

Peter and Paul, Apostles
June 29, 2025
9:00 AM



GATHERING

Prelude *a time for silent meditation*

Announcements

Confession and Forgiveness

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism,
as the presiding minister begins.*

P: In the name of the Father,
and of the ✙ Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: Baptized into Christ, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Merciful God,

**C: you free us to love others,
but we neglect our neighbors and follow our own way.
You lead us by the Spirit of joy and peace,
but we turn away from the abundant life you offer.
You surround us with patience, kindness, and generosity,
but we grow weary in doing what is right.
In your mercy, forgive us.
Do not give up on us.
Heal us, break our bonds,
and show us the path of life. Amen.**

P: You belong to Christ Jesus
and you are God's children through faith.
In the cross of ✙ Christ,
and through the power of the Holy Spirit,
your sins are forgiven.
Clothed with Christ, you are a new creation.

C: Amen.

Gathering Hymn: "In Christ There is No East or West"

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1 In Christ there is no east or west, in him no south or north,
2 In Christ shall true hearts ev - 'ry - where their high com - mu - nion find;
3 Join hands, dis - ci - ples of the faith, what - e'er your race may be.
4 In Christ now meet both east and west, in him meet south and north;



but one com - mu - ni - ty of love through - out the whole wide earth.
his ser - vice is the gold - en cord close - bind - ing hu - man - kind.
All chil - dren of the liv - ing God are sure - ly kin to me.
all Christ - ly souls are one in him through - out the whole wide earth.

Text: John Oxenham, 1852-1941

Music: MCKEE, African American spiritual; adapt. Harry T. Burleigh, 1866-1949

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.

Prayer of the Day

P: Almighty God, we praise you that your blessed apostles Peter and Paul glorified you by their martyrdoms. Grant that your church throughout the world may always be instructed by their teaching and example, be knit together in unity by your Spirit, and ever stand firm upon the one foundation who is Jesus Christ our Lord, for he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

THE READING OF GOD'S WORD

First Reading: Acts 12:1-11

¹ About that time King Herod laid violent hands upon some who belonged to the church. ² He had James, the brother of John, killed with the sword. ³ After he saw that it pleased the Jews, he proceeded to arrest Peter also. (This was during the festival of Unleavened Bread.) ⁴ When he had seized him, he put him in prison and handed him over to four squads of soldiers to guard him, intending to bring him out to the people after the Passover. ⁵ While Peter was kept in prison, the church prayed fervently to God for him.

⁶ The very night before Herod was going to bring him out, Peter, bound with two chains, was sleeping between two soldiers, while guards in front of the door were keeping watch over the prison. ⁷ Suddenly an angel of the Lord appeared and a light shone in the cell. He tapped Peter on the side and woke him, saying, "Get up quickly." And the chains fell off his wrists. ⁸ The angel said to him, "Fasten your belt and put on your sandals." He did so. Then he said to him, "Wrap

your cloak around you and follow me.” ⁹ Peter went out and followed him; he did not realize that what was happening with the angel’s help was real; he thought he was seeing a vision. ¹⁰ After they had passed the first and the second guard, they came before the iron gate leading into the city. It opened for them of its own accord, and they went outside and walked along a lane, when suddenly the angel left him. ¹¹ Then Peter came to himself and said, “Now I am sure that the Lord has sent his angel and rescued me from the hands of Herod and from all that the Jewish people were expecting.”

Word of God, Word of Life.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm: Psalm 87:1-3, 5-7

¹ On the holy mountain

stands the city God has founded;

² **the LORD loves the gates of Zion**

more than all the dwellings of Jacob.

³ Glorious things are spoken of you,

O city of our God.

⁵ **Of the city it shall be said, “Everyone was born in Zion,**

and the Most High shall sustain the city.”

⁶ Enrolling the nations, the LORD records:

“These also were born there.”

⁷ **The singers and the dancers will say,**

“All my fresh springs are in you.”

Second Reading: 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 17-18

⁶ As for me, I am already being poured out as a libation, and the time of my departure has come.

⁷ I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. ⁸ From now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have longed for his appearing.

¹⁷ But the Lord stood by me and gave me strength, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion’s mouth. ¹⁸ The Lord will rescue me from every evil attack and save me for his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory forever and ever. Amen.

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C: Thanks be to God.

Gospel

P: The Holy Gospel according to John, the 21st chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel: John 21:15-19

¹⁵ 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.” ¹⁶ 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.” ¹⁷ 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. ¹⁸ 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.” ¹⁹ (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.

C: Praise to you, O Christ

Children’s Sermon

Sermon

Hymn of the Day: “As the Deer”

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| <p>1 As the deer panteth for the water
 So my soul longeth after Thee
 You alone are my heart’s desire
 And I long to worship Thee
 You alone are my Strength, my Shield
 To You alone may my spirit yield
 You alone are my heart’s desire
 And I long to worship Thee.</p> | <p>2 I want You more than gold or silver
 Only You can satisfy
 You alone are the real joy-giver
 And the apple of my eye
 You alone are my Strength, my Shield
 To You alone may my spirit yield
 You alone are my heart’s desire
 And I long to worship Thee.</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: God of grace,

C: Hear our prayer.

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>

Offering Prayer

P: Let us pray...

**C: 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

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.

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.

C: 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

The kingdom of God is set before you.
Eat and rejoice.

Distribution

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

Prayer after Communion

P: Mothering God,
you gathered us to your table
and we drank deeply of your grace.
Send us out by your Spirit
to love our neighbors as ourselves
and proclaim your love in Jesus' name.

C: Amen.

Benediction

P: 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: “Be Thou My Vision”

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1 Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;
 2 Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true word;
 3 Rich - es I heed not, nor vain, emp - ty praise,
 4 Light of my soul, af - ter vic - to - ry won,
 naught be all else to me, save that thou art:
 I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord.
 thou mine in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways:
 may I reach heav - en's joys, O heav - en's Sun!
 thou my best thought by day and by night,
 Thou my soul's shel - ter, thou my high tow'r,
 thou, and thou on - ly, first in my heart,
 Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,
 wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.
 raise thou me heav'n - ward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.
 great God of heav - en, my trea - sure thou art.
 still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

Text: Irish 8th–10th cent.; tr. Mary E. Byrne, 1880–1931; vers. Eleanor H. Hull, 1860–1935, alt.
 Music: SLANE, Irish tune

Dismissal

P: Go in peace. Live by the Spirit.

C: 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
David Elkin
Janice Hoffmann
Open

ALTAR FLOWERS

The Altar Flowers are dedicated to the Glory of God.

MISSION SUPPORT

Mission Support is dedicated to the Glory of God.

LAST SUNDAY'S WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

Sunday, June 22 9:00 AM: 33+3 TOTAL: 36

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 Communion Assistant know your preference. Thank you.

THURSDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY VIA ZOOM – WILL RESUME IN THE FALL

Due to the many things going on in the life of the church this summer, Thursday Night Bible Study will resume in the fall with a renewed sense of energy and purpose. Thank you for your understanding.

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

GOD SIGHTINGS – INDIVIDUALS AND THEIR SPIRITUAL GIFTS



Please take the time to reflect on how God is seen in your life through actions and/or spiritual gifts that you or someone in your life has done. On the paper chain link (available in the narthex), please identify the person (if applicable) and the action/spiritual gift through which God is being seen. For example, “Grandmom taught me how to bake a pie.” The person who is displaying God should be underlined and the action or spiritual gift should be underlined twice.

SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE: NOW THROUGH SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

- ✦ Advent will have a single worship service at 9:00 AM on Sundays through September 7.
- ✦ Services will still be available both in person, live-streamed and uploaded on YouTube.
- ✦ Both Sunday School and Adult Bible Study will resume in the fall.



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. Thank you for helping our neighbors in need.

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.

DONATIONS FOR FELLOWSHIP TIME

Fellowship Time is held Sundays directly following the 9:00 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!

Large Print Edition of OUR DAILY BREAD for July-August-September



The **large print edition** of Our Daily Bread devotional for **July, August, and September** is now available in the narthex at Advent. Please note that the large print edition and the regular edition are on different print schedules and cover different months. The devotionals are also available digitally:

- Download their app at: <https://www.odbm.org/about-us/mobile-resources>
- Sign up for an email subscription at: <https://www.odbm.org/about-us/email-subscription>.

If you have any questions or need assistance accessing the devotionals digitally, please contact the church office at 215-355-2529 or adventlutheranrichboro@gmail.com.

PRAYER CHAIN AT ADVENT

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.

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

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!*

MAY FINANCIAL REPORT

Financial Report For May 2025		
	Rec'd for May 2025	Budget for May 2025
General Fund	\$8,799.93	\$18,609.00
Mortgage	\$1,929	\$1,898.00
Bene. - Synod Only	\$117	\$133
Other Benevolence	\$550	
Web Upgrade		
Total	\$11,395.93	\$20,640.00
	Rec'd YTD 1/1-5/31/25	Budget YTD 1/1-5/31/25
General Fund	\$58,816.49	\$93,045.00
Mortgage	\$7,547.00	\$9,490.00
Bene. - Synod Only	\$352.00	\$665.00
Other Benevolence	\$2,776.00	
Web Upgrade	\$450.00	
Total	\$69,941.49	\$103,200.00

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

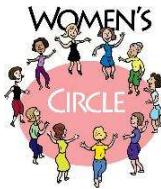
VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2025 – DEADLINE FOR REGISTRATION IS **TOMORROW**



Monday, July 14 through Thursday, July 17

Deadline for registration: Monday, June 30

Plans are set for Vacation Bible School at Advent! Children from **age 4** thru completion of **6th grade** are invited to join the fun on **Monday–Thursday from 9:00 AM–noon on July 14-17, 2025**. We'll learn Bible lessons in summertime style! With everyone joining in for stories, games, songs and crafts, being with friends will make it great, along with snack time and outdoor play! Please complete the attached registration form and send it to the office by **June 30**. Or, you may request the form by email in Word format and return it by email- or find it on **adventrichboro.org**. Hard copies are also available in the narthex.



ADVENT WOMEN'S CIRCLE - NEXT MEETING JULY 8, 12:00 PM

The Advent Women's Circle's next meeting is Tuesday, July 8, at noon. Bring your own lunch. We'll celebrate summer birthdays.

There will be no meeting in August.

THIS WEEK AT ADVENT

SUNDAY, JUNE 29

Peter and Paul, Apostles

9:00 AM Single Worship Service with Communion
10:00 AM Fellowship Time: Open
10:30 AM First Communion Instruction

MONDAY, JUNE 30

7:30 PM A.A. Open Meeting

TUESDAY, JULY 1

6:00 PM New Members' Class

FRIDAY, JULY 4

Happy Independence Day!

7:30 PM A.A. Step Meeting



SUNDAY, JULY 6

Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

9:00 AM Single Worship Service with Communion
10:00 AM Fellowship Time: Open