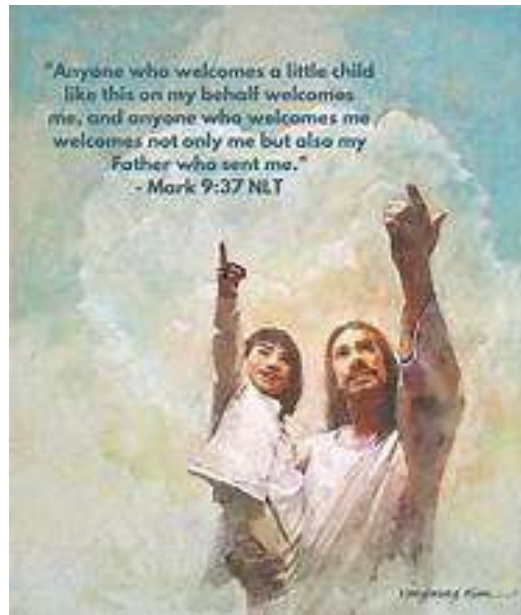


THE EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

September 22 2024

9:30 A.M.



We Gather in Jesus' Name

Prelude (a time for silent meditation)

Announcements

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Confessions and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✚ one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.
Amen.

Let us confess our sin and come to God for healing.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Gracious God,
have mercy on us. We confess that we have honored you with our lips, but have harmed our neighbors with our tongues. The cravings at war within us cause conflicts and disputes. In our desire to be first we make distinctions among ourselves. We place the needs of the poor and the suffering last. In your great mercy, forgive us our sins. Draw near to us with grace in time of need, and turn us to follow in the way of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

God promises to forgive our iniquity and to remember our sin no more. By grace you have been saved. In the name of ✚ Jesus Christ, the source of eternal healing, your sins are forgiven. **Amen.**

Gathering Song: "I Got Saved"

1 There is a river of gladness
That pours from Emmanuel's veins
This sinner was plunged beneath the flood
And got saved

2 Since then I walk in forgiveness
All of my guilt was erased
The chains of the past are broken at last
I got saved I got saved

Chorus: I'm undone by the mercy of Jesus
I'm undone by the goodness of the Lord
I'm restored and made right
He got a hold of my life
I've got Jesus how could I want more

3 I've received nothing but goodness
I've tested and tasted Your grace
I was so lost till I fell at the cross
And got saved oh I got saved **Chorus**

Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

Let us Pray . . . O God, our teacher and guide, you draw us to yourself and welcome us as beloved children. Help us to lay aside all envy and selfish ambition, that we may walk in your ways of wisdom and understanding as servants of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Children's Sermon

The Reading of God's Word

First Reading: Jeremiah 11:18-20

¹⁸It was the LORD who made it known to me, and I knew;
then you showed me their evil deeds.

¹⁹But I was like a gentle lamb
led to the slaughter.

And I did not know it was against me
that they devised schemes, saying,
"Let us destroy the tree with its fruit,
let us cut him off from the land of the living,
so that his name will no longer be remembered!"

²⁰But you, O LORD of hosts, who judge righteously,
who try the heart and the mind,
let me see your retribution upon them,
for to you I have committed my cause.

Word of God, Word of Life

Thanks be to God.

Psalm: Psalm 54

¹Save me, O God, by your name;
in your might, defend my cause.

²**Hear my prayer, O God;
give ear to the words of my mouth.**

³For strangers have risen up against me, and the ruthless have sought my life,
those who have no regard for God.

⁴**Behold, God is my helper;
it is the Lord who sustains my life.**

⁵Render evil to those who spy on me;
in your faithfulness, destroy them.

⁶**I will offer you a freewill sacrifice
and praise your name, O LORD, for it is good.**

⁷For you have rescued me from every trouble,
and my eye looks down on my enemies.

Second Reading: James 3:13—4:3, 7-8a

¹³Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom. ¹⁴But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be

boastful and false to the truth. ¹⁵Such wisdom does not come down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish. ¹⁶For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind. ¹⁷But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. ¹⁸And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace.⁴

¹Those conflicts and disputes among you, where do they come from? Do they not come from your cravings that are at war within you? ²You want something and do not have it; so you commit murder. And you covet something and cannot obtain it; so you engage in disputes and conflicts. You do not have, because you do not ask. ³You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, in order to spend what you get on your pleasures. ⁷Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. ^{8a}Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you.

Word of God, Word of Life
Thanks be to God.

P: The Holy Gospel according to Mark the 9th Chapter
C: Glory to You, O Lord

Gospel: Mark 9:30-37

³⁰[Jesus and the disciples went on] and passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it;³¹for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, “The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again.” ³²But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him.

³³Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, “What were you arguing about on the way?” ³⁴But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest. ³⁵He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, “Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all.” ³⁶Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, ³⁷“Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.
C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Hymn of the Day: “I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light”

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1 I want to walk as a child of the light.
I want to follow Jesus.
God set the stars to give light to the world.
The star of my life is Jesus.

I want to look at Jesus.
Clear Sun of righteousness, shine on my path,
and show me the way to the Father. *Refrain*

Refrain: In him there is no darkness at all.
The night and the day are both alike.
The Lamb is the light of the city of God.
Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.

3 I'm looking for the coming of Christ.
I want to be with Jesus.
When we have run with patience the race,
we shall know the joy of Jesus. *Refrain*

we shall know the joy of Jesus.
Refrain

2 I want to see the brightness of God.

Apostle's Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary.

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

He descended into hell.

**On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the
dead.**

**I believe In the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen**

Prayers of Intercession

*(Each petition ends with... Hear us, O God. The congregation responds: **Your mercy is great.**)*

Sharing of the Peace

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you

The Offering Please leave your offering on our website: https://www.eservicepayments.com/cgi-bin/Vanco_ver3.vps?appver3=Dc8dzPGn4-LCajFevTkh9MYPcImH2sG-jdxWYJMFGW_lQfxkD4hBw8WoQ6UZLveQvLkSxosar2o939JWiAad87o7zqy-JU_UuLu19bUbJx2MmPFcXvWIUz6A7FDgkhUKkoPpduXvnt8gXUeZjQYbn9G3frHWC59Y_VCHQ6_VCoE=&ver=3

Offertory Prayer

Let us pray...

Blessed are you, O God, source of every gift of your creation. By these gifts and with our lives, help us to serve one another and all in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Thanksgiving for the Word

Let us pray.

Praise and thanks to you, holy God, for by your Word you made all things: you spoke light into darkness, called forth beauty from chaos, and brought life into being. For your Word of life, O God,
we give you thanks and praise.

By your Word you called your people Israel to tell of your wonderful gifts: freedom from captivity, water on the desert journey, a pathway home from exile, wisdom for life with you. For your Word of life, O God,
we give you thanks and praise.

Through Jesus, your Word made flesh, you speak to us and call us to witness: forgiveness through the cross, life to those entombed by death, the way of your self-giving love. For your Word of life, O God,
we give you thanks and praise.

Send your Spirit of truth, O God; rekindle your gifts within us: renew our faith, increase our hope, and deepen our love, for the sake of a world in need. Faithful to your Word, O God, draw near to all who call on you; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory forever.
Amen.

Lord's Prayer

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;**

**and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.**

SENDING

Blessing

The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace. **Amen.**

Sending Hymn: "Lord Reign in Me"

1 Over all the earth You reign on high
Every mountain stream every sunset sky
But my one request Lord my only aim
Is that You'd reign in me again


2 Over every thought over every word
May my life reflect the beauty of my Lord
'Cause You mean more to me
Than any earthly thing
So won't You reign in me again **Chorus**

Chorus Lord reign in me reign in Your pow'r
Over all my dreams in my darkest hour
You are the Lord of all I am
So won't You reign in me again

Dismissal

Go in peace. Follow Jesus.
Thanks be to God.

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<p style="text-align: center;">OUR MISSION - FAITHFUL IN THE WORD</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">+ To gather as God's people and nurture one another+ To know the Word of God+ To grow in faith, love, and service+ To go into the world with the Good News of Jesus Christ	
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SERVING OUR LORD IN WORSHIP TODAY

Pastor:	The Rev. Matthew E Ollikainen
Music Director	Michael Dettra
Lay Reader	Gail Oines
Fellowship Time	Cindy Frey

ALTAR FLOWERS

The Altar Flowers are dedicated by Doug & Gail Oines in honor of Alex and Katie's anniversary and to the Glory of God.



MISSION SUPPORT

Mission Support is dedicated to the Glory of God.

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

Sunday, September 8 - 8:00 am -11+4=15; 9:30-26+2=28; 3 SS **TOTAL 46**

GOD SIGHTINGS

Have you seen God at work in your life, or in nature, a neighbor, etc.? Please add to our God Sightings chain by writing down the ways that you see God in your life. Use the strips of paper found in the narthex. Take them home to write your sightings down daily, or do it right at church. They will be stapled onto the chain (or you can staple them yourself). We will continue to add to it until Reformation Sunday, October 27. Let's see how many times we can circle the sanctuary!



CONTACTING PASTOR MATT

If you need to speak with Pastor Matt when he is not in the office, particularly in the case of a pastoral emergency, please feel free to call his cell at 215-859-3778 or email him at pastor@adventrichboro.org. If he is not available to take your call, leave a message and he will contact you.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Financial Report For August 2024		
	Rec'vd for Aug 2024	Budget for Aug 2024
General Fund	\$9,636.93	\$17,482.00
Mortgage	\$1,781	\$1,898.00
Bene. - Synod Only	\$25	\$75
Other Benevolence	\$725	
Insurance Settlement		
Web Upgrade	\$600	
Total	\$12,767.93	\$19,455.00
	Recv'd YTD 1/1-8/31/24	Budget YTD 1/1-8/31/24
General Fund	\$89,279.43	\$139,856.00
Mortgage	\$13,750.00	\$15,184.00
Bene. - Synod Only	\$380.00	\$600.00
Other Benevolence	\$4,500.00	
Insurance Settlement	\$87,496.69	
Web Upgrade	\$5,780.00	
Total	\$201,186.12	\$155,640.00

LADIES' LUNCH GROUP TO MUSIC MOUNTAIN

On Sunday, November 3, the women of Advent will travel to Music Mountain for a 3 pm matinee performance of *White Christmas*. The cost is \$33.25 for seniors. Please get your money to Fran Zanis **today** (267-847-5098) if you are signed up. Sign up at the fellowship table if you would like to carpool and if you are willing to drive, or call Fran. Thank you.

LADIES' LUNCH GROUP TO PEDDLER'S VILLAGE

The women of Advent are going to Peddler's Village on Tuesday, 9/24. We will meet at the church so we can carpool. If you are planning to attend, please let Fran know ASAP if you are carpooling or will meet us there.

STUDY THE GOSPEL OF MATTHEW on ZOOM: THURSDAYS at 7:00 p.m.

Thursday Night Bible Study will begin September 26 at 7:00 p.m. by Zoom. We will Study the Gospel according to Matthew. We will be utilizing the "The Jewish Annotated New Testament" as one of our resources to delve deep into Jesus' times and to better understand this Gospel written to a Jewish-Christian audience.



MITCH MCVICKER IN CONCERT AT ADVENT - WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 2, 7 P.M.

Advent is again pleased to have Mitch McVicker, Christian recording artist, with us in concert on Wednesday, October 2, at 7 p.m. His quirky and inventive approach includes insightful song lyrics, unconventional instruments, and profound storytelling. His concert connects the everyday with the otherworldly. McVicker's theology is daringly simple - God's love washes over and through us regardless of our circumstances and situations. Come out for an evening of enjoyable and inspirational music and bring your friends and family! A free will offering will be taken.

LADIES' LUNCH – OCTOBER 8

Here's an invitation to the women of Advent to meet & have lunch with one other, planned for the second Tuesday in October. We'll gather in the all-purpose room at Advent at noon for a relaxing hour or so. Bring your own lunch and look forward to dining with a cheerful group of friends! Please note: If the date needs to be changed, updates will be announced in the worship bulletin.



MEN'S BREAKFAST – SATURDAY, OCTOBER 12

The Men's Breakfast Board of Directors would not pay for the trip to France so that the chefs could explore new cuisine. Their advice was to put ketchup on anything and everything. Men's breakfast will meet on Saturday, October 12. We plan to serve at 8:30. Coffee ready at 7:30.

PLEASE GIVE TO THE REBUILDING OF OUR CHURCH'S WEBSITE

Please help support the website rebuild through a financial gift, which will defray the costs totaling \$14,535 (for the rebuild and web hosting for one year). To date, over \$5,200 has been donated. Thanks to all who have made and will be making a financial gift in support of the appeal. Checks can be made out to Advent Evangelical Lutheran Church (memo line: Electronic Service Appeal).

CHURCH SECURITY

The church is regularly left unsecure as the external doors are left unlocked and/or unlatched when closed. The external doors do not always automatically latch when they swing shut. When leaving the church building, please tug the door behind you to check that it has latched. If you possess a church key and are the last key bearer to leave the church (i.e. Non-key bearing people may still be in the building), please check and lock the external doors upon leaving. Thank you for your attentiveness.



DONATIONS FOR FELLOWSHIP TIME

Were you aware that not everyone can bake? Or that time is often at a premium? Or that some of us can't always be in church in person? If these questions have plagued you and perhaps you wish you could help at fellowship time more often than you do, you aren't alone. For that reason, and so we don't lose fellowship time altogether, consider donating a few dollars now and then and let someone else do the shopping/baking. All those hungry snackers will appreciate it!

FREE CONCERT

**A free-will offering will be received*

DOVE AWARD WINNING SINGER SONG-WRITER

MITCH MCVICKER

Best friend of the late, great Rich Mullins. They toured, performed concerts and wrote songs together.

Wednesday, October 2

7:00 PM

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THIS WEEK AT ADVENT

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 22 – EIGHTHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

- 8:00 am Traditional Holy Communion
9:30 am Contemporary Holy Communion
Sunday School for students age 4 to grade 6
10:30 am Fellowship Time: Cindy Frey
10:45 am Adult Bible Study in the Parlor with George Henry

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

- 7:30 pm A.A. Open Meeting

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

- 10:00 am Ladies' outing to Peddler's Village
6:30 pm Ping Pong begins – goes until 8:30 pm

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

- 6:30 pm Praise Team Rehearsal until 7:15 pm
7:15 pm Vocal Choir Rehearsal until 8:00 pm

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

- 7:00 pm Bible Study of Book of Matthew on Zoom

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

- 7:30 pm A.A. Step Meeting

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 29 – NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

- 8:00 am Traditional Holy Communion
9:30 am Contemporary Holy Communion
Sunday School for students age 4 to grade 6
10:30 am Fellowship Time: OPEN
10:45 am Adult Bible Study in the Parlor with George Henry