

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

June 1, 2025

9:00 AM



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**We Gather in Jesus' Name**

***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.*

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, the God of manna, the God of miracles, the God of mercy.

**Amen.**

Drawn to Christ and seeking God's abundance, let us confess our sin.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

God, our provider,

**help us. It is hard to believe there is enough to share. We question your ways when they differ from the ways of the world in which we live. We turn to our own understanding rather than trusting in you. We take offense at your teachings and your ways. Turn us again to you. Where else can we turn? Share with us the words of eternal life and feed us for life in the world.**

**Amen.**

Beloved people of God: in Jesus, the manna from heaven, you are fed and nourished. By Jesus, the worker of miracles, there is always more than enough. Through Jesus, ✙ the bread of life, you are shown God's mercy: you are forgiven and loved into abundant life.

**Amen.**

## Gathering Hymn: “Crown Him with Many Crowns”

LBW 170



1 Crown him with man - y crowns, the Lamb up - on his throne;  
2 Crown him the vir - gin's Son, the God in - car - nate born,  
3 Crown him the Lord of love— be - hold his hands and side,  
4 Crown him the Lord of life, who tri - umphed o'er the grave



hark, how the heav'n-ly an - them drowns all mu - sic but its own.  
whose arm those crim-son tro-phies won which now his brow a - dorn;  
rich wounds, yet vis - i - ble a - bove, in beau - ty glo - ri - fied.  
and rose vic - to - rious in the strife for those he came to save.



A - wake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,  
fruit of the mys - tic rose, yet of that rose the stem,  
No an - gels in the sky can ful - ly bear that sight,  
His glo - ries now we sing, who died and rose on high,



and hail him as thy match-less king through all e - ter - ni - ty.  
the root whence mer - cy ev - er flows, the babe of Beth - le - hem.  
but down - ward bend their burn - ing eyes at mys - ter - ies so bright.  
who died, e - ter - nal life to bring, and lives that death may die.

5 Crown him the Lord of peace,  
whose pow'r a scepter sways  
from pole to pole, that wars may cease,  
absorbed in prayer and praise.  
His reign shall know no end,  
and round his pierced feet  
fair flow'rs of paradise extend  
their fragrance ever sweet.

6 Crown him the Lord of years,  
the potentate of time,  
creator of the rolling spheres,  
ineffably sublime.  
All hail, Redeemer, hail!  
For thou hast died for me;  
thy praise and glory shall not fail  
throughout eternity.

Text: Matthew Bridges, 1800–1894; Godfrey Thring, 1823–1903  
Music: DIADEMATA, George J. Elvey 1816–1893

## 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***

*Let us pray...*

O God, form the minds of your faithful people into your one will. Make us love what you command and desire what you promise, that, amid all the changes of this world, our hearts may be fixed where true joy is found, your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who 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 16:16-34***

<sup>16</sup> One day, as we were going to the place of prayer, we met a slave-girl who had a spirit of divination and brought her owners a great deal of money by fortune-telling. <sup>17</sup> While she followed Paul and us, she would cry out, "These men are slaves of the Most High God, who proclaim to you a way of salvation." <sup>18</sup> She kept doing this for many days. But Paul, very much annoyed, turned and said to the spirit, "I order you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her." And it came out that very hour.

<sup>19</sup> But when her owners saw that their hope of making money was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the marketplace before the authorities. <sup>20</sup> When they had brought them before the magistrates, they said, "These men are disturbing our city; they are Jews <sup>21</sup> and are advocating customs that are not lawful for us as Romans to adopt or observe." <sup>22</sup> The crowd joined in attacking them, and the magistrates had them stripped of their clothing and ordered them to be beaten with rods. <sup>23</sup> After they had given them a severe flogging, they threw them into prison and ordered the jailer to keep them securely. <sup>24</sup> Following these instructions, he put them in the innermost cell and fastened their feet in the stocks.

<sup>25</sup> About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them. <sup>26</sup> Suddenly there was an earthquake, so violent that the foundations of the prison were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened and everyone's chains were unfastened. <sup>27</sup> When the jailer woke up and saw the prison doors wide open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself, since he supposed that the prisoners had escaped. <sup>28</sup> But Paul shouted in a loud voice, "Do not harm yourself, for we are all here." <sup>29</sup> The jailer called for lights, and rushing in, he fell down trembling before Paul and Silas. <sup>30</sup> Then he brought them outside and said, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" <sup>31</sup> They answered, "Believe on the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household." <sup>32</sup> They spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house. <sup>33</sup> At the same hour of the night he took them and washed their wounds; then he and his entire family were baptized without delay. <sup>34</sup> He brought them up into the house and set food before them; and he and his entire household rejoiced that he had become a believer in God.

*Word of God, Word of Life.*

**C: Thanks be to God.**

***Psalm: Psalm 97***

- <sup>1</sup> The LORD reigns; let the earth rejoice;  
let the multitude of the isles be glad.
- <sup>2</sup> **Clouds and darkness surround the LORD,  
righteousness and justice are the foundations of God's throne.**
- <sup>3</sup> Fire goes before the LORD,  
burning up enemies on every side.
- <sup>4</sup> **Lightnings light up the world;  
the earth sees and trembles.**
- <sup>5</sup> The mountains melt like wax  
before the Lord of all the earth.
- <sup>6</sup> **The heavens declare your righteousness, O LORD,  
and all the peoples see your glory.**
- <sup>7</sup> Confounded be all who worship carved images and delight in false gods!  
Bow down before the LORD, all you gods.
- <sup>8</sup> **Zion hears and is glad, and the cities of Judah rejoice,  
because of your judgments, O LORD.**
- <sup>9</sup> For you are the LORD, most high over all the earth;  
you are exalted far above all gods.
- <sup>10</sup> **You who love the LORD, hate evil!  
God guards the lives of the saints and rescues them from the hand of the wicked.**
- <sup>11</sup> Light dawns for the righteous,  
and joy for the honest of heart.
- <sup>12</sup> **Rejoice in the LORD, you righteous,  
and give thanks to God's holy name.**

***Second Reading: Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21***

- <sup>12</sup> "See, I am coming soon; my reward is with me, to repay according to everyone's work. <sup>13</sup> I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end."
- <sup>14</sup> Blessed are those who wash their robes, so that they will have the right to the tree of life and may enter the city by the gates.
- <sup>16</sup> "It is I, Jesus, who sent my angel to you with this testimony for the churches. I am the root and the descendant of David, the bright morning star."
- <sup>17</sup> The Spirit and the bride say, "Come."  
And let everyone who hears say, "Come."  
And let everyone who is thirsty come.  
Let anyone who wishes take the water of life as a gift.
- <sup>20</sup> The one who testifies to these things says, "Surely I am coming soon."  
Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!
- <sup>21</sup> The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all the saints. Amen.

*Word of God, Word of Life.*

**C: Thanks be to God.**

***Gospel: John 17:20-26***

The Holy Gospel according to John, the 17<sup>th</sup> chapter.

**C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus prayed:] <sup>20</sup> “I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word, <sup>21</sup> that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. <sup>22</sup> The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one, <sup>23</sup> I in them and you in me, that they may become completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me. <sup>24</sup> Father, I desire that those also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory, which you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world.

<sup>25</sup> “Righteous Father, the world does not know you, but I know you; and these know that you have sent me. <sup>26</sup> I made your name known to them, and I will make it known, so that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

***Sermon***

***Hymn of the Day: “In Christ Alone”***

**1** In Christ alone my hope is found  
He is my light, my strength, my song  
This cornerstone, this solid ground  
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm  
What heights of love, what depths of peace  
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease  
My comforter, my all in all  
Here in the love of Christ I stand

**2** In Christ alone who took on flesh  
Fullness of God in helpless babe  
This gift of love and righteousness  
Scorned by the ones He came to save

Till on that cross as Jesus died  
The wrath of God was satisfied  
For every sin on Him was laid  
Here in the death of Christ I live

**3** There in the ground His body lay  
Light of the world by darkness slain  
Then bursting forth in glorious day  
Up from the grave He rose again  
And as He stands in victory  
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me  
For I am His and He is mine  
Bought with the precious blood of Christ

## ***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**

## ***Prayers of Intercession***

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

**C: Your mercy is great.**

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

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***

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.**

## ***Thanksgiving for the Word***

Let us pray.

Praise and thanks to you, holy God, for by your Word you made all things: you spoke light into darkness, called forth beauty from chaos, and brought life into being. For your Word of life, O God,

**C: we give you thanks and praise.**

By your Word you called your people Israel to tell of your wonderful gifts: freedom from captivity, water on the desert journey, a pathway home from exile, wisdom for life with you. For your Word of life, O God,

**C: we give you thanks and praise.**

Through Jesus, your Word made flesh, you speak to us and call us to witness: forgiveness through the cross, life to those entombed by death, the way of your self-giving love. For your Word of life, O God,

**C: we give you thanks and praise.**

Send your Spirit of truth, O God; rekindle your gifts within us: renew our faith, increase our hope, and deepen our love, for the sake of a world in need. Faithful to your Word, O God, draw near to all who call on you; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory 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.**

## ***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: "Bind Us Together"***

### **Chorus**

Bind us together Lord  
Bind us together with cords  
That cannot be broken  
Bind us together Lord  
Bind us together Lord  
Bind us together with love

**1** There is only one God  
There is only one King  
There is only one body  
That is why we can sing  
**Chorus**

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**2** Made for the glory of God  
Purchased by His precious Son  
Born with the right to be clean  
For Jesus the vict'ry has won  
**Chorus**

**3** You are the fam'ly of God  
You are the promise divine  
You are God's chosen desire  
You are the glorious new wine  
**Chorus**

## ***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

Worship Leader  
Guest Musician  
Lay Reader  
Communion Assistant  
Fellowship Time

George Henry  
Joseph Napi  
John Flint  
Janice Hoffmann  
George Henry

#### 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, May 25 9:00 AM: 41+4 TOTAL: 45**

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#### 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.

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#### THURSDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY VIA ZOOM – THURSDAY, JUNE 5, 7:00 PM

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

#### 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.

## 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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### 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!*

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### SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE: SUNDAY, MAY 25 THROUGH SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

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



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### NOW AVAILABLE! Large Print Edition of OUR DAILY BREAD



Our Daily Bread  
Ministries™

Our Daily Bread devotional is now available in large print 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](mailto:adventlutheranrichboro@gmail.com).

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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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## 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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## APRIL FINANCIAL REPORT

Financial Report For April 2025		
	Rec'd for April 2025	Budget for April 2025
General Fund	\$18,739.93	\$18,609.00
Mortgage	\$1,344	\$1,898.00
Bene. - Synod Only	\$70	\$133
Other Benevolence	\$520	
Web Upgrade		
Total	\$20,673.93	\$20,640.00
	Rec'd YTD 1/1-4/30/25	Budget YTD 1/1-4/30/25
General Fund	\$50,016.56	\$74,436.00
Mortgage	\$5,618.00	\$7,592.00
Bene. - Synod Only	\$235.00	\$532.00
Other Benevolence	\$2,226.00	
Web Upgrade	\$450.00	
Total	\$58,545.56	\$82,560.00

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS

### 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 and Tuesday, (or Tuesday and Wednesday, if it rains) will need to reschedule, or park on the grass-line along the street.

### DETTRA MENTAL SPRING CONCERT - Friday, June 6, 2025, 7:30 PM



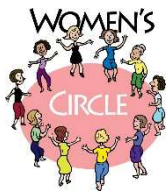
Come and hear the beautiful sounds of the Caribbean and beyond with Advent Music Director, Mike Dettra and The Dettra Mental Quartet. Mike performs popular island music, old and new, with his band on marimba and steel pan. The show is free to attend but free-will cash donations are appreciated!

### VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2025 - Monday, July 14 through Thursday, July 17



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 a.m.–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](http://adventrichboro.org)**. Hard copies are also available in the narthex.

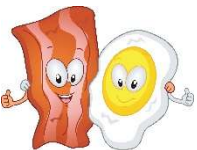
### ADVENT WOMEN'S CIRCLE MEETING - Tuesday, June 10, 12:00 PM – BYO Lunch



Advent Women's Circle meets most months on the 2nd Tuesday at noon. We bring our ideas together to plan various projects that support our church family, as well as outings to refresh and educate our members. If you are interested in attending or for more information, please contact Fran Zanis at 267-847-5098, or the church office at 215-355-2529.

### MEN'S BREAKFAST

#### Saturday, June 14, 8:30 AM



Our final men's breakfast of the season will be on Saturday, June 14. Since this is also Flag Day, we will try something red, white and blue in the cuisine. Speaking of cuisine, during the summer, we would again ask the support of church council to help fund another trip to Paris to attend the Cordon Bleu school. 😊 Our last trip was most helpful in adjusting our menu plus being a lot of fun. Breakfast at 8:30, coffee ready by 7:30.

## THIS WEEK AT ADVENT

### SUNDAY, JUNE 1

#### Seventh Sunday of Easter

9:00 AM Single Worship Service - no Communion

10:00 AM Fellowship Time: George Henry

*Postponed: First Communion Instruction with Pastor Matt – Week 1*

*Postponed: Blessing of the Graduates*

### MONDAY, JUNE 2

*Lot paving – all day*

7:30 PM A.A. Open Meeting

### TUESDAY, JUNE 3

*Lot paving – all day*

Ping Pong – cancelled this week due to lot paving

### WEDNESDAY, JUNE 4

*Rain Date: Lot paving – all day*

### THURSDAY, JUNE 5

7:00 PM Zoom Bible Study with Pastor Matt

### FRIDAY, JUNE 6

7:30 PM Dettra Mental Spring Concert

7:30 PM A.A. Step Meeting

### SUNDAY, JUNE 8

#### Pentecost Sunday

9:00 AM Single Worship Service with Communion

10:00 AM Fellowship Time: Open

