



# The Lamp

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## Calendar

### Serving Schedule

Our serving schedule is temporarily on hold until we are no longer social distancing during worship.

July	
<b>Birthdays</b>	
Angelina Moseley	6
McKenzie Gauthier	10
Anthony Cornet	24
Jim Guenther	29
Roy Schwarz	30
<b>Anniversaries</b>	
Jeff & Bridget Diehl	7

## Advent Worship Schedule

**Sundays at 9 am**

Holy Communion follows  
Service of the Word



### *Greetings in Christ's Holy Name,*

I pray that you are all safe and well and this time. We have had some big recent events, both congregations are now meeting in-person for worship. This is a good and blessed thing. Let us all be grateful that we are able to meet for our regular Sunday worship – even if it is not yet in the manner to which we are accustomed. Lebanon continues to stream the first part of the Divine Service at their Facebook page for those who are not yet ready or able to join the congregation in-person.

On the twenty-fifth of June, the Lutheran Church commemorated the presentation of the Augsburg Confession before the Emperor of the Roman Empire in 1530 AD. This event marks the official beginning of the “Lutheran Church” as a Confessionally distinct body. It was the hope of the “confessors” (those who subscribed the written statement of faith delivered at Augsburg) that the Emperor would accept the confession as a good and proper statement of the catholic faith given us in the Holy Scriptures. It was not to be. And yet, where they have been faithful, our “Lutheran” Churches have been a powerful force for reform according to the Holy Scriptures in many lands. Ours is a vital and lasting faith, because we believe it is nothing more or less than the same ancient faith preached by the Prophets and Apostles concerning our Lord, Jesus Christ. We confess in the Augsburg Confession that we are not a “new” church (can there really be such a thing?), but the same Church of Christ reformed and cleansed of certain newer errors and abuses.

Prior to the COVID-19 outbreak, I had been taking individual articles or topics of the Augsburg Confession and reflecting on their teaching. My goal was to make our chief teaching document, beside the Holy Scriptures themselves, better known in the congregation. The faith of the Augsburg Confession still summons us to a greater knowledge of the Scriptures and the doctrines they contain, and we do well to know them and consider them. We last considered Article IX on Holy Baptism, if memory serves. Now we will consider Article X on the Lord's Supper. It is short and sweet.

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## Advent Worship Schedule

We will continue to meet on Sunday mornings at 9 am. At this time, the following format will be used.

At 9 am The Service of the Word will be celebrated without Holy Communion. Congregants are asked to enter the Narthex, pick up a service bulletin and enter the Sanctuary to be seated every other pew. Families may sit together in the same pew.

We ask that everyone wear a mask to protect our fellow congregants. Masks will be provided.

There will be no collection of offering. A plate will be provided in the rear of the Sanctuary as you enter for offerings.

There will be no sharing of the Peace.

After the Service is completed, those not wishing to receive Holy Communion may depart in peace after the Benediction.

Those wishing to receive will be called forward after the Communion Liturgy to receive communion individually or as a family unit.

After the Communion is complete, Pastor will bless the Congregation and we may depart in Peace.

For those not wishing to attend in person, Lebanon will live stream their service at 11 am on their Facebook page.

We are grateful to be able to worship in person once again. All are welcome to attend!

Compact, but it states the essentials:

<sup>1</sup> Our churches teach that the body and blood of Christ are truly present and distributed to those who eat the Lord's Supper [1 Corinthians 10:16]. <sup>2</sup> They reject those who teach otherwise.

There are three important things to notice here:

1. WHAT IT *DOES* SAY – That those who eat the consecrated bread and wine truly receive the body and blood of our Lord, or at least this is what is entailed in the Confession. This means that the true, substantial, historical, and now glorified body and blood of our Lord is present for us to receive in faith when we come to the Supper. This is a wonderful and blessed thing! It means that we truly come into contact with the Holy One of Israel, Jesus Christ, when we commune. The body and blood of the one who triumphed over the ancient enemies of the human race (sin, death, and the devil), is truly given to us – and so we also receive the things that He accomplished in His body: life and salvation (see the Catechisms for more on that).

2. WHAT IS *DOES NOT* SAY - The Confession offers no explanation or theoretical reflection upon how this is possible. It does not say who is worthy to receive the Supper. It does not say what is the best setting to receive it. Lutherans do not live or die by secondary explanations of what must be the case for the Supper to be what Christ says it is, but only hold forth what the Lord says IT IS! We hold to the bare words of the Holy Scriptures and Christ's own words, "This is my body, given for you. This is my blood of the covenant, given for you." To be sure, the various versions of the account of the Supper differ in minor details. The form of the Words of our Lord that we proclaim in the Divine Service is a harmony of them all, but the import is the same.

Here the important thing is to confess before the world clearly and without sophistry what our Lord has said about the Supper He instituted. There is more to be said, but the issue in contention among some other groups was whether Christ's true body and blood were given in the Supper at all. The Lutherans have said, "Yes!"

3. WE REJECT – The third main point of this Confession is that those who accept it do not accept the teachings which claim that Christ's body and blood are not truly present in the Supper. This is logically necessary if one believes that it is present! It either is or it is not, there is no third option. If we take our Lord's words as truthful, as we should, we cannot but confess that He gives us His body and blood with the bread and wine. It is a wonderful mystery, and we leave the *how* to the omnipotent God, who does many things we cannot fully comprehend.

THE PRACTICAL COMFORT – of this confession is that we have the very body and blood of our Lord given to us as a pledge and sign of His grace and mercy toward all who receive it in faith. Are you feeling as if the Lord has turned his face from you? Do you feel as if the world is wearing

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## C-CAP Corner

Currently, the CCAP office remains closed. Volunteers continue to deliver boxes of food to our neighbor's in need. They also have designated times for all those in need to pick up food boxes in the CCAP parking lot.

We at Advent can help by bringing food to church and it will be delivered by your CCAP Representative.

Needs are:

- box cereal
- flip top cans of food and soup
- bags of beans and rice.

Many thanks for your continued support for CCAP!

— Jan Calamari  
C-CAP Representative

### A Message from the Council:

This year's NALC Convocation will be held virtually, August 7 and 8. A representative from Advent will be discussed at the next Council Meeting, which will be held on July 11, and then elected after our church service on Sunday, July 12.

For more information on this year's Convocation, please check out this website:

<https://lutheranweek.com/>

Sally Coates  
Council President

you down?

COME TO THE SUPPER and receive what the Lord Jesus wants to give you! Believe His words are true and you have the benefits of all that He has done for you: He has abolished your sin, ransomed you from the devil, restored you to eternal life, given His death-destroying body for you to eat, given His immaculate blood for you to drink.

We receive this body and blood as true and spiritual food – the true manna from heaven that sustains us in every possible wilderness, in every dark place. We receive it as that body and blood which death could not contain, and as we do, it will reconstitute our bodies so that they may dwell in Christ's Kingdom forever.

Such wonderful graces are ever available in the Supper our Lord – the Holy Communion, the Eucharist, the Mass, the Sacrament of the Altar – let us receive them joyfully and often!

Prayerfully,  
Pastor Porter



### Saint Mary Magdalene

The Lord's love does not search out what is lovely. Instead, His love seeks out sinners and dies for them, washes them clean, and presents them to Himself as a spotless bride (Ephesians. 5). Christ had no wife on earth; His bride is the Church — the assembly of forgiven sinners

rescued by His death and resurrection.

Among them is St. Mary Magdalene, one who had come up with Jesus from Galilee to Jerusalem" (Acts 13:31). The Lord rescued her from the power of seven demons and she provided for Him out of her means (Luke 8:2-3). Christians have traditionally connected her with the unnamed penitent woman who was forgiven much by faith and thus loved much by anointing Jesus' feet (Luke 7:36-50). She was there at Christ's death, present at His burial, and honored as the first witness of His resurrection. She would have clung to Him there in the garden, but the Lord had not yet ascended to His Father and our Father (John 20:16-18) to fill all things (Ephesians 4:10). For now He is heard in the Word of His witnesses and is here bodily in His Supper, not just for Mary, but for all penitents who fear the Lord (Proverbs 31:30), so that grace may abound all the more (Romans 5:20). July 22

### Advent Worship:

Service of the Word, followed by Holy Communion:

9:00 am Sundays

Online Service of the Word, Lebanon's Facebook page:

11:00 am Sundays

# ADVENT CHURCH CALENDAR JULY 2020

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>28</b> Third Sunday after Trinity 9 am Worship	<b>29</b> 7 am Pastor's Devotional Time 10 am Bible Study ZOOM 7:30 pm Large Catechism ZOOM	<b>30</b> 10 am Credo	July 1	<b>2</b> 7 pm Doctrine of God Study ZOOM Bulletin to Printer	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> Family Day <b>Independence Day</b>
<b>5</b> Fourth Sunday after Trinity 9 am Worship	<b>6</b> 7 am Pastor's Devotional Time 10 am Bible Study ZOOM 7:30 pm Large Catechism ZOOM	<b>7</b> 10 am Credo	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> Bulletin to Printer	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> Family Day Church Council Meeting
<b>12</b> Fifth Sunday after Trinity 9 am Worship	<b>13</b> 7 am Pastor's Devotional Time 10 am Bible Study ZOOM 7:30 pm Large Catechism ZOOM	<b>14</b> 10 am Credo	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> 7 pm Doctrine of God Study ZOOM Bulletin to Printer	<b>17</b>	<b>19</b> Family Day
<b>19</b> Sixth Sunday after Trinity 9 am Worship	<b>20</b> 7 am Pastor's Devotional Time 10 am Bible Study ZOOM 7:30 pm Large Catechism ZOOM	<b>21</b> 10 am Credo	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> 7 pm Doctrine of God Study ZOOM Bulletin to Printer	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> Family Day
<b>26</b> Seventh Sunday after Trinity 9 am Worship	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> 10 am Credo	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> 7 pm Doctrine of God Study ZOOM Bulletin to Printer	<b>31</b>	<b>August 1</b> Family Day