

**TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**  
**October 13, 2024**  
**9:30 A.M.**



***We Gather in Jesus' Name***

***Prelude*** (a time for silent meditation)

***Announcements***

***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: "Shout to the Lord"**

My Jesus my Saviour  
Lord there is none like You  
All of my days I want to praise  
The wonders of Your mighty love  
My comfort my shelter  
Tower of refuge and strength  
Let every breath all that I am  
Never cease to worship You

Shout to the Lord  
All the earth let us sing

Power and majesty  
Praise to the King  
Mountains bow down  
And the seas will roar  
At the sound of Your name  
I sing for joy  
At the work of Your hands  
Forever I'll love You  
Forever I'll stand  
Nothing compares to the promise  
I have in You

## **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 . . .* Almighty and ever-living God, increase in us your gift of faith, that, forsaking what lies behind and reaching out to what lies ahead, we may follow the way of your commandments and receive the crown of everlasting joy, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

## **Children's Sermon**

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

#### **First Reading: Amos 5:6-7, 10-15**

- <sup>6</sup>Seek the LORD and live,  
or he will break out against the house of Joseph like fire,  
and it will devour Bethel, with no one to quench it.
- <sup>7</sup>Ah, you that turn justice to wormwood,  
and bring righteousness to the ground!
- <sup>10</sup>They hate the one who reproves in the gate,  
and they abhor the one who speaks the truth.
- <sup>11</sup>Therefore because you trample on the poor  
and take from them levies of grain,  
you have built houses of hewn stone,  
but you shall not live in them;  
you have planted pleasant vineyards,  
but you shall not drink their wine.
- <sup>12</sup>For I know how many are your transgressions,  
and how great are your sins—  
you who afflict the righteous, who take a bribe,  
and push aside the needy in the gate.
- <sup>13</sup>Therefore the prudent will keep silent in such a time;  
for it is an evil time.
- <sup>14</sup>Seek good and not evil,  
that you may live;  
and so the LORD, the God of hosts, will be with you,  
just as you have said.
- <sup>15</sup>Hate evil and love good,  
and establish justice in the gate;  
it may be that the LORD, the God of hosts,  
will be gracious to the remnant of Joseph.

*Word of God, Word of Life*

***Thanks be to God.***

#### **Psalm: Psalm 90:12-17**

- <sup>12</sup>So teach us to number our days  
that we may apply our hearts to wisdom.
- <sup>13</sup>**Return, O LORD; how long will you tarry?**  
**Be gracious to your servants.**
- <sup>14</sup>Satisfy us by your steadfast love in the morning;  
so shall we rejoice and be glad all our days.
- <sup>15</sup>**Make us glad as many days as you afflicted us**  
**and as many years as we suffered adversity.**
- <sup>16</sup>Show your servants your works,  
and your splendor to their children.

**<sup>17</sup>May the graciousness of the Lord our God be upon us;  
prosper the work of our hands; prosper our handiwork.**

**Second Reading: Hebrews 4:12-16**

<sup>12</sup>Indeed, the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing until it divides soul from spirit, joints from marrow; it is able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart. <sup>13</sup>And before him no creature is hidden, but all are naked and laid bare to the eyes of the one to whom we must render an account.

<sup>14</sup>Since, then, we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession. <sup>15</sup>For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin. <sup>16</sup>Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

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**Thanks be to God.**

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

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

**Gospel: Mark 10:17-31**

<sup>17</sup>As [Jesus] was setting out on a journey, a man ran up and knelt before him, and asked him, “Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?” <sup>18</sup>Jesus said to him, “Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. <sup>19</sup>You know the commandments: ‘You shall not murder; You shall not commit adultery; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; You shall not defraud; Honor your father and mother.’” <sup>20</sup>He said to him, “Teacher, I have kept all these since my youth.” <sup>21</sup>Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, “You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me.” <sup>22</sup>When he heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions.

<sup>23</sup>Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, “How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!” <sup>24</sup>And the disciples were perplexed at these words. But Jesus said to them again, “Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! <sup>25</sup>It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God.” <sup>26</sup>They were greatly astounded and said to one another, “Then who can be saved?” <sup>27</sup>Jesus looked at them and said, “For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible.”

<sup>28</sup>Peter began to say to him, “Look, we have left everything and followed you.” <sup>29</sup>Jesus said, “Truly I tell you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields, for my sake and for the sake of the good news, <sup>30</sup>who will not receive a hundredfold now in this age—houses, brothers and sisters, mothers and children, and fields, with persecutions—and in the age to come eternal life. <sup>31</sup>But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first.”

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

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

**Sermon**

**Hymn of the Day:** “Find Me in the River”

1 Find me in the river  
Find me on my knees  
I've walked against the water  
Now I'm waiting if You please  
We've longed to see the roses  
But never felt the thorns  
And bought our pretty crowns  
But never paid the price

Chorus Find me in the river  
Find me there  
Find me on my knees  
With my soul laid bare  
Even though You're gone  
And I'm cracked and dry  
Find me in the river  
I'm waiting here (for You)

2 Find me in the river  
Find me on my knees  
I've walked against the water  
Now I'm waiting if You please

We didn't count on suffering  
We didn't count on pain  
But if the blessing's in the valley  
Then in the river we'll wait

### ***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... God of Grace, The congregation responds: **hear our prayer.**)*

### ***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\\_IQfxkD4hBw8WoQ6UZLveQvLkSxosar2o939JWiAad87o7zqy-JU\\_UuLu19bUbJx2MmPFcXvWIUz6A7FDgkhUKkoPpduXvnt8gXUeZjQYbn9G3frHWC59Y\\_VCHQ6\\_VCoE=&ver=3](https://www.eservicepayments.com/cgi-bin/Vanco_ver3.vps?appver3=Dc8dzPGn4-LCajFevTkh9MYPCImH2sG-jdxWYJMFGW_IQfxkD4hBw8WoQ6UZLveQvLkSxosar2o939JWiAad87o7zqy-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: "Thank You for Loving Me"***

1 Thank you for hearing me  
Thank you for hearing me  
Thank you for hearing me  
Thank you for hearing me


2 Thank you for loving me  
Thank you for loving me  
Thank you for loving me  
Thank you for loving me

3 Thank you for saving me  
Thank you for saving me  
Thank you for saving me  
Thank you for saving me

***Dismissal***

Go in peace. Follow Jesus.

**Thanks be to God.**

<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	John Flint
Communion Assistant	Megan Ward
Fellowship Time	George Henry

**ALTAR FLOWERS**

The Altar Flowers are both dedicated to the Glory of God.

**MISSION SUPPORT**

Mission Support is dedicated by the Hoffmann family in loving memory of Doris Hoffmann.

**WORSHIP ATTENDANCE**

Sunday, October 6: 8:00 am -15+1=16; 9:30-20+2=22; 0 SS      **TOTAL 38**

**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.

**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!



**THURSDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY VIA ZOOM**

You are invited to a study of the Gospel of Matthew on Thursday nights via Zoom. Pastor will be leading the study, which utilizes 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.

Note this **new** URL: Join Zoom Meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82089110140>

Meeting ID: 820 8911 0140

**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).

**FINANCIAL REPORT**

Financial Report For September 2024		
	Rec'vd for Sept 2024	Budget fo
General Fund	\$10,464.43	
Mortgage	\$1,826	
Bene. - Synod Only	\$30	
Other Benevolence	\$370	
Insurance Settlement		
Web Upgrade		
Total	\$12,690.43	
	Recv'd YTD 1/1-9/30/24	Budget YT
General Fund	\$99,743.86	
Mortgage	\$15,576.00	
Bene. - Synod Only	\$410.00	
Other Benevolence	\$1,870.00	

**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. Thank you for helping our neighbors in need.



## **THIS WEEK AT ADVENT**

### **SUNDAY, OCTOBER 13 – TWENTY-FIRST 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: George Henry  
10:45 am Church Council  
**No Bible Study in the Parlor with George Henry - will resume on October 20**

### **MONDAY, OCTOBER 14**

- 7:30 pm A.A. Open Meeting

### **TUESDAY, OCTOBER 15**

- 6:30 pm Ping Pong until 8:30 pm

### **THURSDAY, OCTOBER 17**

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

### **FRIDAY, OCTOBER 18**

- 7:30 pm A.A. Step Meeting

### **SUNDAY, OCTOBER 20 - TWENTY-SECOND 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: Gail Oines  
10:45 am Bible Study in the Parlor with George Henry

