

Advent Lutheran Church

York, Pennsylvania

*I am
the Good Shepherd*

John 10:11



**Advent Lutheran Church
Fourth Sunday of Easter**

April 22, 2018

8:30 and 11:00 a.m.

Prelude (*Please silence all cell phones*)

*"Hymns of Creation"
"O Rest in the Lord"*

arr. Phillip Keveren
Felix Mendelssohn

Pastoral Greetings and Announcements

* Easter Acclamation

P: Christ is Risen!

C: He is Risen indeed! Alleluia!

Gathering

* Entrance Hymn, #778

"The Lord's My Shepherd"

* 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

p. 140-141

"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.

The next day their rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, "By what power or by what name did you do this?" Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers of the people and elders, if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. This Jesus is 'the stone that was rejected by you, the builders; it has become the cornerstone.' There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved."
(Acts 4:5-12)

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: *Thanks be to God.*

L: A Reading from First John.

We know love by this, that he laid down his life for us—and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help? Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him. And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us. (1 John 3:16-24)

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.

"I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So, there will be one flock, one shepherd. For this reason, the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father." (*John 10:11-18*)

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Pastor Dan Biles

* Hymn #502

"The King of Love My Shepherd Is"

* 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

8:30 a.m.

"Come, Sing to the Lord"

Junior Choir; Laurie Bailey, *piano*

Rebecca Hogan

11:00 a.m.

"I Can Stamp"

Cherub Choir; Benjamin Fetter, *piano*

Gretchen Anderson

* 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

(Please sing *"Lamb of God"* (p. 146), *"You Satisfy the Hungry Heart"* Hymn #484, and conclude with *"Jesus Remember Me"*, Hymn #616)

“You Satisfy the Hungry Heart” The refrain, “You satisfy the hungry heart...” will be sung by the cantor, repeated by the congregation and also sung after each verse.

As when the shepherd calls his sheep, they know and heed his voice; so when you call your fam’ly, Lord, we follow and rejoice.

C: You satisfy the hungry heart...

With joyful lips we sing to you our praise and gratitude that you should count us worthy, Lord, to share this heav’nly food.

C: You satisfy the hungry heart...

Is not the cup we bless and share the blood of Christ outpoured? Do not one cup, one loaf, declare our oneness in the Lord?

C: You satisfy the hungry heart...

The myst’ry of your presence, Lord, no mortal tongue can tell: whom all the world cannot contain comes in our hearts to dwell.

C: You satisfy the hungry heart...

You give yourself to us, O Lord; then selfless let us be, to serve each other in your name in truth and charity.

C: You satisfy the hungry heart...

* 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, #789

"Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us"

* Dismissal

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

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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 by the Bentz family.

WE EXTEND CHRISTIAN SYMPATHIES AND THE HOPE OF THE RESURRECTION to the Family and Friends of Donald Crabill. Donald is father to Dennis Crabill. He died on April 13. Please remember the family in your prayers.

CONGRATULATIONS TO RYAN & EMILY BARTON on the birth of their firstborn, a daughter – Madelyn Kay – born on April 12.

SOCIAL MINISTRY COMMITTEE MEETING – Please join us **TODAY at 2:00 p.m.** 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 **this Friday at 11:30 a.m.** Meet in the church parking lot by 11:00 a.m. to carpool. We need a final count by **TOMORROW**. To sign-up or for more details, contact Cathy Schneider at 717.755.1231.

"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?

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.**

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.

- **Next 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.

TRAINING SESSION for all Office Staff, Sunday School Staff, and Council members **Sunday, April 29 at 2:00 p.m.** in the Conference Room with Christian Pratt *by Marilyn Oestereich, Safeguarding.*

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.

LIBRARY CLUB generally meets the first Sunday of the month during 11:00 worship. It's a time for kids of all ages to learn about God, craft, play games and have fun. We're looking for adults and youth who have or are willing to obtain child safeguard clearances to serve one or two times/year as leader or assistant with library club. Please contact Jill Fetter to share your interest. Thanks for considering! **THERE WILL BE NO LIBRARY CLUB IN MAY. LIBRARY CLUB WILL RECONVENE ON SUNDAY, OCTOBER 7.**

FINANCE MEETING will be held on **Tuesday, May 1, at 6:30 p.m.** in the church office.

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.

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

THE ADVENT QUILTERS have been very busy. We have a seed of finished quilts started for The Cancer Treatment Center at Hershey. There are eight finished since we made a delivery last month of 25. We also hosted a workshop with Kohl's volunteers for community service, and QFK's York Chapter. Our small conference room was full. We had 20 quilters working for 3 hours on April 4th. Fellowship and fun for all. This small group ministry is "Sewing Love and Comfort". Please consider joining us. **Next meeting will be Wednesday, May 2, from 9-12 and Monday evening, May 7, 6-9.** If you've never sewn or haven't in a long time, MaryAnne and I will get you up to speed. Fabric and machines are provided. Any questions, call Marilyn Oestereich 717.755.2572.

ADVENT CRAFTERS - SUNDAY, MAY 6, 2 to 5 p.m., in the Gathering Area 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.

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.

TRUNK OR TREAT PLANNING MEETING - Thursday, May 17, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. - Darlene Sent, from St. Matthew, will meet with us to share tips from their past events to help us plan and carry out a fun Trunk or Treat for our members and neighbors. If you would be interested in helping to plan this event, please join us on May 17. If you would like to help but can't make the meeting, let Lisa Deeter know at 717.650.6300. **The date for the event is Saturday, October 20, from 6 to 8.**

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.

Evangelism Tip for the Month of April

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

BLOOM.



Attendance Records

	Last Week	Last Year
Church	242	250
Sunday School	119	111

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	\$ 7,688	Weekly Offering Received	\$ 1,031
Total Offering Needed Year-To-Date	\$140,640	Total Offering Needed Year-To-Date	\$21,345
Total Offering Received Year-To-Date	\$117,862	Total Offering Received Year-To-Date	\$19,558

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 Colton Lutz
11:00 Jacob Kates

Lector

8:30 Dewey Burkett
11:00 Melinda Pugsley

Cantor

Samantha Blevins

Communion Assistants

8:30 Jim Mitchell, Connie Billet
11:00 Gil Malone, Shirley Marino

Assistant to Pastor

8:30 Rose Dubé
11:00 Don Dubs

Altar Guild

8:30 Pat Breneman, Barry & Lorelei Attig
11:00 Lane & Marge Benda, Cathi Wampler

Flower Delivery

Jo Baile

Lay Hospital Visitation

Cathy Schneider

Ushers

8:30 Brad Martin (H), Todd & Missy Unger, Casey Flansch,
Elaine Kralowetz, Charles & Susan Martin
11:00 Robert Bowen (H), Lynnore Seaton, Don Dubs,
Alex Gibson, Cathy Schneider

Coffee Social

8:30 Linda and Megan Askey, Linda Stahle
11:00 Sue Mason & David Kerchner, Sue Peters

Tidy-Up Worship Area

Melinda Pugsley

THIS WEEK AT ADVENT

Today	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>
Monday	9:00 a.m.	Joy in the Morning – <i>Anna Christensen Residence</i>
	1:00 p.m.	Circle of Love – <i>Gathering Area</i>
Tuesday		NO Bible Study
Wednesday	7:00 p.m.	Chapel/Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Thursday	1:30 p.m.	Prayer Team
Friday	11:00 a.m.	Ladies Breakfast & Blessings Bunch Luncheon Tea
Saturday		Orchard Country Bus Trip

COMING EVENTS

April 29	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
	Noon	Junior Choir Rehearsal
	12:30 p.m.	Youth Group Lunch & Outing
	2:00 p.m.	Staff/Council Training Session
May 1	6:30 p.m.	Finance Meeting
May 2	9:00 a.m.	Advent Quilters – <i>Conference Room</i>
	7:00 p.m.	Chapel/Chancel Choir Rehearsal
May 3	1:30 p.m.	Prayer Team
May 5		Youth Group Outing – <i>Roundup Resort</i>

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, Arlene Bubb, Sandy Cartwright, Donna Chaney, Dave Garbrick, Rose Lucas, Annie Miller, Janet Rebert, 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

Those Who Grieve: Family and Friends of Sharon Loy, Family and Friends of Donald Crabill

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

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Fellowship Team Coordinator

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Lay Hospital Visitation Coordinator

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