

Introduction to the Day

God promised Noah and his descendants never to destroy the world again for its violence. Noah and his descendants were tasked with tending to all living things, including the violent tendencies of humanity. The apostle Paul questions why we judge one another, since we all stand before the judgment of God. Yet we do sin against one another, and Jesus' challenge that we forgive seventy-seven times reveals God's boundless mercy. When we hear the words of forgiveness in worship and sign ourselves with the cross, we are renewed in baptism to be signs of reconciliation in the world. We live in and share the peace of Christ.

GATHERING

Welcome to Worship

ACS Setting 12

♪ **Gathering Song**

"God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens"

ELW 771

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. God of promise,

**C: You are not a God of destruction, but of rebirth. In
your love, you protect and cherish us. Your eternal
promise is to renew us and lead us into flourishing.**

**May our gratitude for your love so spill over that we, in
turn, commit ourselves to the flourishing of your whole
creation. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

WORD

First Lesson: Genesis 6:5-22; 8:6-12; 9:8-17

L: Word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

SERMON: Pastor Aaron Schnell

PEACE

L: When you think of corruption, violence and evil in ancient times, You may think of hand-to-hand combat, and simple weapons, like a club, an axe, or a bow and arrow. God hangs a bow in the sky, like a bow that is a weapon. God says no more violence to solve violence. I hang up my bow. Violence does not breed peace, only more violence.

L: The wickedness of the earth is very great.

C: God's heart grieves at what God sees.

L: God has promised never again to destroy us.

C: Yet we seem to be trying to destroy ourselves.

L: What are we to do with our confusion and pain?

C: Turn again to the promise of God's love.

L: Remember that God hung up God's weapon in the sky,

C: And made it a beautiful sign of hope.

L: Let us, with God's help, hang up our weapons,

C: And be transformed.

L: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you

♪ Hymn of the Day

"Creating God, Your Fingers Trace"

ELW 684

Marriage Affirmation

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 etransfer 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. Like the

ark that saved the faith - ful few, you are there to save me, too.

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)

♪ **Sanctus**

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

Thanksgiving at the Table

Response: (3x)

L: ... Your mercy endures forever.

C: Your mercy endures forever.

L: ... as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

C: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

L: ... in your Spirit, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Lord's Prayer (ACS p. 39)

♪ **Communion Song:**

"Lamb of God" (ACS p. 40)

♪ **Communion Songs:**

"Eternal Father, Strong to Save"

"When Peace Like a River"

"Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me"

"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

ELW 756

ELW 785

ELW 767

ELW 807

Communion Blessing
Prayer After Communion

SENDING

Announcements

Blessing

🎵 **Sending Song**

"Lord Dismiss Us with Your Blessing"

ELW 545

Dismissal:

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

C: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

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Worship Statistics

Sunday, September 6th, 10:00 am Attendance:

In Person~49, Online~14, Sunday School~ N/A

Advent Offerings

(August 30, 2026, Year to Date)

Current Fund: \$100,962.40

Blessing Bags: \$1400.00

CLWR: \$1760.00

SWARM: \$4270.92

Walk As We: \$85.00

Basically Babies \$294

Camp Kuriakos: \$100

Food Bank: \$510.00

VBS \$930.00

Youth: \$260.00

Prayers for the Wider Church

- for Rev. Larry Kochendorfer, National Bishop of the ELCIC, and for the National Church staff

- for Rev. Erin Thomas, Dean, and the rostered ministers, and people of the Northern Area
- for our Synod Campus Ministries and especially for Rev. Margaret Koizumi, Chaplain of Lutheran Campus Ministry, University of Calgary
- for all congregations struggling with pastoral vacancy, as they anticipate and await rostered ministry
- for Holy Name Lutheran, Seba Beach, and Trinity Lutheran, Loughheed
- for San Juan Congregation, Piedecuesta, Colombia
- for Executive Director, Michael Pryse, and the staff of Canadian Lutheran World Relief
- for the pastors and people of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Brazil and the Lutheran Churches in Chile
- for the Most Reverend Shane Parker, Primate of the Anglican Church in Canada, and the Primate's Office staff; for the National Indigenous Archbishop Chris Harper
- for the pastors and people of the Mennonite Churches of Canada

ACC: The Most Rev. John Stephens, Metropolitan, and the clergy and people of the Ecclesiastical Province of British Columbia and Yukon

ELCIC: The Assistant to the Bishop and staff of the British Columbia Synod

MORAVIAN: Remembering September 16 – 1741 – at a synod (legislative assembly) in London, the delegates determined that no human being would be the head of the church; by Lot, Jesus Christ was named as “Chief Elder of the Unitas Fratrum.” Today, this day is celebrated by ordained servants renewing their ordination vows in a Cup of Covenant service.

Weekly Announcements

Game Night: Advent's next Game Night will take place on September 11th 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.

Church Linens: Advent seems to be missing some tablecloths from our linen cupboard. If you have them at home, could you please let us know? We want to keep

track of them. Thank you to everyone who is so diligent in caring for our fabrics, whether it be for worship, fellowship, or the kitchen!

The **Monday evening Bible study** will resume Monday, September 21st, 7:00 p.m. on Advent's Zoom site. This year we will be studying the book of Acts, the beginning and spread of the Christian Church. We will not only study the text but will look at the places the stories come from and include some of our own photos from those places. Many of those places are in modern day Türkiye. Please feel free to join at any time; no advanced reading is necessary.

The dates for studies will be September 21, October 5 & 19, November 2 & 16.

JOY Group: Just a reminder that our next JOY Group will take place on Sept. 24 from 9:45 am – 12:00 pm. Rose Palen has offered to present "You Are God's Special Work of Art; Creativity and Spirituality. Make a special artwork to take home with you. This group will require a lot of preparation; therefore, we ask that you reply by September 10. Thank you and I look forward to old and new members attending.

Ladies' Monthly Potluck: The noon potluck for the ladies will resume on September 28th at 12:00 noon.

Highwood Lutheran Church is kicking off our 70th Anniversary celebrations with a special anniversary Worship Service! Mark your calendar for Sunday, 13 September 2026, at 10:30 AM.

Join us as we look back on seven decades of history with a display of photos and memorabilia, followed by a reception after the Service. Please spread the word, bring a friend, and invite anyone you know who has been part of Highwood Lutheran Church community over the years.

Address: 419 Northmount Drive NW, Calgary AB

Pastor Aaron's Holidays: Pastor Aaron will be out of the office from September 14-22, inclusive. Please contact the church office with any pastoral emergencies.

Garlic: Thank you to everyone who has supported sales of garlic, which is almost ready. You may pre-order on the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board. All sales will go to the youth. Contact the Minchaus for additional information.

Scent Policy: Advent has a low-scent policy, because many people have environmental sensitivities and scent allergies. Please do not use perfumes, colognes, scented lotions, etc. when coming to Advent. Thank you for your consideration!

Advent's next **Town Hall** meeting will take place after worship on September 27th, in person and online. Please plan to attend!

Camp Kuriakos is hosting a special general meeting on Sept. 26th at 4:00 pm and they would like us to send a congregational representative. Please consider volunteering for this position.

Lutheran Hospital Ministries: We are looking for volunteers to visit Calgary hospitals, hospices and long-term care centres. Our next training session is Sept 30th, Oct. 7th, and Oct. 14th from 6 to 9:30 pm at St. Matthew Lutheran Church upstairs in the Parish Hall. If you feel called, please contact Pastor Rekken at (587) 228-2597 or the office.

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 thanks to **Sarah M.** and to **Frank & Katharina S.** for our altar flowers in honour of their 25th anniversary 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**. Then press **483 597 7957** 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	Sept. 13, 2026	Sept. 20, 2026
Worship Presider	Pastor Aaron S.	John M.
Assisting Minister	Maya Y.	N/A
Communion Asst.	Sarah M.	N/A
Altar Guild	Dawn U.	Melodie M.
Lector	Laura Y.	Ray P.
Ushers	Harold & Connie Z.	Ken & Norma M.
Greeters	Gerry B.	Tom & Wendy B.
Sound/Zoom	Paul M. & Amanda J.	Volunteer & Geoff W.
Musician	Sorena C.	Joel C.
Offering Counters	Harold Z. & Karen H.	Bryce J. & Lindsay L.
Coffee Fellowship	Sarah M.	Potluck Lunch
Flowers	Sarah / Frank	Carol H.

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.