

Introduction to the Day

Happy Thanksgiving! Today we hear about God, through Moses, sending the Ten Commandments: a gift and a structure for governance for a displaced people. We give thanks today for all of God's good gifts. The prophet Isaiah gives us a vision of the great feast to come, when God will wipe away death forever. In Jesus' parable about a great banquet, those invited do not come, so the invitation is extended to others. In our liturgy God spreads a table before us. Even amid anxiety and hardship we rejoice in the peace of God which surpasses all understanding. With great joy we feast at the table of the Lord, and we go forth to share the wonderful invitation with others hungering and thirsting for the abundant life of God.

GATHERING

Welcome to Worship

ACS Setting 12

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM (ACS p. 29)

Response: (3x)

L: ... We praise you, O God, for water.

C: We praise you, O God, for water.

L: ... We praise you, O God, for baptism.

C: We praise you, O God, for baptism.

L: ... today, tomorrow, forever. Amen, and amen.

C: Amen, and amen.

PEACE

L: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

♪ Gathering Song

"Now Thank We All Our God"

ELW 840

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 (ACS p. 31)

♪ Song of Praise (ACS p. 31)

Prayer of the Day:

L: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray. Lord of the feast,

C: you have prepared a table before all peoples and poured out your life with abundance, and we give you thanks. Call us again to your banquet. Strengthen us by what is honourable, just, and pure, and transform us into a people of righteousness and peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

WORD

First Lesson: Exodus 19:3-7; 20:1-17

L: Word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

SERMON: Mike Plested

♪ **Hymn of the Day**

"On Eagle's Wings"

ELW 787

LITANY OF THANKSGIVING & CREED

L: Our God has freed us from bondage to sin.

C: We will worship and praise our God.

L: We shall have no other gods before our God.

C: We will turn away from the idols of this world.

L: Our God has freed us from sin and death.

C: Thanks be to God!

L: With thanksgiving in our hearts, let us confess our faith.

Apostles' Creed (ACS p. 17)

Children's Message

Prayers of Intercession

Response:

L: God of mercy and grace,

C: we lift our prayers to you.

MEAL

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

♪ **Offertory Song (2x)**

Lord, Please Lead

Jerry Salt(er)



Lord, please lead me now and I will fol-low to a fu-ture I don't know.

I know that you are there to help and guide me. Lord, please lead and I will go. When you

see my deeds and hear my voice, then my peo-ple you will be.

You are the light that casts a-way my dark-ness. Lord, please lead and I will go.

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Offering Prayer

GREAT THANKSGIVING (ACS p. 36)

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.

♪ **Sanctus**

"Holy, Holy, Holy" (ACS p. 36)

Thanksgiving at the Table

Lord's Prayer (ACS p. 39)

♪ **Communion Song:**

"Lamb of God" (ACS p. 40)

♪ **Communion Songs:**

"For the Fruit of All Creation"

"Praise and Thanksgiving"

"Thine the Amen"

ELW 679

ELW 689

ELW 826

Communion Blessing

Prayer After Communion

SENDING

Announcements

Blessing

♪ Sending Song

"Let All Things Now Living"

ELW 881

Dismissal:

L: Go out in joy. Be led forth in peace.

C: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

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Advent Offerings

(September 22, 2026, Year to Date)

Current Fund: \$114,939.40

Basically Babies \$294

Blessing Bags: \$1600.00

Camp Kuriakos: \$100

Campus Ministry: \$100.00

CLWR: \$1830.00

Food Bank: \$510.00

SWARM: \$4300.92

VBS \$930.00

Walk As We: \$225.00

Youth: \$410.00

Worship Statistics

Sunday, October 4th, 10:00 am Attendance:

In Person~52, Online~24, Sunday School~ N/A

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 Rev. Dr. Tim Wray, Dean, and the Southern Area Leadership Team, rostered ministers, and people of the Southern Area
- for the pastors and chaplains of health care institutions, correctional institutions, and other specialized ministries

- for Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd, Stony Plain
 - for Good Shepherd Congregation, Socota, Colombia
 - for the students, faculty, and staff of Lutheran Collegiate Bible Institute, Outlook, Saskatchewan
 - for the bishops, rostered leaders and people of the Lutheran Church of Cameroon, and the Evangelical Lutheran Churches in Southern Africa
 - for the Right Rev. Stephen London, Anglican Bishop of Edmonton, and the staff, priests, and people of the Anglican Diocese of Edmonton
 - for the moderator, ministers, and people of the Presbyterian Church of Canada
- ACC:** The Rt. Rev. David Lehmann, Bishop, and the clergy and people of the Diocese of Caledonia
- ELCIC:** The dean, council, and congregations of the North Region of the British Columbia Synod
- TOGETHER:** For people and ministries working to address issues of poverty, homelessness, and affordable housing

Weekly Announcements

Happy Thanksgiving! Advent wishes you all a wonderful thanksgiving weekend, with focus on the blessings in your life. Please give thanks for 25 years of full communion with the Anglican Church of Canada.

Pastor Aaron is back in the office on Tuesday, October **13**, 2026. My apologies to everyone whom I told that he would be back on Tuesday, October 12th!

Eternity for Today: We still have a number of devotionals left on the Welcome table. Please help yourself to one, even if you don't plan to read them daily. One reading from one day is worth having *Eternity for Today* on hand.

Camp Sunday is coming! 🍌 Kids and youth are invited to Camp Sunday at Advent on **Sunday, October 18, from 9:30 AM to 1:30 PM!** Kids will help lead worship, then stay for games, a craft, and lunch together.

Want to help out with worship? Let us know! Visit adventlutheran.ca/camp-sunday to register. Interested in

supporting children and youth ministry? We'll have an offering jar out on the day. We hope to see you there! Contact Sorena at campcoordinator@adventlutheran.ca if you have any questions.

A New Group at Advent: Beginning on October 14th, a group of Advent's **art-lovers** will meet on the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month from 1:00 – 3:00 pm. Please join us with your art supplies and conversation as we exercise our God-given creativity and spirituality.

Let's collect stuffies - We are collecting stuffed animals as a part of our helping Shepherd of the Hills Church with their Christmas bag program for low-income families.

Please bring new and gently used stuffies to the church during the month of October. There will be a bin for them in the fellowship hall. Thank you!

JOY Group: The JOY Group will meet at Chianti Restaurant in Crowfoot, on October 22nd at noon. Please join us for a time of visiting, laughter and good food. Everyone is welcome. Please RSVP on the poster or by emailing Gwen at mtrout@telus.net.

Youth Event: Spooky season is here! 🎃 All youth are invited to our Holy Ghost Halloween Party at Advent Lutheran Church on October 30th at 7 PM. Come hang out with friends from across our congregations for a night of spooky fun. Save the date now and watch for more details and a registration form, coming soon!

Conversations Across the Church: Everyone is invited to join ELCIC National Bishop Larry Kochendorfer for *Conversations Across the Church* – an hour-long online gathering bringing together members of the ELCIC from coast to coast. The next one will take place on November 29th; to view the old ones and for further information, please go to

<https://elcic.ca/partnerships/conversations-across-the-church/>.

RIC Bible Study: Pastor Aaron will lead a Reconciling in Christ Bible study after worship on October 25th. This study will include some information about Scripture's support for welcome and inclusivity.

Sunday, October 25th: is the day when the ELCIC will celebrate its 40th anniversary. Members and congregations are invited to come together in national worship online. The national service will be held at 10:00 am Saskatchewan time and be led by Bishop Larry Kochendorfer. For more information, please go to elcic.ca and search “National Worship Service.” It will direct you to the correct page.

Campus Ministry: Lutheran Campus Ministry – Calgary would like to invite everyone to their fundraiser at Hope Lutheran Church on November 7th. The event is from 2:30 – 5:00 pm and includes Holden Evening Prayer, an auction and a simple supper. Please support them in their ministry of presence and inclusive programming with young people.

The RSVP/auction link is: <https://campusministry.ca> .

Flowers: If you are able to donate cut flowers for the altar, please sign up on the large chart in the Fellowship Hall. Please do not bring lilies due to allergy issues. Thank you! A special thank you to **Doug & Diane K.** for our altar flowers this weekend!

Coffee Fellowship Ministry Sign Up: Hosts are needed for the Coffee Fellowship. This involves preparing coffee, tea and cold drinks, setting up and cleaning up. Treat is optional. 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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Weekly email sign-up? Scan the QR Code or contact the office to connect with us!

Serving Soon	Oct. 11, 2026	Oct. 18, 2026
	Thanksgiving	Camp Sunday
Worship Presider	Mike P.	Pastor Aaron S.
Assisting Minister	Pastor Horst	Greg L.
Communion Asst.	Volunteer Needed	Ruth R.
Altar Guild	Jo Anne P.	Doug & Diane K.
Lector	Rose P.	Children/Youth
Ushers	Ralph & Carol H.	Karin & Youth
Greeters	Kirsten B.	Children/Youth
Sound/Zoom	Garry Y. & Geoff W.	Greg W. & John M.
Musician	Joel C.	Mika P.
Offering Counters	Andrew M. & Bryce J.	Bryce J. & Karen H.
Coffee Fellowship	Bruce & Susan M.	Potluck Lunch
Flowers	Doug & Diane K.	Tom & Wendy B.

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.