

## SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

July 27, 2025

9:00 AM



*In the principal service of Christian worship, the Holy Spirit gathers people around the means of grace—the saving Word of God and the sacraments. From the table of communion where Jesus Christ comes with forgiveness, life, and salvation, God sends us out to share the good news and to care for those in need.*

*The basic pattern of this service—gathering, word, meal, sending—is a structure that allows for freedom and flexibility in the ways worship may be shaped locally, while focusing on what the church holds in common. The whole people of God are joined by the same gifts of grace, for the sake of the same mission of the gospel, into the life of the one triune God.*

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### GATHERING <sup>1</sup>

**Prelude** *a time for silent meditation*

**Announcements**

**Confession and Forgiveness** <sup>2</sup>

*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.*

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<sup>1</sup> The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

<sup>2</sup> On the day of Christ's resurrection, and at other times, God gathers us in Christian assembly. We confess our sin and hear God's word of forgiveness. We give thanks for God's mercy in the gift of baptism.

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 3: "Blessed Assurance"**

**WOV 699**



1 Bless-ed as-sur-ance, Je-sus is mine! Oh, what a fore-taste of glo-ry di-vine!  
2 Per-fect sub-mis-sion, per-fect de-light, vi-sions of rap-ture now burst on my sight;  
3 Per-fect sub-mis-sion, all is at rest; I in my Sav-ior am hap-py and blest,



Heir of sal-va-tion, pur-chase of God, born of his Spir-it, washed in his blood.  
an-gels de-scend-ing bring from a-bove ech-oes of mer-cy, whis-pers of love.  
watch-ing and wait-ing, look-ing a-bove, filled with his good-ness, lost in his love.

*Refrain*



This is my sto-ry, this is my song, prais-ing my Sav-ior all the day long:



this is my sto-ry, this is my song, prais-ing my Sav-ior all the day long.

Text: Fanny J. Crosby, 1820–1915

Music: ASSURANCE, Phoebe P. Knapp, 1830–1908

<sup>3</sup> Singing at the gathering may include hymns old and new; a prayer for God's mercy to fill the church and the world; a canticle of praise to God's glory revealed in Jesus Christ.

## ***Greeting*** <sup>4</sup>

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 and ever-living God, you are always more ready to hear than we are to pray, and you gladly give more than we either desire or deserve. Pour upon us your abundant mercy. Forgive us those things that weigh on our conscience, and give us those good things that come only through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C: Amen.**

## **THE READING OF GOD’S WORD** <sup>5</sup>

### ***First Reading: Genesis 18:20-32***

<sup>20</sup> Then the Lord said, “How great is the outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah and how very grave their sin! <sup>21</sup> I must go down and see whether they have done altogether according to the outcry that has come to me; and if not, I will know.”

<sup>22</sup> So the men turned from there, and went toward Sodom, while Abraham remained standing before the Lord. <sup>23</sup> Then Abraham came near and said, “Will you indeed sweep away the righteous with the wicked? <sup>24</sup> Suppose there are fifty righteous within the city; will you then sweep away the place and not forgive it for the fifty righteous who are in it? <sup>25</sup> Far be it from you to do such a thing, to slay the righteous with the wicked, so that the righteous fare as the wicked! Far be that from you! Shall not the Judge of all the earth do what is just?” <sup>26</sup> And the Lord said, “If I find at Sodom fifty righteous in the city, I will forgive the whole place for their sake.” <sup>27</sup> Abraham answered, “Let me take it upon myself to speak to the Lord, I who am but dust and ashes. <sup>28</sup> Suppose five of the fifty righteous are lacking? Will you destroy the whole city for lack of five?” And he said, “I will not destroy it if I find forty-five there.” <sup>29</sup> Again he spoke to him, “Suppose forty are found there.” He answered, “For the sake of forty I will not do it.” <sup>30</sup> Then he said, “Oh do not let the Lord be angry if I speak. Suppose thirty are found there.” He answered, “I will not do it, if I find thirty there.” <sup>31</sup> He said, “Let me take it upon myself to speak to the Lord. Suppose twenty are found there.” He answered, “For the sake of twenty I will not destroy it.” <sup>32</sup> Then he said, “Oh do not let the Lord be angry if I speak just once more. Suppose ten are found there.” He answered, “For the sake of ten I will not destroy it.”

Word of God, Word of Life.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

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<sup>4</sup> During the gathering, the presiding minister and the assembly greet each other in the name of the triune God. The presiding minister gathers the assembly into prayer.

<sup>5</sup> God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song. The word of God is proclaimed within and by the gathered assembly. The first Bible reading, usually from the Old Testament, is followed by a psalm sung or spoken in response. The second reading, usually from the New Testament letters, bears the witness of the early church. We acclaim the living Word, Jesus Christ, present in the gospel reading. Preaching brings God’s word of law and gospel into our time and place to awaken and nourish faith.

### ***Psalm: Psalm 138***

<sup>1</sup> I will give thanks to you, O LORD, with my whole heart;  
before the gods I will sing your praise.

<sup>2</sup> **I will bow down toward your holy temple and praise your name,  
because of your steadfast love and faithfulness;  
for you have glorified your name and your word above all things.**

<sup>3</sup> When I called, you answered me;  
you increased my strength within me.

<sup>4</sup> **All the rulers of the earth will praise you, O LORD,  
when they have heard the words of your mouth.**

<sup>5</sup> They will sing of the ways of the LORD,  
that great is the glory of the LORD.

<sup>6</sup> **The LORD is high, yet cares for the lowly,  
perceiving the haughty from afar.**

<sup>7</sup> Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you keep me safe;  
you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies; your right hand shall  
save me.

<sup>8</sup> **You will make good your purpose for me;  
O LORD, your steadfast love endures forever;  
do not abandon the works of your hands.**

### ***Second Reading: Colossians 2:6-15 [16-19]***

<sup>6</sup> As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, continue to live your lives in him, <sup>7</sup> rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.

<sup>8</sup> See to it that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the universe, and not according to Christ. <sup>9</sup> For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, <sup>10</sup> and you have come to fullness in him, who is the head of every ruler and authority. <sup>11</sup> In him also you were circumcised with a spiritual circumcision, by putting off the body of the flesh in the circumcision of Christ; <sup>12</sup> when you were buried with him in baptism, you were also raised with him through faith in the power of God, who raised him from the dead. <sup>13</sup> And when you were dead in trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive together with him, when he forgave us all our trespasses, <sup>14</sup> erasing the record that stood against us with its legal demands. He set this aside, nailing it to the cross. <sup>15</sup> He disarmed the rulers and authorities and made a public example of them, triumphing over them in it.

[<sup>16</sup> Therefore do not let anyone condemn you in matters of food and drink or of observing festivals, new moons, or sabbaths. <sup>17</sup> These are only a shadow of what is to come, but the substance belongs to Christ. <sup>18</sup> Do not let anyone disqualify you, insisting on self-abasement and worship of angels, dwelling on visions, puffed up without cause by a human way of thinking, <sup>19</sup> and not holding fast to the head, from whom the whole body, nourished and held together by its ligaments and sinews, grows with a growth that is from God.]

Word of God, Word of Life.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## **Gospel**

P: The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 11<sup>th</sup> chapter.

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

### **Gospel: Luke 11:1-13**

<sup>1</sup> [Jesus] was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, “Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples.”<sup>2</sup> He said to them, “When you pray, say:

Father, hallowed be your name.

Your kingdom come.

<sup>3</sup> Give us each day our daily bread.

<sup>4</sup> And forgive us our sins,

for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us.

And do not bring us to the time of trial.”

<sup>5</sup> And he said to them, “Suppose one of you has a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say to him, ‘Friend, lend me three loaves of bread; <sup>6</sup> for a friend of mine has arrived, and I have nothing to set before him.’ <sup>7</sup> And he answers from within, ‘Do not bother me; the door has already been locked, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything.’ <sup>8</sup> I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, at least because of his persistence he will get up and give him whatever he needs.

<sup>9</sup> “So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. <sup>10</sup> For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. <sup>11</sup> Is there anyone among you who, if your child asks for a fish, will give a snake instead of a fish? <sup>12</sup> Or if the child asks for an egg, will give a scorpion? <sup>13</sup> If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

## **Children’s Sermon**

### **Sermon**



### ***Hymn of the Day* <sup>6</sup>: “Table of Grace”**

**1** Hear the good news  
You've been invited  
No matter what others may say  
Your darkest sins  
Will be forgiven  
And you will always have a place

#### **Chorus**

At the table of grace  
The cup's never empty  
The plate's always full  
And it's never too late  
To come and be filled  
With love never ending  
You're always welcome  
At the table of grace

**2** So come you weak  
And heavy hearted  
Don't try to hide  
Your earthly scars  
In His Eyes  
We all are equal  
Don't be afraid  
Come as you are

#### ***Chorus***

**3** So let the first  
Become the last  
Let the poor  
Put kings to shame  
Their willing hearts  
Will be their treasure  
By the power of Jesus' name

#### ***Chorus***

### ***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.**

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<sup>6</sup> God's word is further proclaimed as we sing and as we confess our faith with the whole church. After praying for the whole world, we receive and extend to one another the gift of Christ's peace.

### ***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*** <sup>7</sup>

P: Let us pray...

**C: Creator God, in your wisdom you bring forth all that is good and the harvest is plentiful. Strengthen us at your table with these gifts of the earth and our labor, that we may work for the good of all; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.**

**Amen.**

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## **SACRAMENT** <sup>8</sup>

### ***The Great Thanksgiving*** <sup>9</sup>

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.**

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<sup>7</sup> A collection of material goods for the church's mission, including the care of those in need, is a sign of the giving of our whole selves in grateful response for all God's gifts. The table is set with bread and wine.

<sup>8</sup> God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

<sup>9</sup> Before the Lord's supper is shared, the presiding minister leads us into thanksgiving. With the whole creation, we join the angels' song.



## **Lord's Prayer** <sup>10</sup>

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** <sup>11</sup>

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** <sup>12</sup>

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.**

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<sup>10</sup> The grace of God's gift is always proclaimed in Jesus' own words of command and promise at the table. A full thanksgiving also includes praise to God for creation and salvation; remembrance of the crucified and risen Christ; and prayer for the Holy Spirit in this meal. The thanksgiving concludes with the prayer our Lord Jesus taught us.

<sup>11</sup> In Christ's body and blood given to us, God forgives us and nourishes us for mission. It is traditional to sing as the bread is broken and as the meal is shared. We ask God to send us in witness to the world.

<sup>12</sup> God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world. God's mission includes the gifts of grace that we share in worship and take also to the absent; now, we are sent to continue our participation in God's mission. With the blessing of God, we go out to live as Christ's body in the world.



### ***Sending Hymn: “Thank You for Hearing Me”***

**1** Thank you for hearing me  
Thank you for hearing me  
Thank you for hearing me  
Thank you for hearing me

**2** Thank you for loving me  
Thank you for loving me  
Thank you for loving me  
Thank you for loving me

*(Instrumental Interlude)*

**3** Thank you for saving me  
Thank you for saving me  
Thank you for saving me  
Thank you for saving me

### ***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

The Rev. Matthew E. Ollikainen

Music Director

Michael Dettra

Lay Reader

Bruce Eklund

Communion Assistant

Kristi Ward

Fellowship Time

Open

#### ALTAR FLOWERS

The Altar Flowers are dedicated by Cindy Frey in honor of her grandson Andrew’s birthday.

#### MISSION SUPPORT

Mission Support is dedicated to the Glory of God.

#### LAST SUNDAY’S WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

**Sunday, July 20**

**9:00 AM: 27+3**

**TOTAL: 30**

### 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 [pastormattolikainen@gmail.com](mailto:pastormattolikainen@gmail.com).

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

### PASTOR MATT ON VACATION 7/30-8/11

Pastor Matt will be on vacation from Wednesday, July 30 to Monday, August 11.

He will return to the office on Tuesday, August 12.

If you have a pastoral emergency while Pastor Matt is away, please contact Pastor Bo Bannister, St. John's Lutheran Hatboro, at 765-426-0500.

### 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.

### 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.

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

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

### 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.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL CO-TEACHER NEEDED



At Advent, we place a high value on Christian education and work together to teach children about the Bible. Our Sunday school program presently has a vacancy that we need to fill. If you would be interested in serving as a co-teacher in Sunday School at 9:30 a.m. on Sundays during the school year, please contact the church office for more information. Thank you for your consideration.

-Jeanne Gryszka, Sunday School Director

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## Large Print Edition of OUR DAILY BREAD



The **large print edition** of Our Daily Bread devotional 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](mailto:adventlutheranrichboro@gmail.com).*

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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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## 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!*



## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL - A RECIPE FOR SUCCESS!

We have so many reasons to give thanks for our Vacation Bible School program: great students, talented teachers, dedicated parents, kind volunteers, words of encouragement, donations of refreshments, a great playground and beautiful weather - all of the ingredients for a great week, where learning together was FUN and DELICIOUS.

The theme of this year's Vacation Bible School was "Cooking Up Prayer." By the end of the week, the students were able to write their own prayers. With the help of a "famous" chef, the students also created so many delicious snacks: fruit dip, waffles, soft pretzels, and ice cream!

Thank you to everyone who made this year's VBS a success and to everyone who brought in peanut butter and jelly for the food bank!

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## SEEKING WEBSITE FEEDBACK



In the 2 months since Advent's new website launched, a few technical glitches have been reported and are being resolved. We are asking for your feedback on the functionality of the site so that we can identify any additional issues and make the site as user-friendly as possible. Janus Advertising has been wonderful and responsive in catching and resolving issues. However, the best feedback we can provide to them will be from you, the people using the site. If you have any feedback about the site (specifically about the functionality, though any feedback is welcomed and encouraged), please contact the office via phone 215-355-2529 or email [adventlutheranrichboro@gmail.com](mailto:adventlutheranrichboro@gmail.com). Some examples of what we are looking for:

1. You had trouble finding specific information.
2. You discovered a broken link or a missing page.
3. There is important information you would like to see on the home page.

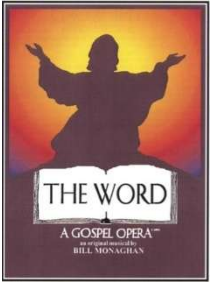
*Thank you for taking the time to provide feedback.*

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## JUNE 2025 FINANCIAL REPORT

Financial Report For June 2025		
	Rec'd for June 2025	Budget for June 2025
General Fund	\$14,511.93	\$18,609.00
Mortgage	\$1,519	\$1,898.00
Bene. - Synod Only	\$80	\$133
Other Benevolence	\$725	
Web Upgrade		
Total	\$16,835.93	\$20,640.00
	Rec'd YTD 1/1-6/30/25	Budget YTD 1/1-6/30/25
General Fund	\$73,328.42	\$111,654.00
Mortgage	\$9,066.00	\$11,388.00
Bene. - Synod Only	\$432.00	\$798.00
Other Benevolence	\$3,501.00	
Web Upgrade	\$450.00	
Total	\$86,777.42	\$123,840.00

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS



**BILL MONAGHAN: AN AFTERNOON WITH THE COMPOSER AT ADVENT RICHBORO**  
**Saturday, August 9, 2025 at 2pm** Admission: Free-will offering

**The Word: Song & Scripture** features singer-songwriter/composer Bill Monaghan & Friends, as he shares the Scriptural and musical influences behind the songs. Originally presented on the stage in 1995 and enjoying 10+ years and 70+ musical shows, *The Word: A Gospel Opera* is celebrating its 30th Anniversary in 2025! Bill's original music CDs will be available for purchase by donation. *Family-friendly event*  
*The Word: A Gospel Opera* presents the life and teachings, passion, death, and resurrection of Jesus in a vibrant, spiritually uplifting musical. [www.TheWordAGospelOpera.com](http://www.TheWordAGospelOpera.com)



### COMMUNITY FLEA MARKET AT ADVENT

**Saturday, September 13, 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM**

**Registration Deadline: Sunday, September 7**

**Non-refundable Registration Fee: \$10**

On Saturday, September 13, Advent will hold a Community Flea Market in the church parking lot, providing all participants an avenue by which to make “decluttering their living space” a reality! This is a rain or shine event (held inside the church in the event of rain) for church members, family, friends, neighbors and community members to sell and buy items or just to browse.

**Registration forms** with detailed information are available on the round table in the church narthex or on the church website at [www.adventrichboro.org](http://www.adventrichboro.org) for those wishing to have space to sell items. We look forward to seeing you at the Flea Market and helping you “declutter” your living space!

Please contact Coordinators Kathy Sitler (215-589-5423) or Cime Eklund with any questions that you may have about this event.

## THIS WEEK AT ADVENT

### SUNDAY, JULY 27

#### Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

- 9:00 AM Single Worship Service with Communion
- 10:00 AM Fellowship Time: Open
- 10:00 AM Bible Study with George Henry in the Parlor

### MONDAY, JULY 28

- 7:30 PM A.A. Open Meeting

### TUESDAY, JULY 29

- 6:00 PM New Members Class with Pastor Matt

### FRIDAY, AUGUST 1

- 7:30 PM A.A. Step Meeting

### SUNDAY, August 3

#### Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

- 9:00 AM Service of the Word - no Communion
- 10:00 AM Fellowship Time: Open
- 10:00 AM Bible Study with George Henry in the Parlor