

**FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

**MAY 8, 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: "Song of Love"**

Jesus, king of my heart  
Father, my peace and my light  
Spirit, the joy of my soul You are

Jesus, to You none compare  
Father, I rest in your care  
Spirit, the hope of my heart You are

The heavens declare You are God  
And the mountains rejoice  
The oceans cry "Alleluia"  
As we worship You Lord  
For this is our song of love

Jesus, You saved my soul  
I'll thank You forever more  
Jesus, the love of my life You are

The heavens declare You are God  
And the mountains rejoice  
The oceans cry "Alleluia"  
As we worship You Lord  
For this is our song of love

Jesus, I am in awe  
Of the love that You have shown  
Jesus, how precious you are  
To me, to me

The heavens declare You are God  
And the mountains rejoice  
The oceans cry "Alleluia"  
As we worship You Lord  
For this is our song of Love

**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... O God of peace, you brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great shepherd of the sheep. By the blood of your eternal covenant, make us complete in everything good that we may do your will, and work among us all that is well-pleasing in your sight, through 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 9:36-43***

<sup>36</sup>Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. <sup>37</sup>At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. <sup>38</sup>Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, "Please come to us without delay." <sup>39</sup>So Peter got up and went with them; and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. <sup>40</sup>Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, "Tabitha, get up." Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. <sup>41</sup>He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. <sup>42</sup>This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. <sup>43</sup>Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

Word of God, Word of Life

**Thanks be to God**

### ***Psalm: Psalm 23***

<sup>1</sup>The LORD is my shepherd;  
I shall not be in want.

<sup>2</sup>**The LORD makes me lie down in green pastures  
and leads me beside still waters.**

<sup>3</sup>You restore my soul, O LORD,  
and guide me along right pathways for your name's sake.

<sup>4</sup>**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.**

<sup>5</sup>You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;  
you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is running over.

<sup>6</sup>**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: Revelation 7:9-17***

<sup>9</sup>After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. <sup>10</sup>They cried out in a loud voice, saying, "Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!"

<sup>11</sup>And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, <sup>12</sup>singing, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen."

<sup>13</sup>Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" <sup>14</sup>I said to him, "Sir, you are the one that knows." Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

<sup>15</sup>For this reason they are before the throne of God, and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.

<sup>16</sup>They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them,

nor any scorching heat;

<sup>17</sup>for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.”

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**Gospel: John 10:22-30**

**P:** The Holy Gospel according to John the 10<sup>th</sup> chapter.

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

(Please stand if you are able.)

<sup>22</sup>At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, <sup>23</sup>and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. <sup>24</sup>So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, “How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly.” <sup>25</sup>Jesus answered, “I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father’s name testify to me; <sup>26</sup>but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. <sup>27</sup>My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. <sup>28</sup>I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. <sup>29</sup>What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father’s hand. <sup>30</sup>The Father and I are one.”

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

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

(Please be seated.)

**Sermon**

**Song of Praise: “Thank You For Hearing Me”**

Thank you for hearing me

Thank you for loving me

Thank you for saving me

**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-jdxWYJMFQW\\_IQfxkD4hBw8W0Q6UZLveQvLkSxosar2o939JWiAad87o7zqy-JU\\_UuLu19bUbJx2MmPFcXvWUIUz6A7FDgkhUKk0PpduXvnt8gXUeZjQYbn9G3frHWC59Y\\_VCHQ6\\_VCoE=&ver=3](https://www.eservicepayments.com/cgi-bin/Vanco_ver3.vps?appver3=Dc8dzPGn4-LCajFevTkh9MYPCLmH2sG-jdxWYJMFQW_IQfxkD4hBw8W0Q6UZLveQvLkSxosar2o939JWiAad87o7zqy-JU_UuLu19bUbJx2MmPFcXvWUIUz6A7FDgkhUKk0PpduXvnt8gXUeZjQYbn9G3frHWC59Y_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: "I'm So Glad Jesus Lifted Me"***

1 I'm so glad, I'm so glad  
2 Sa - tan had me bound, Je - sus lift - ed me. Sa - tan had me bound,  
3 When I was in trou - ble, When I was in trou - ble,  
Je - sus lift - ed me. I'm so glad, Sa - tan had me bound, Je - sus lift - ed me,  
When I was in trou - ble,  
sing - ing glo - ry, hal - le - lu - jah! Je - sus lift - ed me.

Text: African American spiritual  
Music: JESUS LIFTED ME, African American spiritual

## ***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 Karen Matlack



### **ALTAR FLOWERS**

The Altar Flowers are presented by Lynn Roccograndi in memory of Mother Elsie's birthday and to the Glory of God.

### **MOTHER'S DAY/BABYMANNA**



Today, 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, 45 Worthington Mill Rd, 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 & May 24 at 6:30 p.m. Contact Ray Heiss or Pastor Matt for additional information.



### **MEN'S BREAKFAST MAY 14<sup>th</sup>, 8:30 A.M.**

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



### **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

### **PASTOR MATT'S SCHEDULE STARTING, MAY 20**

Pastor Matt will be out of the office for knee surgery, Friday, May 20<sup>th</sup>. He will return to his pastoral duties on Tuesday, June 1<sup>st</sup> working from home until worship service on Sunday, June 5<sup>th</sup>. Pastor Matt's address is 38 D. Fairview Avenue, Perkasio, PA 18944.

Pastor Nathan Krause from Redeemer Lutheran Church, Jamison will be providing emergency pastoral coverage for Pastor Matt while he is convalescing through Tuesday, June 1 his contact number is 267-884-1195.



### **WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY - BOOK TO BE PURCHASED**

#### **"By Heart: Conversation with Martin Luther's Small Catechism"**

Wednesday Night Bible Study will resume 7:00 pm on June 8<sup>th</sup> by Zoom (address below). We will be setting a pattern that during the summer months the Wednesday Night Bible Study will focus on a theological topic, church doctrine or history that engages or references the Bible. Through the rest of the year, the Wednesday night group will study the Bible directly. We will pick up studying Jesus' parable in August. Our curriculum for this summer will be "By Heart: Conversation with Martin Luther's Small Catechism"

"Studying the Small Catechism together will give us a common language with which to talk about faith, engage scripture, and make sense of our lives in the 21<sup>st</sup> century" -Presiding Bishop Elizabeth A. Eaton.

Study booklets for the curriculum are \$16 and are available at the Augsburg Fortress website. Please fill in the sign up sheet in the narthex or contact the church office by May 18, if you would like us to order you one.

Here is the Zoom invitation:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89632518358?pwd=Smg5dm1BaoVZamZjNG1YMko2MlVvdz09>



### **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.

### **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](mailto: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, trade 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. (The seat flips up in the wind we have secured it with a clip through the front two openings. You press the silver portion of the clip to open it.)

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.

**THIS WEEK AT ADVENT**

**FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER - MAY 8**

**Mother's Day - Baby Manna Collection**

- 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

**MONDAY, MAY 9**

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

**TUESDAY, MAY 10**

- 6:30 p.m. Ping Pong

**THURSDAY, MAY 12**

- 7-9 p.m. Lower Bucks Conference Meeting

**FRIDAY, MAY 13**

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

**SATURDAY, MAY 14**

- 8:30 a.m. Men's Breakfast
- 10:30 a.m. In-Service Project
- 10:00 a.m. Stitch Club Meets

**FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER - MAY 15**

- 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:
- 10:45 a.m. Church Council Meeting