

Advent Lutheran Church
The Sixteenth Sunday After Pentecost
Backpack Sunday

September 9, 2018

8:30 and 11:00 a.m.

Preludes *(Please silence all cell phones)*

"Beech Spring"

arr. Porter

"Eat This Bread"

arr. Kogut

Pastoral Greetings and Announcements

Temple Talk

Samantha Blevins

Gathering

* Confession and Forgiveness p. 94

* Entrance Hymn, #838

"Beautiful Savior"

* 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 Isaiah.

Say to those who are of a fearful heart, "Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God. He will come with vengeance, with terrible recompense. He will come and save you." Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; then the lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy. For waters shall break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert; the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water... (*Isaiah 35:4-7a*)

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: *Thanks be to God.*

L: A Reading from James.

My brothers and sisters, do you with your acts of favoritism really believe in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ? For if a person with gold rings and in fine clothes comes into your assembly, and if a poor person in dirty clothes also comes in, and if you take notice of the one wearing the fine clothes and say, "Have a seat here, please," while to the one who is poor you say, "Stand there," or, "Sit at my feet," have you not made distinctions among yourselves, and become judges with evil thoughts? Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters. Has not God chosen the poor in the world to be rich in faith and to be heirs of the kingdom that he has promised to those who love him? But you have dishonored the poor. Is it not the rich who oppress you? Is it not they who drag you into court? Is it not they who blaspheme the excellent name that was invoked over you? You do well if you really fulfill the royal law according to the scripture, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." But if you show partiality, you commit sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it... What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you? If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, and one of you says to them, "Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill," and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead. (*James 2:1-10, 14-17*)

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. Mark.

C: *Glory to you, O Lord.*

From there he set out and went away to the region of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there. Yet he could not escape notice, but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet. Now the woman was a Gentile, of Syrophenician origin. She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. He said to her, "Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." But she answered him, "Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs." Then he said to her, "For saying that, you may go—the demon has left your daughter." So she went home, found the child lying on the bed, and the demon gone. Then he returned from the region of Tyre, and went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. They brought to him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they begged him to lay his hand on him. He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue. Then looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, "Ephphatha," that is, "Be opened." And immediately his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. Then Jesus ordered them to tell no one; but the more he ordered them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. They were astounded beyond measure, saying, "He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak."

(Mark 7:24-37)

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: *Praise to you, O Christ.*

Sermon

Pastor Dan Biles

* Hymn of the Day, #612

"Healer of Our Every Ill"

A Blessing of Backpacks, Students, Teachers and All Who Work in Support of Education

P: Dear God, as another school year has begun, we ask your blessing on these backpacks and especially on these children who will wear them.

***C: As they do the very important work of being students,
bless them with eagerness to learn,
respect for teachers, and other students,
love for your creation,
happiness when learning is easy,
perseverance when learning is hard,
and faith in Jesus as their best teacher and closest friend.***

P: We ask that you would protect these, your own children.

Watch over them and keep them safe as they travel to and from school.

***C: As they learn, help them also to discover the different gifts that you
have given each one of them, to be used in your work in the world.***

*P: As they hear the many voices that fill their days, help them to listen most carefully
for your voice, the one that tells them you will love them always.*

***C: Grant teachers your wisdom to show the path to success,
grant administrators your strength to develop the best in all,
grant citizens your mercy to support the mission of education,
we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.***

*P: O God, source of all goodness: We give you thanks for the gift of reason and
opportunity for education. Bless our schools, that they may be places of learning
and safety where teachers challenge the minds and nurture the hearts of
students. Grant that teachers and students may work together in mutual respect
and find joy in the challenges of academic life; through Jesus Christ, our Savior
and Lord.*

C: Amen.

(The students are blessed and given a gift to give to a teacher.)

* Prayers of the Church

P: ...Lord, in your mercy.

C: Hear our prayer.

* The Peace is Shared.

Meal

Offering

Offertory Anthem

Advent Orchestra Selection

* Congregational Offertory

"Let the Vineyards..."

Hymn #182

* Offertory Prayer for Gifts

* Great Thanksgiving

p. 144 – 146

* 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)

p. 145

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.

Refrain



The image shows two staves of musical notation for the refrain. The first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a common time signature (C). The melody consists of quarter and eighth notes. The lyrics are: "You sat - is - fy the hun - gry heart with gift of fin - est wheat." The second staff continues the melody with similar note values. The lyrics are: "Come give to us, O sav - ing Lord, the bread of life to eat." The piece ends with a double bar line.

You sat - is - fy the hun - gry heart with gift of fin - est wheat.

Come give to us, O sav - ing Lord, the bread of life to eat.

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BICENTENNIAL
CM and refrain

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...

* *“Thankful Hearts and Voices Raise”*

Hymn, #204

* Post-Communion Prayer

Sending

* Benediction

* Recessional Hymn, #545

“Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing”

* Dismissal

P: Go in peace...

C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

“Presto” from Concerto in G Major (BWV #592)

Bach

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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 memory of Eileen J. Schmid by the family – Bill, Michael, Lori, Laurel, Stephen, Jamie, and Stella.

WE WOULD LIKE TO THANK CHRISTINE KATES for playing the piano while Fred is visiting his son in Princeton, New Jersey.

SHARING SAD NEWS – Pastor D. Timothy Robinson, a former Advent Pastor, died on September 3 in Rock Hill, S.C. with his three daughters by his side. The obituary is available at www.legacy.com. Our heartfelt condolences are extended to the family. Please remember them in your prayers.

AFTER NINE MONTHS AND TWO WEEKS, we are ready to move back into the Nave. ***This Sunday will be our last worship service in Fellowship Hall; next Sunday (September 16) we will be in the Nave and rededicate our church. THERE WILL ONLY BE ONE SERVICE AT 10:00 A.M. WITH SUNDAY SCHOOL AT 9:00 A.M.*** If you are planning to attend the second service and are not involved with God's Work - Our Hands, or if you go to early service but can come back after the second service, please consider helping us move some things into the Nave **today**. First, when the service ends we will ask everyone to take their hymnal (or several) to put back in the pews in the Nave. We will also need to move items in the chancel. Don Dubs will oversee all that needs to be done.

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

THE SECOND SUNDAY TABLE FOR PRAYERS AND STITCHES will be set up after each service today. If you are in need of a Prayer Shawl or just want to learn more of this ministry, please stop by. You can request a shawl from any member of Prayers and Stitches or Shepherds Doris Straw-Maisack (717.880.8102) or Linda Unger (717.767.5053).

GOD'S WORK, OUR HANDS - Advent will be packing supplies for the Veterans Homeless Shelter **TODAY**. If you would like to help pack and deliver, we will be meeting in the Gathering Area **at 12:30 p.m.** for a light lunch and to pack and deliver the supplies.

YOUTH CHOIRS have their first rehearsals **TODAY**. If you have never sung with us before, we invite you to come and try out choir! All youth choir rehearsals will be held in the NEW choir room, where the old office used to be. Here are the rehearsal times for each group:

Cherub Choir (ages 3-7)- 9:30-9:45 AM *Junior Choir* (grades 2-5)- 12-12:40 PM
More Than A Song (grades 6-12)- 5-6 PM

YOUTH NEWS – September youth happenings are listed below. Hope to see many at these events.

- **Today - God's Work Our Hands Service Event** – We will be working with the church on this outreach starting with lunch at 12:30 before starting the work. 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 – September 30 – ALiVE Middle School Youth Retreat (for 6th-8th 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. **Registration is due TODAY**. Cost to you is \$50. If you need the forms see Paula.

Advent's youth group is open to students from 6th - 12th 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! Schedules for the first half of the year, can be found on the bulletin board outside the youth room.

JOY IN THE MORNING Small Group will resume meeting **TOMORROW** 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.

BIBLE STUDY resumed last week and focused on Paul's Letter to the Ephesians.
Upcoming Dates: September 11, 18; October 2, 9, 16; Times: 11:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.

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!

NURSE2NURSE APPEAL, from Kolu Mator: After WellSpan Hospital decided to change their Uniform Program, I realized that there would be new and used uniforms from Nurses at WellSpan that could be made available to Nurses in Liberia. After I made my desire known to the Nurses at WellSpan, they embraced the idea wholeheartedly and called the program Nurse2Nurse. As a result of the great success of this program, we have collected several thousand uniforms. Initially, I thought it would probably only be a few hundred uniforms which I could send using my personal funds. However, because of the overwhelming success of the program, the estimated cost for transporting the uniforms is beyond my personal capability. I am therefore appealing to individuals and organizations for assistance in this endeavor. Any help will be greatly appreciated. If you care to help, you can contact me by phone (717.424.5149) or email (jfmator@comcast.net).

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

LADIES BREAKFAST & BLESSINGS BUNCH - Friday, September 28 9-11:30 a.m. - Breakfast and fellowship in the Gathering Area followed by a presentation at 10:00 a.m. by Guest Speaker Deacon Marsha Roscoe who is Director for Mission Interpretation for the Lower Susquehanna Synod. All ladies are welcome! Please RSVP to Lisa Deeter, 717-650-6300, by Wednesday, September 26.

ALL OUTSTANDING COMMITTEE MEMBERS budgets are due by October 1.

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.

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 upstairs in the former library location. See an usher for directions.

Attendance Records

	Last Week	Last Year
Church	195	196

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	\$ 6,156	Weekly Offering Received	\$ 1,331
Total Offering Needed Year-To-Date	\$328,160	Total Offering Needed Year-To-Date	\$ 49,805
Total Offering Received Year-To-Date	\$251,630	Total Offering Received Year-To-Date	\$ 42,833

Capital Campaign Update

Total Campaign Pledge	\$1,871,220.00
Total Amount Received to Date	\$1,482,437.85

THIS WEEK AT ADVENT

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

COMING EVENTS

September 16	10:00 a.m.	Worship Service – <i>Sanctuary</i>
Rededication Sunday		
	8:45 a.m.	Cherub Choir Rehearsal – <i>NEW Choir Room</i>
	9:00 a.m.	Sunday School
	11:00 a.m.	Junior Choir Rehearsal – <i>NEW Choir Room</i>
	5:00 p.m.	MTAS Rehearsal – <i>NEW Choir Room</i>
	6:00 p.m.	Prayers & Stitches – <i>Gathering Area</i>
September 18	9:00 a.m. & 6:00 pm	Stained Glass Class
	Noon	Leisure Group
	11:00 am & 7:00 pm	Bible Study
September 19	7:00 p.m.	Chapel/Chancel Choir Rehearsal
September 20	9:00 a.m. & 6:00 pm	Stained Glass Class
	1:30 p.m.	Prayer Team

Serving Our Lord and Church Today

Acolyte/Crucifer

8:30 Laura Willoughby

11:00 Brittany Loken

Lector

8:30 Dewey Burkett

11:00 Marge Farrell

Cantor

Samantha Blevins

Communion Assistants

8:30 Jim Mitchell, Steve Tome

11:00 Frank Tyminski, Pam Rutledge

Assistant to Pastor

8:30 Pat Breneman

11:00 Bill Crowley

Altar Guild

8:30 Gary & Kathy Lauer, Paula Rineer

11:00 Cathi Wampler, Pam Rutledge

Flower Delivery

Jo Baile

Lay Hospital

Kim Sprenkle

Ushers

8:30 Brad Martin (H), Todd & Missy Unger,
Casey Flanscha, Elaine Kralowetz, Charles & Susan Martin

11:00 Robert Bowen (H), Lynnore Seaton, Don Dubs,
Alex Gibson, Cathy Schneider

Coffee Social

8:30 David & Nancy Dellinger, Kim Sprenkle

11:00 Teddy Waltermeyer, Connie Kefalas, Barb Crawford

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: Alexander Cucinella, Marie Fray, Ila Faye Stare, Stan Zeiders

Those Who Struggle:

Those in Need of Prayer: Sandy Cartwright, Donna Chaney, Doug Davis, Jill Fetter, Family of Joann Hoover, Jake Sitler, DeHaven Speicher, Kirk Summers

Those with Life-Threatening Illness: Polly Bergstrom Barnes, Dayna Girken, Natalie Scala, Nathan Sulpizio

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

Those Who Grieve: Family and Friends of Pastor D. Timothy Robinson

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:

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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!

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The People of the Parish

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