

# Advent Lutheran Church

## York, PA



**Advent Lutheran Church**  
**Celebrating Our Vocations as Christians in the World**

September 2, 2018

10:00 a.m.

Preludes *(Please silence all cell phones)*

*"If Thou But Trust in God to Guide You"*  
*"Softly and Tenderly"*

Neumark-Bach  
Mark Hayes

Pastoral Greetings and Announcements

**Gathering**

- \* Confession and Forgiveness p. 94
- \* Entrance Hymn, #731  
*"Earth and All Stars!"*
- \* Greeting  
P: The grace of our Lord, Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion  
of the Holy Spirit be with you all.  
**C: And also with you.**
- \* Kyrie p. 138
- \* Hymn of Praise p. 139-140
- \* Prayer of the Day  
P: Let us pray...  
**C: Amen.**

\* *Please stand if able.*

## Word

L: A Reading from Deuteronomy.

So now, Israel, give heed to the statutes and ordinances that I am teaching you to observe, so that you may live to enter and occupy the land that the Lord, the God of your ancestors, is giving you. You must neither add anything to what I command you nor take away anything from it, but keep the commandments of the Lord your God with which I am charging you... You must observe them diligently, for this will show your wisdom and discernment to the peoples, who, when they hear all these statutes, will say, "Surely this great nation is a wise and discerning people!" For what other great nation has a god so near to it as the Lord our God is whenever we call to him? And what other great nation has statutes and ordinances as just as this entire law that I am setting before you today? But take care and watch yourselves closely, so as neither to forget the things that your eyes have seen nor to let them slip from your mind all the days of your life; make them known to your children and your children's children...  
*(Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9)*

L: The Word of the Lord.

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

L: A Reading from James.

Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. In fulfillment of his own purpose he gave us birth by the word of truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of his creatures. You must understand this, my beloved: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger; for your anger does not produce God's righteousness. Therefore rid yourselves of all sordidness and rank growth of wickedness, and welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save your souls. But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves. For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves in a mirror; for they look at themselves and, on going away, immediately forget what they were like. But those who look into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who act—they will be blessed in their doing. If any think they are religious, and

do not bridle their tongues but deceive their hearts, their religion is worthless. Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world. (*James 1:17-27*)

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. Mark.

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

Now when the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around him, they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them. (For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders; and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash it; and there are also many other traditions that they observe, the washing of cups, pots, and bronze kettles.) So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, "Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?" He said to them, "Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written, "This people honors me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me; in vain do they worship me, teaching human precepts as doctrines.' You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition." ...Then he called the crowd again and said to them, "Listen to me, all of you, and understand: there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile."... For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: fornication, theft, murder, adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, folly. All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person."  
(*Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23*)

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

- \* Hymn of the Day, #793

*“Be Thou My Vision”*

- \* Apostles’ Creed

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P: With 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

Piano Offertory

*“Adorn Thyself, O My Soul”*

Frederick Meads, *piano*

Cruger-Schreiner

- \* Congregational Offertory

*“Let the Vineyards...”*

Hymn #182

- \* Offertory Prayer for Gifts

- \* Great Thanksgiving

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- \* Eucharistic Prayer

P: Holy God, mighty Lord, gracious Father: Endless is Your mercy and eternal Your reign. You have filled all creation with light and life; heaven and earth are full of Your glory. .... For as often as we eat of this bread and drink of this cup, we proclaim the Lord’s death until He comes.

**C: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

P: Therefore, gracious Father, with this bread and cup we remember the life our Lord offered for us ..... we await His coming in power to share with us the great and promised feast.

**C: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

P: Send now, we pray, Your Holy Spirit ..... may live to the praise of Your glory and receive our inheritance with all Your saints in light.

**C: Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.**

P: Join in our prayers with those of Your servants of every time and place ..... until He comes as victorious Lord of all.

**C: Through Him, with Him, in Him, with the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory is Yours, almighty Father, now and forever. Amen.**

\* Lord's Prayer (Traditional Form)

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### Distribution

(Please sing "Lamb of God" (p. 146), "Bread of Life from Heaven", Hymn #474, and conclude with "Jesus Remember Me", Hymn #616)

"Bread of Life from Heaven" The refrain will be sung by the cantor, repeated by the congregation and sung after each verse.

### Refrain



Bread of life from heav-en, your blood and bod - y giv-en, we  
Pan de vi - da e - ter - na, nos das tu cuer - po y san - gre. †



eat this bread and drink this cup un - til you come a - gain.  
Has - ta que vuel - vas tú, Se - ñor, co - me - mos en tu a - mor.

Text: Based on John 6; adapt. by Susan R. Briehl, b.1952; Spanish by Jaime Cortez, b.1963  
Tune: Argentine folk melody; adapt. and verses by Marty Haugen, b.1950  
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Break now the bread of Christ's sacrifice; giving thanks, hungry ones, gather round.  
Eat all of you, and be satisfied; in Christ's presence the loaves will abound.

**C: *Bread of life...***

Seek not the food that will pass away; set your hearts on the food that endures.  
Come, learn the true and living way, that the fullness of life may be yours.

**C: *Bread of life...***

Love as the one who, in love for you, gave himself for the life of the world.  
Come to the one who is food for you, that your hunger and thirst be no more.

**C: *Bread of life...***

Dwell in the one who now dwells in you; make your home in the life-giving Word.  
Know only Christ, Holy One of God, and believe in the truth you have heard.

**C: *Bread of life...***

Drink of this cup and declare his death; eat this bread and believe Easter morn;  
trust his return and, with ev-'ry breath, praise the one in whom you are reborn.

**C: *Bread of life...***

\* *"Thankful Hearts and Voices Raise"*

Hymn, #204

\* Post-Communion Prayer

## **Sending**

\* Benediction

\* Recessional Hymn, #534

*"Savior, Again to Your Dear Name"*

\* Dismissal

P: Go in peace...

**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 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 His Son, Jesus Christ, in honor of the Call Committee.

**LUNCH BUNCH** will meet at Meadow Hill Restaurant **today at 11:45 a.m.** following the service. Hope to see you there!

**BYOB INVITES ALL MEMBERS TO ATTEND OUR CLASS** in Conference Room from 10:00 to 10:45 a.m. beginning **next Sunday**. We will be studying the book of First Kings. There are plenty of bibles available if you do not bring your own.



**NEXT SUNDAY – BACKPACK SUNDAY & SUNDAY SCHOOL RESUMES** - After those lazy, hazy days of vacations and travel, Sunday School is set to begin on **Backpack Sunday, September 9, at 9:45 AM**. All students, younger and older, will meet in their classrooms as we begin another exciting year! **As the renovations near completion, classes will meet in their new locations. Please check out the Sunday School bulletin board at the Oxford Street entrance for information on where your classrooms are located.** Grade level students will continue with the “Growing in Christ” curriculum. Several adult classes are also anxious for your attendance! ALL lifelong learners are welcome. **Students are also encouraged to bring their backpacks to worship as we continue the blessing of the backpacks tradition. The blessing will occur at both services.**

**BIBLE STUDY** will resume in September and will focus on Paul’s Letter to the Ephesians. **Dates: September 4, 11, 18; October 2, 9, 16; Times: 11:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.**

**PRAYER TEAM** will resume **this Thursday, September 6 at 1:30 p.m.** Please join us!

**CHOIR SEASON** is fast approaching! Here are the dates and times of each choir's first rehearsal of the season:

Cherub Choir (ages 3-7): Rehearsals begin Sunday, September 9; 9:30-9:45 AM  
Junior Choir (grades 2-5): Rehearsals begin Sunday, September 9; 12-12:40 PM  
MTAS Choir (grades 6-12): Rehearsals begin Sunday, September 9; 5-6 PM  
Adult Choir: Rehearsals begin Wednesday, August 29; 7-8:30 PM

If you or your child is interested in joining an Advent choir for the first time, just come to the first rehearsal for that choir and we will get you a schedule and information form! **Even if you cannot sing in the choir on a regular basis, consider joining the choir for the Rededication Service on September 16.** Please see Sammi Blevins with any questions.

**GOD’S WORK, OUR HANDS** - Advent will be packing supplies for the Veterans Homeless Shelter **next Sunday**. A collection box will be available in the Gathering Area for these items. If you would like to help pack and deliver, we will be meeting in the Gathering Area **next Sunday at 12:30 p.m.** for a light lunch and to pack up and deliver supplies. See insert for details and to sign-up to help. *Social Ministry*

**YOUTH NEWS** – School has started as well as the new year of Youth Group activities! Thank you to all who attended and helped with the picnic. At the picnic we went over the schedule for the first half of the year. You can pick up a copy from the bulletin board outside the youth room.

Advent's youth group is open to students from 6<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grade. We fill our time with fun, fellowship, learning, and service opportunities. If you want to get youth news e-mailed to you (and you are currently not receiving it) please e-mail Paula at Paula.Rineer@yahoo.com and she will make sure you are added to the list!

September youth events are listed below. Hope to see many at these events!

- **September 9 - God's Work Our Hands Service Event** – We will be working with the church on this outreach. It will be after the 11:00 church service that day. Lunch is being provided. Fill out the registration form or notify the office so they know how many to prepare for. There is no end time listed for this event so if time allows we will end the afternoon with some games.
- **September 23 – Youth Group Meeting – 6:00-8:30** – Following supper we will get a head start on the Youth Service and then spend time playing games to develop our community of friends who can work together. Parents I will need a few of you to work together to provide supper.
- **September 28 – Sept 30 – ALiVE Middle School Youth Retreat(for 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> graders)** – We will join other Middle School youth from our synod at Nawakwa for a weekend of fellowship and learning. Starting Friday evening and ending after worship at Nawakwa on Sunday morning. There is a fee for this event. You should have received information about this with registration forms in the mail. If you did not receive them and would like to sign-up please see Paula for the forms. Registration is due by September 9.

**JOY IN THE MORNING** Small Group will resume meeting on **September 10** at the home of Kathy Lauer. We will continue the study of Max Lucado's book, *Cast of Characters*. If you have an interest in this class, please call Kathy (717.424.1278) or Elaine (717.755.6325). We meet every other Monday at 9:00 a.m. in a member's home.

**THE FIRST MEETING OF THE FALL FOR OUR LEISURE GROUP** will be **September 18**. We invite all those 50 and older to join us for a lovely covered-dish luncheon at 12 noon, followed by entertainment at 1:00. We are fortunate to have Andrea Adams, who presents the Women of the Bible, back with us again. Her newest material will include the Hunched-Over Woman. Wonder who that would be? She does an excellent job and everyone enjoys having her with us. Please consider joining us; you will love it!

***ALL OUTSTANDING COMMITTEE MEMBERS budgets are due in church office by October 1.***

***CHURCH PICNIC LUAU - Sunday, September 23, at Friendly Acres*** – See the insert in this bulletin for full details. Be sure to sign up so the team knows how many to plan for!

***SATURDAY, OCTOBER 13 - Bus Trip to Antietam Battlefield***, Sharpsburg, MD. Greg Kinghorn will be our school bus driver and Pastor Dan our tour guide. Enjoy this opportunity to hear Pastor Dan's stories about his great grandfather, Pvt. Isaac Bobst, who fought at Antietam, as well as other details about the bloodiest day of the Civil War. Cost is \$25.00 per person which covers the bus and tour. Supper on the way home at Buon Appetito will be on your own. Registration forms and more information can be found on the kiosk in the Gathering Area. Space is limited. Register now. Your payment reserves your seat on the bus. Contact Lisa Deeter at 717.650.6300 for more information.

***KEEP THE OFFICE ACTIVITIES CALENDAR UP TO DATE*** – Summer is ending and preparation for school is upon us. Many activities are resuming, so please remember to keep the calendar in the office up to date!

***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. This nursery is staffed by trained personnel and is located on the lower level. See an usher for directions.

***Evangelism Tip for September***  
*Kind Words Conquer*

**NOTICE!!**  
**Worship Schedule**  
**for Upcoming Weeks in September**

September 9 (**Backpack Sunday**)

8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m. Worship  
 9:45 a.m. Sunday School Resumes

**\*\* Students should bring their backpacks for Blessing of the Backpacks during each service. \*\***

September 16 (**Rededication Sunday**)

9:00 a.m. Sunday School  
**One** Worship Service @ 10:00 a.m.

**Attendance Records**

	Last Week	Last Year
Church	209	228

**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	\$ 6,150	Weekly Offering Received	\$ 1,339
Total Offering Needed Year-To-Date	\$318,784	Total Offering Needed Year-To-Date	\$48,382
Total Offering Received Year-To-Date	\$245,474	Total Offering Received Year-To-Date	\$41,494

**Capital Campaign Update**

Total Campaign Pledge	\$1,871,220.00
Total Amount Received to Date	\$1,424,916.74

## THIS WEEK AT ADVENT

Today	<b>10:00 a.m.</b> 11:45 a.m.	Worship Service – <i>Fellowship Hall</i> Lunch Bunch – <i>Meadow Hill Restaurant</i>
Monday		<b>OFFICE CLOSED – LABOR DAY</b> <b>NO</b> Suicide Survivors Support Group
Tuesday	9:00 a.m. & 6:00 pm 11:00 am & 7:00 pm	Stained Glass Class Bible Study
Wednesday	9:00 a.m. 7:00 p.m.	Quilt Group Chapel/Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Thursday	9:00 a.m. & 6:00 pm 1:30 p.m.	Stained Glass Class Prayer Team Resumes
Friday	8:00 a.m.	Friday Office Hours Resume
Saturday	8:00 a.m.	Men’s Bible Study – <i>Gathering Area</i>

## COMING EVENTS

September 9	8:30 & 11:00 a.m.	Worship Services – <i>Fellowship Hall</i>
<b>Backpack Sunday</b>	9:30 a.m. 9:45 a.m. Noon 12:30 p.m. 5:00 p.m.	First Cherub Choir Rehearsal – <i>Old Church Office</i> Sunday School Resumes First Junior Choir Rehearsal – <i>Old Church Office</i> God’s Work. Our Hands. First MTAS Rehearsal – <i>Old Church Office</i>
September 10	9:00 a.m. 6:00 p.m.	Joy in the Morning – <i>Home of Kathy Lauer</i> Quilt Group
September 11	9:00 a.m. & 6:00 pm 11:00 am & 7:00 pm	Stained Glass Class Bible Study
September 12	7:00 p.m.	Chapel/Chancel Choir Rehearsal
September 13	9:00 a.m. & 6:00 pm 1:30 p.m.	Stained Glass Class Prayer Team

# **Serving Our Lord and Church Today**

## **Acolyte/Crucifer**

Jacob Kates

## **Lector**

Barbara Rosher

## **Cantor**

Sammi Blevins

## **Communion Assistants**

Steve Tome, Emily Rutledge

## **Assistant to Pastor**

Carol Myers

## **Altar Guild**

Pat Breneman, Dave Kerchner, Sue Mason

## **Flower Delivery**

Julie Romig

## **Lay Hospital**

Dan Dull

## **Ushers**

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

## **Coffee Social**

Self-Serve

## **Tidy-Up Worship Area**

Melinda Pugsley

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

**Those Hospitalized:**

**Those Recuperating:** Luanne Bergstrom, Joanne Myers, Kathryn Schwartz, Barry Stanley

**Those with Ongoing Health Issues:** Rod Beever, Alexander Cucinella, Marie Fray, Ila Faye Stare

**Those Who Struggle:**

**Those in Need of Prayer:** Sandy Cartwright, Donna Chaney, Jack Glotfelty (Nancy Jones' brother), Jake Sitler, DeHaven Speicher, Kirk Summers

**Those with Life-Threatening Illness:** Polly Bergstrom Barnes, Dayna Girken, Joann Hoover, 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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### ***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  
Frederick M. Meads  
Paula J. Rineer  
Bethany A. Horn

*Director of Music Ministries*  
*Organist*  
*Director of Youth Groups, Technology Outreach Coordinator*  
*Nursery Care*

#### ***Ministries***

Lisa A. Deeter  
Pamela R. Mitchell  
James L. Mitchell

*Fellowship Team Coordinator*  
*BreadBreakers Coordinator*  
*Lay Hospital Visitation Coordinator*  
*Table Grace Communion Visitation Coordinator*

#### ***Staff***

Erika A. Dubs  
Kathy A. Baublitz  
Lisa P. Beil  
Michael S. Paules

*Financial Secretary*  
*Administrative Assistant*  
*Administrative Assistant*  
*Sexton*

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

Stephen M. Deal  
Pastor Jeffrey Truscott  
Molly O'Brien

*Costa Rica*  
*Singapore*  
*Australia*

A Companion Congregation with Ipinda Lutheran Congregation, Tanzania  
***Lifting Up Christ...Building Up People...Preparing the Way***