

24th Sunday after Pentecost

November 8, 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: Eric Botterbusch, Cari Krippner
Lector: Jennifer Dierenfeld
Hospitality: Bernice and Phil Clements

— GATHERING —

Prelude

Welcome & Gathering Hymn

Let Justice Roll Like a River



Text and Music: Marty Haugen, (c) 1991 GIA Publications

Prayer of the Day
O God of justice and love, you illumine our way through life with the words of your Son. Give us the light we need, and awaken us to the needs of others, through Jesus Christ, our Savior. **Amen.**

—WORD —

Family Lesson and Sunday School

First Reading: Amos 5:18-24

18 Woe to you who desire the day of the LORD!
Why do you want the day of the LORD?
It is darkness, not light,
19 as if someone fled from a lion
and was met by a bear
or went into the house and rested a hand against the wall
and was bitten by a snake.
20 Is not the day of the LORD darkness, not light,
and gloom with no brightness in it?

21 I hate, I despise your festivals,
and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies.
22 Even though you offer me your burnt offerings and grain offerings,
I will not accept them,
and the offerings of well-being of your fatted animals
I will not look upon.
23 Take away from me the noise of your songs;
I will not listen to the melody of your harps.
24 But let justice roll down like water
and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.

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

Psalm 70

1 Be pleased, O God, to deliver me;
O LORD, make haste to help me.
2 Let those who seek my life be put to shame and confounded;
let those who take pleasure in my misfortune draw back and be disgraced.
3 Let those who say to me "Aha!" and gloat over me
turn back because of their shame.
4 Let all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you;
let those who love your salvation say forever, "Great is the LORD!"

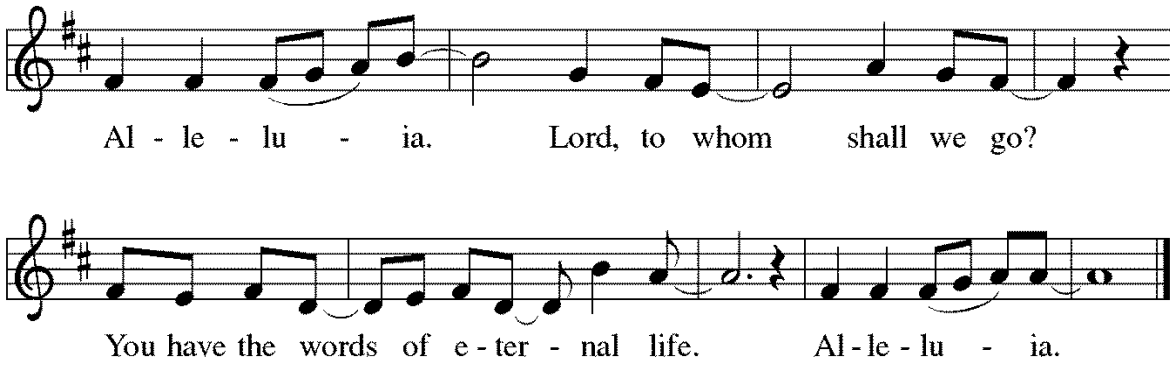
[5] But as for me, I am poor and needy; come to me quickly, O God.
You are my helper and my deliverer; O LORD, do not tarry.

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

[13] We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died,
so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. [14] For since we believe that
Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who
have died. [15] For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive,
who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died.
[16] For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the
sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first.
[17] Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them
to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will be with the Lord forever. [18] Therefore encourage
one another with these words.

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Gospel Acclamation



Gospel Reading: Matthew 25:1-13

The Holy Gospel according to Saint Matthew. **Glory to you, O Lord.**
[1] "Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten young women took their lamps and
went to meet the bridegroom. [2] Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. [3] When the
foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them, [4] but the wise took flasks of oil with
their lamps. [5] As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. [6] But
at midnight there was a shout, 'Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.'
[7] Then all those young women got up and trimmed their lamps. [8] The foolish said to the
wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' [9] But the wise replied, 'No!
there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some
for yourselves.' [10] And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who
were ready went with him into the wedding banquet, and the door was shut. [11] Later the
other young women came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' [12] But he replied, 'Truly I

tell you, I do not know you.’ [13] Keep awake, therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.”

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

Sermon

Hymn of the Day *What Is the World Like* ACS #1047

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

Generosity Story

—— 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

Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness	ELW #488
Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers	ELW #244
I Come with Joy	ELW #482

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 *Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning* ACS #949

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: Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18; 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11; Matthew 25:14-30

Classics Senior Luncheon is this week, on Wednesday, November 11th at 12:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Please bring a dish to share.

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**

Have you ever heard someone say, "Give until it hurts"? This advice implies that a truly generous gift should be large enough to have a negative impact on the giver. Though sometimes heard in the church, "Give until it hurts" is not advice from the Bible. The Bible says, "Give until it feels good." Jesus says, "There is more happiness in giving than in receiving" (Acts 20:35 Good News Translation). Over and over, the Bible connects generosity with happiness. Stinginess is what leads to hurting. Think about your own giving of money and time. Think of an instance when you made what, for you, was a very generous gift. How did it feel? Did it hurt, or did it bring a smile to your face? As you think back on that gift, do you still have happy feelings about it? God invites us to live generously not only because other people have needs that we can help meet but also because God knows what is good for us — and generosity is good for us. Generosity brings us things far more valuable than whatever we have given away. As the Rev. Michael Binder, assistant professor at Luther Seminary, rightly notes, "Generosity is what God wants for us, not from us."



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