



# ADVENT EVANGELICAL *Lutheran Church*

Second Sunday of Christmas  
January 4, 2026  
8:00 AM



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



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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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## Gathering <sup>1</sup>

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

### Announcements

### Confessions and Forgiveness <sup>2</sup>

In the name of the Father, and of the **†** Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Most merciful God,

**C: we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought word and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.**

**C: Amen**

Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the **†** Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

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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 Hymn <sup>3</sup>: “Infant Holy, Infant Lowly”

LBW 44



1 In - fant ho - ly, in - fant low - ly, for his bed a cat - tle stall;

2 Flocks were sleep-ing, shep-herds keep-ing vig - il till the morn-ing new



ox - en low - ing, lit - tle know-ing Christ the child is Lord of all.

saw the glo - ry, heard the sto - ry, tid - ings of a gos - pel true.



Swift-ly wing-ing, an - gels sing-ing, bells are ring - ing, tid - ings bring-ing:

Thus re - joic - ing, free from sor - row, prais - es voic - ing, greet the mor - row:



Christ the child is Lord of all! Christ the child is Lord of all!

Christ the child was born for you! Christ the child was born for you!

## Greeting

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

## Hymn of Praise



C This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God. Al - le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. I Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was



slain, whose blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.



C This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God. Al - le - lu - ia,

<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.

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. II Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.

C This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God. Al - le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. I Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

C This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God. Al - le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. II For the Lamb who was slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

C This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

#### Prayer of the Day <sup>4</sup>

P: Almighty God, you have filled all the earth with the light of your incarnate Word. By your grace empower us to reflect your light in all that we do, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

<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.

**First Reading: Jeremiah 31:7-14**

<sup>7</sup> Thus says the LORD:

Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob,  
and raise shouts for the chief of the nations;  
proclaim, give praise, and say,  
“Save, O LORD, your people,  
the remnant of Israel.”

<sup>8</sup> See, I am going to bring them from the land of the north  
and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth,  
among them the blind and the lame,  
those with child and those in labor together;  
a great company, they shall return here.

<sup>9</sup> With weeping they shall come,  
and with consolations I will lead them back;  
I will let them walk by brooks of water,  
in a straight path where they shall not stumble,  
for I have become a father to Israel,  
and Ephraim is my firstborn.

<sup>10</sup> Hear the word of the LORD, O nations,  
and declare it in the coastlands far away;  
say, “He who scattered Israel will gather him  
and will keep him as a shepherd does a flock.”

<sup>11</sup> For the LORD has ransomed Jacob  
and has redeemed him from hands too strong for him.

<sup>12</sup> They shall come and sing aloud on the height of Zion,  
and they shall be radiant over the goodness of the LORD,  
over the grain, the wine, and the oil,  
and over the young of the flock and the herd;  
their life shall become like a watered garden,  
and they shall never languish again.

<sup>13</sup> Then shall the young women rejoice in the dance,  
and the young men and the old shall be merry.  
I will turn their mourning into joy;  
I will comfort them and give them gladness for sorrow.

<sup>14</sup> I will give the priests their fill of fatness,  
and my people shall be satisfied with my bounty,  
says the LORD.

Word of God, Word of Life.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

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<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 147:12-20**

<sup>1</sup> Hallelujah! Sing to the LORD a new song,  
God's praise in the assembly of the faithful.  
<sup>2</sup> **Let Israel rejoice in their maker;**  
**let the children of Zion be joyful in their ruler.**  
<sup>3</sup> Let them praise their maker's name with dancing;  
let them sing praise with tambourine and harp.  
<sup>4</sup> **For the LORD takes pleasure in the people**  
**and adorns the poor with victory.**  
<sup>5</sup> Let the faithful rejoice in triumph;  
let them sing for joy on their beds.  
<sup>6</sup> **Let the praises of God be in their throat**  
**and a two-edged sword in their hand,**  
<sup>7</sup> to wreak vengeance on the nations  
and punishment on the peoples,  
<sup>8</sup> **to bind their kings in chains**  
**and their nobles with links of iron,**  
<sup>9</sup> to inflict on them the judgment decreed;  
this is glory for all God's faithful ones. Hallelujah!

## **Second Reading: Ephesians 1:3-14**

<sup>3</sup> Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, <sup>4</sup> just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. <sup>5</sup> He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, <sup>6</sup> to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. <sup>7</sup> In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace <sup>8</sup> that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight <sup>9</sup> he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, <sup>10</sup> as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. <sup>11</sup> In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, <sup>12</sup> so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. <sup>13</sup> In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; <sup>14</sup> this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

Word of God, Word of Life.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## Gospel Acclamation

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the  
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

P: The Holy Gospel according to John, the 1<sup>st</sup> chapter.

Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

### Gospel: John 1:[1-9], 10-18

<sup>1</sup> In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. <sup>2</sup> He was in the beginning with God. <sup>3</sup> All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being <sup>4</sup> in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. <sup>5</sup> The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overtake it.

<sup>6</sup> There was a man sent from God whose name was John. <sup>7</sup> He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. <sup>8</sup> He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. <sup>9</sup> The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.]

<sup>10</sup> He was in the world, and the world came into being through him, yet the world did not know him. <sup>11</sup> He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. <sup>12</sup> But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, <sup>13</sup> who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

<sup>14</sup> And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth. <sup>15</sup> (John testified to him and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me.'") <sup>16</sup> From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. <sup>17</sup> The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. <sup>18</sup> No one has ever seen God. It is the only Son, himself God, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

## Sermon

Hymn of the Day <sup>6</sup>: "We Three Kings of Orient Are"

WOV 646



1 We three kings of Orient are;  
2 Born a king on Beth-le-hem's plain,  
3 Frank - in - cense to of - fer have I;  
4 Myrrh is mine; its bit - ter per - fume breathes a  
5 Glo - rious now be - hold him a - rise, King and



gifts we tra - verse a - far, field and foun - tain,  
bring to crown him a - gain; king for - ev - er,  
owns a de - i - ty nigh; prayer and prais - ing,  
life of gath - er - ing gloom; sor - rowing, sigh - ing,  
God and Sac - ri - fice; heav'n sings al - le -



moor and moun - tain, fol - low - ing yon - der star.  
ceas - ing nev - er, o - ver us all to reign.  
glad - ly rais - ing, wor - ship - ing God Most High.  
bleed - ing, dy - ing, sealed in the stone - cold tomb.  
lu - ia: al - le - lu - ia the earth re - plies.

*Refrain*



Oh, star of won-der, star of night, star with roy - al beau-ty bright;



west-ward lead - ing, still pro - ceed-ing, guide us to thy per - fect light!

Text: John Henry Hopkins Jr., 1820–1891, alt.

Music: THREE KING OF ORIENT, John Henry Hopkins Jr., 1820–1891

<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**

**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.**

## **Prayer of the Church**

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

**C: Your mercy is great.**

## **Sharing of the Peace**

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

**C: And also with you.**

## **The Offering <sup>7</sup>**

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



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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.

## The Offertory

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

## Offertory Prayer

P: Let us pray... Merciful Father,

C: we offer with joy and thanksgiving

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

## Sacrament <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.

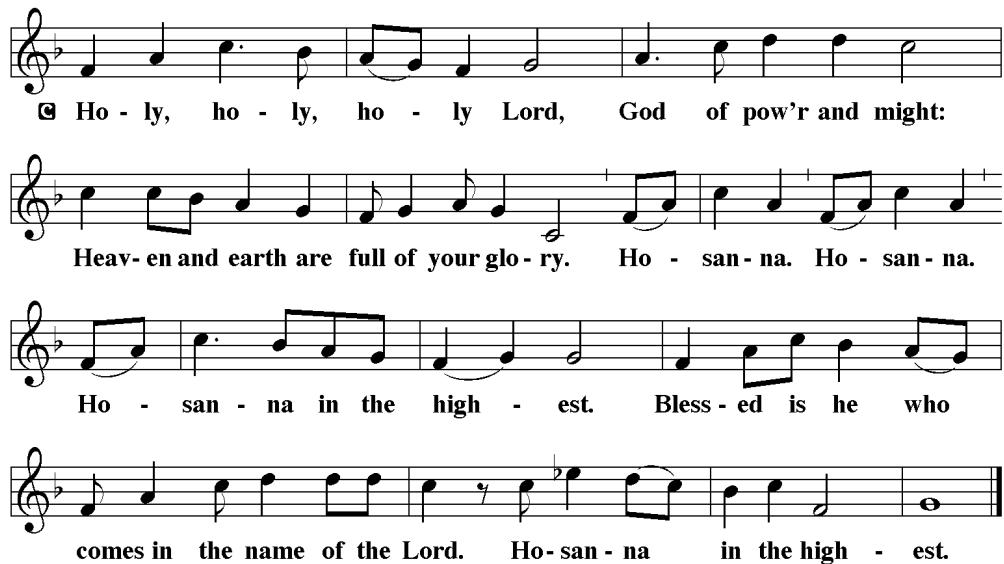
P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

<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.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy...stays (*preface continues with words for the season and concludes...*) we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:  
Heav- en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho - san - na.  
Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who  
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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 <sup>10</sup>

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

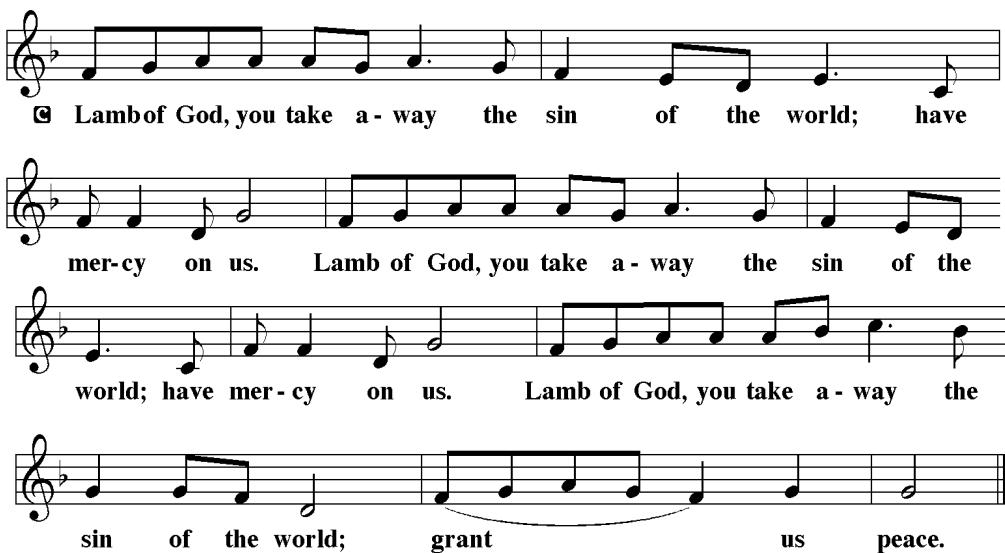
**Our Father who art in heaven,**  
hallowed be Thy name,  
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.

**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>

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



The musical notation consists of four staves of music in G clef, common time, and a key signature of one sharp. The lyrics are integrated into the music, appearing below the notes. The lyrics are:

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

## Distribution

The body of Christ, given to you.

The blood of Christ, shed for you.

## Post-Communion Blessing

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

C: Amen.

<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.

## Post-Communion Canticle

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

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

Let us pray... Living One,  
in this feast you have made yourself known to us.  
Send us now to tell of your wonders,  
sing of your glory,  
and proclaim your risen life  
to a wounded and weary world.

**C: Amen.**

## Benediction

The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and **☩** give you peace.

**C: Amen.**

<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: “Good Christian Friends, Rejoice” LBW 55



1 Good Chris - tian friends, re - joice with heart and soul and voice;  
2 Good Chris - tian friends, re - joice with heart and soul and voice;  
3 Good Chris - tian friends, re - joice with heart and soul and voice;



give ye heed to what we say: Je - sus Christ is born to - day;  
now ye hear of end - less bliss: Je - sus Christ was born for this!  
now ye need not fear the grave; Je - sus Christ was born to save!



ox and ass be - fore him bow, and he is in the man-ger now.  
He has o - pened heav-en’s door, and we are blest for - ev - er - more.  
Calls you one and calls you all to gain the ev - er - last - ing hall.



Christ is born to - day! Christ is born to - day!  
Christ was born for this! Christ was born for this!  
Christ was born to save! Christ was born to save!

### ***Dismissal***

P: Glory to God in the highest!

**C: And peace to God’s people on earth!**

P: Go in joy. Embody God’s redeeming grace.

**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).



## 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

Kristi Ward

Fellowship Time

Open

### Altar Flowers

The Altar Flowers are dedicated by Tony and Jeanne Gryska in honor of their granddaughter, Ellen's 11<sup>th</sup> birthday.

### Mission Support

Mission Support is dedicated to the Glory of God.

### Worship Attendance for Sunday, December 28:

**9:00 AM: 15**

### **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.

### **Thursday Night Bible Study via Zoom, *Most Thursdays except the first Thursday of each month***

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.**

### Altar Flowers Chart

The 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

### Mission Support

The 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



## 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!

-Jeanne Gryska, Sunday School Director

## 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.*

## 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.*

## 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.



## 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).*

## 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!*

## November Financial Report

Financial Report For November 2025		
	Rec'd for November 2025	Budget for November 2025
General Fund	\$28,704.93	\$18,609.00
Mortgage	\$1,790	\$1,898.00
Bene. - Synod Only	\$1,110	\$133
Other Benevolence	\$2,010	
Memorial		
Web Upgrade		
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$33,614.93</b>	<b>\$20,640.00</b>
Recv'd YTD 1/1-11/30/25		
	Recv'd YTD 1/1-11/30/25	Budget YTD 1/1-11/30/25
General Fund	\$137,295.07	\$204,699.00
Mortgage	\$15,856.00	\$20,878.00
Bene. - Synod Only	\$1,822.00	\$1,463.00
Other Benevolence	\$6,821.00	
Memorial	\$2,495.00	
Web Upgrade	\$450.00	
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$164,739.07</b>	<b>\$227,040.00</b>

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS

### Men's Breakfast: Saturday, January 10

The next Men's Breakfast will take place Saturday, January 10, 2026. This is our regular gift exchange, that is to exchange gifts we can't use or don't want for something someone else doesn't want. It is done in strict confidence so loved ones are not aware.

We serve at 8:30 AM, coffee ready by 7:30.

### Advent Women's Circle: Tuesday, January 13, 12:00 PM

The Advent Women's Circle's mission is to support Advent through the implementation of projects that fill a need. The next meeting is on Tuesday, January 13, at 12:00 PM. Please bring your own lunch.

# THIS WEEK AT ADVENT

## **SUNDAY, January 4**

### **Second Sunday of Christmas**

8:00 AM Traditional Service with Holy Communion  
9:30 AM Contemporary Service with Holy Communion  
Sunday School: Children age 4 to grade 6  
10:30 AM Fellowship Time: Open  
10:45 AM Adult Bible Study in the parlor with George Henry

## **MONDAY, January 5**

7:30 PM A.A. Open Meeting

## **TUESDAY, January 6**

6:30 PM Ping Pong

## **WEDNESDAY, January 7**

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

## **THURSDAY, January 8**

7:00 PM Zoom Bible Study with Pastor Matt

## **FRIDAY, January 9**

7:30 PM A.A. Step Meeting

## **SATURDAY, January 10**

8:30 AM Men's Breakfast – coffee ready at 7:30 AM

## **SUNDAY, January 11**

### **Baptism of Our Lord**

8:00 AM Traditional Service with Holy Communion  
9:30 AM Contemporary Service with Holy Communion  
Sunday School: Children age 4 to grade 6  
10:30 AM Fellowship Time: Open  
10:45 AM Adult Bible Study in the parlor with George Henry