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Christ the King

November 23, 2025

9:00 AM



***We Gather in Jesus' Name***



Advent Evangelical Lutheran Church  
45 Worthington Mill Road  
Richboro, PA 18954-1909  
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Welcome Visitors! Discover god's abundant grace and love.

*We extend a cordial welcome to all who worship with us today. We give thanks that you are here with us. Please sign our guest book and come back to worship with us again.*

*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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## We Gather in Jesus' Name <sup>1</sup>

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

### Announcements

### Confessions 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.*

Blessed be the holy Trinity, **†** one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.  
**C: Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Faithful God,

**C: you have shown us the ways of your heart,**

**yet we stray from your paths.**

**We are stuck in sinful systems of oppression**  
**and do not embrace the freedom**

**of your faithful promises.**

**We ignore our neighbors.**

**We exploit the earth.**

**We reject your abundance,**

**trusting our impulses instead of your steadfast love.**

**Repair our relationships,**

**restore what we have broken,**

**renew our hearts,**

**and bring us to new life.**

**Amen.**

**P:** Hear the good news:

God, the Faithful One loves you,

**†** in Christ Jesus, your sins are forgiven,

and by the power of the Holy Spirit, you are set free.

**C: Amen.**

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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.

### **Gathering Song <sup>3</sup>: “Give Thanks”**

Give thanks with a grateful heart,  
Give thanks to the Holy One,  
Give thanks because  
he’s given Jesus Christ, his Son.  
Give thanks with a grateful heart,  
Give thanks to the Holy One,  
Give thanks because  
he’s given Jesus Christ, his Son.

And now let the weak say, “I am strong,”  
Let the poor say, “I am rich,”  
Because of what the Lord has done for us.  
And now let the weak say, “I am strong,”  
Let the poor say, “I am rich,”  
Because of what the Lord has done for us.  
Give thanks!

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

P: O God, our true life, to serve you is freedom, and to know you is unending joy. We worship you, we glorify you, we give thanks to you for your great glory. Abide with us, reign in us, and make this world into a fit habitation for your divine majesty, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

### **Thanksgiving Medley – vocal choir**

### **Children’s Sermon**

## **The Reading of God’s Word <sup>5</sup>**

### **First Reading: Jeremiah 23:1-6**

<sup>1</sup> Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the LORD. <sup>2</sup> Therefore thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people: It is you who have scattered my flock and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. So I will attend to you for your evil doings, says the LORD. <sup>3</sup> Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. <sup>4</sup> I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall not fear any longer, or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the LORD.

<sup>5</sup> The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land.

<sup>6</sup> In his days Judah will be saved, and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: “The LORD is our righteousness.”

*Word of God, Word of Life.*

C: Thanks be to God.

<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.

<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 46**

- <sup>1</sup> God is our refuge and strength,  
a very present help in trouble.
- <sup>2</sup> **Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be moved,  
and though the mountains shake in the depths of the sea;**
- <sup>3</sup> though its waters rage and foam,  
and though the mountains tremble with its tumult.
- <sup>4</sup> **There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,  
the holy habitation of the Most High.**
- <sup>5</sup> God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be shaken;  
God shall help it at the break of day.
- <sup>6</sup> **The nations rage, and the kingdoms shake;  
God speaks, and the earth melts away.**
- <sup>7</sup> The LORD of hosts is with us;  
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.
- <sup>8</sup> **Come now, regard the works of the LORD,  
what desolations God has brought upon the earth;**
- <sup>9</sup> behold the one who makes war to cease in all the world;  
who breaks the bow, and shatters the spear, and burns the shields with fire.
- <sup>10</sup> **“Be still, then, and know that I am God;  
I will be exalted among the nations; I will be exalted in the earth.”**
- <sup>11</sup> The LORD of hosts is with us;  
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

## **Second Reading: Colossians 1:11-20**

<sup>11</sup> May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully <sup>12</sup> giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. <sup>13</sup> He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, <sup>14</sup> in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

<sup>15</sup> He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation, <sup>16</sup> for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. <sup>17</sup> He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. <sup>18</sup> He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything.

<sup>19</sup> For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, <sup>20</sup> and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

*Word of God, Word of Life.*

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## Gospel Reading

P: The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 23<sup>rd</sup> chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

### Gospel: Luke 23:33-43

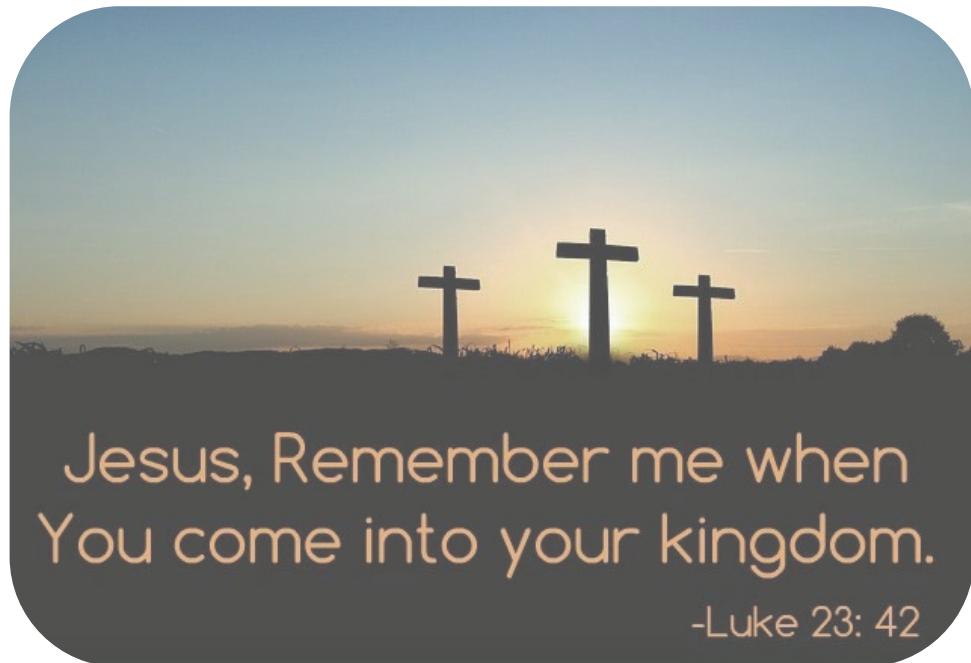
<sup>33</sup> When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. <sup>34</sup> Then Jesus said, “Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing.” And they cast lots to divide his clothing. <sup>35</sup> And the people stood by watching, but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, “He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!” <sup>36</sup> The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine <sup>37</sup> and saying, “If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!” <sup>38</sup> There was also an inscription over him, “This is the King of the Jews.”

<sup>39</sup> One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, “Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!” <sup>40</sup> But the other rebuked him, saying, “Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? <sup>41</sup> And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong.” <sup>42</sup> Then he said, “Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.” <sup>43</sup> He replied, “Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

## Sermon



Jesus, Remember me when  
You come into your kingdom.

-Luke 23: 42

**Hymn of Praise <sup>6</sup>: “Crown Him With Many Thorns” 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

<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.

## **Apostles' Creed**

With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
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,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come 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: 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 <sup>7</sup>**

*Please leave your offering by scanning the QR code  
or on our website: <https://giving.servantkeeper.com/adventrichboro>*



## **Offering Prayer**

P: Let us pray...

**C: God of healing and hope,  
you bless those who are hungry,  
promising to fill them with good things.  
Fulfill that promise through us and these your gifts.  
Nourish us with the abundance of your feast  
and unite us into the blessed body of Jesus Christ, our Savior, now and forever.  
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.

## 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>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***

There is a place for you at the table of God.

Come, receive the food that does not perish,

a taste of life eternal.

## ***Distribution <sup>11</sup>***

The body of Christ, given to you.

The blood of Christ, shed for you.

## ***Prayer after Communion <sup>12</sup>***

Let us pray...

God of field and flower, wheat and grape,

you have nourished us with the bread of Heaven that gives life to the world.

Strengthened by the body and blood of your Son,

send us out to gather your good gifts for all who hunger and thirst,

and embolden us to love and serve in Christ's name.

**C: Amen.**

## ***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.

**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: "Here is Our King"**

### **Chorus**

Here is our King here is our Love  
Here is our God who's come  
To bring us back to Him  
He is the One He is Jesus  
And He is our King He is our Love  
He is our God who's come  
To bring us back to Him  
He is the One He is Jesus, Jesus

- 1 From wherever spring arrives  
To heal the ground  
From wherever searching comes  
The look itself  
A trace of what we're looking for

So be quiet now and wait

The ocean is growing  
The tide is coming in  
Here it is

### **Chorus**

- 2 And what was said to the rose  
To make it unfold  
Was said to me here in my chest  
So be quiet now and rest  
The ocean is growing  
The tide is coming in  
Here it is

### **Chorus**

### **Dismissal**

P: Go in peace. Share the harvest.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

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### **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](mailto:pastormattollikainen@gmail.com).

Pastor Matt will be away **Tuesday, November 25 through Monday, December 1**. In case of a pastoral emergency,  
please contact Pastor Bo Bannister at 765-426-0500.



## OUR MISSION

- + 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

Joyce Heiss

Fellowship Time

Open

### Altar Flowers

The Altar Flowers are dedicated by Cindy Frey in loving memory of her father, Arthur Zimmerman.

### Mission Support

Mission Support is dedicated to the Glory of God.

### Worship Attendance for Sunday, November 16: Total: 54

8:00 AM: 9+3      9:30 AM: 33+1      Sunday School: 8

### 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.

### Praise Band and Vocal Choir Rehearsals

Rehearsals for both Praise Band and Vocal Choir are held on Wednesday evenings.

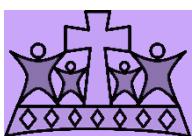


Praise Band: 5:30 PM – 6:15 PM

Vocal Choir: 6:15 PM – 7:00 PM

*If you are interested in sharing your musical talents through Praise Band and/or Vocal Choir, please contact Mike Dettra, Music Director.*

### Call for Worship Assistants



Advent needs volunteers to assist with worship services! Training is provided for those interested in serving as **Lay Reader, Communion Assistant, Acolyte or Greeter**. Volunteers can also assist **behind the scenes** with set up prior to services. Contact Kristi Ward for more information: [kward1411@yahoo.com](mailto:kward1411@yahoo.com) or 215-284-2669.



### Sunday School Assistants Needed

Our Sunday school program is presently in need of an assistant for each weekly class. Our policy requires us to have two responsible persons to lead a class. At this time, we have one experienced teacher who teaches every week.

In order to provide an assistant, a sign-up sheet is in the narthex for volunteers to offer their help, one Sunday at a time. Volunteers require a background check. If you can help by serving as an assistant to our teacher in Sunday School at 9:30 AM on one or more Sundays during the school year, please sign an empty space. Thank you to those who have already volunteered!

## Thursday Night Bible Study via Zoom

*Most Thursdays except the first Thursday of the month*

*Bible study is canceled on Thanksgiving, Thursday, November 27*

Thursday Night Bible Study now offers you an opportunity to "Stump the Pastor!" Submit your scripture-related questions via email to [adventlutheranrichboro@gmail.com](mailto:adventlutheranrichboro@gmail.com) with "Stump the Pastor" in the subject line OR handwrite your questions on the Stump the Pastor slips located in a basket on the round table in the narthex. George Henry will tabulate the questions and select those to be answered each week during the Zoom Bible Study.

A weekly commitment is not needed! Come virtually with your Bible or just listen and follow along as your schedule allows. **Zoom link:** <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82089110140>

## 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

## 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 [lindaweaiver3@comcast.net](mailto:lindaweaiver3@comcast.net).

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

## 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.*



## Our Daily Bread

The regular and **large print editions** of Our Daily Bread devotional are 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. Go to [www.odbm.org](http://www.odbm.org) for more information.

*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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### 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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### October Financial Report

Financial Report For October 2025		Budget for October 2025
General Fund	\$6,567.93	\$18,609.00
Mortgage	\$1,015	\$1,898.00
Bene. - Synod Only	\$20	\$133
Other Benevolence	\$340	
Memorial	\$420	
Web Upgrade		
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$8,362.93</b>	<b>\$20,640.00</b>
Recv'd YTD 1/1/-10/31/25		Budget YTD 1/1-10/31/25
General Fund	\$108,610.14	\$186,090.00
Mortgage	\$14,066.00	\$18,980.00
Bene. - Synod Only	\$712.00	\$1,330.00
Other Benevolence	\$4,811.00	
Memorial	\$2,495.00	
Web Upgrade	\$450.00	
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$131,144.14</b>	<b>\$206,400.00</b>

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS

### Caring for Friends – Thanksgiving Leftovers



If you anticipate having Thanksgiving leftovers, please consider putting together a meal or a few for Caring for Friends.

Trays with lids are available in the narthex.

- Please carefully and clearly complete the label on the tray lid.
- The **use by date** should be **one year** from when it is packaged. **Freezer # 200**
- **List all contents.** Check off any **potential dietary allergens**.
- Store filled trays in your **freezer** until they are brought to Advent.
- **Bring trays to Advent** during office hours or on Sunday when services are held.

If you have any questions, please contact Kevin and Christine Welsh or the church office.

### Gift Card Collection for the Holidays



We are once again collecting gift cards for our neighbors who depend on the Warminster Food Bank for food each month. The collection envelopes are available on the table by the entrance of the sanctuary and will be given to our neighbors beginning in December. Please consider helping our neighbors in need as we have done in the last few years. Your donations are greatly appreciated! Please contact Nancy Sclight if you have any questions.



### Sunday School Christmas Pageant

**Sunday, December 7, during the 9:30 AM service**

Our Sunday School students are preparing for the upcoming Christmas mini-pageant, a feature of the 9:30 AM worship service on Sunday, December 7. All are invited for the performance with family and friends to experience the joy our young actors will share! Thank you to our Pageant Parents for helping to coordinate the details.

### Annual Christmas Brunch: Sunday, December 7, following the 9:30 AM service



Advent's annual Christmas Brunch will be held on Sunday, December 7, in the Fellowship Hall. The event lasts about an hour and includes festive holiday music. See the sign-up sheet in the narthex for additional information. All family members and friends are welcome to attend!



### Christmas Tree Decorating

**Sunday, December 7, immediately after the Christmas Brunch**

We will be decorating the Christmas tree in the narthex. All are welcome to participate!

### Poinsettia Dedication Sign-up for Christmas Eve Service: now through Sunday, December 14



A sign-up sheet for dedicating poinsettias for the Christmas Eve service is on the table by the Mission Dedication and Flower Dedication Charts. Please sign up by Sunday, December 14. You may also call or email the church office with your dedications. Poinsettias may be picked up any time after the 7:30 PM service on Christmas Eve. Cost per plant is \$15.



## Christmas Jazz Concert: Saturday, December 20, 7:30 PM

The annual Christmas Jazz Concert will be held at Advent on Saturday, December 20, at 7:30 PM under the direction of our organist and Music Director, Mike Dettra and his band, Dettra Mental Music. You can look forward to kicking off the holidays with an hour of relaxation and entertainment! A free-will offering will be taken and light refreshments will be served. Thank you for supporting Mike and his band!

## Church Office Hours for Thanksgiving Week

The church office will be open Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday, 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM during the week of Thanksgiving.

## THIS WEEK AT ADVENT

### SUNDAY, November 23

**Christ the King**

**Harvest Home Blessing**

- 9:00 AM Single Worship Service with Holy Communion  
Sunday School: Children age 4 to grade 6  
10:00 AM Fellowship and Annual Congregational Meeting



### MONDAY, November 24

- 7:30 PM A.A. Open Meeting

### TUESDAY, November 25

- 6:30 PM Ping Pong

### WEDNESDAY, November 26

- 5:30 PM Praise Band rehearsal  
*No Vocal Choir rehearsal*

### THURSDAY, November 27

**Happy Thanksgiving!**

**Church office closed**

*No Zoom Bible Study with Pastor Matt*

### FRIDAY, November 28

- 7:30 PM A.A. Step Meeting

### SUNDAY, November 30

**First Sunday of Advent**

- 8:00 AM Service of the Word – no Communion  
9:30 AM Service of the Word – no Communion  
Sunday School: Children age 4 to grade 6  
10:30 AM Fellowship: Open  
10:45 AM Adult Bible Study with George Henry in the parlor