



Reformation Sunday

October 25, 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! 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: Cari Krippner, Pam Stubsten

Lector: Gail Richardson

Hospitality: Choir team

— GATHERING —

Prelude

Welcome & Gathering Hymn

The Church Song

Refrain

We are the church, the bo - dy of our Lord.

We are all God's chil - dren. We have been re-stored.

Verses

1 The church is not a build - ing where peo - ple go to pray;—
2 You can go to wor - ship but you can - not go to church
3 The church is not a busi - ness, a com - mit - tee or a board;
4 The church, it is the peo - ple liv - ing out their lives,—

Refrain

it's not make out of sticks and stones, it's not made out of clay.
you can't find a build - ing that's a - live_ no mat - ter how you search.
it's not a cor - por - a - tion for the busi - ness of the Lord.
called, en - light - ened, sanc - ti - fied for the work of Je - sus Christ.

Text and Music by Jay Beech (c) 1988

Prayer of the Day

Almighty God, gracious Lord, we thank you that your Holy Spirit renews the church in every age. Pour out your Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep them steadfast in your word, protect and comfort them in times of trial, defend them against all enemies of the gospel, and bestow on the church your saving peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

— WORD —

Family Lesson and Sunday School

First Reading: Jeremiah 31:31-34

³¹ The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. ³² It will not be like the covenant that I made with

their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the LORD.³³ But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts, and I will be their God, and they shall be my people.³⁴ No longer shall they teach one another or say to each other, “Know the LORD,” for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the LORD, for I will forgive their iniquity and remember their sin no more.

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

Choir Anthem

Mighty Fortress

Mark Hayes

A mighty fortress is our God,
A mighty source of hope and strength.
O God, our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come!

A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing;
Our helper He amid the flood of mortal ills prevailing.
For still our ancient foe doth seek to work us woe.
His craft and power are great, and, armed with cruel hate,
On earth is not his equal.

Did we in our own strength confide, our striving would be losing.
Were not the right man on our side, the one of God’s own choosing.
Dost ask who that may be: Christ Jesus, it is He,
Lord Sabaoth His name, from age to age the same,
And he must win the battle.
He must win the battle!

And though this world, with devils filled, should threaten to undo us,
We will not fear, for God has willed His truth to triumph through us.
The prince of darkness grim, we tremble not for him.
His rage we can endure, for lo, his doom is sure;
One little word shall fell him.

That word above all earthly powers, no thanks to them, abideth;
The Spirit and the gifts are ours through Him who with us sideth.
Let goods and kindred go, this mortal life also.
The body they may kill; God’s truth abideth still:
His kingdom is forever!

A strong and mighty fortress is our God!

Second Reading: Romans 3:19-28

¹⁹ Now we know that, whatever the law says, it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be silenced and the whole world may be held accountable to God.

²⁰ For no human will be justified before him by deeds prescribed by the law, for through the law comes the knowledge of sin.

²¹ But now, apart from the law, the righteousness of God has been disclosed and is attested by the Law and the Prophets, ²² the righteousness of God through the faith of Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction, ²³ since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; ²⁴ they are now justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, ²⁵ whom God put forward as a sacrifice of atonement by his blood, effective through faith. He did this to demonstrate his righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over the sins previously committed; ²⁶ it was to demonstrate at the present time his own righteousness, so that he is righteous and he justifies the one who has the faith of Jesus.

²⁷ Then what becomes of boasting? It is excluded. Through what kind of law? That of works? No, rather through the law of faith. ²⁸ For we hold that a person is justified by faith apart from works prescribed by the law.

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

Gospel Acclamation

God's Word Is Our Great Heritage

ELW #509

Gospel Reading: John 8:31-36

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

³¹ Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, “If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples, ³² and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free.” ³³ They answered him, “We are descendants of Abraham and have never been slaves to anyone. What do you mean by saying, ‘You will be made free’?”

³⁴ Jesus answered them, “Very truly, I tell you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. ³⁵ The slave does not have a permanent place in the household; the son has a place there forever. ³⁶ So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed.”

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

Sermon

Hymn of the Day

Founded on Faith

ACS #1048

Prayers of the People

Hear us, O God, **Your mercy is great.**

Sharing Christ's Peace

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

Announcements
Generosity Story

— **MEAL** —

Offering and Offering Song

Faith of our Fathers

ELW #813

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

God of creation,
you send rain and the earth springs forth abundantly.
All blessings are from you;
make us generous with what we have.
Use our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts
in service to you and in love to our neighbors,
today and always.
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

God Alone Be Praised
Soli Deo Gloria
Built on a Rock

ACS #1023
ELW #878
ELW #652

Post-Communion Blessing

Sustaining God,
with this bread and cup, you nourish us with mercy and abundant life.
By your Spirit, send us from this table to serve a needy world. Make us living signs of
your liberation, healing, and love, following the way of Jesus, in whose name we pray.
Amen.

— SENDING —

Sending Hymn

The Church of Christ, in Every Age

ELW #729

Blessing

The God of love
draw you into full accord and one mind,
in the body of Christ Jesus. **Amen.**
The God of hope
grant you strength and joy in all circumstances
through the interceding of the Spirit. **Amen.**
The God of grace
✠ bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

Dismissal

Go out in joy. Be led forth in peace.
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: Revelation 7:9-17; 1 John 3:1-3; Matthew 5:1-12

On **All Saints' Sunday**, we will be honoring those who have passed away during the past year. If you would like your loved one's name included in the remembrance at worship, please e-mail their full name to Sofia in the church office at churchoffice@adventlutheran.net **by October 25** so that names can be included for our prayers on All Saints Sunday worship.

Our preschool teachers are looking for Halloween candies! If you're able to donate 3 bags of candy by October 28 and drop them off at Sofia's desk, we would greatly appreciate your help. Thank you for helping make Halloween extra sweet for our little ones!

Advent Lutheran Preschool Halloween Party Volunteers Needed! Advent Lutheran Preschool will be hosting a **Halloween Party on Thursday, October 29, from 11:00 AM to 12:30 PM**. We will have several table games and activities for the children and their families. We are looking for **10 volunteers** to help at the activity tables, assist the children with the games, and hand out candy. If you are available to volunteer, please contact Poornima at poornimaj@adventlutheran.net.

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](tel:206-617-0199).

Why is Advent Lutheran important to you?

Can you think of specific reasons?

Is it the worship life of the congregation? Does the preaching feed you and send you into the week challenged and inspired? Does the choir or the congregational singing send you out of the sanctuary happily humming a tune? Is it Holy Communion — meeting Christ at the altar and knowing your sins are forgiven? Is it the people you meet that are most important? Perhaps you have had times of joy or sorrow that would have been much less significant without the love and care you received from others in the church. Perhaps you have worked side by side with the same people over and over. You know each other. You care for each other. You have had fun, and you have done God's work together. Do significant life events connect you to the congregation? A wedding, a baptism, a confirmation, a funeral? Why is Advent Lutheran church to you? We each have a different "why." What is yours? Whatever your "why," know that it is possible only because of the generous gifts of time, talent and treasure from you and all the people around you.



WEEK TWO — THE JOY OF GENEROSITY

THE JOY OF LIVING IN COMMUNITY

Connect

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