a harsh
man, reaping where you did not sow and gathering where you did not scatter, [25] so I was
afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.’ [26] But
his master replied, ‘You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did
not sow and gather where I did not scatter? [27] Then you ought to have invested my money
with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest.
[28] So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. [29] For to all those
who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance, but from those who have
nothing, even what they have will be taken away. [30] As for this worthless slave, throw him
into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’ ”

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

Sermon

Hymn of the Day *As Saints of Old* ELW #695

Prayers of the People

God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Sharing Christ’s Peace

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

Announcements

—— MEAL ——

Offering and Offering Song *Lord of Light* ELW #688

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

Offering Prayer
Eternal God,
our time, talents, and treasures are gifts from you.
Receive what we offer,
and all that you entrust to us,
until hungry no more, all the world is fed,
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.

Distribution and Music

Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ	ELW #674
Christ, Be Our Light	ELW #715
In the Singing	ELW #466

Post-Communion Blessing

Holy God,
we have received your never-ending mercy in this meal.
You continuously seek the lost,
bind the injured,
and feed your people abundantly.
Now send us out,
awake to your presence,
now and forever. Amen.

— SENDING —

Sending Hymn *This Little Light of Mine* ELW #677

Blessing

The holy Trinity,
Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit,
bless you with wisdom to welcome the reign of God,
today and always. **Amen.**

Dismissal

Go in peace. Encourage one another. **Thanks be to God.**

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 34:11-16, 20-24**; **Ephesians 1:15-23**; **Matthew 25:31-46**

The Craft Circle meets this week, on Tuesday, Nov. 17th at 10 am in A4.

Women's Afternoon Bible Study, 3rd Wednesday, Nov 18. Please join us on the 3rd Wednesday 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!

Piecemakers Quilting meets this week, on Thursday, Nov. 19th at 12:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall.

Blood Drive on Nov16 at 10am in Fellowship hall

Advent's Second Annual Food Giveaway
On Saturday, November 21, at 12 noon, we will be holding our Second Annual Food Giveaway in the Fellowship Hall. Similar to last year, the purpose of the giveaway is to help our neighbors offset the cost of groceries around the holidays. This year we are asking the congregation to purchase **frozen turkey breasts** - either the 2.75 pound Jenny-O or the 3 pound Butterball - and bring them to Sunday church service from October 18 through November 15. The turkey breasts typically range in price from $11.99 to $17.99. The food giveaway is a wonderful ministry that helps many during difficult economic times. If you would like to participate in this feeding ministry, please contact Lynn Riley at lynn@maurella.net or call her at 206-617-0199.

Our **Preschool Christmas Concert** will be held on Monday, December 14. We are looking for volunteers from our church community to help us with two things:

- **Christmas Tree Costumes:** We are making simple felt Christmas tree smocks for the children and would appreciate volunteers who can help us with sewing.
- **Sweet Treats:** After the concert, we will gather in the Fellowship Hall for treats with our preschool families. We are looking for volunteers who would be willing to prepare or donate **nut-free cookies, cake, brownies, or other baked treats** for approximately **10 families**.

  If you are able to help with either of these, please contact Jessie or Poorinma poornimaj@adventlutheran.net

Looking for encouragement and support on your weight-loss journey? Join us for **TOPS** meetings Wednesdays at 5:30 PM. We share helpful ideas, information, and support in a relaxed environment. More info available at TOPS.org.

Plan to join **2026 Christmas Food Baskets Project** on SATURDAY, DECEMBER 19 at 8:30 AM in the Fellowship Hall as we pack and deliver 600 bags of groceries. Help provide 200 holiday food baskets to needy local families. Donation, packing, and delivery opportunities to get involved.

Donation

- Use the link – hit CTRL and click on the link **http://adventlutheran.net/donate** OR

- Make your check out to Advent Lutheran Church and write: Christmas Food Basket in the memo line and place it in the weekly offering plate. For more information about bagging or driving, ask at the FOOD BASKETS table in the Fellowship Hall after Sunday Service.

  To add your name to the Drivers List, sign up at the table at Advent OR link to **https://bit.ly/26DriverSignUp**

Mary's Place Giving Tree 2026 is coming soon! Take a tag off the tree, note the information on the back, buy one (or more) gift cards, write the card's amount on it, and mail them to the given address. It's that simple! If you would prefer to buy a gift for a child, go to marysplaceseattle.org, then "get involved" then "holiday giving". For convenience, purchase items on Amazon and have them shipped to the warehouse address at the bottom of the page. All gifts need to arrive at Mary's Place by December 12. Thank you for your generosity! Every donation means a warmer, happier Christmas for a needy family!

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