



June 30, 2026 Newsletter
Fifth Sunday after Pentecost



Pauli Murray ([Wikipedia article](#))

Tomorrow, July 1, is the feast day of Pauli Murray. Murray was arrested in 1940 for refusing to sit in the segregated section of a bus—this helped launch her legal activism. Studied law at Howard University (only woman in her class; graduated first in 1944). Earned a law degree from UC Berkeley, and in 1965, became the first African American to earn a Doctor of Juridical Science from Yale Law School. Her book *States' Laws on Race and Color* (1950) was called the “bible” of the civil rights movement by Thurgood Marshall. She was credited by Ruth Bader Ginsburg in the 1971 Supreme Court case *Reed v. Reed* for laying the legal foundation for gender equality. **In 1977, Murray became the first African-American woman ordained as an Episcopal priest.**

Sermon reflection from Fr. Tryggvi

As Matthew's Gospel greets us this Sunday morning we find Jesus declaring that even something as simple as offering a cup of cold water to another person carries eternal significance. No act of kindness is too small in God's eyes, for every gesture of compassion reflects the values of God's kingdom. In 1895, the much celebrated playwright Oscar Wilde was sentenced to two years in prison and hard labor for admitting his sexual orientation. Spit on and humiliated on regular basis by the public while being transported through the streets of London, from his prison cell to the labor sites and back, Wilde's humiliation was transformed one day while during a transport, a friend stepped out from the mob to tip his hat as a gesture of recognition and respect while Wilde and the guards passed by. That quiet gesture restored hope, reminding Wilde and everyone that small expressions of love can bring healing far beyond what we imagine.

Compassion is not always easy. While a cup of water may seem insignificant in our lives, billions of people struggle daily to obtain clean water. Likewise, the waters of Baptism remind us that God's grace is freely given,

not earned. Having received that gift, we renew our baptismal calling to serve Christ in every person, seek justice, uphold human dignity, and return to God whenever they fail, trusting in God's limitless mercy.

Authentic discipleship is lived through humble actions rather than impressive words. By choosing to recognize another for who s/he is and embracing another's worth over judgment, we embody Jesus's love. The smallest acts of compassion often become the clearest witness to God's transforming presence in the world.

Questions for contemplation this week:

- ***What "cup of cold water" - a simple act of kindness, welcome, or encouragement - might God be inviting you to offer someone this week?***
- ***How can your baptismal promises shape the way you respond to those who seem different, overlooked, or excluded in your daily life?***

Peace, Triggvi+

July 3rd - Independence Day at the Cultural Center

Mark your calendars for Friday - July 3rd, (early evening) Independence Day celebration on the lawn outside the Cultural Center. We - the Church of the Advent will have a table as in past years. Bring a chair, side dishes and drinks you like. Church provides fried chicken, cups, utensils, napkins and tables.

Request for survey

We have launched a brief, anonymous survey to help us identify where we should focus our energy and resources over the next year. We aren't looking for simple yes or no answers. We are looking for your stories, your frustrations, and your dreams for Advent to thrive. Please complete the online survey by July 1 at: <https://forms.gle/hx9cqr7LoEdQAPda6>. Or you can scan the QR code:



If you haven't already completed the parish-wide survey, please do so this week. "Thank you" to everyone who has! We now have over 20 responses. We sincerely appreciate your time, your honesty, and your commitment to the Advent community.

**Rota for Sunday, Sixth after Pentecost
July 5, 2026**

LEM: 8:00 A.M. Booker—10:30 A.M. Booker

1st Reading: G Thompson

2nd Reading: R Thompson

Altar Guild: McCauley-Burriss-Harrell

Flower Guild: Eskew

Organ Tech: Jackson-Lewis

Vestry of the Day: Sigman

**Readings for Sunday, Sixth after Pentecost
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[Link to Readings](#)

First Reading: Genesis 24:34-38, 42-49, 58-67

Psalm 45: 11-18

Second Reading: Romans 7:15-25a

Gospel: Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

Parish Prayer List

Robert Boswell, Fr. Dann Brown, Susan Crosher, Lynn Cupples, Bob Cupples, Flossie Dodge, Mary Ann Edelman, June Harrell, Anita Hunt, Kate Jackson, Beth Tamplin Jones, Mary Mack Jones, Marcy Lay, Kathy Lehman, Brian Lehman, Gloria Leo, Jack Leo, Anna Maret, David Medlock, Jennie Newton, Annette Piazza, Ella Petroski, Monaray Powers, Lynne Roach, Bobbie Rushing, Kathie Schmidt, Helga H. Stefnisdóttir, Wayne Tankersley, Betty Thomas, Etwanda "Tink" Wade, Jack Ward, Gloria Ward, Eric Wiemann, Jay Whitcomb, Jim

Birthdays in July: 2 Jill Jubelt, 3 Faith Roman, 5 Henry Easton, 8 Carol Winslow, 10 Kjesti Easton, 13 Daisy Jane Buck, Bob McCauley, 14 O.J. Booker, 17 Sarah Harrell Klein, 21 Dianne Yost, 22 Eliza Hilliard, Anna Maret, 27 Flossie Dodge

Anniversaries in July: 13 Kate and O.J. Booker; 14 Flossie and David Dodge

Advent pledge income/expense as of end of May, 2026

Pledge income:	\$60,736		
Total expense:	\$73,089		

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, F, Su @ 7:00 PM

Volunteer for service: To learn about and volunteer to be a lay reader, organ tech, lay eucharistic minister, or to be a member of the flower and/or altar guild, [click this link!](#)

Pastoral Care Requests: email pastoral-care@adventmadisonga.com for:

- Additions to the Prayer List
- Inquiries about weddings, baptisms, or funerals
- Use of the Memorial Garden
- Requesting Eucharistic visits
- Short-term meals following surgery or during illness

Morgan County Transit System provides transportation to local addresses to include grocery stores, workplaces, doctors' appointments and others. \$2.00 per person/ \$1.75 for seniors 60 and over. Advanced reservations are required. For detailed information see <https://www.morgancountyga.gov/158/Public-Transportation>

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