



ADVENTures a weekly newsletter

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July 5, 2020 The Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

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

At Advent

Worship is scheduled for Sundays at 9:00 a.m. We will be celebrating the Holy Eucharist with a special service.

Matthew 11:28-30 (NASB) *Come to Me, all who are weary and heavy-laden, and I will give you rest.*
²⁹ *"Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and YOU WILL FIND REST FOR YOUR SOULS."*
³⁰ *"For My yoke is easy and My burden is light."*

Our Gospel for this Fourth of July Weekend sounds a bit like the plaque on the Statue of Liberty. ...we can come to Jesus with our burdens. Jesus is speaking of being yoked to Him. However, as citizens of the United States we are also yoked to the history, values, and responsibilities of our nation.

The US Citizenship and Immigration Services Lists the following rights and responsibilities of US citizenship.

These rights and responsibilities a part of what makes us a nation of people going in the same general direction. As an immigrant, I value our responsibilities because they early on in my adult life helped me grasp what it means to live in our wonderful country. I encourage you to reflect on what your US citizenship means to you, even in this time of the corona virus and the cultural unrest that is so evident.

The responsibilities of Kingdom Citizenship

Philippians 3:20 (NASB) *For our citizenship is in heaven, from which also we eagerly wait for a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ.*

The Apostle Paul was a Roman citizen which offered Him great benefits and opportunities. He was also a citizen of our Lord's heavenly kingdom which reshaped his life in a powerful way.

I would like you also to reflect on what the responsibilities are of our heavenly citizenship.

Taking on Jesus' yoke means that He intends for us to go somewhere, that we have business while we are here. We are disciples with a mission to the world as ambassadors.

Jesus teaches that this is not a burdensome responsibility, but He does have an ongoing plan and purpose for our lives. One part of that citizenship is representing the Kingdom of Heaven in our sphere of influence. We do this with our words, but just as importantly with how we live our lives!

We are citizens of Heaven's Kingdom, living in the USA. Our ultimate home is not here, it's in eternity, but while we reside on earth, the way we live makes a tremendous impact on those around us. Blessings!

Pastor Paul Laursen



This Week at Advent

Sunday, July 5

9:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist

Monday, July 6

Church office is closed for July 4th

Tuesday, July 7

Wednesday, July 8

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, July 9

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

Sunday, July 12

9:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist

Server Schedule Today, July 5

9:00 a.m.

Assistant Kathleen Huffman

Lector Kathleen Huffman

Prayers of the People Kathleen Huffman (Form 2)

Ushers Peter Meckes & Teddi Augustine

Intercessory Prayer Ray Busony

Counter Anne Crothall (7/7)

Close Advent Ray Busony

Next Sunday, July 12

9:00 a.m.

Assistant Marcia Duennes

Lector Marcia Duennes

Prayers of the People Marcia Duennes (Form 3)

Ushers Jan & Jerry Nagy

Intercessory Prayer Bev Cummings

Counter Marcia Duennes

Close Advent Peter Meckes

July Birthdays and Anniversaries

4 Paul Koszkalda Jr.

8 John Crothall

14 Chelsea Boyce

15 Stacie Smith

21 Teddi Augustine

Shirley Moore

22 Bob Sanborn

24 Rose Walker



3 Dudley & Kay Blossom

14 Scott & Marcia Duennes

21 Max & Barbara Gage

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.