

DAY OF PENTECOST

May 19, 2024

9:30 A.M.



We Gather in Jesus' Name

Prelude (a time for silent meditation)

Announcements

Thanksgiving for Baptism

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, the wellspring of grace, our Easter and our joy.

Amen.

Look, here is water!

Here is our water of life! Alleluia!

Immersed in the promises of baptism, let us give thanks for what God has done for us.

We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your voice thundered over the deep and water became the essence of life. Adam and Eve beheld Eden's verdant rivers. The ark carried your creation through the flood into a new day. Miriam led the dancing as your people passed through the sea into freedom's land. In a desert pool the Ethiopian official entered your boundless baptismal life.

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At the river your beloved Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection you opened the floodgates of your reconciling love, freeing us to live as Easter people.

We rejoice with glad hearts, giving all honor and praise to you, through the risen Christ, our source of living water, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

Amen.

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Gathering Song: "Awesome God"

Our God is an awesome God. He reigns from heaven above
With wisdom pow'r and love. Our God is an awesome God **(2X)**

Greeting

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

And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

Let us Pray . . . Mighty God, you breathe life into our bones, and your Spirit brings truth to the world. Send us this Spirit, transform us by your truth, and give us language to proclaim your gospel, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Children's Sermon

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 nation 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, "Men of Judea 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:

¹⁷In 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.

¹⁹And I will show portents in the heaven above
and signs on the earth below,
blood, and fire, and smoky mist.

²⁰The sun shall be turned to darkness
and the moon to blood,
before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day.

²¹Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.' "

Word of God, Word of Life

Thanks be to God.

Psalm: Psalm 104:24-34, 35b

²⁴How 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.**

²⁶There 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.**
²⁸You 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.**
³⁰You 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.**
³²You 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.**
³⁴May these words of mine please God.
 I will rejoice in the LORD.
³⁵**Bless the LORD, O my soul.
 Hallelujah!**

Second Reading: Romans 8:22-27

²²We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; ²³and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. ²⁴For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? ²⁵But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

²⁶Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. ²⁷And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

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The Holy Gospel according to John 15th & 16th chapter.

[Jesus said,] ²⁶“When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who comes from the Father, he will testify on my behalf. ²⁷You also are to testify because you have been with me from the beginning.

^{16:4b}“I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you. ⁵But now I am going to him who sent me; yet none of you asks me, ‘Where are you going?’ ⁶But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your hearts. ⁷Nevertheless I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you. ⁸And when he comes, he will prove the world wrong about sin and righteousness and judgment: ⁹about sin, because they do not believe in me; ¹⁰about righteousness, because I am going to the Father and you will see me no longer; ¹¹about judgment, because the ruler of this world has been condemned.

¹²“I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. ¹³When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. ¹⁴He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. ¹⁵All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.”

Sermon

Song of Praise: "Let the Fire Fall"

Holy Spirit come with Your fire
Holy Spirit come with Your fire
Holy Spirit come with Your fire
Holy Spirit come with Your fire

Come Holy Spirit let the fire fall
Come Holy Spirit let the fire fall
Let the fire fall. Let the fire fall

Holy Spirit purify my heart
Holy Spirit purify my heart
Holy Spirit purify my heart
Holy Spirit purify my heart

Come Holy Spirit let the fire fall
Come Holy Spirit let the fire fall
Let the fire fall. Let the fire fall

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 the Church

(Each prayer ends with ... *God of Grace, . . . The congregation responds: **here our prayer.***)

Sharing of the Peace

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you

The Offering Please leave your offering on our website: https://www.eservicepayments.com/cgi-bin/Vanco_ver3.vps?appver3=Dc8dzPGn4-LCajFevTkh9MYPCImH2sG-jdxWYJMFgw_IQfxkD4hBw8WoQ6UZLveQvLkSxosar20939JWiAad87o7zqy-JU_UuLu19bUbJx2MmPFcXvWIUz6A7FDgkhUKkoPpduXvnt8gXUeZjQYbn9G3frHWC59Y_VCHQ6_VCoE=&ver=3

Offertory Prayer

Let us pray... Risen One,

you call us to believe and bear fruit. May the gifts that we offer here be signs of your abiding love. Form us to be your witnesses in the world, through Jesus Christ, our true vine.

Amen.

Sacrament

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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.

Amen.

Lord's Prayer

**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.

Distribution

The body of Christ, given to you
The blood of Christ, shed for you

Prayer After Communion

Let us pray... Shepherding God,
you have prepared a table before us and nourished us with your love. Send us forth from this banquet to proclaim your goodness and share the abundant mercy of Jesus, our redeemer and friend.

Amen.

Sending/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.

Amen.

Sending Hymn: "Amazing God"

We can hear it growing louder, Songs from ev'ry nation
Rising to Your throne
Saints in ev'ry generation, Singing for Your glory
Telling what You've done

From the north and south, We are crying out
There is hope in Jesus' name

'Cause You're amazing God, You're amazing God
You can bear the weight of ev'ry heavy heart
You can heal the pain, You can clean the stain
You can turn our tears into songs of praise
You're amazing God

Beauty rises from the ashes, Sorrow turns to gladness
When our God is near
You speak light into our darkness, You heal the broken-hearted
You wipe away our tears

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Dismissal

Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

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OUR MISSION – FAITHFUL IN THE WORD	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">+ 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:	John Flint
Communion Assistant:	Joyce Heiss

GUEST REGISTER

If you are visiting with us today, please sign our Guest Book in the narthex.

ALTAR FLOWERS

The Altar Flowers are dedicated by Cindy Frey in honor of the 7^h birthday of her grandson Alex and by the Spahn family in honor of the following birthdays: George, their son-in-law Jack, and their daughter-in-law Cindi.

MISSION SUPPORT

Mission Support is dedicated by Janice Hoffmann in honor of all who serve.

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

Sunday, May 12 - 8:00 am = 9; 9:30 = 31; S.S. = 5; **TOTAL 45**

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

PENTECOST

Today, fifty days after Easter, we celebrate the outpouring of the Holy Spirit on Pentecost. Crossing all boundaries that would separate us, the Spirit brings the wideness of God's mercy to places we least expect it—to a crowd of strangers of different lands and tongues, to dry bones, to our weak hearts. Jesus promises his disciples that they will be accompanied by the Holy Spirit, and that this Spirit reveals the truth. We celebrate that we too have been visited with this same Spirit. Guided by the truth, we join together in worship, and then disperse to share the fullness of Christ's love with the world.



LAST DAY OF SUNDAY SCHOOL

Today is the last day of Sunday School until fall. We thank the students, teachers, and various other helpers for all their hard work and dedication this past school year.

GOD SIGHTINGS

Have you seen God at work in your life, in nature, in a neighbor, etc. Please add to our God Sightings chain by writing it down on the strips of paper found in the narthex. They will be stapled onto the chain (or you can staple them yourself). Today, Pentecost, the chain will be hung in the sanctuary, but we will continue to add to it until Reformation Sunday, October 27. Let's see how many times we can circle the whole narthex!

WORLD MUSIC CONCERT

Join our music director Mike Dettra and his group **The Dettra Mental Quartet** for a **World Music Concert** on Friday, June 7, at 7:30 p.m., here at Advent. Invite your friends and bring your children! Light refreshments will be provided. There is no admission charge. A free will offering will be taken.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL, August 12 - 16

Plans are set for Vacation Bible School at Advent. Children from age 4 through completion of 6th grade are invited to join the fun on **Monday–Friday from 9:00 a.m.–noon** on August 12-16. We'll learn Bible lessons in summertime style! With everyone joining in for stories, games, songs and crafts, being with friends will make it great, along with snack time and outdoor play. Please register by **July 15**. Registration forms are available in the narthex or on the website.

HONORING GRADUATES

Again, this year, Advent will be honoring our college and high school graduates. If someone you know is graduating this year, forms can be found on the round table in the narthex. More information coming.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Financial Report For April 2024		
	Rec'vd for April 2024	Budget for April 2024
General Fund	\$9,083.82	\$17,482.00
Mortgage	\$1,451	\$1,898.00
Bene. - Synod Only	\$80	\$75
Other Benevolence	\$670	
Total	\$11,284.82	\$19,455.00
	Recv'd YTD 1/1-4/30/24	Budget YTD 1/1-4/30/24
General Fund	\$42,940.71	\$69,928.00
Mortgage	\$6,731.00	\$7,592.00
Bene. - Synod Only	\$210.00	\$300.00
Other Benevolence	\$1,870.00	
Total	\$51,751.71	\$77,820.00

DONATIONS FOR FELLOWSHIP TIME

Were you aware that not everyone can bake? Or that time is often at a premium? Or that some of us can't always be in church in person? If these questions have plagued you and perhaps you wish you could help at fellowship time more often than you do, you aren't alone. For that reason, and so we don't lose fellowship time altogether, consider donating a few dollars now and then and let someone else do the shopping/baking. All those hungry snackers will appreciate it!



ALTAR FLOWER DEDICATION



There are numerous dates available for 2024 to dedicate flowers to beautify the altar each Sunday. Please sign up on the sheet on the table in the narthex with your name and dedication. Two bouquets are available each week. The cost is \$25 per bouquet. In addition to making the altar more beautiful, you take the flowers home after the late service to enjoy during the week. If you have any questions call Cindy Frey at 267-205-0713.

NUEVA CREACION LUTHERAN CHURCH

Please consider supporting our sister congregation, Nueva Creación Lutheran Church, which does vital ministry in North Philadelphia. A sign-up chart is on the table in the narthex near the entrance to the sanctuary.



DRIVE in AND DROP off FOOD COLLECTION



If you have food for the Warminster Food Pantry that you or your friends would like to donate and the church is not open, just drive in and drop off the food under the seat of the bench outside the front door. You may still bring food into the church narthex during church and office hours. A list of the pantry's most needed items is in the narthex or on the website www.warminsterfoodbank.org. Thank you for helping our neighbors in need.

FELLOWSHIP TIME



Please consider signing up to provide refreshments for Fellowship Time one Sunday morning. Paper products and some beverages are provided by Advent. Thank you.

RECYCLE CAN TABS TO HELP FAMILIES

Recycling can tabs for charity is a great idea! If you bring them in, we'll drop them off. Look for marked containers in the narthex above the coat rack. The tab program began at Ronald McDonald House Charities in 1997 to help children with medical needs and their families.





PRAYER CHAIN

On Sundays we add names to the prayer list to pray out loud for those in need. This differs from the prayer chain. On Sundays, we only ask for names without specifics, though God always knows what is in our hearts. For the prayer chain, more specifics can be prayed for (as much as you want to share). These prayers are confidential, known only to the prayer chain members. Each person added is kept on the list for 4 weeks, with the exception of those who need ongoing prayer, which we keep on until circumstances change. If you wish to add a name to the prayer chain, please fill out a yellow prayer card found in the pews or you can call or email Gail Oines at the church office with your request.



WE WANT YOU

Advent Lutheran Church wants some new faces/voices helping before and during the services! We want you, in other words. Please consider sharing your gifts with us as an Usher/Greeter, Altar Guild, Lay Reader, or Communion Assistant. Also, if you know a male or female youth who may be interested in being an acolyte, we could use them, too. Please see Pastor Matt or Gail Oines for more information. When you volunteer to help, either Pastor Matt or Gail will train you on what to do. Written instructions are being worked on. Can't wait to see all of the new faces!

THIS WEEK AT ADVENT

SUNDAY, MAY 19 – DAY OF PENTECOST

Last Day of Regular Schedule

Last Day of Sunday School

- 8:00 am Traditional Worship with Holy Communion
- 9:00 am Bible study with George Henry
- 9:30 am Contemporary Worship Service with Holy Communion
Sunday School age 4- grade 6
- 10:30 am Fellowship Time: George Henry

MONDAY, MAY 20

- 7:30 pm A.A. Open Meeting

FRIDAY, MAY 24

- 7:30 pm A.A. Step Meeting

SUNDAY, MAY 26 – THE HOLY TRINITY

First Sunday after Pentecost

Memorial Day Commemoration

First Sunday of Summer Schedule

- 9:00 am Worship with Holy Communion
- 10:00 am Fellowship Time: Open

