

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
November 17, 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: "The Heart of Worship"

1 When the music fades all is stripped away
And I simply come
Longing just to bring something that's of worth
That will bless Your heart

Pre-Chorus

I'll bring You more than a song
For a song in itself is not what You have required
You search much deeper within
Through the way things appear
You're looking into my heart

Chorus

I'm coming back to the heart of worship
And it's all about You all about You Jesus
I'm sorry Lord for the thing I've made it
When it's all about You all about You Jesus

2 King of endless worth no one could express
How much You deserve
Though I'm weak and poor all I have is Yours
Ev'ry single breath

Pre-Chorus

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

Almighty God, your sovereign purpose brings salvation to birth. Give us faith to be steadfast amid the tumults of this world, trusting that your kingdom comes and your will is done through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Children's Sermon

The Reading of God's Word

First Reading: Daniel 12:1-3

¹“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. ² Many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt. ³ 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 16

- ¹ Protect me, O God, for I take refuge in you;
I have said to the Lord, “You are my Lord, my good above all other.”
- ² **All my delight is in the godly that are in the land,
upon those who are noble among the people.**
- ³ But those who run after other gods
shall have their troubles multiplied.
- ⁴ **I will not pour out drink offerings to such gods,
never take their names upon my lips.**
- ⁵ O Lord, you are my portion and my cup;
it is you who uphold my lot.
- ⁶ **My boundaries enclose a pleasant land;
indeed, I have a rich inheritance.**
- ⁷ I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel;
my heart teaches me night after night.
- ⁸ **I have set the Lord always before me;
because God is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken.**
- ⁹ My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices;
my body also shall rest in hope.
- ¹⁰ **For you will not abandon me to the grave,
nor let your holy one see the pit.**
- ¹¹ You will show me the path of life;
in your presence there is fullness of joy, and in your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

Second Reading: Hebrews 10:11-25

¹¹ Every priest stands day after day at his service, offering again and again the same sacrifices that can never take away sins. ¹² But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, “he sat down at the right hand of God,” ¹³ and since then has been waiting “until his enemies would be made a footstool for his feet.” ¹⁴ For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are sanctified.

[¹⁵ And the Holy Spirit also testifies to us, for after saying, ¹⁶ “This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, says the Lord: I will put my laws in their hearts, and I will write them on their minds,” ¹⁷ he also adds, “I will remember their sins and their lawless deeds no more.” ¹⁸ Where there is forgiveness of these, there is no longer any offering for sin.]

¹⁹ Therefore, my friends, since we have confidence to enter the sanctuary by the blood of Jesus, ²⁰ by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain (that is, through his flesh), ²¹ and since we have a great priest over the house of God, ²² let us approach with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. ²³ Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who has promised is faithful. ²⁴ And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, ²⁵ not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

Word of God, Word of Life
Thanks be to God

Gospel: Mark 13:1-8

¹ As [Jesus] came out of the temple, one of his disciples said to him, “Look, Teacher, what large stones and what large buildings!” ² Then Jesus asked him, “Do you see these great buildings? Not one stone will be left here upon another; all will be thrown down.”

³ When he was sitting on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter, James, John, and Andrew asked him privately, ⁴ “Tell us, when will this be, and what will be the sign that all these things are about to be accomplished?” ⁵ Then Jesus began to say to them, “Beware that no one leads you astray. ⁶ Many will come in my name and say, ‘I am he!’ and they will lead many astray. ⁷ When you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be alarmed; this must take place, but the end is still to come. ⁸ For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be earthquakes in various places; there will be famines. This is but the beginning of the birth pangs.”

Sermon

Hymn of the Day: “My Lord What a Morning”

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Refrain

My Lord, what a morning;
my Lord, what a morning;
oh, my Lord, what a morning,
when the stars begin to fall.

1 You will hear the trumpet sound,
to wake the nations underground,
looking to my God's right hand,
when the stars begin to fall. **Refrain**

2 You will hear the sinner cry,
to wake the nations underground,
looking to my God's right hand,
when the stars begin to fall. **Refrain**

3 You will hear the Christian shout,
to wake the nations underground,
looking to my God's right hand,
when the stars begin to fall. **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... 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: "Shine, Jesus, Shine"

Chorus

Shine Jesus shine
Fill this land
With the Father's glory
Blaze Spirit blaze
Set our hearts on fire
Flow river flow
Flood the nations
With grace and mercy
Send forth Your word Lord
And let there be light

- 1** Lord the light of Your love is shining
In the midst of the darkness shining
Jesus Light of the world shine upon us
Set us free by the truth You now bring us
Shine on me shine on me **Chorus**
- 2** Lord I come to Your awesome presence
From the shadows into Your radiance
By the blood I may enter Your brightness
Search me try me consume all my darkness
Shine on me shine on me **Chorus**
- 3** As we gaze on Your kingly brightness
So our faces display Your likeness
Ever changing from glory to glory
Mirrored here may our lives tell Your story
Shine on me shine on me **Chorus**

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:
Guest Musician
Lay Reader
Communion Assistant
Fellowship Time

The Rev. Matthew E Ollikainen
Joseph Napi
Gail Oines
Kristi Ward
Open

ALTAR FLOWERS

The Altar Flowers are dedicated by the Hoffmann Family in memory of Susan T. Bobb.

MISSION SUPPORT

Mission Support is dedicated by the Hoffmann Family in memory of Anna Hoffmann.

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

Sunday, November 10: 8:00 am- 11+6=17; 9:30 am- 31+1=32; SS- 5 **TOTAL 54**

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.

Join Zoom Meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82089110140>

Meeting ID: 820 8911 0140

HARVEST HOME FOOD COLLECTION – Sunday, November 24 – CORRECTED DATE

As part of the Harvest Home blessing at the services on Sunday, November 24, we encourage you to bring food and supply donations to be given to Warminster Food Bank. The date in the bulletin last week was incorrect. Please note the corrected date of Sunday, November 24.

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

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.

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!

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.



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!



SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 24:

❖ SINGLE WORSHIP SERVICE, 9:00 AM

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.

❖ SPECIAL FOOD COLLECTION FOR HARVEST HOME (CORRECTED DATE)

Please consider bringing a food or supply donation as part of the Harvest Home blessing. Donations will be directed to the Warminster Food Bank. Items currently needed include:

Food: Cereal, Beef Stew, Jelly, Ravioli, Canned Fruit (lowest cost) Peaches/Pear/Mixed, Hamburger Helper, Pancake Mix, Syrup, Stuffing Mix, Mustard, Taco Shells, Macaroni and Cheese

Non Food: Store Gift Cards, Laundry Detergent (Pods or Liquid), Household Cleaning Supplies, Toothpaste/Toothbrushes/Oral Care, Toilet Paper, Paper Towels, Gently Used Grocery Paper Bags

❖ ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING, 10:45 AM

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!

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'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

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.

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 17 – 26th 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 Bible Study in the Parlor with George Henry

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 18

7:30 pm A.A. Open Meeting

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 19

6:30 pm Ping Pong until 8:30 pm

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 20

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

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 21

7:00 pm Zoom Bible Study-Gospel of Matthew

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 22

7:30 pm A.A. Step Meeting

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 24 – Christ the King Harvest Home

9:00 am Contemporary Holy Communion
Sunday School for students age 4 to grade 6
10:30 am Fellowship Time: Open
10:45 am Annual Congregational Meeting