

**Third Sunday of Easter**  
**May 4, 2025**  
**8:00 AM**



**LUTHERAN BOOK OF WORSHIP**  
**ORDER OF WORSHIP**

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**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 † 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.

**C: 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,

**C: 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.**

**C: 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 † Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

## Gathering Hymn: "What Wondrous Love is this?"

LBW 385



1 What won-drous love is this, O my soul, O my soul! What  
2 When I was sink-ing down, sink-ing down, sink-ing down, when  
3 To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing; to  
4 And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on; and



won - drous love is this, O my soul! What won-drous love is this  
I was sink - ing down, sink-ing down, when I was sink - ing down  
God and to the Lamb I will sing; to God and to the Lamb,  
when from death I'm free, I'll sing on; and when from death I'm free,



that caused the Lord of bliss to bear the dread-ful curse for my  
be - neath God's righ-teous frown, Christ laid a - side his crown for my  
who is the great I AM, while mil - lions join the theme, I will  
I'll sing God's love for me, and through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing



soul, for my soul, to bear the dread-ful curse for my soul?  
soul, for my soul, Christ laid a - side his crown for my soul.  
sing, I will sing, while mil - lions join the theme, I will sing.  
on, I'll sing on; and through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing on.

Text: North American folk hymn, 19th cent., alt.

Music: WONDROUS LOVE, W. Walker, *Southern Harmony*, 1835

## 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.

## Hymn of Praise

This is the feast of vic-tory for our God. Al-le-lu-ia,  
 al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia. I Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was  
 slain, whose blood set us free to be peo-ple of God.  
 This is the feast of vic-tory for our God. Al-le-lu-ia,  
 al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia. II Pow-er, rich-es, wis-dom, and  
 strength, and hon-or, bless-ing, and glo-ry are his.  
 This is the feast of vic-tory for our God. Al-le-lu-ia,  
 al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia. I Sing with all the peo-ple of God, and  
 join in the hymn of all cre-a-tion: Bless-ing, hon-or, glo-ry, and  
 might be to God and the Lamb for-ev-er. A-men.  
 This is the feast of vic-tory for our God. Al-le-lu-ia,  
 al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia. II For the Lamb who was  
 slain has be-gun his reign. Al-le-lu-ia.  
 This is the feast of vic-tory for our God.  
 Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.

### ***Prayer of the Day***

P: Eternal and all-merciful God, with all the angels and all the saints we laud your majesty and might. By the resurrection of your Son, show yourself to us and inspire us to follow Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

## **WORD**

### ***First Reading: Acts 9:1-6 [7-20]***

<sup>1</sup> Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest <sup>2</sup> and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any who belonged to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. <sup>3</sup> Now as he was going along and approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. <sup>4</sup> He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, “Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?” <sup>5</sup> He asked, “Who are you, Lord?” The reply came, “I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. <sup>6</sup> But get up and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do.” [ <sup>7</sup> The men who were traveling with him stood speechless because they heard the voice but saw no one. <sup>8</sup> Saul got up from the ground, and though his eyes were open, he could see nothing; so they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus. <sup>9</sup> For three days he was without sight, and neither ate nor drank.

<sup>10</sup> Now there was a disciple in Damascus named Ananias. The Lord said to him in a vision, “Ananias.” He answered, “Here I am, Lord.” <sup>11</sup> The Lord said to him, “Get up and go to the street called Straight, and at the house of Judas look for a man of Tarsus named Saul. At this moment he is praying, <sup>12</sup> and he has seen in a vision a man named Ananias come in and lay his hands on him so that he might regain his sight.” <sup>13</sup> But Ananias answered, “Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much evil he has done to your saints in Jerusalem; <sup>14</sup> and here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who invoke your name.” <sup>15</sup> But the Lord said to him, “Go, for he is an instrument whom I have chosen to bring my name before Gentiles and kings and before the people of Israel; <sup>16</sup> I myself will show him how much he must suffer for the sake of my name.” <sup>17</sup> So Ananias went and entered the house. He laid his hands on Saul and said, “Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on your way here, has sent me so that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit.” <sup>18</sup> And immediately something like scales fell from his eyes, and his sight was restored. Then he got up and was baptized, <sup>19</sup> and after taking some food, he regained his strength.

For several days he was with the disciples in Damascus, <sup>20</sup> and immediately he began to proclaim Jesus in the synagogues, saying, “He is the Son of God.”]

*Word of God, Word of Life.*

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm: Psalm 30**

- <sup>1</sup> I will exalt you, O LORD, because you have lifted me up  
and have not let my enemies triumph over me.
- <sup>2</sup> **O LORD my God, I cried out to you,  
and you restored me to health.**
- <sup>3</sup> You brought me up, O LORD, from the dead;  
you restored my life as I was going down to the grave.
- <sup>4</sup> **Sing praise to the LORD, all you faithful;  
give thanks in holy remembrance.**
- <sup>5</sup> God's wrath is short; God's favor lasts a lifetime.  
Weeping spends the night, but joy comes in the morning.
- <sup>6</sup> **While I felt secure, I said,  
"I shall never be disturbed.**
- <sup>7</sup> You, LORD, with your favor, made me as strong as the mountains."  
Then you hid your face, and I was filled with fear.
- <sup>8</sup> **I cried to you, O LORD;  
I pleaded with my Lord, saying,**
- <sup>9</sup> "What profit is there in my blood, if I go down to the pit?  
Will the dust praise you or declare your faithfulness?
- <sup>10</sup> **Hear, O LORD, and have mercy upon me;  
O LORD, be my helper."**
- <sup>11</sup> You have turned my wailing into dancing;  
you have put off my sackcloth and clothed me with joy.
- <sup>12</sup> **Therefore my heart sings to you without ceasing;  
O LORD my God, I will give you thanks forever.**

**Second Reading: Revelation 5:11-14**

- <sup>11</sup> Then I looked, and I heard the voice of many angels surrounding the throne and the living  
creatures and the elders; they numbered myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands,
- <sup>12</sup> singing with full voice,  
  
"Worthy is the Lamb that was slaughtered  
to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might  
and honor and glory and blessing!"
- <sup>13</sup> Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and  
all that is in them, singing,  
  
"To the one seated on the throne and to the Lamb  
be blessing and honor and glory and might  
forever and ever!"
- <sup>14</sup> And the four living creatures said, "Amen!" And the elders fell down and worshiped.

*Word of God, Word of Life.*

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## Gospel Acclamation



**P:** The Holy Gospel according to John, the 21<sup>st</sup> chapter.



## Gospel: John 21:1-19

<sup>1</sup> After [he appeared to his followers in Jerusalem,] Jesus showed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias; and he showed himself in this way. <sup>2</sup> Gathered there together were Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples. <sup>3</sup> Simon Peter said to them, "I am going fishing." They said to him, "We will go with you." They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing.

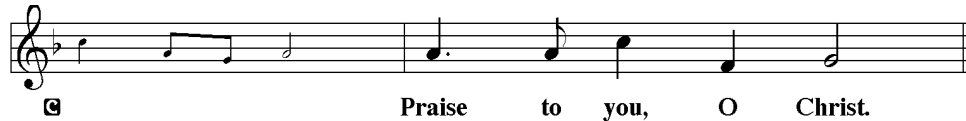
<sup>4</sup> Just after daybreak, Jesus stood on the beach; but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. <sup>5</sup> Jesus said to them, "Children, you have no fish, have you?" They answered him, "No." <sup>6</sup> He said to them, "Cast the net to the right side of the boat, and you will find some." So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in because there were so many fish. <sup>7</sup> That disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on some clothes, for he was naked, and jumped into the sea. <sup>8</sup> But the other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, only about a hundred yards off.

<sup>9</sup> When they had gone ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish on it, and bread. <sup>10</sup> Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish that you have just caught." <sup>11</sup> So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, a hundred fifty-three of them; and though there were so many, the net was not torn. <sup>12</sup> Jesus said to them, "Come and have breakfast." Now none of the disciples dared to ask him, "Who are you?" because they knew it was the Lord. <sup>13</sup> Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. <sup>14</sup> This was now the third time that Jesus appeared to the disciples after he was raised from the dead.

<sup>15</sup> When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my lambs." <sup>16</sup> A second time he said to him, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Tend my sheep." <sup>17</sup> He said to him the third time, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, "Do you love me?" And he said to him, "Lord, you know

everything; you know that I love you.” Jesus said to him, “Feed my sheep. <sup>18</sup> Very truly, I tell you, when you were younger, you used to fasten your own belt and to go wherever you wished. But when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will fasten a belt around you and take you where you do not wish to go.” <sup>19</sup> (He said this to indicate the kind of death by which he would glorify God.) After this he said to him, “Follow me.”

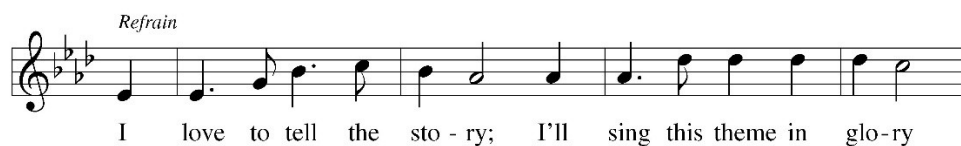
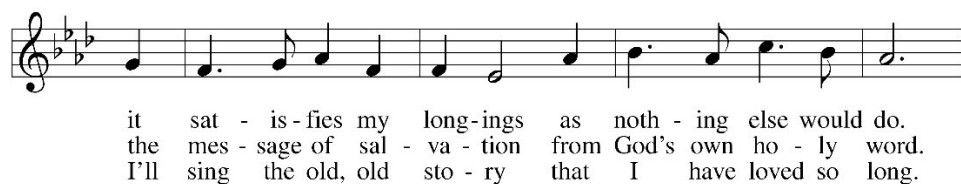
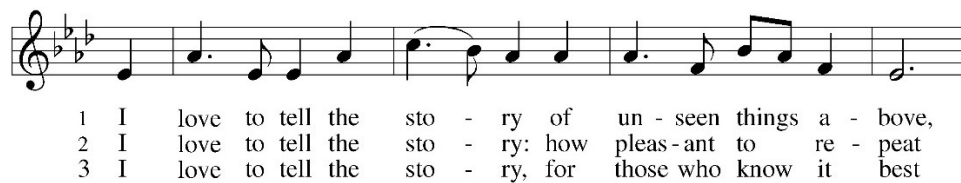
P: The Gospel of the Lord.



## Sermon

### Hymn of the Day: “I Love to Tell the Story”

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## ***Nicene Creed***

**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.  
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**

## ***Prayer of the Church***

*Each petition ends with: Hear us, O God.*

**C: Your mercy is great.**

## ***Sharing of the Peace***

**P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.**

**C: And also with you.**

## ***The Offering***

*Please leave your offering on our website: <https://secure.myvanco.com/YJ34/home>*



## The Offertory



Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our  
cup of bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the  
seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life.  
Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u - nite them with the  
prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your  
pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

## Offertory Prayer

P: Let us pray... Merciful Father

**C: we offer with joy and thanksgiving  
what you have first given us –  
ourselves, our time, and our possessions,  
signs of your gracious love.  
Receive them for the sake of him  
who offered himself for us,  
Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.**

## SACRAMENT

## The Great Thanksgiving

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

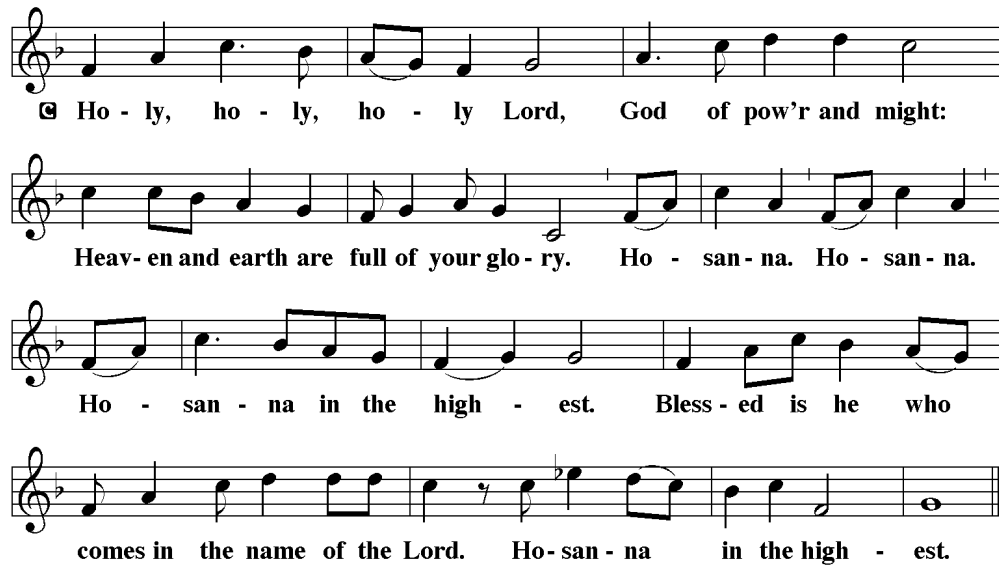
P: Lift up your hearts.

**C: We lift them to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C: 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:



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.**

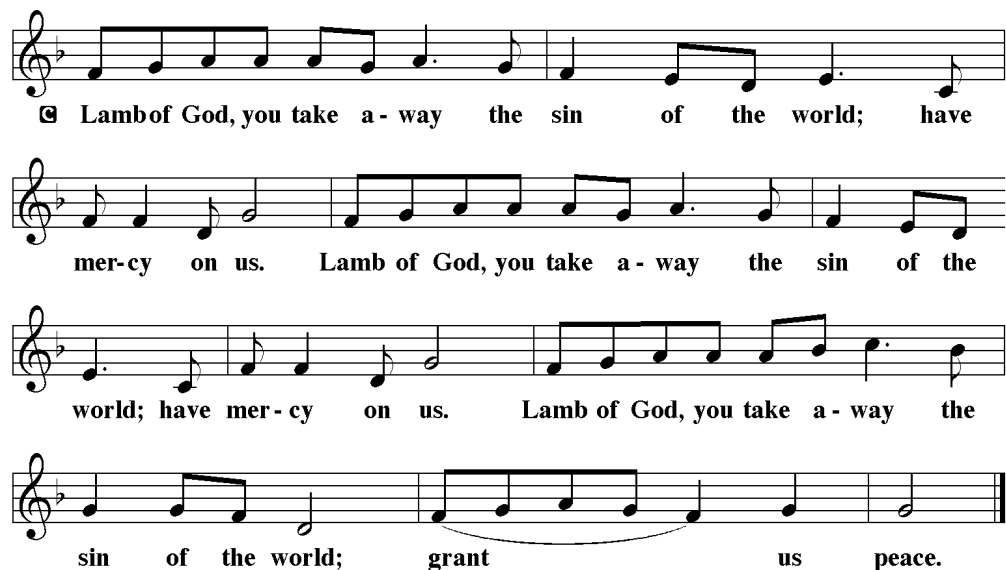
### ***Lord's Prayer***

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***

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



☐ Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have  
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the  
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
sin of the world; grant us peace.

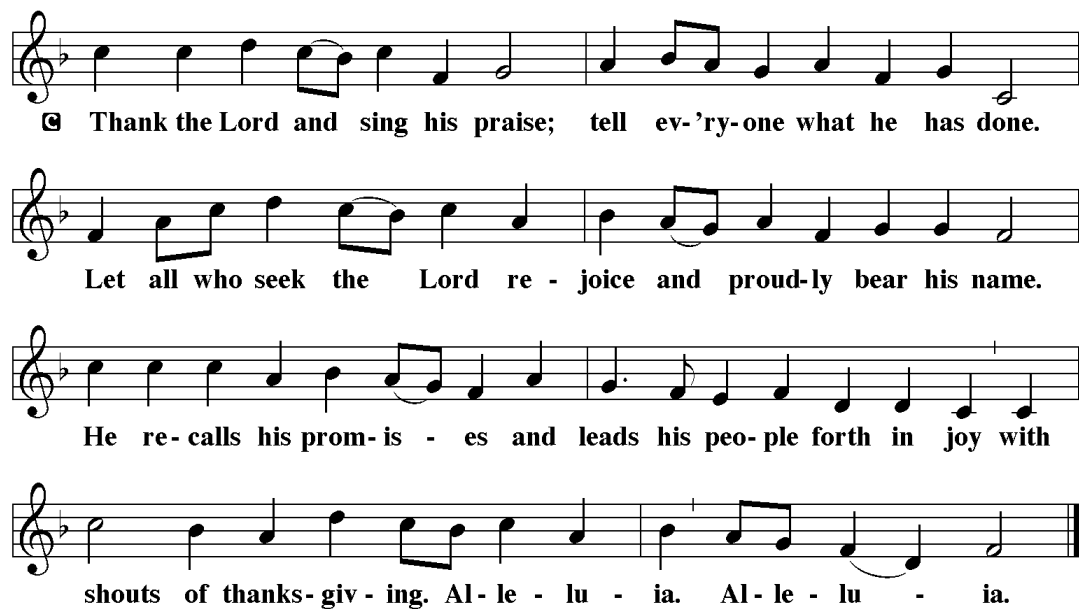
### ***Distribution***

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

### ***Post-Communion Blessing***

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

### ***Post-Communion Cantic***



☐ Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell ev-'ry-one what he has done.  
Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and proud-ly bear his name.  
He re-calls his prom-is - es and leads his peo-ple forth in joy with  
shouts of thanks-giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

### 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.

**C: 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.

**C: Amen.**

### Sending Hymn: "Alleluia! Sing to Jesus!"

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1 Al - le - lu - ia! Sing to Je - sus; his the scep - ter,  
2 Al - le - lu - ia! Not as or - phans are we left in  
3 Al - le - lu - ia! Bread of heav - en, here on earth our  
4 Al - le - lu - ia! King e - ter - nal, Lord om - nip - o -  
5 Al - le - lu - ia! Sing to Je - sus; his the scep - ter,



his the throne; Al - le - lu - ia! his the tri - umph, his the  
sor - row now; Al - le - lu - ia! he is near us; faith be -  
food, our stay; Al - le - lu - ia! here the sin - ful flee to  
tent we own; Al - le - lu - ia! born of Mar - y, earth your  
his the throne; Al - le - lu - ia! his the tri - umph, his the



vic - to - ry a - lone. Hark! The songs of peace - ful  
lieves, nor ques - tions how. Though the cloud from sight re -  
you from day to day. In - ter - ces - sor, friend of  
foot - stool, heav'n your throne. As with - in the veil you  
vic - to - ry a - lone. Hark! The songs of peace - ful



Zi - on thun - der like a might - y flood: "Je - sus  
ceived him when the for - ty days were o'er, shall our  
sin - ners, earth's re - deem - er, hear our plea where the  
en - tered, robed in flesh, our great high priest, here on  
Zi - on thun - der like a might - y flood: "Je - sus



out of ev - 'ry na - tion has re - deemed us by his blood."  
hearts for - get his prom - ise: "I am with you ev - er - more"?  
songs of all the sin - less sweep a - cross the crys - tal sea.  
earth both priest and vic - tim in the eu - cha - ris - tic feast.  
out of ev - 'ry na - tion has re - deemed us by his blood."

## **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

The Rev. Matthew E. Ollikainen

Music Director

Michael Dettra

Lay Reader

David Elkin

Communion Assistant

Janice Hoffmann

Fellowship Time

Web Site Launch Party

### ALTAR FLOWERS

The Altar Flowers are dedicated by Lynn Roccograndi in honor of his mom, Elsie's birthday.

### MISSION SUPPORT

Mission Support is dedicated by Lynn Roccograndi in honor of his mom, Elsie's birthday.

### LAST SUNDAY'S WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

**Sunday, April 27**

**TOTAL: 39**

8:00 AM: 8+1=9

9:30 AM: 27+1=28

Sunday School: 2

### **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](mailto:pastor@adventrichboro.org).

If he is not available to take your call, leave a message and he will contact you.

**PASTOR MATT ON VACATION – CORRECTION FROM MAY NEWSLETTER**

Pastor Matt will be on vacation from Thursday, May 8 through Saturday, May 17. While Pastor is on vacation, if you have a pastoral emergency, please contact Pastor Sandra Brown at 215-680-3972

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**THURSDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY VIA ZOOM – RESUMING MAY 29**

Thursday Night Bible Study with Pastor Matt will resume on Thursday, May 29, at 7:00 PM. The Zoom link and more information will be sent via email and posted in the bulletin the week of May 29.

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**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

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**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 <https://forms.gle/2uNSDtbybWxXktVs7>. 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.*

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## PRAYER CHAIN

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.

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 [lindaweaver3@comcast.net](mailto:lindaweaver3@comcast.net).

*If you would like to be a Prayer Chain volunteer, please contact Linda Weaver to be added to the email list.*

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## 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!*

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

If you have food for the Warminster Food Bank 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. Check their website for the most current needs: [www.warminsterfoodbank.org](http://www.warminsterfoodbank.org). Thank you for helping our neighbors in need.

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## 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!*

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## MARCH FINANCIAL REPORT

Financial Report For March 2025		
	Rec'd 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
	Rec'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

## 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, Jen, 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 newlyweds and surround them with the love and support of Advent!

*Light refreshments will be served.*

### CHURCH PARKING LOT MAINTENANCE

**Monday, June 2 (Rain Date: Tuesday, June 3)**



Advent's parking lot is scheduled to be seal-coated on Monday, June 2. (Rain Date will be Tuesday, June 3). Per the seal-coating company, the lot will be safe for driving/parking on the third day. Therefore, if the work is done on Monday, the parking lot can be used on Wednesday. If the work is done on Tuesday, the parking lot can be used on Thursday.

Any groups or organizations that have scheduled events on Monday & Tuesday, (or Tuesday & Wednesday, if it rains) will need to reschedule, or park on the grass-line along the street.



## **THIS WEEK AT ADVENT**

### **SUNDAY, MAY 4 – Third 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: Web Site Launch Party

### **MONDAY, MAY 5**

7:30 PM A.A. Open Meeting

### **TUESDAY, MAY 6**

6:30 PM Ping Pong until 8:30 pm

### **WEDNESDAY, MAY 7**

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

### **FRIDAY, MAY 9**

7:30 PM A.A. Step Meeting

### **SATURDAY, MAY 10**

7:30 AM Men's Breakfast  
10:00 AM Annual Advent Spring Property Clean Up  
until 12:00 PM

### **SUNDAY, MAY 11 – Fourth Sunday of Easter Happy Mother's Day!**

9:00 AM Single Worship Service – Liturgy of the Word  
No Communion  
Sunday School for students age 4 to grade 6  
10:00 AM Fellowship Time: Open

