

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

August 31, 2025



Invited and inviting—that is the nature of the church. By God's grace in holy baptism we have a place at Christ's banquet table. When, by the power of that same Spirit, humility and mutual love continue among us, the church can be more inviting still.

GATHERING

Welcome to Worship

ELW Holy Communion Setting 10

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

In the name of the Father,
and of the ☩ Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Baptized into Christ, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Merciful God,

you free us to love others,

but we neglect our neighbors and follow our own way.

You lead us by the Spirit of joy and peace,

but we turn away from the abundant life you offer.

You surround us with patience, kindness, and generosity,

but we grow weary in doing what is right.

In your mercy, forgive us. Do not give up on us.

Heal us, break our bonds, and show us the path of life.

Amen.

You belong to Christ Jesus and you are God's children through faith. In the cross of ☩ Christ, and through the power of the Holy Spirit, your sins are forgiven.

Clothed with Christ, you are a new creation.

Amen.

PEACE

L: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

♪ **Gathering Song**

"Gather Us In"

ELW 532

Apostolic Greeting (ELW p. 203)

♪ **Kyrie** (ELW p. 203)

♪ **Canticle of Praise** (ELW p. 204)

Prayer of the Day:

L: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

L: Let us pray. O God,

you resist those who are proud and give grace to those who are humble. Give us the humility of your Son, that we may embody the generosity of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

WORD

FIRST READING: Proverbs 25:6-7a

⁶ Do not put yourself forward in the king's presence
or stand in the place of the great,

^{7a} for it is better to be told, "Come up here,"
than to be put lower in the presence of a noble.

L: Word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

♪ Psalm 112 (Tone 2)

¹ Hallelujah! Happy are they who ¹ fear the Lord
and have great delight in ¹ God's commandments!

² **Their descendants will be mighty ¹ in the land;
the generation of the upright ¹ will be blessed.**

³ Wealth and riches will be ¹ in their house,
and their righteousness will ¹ last forever.

⁴ **Light shines in the darkness ¹ for the upright;
the righteous are merciful and full ¹ of compassion.**

⁵ It is good for them to be gener- ¹ ous in lending
and to manage their af- ¹ fairs with justice.

⁶ **For they will nev- ¹ er be shaken;
the righteous will be kept in everlast- ¹ ing remembrance.**

⁷ They will not be afraid of any ¹ evil rumors;
their heart is steadfast, trusting ¹ in the Lord.

⁸ **Their heart is established and ¹ will not shrink,
until they see their desire up- ¹ on their enemies.**

⁹ They have given freely to the poor, and their righteousness
stands ¹ fast forever;
they will hold up their ¹ head with honor.

¹⁰ **The wicked will see it and be angry; they will gnash their
teeth and ¹ pine away;
the desires of the wick- ¹ ed will perish.**

SECOND READING: Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16

¹ Let mutual affection continue. ² Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. ³ Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them, those who are being tortured, as

though you yourselves were being tortured. ⁴ Let marriage be held in honor by all, and let the marriage bed be kept undefiled, for God will judge the sexually immoral and adulterers. ⁵ Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have, for he himself has said, "I will never leave you or forsake you." ⁶ So we can say with confidence,

"The Lord is my helper;

I will not be afraid.

What can anyone do to me?"

⁷ Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. ⁸ Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. ¹⁵ Through him, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name. ¹⁶ Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

L: Word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

♪ **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** (ELW p. 205)

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 14th chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL: Luke 14:1, 7-14

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON: Pastor Aaron Schnell

♪ **Hymn of the Day**

"Welcome Table"

ACS 969

Apostles' Creed (ELW p. 217)

Children's Message

Prayers of the People

L: Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

MEAL

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

Offertory Song

"For the Fruit of All Creation"

ELW 679

Offering Prayer

GREAT THANKSGIVING (ELW p. 206)

♪ **Holy, Holy, Holy** (ELW p. 207)

Thanksgiving at the Table

Lord's Prayer

♪ **Communion Song**

"O Lamb of God" (ELW p. 208)

♪ **Communion Hymns:**

"Now We Join in Celebration"

ELW 462

"Look Who Gathers at Christ's Table"

ACS 977

"O Christ the Same"

ELW 760

"Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"

ELW 834

Communion Blessing

Prayer After Communion

SENDING

Announcements

Blessing

♪ **Sending Song**

"The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve"

ELW 551

Dismissal:

L: Go in peace. Live by the Spirit.

C: Thanks be to God.

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Worship Statistics

Sunday, August 24th, 10:00 am Attendance:

In Person~65, Online~20, Sunday School~ N/A

Advent Offerings

(August 21, 2025, Year to Date)

Current Fund: \$125,295.05

Basically Babies: \$456.25

Blessing Bags: \$1650.00

Campus Ministry: \$350.00

CLWR: \$2125.00

Confirmation Retreat: \$140.00

Food Bank: \$100.00

SWARM: \$765.00

Tech Committee: \$3000.00

VBS: \$220.00

Youth: \$4191.67

Youth Gathering: \$150.00

Prayers for the Wider Church

- for Bishop Carla Blakley of the Eastern Synod, and for the synod staff, rostered ministers, and people of the Eastern Synod
- for Rev. Dr. Tim Wray, Dean, and the Southern Area Leadership Team, rostered ministers, and people of the Southern Area
- for our Synod Campus Ministries and especially for Rev. Richard Reimer, Chaplain of Lutheran Campus Ministry, University of Alberta and for Dana Rayment, Chaplain for NAIT and MacEwan, Edmonton
- for spouses and families of rostered ministers
- for Rocky Mountain Lutheran, Rocky Mountain House, and Faith Lutheran, Rolling Hills
- for Rains of Grace Mission, Ubicada en Bosa – Provenir, Bogota, Colombia
- for the pastors and people of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Argentina
- for Right Rev. Bishop Sidney Black, Indigenous Bishop of Treaty 7 Territory; for the Most Rev. Greg Kerr-Wilson, Anglican Archbishop of Calgary, and the staff, priests, and people of the Anglican Diocese of Calgary
- for the pastors and people of the Reformed Church of Canada
ACC: The Bishop, clergy and people of the Diocese of Saskatoon
ELCIC: Bishop Kathy Martin, the people and rostered ministers of the British Columbia Synod

Weekly Announcements

Food Bank Sunday: Advent's next Food Bank Sunday is September 7th. In addition to food and monetary donations, please also consider donations of school supplies. Donations of school supplies are most appreciated at this time of year. Thank you!

ADVENTure: The deadline for submissions to the next edition of the *ADVENTure* is extended. If you have submissions, please send them to Connie or the church office. Thank you!

Pastor Aaron's **Tuesday Morning Bible Study** will resume at 10:00 am on September 2nd. Please join us on Zoom!

Wings & Beer: Please join us at Stavros in Ranchlands for a time of food and fellowship on the first Tuesday of each month. We meet at 6:00 pm and stay as long as the gift of gab endures!

Pop-up Choir for September 7: Anyone interested in singing together next Sunday is welcome to come practice at 9:00 am and will be enthusiastically received. Please share your gift of song!

Campus Ministry needs help over the next four months with making soup for/with students. Please see the poster!

Confirmation: If your child is of confirmation age and interested in joining classes, we are making arrangements for classes beginning in the Fall. Please contact Pastor Aaron so that we will have accurate numbers of students.

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.

Monday Evening Mark Study: All are welcome to join us as we resume our study September 22, 7:00 P.M. on Advent's Zoom site. No preparation needed. We are continuing our study of the book of Mark. Various people lead the study.

Advent's Technology Committee has identified that we will need to replace the PowerPoint computer in the Sound Booth and the PC for the Library. We are looking for suitable donations to help reduce costs for the necessary upgrade. Please contact the church office if you might have a computer to donate. Thank you.

"June to September is **Pride Season** in Canada, a time to celebrate 2SLGBTQI+ people (that is, people who are Two-Spirit, lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, or intersex, or who use other terms related to sexual or gender diversity) and honour the contributions that they have made and continue to make."
(Source: StatsCan Plus, Pride in Canada page)

Coffee Fellowship Ministry Sign Up: Hosts are needed for the Coffee Fellowship ministry. This involves supplying treats, preparing coffee, tea and cold drinks, setting up and cleaning up. 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).*

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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	August 31, 2025	September 7, 2025
Worship Presider	Pastor Aaron S.	Pastor Aaron S.
Assisting Minister	John M.	Maya Y.
Communion Asst.	Karin J.	Ruth R.
Altar Guild	Dawn U.	Evelyn S.
Lector	Ann H.	Laura Y.
Ushers	Harold & Connie Z.	Mike H. & Greg L.
Greeters	Anna C.	Anne F.
Sound/Zoom	Paul M. & Geoff W.	Paul M. & John M.
Musician	Mika P.	Mika P.
Offering Counters	Geoff, Deana & Ron	Sheila B. & Karen M.
Coffee Fellowship	Kirsten B. & Laura P.	Volunteer Needed
Flowers	Carol Hesje	Volunteer Needed

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.