



ADVENTures *a weekly newsletter*

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June 21, 2020 The Third Sunday after Pentecost

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

At Advent

All services at Advent are scheduled for Sunday at 9:00 a.m. We will be celebrating the Holy Eucharist with a special service.

Matthew 10:16, 32 (NCV) Listen, I am sending you out like sheep among wolves. So be as smart as snakes and as innocent as doves....10:32 All those who stand before others and say they believe in me, I will say before my Father in heaven that they belong to me.

Jesus in this week's Gospel is preparing His disciples for what will come. There had not been any persecution of them at this point; That only began to happen after Pentecost, when they carried the testimony of Jesus in their hearts and lives. We are His followers and witnesses, so what does this mean for us? You are a Sheep and the Wolves are at your door. What will you do?

Remain inside, surrender your personal freedom? Live the rest of your life in fear as a prisoner in your own home? Sounds like social distancing to me.

Take up arms and blast away in an attempt to eliminate or annihilate the wolves? Sounds like the NRA gone rogue.

Get out your wolf costume and pretend to be one of them, as you slip past? Sounds like compromise driven by fear.

Trust in your shepherd who said, "go in and out and find pasture, don't be afraid of the wolves, for I will protect you"

We are living in a season when personal convictions are not always positively received. Just look at the news broadcasts. In some cases, our personal freedom of speech is being attacked and even severely restricted by public pressure. To me, the core of our Gospel this week is that, yes, there are dangers in living out what we believe. Just go to [The Voice of the Martyrs](http://TheVoiceoftheMartyrs.com) website. But more importantly, understand that through Jesus it is possible to live an uncompromising Christian testimony in a world that is increasingly opposed to or often intolerant of the gospel.

Philippians 2:14-15 (NASB) Do all things without grumbling or disputing; ¹⁵ so that you will prove yourselves to be blameless and innocent, children of God above reproach in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation, among whom you appear as lights in the world.

Here is the truth as we see to live out our faith in a quite hostile world at times. We do not go out on our own, we are sent by the Good Shepherd. He never sends us without purpose. Jesus sent His disciples out in the storm, but He was there with them.

We are His sheep, called to live as witnesses in the midst of occasional turbulence. Our season to live and serve Him is intentionally assigned. Daniel stated in chapter twelve that wise people would shine like the brightness of the sky. This is our time to shine!

There are indeed many wolfish ideas, philosophies, and perceptions that are openly expressed in our world today.

Colossians 2:8 (NIV) See to it that no one takes you captive through hollow and deceptive philosophy, which depends on human tradition and the basic principles of this world rather than on Christ.

The Lord Jesus bless you this week as you seek to live for Him!

Pastor Paul Laursen

This Week at Advent

Sunday, June 21 Father's Day

9:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist

Monday, June 22

Tuesday, June 23

Wednesday, June 24

7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study at Advent

9:00 a.m. Wednesday Morning Prayer Group

7:00 p.m. The Praise Community

Thursday, June 25

7:00 p.m. Dar's Happy Hour Zoom Meeting

Sunday, June 28

9:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist

Server Schedule Today, June 21

9:00 a.m.

Assistant Denise Geyer-Keller

Lector Denise Geyer-Keller

Prayers of the People Denise Geyer-Keller (Form 5)

Ushers Jim Edwards & Max Gage

Intercessory Prayer Ray Busony

Counter Anne Crothall (6/22)

Close Advent Denise Geyer-Keller

Next Sunday, June 28

9:00 a.m.

Assistant Dick McCormick

Lector Dick McCormick

Prayers of the People Dick McCormick (Form 6)

Ushers Jan & Jerry Nagy

Intercessory Prayer Bev Cummings

Counter Marcia Duennes (6/29)

Close Advent Dick McCormick

Dear Advent Family,

Bunny and I sincerely thank you for the beautiful hand made blanket. We so enjoy serving at Advent. We have many, many beautiful memories with our church family. Blessings to all for a safe, healthy, and wonderful summer.

Best Regards,

Bunny & Lewis Meriam

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
Eliza Jennings residents
Liz Schilling, friend of JoAnn Beck
Pastor Joyce Williams, friend of Bev Cummings
Stella, friend of Bev Cummings
Tom and Betty Clark
Residents of Pinzone Tower (2 residents have Covid 19)

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.