

# THE ADVENTURE - 2020



## ADVENT LUTHERAN CHURCH

### OUR MISSION – FAITHFUL IN THE WORD

- + To *gather* as God's people and nurture one another
- + To *know* the Word of God
- + To *grow* in faith, love, and service
- + To *go* into the world with the Good News of Jesus Christ



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In-person worship and church activities at Advent continue to be canceled until restrictions are lifted.  
We invite you to listen to services on our website and follow these lessons with your Bible.

### Sunday, June 7 The Holy Trinity

#### Introduction

Though the word *trinity* is not found in the scriptures, today's second reading includes the apostolic greeting that begins the liturgy: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. In the gospel Jesus sends his disciples forth to baptize in the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit. More than a doctrine, the Trinity expresses the heart of our faith: we have experienced the God of creation made known in Jesus Christ and with us always through the Holy Spirit. We celebrate the mystery of the Holy Trinity in word and sacrament, as we profess the creed, and as we are sent into the world to bear witness to our faith.

#### Readings and Psalm

**Genesis 1:1--2:4a** - *The creation of the heavens and the earth*

**Psalm 8** - How majestic is your name in all the earth! (*Ps. 8:1*)

**2 Corinthians 13:11-13** - *Paul's farewell to the church at Corinth*

**Matthew 28:16-20** - *Living in the community of the Trinity*

### Sunday, June 14

### Second Sunday after Pentecost

#### Introduction

Moses tells the Israelites that they are called to be a priestly kingdom and a holy people. Jesus sends out the disciples as laborers into the harvest. In baptism we too are anointed for ministry, sharing God's compassion with our needy world. From the Lord's table we go forth to proclaim the good news, to heal the sick, and to share our bread with the hungry.

#### Readings and Psalm

**Exodus 19:2-8a** - *The covenant with Israel at Sinai*

**Genesis 18:1-15 [21:1-7]** (alternate) – *The LORD appears to Abraham and Sarah*

**Psalm 100** - We are God's people and the sheep of God's pasture. (*Ps. 100:3*)

**Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19** (alternate) - I will call on the name of the LORD. (*Ps. 116:13*)

**Romans 5:1-8** - *While we were sinners, Christ died for us*

**Matthew 9:35--10:8 [9-23]** - *The sending of the Twelve*

## Sunday, June 21

### Third Sunday after Pentecost

#### **Introduction**

God does not promise that the path of the disciple will be easy. Jeremiah feels the pain of rejection from those who do not want to hear what he has to say. Jesus declares that his words may bring stark division. Even so, we need not be afraid for God accounts for each hair on our heads. Though we may experience rejection, frustration, division, and death, God's grace and love make us a new creation each day. Marked with the cross and filled with holy food, we are sent from worship to witness to Christ in the world.

#### **Readings and Psalm**

**Jeremiah 20:7-13** - *The prophet must speak despite opposition*

**Genesis 21:8-21** (alternate) - *The rescue of Hagar and Ishmael*

**Psalm 69:7-10 [11-15] 16-18** - Answer me, O LORD, for your love is kind. (Ps. 69:16)

**Psalm 86:1-10, 16-17** (alternate) - Have mercy on me; give your strength to your servant. (Ps. 86:16)

**Romans 6:1b-11** - *Buried and raised with Christ by baptism*

**Matthew 10:24-39** - *The cost of discipleship*

## Sunday, June 28

### Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

#### **Introduction**

The welcome of baptism is for all God's children. This baptismal gift sets us free from the power of sin and death. In today's gospel, Christ promises that the disciple who gives a cup of cold water to the little ones serves Christ himself. From worship we are sent on our baptismal mission: to serve the little ones of this world and to be a sign of God's merciful welcome.

#### **Readings and Psalm**

**Jeremiah 28:5-9** - *The test of a true prophet*

**Genesis 22:1-14** (alternate) - *The testing of Abraham*

**Psalm 89:1-4, 15-18** - Your love, O LORD, forever will I sing. (Ps. 89:1)

**Psalm 13** (alternate) - I trust in your unfailing love, O LORD. (Ps. 13:5)

**Romans 6:12-23** - *No longer under law but under grace*

**Matthew 10:40-42** - *Welcome Christ in those he sends*

### ADVENT ONLINE WORSHIP SERVICES



We hope all who have internet access have been able to listen and (now) watch Advent's Sunday worship services online at [adventrichboro.org](http://adventrichboro.org).

Recently, the readings, music and sermon have been embellished in a variety of ways. Pictures of Bible figures illustrate the sermons. Written verses are shown during the readings. You'll see videos of Mike Dettra playing the prelude and postlude and you'll hear multiple music tracks. The hymns feature lyrics for you to follow as you sing along! Photos of our church, inside and out, bring us closer to the building that awaits our return.

Thank you to all who work together to provide this inspiring worship experience for all of us: Pastor Jo, Mike Dettra, Geoff Duffy, Paul Henke, Karen & Bob Matlack and Nancy Slight. These services may be accessed any time that suits your schedule and you can invite friends and family to access them, too!

#### **REACH OUT TO OTHERS**

While we are staying close-to-home, consider ways to keep in touch with friends from church, whether with a phone call, a written note, a text or e-mail. All acts of kindness make both the giver and the receiver smile.

# BIBLE STUDY FOR KIDS

## THE HOLY SPIRIT COMES AT PENTECOST



Before Jesus went back to heaven, He promised, “**I will be with you always.**”  
Then He said, “God will send you a helper.” This helper is the **Holy Spirit**.

Jesus’ friends went back to Jerusalem.

They met with one another and prayed together as they waited for the helper to come.

Then one day, on the day we call **Pentecost**, **God the Holy Spirit** came just as Jesus promised.  
He came in a mighty way . . .

Jesus’ friends were praying together.

All of a sudden, they heard a big noise that filled the whole house!

“It sounds like a mighty rushing wind!” they said. - *Whooooosh!*

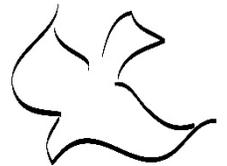
Then they saw something that looked like little flames of fire resting on them. - *Crackle!*

Jesus’ friends started talking; they could speak in different languages!

This was the way the **Holy Spirit** showed that

He had come to live inside them and make them brave.

He would help them go tell others about Jesus.



A lot of people were in the city of Jerusalem that day. They heard the big noise too. They hurried to the house where Jesus’ friends were filled with the Holy Spirit. Then Peter, one of Jesus’ friends, stood and talked to the people.

**God the Holy Spirit** helped Peter speak bravely so everyone would hear.

“I have a friend named Jesus,” Peter said.

“Jesus helped many people. He made sick people well. He made sad people happy.  
Jesus was good to you, but you were not good to Him. You put Him on a cross where He died.

But Jesus did not stay dead! He is alive!

**Now He is with God the Father in heaven.**

We know He loved us. **He loved us so much He died to save us all!**  
When the people heard this, they were afraid. They thought God would punish them.  
They cried out, “What shall we do?”

Peter told them, “Be sorry for your sins and be baptized. God will forgive you!”

That day many people told God they were sorry for their sins and were baptized.  
The Holy Spirit came to live inside them and made them God’s children.

**They believed in Jesus as their Savior.**

The **Holy Spirit** gives us **faith** to believe in Jesus as our Savior too.

He makes us God’s children through **Baptism** and **God’s Word**.

He comes to **live inside us** and changes our hearts.

**He helps us show love for others and tell them about Jesus.**

He helps us be sorry and **forgives us** when we sin. - *cph.org*

Look for the coloring page **God Sends the Holy Spirit** in this link and read this story in Acts 2 in your Bible. You’ll see 4 more Bible pages and verses about the Holy Spirit!  
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## **The Pastor Ponders June 2020**



Hopefully by the time you read this our lives will be open again. And our churches, our non- essentials, will be open as well. We all have opinions of how various conditions were handled. For me, the most difficult part of this whole mess was the fact that some things were deemed essential and others not. For the life of me I cannot understand why the dollar stores could be open and not the church, at least part of it for prayer. Of course some churches were allowed to do that, and to have a drive through. It was very frustrating, to say the least, to try to pastor through those rules.

We pray that in the fall we will not return to all these official regulations. Fortunately, I know no one who contracted the disease and our congregation has remained well at least from the virus. However, I do know several people who suffered loneliness and some depression. Being back in church and seeing the sunshine and the beauty of summer can raise spirits. That is our goal. We missed so much of the church year that is so important to our faith, most of Lent, Easter and now Pentecost.

For years the church leaders have espoused that TV church is fine, but you need to be with fellow believers and now they told us this is what we need to do. This was all we could do and we tried our best within our limitations. We pray that this is over and we can again gather as a congregation to praise our Lord and we ask His forgiveness for giving in to the powers of this world. Thankfully the early Christians did not and because of that we have gospels, epistles and the word of the prophets to guide us.

Let us follow their teachings as we try to enjoy the summer weather and the activities it presents to us.

Your servant in Christ our Lord,  
Pastor Jo

## **Pastor Call Committee Update**

The call process has progressed to the phase of the Council of Deans matching candidates' profiles (e.g., background, qualifications) with Advent's profile (e.g., Site Ministry Profile, job description). The process includes candidates' reviewing our profile and determining their level of interest in advancing to the interview phase of the call process.

As Chair of the Call Committee, I have been in ongoing communication with our Dean, Pastor Norbert Hahn. Dean Hahn has indicated that the Council of Deans has been actively engaged in reviewing candidates for our call with candidates reviewing our profile, which is ongoing.

If you have any questions concerning the call process, please do not hesitate to contact Mike Sitrler (215 498 7698).

It is asked that all members hold Church Council, the Call Committee, and the congregation in prayer throughout the call process.

Report Submitted by Call Committee Chair, Mike Sitrler

## **Report from Social Ministry - Nancy Sclight**



During the month of May we have continued our support for the Warminster Food Cupboard through the donation bench in front of the church. So far 150 lbs of food have been delivered. Thanks to all who have been able to donate. The Cupboard also accepts monetary donations to purchase food that isn't donated. If you are interested you can mail a check to our church made out to the Coordinating Council of Health and Welfare. Thanks for your continued support during these difficult times. Any questions please call Nancy Sclight. 215-355-3951.

## **Ideas for Giving**

Many thanks once again to those who have been able to support Advent with financial gifts during the pandemic! Your gifts support Advent's fixed expenses and are much appreciated. One-time online donations may be made through our website, [www.adventrichboro.org](http://www.adventrichboro.org), via the "Give Now" link. Offerings are kept confidential and are only accessed by our regular team of money counters. Offerings also may be sent to Advent Lutheran Church, P.O. Box 840, Richboro, PA 18940-0840. You may contact me at [tonygee517@gmail.com](mailto:tonygee517@gmail.com), if you have any questions.

Report from the Finance Committee - Tony Gryszka

## **Congregational Life**

The crew of two was at it again. This month the pre school room was tackled. The space was decluttered, organized and labeled to make it easier to find items needed. After completing this task we decided to pull apart the Bible School closet. My how things accumulate. I'm sure we can all relate. That job should be finished in the next week. Looking forward to gathering again as a community.

Report submitted by Rhona Slawter

## **Synod Disaster Response: Mid-Michigan Flooding**

Portions of Mid-Michigan, part of the North/West Lower Michigan Synod, have been devastated by severe flooding and dam failures due to heavy rain across the state recently. The local Synod there has six congregations in the affected area and they're assisting their communities in a variety of ways including providing shelter and food assistance. Numerous homes were destroyed and the Synod is focusing on providing assistance with immediate needs as well as long term recovery efforts. If you're able to make a donation to this cause, make checks payable to "Advent Lutheran Church," and notate "Mid-Michigan Flooding Appeal." All designated funds will be sent by Advent to the North/West Lower Michigan Synod Disaster Relief Fund for the direct support of affected residents. Thank you.

## **TO CONTACT THE CHURCH OFFICE**

If you need immediate assistance, you may reach Pastor Jo at 215-364-2298 (home) or at 215-499-5856 (cell). You may also leave a message at the church office at 215-355-2529, with Church Council President, George Henry, at 215-970-8523, or with Finance Committee Chairperson, Tony Gryska, at 267-408-3255.

## **FOR JUNE UPDATES**

Advent will continue to keep everyone informed of church info while we're staying at home. Check your emails and refer to the church website [www.adventrichboro.org](http://www.adventrichboro.org) periodically. We thank Paul Henke for offering ideas for our website and for updating it often.

## **MEN'S BREAKFAST**

Again, with regrets, we will cancel the breakfast scheduled for June 14<sup>th</sup>; however, please rest assured that the traditional cigars will be kept in a very high end humidor and safe from "The Virus" until such time that we are allowed to come closer than 6 ft. in order to hand them safely to you.

Men's Group Coordinator,  
Dave Shearer



## **PRIMARY VOTE - JUNE 2**



The General Primary will take place on June 2, 2020. Voting hours are from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

If you have a mail-in ballot or absentee ballot, it must arrive at the Board of Elections in Doylestown by 8:00 p.m. on Tuesday June 2.

We are assured that the voting area will be sanitized before and after the primary. Hand sanitizer, gloves, wipes and masks will be available.

Please vote for the candidates of your choice.

## **CONGRATULATIONS ON BIRTH**

Advent expresses its congratulations to Cindy Frey on the birth of her Granddaughter, Vanessa Lynn Frey, born on May 12, 2020, 7 lbs, 4 oz, 20 inches. Parents: Christopher and Elise Frey, Big brother: Alexander Frey. Everyone doing well.

## **PRAYER CIRCLE AT ADVENT**

The Prayer Circle, part of the Evangelism Committee, would like to remind you that we are always willing to pray for your specific needs.



Since we are not in church in a formal setting, the need for prayer continues - perhaps even greater than before.

God is waiting for us to ask Him for help and guidance and comfort. Listen to Advent's audio service on our website, check out the messages that are posted on Advent's Facebook page, or contact us for specific needs.

Please reach out to us by email ([office@adventrichboro.org](mailto:office@adventrichboro.org), [kmatl22349@verizon.net](mailto:kmatl22349@verizon.net)) or a text message (215-932-1283) on the phone. We can pray for you immediately as well as send the information out to others on the Prayer Circle.

Thank you!

Karen Matlack  
[kmatl22349@verizon.net](mailto:kmatl22349@verizon.net)

## **PRAYER**

We are all looking forward to the day when we will all worship together again. Please pray for God to aid scientists in discovering a vaccine quickly, and for the witness of the church, that we will not allow the corona virus to quarantine our faith.



## **STITCH CLUB ITEMS AVAILABLE**

If you would need anything throughout the year from the Stitch Club for babies or the elderly i.e. blankets, etc., please contact Hanna McCollum at 215-962-9032 or Jeff Jobses at 215-355-4149. Imagine the possibilities during shelter-in-place!



**CARING FOR FRIENDS  
MEALS - WRAPPED and  
READY**

Hunger is a prominent concern for our neighbors near and far, and our efforts at Advent to prepare food for Caring for Friends continues. In May, we made, packaged and froze 88 dinners to be distributed and delivered to elderly and infirm recipients through this local organization. They offer contact-free delivery, social distancing and enhanced food-safety precautions. Their work is a blessing to their many clients. Thank you, Hanna McCollum, for coordinating our efforts.

Check the website for ways you can help:  
<https://caringforfriends.org/donate/>



**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL NOW  
CANCELED**

Each summer, we look forward to welcoming our energetic students to Advent's Vacation Bible School. This year, we were expecting a carefree outlook for August, but we now foresee continued limits on social interaction, so we will have to save our enthusiasm for VBS until next year.

We know Vacation Bible School is exactly the outlet that most children would welcome after months of curtailed activities, but we must consider their health as our most important priority.

To our students: We'll miss you! Throughout these changing times, remember that God loves us and has a plan for us. Just as Jesus taught his disciples, we must put our trust in God, as God knows our needs and He will provide for us. [Matthew 6:33] We hope you will stay active in reading and learning this summer and will enjoy playing outdoors. We WILL get to have fun together again!!



**RECOGNITION OF GRADUATES 2020**

We are pleased to recognize those related to our congregation who have notified us of their graduation from high school, college, or professional schools:

**Kayla Elizabeth McGee** - Graduated from Neshaminy High School. Kayla plans on attending Bucks County Community College. (Granddaughter of Cheryl Foran and Great Granddaughter of Marian Schmidt.)

**Kimberly Starke** - Graduated from York College of Pennsylvania with a Bachelor's Degree of Science in Nuclear Medicine. In her senior year she also attended PA College of Health Sciences for internship/clinical and will receive her Nuclear Medicine Certification of Health Sciences from them.

**Luke Urbaniak** - Graduated from Council Rock North and will be attending the University of Utah for his degree in Business/Finance.



**THE ARMED FORCES**

Please keep in your prayers all our service men and women and especially those related to our congregation:

US Air Force Lt. Col. Andrew Frey is the Senior Executive Officer to the Deputy Chief of Staff, Plans and Programs, stationed at the Pentagon.

US Air Force Major Fred Gouse is a pilot and instructor stationed at Holloman AFB, New Mexico.

US Army Colonel (Ret.) Jeff Williams is serving in Dubai, UAE as a military advisor.

If there are any errors or omissions, please notify the church office.

Thank you.



**NUEVA CREACION LUTHERAN CHURCH**

Please keep Pastor Lyzette Rios Sanchez and our mission congregation Nueva Creación Lutheran Church in your prayers. Your mission support gifts help them to minister in an impoverished area of Philadelphia.



**ADVENT'S BIRTHDAY CORNER**  
**JUNE BIRTHDAYS**



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|-----------------------|--------------------|------------------------|
| 1 Tamara Ritchie Wong | 17 Kimberly Starke | 23 Christel Hoffmann   |
| 3 Kim Masciotro       | 19 Ray Heiss       | 27 George Henry        |
| 5 Luke Duffy          | 20 Monika Kovacs   | 28 Danny Gordon        |
| 7 Erich Rayher        | 21 Lisa Frey       | 29 Emily Frey          |
| 9 Angela Wagner Bauer | Katie Gordon       | 30 Drew Becker         |
| Lauren Duffy          | Sarah Lattal       | Eric Buttil            |
| 12 Charlene Henry     | Janet Manco        | Amy Rilling            |
| Kara Henry            | 22 Geoff Duffy     | George Preston Slawter |

Please contact the church office if you or someone you know has been omitted from the list. Thank you.