



ADVENTures a weekly newsletter

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June 6, 2021 The Second Sunday after Pentecost

Worship with the Diocese of Albany at

https://www.youtube.com/results?search_query=episcopal+diocese+of+albany

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

This week's Gospel: Mark 3:20-35

The reading for this week is about an encounter with the Jewish leaders. In the confrontation, Jesus is accused of accomplishing powerful works by the ruler of demons, the devil himself. Jesus states blaspheming the Holy Spirit is the unforgivable sin. What strikes me is the magnitude of respect which Jesus holds for the Holy Spirit. So in this week's article I want to address the role and importance of the third person of the Trinity.

In last week's Gospel:

John 3:5-7 (NLT2) ⁵ Jesus replied, "I assure you, no one can enter the Kingdom of God without being born of water and the Spirit. ⁶ Humans can reproduce only human life, but the Holy Spirit gives birth to spiritual life. ⁷ So don't be surprised when I say, 'You must be born again.'

After Pentecost, the Holy Spirit comes upon and into the lives of believers in a unique and permanent way. In Matthew 10 Jesus speaks of a time when a Christian might be brought before a governing official because of their faith. He declares that the Spirit of God will empower us in that exact moment. The Holy Spirit will come upon believers in an extraordinary way for special tasks. This means that we should indeed ask the Holy Spirit's help as we face our daily problems as well as life's major challenges.

Matthew 10:19-20 (NCV) ¹⁹ When you are arrested, don't worry about what to say or how to say it. At that time you will be given the things to say. ²⁰ It will not really be you speaking but the Spirit of your Father speaking through you.

Likewise in dealing with personal issues The Holy Spirit, now identified as the Comforter is available to us as well. Imagine the over three billion believers worldwide, but yet, when you or I have a need, the Spirit of God is instantly available to us.

John 14:15-20 (NCV) If you love me, you will obey my commands. ¹⁶ I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper to be with you forever—¹⁷ the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him, because it does not see him or know him. But you know him, because he lives with you and he will be in you. ¹⁸ "I will not leave you all alone like orphans; I will come back to you. ¹⁹ In a little while the world will not see me anymore, but you will see me. Because I live, you will live, too. ²⁰ On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and that you are in me and I am in you.

The Holy Spirit is the promised presence of God within each believer because of the miraculous outpouring of Pentecost that was the result of Jesus death on the cross and His resurrection and finally His ascension into heaven. Jesus even stated to the disciples that it was for them and for us that He go because of what would occur on Pentecost.

We are living post-Pentecost, so all of His promises made on earth are immediately available to us in every moment and situation of our lives. It's a stupendous promise, but one that gives moment by moment peace, for he will never leave us as orphans, but He will come to us.

Blessings on your and those you care about this week!
Pastor Paul Laursen

This Week at Advent

Sunday, June 6

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist
10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist
11:00 a.m. Birthdays and Anniversaries

Monday, June 7

Tuesday, June 8

7:00 p.m. West Shore Healing Room

Wednesday, Jun 9

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 10

7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, Jun 13

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, June 6

8:00 a.m.

Assistant Kathleen Huffman

10:00 a.m.

Assistant Denise Geyer-Keller

Lector Denise Geyer-Keller

Prayers of the People Denise Geyer-Keller (Form 2)

Ushers Max Gage

Intercessory Prayer Ray Busony

Counter Anne Crothall (5/17)

Close Advent Max Gage

Server Schedule June 13

8:00 a.m.

Assistant Dick McCormick

Acolyte Kylie Bunn

10:00 a.m.

Assistant Dick McCormick

Lector Dick McCormick

Prayers of the People Dick McCormick (Form 3)

Ushers Peter Meckes

Intercessory Prayer Ray Busony

Counter Anne Crothall (6/14)

Close Advent Peter Meckes

Note: It is your responsibility to contact another volunteer directly to

June Anniversaries & Birthdays

9 Barbara Gage
14 Lewis Meriam
16 Bruce Finch



6 Richard & Linda McCormick

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=NWFXZVhnVGdEY1Z5dzRCSjNVQzIzQT09>

Meeting ID: 937 9020 7331

Passcode: 988930

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+1 253 215 8782 US (Tacoma)

Meeting ID: 937 9020 7331

Ladies Night Out

Ladies Night Out will be returning! Please join us on Monday, June 14, Place to be determined. Please let Marilyn Decker know if you can attend at 440-779-8834 or see her at church. Hope you can make it.

Relaxation of COVID Restrictions

Effective June 2, in accordance with Governor DeWine guidance, we will no longer recommend wearing masks nor maintaining social distancing during our worship services and other meetings. It is an individual's decision whether to continue such protocols or whether to dispense with them. No judgment one way or the other. Singing can happen "maskless". We will resume receiving communion wafers from the altar rail however the consecrated wine will be consumed only by Paul. We'll "pass the peace" in ways each person feels comfortable – fist-bumping, handshaking, 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. resume consistent with the above. Ushers can hand out bulletins at the doors into the sanctuary. The hearing assist aids are available from the ushers. Zoom access will continue to be offered for the 10:00 a.m. service via PC, tablet, and smartphone. Welcome back!

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.

Thanks for Unity of Support in Returning to Normalcy

We thank Jason and his team for placing all Bibles, hymnals and BOB songbooks back into the pews. Thanks to the Altar Guild for setting up/taking down for 2 services each Sunday. Thank you to JoAnn for bulletin prep, server schedules, ADVENTures publishing, record-keeping, and the millions of details she handles for all of us. Thanks to Dar and the choir for a joyous restart to our music – you don't know what you have until you miss it! Paul's Bible-centered sermons and his Fasting and Prayer Initiative Weekly Newsletters lift our spirits as we worship and pray to the Risen Lord. Thanks to Ray and his team for keeping our physical plant maintained and welcoming. "Many hands make light work." Each of us contribute our talents and gifts for the common good.