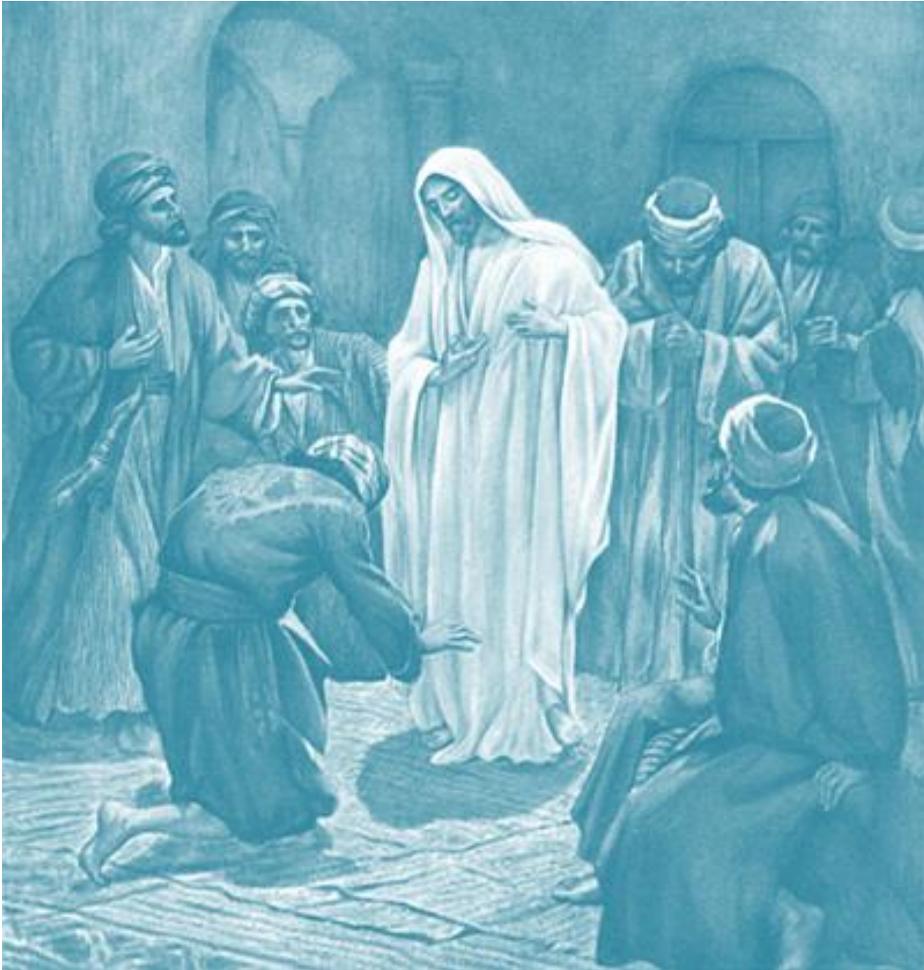


Advent Lutheran Church

York, Pennsylvania



**Advent Lutheran Church
Third Sunday of Easter**

April 15, 2018

8:30 and 11:00 a.m.

Prelude *(Please silence all cell phones)*

"There Is A Fountain"

"Wonderful Peace"

arr. Mark Hayes

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Pastoral Greetings and Announcements

* Easter Acclamation

P: Christ is Risen!

C: *He is Risen indeed! Alleluia!*

Gathering

* Entrance Hymn, #369

"Christ the Lord Is Risen Today; Alleluia!"

* 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.

When Peter saw it, he addressed the people, "You Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made him walk? The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our ancestors has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. And by faith in his name, his name itself has made this man strong, whom you see and know; and the faith that is through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you. "And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out...
(Acts 3:12-19)

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

L: A Reading from First John.

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure. Everyone who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. You know that he was revealed to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. No one who abides in him sins; no one who sins has either seen him or known him. Little children, let no one deceive you. Everyone who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous.
(1 John 3:1-7)

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 Luke.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

...Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." They were startled and terrified and thought that they were seeing a ghost. He said to them, "Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have." And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?" They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate in their presence. Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled." Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. *(Luke 24:36b-48)*

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Pastor Dan Biles

* Hymn #380

"Hallelujah! Jesus Lives!"

* Nicene Creed

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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 Anthem

"Marvelous Mystery"

arr. John F. Wilson

Chapel/Chancel Choir; 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, Hymns #384, #471, #490,
and conclude with "*Jesus Remember Me*", Hymn #616)

* 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, #389

“Christ Is Alive! Let Christians Sing”

* 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 15th 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 memory of her daughter, Kim, and her husband, Dale, by *Susan Peters*.

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.

LIBRARY CLUB will meet ***today during the 11:00 a.m. worship service***. Library Club is designed for children who are in 1st through 6th grades. This month's theme is "*God Deserves our Gratitude: Mary Praises God for Jesus*". We will meet in the 3rd/4th grade classroom. ***Remember to pick your child up at the conclusion of worship.***

STITCHING SISTERS - Remember our meeting **tonight at 6:00 p.m.** in the Gathering Area. We will be collecting your items for the April Shower Box.

YOUTH NEWS – The following is the schedule for the next couple Youth Group Events. Remember youth group events are open to students from 6th – 12th 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.

- **TONIGHT, 6:00-8:30 – 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. We will start our meeting down in the 3rd and 4th grade Sunday School Room and then go from there for later games and the dessert.
- **Sunday April 29, 12:30-4:00 – 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 4:00 p.m. Depending on number of attendees, we may need some help with driving.
- **Saturday May 5, 11:45-6:00ish – Youth Group Outing** – We will be going to Roundtop Resort for their Team Building and Ropes Course Activity. To make this work we need 12 or more participants. Please let me know whether you can attend or not; we may have to open it to more people. Parents, we may need drivers for this event as well. If you plan to attend, see Paula for a Release Form.

“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 12th 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?

CALL COMMITTEE SURVEY RESULTS AND RESULTING MISSION SITE PROFILE can be found on the web for you to download and reflect upon at <http://adventcallsurvey.us>. Hard copies are also available for viewing in the Church Office.

ADVENT'S LEISURE GROUP – Join us on Tuesday, April 17, at noon for lunch. At 1:00 p.m., Joseph Mator will give a presentation about his life in Liberia, and his escape, during the Liberian Civil War. **ALL ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND THE PRESENTATION.**

PRAYER TEAM resumes **Thursday, April 19** at 1:30 p.m.

SOCIAL MINISTRY COMMITTEE MEETING – Please join us on **Sunday, April 22**, in the Gathering Area to plan some very important upcoming events. God's Work, Our Hands; Purses for a Purpose; Christmas Shoe Boxes; and the Angel Giving Tree are just a few of the events that we organize and could really use your help. If you can only spare a few hours a year, please come and join us to find out what this exciting ministry is about. If you have any questions, please feel free to see either Lesli Willoughby or Linda Askey. Thank you for your time and consideration.

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

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 29th.**

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 p.m. in the Gathering Space at Advent. Create a Wood Plaque with Hilarie Bohdel. ***See the insert in today's bulletin for full details, design choices, and registration form. 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.

ADVENT WILL BE COLLECTING NONPERISHABLE FOOD to take to Synod for their food drive. Please look for containers to place your donations in at the gathering area. We have been assigned clean-up duty for Synod's "Day of Feeding". If you are interested in helping, please let the church office know. The date is June 2 at Messiah College from noon to 2:00 p.m. We are trying to get a count of the number who can help.

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 8th 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.

LUTHERAN CAMPING NIGHT AT SENATORS – Come out and support the Lutheran Camping Corporation and the Harrisburg Senators on **Friday, May 11**. Order Forms and additional information are available on the Gathering Area table. Please call Jonna Pratt at 717.332.9739 with any questions.

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

	Last Week	Last Year
Church	238	256
Sunday School	106	103

Last Week's Fund Offerings

Current		Benevolence	
Weekly Offering Needed to Meet Budget	\$ 9,376	Weekly Offering Needed to Meet Budget	\$ 1,423
Weekly Offering Received	\$ 7,852	Weekly Offering Received	\$ 1,254
Total Offering Needed Year-To-Date	\$131,264	Total Offering Needed Year-To-Date	\$ 19,922
Total Offering Received Year-To-Date	\$110,174	Total Offering Received Year-To-Date	\$ 18,527

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 29th.

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:

by _____



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

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 Grace Decker
11:00 Peter Mudge

Lector

8:30 Robert Fetter
11:00 Mark Zerbe

Communion Assistants

8:30 Brad Martin, Jane Girton
11:00 Frank Tyminski, Pam Rutledge

Assistant to Pastor

8:30 Pat Breneman 11:00 Don Dubs

Altar Guild

8:30 Ed & Connie Billet, Betty Speicher
11:00 Emily Fleischer, Dave Kerchner, Sue Mason

Flower Delivery

Julie Romig

Lay Hospital Visitation

Kim Yinger

Ushers

8:30 Jane Girton (H), Brad & Gloria Oldenburg, Diane Miller,
Susan Horn, Megan Askey, Linda Askey
11:00 Gil Malone (H), Paul & Crystal Glusco,
Rebecca Glusco, Donald Dellinger, Elizabeth Dellinger

Coffee Social

8:30 Bob & Melanie Stover, Daniel & Jennifer Eckert
11:00 Elizabeth Dellinger, Don & Jane Dellinger

Tidy-Up Worship Area

Melinda Pugsley

Library Club

Dana Lutz, Jill Fetter
Colton Lutz (Youth)

THIS WEEK AT ADVENT

Today	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>3rd & 4th Grade Classroom</i>
Monday	6:30 p.m.	Council Meeting
Tuesday		NO Bible Study
	Noon	Leisure Group
Wednesday	7:00 p.m.	Chapel/Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Thursday	1:30 p.m.	Prayer Team

COMING EVENTS

April 22	8:30 & 11:00 a.m.	Worship Service – <i>Fellowship Hall</i>
		NO Cherub Choir Rehearsal
	9:45 a.m.	Sunday School
		NO Junior Choir Rehearsal
	2:00 p.m.	Social Ministry Committee Meeting – <i>Gathering Area</i>
April 23	9:00 a.m.	Joy in the Morning – <i>Anna Christensen Residence</i>
	1:00 p.m.	Circle of Love – <i>Gathering Area</i>
April 24		NO Bible Study
April 25	7:00 p.m.	Chapel/Chancel Choir Rehearsal
April 26	1:30 p.m.	Prayer Team
April 27	11:00 a.m.	Ladies Breakfast & Blessings Bunch Luncheon Tea
April 28		Orchard Country Bus Trip

Prayers of the Church are requested for:

Those Hospitalized: Cordelia Englar

Those Recuperating: Phyllis Bixler

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

Those Who Struggle:

Those in Need of Prayer: Polly Bergstrom Barnes, Rod Beever, Joanne Brougher, Arlene Bubb, Sandy Cartwright, Donna Chaney, Dave Garbrick, Rose Lucas, Annie Miller, Janet Rebert, Harold Shankle, Mary Louise Shankle, Louise Sieber, Emilie Smith, 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

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: _____

Please Remove: _____

REQUESTED BY: _____

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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

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Fellowship Team Coordinator

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Lay Hospital Visitation Coordinator

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