

Advent Lutheran Church  
York, Pennsylvania



*“My Lord and my God!”*

**Advent Lutheran Church  
Second Sunday of Easter**

April 8, 2018

8:30 and 11:00 a.m.

Prelude *(Please silence all cell phones)*

*"You Are Mine"  
"Here I Am, Lord"*

arr. Mark Hayes  
arr. Mark Hayes

Pastoral Greetings and Announcements

\* Easter Acclamation

P: Christ is Risen!

***C: He is Risen Indeed! Alleluia!***

**Gathering**

\* Entrance Hymn, #367

*"Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds"*

\* Greeting

P: Alleluia! Christ is Risen!

***C: He is Risen indeed! Alleluia!***

P: This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia!

\* Hymn of Praise

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*"This is the Feast..."*

\* Prayer of the Day

P: The Lord be with you.

***C: And also with you.***

P: Let us pray...through Jesus Christ, Our Lord.

***C: Amen.***

***\*Please stand if able.***

## Word

L: A Reading from Acts.

Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need. (*Acts 4:32-35*)

L: The Word of the Lord.

***C: Thanks be to God.***

L: A Reading from First John.

We declare to you what was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life—this life was revealed, and we have seen it and testify to it, and declare to you the eternal life that was with the Father and was revealed to us—we declare to you what we have seen and heard so that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. We are writing these things so that our joy may be complete. This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all. If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; but if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us. My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world. (*1 John 1:1-2:2*)

L: The Word of the Lord.

***C: Thanks be to God.***

***C: Alleluia, Lord to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia, Alleluia.***

P: The Holy Gospel According to St John.

***C: Glory to you, O Lord.***

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe." A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe." Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name. (*John 20:19-31*)

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

***C: Praise to you, O Christ.***

## Sermon

Pastor Steve Shipman

- \* Hymn #385

*“Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing!”*

- \* Nicene Creed

P: With the whole church, let us confess our faith...

- \* Prayers of the Church

P: ...Lord, in your mercy.

**C: Hear our prayer.**

- \* The Peace is Shared.

## Meal

- \* Offering

Offertory Solo

*“Praise the Lord! Ye Heavens, Adore Him”*

arr. Patti Drennan

William Boyer, *vocalist*; Frederick Meads, *piano*

- \* Congregational Offertory

Hymn #182

*“Let the Vineyards...”*

- \* Offertory Prayer for Gifts

P: Let us pray: God of Glory...Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

- \* Great Thanksgiving

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- \* Eucharistic Prayer

- \* Lord’s Prayer (*Traditional Form*)

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- \* Distribution

P: Come and receive the gifts of God for the people of God.

(Please sing *“Lamb of God”* p. 146, *“Eat This Bread”*  
and conclude with *“Jesus Remember Me”*, Hymn #616)

## ***“Eat This Bread”***

*The refrain will be sung by the cantor, repeated by the congregation and sung after each verse.*

I am the bread of life, the true bread sent from the Father...

***C: Eat this bread...***

Your ancestors ate manna in the desert, but this is the bread come down from heaven...

***C: Eat this bread...***

Eat my flesh and drink my blood, and I will raise up on the last day...

***C: Eat this bread...***

Anyone who eats this bread, will live forever...

***C: Eat this bread...***

If you believe and eat this bread, you will have eternal life...

***C: Eat this bread...***

\* Blessing

P: The body and blood...keep you in his grace.

**C: Amen.**

\* *"Thankful Hearts and Voices Raise"*

Hymn, #204

\* Post-Communion Prayer

P: ...through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

## **Sending**

\* Benediction

\* Recessional Hymn, #361

*"The Day of Resurrection!"*

\* Dismissal

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

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### ***Evangelism Tip for the Month of April***

*Sometimes when you think you've been buried,  
you've actually been planted.*

**BLOOM.**

## AN INVITATION

Believing that the Christ who is truly present in this Holy Sacrament is Lord of His Church and this Supper, and this same Lord Christ calls all believers to “take and eat . . . ,” WE INVITE THE BAPTIZED OF ALL CHRISTIAN CHURCHES who seek to commune with the crucified and risen Lord to participate in this Holy meal.

### DIRECTIONS FOR COMMUNION BY INTINCTION

Intinction is the Eucharistic practice of partly dipping the consecrated bread, or *host*, into the consecrated wine before consumption by the communicant. Please fill out a Communion Record Card and give it to the Usher as you are invited to come forward. Stand to receive the Elements. Adults not receiving communion, as well as young children who have not yet celebrated their first Communion, are encouraged to come forward to receive a blessing. To commune: After you have received the wafer from the Pastor or Assistant to the Pastor on your side of the church, please walk to the communion server. Dip your wafer into the chalice. Only wine will be offered. After you have communed, return to your pew by the side aisle. If you do not want to receive wine, simply consume the bread. A Church teaching (since the 15<sup>th</sup> Century) called the Doctrine of Concomitance maintains that Christ’s presence is imbued wholly in both the bread and wine sacraments of the Eucharist, such that consuming only one or the other suffices for Holy Communion

***WE WELCOME THOSE*** who are visitors with us today. We wish to share with you every element of our congregation’s life. Please sign a Visitor’s Card and give it to an usher. If you are interested in having the Pastor call or in becoming a member of Advent, please check the appropriate box.

***THE ALTAR FLOWERS ARE PRESENTED*** to the glory of God and in loving memory of my husband, Charles Bowen, *by Ruth Bowen.*

***TODAY WE WELCOME PASTOR STEVE SHIPMAN*** while Pastor Biles is away. Pastor Shipman is a native of Sunbury, graduate of Susquehanna University, Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago, and the Gettysburg Lutheran Seminary. He has been ordained since 1973 and has served a number of congregations in Pennsylvania and was also Director of the Lutheran Coalition for Renewal. He and his wife, Linda, are members of St. Peter’s in York, although they rarely get there because of supply preaching in many places. They are the parents of two adult children, Eric who is a teacher in the South Western District near Hanover, and Norah who lives with her husband (also an Eric) in Manassas, Virginia and is a 911 dispatcher.

***PASTOR BILES IS AWAY FROM THE OFFICE*** and will return Thursday, April 12. He may be contacted by email (danbiles@pa.net) or cellphone (968.7741). Pr. Paula Murray or Pr. Steve Shipman can handle any pastoral emergencies. Pr. Murray can be contacted at smotly@comcast.net or at 717.235.1472; Pr. Shipman at prsteveshipman@gmail.com.

**DONATIONS FOR THE FAMILY OF IVAN FLANSCHA** - Advent will receive donations for the Flanscha family after their recent loss. The funds will be collected for educational support for the children. Members can make checks payable to Advent Lutheran Church marked "Flanscha Family" on the memo line. There is also a "GoFundMe" site, though funds sent to this site are split between the four families who suffered injury or loss. Any questions please contact Erika Dubs.

**YOUTH NEWS** – The following is the schedule for Youth Group Events for this month. Remember youth group events are open to students from 6<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grade and we encourage you to bring friends. If you plan to attend an event/meeting let Paula know (in the Facebook group or at Paula.Rineer@yahoo.com) so she can prepare properly. Join us to grow in faith and fellowship.

- **Sunday April 15, 6:00-8:30 pm – Youth Group Meeting – Games and Dessert** – Come already having eaten dinner and we will spend the evening playing games – some planned and some of your choosing. We also will be having ice cream sundaes and other munchies.
- **Sunday April 29, 12:30-4:00 pm – Youth Group Lunch and Outing** – We will start with lunch at church and then head to York Area Ice Rink to go skating during their free skate to make up for not being able to skate last month. Parents please pick up your child at the ice rink at 4:00pm.

**“PUTTING CHILDREN FIRST” – APRIL IS CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH** - Advent's Good Neighbor Evangelists have assembled a display of pinwheels on the Oxford Street side. There is a pinwheel placed symbolizing each Advent youth, age - birth to 12<sup>th</sup> grade, indicating our commitment to always putting children first in everything we do on a daily basis. *Why pinwheels?* Pinwheels can represent childhood innocence, unseen energy, wish fulfillment and transformation. Interactions with pinwheels can be described as whimsical, carefree, innocent, happy and playful. What childhood memories do you have of pinwheels?

**LADIES BREAKFAST & BLESSINGS BUNCH** will hold their April gathering at Coffee, Tea & Thee for lunch on **Friday, April 27, at 11:30**. Meet in the church parking lot by 11:00 to carpool. We need a final count by **Monday, April 23**. Contact Cathy Schneider 717.755.1231 to sign up or for more details.

**ALTAR FLOWER OPENINGS** – The year provides opportunities for giving altar flowers. Current open dates are July 1, July 22, July 29, September 16, and December 30. If you would like to give toward this ministry, please contact Kim Yinger at 717.225.2475.

**MOTHER'S DAY FLOWERS** - Members of the congregation are invited to order geraniums as a tribute or memorial to their mother or a special loved one. The geraniums will be used to decorate the church for worship on Mother's Day. A percentage of each geranium purchased will be donated to the American Cancer Society. See the insert for details. ***The deadline to order is Sunday, April 29<sup>th</sup>.***

**ADAMS COUNTY BUS TRIP - Saturday, April 28** – The bus trip is full at this time. You may add your name to a waitlist in case there are any cancellations.

**ADVENT CRAFTERS - SUNDAY, MAY 6, 2 to 5** in the Gathering Area at Advent. Create a Wood Plaque with Hilarie Bohdel. Participants will be able to select the size and design they would like to create. Mother's Day themes available. See the April Newsletter for full details and registration forms or pick up a flyer at the table under the bulletin board in the Gathering Area. If you cannot make the event, not to worry, your sign will be painted for you. **Registration must be received by April 29** to allow time for material prep. If you have questions, call or text Hilarie at 717.814.7002

**IMMIGRATION & THE CHURCH IN HUNGARY & SLOVAKIA - Tuesday, May 8 - 7:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall** - Vicar Wicky Barnes, III and Seminarian Kristen Wall will present a program on their Multi-Cultural Trip to Hungary and Slovakia. The purpose of the venture was to meet with clergy, locals, and immigrants on how the Church is responding to immigration in those places. Join us on May 8<sup>th</sup> to hear more about their experience. Light refreshments will be served. This event is open to the public. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board outside the kitchen.

**SOUP ANGELS** ministry is coordinated by The Ladies Breakfast & Blessings Bunch. Containers of frozen soup marked "Soup Angels" are available in the freezer in the church kitchen. Advent members are invited to take soup for those in need. We only ask that you check with people first to see if they want the soup and that it suits their dietary needs and restrictions. If you notice the soup is running low or if you know of someone who would like soup but you can't deliver it, please let Lisa Deeter know by calling 717.650.6300.

**WORSHIP AND YOUNG CHILDREN** - Children grow in faith and learning by seeing, hearing, and participating in worship. Therefore, it is recommended that parents take their children with them and involve them in worship as soon as possible. To support this growth and learning, soft-covered books, worship bags of quiet activities, and children's bulletins are available by seeing one of the ushers.

*For families whose children may become restless,* you may take them to the Gathering Area and still be able to enjoy the service as the audio is played there as well.

***Families are reminded to come back into Fellowship Hall to receive Holy Communion and blessings for their children.***

As needed, childcare for youngsters from birth through three years old is available in our Church nursery on Sundays from 8:15 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. for parents who participate in Worship and Sunday School. This nursery is staffed by trained personnel and is located on the lower level. See an usher for directions.



**Attendance Records**

	<b>Last Week</b>	<b>Last Year</b>
Church	421	510

**Last Week's Fund Offerings**

	<b>2018</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2016</b>
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<b>Current</b>			
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Weekly Offering Needed to Meet Budget	\$ 9,376		
Weekly Offering Received	\$ 15,471	\$ 8,747	\$ 11,053
Total Offering Needed Year-To-Date	\$121,888		
Total Offering Received Year-To-Date	\$102,322	\$112,691	\$122,159
<b>Benevolence</b>			
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Weekly Offering Needed to Meet Budget	\$ 1,423		
Weekly Offering Received	\$ 1,914	\$ 2,084	\$ 1,381
Total Offering Needed Year-To-Date	\$ 18,499		
Total Offering Received Year-To-Date	\$ 17,273	\$ 20,119	\$ 19,454

## ***Mother's Day Flowers***



On Mother's Day, May 13, we would like to decorate the worship area with geraniums. The florist will be providing a variety of colors, red, pink, and white, etc., but unable to accept individual orders for specific colors. Members of our congregation are invited to place one or more geraniums in church that Sunday as a tribute or memorial to your mother or a special loved one. Our final order must reach the florist two weeks prior to

Mother's Day, therefore,

**All orders must be placed by Sunday, April 29<sup>th</sup>.**

Use the order form below to place your order. Please put completed order form and money in an envelope and place in the offering plate or drop off in the church office. Checks should be made payable to the church, cost is \$5.50 each.

Indicate whether the announcement is:

IN MEMORY OF                      or                      IN HONOR OF

I desire the announcement to read as follows:

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by \_\_\_\_\_



***Flowers may be picked up following the worship services  
on Mother's Day, May 13<sup>th</sup>.***

NUMBER OF PLANTS @ \$5.50 each \_\_\_\_\_

PAYMENT ENCLOSED: \_\_\_\_\_

**(Please note:** To show our continued support, the American Cancer Society will receive a percentage of each geranium purchased for our Mother's Day celebration).

## **Serving Our Lord and Church Today**

### **Acolyte/Crucifer**

8:30 Nicholas Keller    11:00 Jared Freedline

### **Lector**

8:30 Dan Dull    11:00 Annabelle Wenzke

### **Cantor**

Paula Rineer

### **Communion Assistants**

8:30 Dan Ross, Patti Baughman

11:00 Stephen Tome, Margie Benda

### **Assistant to Pastor**

8:30 Pat Breneman    11:00 Cindy Crowley

### **Altar Guild**

8:30 Charles & Susan Martin, Paula Rineer

11:00 Don Dubs, Mark & Anne Zerbe

### **Flower Delivery**

Clarence & Brenda Bolinger

### **Lay Hospital Visitation**

Kim Sprenkle

### **Ushers**

8:30 Greg & Drena Kinghorn (H), Dan & Patti Dull, Nancy Jones,  
Tom & Karen Powers, Connie Gardner

11:00 Rodger & Delores Koons (H), Teddie Waltermyer,  
William Smith, Pam Rice, Emily Fleischer

### **Coffee Social**

8:30 Connie & Ed Billet, Gary & Carol Hensel

11:00 Teddie Waltermyer, Connie Kefalas, Joy Sayers, Barb Crawford

### **Tidy-Up Worship Area**

Melinda Pugsley

## THIS WEEK AT ADVENT

Today	8:30 & 11:00 a.m.	Worship Service – <i>Fellowship Hall</i>
	9:30 a.m.	Cherub Choir Rehearsal
	9:45 a.m.	Sunday School
	Noon	Junior Choir Rehearsal
		NO Fair Trade
Monday	9:00 a.m.	Joy in the Morning – <i>Evie Kauffman Residence</i>
	1:00 p.m.	Circle of Love – <i>Gathering Area</i>
	6:00 p.m.	Quilting Ministry – <i>Conference Room</i>
Tuesday		NO Bible Study
Wednesday	7:00 p.m.	Chapel/Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Thursday		NO Prayer Team
Saturday	8:00 a.m.	Men’s Bible Study

## COMING EVENTS

April 15	8:30 & 11:00 a.m.	Worship Services – <i>Fellowship Hall</i>
	9:30 a.m.	Cherub Choir Rehearsal
	9:45 a.m.	Sunday School
	11:00 a.m.	Library Club
	Noon	Junior Choir Rehearsal
	12:20 p.m.	Good Neighbor Evangelists – <i>Office</i>
	6:00 p.m.	Prayers & Stitches – <i>Gathering Area</i>
	6:00 p.m.	Youth Group – <i>3<sup>rd</sup> &amp; 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Classroom</i>
April 16	6:30 p.m.	Council Meeting
April 17		NO Bible Study
	Noon	Leisure Group
April 18	7:00 p.m.	Chapel/Chancel Choir Rehearsal
April 19	1:30 p.m.	Prayer Team

**Prayers of the Church are requested for:**

**Those Hospitalized:**

**Those Recuperating:** Phyllis Bixler

**Those with Ongoing Health Issues:** Alexander Cucinella, John DeFelice, Marie Fray, Victoria Nicolaisen, Ila Faye Stare

**Those Who Struggle:**

**Those in Need of Prayer:** Polly Bergstrom Barnes, Rod Beever, Joanne Brougher, Arlene Bubb, Sandy Cartwright, Donna Chaney, Cordelia Englar, Dave Garbrick, Annie Miller, Bristol Miller & Family, Janet Rebert, Harold Shankle, Mary Louise Shankle, Louise Sieber, DeHaven Speicher, Kirk Summers

**Those with Life-Threatening Illness:** Beth Harwick, Tony Resh, Nathan Sulpizio

**Those Serving in Combat Zones:** Jose Arroyo, Jesse Butler, Jessica Deeter, Travis Reed, Mike Rudisill

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### PRAYER LIST UPDATE

Please complete the form below for adding loved ones to the prayer list. You may either bring it to the office or drop it in the offering plate. Thank you.

**Add to:**     *Recuperating*     *Ongoing Health*     *Struggle*     *In Need of Prayer*  
                   *Life-Threatening*     *Combat Zones*

**Names:**

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**Please Remove:**

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**REQUESTED BY:**

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## **Advent Lutheran Church**

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### ***We're On A Mission***

*Advent is a community of Christian Believers: experiencing, witnessing, and growing in the love of Jesus, and proclaiming the Good News of the Gospel by sharing God's gift with all people . . . friends and strangers alike.*

***To this adventure we invite you!***

### ***Ministers***

The People of the Parish

#### ***Pastor***

Pr. Daniel V. Biles

*Interim Pastor*

#### ***Program Staff***

Samantha M. Blevins

*Interim Director of Music Ministries*

Frederick M. Meads

*Organist*

Paula J. Rineer

*Director of Youth Groups, Technology Outreach Coordinator*

Bethany A. Horn, Cortney E. Kauffman

*Nursery Care*

#### ***Ministries***

Lisa A. Deeter

*Fellowship Team Coordinator*

Pamela R. Mitchell

*BreadBreakers Coordinator*

James L. Mitchell

*Lay Hospital Visitation Coordinator*

*Table Grace Communion Visitation Coordinator*

#### ***Staff***

Erika A. Dubs

*Financial Secretary*

Kathy A. Baublitz

*Administrative Assistant*

Lisa P. Beil

*Administrative Assistant*

Michael S. Paules

*Sexton*

#### ***Mission Partners***

Stephen M. Deal

*Costa Rica*

Pastor Jeffrey Truscott

*Singapore*

Molly O'Brien

*Australia*

A Companion Congregation with Ipinda Lutheran Congregation, Tanzania

***Lifting Up Christ...Building Up People...Preparing the Way***