



ADVENT EVANGELICAL *Lutheran Church*

Day of Pentecost

May 24, 2026

9:00 AM



Service of the Word



Advent Evangelical Lutheran Church
45 Worthington Mill Road
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Adventrichboro.org

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.

We Gather in Jesus' Name

Prelude (a time for silent meditation)

Announcements

Confession and Forgiveness

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

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God,
the God of manna, the God of miracles, the God of mercy.

C: Amen.

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

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: God, our provider,

C: help us.

It is hard to believe there is enough to share.

**We question your ways when they differ
from the ways of the world in which we live.**

We turn to our own understanding rather than trusting in you.

We take offense at your teachings and your ways.

Turn us again to you. Where else can we turn?

Share with us the words of eternal life and feed us for life in the world.

Amen.

P: Beloved people of God:

in Jesus, the manna from heaven, you are fed and nourished.

By Jesus, the worker of miracles, there is always more than enough.

Through Jesus, ✝ the bread of life, you are shown God's mercy:
you are forgiven and loved into abundant life.

C: Amen

Gathering Hymn: "Praise and Thanksgiving"

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1 Praise and thanks-giv - ing, God, we would of - fer for all things
2 God, bless the la - bor we bring to serve you, that with our
3 Fa - ther, pro - vid - ing food for your chil - dren, by Wis - dom's
4 Then will your bless - ing reach ev - 'ry peo - ple, free - ly con -



liv - ing, you have made good: har - vest of sown fields, fruits of the
neigh - bor we may be fed. Sow - ing or till - ing, we would work
guid - ing teach us to share one with an - oth - er, so that, re -
fess - ing your gra - cious hand. Where you are reign - ing, no one will



or - chard, hay from the mown fields, blos - som and wood.
with you, har - vest - ing, mill - ing for dai - ly bread.
joic - ing with us, all oth - ers may know your care.
hun - ger; your love sus - tain - ing show - ers the land.

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Music: BUNESSAN, Gaelic tune
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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.

P: The word is near you,

C: on your lips and in your heart.

P: If you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord,

C: and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.

P: Faith comes from what is heard,

C: and what is heard comes through the word of Christ.

Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray...

O God, on this day you open the hearts of your faithful people by sending into us your Holy Spirit. Direct us by the light of that Spirit, that we may have a right judgment in all things and rejoice at all times in your peace, through Jesus Christ, your Son and our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

The Reading of God's Word

First Reading: Acts 2:1-21

¹When the day of Pentecost had come, [the apostles] were all together in one place. ²And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. ³Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. ⁴All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

⁵Now there were devout Jews from every people under heaven living in Jerusalem. ⁶And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. ⁷Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?" ⁸And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? ⁹Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, ¹¹Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." ¹²All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" ¹³But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine."

¹⁴But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Fellow Jews and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. ¹⁵Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. ¹⁶No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

¹⁷'In the last days it will be, God declares,
that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh,
and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,
and your young men shall see visions,
and your old men shall dream dreams.

¹⁸Even upon my slaves, both men and women,
in those days I will pour out my Spirit,
and they shall prophesy.

- ¹⁹ And I will show portents in the heaven above
and signs on the earth below,
blood, and fire, and smoky mist.
- ²⁰ The sun shall be turned to darkness
and the moon to blood,
before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day.
- ²¹ Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.' "

Word of God, Word of Life.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm: Psalm 104:24-34, 35b

- ²⁴ How manifold are your works, O LORD!
In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.
- ²⁵ **Yonder is the sea, great and wide, with its swarms too many to number,
living things both small and great.**
- ²⁶ There go the ships to and fro,
and Leviathan, which you made for the sport of it.
- ²⁷ **All of them look to you
to give them their food in due season.**
- ²⁸ You give it to them; they gather it;
you open your hand, and they are filled with good things.
- ²⁹ **When you hide your face, they are terrified;
when you take away their breath, they die and return to their dust.**
- ³⁰ You send forth your Spirit, and they are created;
and so you renew the face of the earth.
- ³¹ **May the glory of the LORD endure forever;
O LORD, rejoice in all your works.**
- ³² You look at the earth and it trembles;
you touch the mountains and they smoke.
- ³³ **I will sing to the LORD as long as I live;
I will praise my God while I have my being.**
- ³⁴ May these words of mine please God.
I will rejoice in the LORD.
- ^{35b} **Bless the LORD, O my soul.
Hallelujah!**

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:3b-13

^{3b} No one can say “Jesus is Lord” except by the Holy Spirit.

⁴ Now there are varieties of gifts but the same Spirit, ⁵ and there are varieties of services but the same Lord, ⁶ and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. ⁷ To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. ⁸ To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, ⁹ to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, ¹⁰ to another the working of powerful deeds, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. ¹¹ All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

¹² For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. ¹³ For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

Word of God, Word of Life.

C: Thanks be to God.

Gospel: John 20:19-23

P: The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 20th chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

¹⁹ When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors were locked where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” ²⁰ After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹ Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.” ²² When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³ If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.”

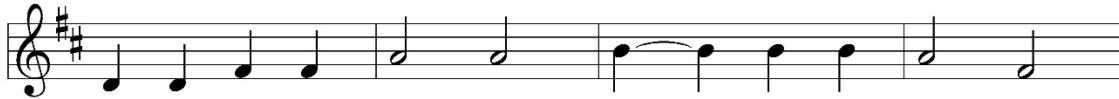
The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Hymn of the Day: "Holy, Holy, Holy"

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1 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God Al - might - y!
2 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! All the saints a - dore thee,
3 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Though the dark - ness hide thee,
4 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!



Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to thee.
cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea;
though the eye made blind by sin thy glo - ry may not see,
All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea.



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, mer - ci - ful and might - y!
cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim fall - ing down be - fore thee,
on - ly thou art ho - ly; there is none be - side thee,
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, mer - ci - ful and might - y!



God in three Per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!
which wert and art, and ev - er - more shalt be.
per - fect in pow'r, in love and pu - ri - ty.
God in three Per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!

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: Merciful God,
C: Receive our prayer.

Sharing of the Peace

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.
C: And also with you.

The Offering

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



Thanksgiving for the Word

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

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

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

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

C: Amen.

Lord's Prayer

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

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

**Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.**

**For Thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.**

Sending

Blessing

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ✝ give you peace.

C: Amen.

Sending Hymn: "You are My God"

You are my God
You are my King
You are my Master
My Everything

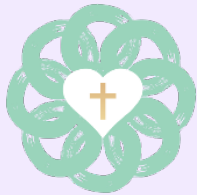
You are my Lord,
That's why I sing to you
Hal-le-lu-jah
Hal-le-lu-jah

Dismissal

P: Go in peace. Praise the Lord. Alleluia!

C: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

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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

Worship Leader
 Music Director
 Lay Reader
 Fellowship Time

David Elkin
 Michael Dettra

Open

Altar Flowers

The Altar Flowers are dedicated by Janice Hoffmann, in loving memory of her husband, Don Hoffmann, Sr.

Mission Support

Mission Support is dedicated to the Glory of God.

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 or 215-284-2669.

Thursday Evening Zoom Bible Study

Thursday Evening Bible Study via Zoom will resume this Thursday, April 23, at 7:00 PM. A weekly commitment is not required! 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

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.

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. Thank you for helping our neighbors in need.

Recycling Can Tabs for Ronald McDonald House Charities

Thanks to the efforts of many, we had assembled a large collection of aluminum can tabs for the Ronald McDonald House. Your contribution will benefit the families staying in this wonderful facility while their loved one undergoes medical care nearby. United Scrap Metal recyclers weigh the donation of aluminum tabs to determine their value, based on the average value of around \$.75/pound of tabs. They then send Ronald McDonald House Charities/Philly a check for the total amount, which directly benefits the families! Keep bringing those tabs!

April Financial Report

Financial Report For April 2026		
	Rec'vd for April 2026	Budget for April 2026
General Fund	\$12,637.93	\$19,805.00
Mortgage	\$1,325	\$1,898.00
Bene. - Synod Only	\$40	\$133
Other Benevolence	\$440	
Total	\$14,442.93	\$21,836.00
	Rec'vd 1/1/26-4/30/26	Budget 1/1/26-4/30/26
General	\$47,900.72	\$79,220.00
Mortgage	\$5,555.00	\$7,592.00
Bene-Synod Only	\$300.00	\$532.00
Other Benevolence	\$1,695.00	
Total	\$55,450.72	\$87,344.00

FALL 2025/SPRING 2026 HIGH SCHOOL AND COLLEGE GRADUATES

Congratulations to all **Fall 2025** and **Spring 2026**

High School, Technical School or College Graduates!

Advent will recognize new graduates in the June/July 2026 Newsletter and in a worship service on a date to be determined. Please send the information no later than **Sunday, May 24**, to be included in the June/July Newsletter. Forms are also available in the narthex. Please include the graduate's name, school, degree or program they completed, and plans for the future (if known).

To submit your information, you may:



Email the office at AdventLutheranRichboro@gmail.com.



Call the office at 215-355-2529.



Complete the form (available in the narthex) and place in the offering plate.



Complete the form and mail to the church:

Advent Richboro
45 Worthington Mill Drive
Richboro, PA 18954

Church Clean Out/Organization Meeting – Tuesday, June 9, 7:00 PM

This is an open invitation for all to attend an in-person meeting on **Tuesday, June 9, 7:00 PM**. The meeting's purpose is to have an exchange of ideas for how to best initiate and move forward with the process of cleaning out and organizing the various rooms within the church.

Many people have expressed ideas, comments, and concerns about the previous approach to this action, so this gathering will provide everyone with an equal and fair opportunity to express and share their ideas.

This will help to guide us in being able to move forward in a timely manner, with an understanding of what issues are of concern to all involved.

If you believe you have a vested interest of materials within the church, or simply want to be involved, and wish to provide your input to determine future action; please join us at Advent for this important next step to make our church a better place to visit and worship.

Thank you,

Keith Wills
Property Chair

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE at ADVENT

Tuesday, May 26, 2:00 PM to 7:00 PM

Please consider donating and asking your family, friends and neighbors to join you.

Options to sign up to donate:

- Sign up on the donor sheet, located in the narthex
- Sign up online at [RedCrossBlood.org](https://www.redcrossblood.org) (enter sponsor code **AdventLutheran**)
 - Call the Red Cross at 1-800-733-2767

SPAGHETTI DINNER

Saturday, June 6, 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM

Your voice is needed! Sign up in the narthex for the Spaghetti Dinner, hosted by the Strategic Mission Team.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Monday, July 13 through Thursday, July 16, 9:00 AM to noon

Children, age 4 thru grade 6, set your calendar and invite your friends. There will be Bible lessons, games and activities; plus, snack and outdoor playtime, all with friends, old and new! We'll be happy to see you.

Registration forms are available online, in the narthex, or by email by contacting the church office at adventlutheranrichboro@gmail.com or 215-355-2529.

THIS WEEK AT ADVENT

SUNDAY, May 24

Day of Pentecost

9:00 AM Service of the Word – no Communion
10:00 AM Fellowship Time: Open

MONDAY, May 25

7:30 PM A.A. Open Meeting

TUESDAY, May 26

No Ping Pong

2:00 PM to Blood Drive
7:00 PM *Appointments are required for blood donors*

WEDNESDAY, May 27

No Praise Band or Vocal Choir Practice

THURSDAY, May 28

7:00 PM Zoom Bible Study

FRIDAY, May 29

7:30 PM A.A. Step Meeting

SUNDAY, May 31

The Holy Trinity

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

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

Pastor Matt will be on vacation from **Monday, May 18** to **Monday, May 25**. If you have a pastoral emergency while Pastor is away, please contact **Rev. Sandra Brown**, at **215-680-3972** or brownsj@msn.com.