

**THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER**

**MAY 1, 2022**

**9:30 A.M.**



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

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

***Announcements***

**Thanksgiving for Baptism**

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

In the waters of baptism,  
we have passed over from death to life with Jesus Christ,  
and we are a new creation.

For this saving mystery, and for this water, let us bless God,  
who was, who is, and who is to come.

We thank you, God, for your river of life,  
flowing freely from your throne:  
through the earth,  
through the city,  
through every living thing.

You rescued Noah and his family from the flood;  
You opened wide the sea for the Israelites.  
Now in these waters you flood us with mercy,  
and our sin is drowned forever.  
You open the gate of righteousness  
and we pass safely through.

In Jesus Christ, you calm and trouble the waters.  
You nourish us and enclose us in safety.  
You call us forth and send us out.

In lush and barren places, you are with us.  
You have become our salvation.

Now breathe upon this water  
and awaken your church once more.  
Claim us again as your beloved and holy people.  
Quench our thirst; cleanse our hearts; wipe away every tear.

To you, our Beginning and our End,  
our Shepherd and Lamb,  
be honor, glory, praise, and thanksgiving,  
now and forever.

**Amen.**

**Gathering Song: “Mighty is Our God”**

Mighty Is Our God  
Mighty Is Our King  
Mighty Is Our Lord  
Ruler Of Everything

His Name Is Higher  
Higher Than Any Other Name  
His Power Is Greater  
For He Has Created Everything

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**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... Eternal and all-merciful God, with all the angels and all the saints we laud your majesty and might. By the resurrection of your Son, show yourself to us and inspire us to follow Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen**

**The Reading of God’s Word**

**First Reading: Acts 9:1-6 [7-20]**

<sup>1</sup>Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest <sup>2</sup>and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any who belonged to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. <sup>3</sup>Now as he was going along and approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. <sup>4</sup>He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, “Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?” <sup>5</sup>He asked, “Who are you, Lord?” The reply came, “I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. <sup>6</sup>But get up and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do.” [<sup>7</sup>The men who

were traveling with him stood speechless because they heard the voice but saw no one. <sup>8</sup>Saul got up from the ground, and though his eyes were open, he could see nothing; so they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus. <sup>9</sup>For three days he was without sight, and neither ate nor drank.

<sup>10</sup>Now there was a disciple in Damascus named Ananias. The Lord said to him in a vision, “Ananias.” He answered, “Here I am, Lord.” <sup>11</sup>The Lord said to him, “Get up and go to the street called Straight, and at the house of Judas look for a man of Tarsus named Saul. At this moment he is praying, <sup>12</sup>and he has seen in a vision a man named Ananias come in and lay his hands on him so that he might regain his sight.” <sup>13</sup>But Ananias answered, “Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much evil he has done to your saints in Jerusalem; <sup>14</sup>and here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who invoke your name.” <sup>15</sup>But the Lord said to him, “Go, for he is an instrument whom I have chosen to bring my name before Gentiles and kings and before the people of Israel; <sup>16</sup>I myself will show him how much he must suffer for the sake of my name.” <sup>17</sup>So Ananias went and entered the house. He laid his hands on Saul and said, “Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on your way here, has sent me so that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit.” <sup>18</sup>And immediately something like scales fell from his eyes, and his sight was restored. Then he got up and was baptized, <sup>19</sup>and after taking some food, he regained his strength.

For several days he was with the disciples in Damascus, <sup>20</sup>and immediately he began to proclaim Jesus in the synagogues, saying, “He is the Son of God.”]

*Word of God, Word of Life*  
**Thanks be to God.**

### **Psalm: Psalm 30**

<sup>1</sup>I will exalt you, O LORD, because you have lifted me up and have not let my enemies triumph over me.

**<sup>2</sup>O LORD my God, I cried out to you,  
and you restored me to health.**

<sup>3</sup>You brought me up, O LORD, from the dead;  
you restored my life as I was going down to the grave.

**<sup>4</sup>Sing praise to the LORD, all you faithful;  
give thanks in holy remembrance.**

<sup>5</sup>God’s wrath is short; God’s favor lasts a lifetime.  
Weeping spends the night, but joy comes in the morning.

**<sup>6</sup>While I felt secure, I said,  
“I shall never be disturbed.**

<sup>7</sup>You, LORD, with your favor, made me as strong as the mountains.”  
Then you hid your face, and I was filled with fear.

**<sup>8</sup>I cried to you, O LORD;  
I pleaded with my Lord, saying,**

<sup>9</sup>“What profit is there in my blood, if I go down to the pit?  
Will the dust praise you or declare your faithfulness?

**<sup>10</sup>Hear, O LORD, and have mercy upon me;  
O LORD, be my helper.”**

<sup>11</sup>You have turned my wailing into dancing;  
you have put off my sackcloth and clothed me with joy.

**<sup>12</sup>Therefore my heart sings to you without ceasing;  
O LORD my God, I will give you thanks forever.**

## **Second Reading: Revelation 5:11-14**

<sup>11</sup>Then I looked, and I heard the voice of many angels surrounding the throne and the living creatures and the elders; they numbered myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, <sup>12</sup>singing with full voice,

“Worthy is the Lamb that was slaughtered  
to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might  
and honor and glory and blessing!”

<sup>13</sup>Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, singing,

“To the one seated on the throne and to the Lamb  
be blessing and honor and glory and might  
forever and ever!”

<sup>14</sup>And the four living creatures said, “Amen!” And the elders fell down and worshiped.

*Word of God, Word of Life*

**Thanks be to God.**

## **Gospel: John 21:1-19**

**P:** The Holy Gospel according to John the 21<sup>st</sup> chapter.

**C: Glory to You, O Lord.**

(Please stand if you are able.)

<sup>1</sup>After [he appeared to his followers in Jerusalem,] Jesus showed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias; and he showed himself in this way. <sup>2</sup>Gathered there together were Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples. <sup>3</sup>Simon Peter said to them, “I am going fishing.” They said to him, “We will go with you.” They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing.

<sup>4</sup>Just after daybreak, Jesus stood on the beach; but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. <sup>5</sup>Jesus said to them, “Children, you have no fish, have you?” They answered him, “No.” <sup>6</sup>He said to them, “Cast the net to the right side of the boat, and you will find some.” So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in because there were so many fish. <sup>7</sup>That disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, “It is the Lord!” When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on some clothes, for he was naked, and jumped into the sea. <sup>8</sup>But the other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, only about a hundred yards off.

<sup>9</sup>When they had gone ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish on it, and bread. <sup>10</sup>Jesus said to them, “Bring some of the fish that you have just caught.” <sup>11</sup>So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, a hundred fifty-three of them; and though there were so many, the net was not torn. <sup>12</sup>Jesus said to them, “Come and have breakfast.” Now none of the disciples dared to ask him, “Who are you?” because they knew it was the Lord. <sup>13</sup>Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. <sup>14</sup>This was now the third time that Jesus appeared to the disciples after he was raised from the dead.

<sup>15</sup>When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, “Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?” He said to him, “Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.” Jesus said to him, “Feed my lambs.” <sup>16</sup>A second time he said to him, “Simon son of John, do you love me?” He said to him, “Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.” Jesus said to him, “Tend my sheep.” <sup>17</sup>He said to him the third time, “Simon son of John, do you love me?” Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, “Do you love me?” And he said to him, “Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you.” Jesus said to him, “Feed my sheep. <sup>18</sup>Very truly, I tell you, when you were younger, you used to fasten your own belt and to go wherever you wished. But when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will fasten a belt around you and take you where you do not wish to go.” <sup>19</sup>(He said this to indicate the kind of death by which he would glorify God.) After this he said to him, “Follow me.”

**P:** The Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise to you, O Christ**

(Please be seated.)

## **Sermon**

### **Song of Praise: “Lord, I Lift Your Name on High”**

Lord I lift Your name on high  
Lord I love to sing Your praises  
I'm so glad You're in my life  
I'm so glad You came to save us

You came from heaven to earth to show the way  
From the earth to the cross, my debt to pay  
From the cross to the grave, from the grave to the sky  
Lord I lift Your name on high

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## **Nicene Creed**

**We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father.  
Through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven;  
by the power of the Holy Spirit  
he became incarnate from the  
virgin Mary and was made man.**

**For our sake he was crucified under  
Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was  
buried.  
On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven and is seated at  
the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the  
living and the dead, and his kingdom  
will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.**

**With the Father and the Son he is worshiped  
and glorified.  
He has spoken through the prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic  
church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the  
forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen**

***Prayers of Intercession***

Each prayer ends with . . . God in your mercy, the congregation responds: **hear our prayer.**

**Sharing of the Peace** (nods, waves, to each other only)

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-LCajFevTkh9MYPCLmH2sG-jdxWYJMFgw\\_IQfxkD4hBw8W0Q6UZLveQvLkSxosar2o939JWiAad87o7zqy-JU\\_UuLu19bUbJx2MmPFcXvWIUz6A7FDgkhUKk0PpduXvnt8gXUeZjQYbn9G3frHWC59Y\\_VCHQ6\\_VCoE=&ver=3](https://www.eservicepayments.com/cgi-bin/Vanco_ver3.vps?appver3=Dc8dzPGn4-LCajFevTkh9MYPCLmH2sG-jdxWYJMFgw_IQfxkD4hBw8W0Q6UZLveQvLkSxosar2o939JWiAad87o7zqy-JU_UuLu19bUbJx2MmPFcXvWIUz6A7FDgkhUKk0PpduXvnt8gXUeZjQYbn9G3frHWC59Y_VCHQ6_VCoE=&ver=3)

***Offertory Prayer***

Let us pray... **Living God,  
you gather the wolf and the lamb to feed together  
in your peaceable reign,  
and you welcome us all at your table.  
Reach out to us through this meal,  
and show us your wounded and risen body,  
that we may be nourished and believe  
in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.  
Amen**

***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.**

Blessed are you, Lord of heaven and earth. In mercy for our fallen world you gave your only Son, that all those who believe in him should not perish, but have eternal life.

We give thanks to you for the salvation you have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Send now your Holy Spirit into our hearts, that we may receive our Lord with a living faith as he comes to us in his holy supper.  
**Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

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.

## **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... We give you thanks, generous God,  
for in this bread and cup we have tasted the new heaven and earth  
where hunger and thirst are no more.  
Send us from this table as witnesses to the resurrection,  
that through our lives, all may know life in Jesus' name.  
**Amen.**

## ***Blessing***

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

## ***Sending Hymn: "Open the Eyes of My Heart"***

Open the eyes of my heart, Lord  
Open the eyes of my heart  
I want to see You  
I want to see You  
Open the eyes of my heart, Lord  
Open the eyes of my heart  
I want to see You  
I want to see You

To see You high and lifted up  
Shinin' in the light of Your glory  
Pour out Your power and love  
As we sing holy, holy, holy  
Holy, holy, holy  
Holy, holy, holy  
I want to see you

Open the eyes of my heart, Lord  
Open the eyes of my heart  
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**Dismissal**

Alleluia! Christ is risen.  
**Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**  
Go in peace. Tell what God has done.  
**Thanks be to God.**

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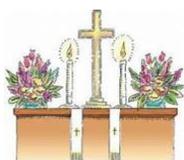
**OUR MISSION - FAITHFUL IN THE WORD**

- + 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
Worship Assistant	John Flint



**ALTAR FLOWERS**

The Altar Flowers are presented by George & Peg Spahn in honor of 4 family birthdays this month.

**SPRING JAZZ CONCERT MAY 6, 7:30 P.M.**

Please join our music director Mike Dettra and his group "Dettra Mental" for a jazz concert on Friday, May 6 at 7:30pm here at Advent. Light refreshments will be provided. The event is free, however there will be a free will offering.



**MOTHER'S DAY/BABYMANNA**

On Sunday, May 8, Mother's Day will be observed. Traditionally we have requested contributions to Baby Manna. The donations provide formula and nutritional supplements for infants in need in the Philadelphia area. Please make your check out to Advent Lutheran Church with a note for Baby Manna. You can drop your donation off at the church or send it to Advent Lutheran Church P.O. Box 840, Richboro, PA 18954.



**PING PONG - MAY 10 & MAY 24 AT 6:30 P.M.**

All are welcome to join us for an evening of Ping Pong at the church on Tuesdays, May 10 and May 24 at 6:30 p.m. Contact Ray Heiss or Pastor Matt for additional information.



**MEN'S BREAKFAST MAY 14th**

After one of our favorite breakfasts we plan to review how we each enjoyed Mother's Day festivities. Coffee is ready by 7:30.

**SPECIAL SERVICE PROJECT - SATURDAY, MAY 14, 10:00 A.M.**

Children need our help! A special service project day to make "Comfort Bags for Kids" for the Lutheran Settlement House in Philadelphia will be held at Advent on Saturday May 14 10:00 am.

Lutheran Settlement House takes care of children that are dealing with emergency placement due to domestic violence or sudden homelessness. The children often come to them with little to nothing of their own. LSH provides a "comfort bag" to each child, these bags are drawstring backpacks and are filled with things like coloring books and crayons, journals, stuffed animals, and small games to help the child cope with some of the big emotions they may be experiencing.



These drawstring backpacks are relatively easy to make so let's get together and cut, pin, iron, and sew some bags for LSH and the children. No sewing experience is necessary, there will be lots of cutting and pinning and threading the straps to be done. If you have a sewing machine, please bring it, but if not just bring a happy smile and willingness to help. If you are unable to come out but still want to help; a donation of fabric, thread or cording is greatly appreciated. Each bag takes about 1 yard of fabric and 4 yards of cording.

Sign up sheets will be in the narthex. Any questions or donations can be directed to Jennifer McQuiggan 267-825-3890



**NUEVA CREACIÓN MISSION SUPPORT**

Support of Nueva Creación Lutheran Church in Philadelphia for this week is presented to the Glory of God.

The sign-up sheet for Mission Support dedications for 2022 are in the narthex. The cost to dedicate one bouquet is \$25.00.



**STITCH CLUB SATURDAYS 10:00 A.M.**

Stitch club meets on Saturdays at 10:00 a.m. Stitch club is open to all who would like to join. If you like to knit, crochet, or do needlepoint, this is for you!

If you would need anything **throughout the year** from the Stitch Club for babies or the elderly i.e. blankets, scarves, etc, please contact Hanna McCollum at 215-962-9032 or Jeff Jobes at 215-355-4149.



**LENTEN SOUP & SERVICE NIGHTS THANK YOU**

Advent thanks all those who participated in the Lenten Soup and Service nights; those who provided soup, bread, and beverages, those who set/cleaned up, and those who tuned in for the service. The services were well attended whether in person or on zoom, Facebook, etc. Thank you to Rick & Renata DeJames, Jeanne & Tony Gryszka, Joyce & Ray Heiss, George Henry, Christel & Janice Hoffmann, Pastor Matt, Gail Oines, and Linda Weaver for providing the food and Pastor Matt for providing the food for thoughts!

**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 phone 215-859-3778 or by email at pastor@adventrichboro.org. If he is not available to take your call, leave a message and he will contact you.



### **ADVENT LAWN CUTTERS NEEDED**

Advent is in need of adults who are able to volunteer their time a couple of times this season to cut the church grass. Training will be provided. If you're available or have any questions, please call Tony Gryszka at 267-408-3255 or Lynn Roccograndi at 215-285-0610. Thank you.



### **RECENT/UPCOMING GRADUATES**

We will recognize graduates of high school and college at a worship service in June. (The date will be listed in the June Newsletter) Please send or email the information requested form found on the table in the narthex no later than May 20 to be included in the June Newsletter.



### **FILL A TRAY AT MEALTIME**

Look for aluminum trays on the tables in our narthex. Take some home to await any meal that has one serving left – or perhaps you've made extra food on purpose! Fill the 3 sections, add the foil cover, plus the label and bag that come with the tray. Voila! A meal for a shut-in or a person in need!



### **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](http://www.warminsterfoodbank.org). Thank you for helping our neighbors in need.



Altar Flowers

### **ALTAR FLOWER DEDICATION**

There are numerous dates available for 2022 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 267-205-0713.



### **WE'RE KEEPING TABS**

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, located on the shelf above the coat rack. Thank you.

### **WORSHIP ATTENDANCE - SUNDAY, APRIL 24**

8:00 a.m. 16 9:30 a.m. 19 Total 35

### **THIS WEEK AT ADVENT**

#### **THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER - MAY 1**

- 8:00 a.m. Traditional Holy Communion
- 9:00 a.m. Adult Bible Study
- 9:30 a.m. Contemporary Holy Communion
- 10:30 a.m. Fellowship Time: Open
- 10:45 a.m. Adult Bible Study

#### **MONDAY, MAY 2**

- 7:30 p.m. A.A. Open Meeting

#### **FRIDAY, MAY 6**

- 7:30 p.m. Jazz Concert
- 7:30 p.m. A.A. Step Meeting

#### **SATURDAY, MAY 7**

- 10:00 a.m. Stitch Club Meets

**FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER - MAY 8**

**Mother's Day - Baby Manna**

- 8:00 a.m. Traditional Holy Communion
- 9:00 a.m. Adult Bible Study
- 9:30 a.m. Contemporary Holy Communion
- 10:30 a.m. Fellowship Time: Kristi & Megan Ward
- 10:45 a.m. Adult Bible Study