



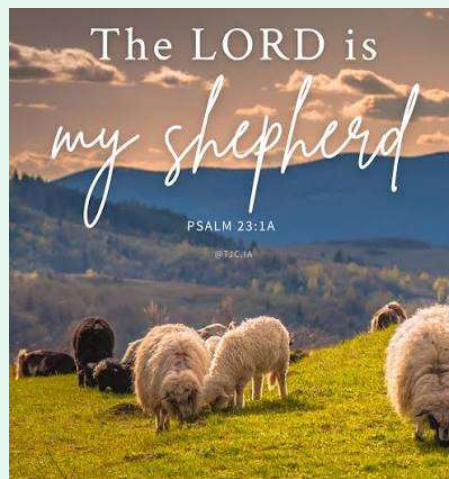
ADVENT EVANGELICAL *Lutheran Church*

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

October 11, 2026 8:00 AM



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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.

GATHERING ¹

Prelude *(a time for silent meditation)*

Announcements

God Sightings

Confessions and Forgiveness ²

P: In the name of the Father, and of the ✙ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

P: 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.**

P: 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 for reflection and self-examination

P: 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 hearts; 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.**
Amen.

P: 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.**

¹ The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

² 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 ³: “Come, Let Us Eat” LBW 214

- 1** Come, let us eat, for now the feast is spread,
come, let us eat, for now the feast is spread.
Our Lord's body let us take together,
our Lord's body let us take together.
- 2** Come, let us drink, for now the wine is poured
come, let us drink, for now the wine is poured.
Jesus' blood poured let us drink together,
Jesus' blood poured let us drink together.
- 3** In Jesus' presence now we meet and rest.
in Jesus' presence now we meet and rest.
In the presence of our Lord we gather,
in the presence of our Lord we gather.
- 4** Rise, then, to spread abroad God's mighty word,
rise, then, to spread abroad God's mighty word.
Jesus risen will bring in the kingdom,
Jesus risen will bring in the kingdom.

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.

Glory
to
God in the
Highest

³ 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.

Hymn of Praise



A Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his peo - ple on earth.



B Lord God, heav - en - ly king, al - might - y God and Fa - ther:



We wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.



Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God:



You take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.



You are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther; re - ceive our prayer.



For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,



you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,



in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men

Prayer of the Day ⁴

P: Lord of the feast, you have prepared a table before all peoples and poured out your life with abundance. Call us again to your banquet. Strengthen us by what is honorable, just, and pure, and transform us into a people of righteousness and peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

WORD ⁵

First Reading: Isaiah 25:1-9

¹ O LORD, you are my God;

I will exalt you; I will praise your name,
for you have done wonderful things,
plans formed of old, faithful and sure.

² For you have made the city a heap,
the fortified city a ruin;
the palace of foreigners is a city no more;
it will never be rebuilt.

³ Therefore strong peoples will glorify you;
cities of ruthless nations will fear you.

⁴ For you have been a refuge to the poor,
a refuge to the needy in their distress,
a shelter from the rainstorm and a shade from the heat.

When the blast of the ruthless was like a winter rainstorm,

⁵ the noise of foreigners like heat in a dry place,
you subdued the heat with the shade of clouds;
the song of the ruthless was stilled.

⁶ On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples
a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines,
of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear.

⁷ And he will destroy on this mountain
the shroud that is cast over all peoples,
the covering that is spread over all nations;

⁸ he will swallow up death forever.

Then the Lord GOD will wipe away the tears from all faces,
and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth,
for the LORD has spoken.

⁹ It will be said on that day,

⁴ 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.

⁵ 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.

“See, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us.
This is the LORD for whom we have waited;
let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.”

Word of God, Word of Life.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm: Psalm 23

- ¹ The LORD is my shepherd;
I shall not be in want.
- ² **The LORD makes me lie down in green pastures
and leads me beside still waters.**
- ³ You restore my soul, O LORD,
and guide me along right pathways for your name's sake.
- ⁴ **Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil;
for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.**
- ⁵ You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is running over.
- ⁶ **Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.**

Second Reading: Philippians 4:1-9

¹ My brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

² I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. ³ Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my coworkers, whose names are in the book of life.

⁴ Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. ⁵ Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. ⁶ Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷ And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

⁸ Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. ⁹ As for the things that you have learned and received and heard and noticed in me, do them, and the God of peace will be with you.

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Gospel Acclamation



P: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 22nd chapter.

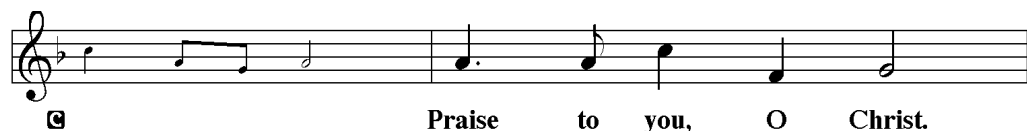


Gospel: Matthew 22:1-14

¹ Once more Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying: ² “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. ³ He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. ⁴ Again he sent other slaves, saying, ‘Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.’ ⁵ But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, ⁶ while the rest seized his slaves, mistreated them, and killed them. ⁷ The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. ⁸ Then he said to his slaves, ‘The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. ⁹ Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.’ ¹⁰ Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad, so the wedding hall was filled with guests.

¹¹ “But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, ¹² and he said to him, ‘Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?’ And he was speechless. ¹³ Then the king said to the attendants, ‘Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’ ¹⁴ For many are called, but few are chosen.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.



Sermon

Hymn of the Day ⁶: "I Was There to Hear Your Born-ing Cry"

WOV 770



- 1 "I was there to hear your born-ing cry, I'll be there when you are old.
- 2 "When you heard the won-der of the Word I was there to cheer you on;
- 3 "In the mid-dle a - ges of your life, not too old, no lon - ger young,



I re - joiced the day you were bap-tized to see your life un - fold.
you were raised to praise the liv - ing Lord, to whom you now be - long.
I'll be there to guide you through the night, com-plete what I've be - gun.



I was there when you were but a child, with a faith to suit you well;
If you find some-one to share your time and you join your hearts as one,
When the eve - ning gent - ly clos - es in and you shut your wea - ry eyes,



in a blaze of light you wan-dered off to find where de-mons dwell."
I'll be there to make your vers - es rhyme from dusk till ris - ing sun."
I'll be there as I have al - ways been, with just one more sur - prise."



- 4 "I was there to hear your born-ing cry, I'll be there when you are old.



I re - joiced the day you were bap-tized to see your life un - fold."

⁶ 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.

Affirmation of Baptism

P: In the name of God the Father, ✝ God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit.

We rejoice that you now desire to make public affirmation of your baptism. This is a sign of your renewed participation in the life and work of the Church of Christ.

Since birth, the Holy Spirit has always been with us. We were all born children of God of a fallen humanity. At our baptism, the Holy Spirit was with us in the water, and we were reborn children of God. By water and the Holy Spirit, we were made members of the church which is the body of Christ.

L: Baptism involves a daily dying to sin and being raised to live before God. We are at the same time sinners and justified. We experience bondage to sin from which we cannot free ourselves, and at the same time, rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit. The baptismal life is expressed each time the baptized confess their sins and receive forgiveness.

P: By water and the Word in baptism, we were liberated from sin and death by being joined to the death and resurrection of Jesus. In baptism, God seals us by the Holy Spirit and marks us with the cross forever. Baptism inaugurates a life of discipleship in the death and resurrection of Christ, and conforms us so that we repent and receive forgiveness, love our neighbors, suffer for the sake of the Gospel and witness to Christ.

L: Our baptism is the covenant and seal of all God's people. God selected each of us to be included in this covenant. It is a gift through grace that is not dependent on an acceptance. It is a proclamation by God expressing His gracious purpose toward his people and His relationship toward His people. This relationship is that of love for us and His desire that we love Him also.

P: Some of us were baptized as infants and some were baptized as believers. Now that we are all believers, we stand together as fellow sisters and brothers in Jesus Christ. We thankfully and lovingly accept the covenant in which we were included by God when we were baptized. Through knowledge and understanding, we grow in faith and love for the Lord. We are spiritually born again with the Holy Spirit being a part of our lives.

L: I John 4:7-12 (New Living Translation)

Dear friends, let us continue to love one another, for love comes from God. Anyone who loves is a child of God and knows God. But anyone who does not love does not know God, for God is love. God showed how much He loved us by sending his one and only Son into the world so that we might have eternal life through Him. This is real love – not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son as a sacrifice to take away our sins.

Dear friends, since God loved us that much, we surely ought to love each other. No one has ever seen God but if we love each other, God lives in us and His love is brought to full expression in us.

We will continue in the covenant by participating in the community of faith, by hearing the Word and receiving Christ's supper, by proclaiming the good news in word and deed, and by striving for peace in all the world.

P: Sisters and brothers in Christ: In Holy Baptism our Lord Jesus Christ received you and made you members of His Church. In the community of God's people, you have learned from His Word God's loving purpose for you and all creation. You have been nourished at His holy table and called to be witnesses to the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Now, therefore, I ask you to profess your faith in Jesus Christ, reject sin, and confess the faith in which we were baptized.

P: Do you renounce all the forces of evil, the devil and all his empty promises?

C: **I do.**

P: Do you believe in God the Father?

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

P: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

C: **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.

P: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

C: **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.**

L: Let us pray for those who are affirming their baptism, and for all the baptized everywhere. Please respond to each petition with "Your mercy is great."

L: That they may be redeemed from all evil and rescued from the way of sin and death. Hear us O God,

C: **Your mercy is great.**

L: That the Holy Spirit may open their hearts to Your grace and truth. Hear us O God,

C: **Your mercy is great.**

L: That they may be kept in the faith and communion of Your holy Church. Hear us O God,

C: **Your mercy is great.**

L: That they may be sent into the world in witness to Your love. Hear us O God,

C: **Your mercy is great.**

- L: That they may be brought to the fullness of Your peace and glory. Hear us O God,
C: **Your mercy is great.**
- L: We pray especially for those in need of encountering Your love the most, *(read list of names)*
We also pray for those we name out loud or in our hearts at this time. Hear us O God,
C: **Your mercy is great.**
- L: Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, through Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.
C: **Amen.**
- P: You have made public profession of your faith. Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in Holy Baptism: to live among God's people, to hear His Word and share in His supper, to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed, to serve all people, following the example of our Lord Jesus, and strive for justice and peace in all the earth? Please respond with "I do, and ask God to help and guide me."
C: **I do, and ask God to help and guide me.**
- P: In turn, please approach the baptismal font and with the water, mark the sign of the cross on your forehead.
- L: Isaiah 42:6 – I am the Lord, I have called you in righteousness, I will also hold you by the hand and watch over you, and I will appoint you as a covenant to the people, as a light to the nations.
- P: Let us pray,
Gracious Lord, through water and the Spirit, you have made us your own. You forgave us all our sins and brought us to newness of life. Continue to strengthen us with the Holy Spirit, and daily increase in us your gifts of grace: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of council and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord.
C: **Amen.**

Message from Pastor Matt

Sharing of the Peace

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

The Offering ⁷

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



⁷ 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

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.

The musical score is written on six staves in treble clef. The key signature has one flat (B-flat). The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The first staff begins with a common time signature 'C'. The music concludes with a double bar line on the sixth staff.

Offertory Prayer

P: Let us pray...

C: **Blessed are you, O God, source of every gift of your creation. By these gifts and with our lives, help us to serve one another and all in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

SACRAMENT ⁸

The Great Thanksgiving ⁹

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: **We lift them to the Lord.**

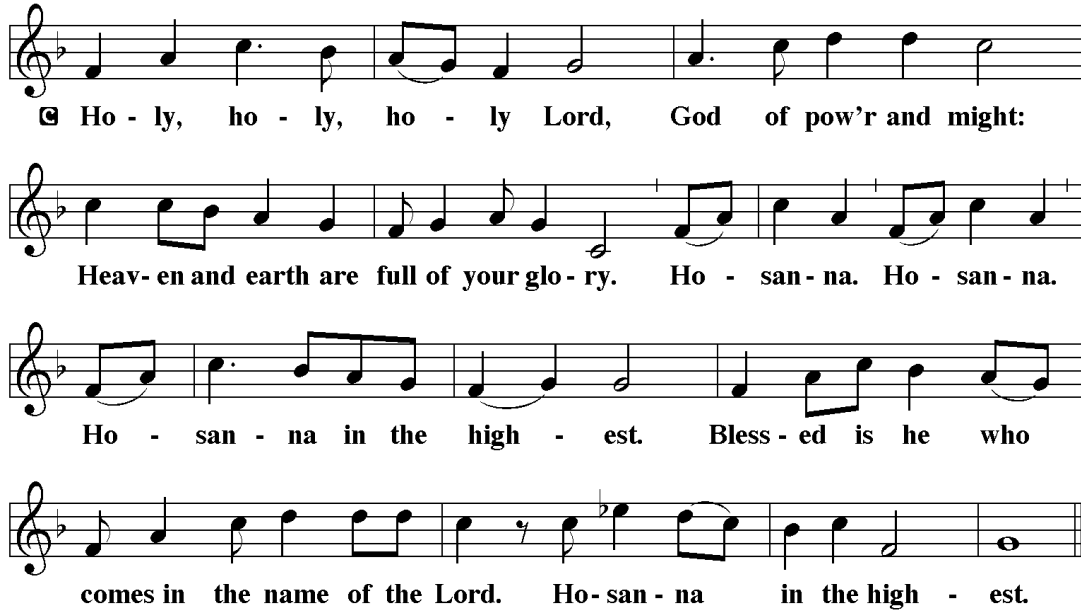
P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

⁸ God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

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

P: 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:



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.**



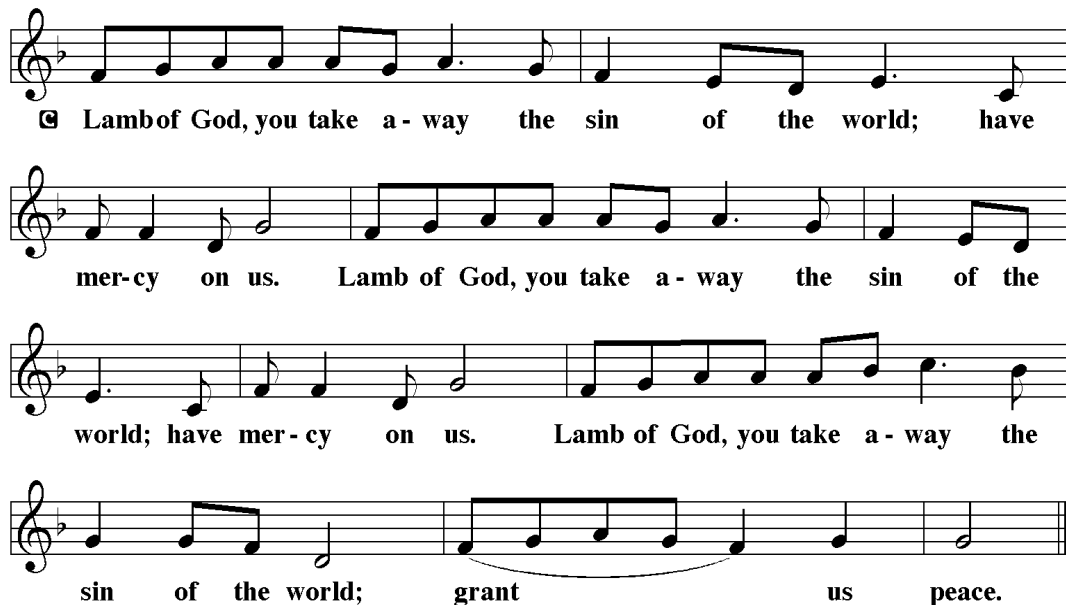
Lord's Prayer ¹⁰

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

C: 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 ¹¹

P: Jesus welcomes you to this table.
Come, here is your God.



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

Distribution

P: The body of Christ, given to you.
The blood of Christ, shed for you.

¹⁰ 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.

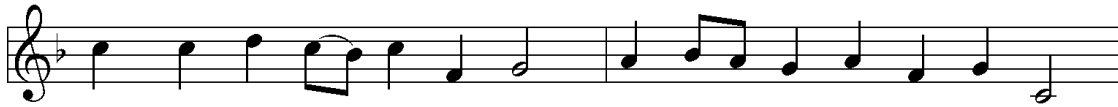
¹¹ In Christ's body and blood given to us, God forgives us and nourishes us for mission. It is traditional to sing as the bread is broken and as the meal is shared. We ask God to send us in witness to the world.

Post-Communion Blessing

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

C: **Amen.**

Post-Communion Canticle



☞ Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell ev-'ry-one what he has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re-joice and proud-ly 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 ¹²

P: 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

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.**

¹² 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: “Sent Forth by God’s Blessing”

LBW 221

1 Sent forth by God's blessing,
our true faith confessing,
the people of God from this dwelling take leave.
The supper is ended.
Oh, now be extended
the fruits of this service in all who believe.
The seed of Christ's teaching,
receptive souls reaching,
shall blossom in action for God and for all.
Your grace shall incite us,
your love shall unite us
to work for your kingdom and answer your call.

2 With praise and thanksgiving
to God ever-living,
the tasks of our ev'ryday life we will face—
our faith ever sharing,
in love ever caring,
embracing God's children, the whole human race.
With your feast you feed us,
with your light now lead us;
unite us as one in this life that we share.
Then may all the living
with praise and thanksgiving
give honor to Christ and his name that we bear.

Dismissal

P: As we depart and go about our daily lives, we are reminded of our baptism when it rains on a summer evening, or a babbling brook after the rain. When we are on vacation, we stand in awe of God’s creations – the oceans, the lakes, and the rivers. The Holy Spirit is always with us.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

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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

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 Janice Hoffmann,
in loving memory of her brother, Howard Bobb, Jr.

Mission Support

Mission Support is dedicated to the Glory of God.

Worship Attendance for **Sunday, October 4**

Total: 51 8:00 AM: 9 + 3 (online) 9:30 AM: 29 + 1 (online) Sunday School: 9

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.

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 setup prior to services.

Contact Kristi Ward for more information: kward1411@yahoo.com or 215-284-2669.

Praise Band and Vocal Choir Practice Schedule

Praise Band and Vocal Choir rehearsals have resumed on Wednesdays. If you are interested in learning more about either band or choir, or would like to become a member of either group, please contact Mike Dettra, Music Director.

Praise Band Rehearsals: Wednesdays, 5:30-6:15 PM

Vocal Choir Rehearsals: Wednesdays, 6:15-7:00 PM

All Saints Day – Sunday, November 1

Submit Names of Remembrance by Sunday, October 25

The first Sunday in November is All Saints Sunday. We will celebrate a service of Holy Communion and will especially remember family and friends who have died in the last year. If you have someone you wish included in our prayers, please complete a form, which is available on the table in the narthex, and return to the church office or you may place it in the offering plate no later than **Sunday, October 25**. You may also call or email the office with the information.

Worship Matters! Deepening Your Faith through Understanding of Lutheran Worship

Via Zoom Thursdays in the fall at 7:00 PM, resuming on October 15

Pastor Matt will continue leading an educational program and discussion on the importance of worship and the purpose and patterns in Lutheran worship. The intention of this program is to develop a richer understanding of the foundations and practices of Lutheran worship and to connect that understanding to God in our daily lives: at home, in our communities, and in the world.

The program continues via Zoom on **Thursdays, at 7:00 PM, resuming on October 15**. All are welcome to participate! There will be no class on Thursday, October 22 while Pastor Matt is on vacation.

Zoom link for Worship Matters: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88501398586>

Passcode (if prompted): IT-MATTERS

Sunday School – Sundays, during the 9:30 AM Worship Service



Children from age 4 through grade 6 are invited to attend Sunday School. Students begin their class time in the 9:30 am worship service (or 9:00 AM when there is a single worship service). They join Pastor Matt for the Children's Sermon, then proceed with their teachers to the all-purpose room to gather for their class.

Our weekly Bible lessons are based on the clever **Holy Moly** curriculum. The **Bible Story Book** is written and illustrated in graphic novel style and the creative short videos bring the stories to life. The lessons are real conversation starters!

Learning together is fun! The registration form is available in the church foyer and narthex. You can also download the form from the church website, www.adventrichboro.org, or contact the church office.

Thank you! Please contact the church office at adventlutheranrichboro@gmail.com or 215-355-2529 with any questions.

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 last worship 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 \$0.75/pound of tabs. They then send Ronald McDonald House Charities/Philly a check for the total amount, which directly benefits the families. Tabs can be placed in the marked containers in the narthex, on the shelf above the coat rack. *No cans, please – just tabs!*

Financial Report For September 2026		
	Rec'vd for Sept 2026	Budget for Sept 2026
General Fund	\$7,592.93	\$19,805.00
Mortgage	\$1,880	\$1,898.00
Benevolence - Synod Only	\$120	\$133
Other Benevolence	\$390	
Total	\$9,982.93	\$21,836.00
	Rec'vd 1/1/26-9/30/26	Budget 1/1/26-9/30/26
General	\$91,415.37	\$178,245.00
Mortgage	\$13,300.00	\$17,082.00
Benevolence - Synod Only	\$920.00	\$1,197.00
Other Benevolence	\$4,255.00	
Total	\$109,890.37	\$196,524.00

Upcoming Worship Schedule

Sunday, October 18

8:00 AM: Service of the Word - no Communion

9:30 AM: Service of the Word and Sunday School - no Communion

Sunday, October 25

8:00 AM: Service of the Word - no Communion

9:30 AM: Service of the Word and Sunday School - no Communion

Sunday, November 1 – All Saints Sunday

9:00 AM: Single worship service with Holy Communion and Sunday School

10:00 AM: Special Congregational Meeting

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

“SPEED FAITH-ING” EVENT – PRESENTED BY THE LOWER BUCKS CONFERENCE

Sunday, November 1, 5:00 PM to 7:30 PM, Advent Richboro

An evening of faith and connection, the event begins with dinner at 5:00 PM, followed by a “Speed Faith-ing” program at 6:00 PM.

Share your faith with members of Advent and other Lower Bucks Conference congregations in a “speed dating” style format. Hosted by the LBCC Dean, Rev. Heeralal Mukesh Cheedie.

RSVP online at <https://forms.gle/HDzFLgDnMmRDGLZ99>

or sign up in the narthex or contact the church office.

TABLE TENNIS IS BACK!



Table Tennis at Advent is back with weekly sessions on Tuesdays.

This year we will offer afternoon sessions from 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM, in addition to the evening sessions from 6:30 PM to 8:30 PM. All are invited, no matter the skill level. Paddles and balls are provided.



CRAFTS IN THE MEADOW

Saturday, October 17, 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM

Sunday, October 18, 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM

Tyler Park Center for the Arts

The Crafts in the Meadow Fall Invitational Craft Show is a fine art and craft event showcasing excellence in craftsmanship, alongside a festive weekend of live music, performing arts, and refreshments. Over 130 fine artisans will be featured, with demonstrations, live music, great food, and plenty of fun for kids too! Tickets are \$10 at the event (cash only), children under 12 are free.



RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE – donation drive at Advent is Tuesday, October 27

The next blood drive at Advent is scheduled for Tuesday, October 27, 1:00 PM to 6:00 PM. Along with traditional donations, the Red Cross is in need of “Power Red” donors.

These blood donations can be used immediately for trauma patients, newborns and emergency transfusions during birth, people with sickle cell anemia, and anyone suffering blood loss. If your blood type is O+, O-, A-, or B-, please consider a Power Red blood donation.

THIS WEEK AT ADVENT

SUNDAY, October 11

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

Affirmation of Baptism

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| 8:00 AM | Traditional Worship Service
with Holy Communion |
| 9:30 AM | Contemporary Worship Service
with Holy Communion
Sunday School |
| 10:30 AM | Fellowship Time: Open |
| 10:30 AM | Adult Bible Study in the Parlor |

MONDAY, October 12

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| 7:30 PM | A.A. Open Meeting |
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TUESDAY, October 13

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| 12:00 PM | Advent Women's Circle Meeting – <i>bring your own lunch</i> |
| 2:00-4:00 PM | Table Tennis at Advent – <i>afternoon session</i> |
| 6:30-8:30 PM | Table Tennis at Advent – <i>evening session</i> |
| 7:00 PM | Comedy and Science: The Art of Standup class |

WEDNESDAY, October 14

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| 5:30 PM | Praise Band Rehearsal |
| 6:15 PM | Vocal Choir Rehearsal |

THURSDAY, October 15

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| 7:00 PM | Worship Matters class - <i>via Zoom</i> |
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FRIDAY, October 16

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| 11:00 AM | Holland Village Communion Service |
| 7:30 PM | A.A. Step Meeting |

SUNDAY, October 18

Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost

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| 8:00 AM | Service of the Word - no Communion |
| 9:30 AM | Service of the Word - no Communion
Sunday School |
| 10:30 AM | Fellowship Time: Open |
| 10:30 AM | Adult Bible Study in the Parlor |