

**MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS**

**September 29, 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: "Lord, I Lift Your Name on High"**

Lord I lift Your name on high  
Lord I love to sing Your praises  
I'm so glad You're in my life  
I'm so glad You came to save us

You came from heaven to earth To show the way  
From the earth to the cross My debt to pay  
From the cross to the grave  
From the grave to the sky  
Lord I lift Your name on high **(Repeat)**

## **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 . . .* Everlasting God, you have wonderfully established the ministries of angels and mortals. Mercifully grant that as Michael and the angels contend against the cosmic forces of evil, so by your direction they may help and defend us here on earth, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God whom we worship and praise with angels and archangels and all the company of heaven, now and forever. **Amen.**

## **Children's Sermon**

### **The Reading of God's Word**

#### **First Reading: Daniel 10:10-14; 12:1-3**

<sup>10</sup>A hand touched me and roused me to my hands and knees. <sup>11</sup>He said to me, "Daniel, greatly beloved, pay attention to the words that I am going to speak to you. Stand on your feet, for I have now been sent to you." So while he was speaking this word to me, I stood up trembling. <sup>12</sup>He said to me, "Do not fear, Daniel, for from the first day that you set your mind to gain understanding and to humble yourself before your God, your words have been heard, and I have come because of your words. <sup>13</sup>But the prince of the kingdom of Persia opposed me twenty-one days. So Michael, one of the chief princes, came to help me, and I left him there with the prince of the kingdom of Persia, <sup>14</sup>and have come to help you understand what is to happen to your people at the end of days. For there is a further vision for those days.

<sup>12:1</sup>"At that time Michael, the great prince, the protector of your people, shall arise. There shall be a time of anguish, such as has never occurred since nations first came into existence. But at that time your people shall be delivered, everyone who is found written in the book. <sup>2</sup>Many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt. <sup>3</sup>Those who are wise shall shine like the brightness of the sky, and those who lead many to righteousness, like the stars forever and ever."

*Word of God, Word of Life*

**Thanks be to God.**

#### **Psalm: Psalm 103:1-5, 20-22**

<sup>1</sup>Bless the LORD, O my soul,  
and all that is within me, bless God's holy name.

<sup>2</sup>**Bless the LORD, O my soul,  
and forget not all God's benefits—**

<sup>3</sup>who forgives all your sins  
and heals all your diseases;

<sup>4</sup>**who redeems your life from the grave  
and crowns you with steadfast love and mercy;**

<sup>5</sup>who satisfies your desires with good things  
so that your youth is renewed like an eagle's.

<sup>20</sup>**Bless the LORD, you angels, you mighty ones who do God's bidding,  
who obey the voice of God's word.**

<sup>21</sup>Bless the LORD, all you hosts of God,  
you servants who do God's will.

<sup>22</sup>**Bless the LORD, all you works of God, in all places where God rules;  
bless the LORD, O my soul.**

#### **Second Reading: Revelation 12:7-12**

<sup>7</sup>War broke out in heaven; Michael and his angels fought against the dragon. The dragon and his angels fought back, <sup>8</sup>but they were defeated, and there was no longer any place for them in heaven. <sup>9</sup>The great dragon was thrown down, that ancient serpent, who is called the Devil and Satan, the deceiver of the whole world—he was thrown down to the earth, and his angels were thrown down with him.

<sup>10</sup>Then I heard a loud voice in heaven, proclaiming,  
“Now have come the salvation and the power  
and the kingdom of our God  
and the authority of his Messiah,  
for the accuser of our comrades has been thrown down,  
who accuses them day and night before our God.  
<sup>11</sup>But they have conquered him by the blood of the Lamb  
and by the word of their testimony,  
for they did not cling to life even in the face of death.  
<sup>12</sup>Rejoice then, you heavens  
and those who dwell in them!  
But woe to the earth and the sea,  
for the devil has come down to you  
with great wrath,  
because he knows that his time is short!”

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**Thanks be to God.**

**P:** The Holy Gospel according Luke the 10<sup>th</sup> Chapter

**C: Glory to You, O Lord**

**Gospel: Luke 10:17-20**

<sup>17</sup>The seventy returned with joy, saying, “Lord, in your name even the demons submit to us!” <sup>18</sup>He said to them, “I watched Satan fall from heaven like a flash of lightning. <sup>19</sup>See, I have given you authority to tread on snakes and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy; and nothing will hurt you. <sup>20</sup>Nevertheless, do not rejoice at this, that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven.”

**P:** The Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Sermon**

**Hymn of the Day:** “There is a Balm in Gilead”

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*Refrain* There is a balm in Gilead to make the wounded whole;  
there is a balm in Gilead to heal the sin-sick soul.

- 1 Sometimes I feel discouraged and think my work's in vain,  
but then the Holy Spirit revives my soul again. *Refrain*
- 2 If you cannot preach like Peter, if you cannot pray like Paul,  
you can tell the love of Jesus and say, "He died for all." *Refrain*
- 3 Don't ever be discouraged, for Jesus is your friend;  
and if you lack for knowledge he'll ne'er refuse to lend. *Refrain*

**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](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.**

**Sacrament**

**The Great Thanksgiving**

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.  
**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord, heaven and earth are full of your glory. In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son, who reached out to heal the sick and suffering, who preached good news to the poor, and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension, we await his coming in glory.

Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food, the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord; to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and 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.**

***Distribution***

The body of Christ, given to you  
The blood of Christ, shed for you

***Prayer After Communion***

Let us pray... Holy God, you have welcomed us to this meal and fed us with dignity at your table. Send us now to welcome others and to be at peace with one another, through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**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: “Mighty is Our God”***


**Chorus:** Mighty is our God, Mighty is our King  
Mighty is our Lord, Ruler of ev'rything  
Glory to our God, Glory to our King  
Glory to our Lord, Ruler of ev'rything

**Verse:** His name is higher  
Higher than any other name  
His pow'r is greater  
For He has created ev'rything, **Chorus**

***Dismissal***

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

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<b>OUR MISSION - FAITHFUL IN THE WORD</b>	
+ To <b>gather</b> as God's people and nurture one another + To <b>know</b> the Word of God + To <b>grow</b> in faith, love, and service + To <b>go</b> into the world with the Good News of Jesus Christ	

**SERVING OUR LORD IN WORSHIP TODAY**

Pastor:	The Rev. Matthew E Ollikainen
Music Director	Michael Dettra
Lay Reader	OPEN
Communion Assistant	Joyce Heiss
Fellowship Time	OPEN



**ALTAR FLOWERS**

The Altar Flowers are dedicated by Cindy Frey in honor of the birthday of her son Chris and by Gail and Doug Oines in honor of their 40<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.

**MISSION SUPPORT**

Mission Support is dedicated to the Glory of God.

**WORSHIP ATTENDANCE**

Sunday, September 22 - 8:00 am -7+4=11; 9:30-21+3=24; 7 SS **TOTAL 42**

**SEE THE CHURCH WEBSITE PROGRESS - FEEDBACK NEEDED!**

This morning we will show the progress made on the website between the Worship Services. Hopefully each person can get a better, closer look. Please let us know what you think and provide feedback to either Katie Dettra (kathryndettra@comcast.net), Mike Sitler (sitler@temple.edu) or Pastor Matt (pastormattolikainen@gmail.com) by September 30th.

**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](mailto: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 fo
General Fund	\$9,636.93	
Mortgage	\$1,781	
Bene. - Synod Only	\$25	
Other Benevolence	\$725	
Insurance Settlement		
Web Upgrade	\$600	
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$12,767.93</b>	
	Recv'd YTD 1/1-8/31/24	Budget YT
General Fund	\$89,279.43	
Mortgage	\$13,750.00	
Bene. - Synod Only	\$380.00	
Other Benevolence	\$1,500.00	

**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. 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.



## **WE WANT YOU**

Advent Lutheran Church wants some new faces/voices helping before and during the services! We want you, in other words. Please consider sharing your gifts with us as an Usher/Greeter, Altar Guild, Lay Reader, Acolyte. We also need a few people who are willing to spend an hour or so on Saturdays or really early Sunday morning to set up communion. Please see Pastor Matt or Gail Oines for more information. We will make sure you are trained and you can shadow help (follow someone) for a week or so until you are comfortable. Can't wait to see all of the new faces!

## **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!



## **DRIVE in AND DROP off FOOD COLLECTION**

If you have food for the Warminster Food Pantry that you or your friends would like to donate and the church is not open, just drive in and drop off the food under the seat of the bench outside the front door. You may still bring food into the church narthex during church and office hours. A list of the pantry's most needed items is in the narthex or on the website [www.warminsterfoodbank.org](http://www.warminsterfoodbank.org). Thank you for helping our neighbors in need.



**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 29 – MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS

- 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

### MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

- 7:30 pm A.A. Open Meeting

### TUESDAY, OCTOBER 1

- 6:30 pm Ping Pong begins – goes until 8:30 pm

### WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 2

- 7:00 pm Mitch McVicker Concert

### THURSDAY, OCTOBER 3

- 7:00 pm Zoom Bible Study-Gospel of Matthew

### FRIDAY, OCTOBER 4

- 7:30 pm A.A. Step Meeting

### SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6 – TWENTIETH 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