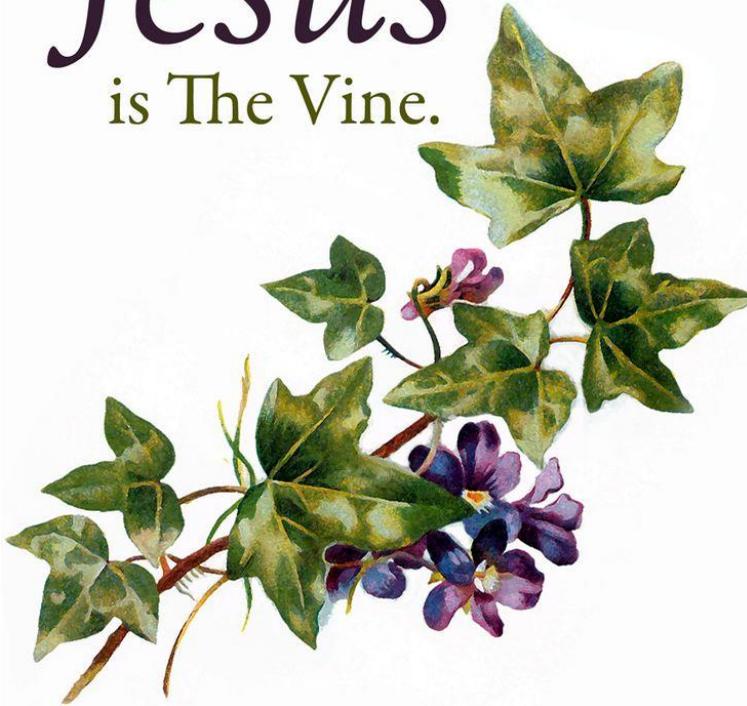


Advent Lutheran Church

York, Pennsylvania

Jesus
is The Vine.



We are the branches.

**Advent Lutheran Church
Fifth Sunday of Easter**

April 29, 2018

8:30 and 11:00 a.m.

Prelude *(Please silence all cell phones)*

"Dearest Jesus, We Are Here"

"Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart"

J. S. Bach
arr. Mark Hayes

Pastoral Greetings and Announcements

* Easter Acclamation

P: Christ is Risen!

C: He is Risen indeed! Alleluia!

Gathering

* Entrance Hymn, #449

"We Know That Christ Is Raised"

* 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.

Then an angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Get up and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." (This is a wilderness road.) So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. Then the Spirit said to Philip, "Go over to this chariot and join it." So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?" He replied, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this: "Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter, and like a lamb silent before its shearer, so he does not open his mouth. In his humiliation justice was denied him. Who can describe his generation? For his life is taken away from the earth." The eunuch asked Philip, "About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?" Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, "Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?" He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more and went on his way rejoicing. But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea. *(Acts 8:26-40)*

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

L: A Reading from First John.

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we

loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us. By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Savior of the world. God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. So we have known and believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgment, because as he is, so are we in this world. There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. We love because he first loved us. Those who say, "I love God," and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also. *(1 John 4:7-21)*

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

* Gospel Acclamation

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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 true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. Whoever does not abide in me

is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples. (*John 15:1-8*)

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Pastor Dan Biles

* Hymn #403

"Like the Murmur of the Dove's Song"

Installation of New Disciples at 11:00 a.m.

* Nicene Creed (*omitted at 11:00 a.m.*)

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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

"As Water to the Thirsty"
Chapel/Chancel Choir

K. Lee Scott

* 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 #490, #488, #628,
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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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 honor of Advent’s Stitching Sisters; and in loving memory of Dorcas Dellinger, Helga Erich, and Verda Williams.

WE EXTEND CHRISTIAN SYMPATHIES AND THE HOPE OF THE RESURRECTION to the family and friends of Cordelia Englar. Cordelia passed away on Sunday, April 22. A viewing/visitation will be held Saturday, May 5th at Advent at 9:00 a.m. followed by the funeral at 10:00 a.m. Please remember the family in your prayers.

WE WELCOME THE FOLLOWING DISCIPLES received today during our 11:00 a.m. service: **Randy, Kelly, and Brody Fox; Connie Lapes and son, Christopher; Emily Sechrist; Grant Steimel; and Lee Sumner.**

WORSHIP AND MUSIC is delighted to announce that **SAMANTHA BLEVINS** was offered and has accepted the position of **DIRECTOR OF MUSIC MINISTRIES.**

TRAINING SESSION for all Office Staff, Sunday School Staff, and Council members **TODAY AT 2:00 P.M.** in the Conference Room with Christian Pratt by *Marilyn Oestereich, Safeguarding.*

“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?

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.

- **Today, 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.

THANK YOU – Phyllis Bixler would like to thank the Church, and all involved for the lovely flowers that were delivered to her last Sunday.

MOTHER'S DAY FLOWERS – TODAY is the last day to turn in your order form.

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

THANK YOU TO ALL who have expressed interest in forming the Advent Adventurers group—to partake in God's Creation with fellow believers in Christ. The Coordinators have reviewed the interests expressed through a recent survey and find there are many people seeking to participate in many similar activities. With these results in mind, it is time to come together to prayerfully consider the next step in this new fellowship program at Advent Lutheran Church.

The first meeting of the Advent Adventurers will be Sunday, May 6th immediately following the early service in the coffee/gathering area outside Fellowship Hall. This brief meeting will be to chart the course for this new group and set the details for the inaugural Advent Adventure. If you completed a time & talent notice or bulletin insert, please try to attend this meeting. If you are interested in joining this group and have not filled out a form, it's never too late. Forms have been placed in the back of Fellowship Hall or just show up May 6.

The primary objective of the Advent Adventurers is to offer parishioners the opportunity to get outside and engage in a variety of fair weather activities and/or cultural pursuits in the company of fellow members of Advent. We will be putting Advent into Adventure as we partake in interesting activities that you choose to support by attendance. With a whole season of good weather ahead of us, now is the time to really be outside to enjoy all of God's Creation. It's going to be a wonderful adventure! Contact Charles Wurster (CharlesAWurster@yahoo.com) or Patti Baughman (phbaughman333@gmail.com) with questions. See you on May 6th.

ATTENTION: ASSISTANT TO THE PASTOR, COMMUNION SERVERS AND USHERS: The schedules have been sent out, either by e-mail or mail, for June through November. If you do not receive them by the end of the second week in May, please call the office.

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.

ADVENT CRAFTERS - SUNDAY, MAY 6, 2 to 5 p.m., in the Gathering Area at Advent. Create a Wood Plaque with Hilarie Bohdel. **Registration deadline is TODAY April 29. If you need a registration form, they may be found on the table outside of Fellowship Hall.** If you have questions, call or text Hilarie at 717.814.7002.

ADVENT LEISURE GROUP – The May outing will be held on **Tuesday, May 15.** We will leave the Church parking lot (via carpool) for the 11:00 a.m. Martin Potato Chip Factory Tour. Following the tour, we will lunch at Mary Jane’s Restaurant at approximately 12:15 p.m. Please arrive at the Church by 10:15 a.m.

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.**

BOOD DRIVE SCHEDULED: The March 7th blood drive that was cancelled due to weather has been rescheduled for **Wednesday, May 23,** from 3:00 to 7:30 p.m. Sign-ups will be on May 6, 13, and 20 during the coffee socials in the Gathering Area after each service or call Drena Kinghorn at 717.755.7383. Walk-ins are welcome the day of the blood drive. Please bring a friend! Follow signs to registration in the Gathering area at the entrance from the rear parking lot. **Let us give personal thought and prayer on this life-giving service for the people of our community.**

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.

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.

TRUNK OR TREAT PLANNING MEETING - Thursday, May 17, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. - Darlene Senft, 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.***

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.

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.

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.

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	217	274
Sunday School	83	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	\$ 5,079	Weekly Offering Received	\$ 820
Total Offering Needed Year-To-Date	\$150,016	Total Offering Needed Year-To-Date	\$ 22,768
Total Offering Received Year-To-Date	\$122,941	Total Offering Received Year-To-Date	\$ 20,378

Serving Our Lord and Church Today

Acolyte/Crucifer

8:30 Laura Willoughby

11:00 Amber Loken

Lector

8:30 Kathy Allue

11:00 Molly Wertz

Communion Assistants

8:30 Cathi Wampler, Janel Stomberger

11:00 Jeanne Jochem, Carol Myers

Assistant to Pastor

8:30 Rose Dubé

11:00 Jeanne Jochem

Altar Guild

8:30 Gary & Kathy Lauer, Carol Miller

11:00 Pam Rutledge, Paul Pugsley, Lori Loken

Flower Delivery

Clarence & Brenda Bolinger

Lay Hospital Visitation

Lesli Willoughby

Ushers

8:30 Charles Wurster (H), Dewey Burkett, Betty Speicher,
Jessica Bobb, Gary & Diane Rodriguez, Victor Ferree, Jr.

11:00 David Freedline (H), Michelle Freedline,
Jared Freedline, Hayden Freedline, Ben Fetter

Coffee Social

8:30 Dana & Keith Lutz

11:00 Janet Walker, Joel & Luanne Bergstrom

Tidy-Up Worship Area

Melinda Pugsley

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
	Noon	Junior Choir Rehearsal
	12:30 p.m.	Youth Group Lunch & Outing
	2:00 p.m.	Staff/Council Training Session – <i>Conference Room</i>
	Tuesday	6:30 p.m.
7:00 p.m.		Call Committee Meeting – <i>Conference Room</i>
Wednesday	9:00 a.m.	Advent Quilters – <i>Conference Room</i>
	7:00 p.m.	Chapel/Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Thursday	1:30 p.m.	Prayer Team
Saturday	11:45 a.m.	Youth Group Outing – <i>Roundup Resort</i>

COMING EVENTS

May 6	8:30 & 11:00 a.m.	Worship Service – <i>Fellowship Hall</i>
	After Services	FAIR TRADE
	9:30 a.m.	Cherub Choir Rehearsal
	9:45 a.m.	Sunday School
	9:45 a.m.	Advent Adventurers Meeting – <i>Gathering Area</i>
	Noon	Junior Choir Rehearsal
	12:45 p.m.	Lunch Bunch
May 7	2:00 p.m.	“Make A Masterpiece” – <i>Fellowship Hall</i>
	9:00 a.m.	Joy in the Morning – <i>Elaine Kralowetz Residence</i>
	1:00 p.m.	Circle of Love – <i>Gathering Area</i>
	6:00 p.m.	Advent Quilters – <i>Conference Room</i>
	7:00 p.m.	Survivors of Suicide Loss Support Group
May 8	7:00 p.m.	Barnes/Wall Presentation – <i>Fellowship Hall</i>
May 9	7:00 p.m.	Chapel/Chancel Choir Rehearsal
May 10	1:30 p.m.	Prayer Team
May 12	8:00 a.m.	Men’s Bible Study

Prayers of the Church are requested for:

Those Hospitalized: Barbara Crawford, Joe Kauffman

Those Recuperating: Phyllis Bixler, John Maier

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 Cordelia Englar

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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To this adventure we invite you!

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The People of the Parish

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Pr. Daniel V. Biles

Interim Pastor

Program Staff

Samantha M. Blevins

Director of Music Ministries

Frederick M. Meads

Organist

Paula J. Rineer

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