



ADVENTures *a weekly newsletter*

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**May 24, 2020 The Seventh Sunday of Easter
The Sunday after Ascension Day**

Worship with the Diocese of Albany at <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCjVmrEwtur7R8akk7Drd9TQ>

At Advent

All services at Advent are suspended until further notice. You may call the church office (440-871-6685) and expect to have your call answered between 9:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. Monday-Thursday. If you call outside of those hours, please leave a message and we will respond as soon as we receive it. In case of emergency, please contact Dick McCormick (440-413-0189) directly.

***John 17:6 (TPT)** Father, I have manifested who you really are and I have revealed you to the men and women that you gave to me. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have fastened your Word firmly to their hearts.*

Memorial Day is almost here; the opening up of our economy is underway. Hopefully, that means that we will soon return to worship together as the Advent family.

In the Gospel this morning we come to what I am calling the real Lord's Prayer. You will notice it is not the prayer many of us have prayed every Sunday – "our father who art in heaven..." That prayer by my definition is really "the disciples prayer" as Jesus taught them in response to their request to teach them how to pray. So, let us consider this special prayer in John 17.

It was prayed somewhere between the upper room institution of the Lord's Supper and the Garden of Gethsemane time of agonizing prayer. The disciples were privileged to watch and hear Jesus pray this intimate prayer to His Heavenly Father.

This is holy ground. We must be incredibly careful when we tread on it. An interesting thing is happening here: a conversation within the Trinity. Something so close, so personal, it's almost as if one prays to oneself. God the Son is praying to God the Father.

Former Cleveland Browns veteran, Bill Glass had a son named John—an all-state athlete in the eleventh grade. John had a major knee injury that put him out for months and in the hospital for weeks. One time Bill came home and couldn't find John. Upstairs he noticed the door to his son's room was cracked just a bit, and his son was on the bed sobbing. Bill said, "As I listened to my son cry, I wanted to do something, but I didn't know what to say. So, I stood outside that door and listened to him sob, and I said to myself, I will go in to my son and say to him, "John it's ok, son. We're going to lick this thing. We're going to ask the Lord to lead us. We will find the best doctors. We're going to lick this thing."

So, Bill finally pushed the door open, walked in, and then he started crying. He put his hand on his son's shoulder, and John looked up and noticed his dad crying and said, "Dad, it's ok. We're going to lick this thing. We'll ask the Lord to lead us, and we're going to be all right." In other words, the son said to the father what the father was going to say to the son. Something like that is happening in John 17.

We see a relationship so intimate that before the petition poured forth from the Son, it was in the mind of the Father. What a beautiful relationship, and more importantly, it is the relationship God the Father would have us to experience with the Son in our intimate prayers.

Prayer is not an exercise in getting, it is an experiment in personal fellowship with our Savior. Intimacy with God is not knowing about God but knowing Him personally through faith in our Lord Jesus. He wants us to come close to him. This is the invitation for us in Jesus' prayer, that we draw so close to the Lord in prayer that we touch God's heart and His amazing will for our lives. This is far beyond listing our petitions and simply reading the Bible. It is encountering the Living Lord in a deeply personal way that reminds us of His care for us as well as His purpose that we glorify Him in all that we do and say. This is that special place where we forget about ourselves and worship Him.

Pastor Paul Laursen

This Week at Advent

Sunday, May 24

8:00 a.m. SERVICE SUSPENDED
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Monday, May 25 Memorial Day

Church office is closed

Wednesday, May 27

7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study at Advent
9:00 a.m. Wednesday Morning Prayer Group

Sunday, May 31 Pentecost

9:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist



Calling all Graduates!

Is your son or daughter graduating this year? We will be honoring high school and college graduates from Advent when we resume services. If your son or daughter is graduating this year, submit a short bio on what they accomplished in high school/college and what their plans are for the future. This information needs to be turned into JoAnn at the Parish Office by Sunday May 24, or emailed to: advent.church@sbcglobal.net
Thank you.

Memorial Day Facts

Memorial Day is a United States federal holiday which occurs every year on the final Monday of May. Memorial Day is a day of remembering the men and women who died while serving in the United States Armed Forces. Formerly known as **Decoration Day**, it originated after the American Civil War to commemorate the Union and Confederate soldiers who died in the Civil War. By the 20th century Memorial Day had been extended to honor all Americans who have died in all wars.

By the early 20th century, Memorial Day was an occasion for more general expressions of memory, as people visited the graves of their deceased relatives in church cemeteries, whether they had served in the military or not. It also became a long weekend increasingly devoted to shopping, family gatherings, fireworks, trips to the beach, and national media events.

From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia

Need Masks?

We still have a supply of masks available. Please let JoAnn know what you need (440-871-6685).
Nursing homes need more masks?

Prayer Request

Health and Recovery

Lillian Kwasny	Dave Luptak	Joan Joye
Mary Lou Dixon	Marilyn Decker	Velta Sanborn
Bob Allen	Karen Zolar	Rose Walker
Barb Frank	Lois Zolar	Arthur Beel
Michael Uhrich	Sharon Rice	George Belinsky
Bill & Judy Arkley	Steve Boyce	Shirley Moore

Friends of Advent

Toni Kulma, wife of Pastor Kulma	Fr. Richard Lutz
Ken and Jim	Richard Ward, Jr
Eliza Jennings residents	
Trevor, grandson of Art Beel	
Liz Schilling, friend of JoAnn Beck	
Laura Lenis, friend of JoAnn Beck	
Pastor Joyce Williams, friend of Bev Cummings	
Stella, friend of Bev Cummings	
Tom and Betty Clark	

Safety Protection

David Arkley, Detective for Cleveland Police
Son of Bill & Judy Arkley
Rachel Moffitt, ER Nurse daughter of Bill & Judy Arkley

Please contact the church office if you would like your name added or removed from our list.