



## The Episcopal Church of the Advent

June 24, 2025 Newsletter

Second Sunday After Pentecost



**St. Alban, c. 305**

June 22 was the feast day of St. Alban, the protomartyr of Britain. In the 300's, Christians were under heavy persecution. He harbored a priest who was hiding from the authorities. When soldiers came to his house, Alban disguised himself as the priest and was executed for impersonation. Where his rolling head came to rest, a spring appeared, and now a cathedral stands there. There are three St. Alban's Episcopal churches in Georgia: Monroe, Augusta and Elberton. [Wikipedia article](#)

### **Sunday's Message**

On Sunday, Proper 7, we gathered in the season after Pentecost to hear God's word and celebrate Christ's transformative power. The Gospel from Luke 8:26-39 tells the remarkable story of Jesus healing the Gerasene demoniac. Casting out the man's demons, Jesus restored him to wholeness, demonstrating God's authority over chaos and God's constant guidance in our lives, even when we are unaware. The demons entered a herd of swine, which rushed into a lake and drowned—a vivid reminder that it was the demons, not the swine, that caused this turmoil. The witnesses, gripped by fear, asked Jesus to leave, but the healed man begged to follow

him. Jesus, however, sent him home, saying, “Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you.” And so, he did, proclaiming God’s deeds.

In his sermon, the Rev. Father Lockett reflected on the power of miracles, drawing from this Gospel to offer hope and comfort. He reminded us that God’s healing may be mysterious, but it always has a purpose. This story of redemption reveals God’s grace, mercy, and love, delivering us from our struggles and calling us to share our stories of transformation.

God’s grace is always with us, guiding and healing us, even amid life’s chaos. Like the man in the Gospel, we proclaim how much God has done for us, as we trust in His redemptive purpose, we are called to remember that God is good, all the time.

Yours in Christ, Kim

***Question of the week: How do we experience the power of God’s healing in our lives? Inspired by the healed man’s witness, share with others whom you meet this week how God has worked in your life.***

### **Independence Day Celebration**

**Thursday, July 3 – 6-8 PM**

Advent will have tables set up on the lawn at the Cultural Center. Fried and baked chicken will be provided as well as tea, water, ice, plates, cups, plastic utensils, and napkins. Please bring chairs and side dishes to share.

### **Morning Prayer Service training class**

There will be a **training class** for Advent members who are interested in learning how to **conduct Morning Prayer Service**. Contact Devon Dartnell (706-614-0795) if you’re interested. The training will be conducted by retired Reverend Scott Kidd at 1:30 PM on June 30th.

### **Sunday School at Advent: Discern the message, enjoy the fellowship!**

At 9:15 AM every Sunday, Adventers gather in the Parish House to study and understand the lectionary readings for that Sunday. Facilitated by Debbie Permar (and clergy, if present), each reading is said aloud, with an often lively discussion of the scripture. The participants are engaged and exchange insights to better understand the writings, trade new ideas, and learn more about one another. It’s a fun way to expand learning, deepen faith, and cement fellowship. Please grab a coffee and join us!

### **Athens Choral Festival – Sacred Choral Music**

**Saturday, June 28 at 8 PM**

**UGA Performing Arts Center**

The Athens Choral Festival conducted by Joseph Napoli (a parishioner at Advent) will be performing two works of sacred music. Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart’s *Vesperae solennes de confessore*, K. 339 (often translated as “Solemn Vespers for a Confessor”) is a radiant and masterfully balanced sacred work composed in 1780 during his service to the Archbishop of Salzburg. It’s one of his last major compositions for the Salzburg Cathedral and is a prime example of his ability to blend liturgical solemnity with expressive beauty.

The second is Dan Forrest’s *LUX: The Dawn From On High* is a luminous, five-movement choral-orchestral work composed in 2018. The title, “*Lux*,” Latin for “light,” encapsulates the piece’s central theme: the multifaceted nature of light—spiritual, emotional, and physical. Forrest draws upon texts ranging from ancient liturgical chant and Scripture to modern secular poetry, crafting a journey that traverses time and explores light’s profound symbolism.

Mozart's *Vesperae* is bright, melodic, rhythmic, and exciting, pure Mozart. Forrest's *Lux* is more personal, but with much contemplation and exultation, employing sweeping phrases and beautiful melodies. Parishioners O. J. Booker and Brian Easton are a part of the Festival ensemble. Please join us — both pieces are music you will want to hear! **Tickets are available on the [UGA Performing Arts Center's website](#) or at the door.**

**Rota for the 3rd Sunday after Pentecost  
June 29, 2025**

Altar Guild: Abbott-Yost-Strickland  
Flower Guild: Permar  
LEM/PoP: 10:30 A.M. Pridgen  
1st Reading: R Thompson  
2nd Reading: G Thompson  
Vestry of the Day: Horton  
Organ Tech: M Dartnell

**Readings for the 3rd Sunday after Pentecost  
June 29, 2025**

Link to Readings  
First Reading: 2 Kings 2:1-2, 6-14  
The Psalm: Psalm 77:1-2, 11-20  
Second Reading: Galatians 5:1, 13-25  
The Gospel: Luke 9:51-62

**Parish Prayer List**

Flossie Dodge, Jeanne Dufort, Kate Jackson, Kathy Lehman, Brian Lehman, Jennie Newton, Annette Piazza, Lynne Roach, Dick Schmidt, Livy Scholly, Betty Thomas, Charles Hunt Brown, Lynn Cupples, Bob Cupples, Mary Ann Edelman, John Elliott, Anita Hunt, Julie Hancock Jones, Jan Kozel, Jerry Maddoz, Dennis Reeder, Iliana Arias, Beth Tamplin Jones, Bill Kurtz

**June birthdays:** 26 Bob Baldwin, 27 Mary Carson Brown

**Recurring weekly calendar:**

Rite I Eucharist: Sunday, 8:00 AM  
Sunday school (adult): Sunday, 9:15 AM  
Rite II Eucharist: Sunday, 10:30 AM  
Morning Prayer service: Wednesday, 9:00 AM  
Off the Rails AA group: M, Tu, Th @ noon  
Madison AA group: Th, Su @7:30 PM, F @ 7:00 PM

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