

Introduction to the Day

A royal official begs Jesus to heal his son. When Jesus says it will be done, the official comes to trust Jesus—to believe in him—more with each step toward home, where he learns that, in fact, his son is now well. May we trust and believe in the same Jesus, who asks each of us; “Do you wish to be made well?”

GATHERING

Welcome to Worship ELW Holy Communion Setting 7
Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

PEACE

L: The peace of Christ be with you all.

C: And also with you.

♪ Gathering Song

“Wade in the Water”

ELW 459

Apostolic Greeting

L: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

♪ Kyrie (ELW p. 175)

♪ Canticle of Praise (ELW p. 176)

Prayer of the Day:

L: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray. Lord God,

C: with endless mercy you receive the prayers of all who call upon you. Bring your healing and wholeness to any in need. By your Spirit show us the things we ought to do, and give us the grace and power to do them, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

WORD

Gospel Acclamation (ELW p. 179)

L: The holy gospel according to St. John, the fourth & fifth chapters.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel: John 4:46-54; 5:1-18

L: The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON: Pastor Aaron Schnell

♪ Hymn of the Day

"There Is a Balm in Gilead"

ELW 614

Apostles' Creed (ELW p. 105)

Children's Message

Prayers of the People

L: Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

MEAL

Offering (*Offerings may be submitted by PAR, a cheque mailed or delivered to Advent, or by etransfer to giving@adventlutheran.ca.)*

♪ Offertory Song

"When I Behold the Son" (2x)

When I Behold the Son

Jerry Salt(er)

When I beh - hold the Son, the Lamb of God, my
There was a man who's son was grave - ly ill. So
heart wants to sing, "O Lord of ev - 'ry - thing,
he said to Je - sus, "Save him if you will!"
change me like you changed the wa - ter in - to wine!
He knew Je - sus had the gift of life to give.
Fill me with light so I'll be yours for all time!
Je - sus said to him, "Now go! Your son will live!"

Offering Prayer

GREAT THANKSGIVING

Dialogue:

L: In our pain and sorrow, in our grief and fear;

C: You hear our cry, and draw us into your arms.

L: Help us to trust in you,

C: For nothing can compare with you.

L: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

L: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

L: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

♪ **Holy, Holy, Holy** (ELW p. 181)

Thanksgiving at the Table

♪ **Lord's Prayer** (back of the ELW hymnal)

♪ **Communion Song**

“*O Lamb of God*” (ELW p. 182)

♪ **Communion Hymns:**

“*We Come to You for Healing, Lord*”

ELW 617

“*Healer of Our Every Ill*”

ELW 612

“*Go, My Children, with My Blessing*”

ELW 543

“*I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say*”

ELW 611

Communion Blessing

Prayer after Communion

SENDING

Announcements

Blessing

♪ **Sending Song**

“*God's Work, Our Hands*”

ACS 1000

Dismissal:

A: Go in peace. Do justice. Love mercy.

C: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

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Prayers for the Wider Church

- for Bishop Jason Zinko of the Manitoba/ Northwestern Ontario Synod, and for the synod staff, rostered ministers, and people of the MNO Synod
- for all Area council members and *[your congregation]* council members
- for our Synod Campus Ministries and especially for Rev. Canon Erin Phillips, Chaplain for the University of Lethbridge, and Lethbridge College
- for the pastor and/or deacon of *[your congregation]*
- for rostered and lay leaders, staff, and guests attending the Synod Study Conference February 2-5 in Canmore
- for Hosanna Chinese Lutheran, Calgary, and Prince of Faith Lutheran, Calgary
- for Faith Alone Congregation, Barrio 20 de Julio, Bogota, Colombia
- for all who work in agencies that minister to the poor and homeless in *[your community]*
- for the bishop, rostered leaders and people of the Slovak Evangelical Church of the Augsburg Confession in Serbia
- for the Right Rev. Stephen London, Anglican Bishop of Edmonton, and the staff, priests, and people of the Anglican Diocese of Edmonton
- for the World Council of Churches, its President, General Secretary, and staff

ACC: The Rt. Rev. John Watton, Bishop, and the people and clergy of the Diocese of Central Newfoundland

ELCIC: The dean, council, and congregations of the Two Rivers, Nith Valley and Niagara Areas of the Eastern Synod

TOGETHER: For a growing openness to dialogue and encounter with people of other faith traditions during World Interfaith Harmony Week

Worship Statistics

Sunday, February 1st, 10:00 am Attendance:
In Person~51, Online~22, Sunday School~ N/A

Weekly Announcements

Building Cultures of Belonging: The Reconciled in Christ Core Team is sponsoring this online event with Calgary's seventh Poet Laureate Shone Thistle, Wednesday February 4th at 7pm on Advent's Zoom link. Join us as we explore sacred belonging and affirming ministry through shared story and compassionate presence. Shone is an award-winning writer, multidisciplinary artist, and community arts leader whose work lives at the intersections of story, grief, and belonging.

Office Closure: The church office will be closed on Friday, February 6th. Karin will return to regular office hours next week.

AGM: Advent's AGM will be held after worship this Sunday, February 8th, 2026. Please plan to attend, either in person or online. Annual Reports and copies of the addendum are now available. A lunch of sandwiches will be provided by our church council, so we will not have a potluck.

2026 Pledge Cards: If you received a 2026 pledge card today, please note that it reflects your financial giving for this year. Pledge cards are a wonderful way to help Advent plan and budget wisely so our church can continue to grow and thrive together.

Your giving may be made in several ways, including cash, cheque, or e-transfer. Thank you for your faithful support of Advent Lutheran Church and its ministry.

Game Night: Advent's next Game Night will take place on February 13th with a simple supper at 6:00 pm and games beginning at 7:00 pm. If you aren't in the mood to play a game, please come and socialize! All are welcome.

Advent's monthly potluck will be on Sunday, February 15th, after worship. We will be celebrating Shrove Tuesday with a "Shrove Sunday" meal so we are asking you to please sign up to bring pancakes or accompaniments for pancakes to share. We hope you help celebrate this special event. Please note, there will be no service or meal on Shrove Tuesday.

Our sister-in-Christ, **Natasha**, has asked us for help with basic needs. Please check the bulletin board (in the fellowship hall) for the sign-up sheet to see what you can donate. Thank you to those who have already given so much!

Ash Wednesday: Some volunteers to help with worship on February 18th at our 7:00 pm service are still needed. Please email the church or check the door of the church office if you can help. Thank you very much!

Name Tags: It's that time! If you would like a nametag and don't have one, or if you've lost the one you had, please let Karin know and you'll be added to the list.

Lenten Worship: Advent will hold our own midweek Lenten worship on Wednesdays at 7pm after a soup supper at 6pm. For the five weeks in Lent, we will worship using Holden Evening Prayer without a weekly drama. Pastor Aaron will offer a reflection each evening or recruit someone to lead.

Lenten Suppers: Please join us for soup and bun meals prior to our Lenten services this year. Volunteers are needed to bring pots of soup to share. Buns will be provided by the church. A sign-up sheet is posted in the fellowship room. Thank you in advance.

Care Committee Meeting: The Care Committee will meet on Thursday, February 12th during the afternoon. If you're interested in learning more about Care, please join us at the church. Thank you!

ADVENTure Deadline: The deadline for submissions to the next *ADVENTure* is February 23rd. If you would like to send in an anecdote or article, a story, devotion, or photo, please send it to Connie or to the church office. Thank you for sharing!

The **JOY Group** will be meeting for lunch at Chianti's Restaurant in Crowfoot on the following dates: February 27, at

12:00 noon. Everyone is welcome for a time of visiting, sharing, laughing and getting to know each other. Please RSVP to Gwen or Marv at mtrout@telus.net so we can advise the restaurant of numbers. Hope to see you there.

Flowers: If you are able to donate cut flowers for the altar, please sign up beside the Coffee Sign-up sheet by the kitchen. A new flower sign-up sheet for the next two months has been posted. Please do not bring lilies as some congregation members have severe allergies. Thank you!

Coffee Fellowship Ministry Sign Up: Hosts are needed for the Coffee Fellowship ministry. Please sign up beside the kitchen or contact the church for further information. This involves preparing coffee, tea and cold drinks, plus setting and cleaning up. Treats are always appreciated but not necessary. No experience needed! On-the-job training is provided.

Financial Giving: *Thank you to everyone for faithfully continuing to contribute and keeping Advent thriving, whether by weekly or monthly giving through cash, cheques or PAR and e-transfer. Instructions for both the PAR program and e-transfers are under ONLINE GIVING on our website (www.adventlutheran.ca).*

Sunday Service Online Links: If you are only able to join us by **phone**, please call [1.855.703.8985](tel:18557038985). Then press [483 597 7957](tel:4835977957) followed by the pound key (#). Password: **569693**. If you are joining us by **computer**, here is the link:
<https://zoom.us/j/4835977957>. Password: **569693**

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New Here? Want to visit the pastor? Have info to share? Address change? Weekly email sign-up? Scan the QR Code or contact the office to connect with us!

Serving Soon	Feb. 8, 2026	Feb. 15, 2026
Worship Presider	Pastor Aaron S.	Pastor Aaron S.
Assisting Minister	Mike P.	Mikey J.
Communion Asst.	Kim R.	Heather R.
Altar Guild	Evelyn S.	Jo Anne P.
Lector	Greg L.	Rose P.
Ushers	Marv & Gwen T.	Phil F. & Karin J.
Greeters	Kirsten B.	Volunteer Needed
Sound/Zoom	Volunteer & Garry	Garry & Geoff
Musician	Mika P.	Joel C.
Offering Counters	Lindsay & Bryce	Karen M. & Sheila B.
Coffee Fellowship	Colin & Sheila B.	Shrove Pancakes
Flowers	Lorna S.	Mike & Barb J.

Serving Soon	Feb. 18, 2026	Feb. 22, 2026
Worship Presider	Pastor Aaron S.	Pastor Aaron S.
Assisting Minister	N/A	Isabelle S.
Communion Asst.	Dianne J.	Wendy B.
Altar Guild	Volunteer Needed	Melodie M.
Lector	Ray P.	Mark H.
Ushers	Volunteer Needed	Mike H. & Volunteer
Greeters	N/A	Tom & Wendy B.
Sound/Zoom	Volunteer & John	Volunteer & John
Musician	Joel C.	Sorena C.
Offering Counters	N/A	Ron, Geoff & Deana
Coffee Fellowship	N/A	Bruce & Susan M.
Flowers	N/A	Greenery

We give thanks to Jesus, the Creator who sets free, who has gifted us with this land that we are blessed to share and care for together. We acknowledge that the land we gather on, Mohkinstsis, is the ancestral territory of the Siksik-aitsitapi: the Siksika, Kainai, Piikani, and Amskapi Pikuni. We acknowledge all the Treaty 7 signatories, including the Tsuut'ina people, as well as the Iyarhe Nakoda Nations: Bearspaw, Chiniki, and Wesley. This land is also the home of Métis Nation Region 3 and all other people who make their home here.