

**SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

**MAY 29, 2022**

**9:00 A.M.**



***EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN WORSHIP***

***ORDER OF WORSHIP***

**GATHERING**

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

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,  
who forgives all our sin,  
whose mercy endures forever.

**Amen.**

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.

**Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Gracious God,

**have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin.**

**We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**

**Amen.**

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ.

By grace you have been saved. In the name of ☩ Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

**Amen.**

**GATHERING SONG: "THE TABLE OF GRACE"**

Hear the good news, you've been invited  
No matter what others may say,  
Your darkest sins will be forgiven  
You will always have a place.

At the table of grace the cup's never empty.  
The plate's always full and it's never too late.  
To come and be filled with love never ending  
You're always welcome at the table of grace.

So come you weak, and heavy hearted  
Don't try to hide your earthly scars.  
In His eyes, we all are equal  
Don't be afraid, come as you are.

At the table of grace the cup's never empty.  
The plate's always full, and it's never too late.  
To come and be filled with love never ending  
You're always welcome at the table of grace.

So let the first become the last  
Let the poor put kings to shame.  
Their willing hearts will be their treasure  
By the power of Jesus' name!

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The plate's always full, and it's never too late!  
To come and be filled with love never ending  
You're always welcome at the table of grace

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The plate's always full, and it's never too late  
To come and be filled with love never ending:  
You're always welcome at the table.

**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.**

## HYMN OF PRAISE



Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.



Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father:



We worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.



Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God:



You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.



You are seated at the right hand of the Father; receive our prayer.



For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,



you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,



in the glory of God the Father. Amen

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. . . O God, form the minds of your faithful people into your one will. Make us love what you command and desire what you promise, that, amid all the changes of this world, our hearts may be fixed where true joy is found, your Son, Jesus Christ our 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 16:16-34

<sup>16</sup>One day, as we were going to the place of prayer, we met a slave-girl who had a spirit of divination and brought her owners a great deal of money by fortune-telling. <sup>17</sup>While she followed Paul and us, she would cry out, "These men are slaves of the Most High God, who proclaim to you a way of salvation." <sup>18</sup>She kept doing this for many days. But Paul, very much annoyed, turned and said to the spirit, "I order you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her." And it came out that very hour.

<sup>19</sup>But when her owners saw that their hope of making money was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the marketplace before the authorities. <sup>20</sup>When they had brought them before the magistrates, they said, "These men are disturbing our city; they are Jews <sup>21</sup>and are advocating customs that are

not lawful for us as Romans to adopt or observe.”<sup>22</sup>The crowd joined in attacking them, and the magistrates had them stripped of their clothing and ordered them to be beaten with rods.<sup>23</sup>After they had given them a severe flogging, they threw them into prison and ordered the jailer to keep them securely.<sup>24</sup>Following these instructions, he put them in the innermost cell and fastened their feet in the stocks.

<sup>25</sup>About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them.<sup>26</sup>Suddenly there was an earthquake, so violent that the foundations of the prison were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened and everyone’s chains were unfastened.<sup>27</sup>When the jailer woke up and saw the prison doors wide open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself, since he supposed that the prisoners had escaped.<sup>28</sup>But Paul shouted in a loud voice, “Do not harm yourself, for we are all here.”<sup>29</sup>The jailer called for lights, and rushing in, he fell down trembling before Paul and Silas.<sup>30</sup>Then he brought them outside and said, “Sirs, what must I do to be saved?”<sup>31</sup>They answered, “Believe on the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household.”<sup>32</sup>They spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house.<sup>33</sup>At the same hour of the night he took them and washed their wounds; then he and his entire family were baptized without delay.<sup>34</sup>He brought them up into the house and set food before them; and he and his entire household rejoiced that he had become a believer in God.

Word of God, Word of Life

**Thanks be to God**

**Psalm: Psalm 97**

<sup>1</sup>The LORD reigns; let the earth rejoice;  
let the multitude of the isles be glad.

<sup>2</sup>**Clouds and darkness surround the LORD,  
righteousness and justice are the foundations<sup>1</sup> of God’s throne.**

<sup>3</sup>Fire goes before the LORD,  
burning up enemies on every side.

<sup>4</sup>**Lightnings light up the world;  
the earth sees and trembles.**

<sup>5</sup>The mountains melt like wax  
before the Lord of all the earth.

<sup>6</sup>**The heavens declare your righteousness, O LORD,  
and all the peoples see your glory.**

<sup>7</sup>Confounded be all who worship carved images and delight in false gods!  
Bow down before the LORD, all you gods.

<sup>8</sup>**Zion hears and is glad, and the cities of Judah rejoice,  
because of your judgments, O LORD.**

<sup>9</sup>For you are the LORD, most high over all the earth;  
you are exalted far above all gods.

<sup>10</sup>**You who love the LORD, hate evil!  
God guards the lives of the saints and rescues them from the hand of the wicked.**

<sup>11</sup>Light dawns for the righteous,  
and joy for the honest of heart.

<sup>12</sup>**Rejoice in the LORD, you righteous,  
and give thanks to God’s holy name.**

**Second Reading: Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21**

<sup>12</sup>“See, I am coming soon; my reward is with me, to repay according to everyone’s work. <sup>13</sup>I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end.”

<sup>14</sup>Blessed are those who wash their robes, so that they will have the right to the tree of life and may enter the city by the gates.

<sup>16</sup>“It is I, Jesus, who sent my angel to you with this testimony for the churches. I am the root and the descendant of David, the bright morning star.”

<sup>17</sup>The Spirit and the bride say, “Come.”  
And let everyone who hears say, “Come.”  
And let everyone who is thirsty come.

Let anyone who wishes take the water of life as a gift.

<sup>20</sup>The one who testifies to these things says, “Surely I am coming soon.”  
Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!

<sup>21</sup>The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all the saints. Amen.

Word of God, Word of Life

**Thanks be to God**

**Gospel: John 17:20-26**

**P:** The Holy Gospel according to John the 17<sup>th</sup> chapter.

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

[Jesus prayed:] <sup>20</sup>“I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word, <sup>21</sup>that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. <sup>22</sup>The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one, <sup>23</sup>I in them and you in me, that they may become completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me. <sup>24</sup>Father, I desire that those also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory, which you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world.

<sup>25</sup>“Righteous Father, the world does not know you, but I know you; and these know that you have sent me. <sup>26</sup>I made your name known to them, and I will make it known, so that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them.”

**SERMON**

**Hymn of the Day: “They’ll Know We Are Christians by Our Love”**

- 1: We are one in the Spirit. We are one in the Lord.  
We are one in the Spirit. We are one in the Lord.  
And we pray that all unity may one day be restored.
- C: And they’ll know we are Christians by our love by our love.  
Yes they’ll know we are Christians by our love.
- 2: We will walk with each other. We will walk hand in hand.  
We will walk with each other. We will walk hand in hand.  
And together we’ll spread the news that God is in our land Chorus
- 3: We will work with each other. We will work side by side.  
We will work with each other. We will work side by side.  
And we’ll guard each man’s dignity and save each man’s pride. Chorus
- 4: All praise to the Father from whom all things come.  
And all praise to Christ Jesus, His only Son.  
And all praise to the Spirit who makes us one. Chorus

## **APOSTLES' CREED**

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

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father, He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

Each prayer ends with . . . God in your mercy, the congregation responds: **hear 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\\_IQfxkD4hBw8W0Q6UZLveQvLkSxosar2o939JWiAad87o7zqy-JU\\_UuLu19bUbJx2MmPFcXvWIUz6A7FDgkhUKk0PpduXvnt8gXUeZjQYbn9G3frHWC59Y\\_VCHQ6\\_VCoE=&ver=3](https://www.eservicepayments.com/cgi-bin/Vanco_ver3.vps?appver3=Dc8dzPGn4-LCajFevTkh9MYPCImH2sG-jdxWYJMFGW_IQfxkD4hBw8W0Q6UZLveQvLkSxosar2o939JWiAad87o7zqy-JU_UuLu19bUbJx2MmPFcXvWIUz6A7FDgkhUKk0PpduXvnt8gXUeZjQYbn9G3frHWC59Y_VCHQ6_VCoE=&ver=3)

## **THANKSGIVING FOR THE WORD**

Let us pray.

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

**we give you thanks and praise.**

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

**we give you thanks and praise.**

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

**we give you thanks and praise.**

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

**Amen.**

## **LORD'S PRAYER**

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

**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.**

***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 SONG: “My Country Tis of Thee”    *LBW # 566***

My country 'tis of thee  
This wee sweet land of liberty  
Of thee I sing  
Land where my fathers died  
Land of the pilgrim's pride  
From every mountainside  
Let freedom ring  
  
My native country, thee  
Land of the noble free  
Thy name I love  
I love thy rocks and rills  
Thy woods and templed hills  
My heart will rapture fills like that above  
  
Let music swell the breeze  
And ring from all the trees  
Sweet freedom's song  
Let mortal tongues awake  
Let all that breathe partake  
Let rocks their silence break  
The sound prolong  
  
Our Father God to Thee Author of liberty  
To Thee I sing  
My country 'tis of Thee  
Sweet land of liberty  
For all eternity  
Let freedom ring

***DISMISSAL***

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



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.**

Here is the Zoom invitation:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89632518358?pwd=Smg5dm1Ba0VZamZjNG1YMk02MlVvdz09>



### **MEN'S BREAKFAST GROUP SATURDAY, JUNE 11**

The breakfast will take place on **Saturday June 11, at 8:30 a.m.** This is the last breakfast of the season, therefore we will ask each participant to describe their plans for the summer. There will be a time limit of 3 minutes per presentation.

Coffee is ready by 7:30. Dave



### **SATURDAY, JUNE 11, 10:00 A.M. MEETING TO DISCUSS SECURITY AND SAFETY AT ADVENT**

On **June 11, at 10:00 a.m.** Officer Zach Wyant will be here at Advent to discuss security and safety at Advent Lutheran church.

### **MITCH MCVICKER IN CONCERT AT ADVENT**

Advent is again pleased to have Mitchell McVicker, Christian recording artist, with us in concert on **Thursday, July 7, at 7 p.m.** McVicker's concert is a little bit Mark Twain meets MacGyver. His quirky and inventive approach includes insightful song lyrics, unconventional instruments, and profound storytelling. His concert connects the everyday with the otherworldly. McVicker's theology is daringly simple - God's love washes over and through us regardless of our circumstances and situations. Come out for an evening of enjoyable and inspirational music. A free will offering will be taken



### **STITCH CLUB**

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 Jobs at 215-355-4149.



### **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 Gryzka at 267-408-3255 or Lynn Roccograndi at 215-285-0610. Thank you.



### **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.

### **WORSHIP ATTENDANCE: SUNDAY, MAY 22, 2022**

8:00 a.m. 17, 9:30 a.m. 13 **Total 30**

### **THIS WEEK AT ADVENT**

#### **SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER - MAY 29**

- 9:00 a.m. Service of the Word
- 10:30 a.m. Fellowship Time: open
- 10:45 a.m. Adult Bible Study

#### **MONDAY, MAY 30**

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

#### **FRIDAY, JUNE 3**

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

#### **PENTECOST SUNDAY - JUNE 5**

- 9:00 a.m. Summer Worship Service with Holy Communion
- 10:30 a.m. Fellowship Time: open
- 10:45 a.m. Adult Bible Study