

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

August 10, 2025



Jesus says, "It is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom." It is God's promise from the beginning—to Abraham, to the early church, and to the "little flock" of which we are a part in today's assembly. Faith, God's baptismal gift, trusts the promises of God. Have no fear.

GATHERING

Welcome to Worship

ELW Service of the Word

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 (ELW p. 217)

L: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

♪ **Gathering Song**

"How Great Thou Art"

ELW 856

Apostolic Greeting (ELW p. 213)

♪ **Kyrie** (ELW p. 213)

♪ **Canticle of Praise**

Prayer of the Day:

L: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

L: Let us pray. Almighty God,

you sent your Holy Spirit to be the life and light of your church. Open our hearts to the riches of your grace, that we may be ready to receive you wherever you appear, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

WORD

FIRST READING: Genesis 15:1-6

¹ After these things the word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." ² But Abram said, "O Lord God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" ³ And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, so a slave born in my house is to be my heir." ⁴ But the word of the Lord came to him, "This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir." ⁵ He brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be." ⁶ And he believed the Lord, and the Lord reckoned it to him as righteousness.

L: Word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 33:12-22 (Spoken responsively by whole verse)

- ¹² Happy is the nation whose God is the Lord!
Happy the people chosen to be God's heritage!
- ¹³ **The Lord looks down from heaven,
and sees all humankind.**
- ¹⁴ God sits firmly enthroned and watches
all who dwell on the earth.
- ¹⁵ **God fashions all their hearts
and observes all their deeds.**
- ¹⁶ A king is not saved by the size of the army,
nor are warriors rescued by their great strength.
- ¹⁷ **The horse gives vain hope for victory;
despite its great strength it cannot save.**
- ¹⁸ Truly, your eye is upon those who fear you, O Lord,
upon those who wait for your steadfast love,
- ¹⁹ **to deliver their lives from death,
and to keep them alive in time of famine.**
- ²⁰ Our innermost being waits for you, O Lord,
our helper and our shield.
- ²¹ **Surely, our heart rejoices in you,**

for in your holy name we put our trust.

²² Let your lovingkindness, O Lord, be upon us,
even as we place our hope in you.

SECOND READING: Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

¹ Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. ² Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. ³ By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible.

⁸ By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance, and he set out, not knowing where he was going. ⁹ By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. ¹⁰ For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. ¹¹ By faith, with Sarah's involvement, he received power of procreation, even though he was too old, because he considered him faithful who had promised. ¹² Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, "as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore."

¹³ All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, ¹⁴ for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. ¹⁵ If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. ¹⁶ But as it is, they desire a better homeland, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

L: Word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

♪ **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** (ELW p. 216)

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 12th chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL: Luke 12:32-40

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON: Mike Plested

♪ **Hymn of the Day**

“Have No Fear, Little Flock”

ELW 764

Apostles’ Creed (ELW p. 217)

Children’s Message

Prayers of the People

L: God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

THANKSGIVING

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

Offertory Song

“For the Fruit of All Creation”

ELW 679

♪ **Canticle of Thanksgiving** (ELW p. 219)

Thanksgiving for the Word (ELW p. 220)

Response: (3x)

L: For your Word of life, O God,

C: we give you thanks and praise.

Lord’s Prayer

SENDING

Announcements

Blessing (ELW p. 221)

L: The God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus.

C: Amen.

L: The God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

L: The God of all grace ☩ bless you now and forever.

C: Amen.

♪ **Sending Song**

“Lord of All Hopefulness”

ELW 765

Dismissal:

L: Go in peace. Live by the Spirit.

C: Thanks be to God.

Worship Statistics

Sunday, August 3rd, 10:00 am Attendance:
In Person~53, Online~19, Sunday School~ N/A

Advent Offerings

(July 25, 2025, Year to Date)

Current Fund: \$107,270.70

Basically Babies: \$456.25

Blessing Bags: \$1450.00

Campus Ministry: \$250.00

CLWR: \$1465.00

Confirmation Retreat: \$140.00

Food Bank: \$70.00

SWARM: \$680.00

Tech Committee: \$1000.00

Youth: \$4191.67

Prayers for the Wider Church

- for Bishop Trish Schmermund, and for our synod staff, rostered ministers, and people of the Synod of Alberta and the Territories
- for the West Central Area Leadership Team, rostered ministers, and people of the West Central Area
- for the pastors and chaplains of health care institutions, correctional institutions, and other specialized ministries
- for our synod candidates for ministry
- for Bethesda Lutheran, New Norway, and St. John Lutheran, New Sarepta
- for New Life Congregation, La Alambra, Bogota, Colombia
- for Lutheran ethnic ministries and their pastors, leaders, and people
- the pastors and people of the Lutheran Churches of South Africa
- for the Right Rev. David Parsons, Anglican Bishop of the Arctic; for the Suffragan Bishops Right Rev. Annie Ittoshat, Right Rev. Lucy Netser, and Right Rev. Joey Royal; and for the staff, priests, and people of the Anglican Diocese of the Arctic
- for the World Council of Churches, its President, General Secretary, and staff

ACC: The Rt. Rev. Helen Kennedy, Bishop, and the clergy and people of the Diocese of Qu'Appelle

ELCIC: The dean, council, and congregations of the Northern Area of the Synod of Alberta and the Territories

MOR: Remembering August 13 – in 1727, this was the day when the young community in Herrnhut, Germany, nearly torn apart by internal theological conflict, was bonded together by the power of the Holy Spirit. Some call it our Moravian “Pentecost.”

Weekly Announcements

Get ready for an exciting adventure at Advent's **Camp Firelight VBS**, happening **August 11–15!** Kids will explore Bible stories, crafts, music, games, and more while learning to trust God in every situation. *Please stay after church today and help finish decorating the building.* Thanks!

VBS Needs Your Help! We are looking for volunteers (individuals or ministry groups) to provide lunches for Vacation Bible School next week. If you would like to help, please contact Sage or the Church Office. Thank you for your support!

Nametags: The much-anticipated nametags have arrived! If you have a mailbox, they have been placed there. If you don't, Karin has them in the office for you to pick up. Thank you!

The Care Committee: is meeting next Thursday at 2:00 pm here at Advent.

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 10, 2025	August 17, 2025
Worship Presider	Mike P.	Pastor Aaron Sc.
Assisting Minister	N/A	John M.
Communion Asst.	No communion	Bruce M.
Altar Guild	Jo Anne P.	Evelyn S.
Lector	Mark H.	Heidi S.
Ushers	Phil F. & Karin J.	
Greeters	Gerry B.	Colin & Sheila B.
Sound/Zoom	Paul M. & John M.	Greg W. & Amanda J.
Musician	Marla M.	Sorena C.
Offering Counters	Lindsay & Bryce J.	Karen M. & Sheila B.
Coffee Fellowship	Volunteer Needed	Potluck Lunch
Flowers		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.