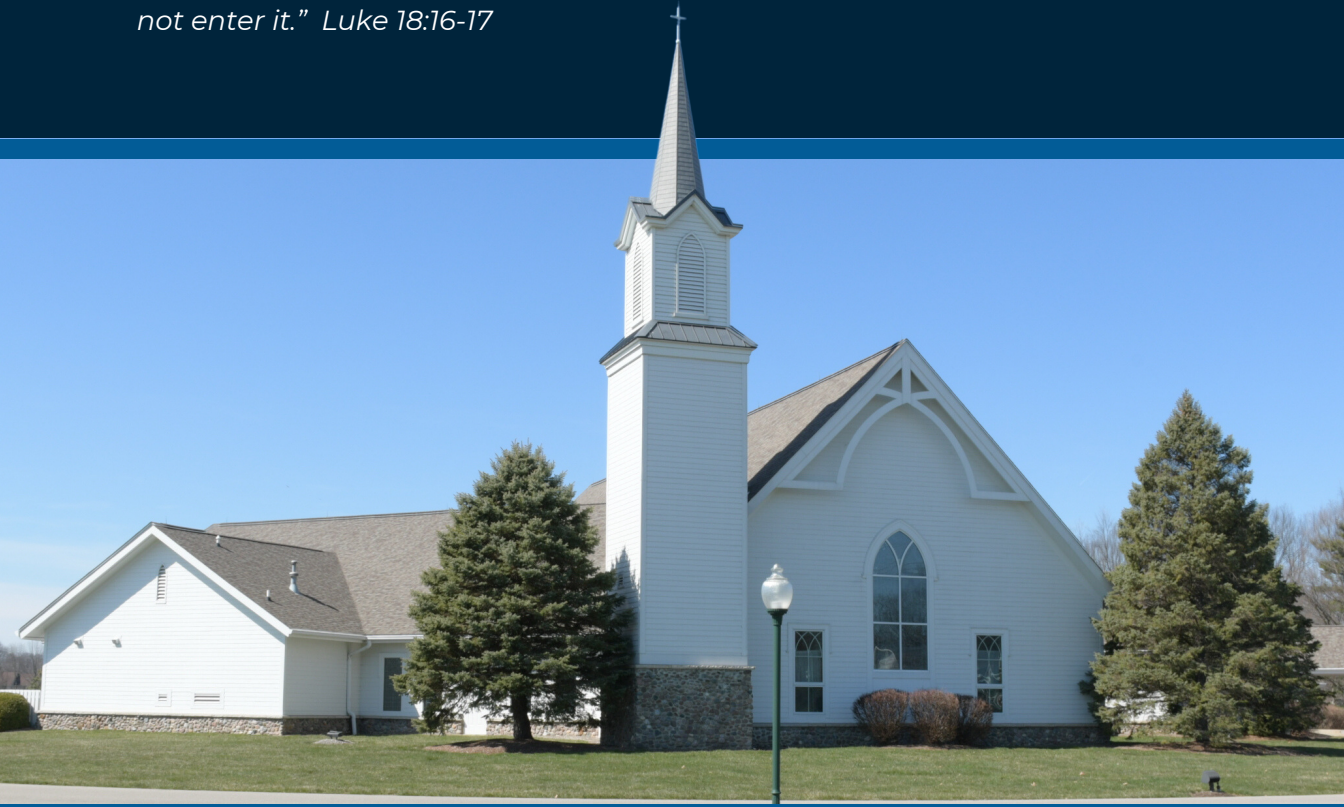


PHASE III BUILDING EXPANSION

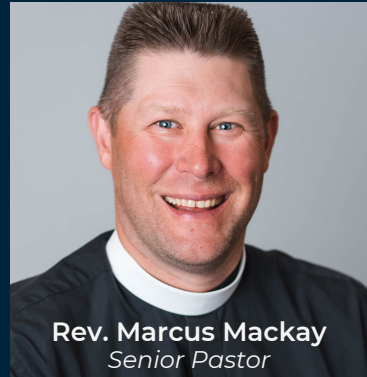


Jesus said, **“Let the children come** to me, and do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of God. Truly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a child shall not enter it.” Luke 18:16-17



A MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTORS

Our Church & School is aptly named. **Advent** means “to come”. God’s promise to rescue and redeem the world finds its fulfillment in the “Advent” of the Christ, His Son, our Lord Jesus. He comes to fulfill God’s Law and demand for holiness. He comes as a man to bear the punishment for the sin of all mankind. He is the Lamb of God who takes away our sin! He comes to us still today in Word and Sacrament as we gather for His Divine Service each Sunday.



Rev. Marcus Mackay
Senior Pastor

And He especially asks that we “**let the children come.**” This is the theme of our historic **Capital Campaign** to raise money and build **Phase III** for our church and school. Christ has come and we are freely justified before God by His grace. What joy and freedom we have as those redeemed & forgiven! Here at Advent, God has worked powerfully through the pure teaching of His Word and the right administration of His Sacraments. We have grown and are now in need of additional classroom and fellowship space. Read through this booklet and prayerfully consider making a **commitment**: to continue to **receive** the Lord’s gifts in the Divine Service, to **pray**, to **volunteer** and to financially **give** as you have been given to. Let us be as God’s children, **let the children come.** Bless our task dear Lord!

The mission of Advent Lutheran Classical School is to train the heart, mind, and habits of a child for undivided loyalty to our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.



Rev. Aaron Schultz
Headmaster & Assoc. Pastor

This is achieved through exceptional education in the liberal arts tradition and Lutheran catechesis. Lord willing, this school will not only serve our children, but our children’s children, and beyond. It will stand as a beacon for others to see and to follow. This Phase III Building Expansion helps us to continue this mission and to serve coming generations of children. Our most humble gratitude for your support. **Thanks be to God!**

LET THE CHILDREN COME

LUKE 18:16

On October 22, 1992 a small but mighty band of Lutheran Christians met in Zionsville to discuss forming a church. A part of the devotion included the words given to St. Paul in a vision at Corinth, Acts 18: *“Do not be afraid, keep on speaking, do not be silent. For I am with you, and no one is going to attach and harm you, for I HAVE MANY PEOPLE IN THIS CITY.”*

One year later, in the early winter of 1993, Advent Evangelical Lutheran Church was formed and incorporated by 117 brave and faithful souls who earnestly desired the Lord’s gifts of Word and Sacrament. Advent has grown exponentially in the last 30 years!

Let the children come says our Lord. Let them come to hear His Word and thus receive faith. . . let them come to be baptized. . . let them come to be catechized, that they may feast at His Supper. . . let them come to grow in the wisdom and knowledge of the Lord. . . let them come to be joined in Holy Matrimony. . . let them come to bring their own children. . . let them come to finally rest from their labors. . . Let the children come.

-Pastor Mackay, Senior Pastor

As Chairman of Advent and Director of the Capital Campaign, ‘Let the Children Come’, I can see most of the activities from our staff and membership. I am amazed at the response of the members at Advent to respond to the gifts that God has granted to us in Word and Sacrament. Recently, we have endeavored to expand our school offering to include elementary grades. In the last two years God has blessed us with Pastor and Headmaster Schultz, new teachers, and children to instruct. Through several voters and informational meetings, the membership at Advent has been strongly supportive of this growth. Now we need more space for the growth of our school and to support the other activities of Advent. May we all consider the love of our neighbor, the children within our community, in responding to the gifts God has granted to us.

-Monte Weimer, Chairman and Campaign Director

“Christians can do no better work and do nothing more valuable either for God, for Christendom, for all the world, for themselves, and for their children than to bring up their children well.” - Martin Luther

GROWTH OF OUR CHURCH & SCHOOL

CHURCH EXPANSION

In the last five years, attendance at Advent has grown by almost 20%, offerings increased and we have been debt-free for the last three years. Advent called Dr. Jennifer Siukola as Deaconess to help care for the young and old alike. The addition of groups like “55+”, “Young Professionals”, “Men’s Night” and “Ladies’ Night” have been a blessing. Mrs. Kim Knickerbocker, a part-time professional accountant, was hired to ensure good management and financial oversight.

With this growth comes a need for additional space for Sunday School, Youth and Fellowship Events. While our beautiful Fellowship Hall and current classrooms have served us well, we are simply out of space as a growing congregation. Phase III was initially planned in 1999 as the next step in providing additional classrooms and a gymnasium, not just for school use, but also for large events and activities for the church.

SCHOOL EXPANSION

After over 20 successful years of Early Childhood Education, Advent voted to start a School and called Rev. Aaron Schultz as Headmaster and Associate Pastor. In the Fall of 2022 we began offering 1st-2nd grades. Mrs. Katie Schultz was hired to serve as Advancement Coordinator for our new Classical School. In the Summer of 2023, Advent voted unanimously to start a Capital Campaign for Phase III Building Expansion. In the Fall of 2023 we began offering 3rd-6th grades after calling Ms. Elizabeth Paul to teach and 3rd-4th grades and hiring Mrs. Jena Mackay to teach 5th-6th grades.

The support for our School Expansion has been overwhelming with over \$500k given (beyond normal offerings) to support the initial startup cost of staff and school supplies. Thanks be to God!

We will run out of available classroom space in the next two years, so **Phase III** is now a blessed necessity!

Will you help “Let the Children Come?”



HOW CAN I HELP?

COMMIT

commit to receive
God's gifts offered in
Word and Sacrament

*Let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. **Let us hold fast** the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful. And **let us consider** how to stir up one another to love and good works, **not neglecting to meet together**, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.*

-Hebrews 10:22-25

PRAY

pray regularly for our
church and school

Therefore I tell you, whatever you ask in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours. -Mark 11:24

VOLUNTEER

volunteer regularly in
support of Advent

And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ. -Philippians 1:6

GIVE

give financially above
regular offerings

Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. -2 Corinthians 9:7

OUR PROJECT PLAN



PHASE III BUILDING EXPANSION

We are blessed with almost 20 acres of land in an accessible location. Most of our property is in Zionsville with frontage in Carmel. The land, Phase I and II have been completed and paid in full.

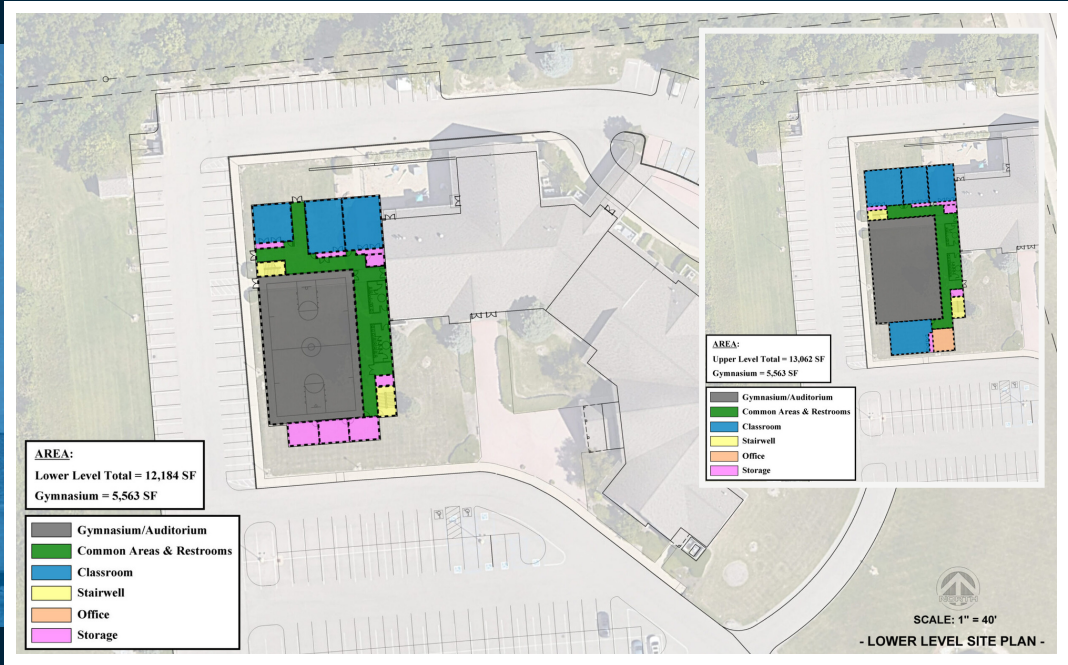
Phase III is an approximately 30,000 sq/ft addition to the west of Phase II. It is being designed to include:

- 8 new classrooms and/or offices
- Auditorium/Gymnasium (activity, events, fellowship)
- Bathrooms
- Stage/Areas for Performance & Practice (athletics, music, events)

PROJECT COST

PHASE III

\$ 7,000,000
APPROXIMATE



WHAT WE WILL BUILD



OUR FINANCIAL PLAN

As with all building and construction, costs can vary throughout the year and according to unforeseen change orders and circumstances. Advent's Building Committee has been working diligently behind the scenes and has secured estimates between \$200 - \$250 psf.

It should also be noted that the layout and dimensions of the plans shown will most likely change in various ways.

Once this Campaign concludes and we know how much we have raised in commitments, Advent will officially meet to decide how much to build and/or borrow!

FUNDING PLAN

IF we do not raise the entirety of our \$7,000,000 goal, Advent leadership believes that we should NOT borrow more than 50% of the total cost. Current interest rates from our own Lutheran Church Extension Fund (LCEF) are between 4.87 - 5.25%.

At the conclusion of the Campaign, a Voters' Meeting will be called to decide the most appropriate funding means and model.

FUNDING & BUILDING TIMELINE

Dec 2023

Donations start to come in!!

Jan/Feb 2024

Voters' Meeting to Construct

Summer 2024

Groundbreaking! Construction begins

Summer 2025

Doors of Phase III open!

Dec 2026

Capital Campaign Concludes!

CAMPAIGN CALENDAR

OCTOBER 8

LAUNCH DAY

NOVEMBER 1

PRAYER EVENT

NOVEMBER 16

COMMITMENT BANQUET

The Bluffs at Conner Prairie

DECEMBER 3

COMMITMENT CELEBRATION

Advent Fellowship Hall

DECEMBER 24

FIRST GIFT SUNDAY

DECEMBER 25

FIRST GIFT MONDAY

INFORMATION FORUM EVENTS

FORUM 1
Sunday Bible Study

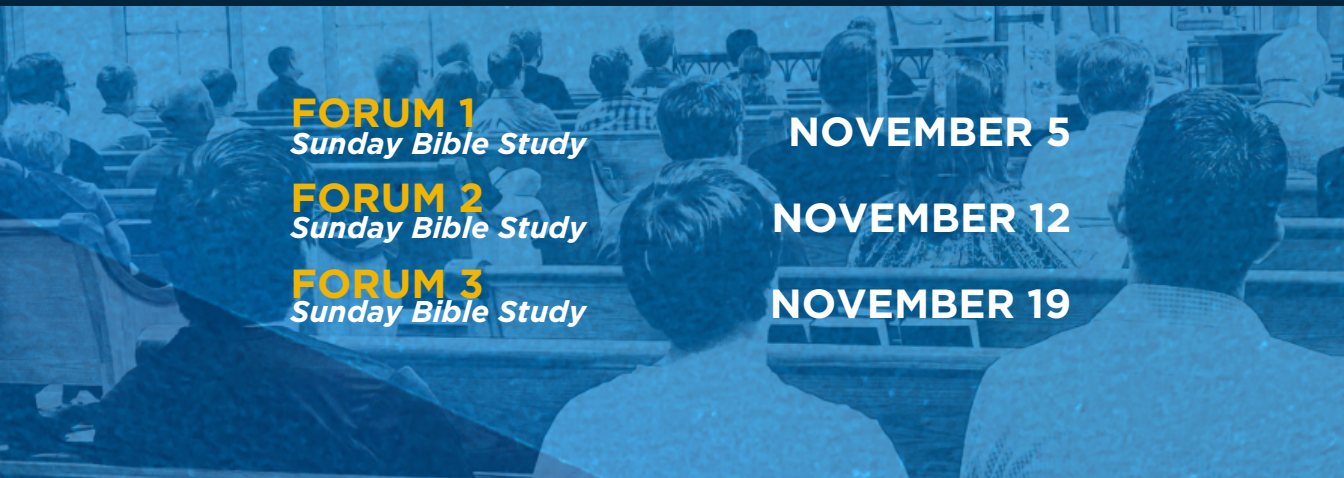
FORUM 2
Sunday Bible Study

FORUM 3
Sunday Bible Study

NOVEMBER 5

NOVEMBER 12

NOVEMBER 19



THE HISTORY OF ADVENT

APR. 11, 1993

The first worship of the then "Zionsville Lutheran Church", was held at Somer Conference Center, 11707 North Michigan Road, on Easter Sunday, April 11, 1993, with an attendance of 137. Later the church was re-named Advent Evangelical Lutheran Church in January of 1995.



The congregation became eligible for membership in The (LC-MS) Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod with the acceptance of its constitution by the Indiana District Board of Directors on September 18, 1993.

After months of negotiations, a final agreement was reached between the church and the property owners for the purchase

of Bennett Family Farms and a groundbreaking ceremony was held at the church site on August 27, 1995. The congregation intended to hold its first service in the new church on Sunday, May 18th. However, the actual first service occurred on May 17th with a funeral service. It was a service of joy and thanksgiving... Joy in the knowledge of his forgiveness through faith in Christ and thanksgiving for his joys in life everlasting.

AUG. 27, 1995

PHASE I

The first phase of building Advent occurred in 1995, with a ground breaking ceremony on August 27, 1995. Phase I of our history included building the Narthex, Sanctuary, Library, two classrooms & offices.

PHASE II

After 4 years, Advent recognized a need for an Early Childhood Program (preschool & 1/2 day kindergarten). The church had also grown and needed additional space for Sunday School, Youth, Bible Classes and Fellowship events. Groundbreaking occurred in 1999.



SEP. 19, 1999

Phase II included a beautiful Fellowship Hall, Offices, nine classrooms and a small gathering space. Registration for our new Preschool began in 2000, the same year this new space was dedicated.

For almost 30 years these spaces have served Advent in a most wondrous way. Many children from our Church and Community have come through our doors for Preschool, Kindergarten, Sunday School and Youth activities. Our Fellowship Hall has provided for Bible Classes, Banquets, Receptions, Conferences and even indoor play space!

But we have run out of room and are in need of more classrooms and a gymnasium! **Will you help be a part of historic Phase III?**

**“If we want to help Christendom,
we most certainly have to start with the children.”**

- Martin Luther

OUR GOALS



OUR PRIMARY GOAL IS 100% ENGAGEMENT

We hope every member of Advent **engages in prayer, giving, and/or volunteering** their time and talents to support our upcoming Phase III Building Expansion.

OUR FINANCIAL GOAL


Our Financial Goal is to raise at least **\$3,500,000 above our normal** giving within 3 years time.

By reaching these goals we will be able to expand our building to afford more classrooms, additional learning spaces, a gymnasium, and more room to host fun fellowship events among our members and families



COMMITMENT CARDS

Each household will be given a **commitment card**, please take the time to prayerfully consider in which areas you can help. These we ask be turned in at either our Commitment Banquet on Nov. 16th or the Celebration Event on Dec. 3rd.



COMMITMENT CARD

Envelope #: _____ Email: _____
 Name: _____ Phone: _____

I/We checked the box(es) to commit to any/all of the following during the Three-year Phase III Capital Campaign:

I/We commit to **receive** God's gifts offered in Word and Sacrament.

I/We commit to **pray** regularly for Advent Church and School

I/We commit to **volunteer** regularly in support of Advent.

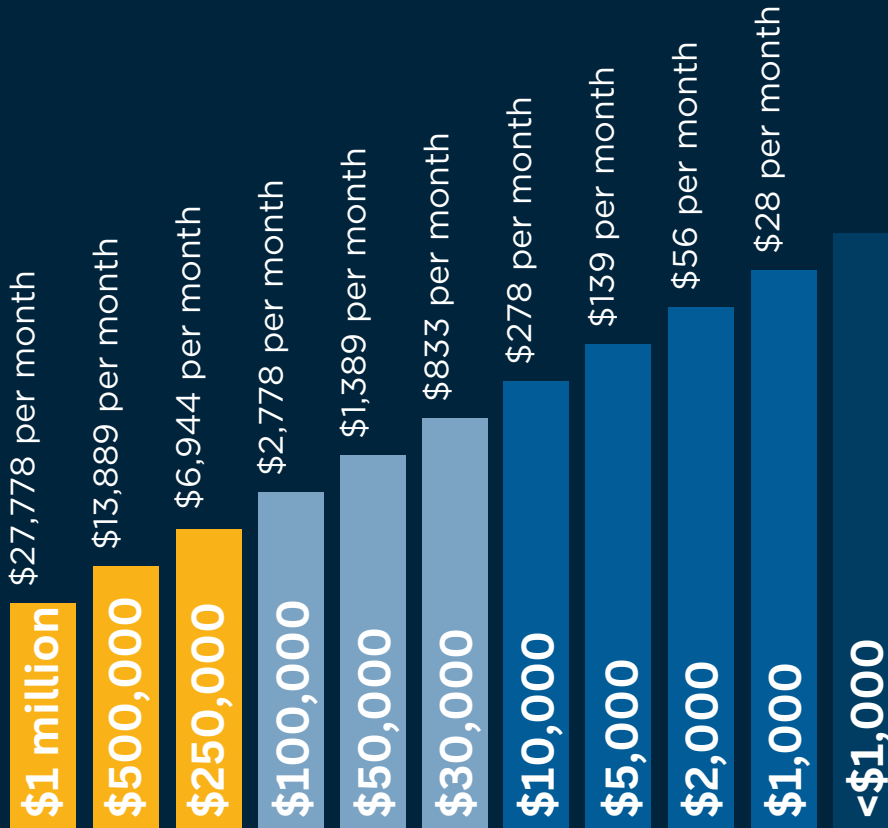
I/We Commit to **give** financially for the campaign *above regular offerings*

Commitment cards and financial statements are for members of Advent's Financial Team. Call us at 509-872-8788 or email us at advent@adventchurchofseattle.org for more information or with any questions.

**FIRST GIFTS:
DECEMBER 24TH & 25TH**

Total Commitment: \$ _____
(Total over 3 years)

PRAYERFULLY CONSIDER YOUR FINANCIAL COMMITMENT



We are asking you to prayerfully and joyfully make a financial commitment to our “Let the Children Come” Phase III Capital Campaign. Your financial commitment will be spread over three years. You choose your contribution schedule (weekly, monthly, annual, etc.). Your commitment should be **over and above your regular offerings**.

Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. -2 Corinthians 9:7

WHY ARE WE BUILDING?



“Spare yourself neither money nor expense,
neither trouble nor effort,
for your children are the churches.”

- Martin Luther

Why we are building a private Lutheran school and asking you to support it!

Education is not morally neutral. Education at Advent Lutheran School both forms and catechizes the child for a life of service to his family, the Church and his neighbor. We believe that one of the chief vocations of parents is to train their children up in the fear and admonition of the Lord. The vocation of parents in forming their children and training them in the faith is fully supported by a classical Lutheran educational framework. The classroom mirrors the home where children learn to pray, learn to sing the hymnody, read the scriptures. A classical Lutheran education firmly roots children in the true, the good and the beautiful where children can freely serve and live out their vocation. Their daily life and learning is grounded in objective Truth, academic rigor, integrity and excellence. Christian teachers and friends who have been saved by the Gospel and the waters of Holy Baptism are the norm instead of the exception.

In contrast, postmodern constructivist progressive education determines what is in the best interest of the child and expects the parents to leave decisions concerning education to the school. They are expected to blindly support the pedagogical framework adopted by individual teachers and the local school district. This framework is neither ethically or spiritually neutral. In most instances, it is antithetical to a Christian worldview, authority and ordered governance. The conscience of the Christian child is often burdened by fear of reprisal to openly speak against sin. He is inundated with messaging from his coursework, classroom, classmates, teachers and administrators that what is sinful is actually good and must not just be tolerated, but accepted and celebrated. This is the norm and practice of the everyday life of many students. It is a struggle to find Christian friends and teachers.

Raising children is a blessed task. What a joy it is to walk along side parents, teachers and administrators that share the desire to focus education on Christian character formation, a strong liberal arts curriculum and a rich academic environment that encourages subject mastery and inspires a genuine love of learning. Classical education in a Christian setting supports parents and equips the children to live out their vocations in a God-pleasing way.

At Advent Lutheran Lutheran School, students are cultivated in wisdom, eloquence, and virtue. Our Lord is the Fount of all worthwhile knowledge, and this understanding permeates everything we do in and out of the classroom. We are the inheritors of a rich and wonderful tradition, our Western Civilization. The Western Civilization is a body of ideals and values, from the cultures of Athens, Rome, and Jerusalem, transformed and completed by Christianity. We look outside ourselves to examine, admire, and imitate the best of what our Western Civilization has to offer - in art, literature, history, mathematics, and in all other disciplines. Let them be so well instructed with a liberal arts education illuminated by the Scriptures that our task is made evermore joyful.

OUR INVITATION FOR YOU

God has richly blessed us here at Advent Lutheran Church and School.
We invite you to join us and *“Let the Children Come!”*

- **COMMIT** to receive God's gifts offered in Word and Sacrament
- **PRAY** regularly for our church and school
- **VOLUNTEER** regularly in support of Advent
- **GIVE** financially above regular offerings

Let the Children Come, as we grow the facilities for our church and school! May God bless our efforts!

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