



# ADVENTures

a weekly newsletter

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**May 23, 2021 The Day of Pentecost**

Worship with the Diocese of Albany at

[https://www.youtube.com/results?search\\_query=episcopal+diocese+of+albany](https://www.youtube.com/results?search_query=episcopal+diocese+of+albany)

Welcome to Advent Episcopal Church and may God bless your worship today!

## Pentecost Sunday 2021

**John 7:37-39<sup>a</sup> (NASB)** *Now on the last day, the great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried out, saying, If anyone is thirsty, let him come to Me and drink. <sup>38</sup> "He who believes in Me, as the Scripture said, 'From his innermost being will flow rivers of living water.'"<sup>39</sup> But this He spoke of the Spirit, whom those who believed in Him were to receive.*

The Gospel for this Pentecost Sunday comes from the last day of The Feast of Tabernacles at which Jesus promised what we now know to be Pentecost, the birthday of the church. Tabernacles was the most popular festival of the three annual celebrations in Jerusalem. A requirement for Tabernacles was that every Jewish male must go to Jerusalem; of course his family would participate as well. This gathering was to be a reminder of God's provision during the forty years of wandering in the wilderness after escaping from Egypt through the Red Sea.

In that wilderness God was present in the tabernacle that Moses had erected, following an exact heavenly blueprint. At the Feast each family built a small booth or tent and lived in it during the seven day celebration. In John 1 we read that the word became flesh and tabernacled among us. As God was in the wilderness tabernacle, Jesus now was in the flesh in Jerusalem.

A daily highlight of each of the seven days was the ceremonial drawing of water: At daybreak priests went from the Temple to the pool of Siloam and filled a golden pitcher and brought it back to the Temple. As they approached the south side of the Temple, trumpets sounded three times. As the pitcher came to the altar, the Temple choir sang the Hallel, which was Psalms 113-118.

When the choir began the first verse of Ps. 118, all the males shouted with them three times: "Give thanks to the Lord." One priest came to the altar and poured out wine and water into the two silver bowls. Now the choir sang Ps. 118:22, "The stone rejected by the builders has become the corner stone."

On the 7<sup>th</sup> day, the priest circled the altar seven times. This is where John 7:37-39 fits in. Now we connect it to the following: **Acts 2:14-18 (NASB)** *But Peter, taking his stand with the eleven, raised his voice and declared to them: "Men of Judea and all you who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you and give heed to my words. <sup>15</sup> "For these men are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only the third hour of the day; <sup>16</sup> but this is what was spoken of through the prophet Joel: <sup>17</sup> 'AND IT SHALL BE IN THE LAST DAYS,' God says, 'THAT I WILL POUR FORTH OF MY SPIRIT ON ALL MANKIND; AND YOUR SONS AND YOUR DAUGHTERS SHALL PROPHECY, AND YOUR YOUNG MEN SHALL SEE VISIONS, AND YOUR OLD MEN SHALL DREAM DREAMS; <sup>18</sup> EVEN ON MY BONDSLAVES, BOTH MEN AND WOMEN, I WILL IN THOSE DAYS POUR FORTH OF MY SPIRIT AND THEY SHALL PROPHECY.*

Jesus Himself was the fulfillment of this Feast!

What an incredible moment that was for God's people, and they simply didn't grasp the impact of what was happening in front of them. As we celebrate Pentecost today, the outpouring of Holy Spirit on His Church, are you walking in the fullness of all that Jesus promised?

The Lord of the Church bless you this week!  
Pastor Paul Laursen

## This Week at Advent

### Sunday, May 23 Pentecost

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist  
9:00 a.m. Pentecost Celebration  
10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist  
11:00 a.m. Pentecost Celebration

### Monday, May 24

### Tuesday, May 25

### Wednesday, May 26

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, May 27

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

### Sunday, May 30

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist  
10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist

## Prayer Request

### Health and Recovery

Lillian Kwasny	Joan Joye	Gus Cratcha
Mary Lou Dixon	Marilyn Decker	Stacey Smith
Bob Allen	Karen Zolar	Shirley Moore
Barb Frank	Lois Zolar	Arthur Beel
Michael Uhrich	Sharon Rice	George Belinsky
Bill & Judy Arkley	Steve Boyce	Sue Boyce
Dave Luptak	Roger Luptak	Liz Urbas
John & Anne Crothall		
Richard Ward Jr		

### Friends of Advent

Toni Kulma, wife of Pastor Kulma	Fr. Richard Lutz
Ken Wood Jim Johnson	Betty Clark
Eliza Jennings residents	Bill Liptak
Liz Schilling, friend of JoAnn Beck	
Julie and Ray Coy	
Residents of Pinzone Tower	
Will Hayes, friend of Cynthea Sabolich	
Gabe, grandson of Jan & Jerry Nagy	
Joyce Meitin	
Carolyn Kay, cousin of Jan Nagy	

### 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*

## Server Schedule Today, May 23

### 8:00 a.m.

Assistant Kathleen Huffman

### 10:00 a.m.

Assistant Dick McCormick

Lector Dick McCormick

Prayers of the People Dick McCormick (Form 5)

Ushers Jan & Jerry Nagy

Intercessory Prayer Ray Busony

Counter Anne Crothall (5/17)

Close Advent Ray Busony

## Server Schedule May 30

### 8:00 a.m.

Assistant Dick McCormick

### 10:00 a.m.

Assistant Dick McCormick

Lector Dick McCormick

Prayers of the People Dick McCormick (Form 6)

Ushers Jim Edwards

Intercessory Prayer Bev Cummings

Counter Anne Crothall (5/17)

Close Advent Dick McCormick

Note: It is your responsibility to contact another volunteer directly to take your place. Please call the office with all changes. Thank you.

## Fellowship Celebration on Pentecost, May 23

We all miss coffee hour, cakes for birthdays and anniversaries, Shrove Tuesday pancakes/sausages/paczki's, chili nights, men's and women's nights out, and general fellowship opportunities. This year we are celebrating the church's birthday on Pentecost. After the 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. services we'll have a reception in the parish hall and, weather permitting, outside in the courtyard. Pete Meckes and his team are planning the food and drinks. So please plan to join us as we renew our church family lives together.

## Zoom Invitation

This is a recurring invitation for worship services at 9:00 a.m. each Sunday morning. You can use the same link, Meeting ID, and Passcode Sunday after Sunday. This way, the link won't change week by week. You can launch the link either from this transmittal or a separate email I'll send, which should overcome the difficulties some have experienced recently.

Peace be with you!

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/93790207331?pwd=NWFXZVhnVGdEY1Z5dzRCSjNVQzlZQT09>

Meeting ID: 937 9020 7331

Passcode: 988930

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+1 253 215 8782 US (Tacoma)

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### Calling all Graduates!

Is your son or daughter graduating this year? We will be honoring high school and college graduates from Advent. 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 30, or emailed to: [advent.church@sbcglobal.net](mailto:advent.church@sbcglobal.net)

### West Shore Healing Room

The West Shore Healing Room will reopen on Tuesday, June 8, from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the church. The healing room will resume its normal operation of being open on the second Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. For information, call 216-407-3220 or email [westshorehealing@gmail.com](mailto:westshorehealing@gmail.com).

### Pentecost

On the Day of Pentecost, the climax of the 50 days of the Easter Season, we celebrate the fact that our Lord sent the Holy Spirit, the comforter and strengthener, to reinforce the faith of the Apostles. Upon receiving this gift, the Apostles went out into the world to preach, teach and baptize in Christ's name. Thus at Pentecost, we celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit and the anniversary of the Church's birth. The color for this day is red, symbolizing the tongues of fire that appeared to hover over the disciples on that first Pentecost.



### Bishop Rescinds and Relaxes Certain COVID Guidelines

Effective this Sunday, Pentecost on May 23 Bishop Hollingsworth has issued new guidelines that replace all previous protocols and guidelines. Here's what applies to Advent:

- Out of respect for those who feel at risk, we'll continue to wear masks indoors. Masks are not needed when we're outdoors.
  - By now, people have chosen to "social distance" themselves according to their personnel risk assessment and comfort level. We will continue to respect people's individual decisions.
  - We will not replace the yellow ropes marking off every other pew.
  - Communion will continue to be wafers only, with distribution in front of the altar single-file as we've been doing.
  - Singing is allowed, while wearing masks.
  - Choir activities can commence based on how and when Dar and her team choose to move forward.
  - We'll "pass the peace" in ways each person feels comfortable – fist-bumping, hand-shaking, waving, etc. – while respecting and taking a cue from the other person's behavior.
  - In-person meetings, Bible studies, birthday/anniversary celebrations, celebration of graduation, fellowship activities, baptisms, etc. can resume consistent with the above.
  - Outside groups like CODA can resume using Advent facilities.
  - We'll continue with one Assistant at each service, who fulfills the acolyte, lector, and prayers of the people functions.
  - We'll continue to Zoom the 10:00 service, funerals, baptisms, etc.
- Jason will continue with the cleaning and sanitizing on a weekly basis.

Thanks for the prayers as we "almost resume normal" church activities. Hope to see more and more return to in-person gatherings!