

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

November 10, 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, 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: "10, 000 Reasons"

1 Bless the Lord oh my soul
Oh my soul
Worship His Holy name
Sing like never before
Oh my soul
I'll worship Your Holy name

2 The sun comes up
It's a new day dawning
It's time to sing Your song again
Whatever may pass
And whatever lies before me
Let me be singing
When the evening comes

3 Bless the Lord oh my soul
Oh my soul
Worship His Holy name
Sing like never before
Oh my soul
I'll worship Your Holy name

4 You're rich in love
And You're slow to anger
Your name is great
And Your heart is kind
For all Your goodness
I will keep on singing
Ten thousand reasons
For my heart to find

5 Bless the Lord oh my soul
Oh my soul
Worship His Holy name
Sing like never before
Oh my soul
I'll worship Your Holy name
Bless You Lord

6 And on that day
When my strength is failing
The end draws near
And my time has come

Still my soul will
Sing Your praise unending
Ten thousand years
And then forevermore
Forevermore

7 Bless the Lord oh my soul
Oh my soul
Worship His Holy name
Sing like never before
Oh my soul
I'll worship Your Holy name

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

O God, you show forth your almighty power chiefly by reaching out to us in mercy. Grant us the fullness of your grace, strengthen our trust in your promises, and bring all the world to share in the treasures that come through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Children's Sermon

The Reading of God's Word

First Reading: 1 Kings 17:8-16

⁸ The word of the Lord came to [Elijah,] saying, ⁹ "Go now to Zarephath, which belongs to Sidon, and live there; for I have commanded a widow there to feed you." ¹⁰ So he set out and went to Zarephath. When he came to the gate of the town, a widow was there gathering sticks; he called to her and said, "Bring me a little water in a vessel, so that I may drink." ¹¹ As she was going to bring it, he called to her and said, "Bring me a morsel of bread in your hand." ¹² But she said, "As the Lord your God lives, I have nothing baked, only a handful of meal in a jar, and a little oil in a jug; I am now gathering a couple of sticks, so that I may go home and prepare it for myself and my son, that we may eat it, and die." ¹³ Elijah said to her, "Do not be afraid; go and do as you have said; but first make me a little cake of it and bring it to me, and afterwards make something for yourself and your son." ¹⁴ For thus says the Lord the God of Israel: The jar of meal will not be emptied and the jug of oil will not fail until the day that the Lord sends rain on the earth." ¹⁵ She went and did as Elijah said, so that she as well as he and her household ate for many days. ¹⁶ The jar of meal was not emptied, neither did the jug of oil fail, according to the word of the Lord that he spoke by Elijah.

Word of God, Word of Life

Thanks be to God.

Psalm: Psalm: Psalm 146

¹ Hallelujah!

Praise the Lord, O my soul!

² **I will praise the Lord as long as I live;**

I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.

³ Put not your trust in rulers,
in mortals in whom there is no help.

⁴ **When they breathe their last, they return to earth,
and in that day their thoughts perish.**

⁵ Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help,
whose hope is in the Lord their God;

⁶ **who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in them;
who keeps promises forever;**

⁷ who gives justice to those who are oppressed, and food to those who hunger.
The Lord sets the captive free.

⁸ **The Lord opens the eyes of the blind; the Lord lifts up those who are bowed down;
the Lord loves the righteous.**

⁹ The Lord cares for the stranger;
the Lord sustains the orphan and widow, but frustrates the way of the wicked.

¹⁰ **The Lord shall reign forever,
your God, O Zion, throughout all generations. Hallelujah!**

Second Reading: Hebrews 9:24-28

²⁴ Christ did not enter a sanctuary made by human hands, a mere copy of the true one, but he entered into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God on our behalf. ²⁵ Nor was it to offer himself again and again, as the high priest enters the Holy Place year after year with blood that is not his own; ²⁶ for then he would have had to suffer again and again since the foundation of the world. But as it is, he has appeared once for all at the end of the age to remove sin by the sacrifice of himself. ²⁷ And just as it is appointed for mortals to die once, and after that the judgment, ²⁸ so Christ, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, will appear a second time, not to deal with sin, but to save those who are eagerly waiting for him.

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Thanks be to God.

Gospel: Mark 12:38-44

³⁸ As [Jesus] taught, he said, "Beware of the scribes, who like to walk around in long robes, and to be greeted with respect in the marketplaces, ³⁹ and to have the best seats in the synagogues and places of honor at banquets! ⁴⁰ They devour widows' houses and for the sake of appearance say long prayers. They will receive the greater condemnation."

⁴¹ He sat down opposite the treasury, and watched the crowd putting money into the treasury. Many rich people put in large sums. ⁴² A poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which are worth a penny. ⁴³ Then he called his disciples and said to them, "Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the treasury. ⁴⁴ For all of them have contributed out of their abundance; but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on."

Sermon

Hymn of the Day: “Shout to the North”

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| <p>1 Men of faith rise up and sing
Of the great and glorious King
You are strong when you feel weak
In your brokenness complete</p> <p>2 Shout to the North and the South
Sing to the East and the West
Jesus is Saviour to all
Lord of heaven and earth</p> <p>3 Rise up women of the truth
Stand and sing to broken hearts
Who can know the healing power
Of our awesome King of love</p> | <p>4 Shout to the North and the South
Sing to the East and the West
Jesus is Saviour to all
Lord of heaven and earth, yeah</p> <p>5 We've been through fire, we've been through rain
We've been refined by the power of His name
We've fallen deeper in love with You
You've burned the truth on our lips</p> <p>6 We will shout to the North and the South
Sing to the East and the West
Jesus is Saviour to all
Lord of heaven and earth</p> |
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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>)*

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: "You are My God"

You are my god

You are my king

You are my master

My everything

You are my lord,

That's why I sing to you

Hal-le-lu-jah

Hal-le-lu-jah

(3x)

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

John Flint

Megan Ward

Open

ALTAR FLOWERS

The Altar Flowers are dedicated to the Glory of God.

MISSION SUPPORT

Mission Support is dedicated to the Glory of God.

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

Sunday, November 3: 8:00 am- 14+2=16; 9:30 am- 30+1=31; SS- 8 **TOTAL 55**

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.

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

SPECIAL GUEST AT SUNDAY SERVICES – Sunday November 10

On Sunday, November 10, the director of the Warminster Food Bank, Mike Cerino, will be speaking to the congregation at both services to give thanks for our continued support with food and monetary donations.

HARVEST HOME FOOD COLLECTION – Sunday November 17

As part of the Harvest Home blessing at the services on Sunday, November 17, we encourage you to bring food donations to be given to Warminster Food Bank.

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.

MEN’S BREAKFAST - Saturday, November 9

Men’s breakfast will be Saturday, November 9, at 8:30 a.m. The Men’s Breakfast Board of Directors would like to squelch the rumor that the menu will be Turkey and Eggs. We do not have that recipe but are working on it. December Men’s Breakfast will be Saturday, December 14.

ADVENT LADIES LUNCH GROUP

- ❖ The next Advent Ladies’ lunch meeting will be **Tuesday, November 12**, at noon in Advent’s multipurpose room. Bring your own lunch.
- ❖ A special Christmas lunch is planned at the Pinewood Tavern in Wrightstown on **Tuesday, December 3**, at 1pm.

To RSVP for the November lunch meeting or for more information on the December Christmas lunch, please call or text Fran Zanis at 267-847-5098.

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.



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!



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.

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).

OCTOBER FINANCIAL REPORT

Financial Report For October 2024		
	Rec'd 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		
Total	\$12,445.53	\$19,455.00
	Rec'd 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	
Total	\$226,395.08	\$194,550.00

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

SINGLE WORSHIP SERVICE

Sunday, November 24, at 9:00 a.m.

To accommodate as many members and friends of Advent as possible, we will have only one worship service on this morning in order to conduct the annual congregational meeting afterwards. Thank you for your attendance.

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Sunday, November 24, at 10:15 a.m.

The congregational meeting to approve a budget for year 2025 and to nominate and elect members to Church Council will be held on Sunday, November 24, at 10:15 a.m.

This meeting will follow the single worship service at 9:00 a.m. Your attendance is important, as it is necessary that we have the required quorum of member voters. Thank you in advance for attending this important meeting!

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!

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.



THIS WEEK AT ADVENT

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 10 – 25th Sunday after Pentecost **Recognition of Veterans**

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

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 11

7:30 pm A.A. Open Meeting

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 12

6:30 pm Ping Pong until 8:30 pm

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 13

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

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 14

7:00 pm Zoom Bible Study-Gospel of Matthew

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 15

7:30 pm A.A. Step Meeting

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 17 – 26TH Sunday after Pentecost **Harvest Home Blessing**

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