Resurrection of Our Lord: Easter Sunday Sunday, April 20, 2025 8:00 AM and 9:30 AM



## LUTHERAN BOOK OF WORSHIP ORDER OF WORSHIP

## Gathering

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

Announcements

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen.C: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

## **Confessions and Forgiveness**

In the name of the Father, and of the <sup>†</sup> Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.** 

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

## Silence is kept for reflection.

Most merciful God,

we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought word and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the <sup>†</sup> Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

## Amen.

## Gathering Hymn: "Christ is Risen! Alleluia!"

 Christ is risen! Alleluia! Risen our victorious head! Sing his praises! Alleluia! Christ is risen from the dead! Gratefully our hearts adore him as his light once more appears; bowing down in joy before him, rising up from griefs and tears.

## Refrain

Christ is risen! Alleluia! Risen our victorious head! Sing his praises! Alleluia! Christ is risen from the dead!

2 Christ is risen! All the sadness of our Lenten fast is o'er; through the open gates of gladness he returns to life once more; death and hell before him bending see him rise, the victor now, angels on his steps attending, glory round his wounded brow. *Refrain* 

- 3 Christ is risen! All the sorrow that last evening round him lay now has found a glorious morrow in the rising of today.
  See the grave its firstfruits giving, springing up from holy ground; he was dead, but now is living; he was lost, but he is found. *Refrain*
- 4 Christ is risen! Henceforth never death or hell shall us enthrall; be we Christ's, in him forever we have triumphed over all. All the doubting and dejection of our trembling hearts have ceased; hail the day of resurrection! Let us rise and keep the feast. *Refrain*

## Greeting

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **C: And also with you.** 



## Kyrie





## Prayer of the Day

O God, you gave your only Son to suffer death on the cross for our redemption, and by his glorious resurrection you delivered us from the power of death. Make us die every day to sin, that we may live with him forever in the joy of the resurrection, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

## Amen.

## The Reading of God's Word

## First Reading: Acts 10:34-43

<sup>34</sup> Peter began to speak to [the people]: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, <sup>35</sup> but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. <sup>36</sup> You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. <sup>37</sup> That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: <sup>38</sup> how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. <sup>39</sup> We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; <sup>40</sup> but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, <sup>41</sup> not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. <sup>42</sup> He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. <sup>43</sup> All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

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

## Psalm: Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24

<sup>1</sup>Give thanks to the LORD, for the LORD is good; God's mercy endures forever.
<sup>2</sup>Let Israel now declare, "God's mercy endures forever."

<sup>14</sup> The LORD is my strength and my song, and has become my salvation.

<sup>15</sup> Shouts of rejoicing and salvation echo in the tents of the righteous: "The right hand of the LORD acts valiantly!

<sup>16</sup> The right hand of the LORD is exalted! The right hand of the LORD acts valiantly!"

<sup>17</sup> I shall not die, but live, and declare the works of the LORD.

<sup>18</sup> The LORD indeed punished me sorely, but did not hand me over to death.

<sup>19</sup> Open for me the gates of righteousness; I will enter them and give thanks to the LORD.

<sup>20</sup> "This is the gate of the LORD; here the righteous may enter."

<sup>21</sup> I give thanks to you, for you have answered me and you have become my salvation.

<sup>22</sup> The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.

## <sup>23</sup> By the LORD has this been done; it is marvelous in our eyes.

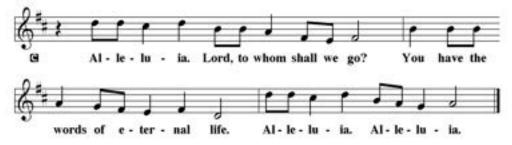
<sup>24</sup> This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

## Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:19-26

<sup>19</sup> If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied. <sup>20</sup> But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died. <sup>21</sup> For since death came through a human being, the resurrection of the dead has also come through a human being; <sup>22</sup> for as all die in Adam, so all will be made alive in Christ. <sup>23</sup> But each in his own order: Christ the first fruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. <sup>24</sup> Then comes the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, after he has destroyed every ruler and every authority and power. <sup>25</sup> For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. <sup>26</sup> The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

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

## **Gospel Acclamation**



**P:** The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 24<sup>th</sup> chapter.



## Gospel: Luke 24:1-12

<sup>1</sup> On the first day of the week, at early dawn, [the women] came to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. <sup>2</sup> They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, <sup>3</sup> but when they went in, they did not find the body. <sup>4</sup> While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. <sup>5</sup> The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, "Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen. <sup>6</sup> Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, <sup>7</sup> that the Son of Man must be handed over to sinners, and be crucified, and on the third day rise again." <sup>8</sup> Then they remembered his words, <sup>9</sup> and returning from the tomb, they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest. <sup>10</sup> Now it was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told this to the apostles. <sup>11</sup> But these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. <sup>12</sup> But Peter got up and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; then he went home, amazed at what had happened.

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



## Children's Sermon (9:30 service only)

#### Sermon

## Hymn of the Day: "Thine is the Glory"

 Thine is the glory, risen, conqu'ring Son; endless is the vict'ry thou o'er death hast won! Angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away, kept the folded grave-clothes where thy body lay.

## Refrain

Thine is the glory, risen, conqu'ring Son; endless is the vict'ry thou o'er death hast won!

#### Nicene Creed

2 Lo, Jesus meets thee, risen from the tomb! Lovingly he greets thee, scatters fear and gloom; let his church with gladness hymns of triumph sing, for the Lord now liveth; death hath lost its sting! *Refrain*

3 No more we doubt thee, glorious Prince of life; life is naught without thee; aid us in our strife; make us more than conqu'rors, through thy deathless love; bring us safe through Jordan to thy home above. *Refrain* 

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. Of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God. eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God. begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate: he suffered death and was buried.

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On the third day he rose again In accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, And the life of the world to come. 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:* <u>https://secure.myvanco.com/YJ34/home</u>)

#### Choir Anthem (choir sings at 9:30 service only)

#### The Offertory



*Offertory* Let us pray... Prayer

Risen One, you have gathered us around your table of grace along with these gifts we bring. Come among us again, breathe your life into us, and enliven us with this meal, that we may live as your risen body in the world. Amen.

#### Sacrament

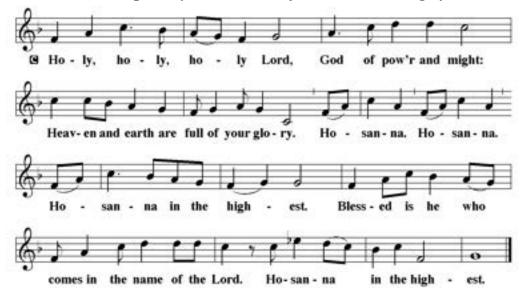
# *The Great Thanksgiving* The Lord be with you.

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.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy...stays (*preface continues with words for the season and concludes*...) we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Blessed are you, O God of the universe. Your mercy is everlasting and your faithfulness endures from age to age.

Praise to you for creating the heavens and the earth. Praise to you for saving the earth from the waters of the flood. Praise to you for bringing the Israelites safely through the sea. Praise to you for leading your people through the wilderness to the land of milk and honey. Praise to you for the words and deeds of Jesus, your anointed one. Praise to you for the death and resurrection of Christ. Praise to you for your Spirit poured out on all nations. 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.

With this bread and cup we remember our Lord's passover from death to life as we proclaim the mystery of faith: **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.** 

O God of resurrection and new life: Pour out your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts of bread and wine. Bless this feast. Grace our table with your presence. **Come, Holy Spirit.** 

Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread. Raise us up as the body of Christ for the world. Breathe new life into us. Send us forth, burning with justice, peace, and love. **Come, Holy Spirit.** 

With your holy ones of all times and places, with the earth and all its creatures, with sun and moon and stars, we praise you, O God, blessed and holy Trinity, now and forever. **Amen.** 

## Lord's Prayer

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

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.



## Invitation to Communion

Come to the table of grace. Receive the gift of new life.

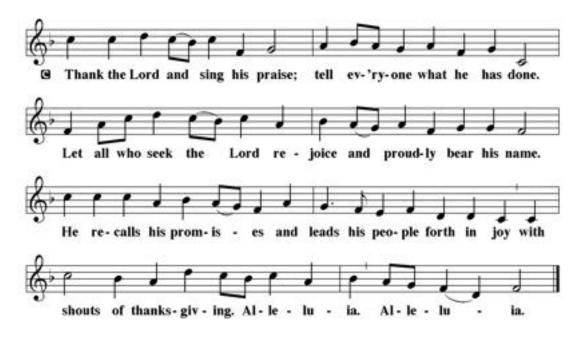


*Distribution* The body of Christ, given to you. The blood of Christ, shed for you.

## **Post-Communion Blessing**

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. Amen.

#### **Post-Communion Canticle**



## **Prayer after Communion**

Let us pray... Living One, in this feast you have made yourself known to us. Send us now to tell of your wonders, sing of your glory, and proclaim your risen life to a wounded and weary world. **Amen.** 

## Benediction

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: "Jesus Christ is Risen Today"

- Jesus Christ is ris'n today, Alleluia! our triumphant holy day, Alleluia! who did once upon the cross, Alleluia! suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!
- 2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia! unto Christ, our heav'nly king, Alleluia! who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia! sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!
- But the pains which he endured, Alleluia!
   our salvation have procured; Alleluia!
   now above the sky he's king, Alleluia!
   where the angels ever sing. Alleluia!
- 4 Sing we to our God above, Alleluia! praise eternal as his love; Alleluia! praise him, all you heav'nly host, Alleluia! Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!

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## Dismissal

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

C: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

P: Go in peace. In Christ you are made new. Alleluia! Alleluia!

C: Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Alleluia!

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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 Guest Musicians

Worship Assistant 8:00 AM Lay Reader 9:30 AM Communion Assistant 9:30 AM Fellowship Time The Rev. Matthew E. Ollikainen Michael Dettra Adam Hershberger & John Swana George Henry John Flint Kristi Ward OPEN

## ALTAR FLOWERS

The Altar Flowers are dedicated by the Frey family to the Glory of the risen Lord.

#### MISSION SUPPORT

Mission Support is dedicated to the Glory of God.

LAST SUNDAY'S WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

Sunday, April 13TOTAL: 598:00 AM: 16+2=189:30 AM: 34+2=36

Sunday School: 5

## **COMMUNION REMINDER**

The Worship and Music Committee would like to remind the congregation that those going forward to the altar for communion have a few options. There is gluten-free bread in the small clear glass bowl, and white grape juice for those who prefer. Just let the Pastor or assistant know your preference. Thank you.

## **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.

## **DEDICATIONS FOR SUNDAY SERVICES**

Payments for dedications may be made using the marked envelopes by the sign-up charts. Please place payment in the offering plate or mail payment to the church at

45 Worthington Mill Road, Richboro, PA 18954.

Please write check to Advent Evangelical Lutheran Church

and write Altar Flowers or Mission Support in the memo line on your check.

## 2025 ALTAR FLOWERS CHART

The 2025 Flower Chart to dedicate altar flowers each Sunday is on the table in the narthex. The cost is \$25 per bouquet, and you are welcome to take the flowers home following the late service. You can also call the church office to submit your mission dedication: 215-355-2529 **2025 MISSION SUPPORT** The 2025 Mission Support Chart is available for sign up on the table in the narthex. Mission Support Dedication donations benefit our sister church, Iglesia Luterana Nueva Creacion, which does vital work in North Philadelphia. Dedication donations are \$25. You can also call the church office to submit your mission dedication: 215-355-2529



## **FIRST COMMUNION INSTRUCTION**

Communion is a gift from God, allowing us to receive His grace, nourish our faith, and more fully participate in the life of the Church.

Advent will offer First Holy Communion instruction every other Sunday for 4 weeks, beginning Sunday, June 1, 2025. Parents of baptized children, grade 5 and older are encouraged to register their child by completing an online registration form at <a href="https://forms.gle/2uNSDtbybWxXktVs7">https://forms.gle/2uNSDtbybWxXktVs7</a>. Hard copy registration forms are also available in the narthex. Please call the church office at 215-355-2529 with any questions.

If your child is younger than grade 5, and you would like to discuss enrolling them, please call the church office to speak with Pastor Matt. Decisions on younger children will be made on a case-by-case basis.

**THURSDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY VIA ZOOM – WILL RESUME THIS THURSDAY, APRIL 24, 7:00 PM** Thursday Night Bible Study will resume after Easter on Thursday, April 24.

## **PRAYER CHAIN UPDATE**

The Prayer Chain is a group of volunteers at Advent who pray every day, confidentially, for people added to the Prayer Chain. Names are maintained for one month unless asked to be removed earlier. Linda Weaver has assumed the role of Prayer Chain Coordinator with Gail Oines' departure.

To add names to the Prayer Chain:

- Complete a Prayer Request Card found in the pews of the sanctuary. Please place completed cards in the offering plate, or
- \* Submit names by email directly to Linda Weaver at <u>lindaweaver3@comcast.net</u>.

#### **DONATIONS FOR FELLOWSHIP TIME**

Fellowship Time is held Sundays directly following the 9:30 AM service. The sign-up sheet to provide refreshments for Fellowship Time is available in the narthex on the refreshment table. Advent supplies hot beverages and paper products.

If you are looking for a way to assist with Fellowship Time but do not have the time or ability to bake or shop for snacks, please consider donating a few dollars. The hungry snackers will appreciate it!

#### DRIVE-IN & DROP-OFF FOOD COLLECTION – WARMINSTER FOOD PANTRY

If you have food for the Warminster Food Pantry and the church is not open, just drive into the parking lot and drop off the food inside 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.

#### SUPPORT 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 \$10,000 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).

#### **RECYCLING CAN TABS FOR RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE CHARITIES**

We are collecting can tabs to support the Ronald McDonald House Charities which help alleviate some financial burdens for families along their child's healthcare journey. Last year alone, they helped families save \$736 million in lodging and meal expenses.

Tabs can be placed in the marked containers in the narthex, on the shelf above the coat rack. *No cans. please – just tabs!* 

<b>Financial Report For Ma</b>	rch 2025	
	Rec'vd for March 2025	Budget for March 2025
General Fund	\$9,591.93	\$18,609.00
Mortgage	\$1,499	\$1,898.00
Bene Synod Only	\$50	\$133
Other Benevolence	\$75	
Web Upgrade	\$250	
Total	\$11,465.93	\$20,640.00
	Recv'd YTD 1/1-3/31/25	Budget YTD 1/1-3/31/25
General Fund	\$31,276.63	\$55,827.00
Mortgage	\$4,274.00	\$5,694.00
Bene Synod Only	\$165.00	\$399.00
Other Benevolence	\$1,706.00	
Web Upgrade	\$450.00	
Total	\$37,871.63	\$61,920.00

## MARCH FINANCIAL REPORT

# MARK YOUR CALENDARS

## LAUNCH PARTY FOR ADVENT'S NEW WEB SITE Sunday, May 4, 10:30 am



Come celebrate the launch of Advent's new web site!

The new site was designed and developed over the past year with Janus Advertising. This project required a great amount of effort and collaboration. We are truly grateful to Heather, Lisa and staff at Janus Advertising for going above and beyond to create our amazing new site. We would also like to extend a special thank you to the web site committee which included Katie Dettra, Mike Sitler and Pastor Matt. Thank you to the many people who spent countless hours assisting the committee,

including Cindy Frey, Jeanne Gryszka, and Tony Gryszka. Thank you to the church council for their support and participation. Thank you also to everyone in the congregation who participated in surveys and provided feedback throughout the development. Finally, thank you to all who donated money to help fund this important endeavor. Let's celebrate this wonderful accomplishment! *Light refreshments will be served*.

# Advent's Annual Spring Property Clean Up Saturday, May 10, 9:00-11:00 AM



Advent's annual Spring cleanup will be on Saturday morning, May 10, from 9:00 to 11:00 AM. All volunteers are welcome and encouraged to participate! Suggested items to bring include work gloves, brooms, rakes, gardening tools, hedge trimmers, tree pruners, and weed whackers. We will be concentrating on weeding the gardens, applying mulch, and general cleanup. Yard waste bags will be provided. Hope to see you there!

## **CELEBRATION OF PASTOR MATT AND DEBBIE'S WEDDING Sunday, May 18, following the 9:30 AM service**



They do! Advent will host a special celebration of Pastor Matt and Debbie's wedding on Sunday, May 18, following the 9:30 AM worship service. Come and celebrate the newly weds and surround them with the love and support of Advent! *Light refreshments will be served*.

# THIS WEEK AT ADVENT

## SUNDAY, APRIL 20 - The Resurrection of Our Lord/Easter Sunday

- 8:00 AM Traditional Holy Communion
- 9:30 AM Contemporary Holy Communion
- No Sunday School
- 10:30 AM Fellowship Time: Open

## MONDAY, APRIL 21

7:30 PM A.A. Open Meeting

## **TUESDAY, APRIL 22**

6:30 PM Ping Pong until 8:30 pm

#### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 23

- 5:30 PM Praise Band Practice
- 6:15 PM Vocal Choir Practice

## THURSDAY, APRIL 24

7:00 PM Zoom Bible Study with Pastor Matt

## FRIDAY, APRIL 25

7:30 PM A.A. Step Meeting

## SUNDAY, APRIL 27 - Second Sunday of Easter

- 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

