



## Advent Announcements April 5, 2020

### Welcome to Advent Evangelical Lutheran Church!

#### Dear Saints of Advent,

How we miss seeing all of your faces! Hopefully you have been able to watch and participate in our Services, Bible Studies and Chapels, which we are streaming online. If not, please go to our website where you will find the links.

This Sunday is Palm Sunday, when we typically pass out palm branches and have the children sing and process into the Nave. Since we are unable to gather together and do this, ***we have come up with a solution to still involve the children.*** Below is a link to a **palm branch coloring page** that parents may print out and have the children cut out and color. While watching the Streaming service, children may stand up, walk around and wave their palm branches at home! As appropriate, parents may also take a selfie of the children and send it to us ahead of time. We will add these photos to the Livestream during the Processional Anthem. Please NOTE that our streaming service is publicly viewed, so we completely understand if parents do not want their children's faces online. If you choose to take a picture and send it to us, please email picture(s) to [mmackay@adventlutheran.org](mailto:mmackay@adventlutheran.org) by 8pm on Saturday (tomorrow). [Click here for the coloring page.](#)

It looks like we will be unable together here at Advent until at least May 1st and we are preparing for the possibility of that being extended to June 1st. The Lord knows and will yet provide for us!

#### All of our Holy Week Services will be streamed online on our YouTube channel. Here is the schedule:

Holy (Maundy) Thursday Divine Service 7:00pm

Good Friday Tenebrae Vespers 7:00pm

Holy Saturday Vigil Divine Service 7:00pm

The Resurrection of Our Lord - Easter Divine Service 8:15am

Please continue to have devotions in your home, reading Scripture and praying together. Pastor Grady and I are also deeply concerned for each of you, so ***don't hesitate to call, text or email us*** with needs or updates on you and your family. While we will continue to offer Absolution & the Sacrament (only for individuals or immediate families that live together, 9 persons or less at a time), please note the following changes to our procedures (for those that have so partook and desire):

- 1) **If you have been exposed**, are coughing or breathing heavy, please do not make use of this opportunity to come to church and receive the Lord's gifts. Please continue to "shelter-in-place" in your home, according to the CDC and Indiana guidelines.
- 2) **Please wait in your car until your appointed time.** The doors will be opened during these times (unless severe weather is taking place)
- 3) There will be a printed sheet for you and you alone to use for this short service, placed in the Narthex (we will no longer use the hymnals in the pews).
- 4) **Come directly to the front of the Nave** and stand there. Pastor will be 6' away behind the rail.
- 5) We will only be using individual cups that you will pick up from a tray that Pastor will set on a stand, along with the consecrated hosts.
- 6) **Please do not kneel, sit in the pews or touch anything other than the individual cups and the hosts.** I know this might seem extreme, but we are attempting to minimize contact, for your sake and ours. If you do touch something other than the Order of Service, the individual cups or hosts, please let the Pastor know that he may clean and disinfect the surface.
- 7) After the service, **please dispose of the Order of Service in a trash can** and depart immediately, maintaining appropriate distance from others that may be arriving.
- 8) All of these practices are above and beyond what you would currently see at the grocery store or restaurants, so we feel comfortable continuing to offer you this opportunity to yet come to church and receive the Lord's gifts.

- 9) Churches are considered "essential" and if you need a letter from one of the pastors stating the purpose of your travel to church, we will email one to you. Everything we are practicing here at Advent is according to that asked of us by the CDC and the State of Indiana.
- 10) Lastly, and very importantly: **Do NOT feel burdened if you choose not to come** and make use of this Absolution & Sacrament. It is acceptable to wait patiently, fasting from the Lord's Supper, until the day that we can yet gather together again. Read Psalm 46!

We love you all and pray for you daily.

**Have no fear little flock,**

Pastor Mackay and Pastor Grady

### **Absolution & The Sacrament**

Pastor Mackay and Pastor Grady are making themselves available to administer Absolution and The Sacrament with individuals and/or their families at Advent's church sanctuary. **Please go here to sign up online.** OR if you prefer to call one of them for a home visit, please see phone numbers listed.

Marcus Mackay, Sr. Pastor – [mmackay@adventlutheran.org](mailto:mmackay@adventlutheran.org) – 317.847.7215

James Grady, Assistant Pastor – [jgrady@adventlutheran.org](mailto:jgrady@adventlutheran.org) – 317.372.6289

### **Email Updates / Video Updates**

Pastor Mackay will continue to send emailed updates *or post video updates* on our **YouTube channel and Facebook**, as necessary. If you are not receiving emails from our email provider, Mailchimp, by law, you need to "opt in" to receive them. Either *email the office with your email address and name* or go to the website's **Contact Us page** and sign up to receive emails. In either case, if you do not receive an email and know that you have signed up to receive them, **please BE SURE to check your junk or spam folder.**

### **Special Dates to Celebrate this week:**

*\*If you did not see your birthday, baptism or wedding date listed in the "Special Dates to Celebrate" last year, please contact the office to update your member record in our official church database.*

#### **\*Member Birthdays**

04/05 Kirsten Ryan

04/06 Joelle Garrison

04/07 Roman Casciani

04/07 Tammy Hahn

04/07 Nicholas Long

04/09 Donna Deiss

04/09 Jason Jackson

04/09 Alice McFarlane

04/10 Tom Della-Penna

04/11 Isabelle Brown

04/11 Kari Pitre

04/11 Connor Ryan

#### **\*Member Baptism Anniversaries**

04/05 Lance Graves

04/05 Claire Rotondaro

04/07 Hannah Mitchell

04/07 Carol Ryan

04/08 Courtney Cmejla

04/08 Owen Evans

04/08 Laurel Hodges

04/08 Rachel Kinnaman

04/09 Larry Irving

04/09 Stacy Miller

04/10 Hannah Teah

04/11 Ruth Siegfried

#### **\*Member Wedding Anniversaries**

None this week!