



**diakonia**  
**Annual Retreat**  
**and Graduation**

**May 17-18, 2019**

**Florida-Bahamas Synod**  
at  
Advent Lutheran Church  
7550 N Wickham Road  
Melbourne, FL. 32940

*Retreat Leader:* Rev. Derek Hoven  
*Retreat Theme:* *Strand-ed*

## **Retreat Schedule**

### **Friday, May 17, 2019**

Noon Steering Committee meets for working lunch and meeting  
At Advent Lutheran

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- 5:30 p.m. Registration – name tags, etc.  
Gathering time at Advent Lutheran Church  
**A light meal will be served during this time. Please plan accordingly.**
- 6:15 p.m. Opening Session  
Opening Prayer  
Welcome by Peggy Aiello, Steering Committee Chair  
Introduction of Steering Committee members, site managers, and pastoral advisors  
Introduction of Keynote Speaker: The Rev. Derek Hoven
- 6:30 p.m. Keynote Session I: The Strand of Your Story
- 8:00 p.m. Evening Prayer

### **Saturday, May 18, 2019**

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- 8:00 a.m. Morning Prayer
- 8:30 a.m. Session II: The Strand of God's Story
- 9:30 a.m. Break
- 9:45 a.m. Session III: The twisting of the Strands  
Closing/Meal Prayer
- 11:00 a.m. Lunch
- 11:45 a.m. Rehearsal for graduation
- 12:30 p.m. Graduation Eucharist  
Presiding: Bishop of the Florida-Bahamas Synod, The Rev. Pedro M. Suarez  
Preaching: Rev. Derek Hoven

*Refreshments will be served after the service.*

*Graduates should bring albs for the graduation Eucharist and remain for pictures after the service.*

*Per Synod policy, Synod Parish Deacons not participating in the service will not vest.*