

**CHRIST THE KING**  
**November 24, 2024**  
**9:00 a.m.**



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

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

***Announcements***

***Confessions and Forgiveness***

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God, our refuge, our delight, our beginning and end.  
**Amen.**

Let us come in truth before the one who loves us and has freed us from our sin.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Eternal One, robed in majesty and mercy,  
**we confess that sin has taken hold of us and we are complicit in its power. We are disturbed in spirit and our hearts cannot rest. Unbind us and set us free. Lead us again to the waters of rebirth, that we may live just and generous lives for the good of your world and the care of our neighbors, following in the servant way of Jesus. Amen.**

These words are trustworthy and true: Christ bore our sins once, for all, on the cross, swallowing up death forever. For his sake, you are ✝ forgiven and God remembers your sin no more. Let your heart be glad again, and rejoice in your salvation. **Amen.**

**Gathering Song: "Crown Him with Many Crowns"**

**LBW 170**

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| <p><b>1</b> Crown him with many crowns,<br/>the Lamb upon his throne;<br/>hark, how the heav'nly anthem drowns<br/>all music but its own.<br/>Awake, my soul, and sing<br/>of him who died for thee,<br/>and hail him as thy matchless king<br/>through all eternity.</p> | <p><b>2</b> Crown him the virgin's Son,<br/>the God incarnate born,<br/>whose arm those crimson trophies won<br/>which now his brow adorn;<br/>fruit of the mystic rose,<br/>yet of that rose the stem,<br/>the root whence mercy ever flows,<br/>the babe of Bethlehem.</p> |
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**3** Crown him the Lord of love--  
behold his hands and side,  
rich wounds, yet visible above,  
in beauty glorified.  
No angels in the sky  
can fully bear that sight,  
but downward bend their burning eyes  
at mysteries so bright.

**4** Crown him the Lord of life,  
who triumphed o'er the grave  
and rose victorious in the strife  
for those he came to save.  
His glories now we sing,  
who died and rose on high,  
who died, eternal life to bring,  
and lives that death may die.

**5** Crown him the Lord of peace,  
whose pow'r a scepter sways  
from pole to pole, that wars may cease,  
absorbed in prayer and praise.  
His reign shall know no end,  
and round his piercèd feet  
fair flow'rs of paradise extend  
their fragrance ever sweet.

**6** Crown him the Lord of years,  
the potentate of time,  
creator of the rolling spheres,  
ineffably sublime.  
All hail, Redeemer, hail!  
For thou hast died for me;  
thy praise and glory shall not fail  
throughout eternity.

### ***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***

Almighty and ever-living God, you anointed your beloved Son to be priest and sovereign forever. Grant that all the people of the earth, now divided by the power of sin, may be united by the glorious and gentle rule of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

### ***Children's Sermon***

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

#### **First Reading: Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14**

<sup>9</sup> As I watched, thrones were set in place, and an Ancient One took his throne, his clothing was white as snow, and the hair of his head like pure wool; his throne was fiery flames, and its wheels were burning fire. <sup>10</sup> A stream of fire issued and flowed out from his presence. A thousand thousands served him, and ten thousand times ten thousand stood attending him. The court sat in judgment, and the books were opened. <sup>13</sup> As I watched in the night visions, I saw one like a human being coming with the clouds of heaven. And he came to the Ancient One and was presented before him. <sup>14</sup> To him was given dominion and glory and kingship, that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion that shall not pass away, and his kingship is one that shall never be destroyed.

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

**Psalm: Psalm 93**

<sup>1</sup>The Lord is king, robed in majesty; the Lord is robed in majesty and armed with strength.  
 The Lord has made the world so sure that it cannot be moved.  
<sup>2</sup>Ever since the world began, your throne has been established;  
 you are from everlasting.  
<sup>3</sup>The waters have lifted up, O Lord, the waters have lifted up their voice;  
 the waters have lifted up their pounding waves.  
<sup>4</sup>Mightier than the sound of many waters, mightier than the breakers of the sea,  
 mightier is the Lord who dwells on high.  
<sup>5</sup>Your testimonies are very sure,  
 and holiness befits your house, O Lord, forever and forevermore.

**Second Reading: Revelation 1:4b-8**

<sup>4b</sup>Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, <sup>5</sup>and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, <sup>6</sup>and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.  
<sup>7</sup>Look! He is coming with the clouds; every eye will see him, even those who pierced him; and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail. So it is to be. Amen. <sup>8</sup>“I am the Alpha and the Omega,” says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

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**Gospel: John 18:33-37**

<sup>33</sup>Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, “Are you the King of the Jews?” <sup>34</sup>Jesus answered, “Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?” <sup>35</sup>Pilate replied, “I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?” <sup>36</sup>Jesus answered, “My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here.” <sup>37</sup>Pilate asked him, “So you are a king?” Jesus answered, “You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice.”

**Sermon**

**Hymn of the Day: “Here is Our King”**

**Chorus 1**

Here is our King here is our Love  
 Here is our God who's come  
 To bring us back to Him  
 He is the One He is Jesus  
 And He is our King He is our Love  
 He is our God who's come  
 To bring us back to Him  
 He is the One He is Jesus, Jesus

**1** From wherever spring arrives  
 To heal the ground  
 From wherever searching comes  
 The look itself  
 A trace of what we're looking for  
 So be quiet now and wait

**Pre-Chorus**

The ocean is growing  
 The tide is coming in  
 Here it is

**2** And what was said to the rose  
To make it unfold  
Was said to me here in my chest  
So be quiet now and rest  
So be quiet now and rest

He is our God who's come  
To bring us back to Him  
He is the One He is Jesus  
He is Jesus

**Chorus 2**

Here is our King here is our Love  
Here is our God who's come  
To bring us back to Him  
He is the One He is Jesus  
And He is our King He is our Love

**Bridge**

Majesty finally  
Majesty finally here

**Ending**

Majesty finally here

**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... Merciful God, The congregation responds: receive 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://secure.myvanco.com/YJ34/home>)*

**"An Autumn Carol" (Vocal Choir)**

**Offertory Prayer**

Let us pray...

Lord Jesus, our portion and our cup, you offered yourself in love for the world, and in this meal you nourish us with your life. Fill us with your abundance, that we may feed the hungry and welcome the stranger, trusting in your name. **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***

Faithful God, you have spread before us a feast of rich food and drink in the body and blood of your Son. Now send us out to labor with you, in service to the world you have made, and among the people you have made your home, in Jesus Christ, our Savior and 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: “The King of Glory”***

***Refrain***

The King of glory comes, the nation rejoices.

Open the gates before him, lift up your voices.

- 1** Who is the King of glory; how shall we call him?  
He is Emmanuel, the promised of ages. ***Refrain***
- 2** In all of Galilee, in city or village,  
he goes among his people, curing their illness. ***Refrain***
- 3** Sing then of David’s Son, our Savior and brother;  
in all of Galilee was never another. ***Refrain***
- 4** He gave his life for us, the pledge of salvation;  
he took upon himself the sins of the nation. ***Refrain***
- 5** He conquered sin and death; he truly has risen;  
and he will share with us his heavenly vision. ***Refrain***

***Dismissal***

Go in peace. Follow Jesus.

**Thanks be to God.**

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## OUR MISSION – FAITHFUL IN THE WORD

- + 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



## SERVING OUR LORD IN WORSHIP TODAY

Pastor:  
Music Director  
Lay Reader  
Communion Assistant  
Fellowship Time

The Rev. Matthew E Ollikainen  
Michael Dettra  
Open  
Joyce Heiss  
Open

### ALTAR FLOWERS

The Altar Flowers are dedicated by Ron and Pat Brown to the Glory of God.

### MISSION SUPPORT

Mission Support is dedicated to the Glory of God.

### WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

Sunday, November 17: 8:00 am- 11+3=14; 9:30 am- 36+1=37; Sunday School- 6 **TOTAL 57**

### 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.

### THURSDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY VIA ZOOM CANCELLED

**Will resume on Thursday, December 5**

Thursday Night Bible Study will be cancelled November 21 and 28. Bible Study via Zoom will resume on Thursday, December 5.



### PRAISE BAND and VOCAL CHOIR SEEKING NEW MEMBERS

Advent's Praise Band and Vocal Choir invite you to join them during the Advent season! Praise Band practices from 6:30 to 7:15 pm, Vocal Choir from 7:15-8:00 p.m. Please see Mike Dettra, Music Director for more details.

**Note: There will be no practice on Wednesday, November 27.**

### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR SUNDAY SERVICES

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!



### **CHURCH OFFICE HOURS – THANKSGIVING WEEK**

The Church Office will be open next Monday, November 25 through Wednesday, November 17, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. next week and closed on Thursday, November 28.

### **GIFT CARD COLLECTION FOR MONTH OF NOVEMBER**

During the month of November, we will once again be collecting gift cards for our neighbors that depend on the Warminster Food Bank for food each month. The envelopes will be available beginning the first Sunday in November and will be given to our neighbors beginning in December. Please consider helping our neighbors in need as we have done in the last few years. Your donations are greatly appreciated! Please contact Nancy Slight if you have any questions.



**Suggested stores for gift cards:** Aldi, Giant, ShopRite, Target, Walmart and Weis



### **POINSETTIA LIST FOR CHRISTMAS EVE DEDICATIONS**

A sign-up sheet for dedicating poinsettias for the Christmas Eve service is on the table in the narthex. Please sign up by December 18. You can also call the office to leave your dedication. Poinsettias may be picked up any time after the 7:30 p.m. service on Christmas Eve. Cost per plant is \$15.

### **ADVENT LADIES LUNCH GROUP**

A special Christmas lunch is planned at the Pinewood Tavern in Wrightstown on **Tuesday, December 3**, at 1pm. For more information on the December Christmas lunch, please call or text Fran Zanis at 267-847-5098.



### **MEN'S BREAKFAST - DECEMBER**

The Men's Breakfast will be held on **Saturday, December 14**. Coffee will be ready at 7:30 a.m. A disappointment this year is that Santa refuses to attend. His weak excuse is that he is not up to those heavy guys sitting on his lap anymore.



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

If you have food for the Warminster Food Bank 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 **Food Bank'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.



### **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!

### **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 \$5,700 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).

**OCTOBER FINANCIAL REPORT**

Financial Report For October 2024		
	Rec'vd for Oct 2024	Budget for Oct 2024
General Fund	\$10,219.53	\$17,482.00
Mortgage	\$1,376	\$1,898.00
Bene. - Synod Only	\$125	\$75
Other Benevolence	\$725	
Insurance Settlement		
Web Upgrade		
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$12,445.53</b>	<b>\$19,455.00</b>
	Rec'vd YTD 1/1-10/31/24	Budget YTD 1/1-10/31/24
General Fund	\$110,036.39	\$174,820.00
Mortgage	\$16,952.00	\$18,980.00
Bene. - Synod Only	\$535.00	\$750.00
Other Benevolence	\$5,595.00	
Insurance Settlement	\$87,496.69	
Web Upgrade	\$5,780.00	
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$226,395.08</b>	<b>\$194,550.00</b>

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS**

**ANNUAL CHRISTMAS BRUNCH**

**Sunday, December 8, immediately after 9:30 a.m. service**

Advent’s annual Christmas brunch will be held on Sunday, December 8, 2024, in the Fellowship Hall, immediately after the 9:30 worship service. This event lasts about an hour and festive live Christmas music will be provided by Advent’s own talented musicians. The sign-up sheet in the narthex provides additional information, and all family members and friends are welcome to attend. Thank you!

**ADVENT CHRISTMAS TREE DECORATING**

**Sunday, December 8, immediately after the Brunch**

We will be decorating the Christmas Tree in the Narthex on Sunday, December 8, after the Christmas Brunch. All are invited to participate.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PAGEANT**

**Sunday, December 15, during the 9:30 a.m. service**

The annual Sunday School Christmas Pageant will be held on Sunday, December 15, during the 9:30 a.m. service.

**CHRISTMAS JAZZ CONCERT**

**Saturday, December 21, at 7:00 p.m.**

The annual Christmas Jazz Concert will be held at Advent on **Saturday evening, December 21**, at 7:00 p.m. under the direction of our organist and choir director, Mike Dettra and his band, The Dettra Mental Trio. You can look forward to kicking off the holidays with an hour of relaxation and entertainment! A free-will offering will be taken and light refreshments will be served. Thank you for supporting Mike and his band.

**CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE**

**December 24, 7:30 p.m.**

The Christmas Eve Service will be held at 7:30 p.m. Sign-up for poinsettia dedications will be available in the narthex in the coming weeks. Deadline for dedications is **Wednesday, December 18**.

## **THIS WEEK AT ADVENT**

### **SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 24 – Christ the King**

#### **Harvest Home**

- 9:00 am Contemporary Holy Communion  
Sunday School for students age 4 to grade 6  
10:00 am Fellowship Time: Open  
10:15 am Annual Congregational Meeting

### **MONDAY, NOVEMBER 25**

- 7:30 pm A.A. Open Meeting

### **TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 26**

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

### **WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 27**

Praise Team practice CANCELLED  
Vocal Choir practice CANCELLED

### **THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 28**

Happy Thanksgiving!

### **FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 29**

- 7:30 pm A.A. Step Meeting

### **SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1 – First Sunday of Advent**

- 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 Bible Study in the Parlor with George Henry