

EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

JULY 31, 2022

9:00 A.M.



We Gather in Jesus' Name

Prelude

Announcements

Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,
whose steadfast love endures forever.

Amen.

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

Silence is kept for reflection.

Merciful God,
**we confess that we have not followed your path
but have chosen our own way.
Instead of putting others before ourselves,
we long to take the best seats at the table.
When met by those in need,
we have too often passed by on the other side.
Set us again on the path of life.
Save us from ourselves
and free us to love our neighbors.
Amen.**

Hear the good news!
God does not deal with us according to our sins
but delights in granting pardon and mercy.
In the name of ☩ Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven.
You are free to love as God loves. **Amen.**

Gathering Song: "I Could Sing of Your Love Forever"

Over the mountains and the sea
Your river runs with love for me
And I will open up my heart
And let the Healer set me free

I'm happy to be in the truth
And I will daily lift my hands
For I will always sing
Of when Your love came down

I could sing of Your love forever
(Sing whole song 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. . .Benevolent God, you are the source, the guide, and the goal of our lives. Teach us to love what is worth loving, to reject what is offensive to you, and to treasure what is precious in your sight, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

The Reading of God's Word

First Reading: Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14, 18-23

²Vanity of vanities, says the Teacher,
vanity of vanities! All is vanity.

¹²I, the Teacher, when king over Israel in Jerusalem, ¹³applied my mind to seek and to search out by wisdom all that is done under heaven; it is an unhappy business that God has given to human beings to be busy with. ¹⁴I saw all the deeds that are done under the sun; and see, all is vanity and a chasing after wind.

^{2:18}I hated all my toil in which I had toiled under the sun, seeing that I must leave it to those who come after me ¹⁹—and who knows whether they will be wise or foolish? Yet they will be master of all for which I toiled and used my wisdom under the sun. This also is vanity. ²⁰So I turned and gave my heart up to despair concerning all the toil of my labors under the sun, ²¹because sometimes one who has toiled with wisdom and knowledge and skill must leave all to be enjoyed by another who did not toil for it. This also is vanity and a great evil. ²²What do mortals get from all the toil and strain with which they toil under the sun? ²³For all their days are full of pain, and their work is a vexation; even at night their minds do not rest. This also is vanity.

Word of God, Word of Life

Thanks be to God

Psalm: Psalm 49:1-12

¹Hear this, all you peoples;
give ear, all you who dwell in the world,

²**you of high degree and low,
rich and poor together.**

³My mouth shall speak of wisdom,
and my heart shall meditate on understanding.

⁴**I will incline my ear to a proverb
and set forth my riddle upon the harp.**

⁵Why should I be afraid in evil days,
when the wickedness of those at my heels surrounds me,

⁶**the wickedness of those who put their trust in their own prowess,
and boast of their great riches?**

⁷One can never redeem another,
or give to God the ransom for another's life;

⁸**for the ransom of a life is so great
that there would never be enough to pay it,**

⁹in order to live forever and ever
and never see the grave.

¹⁰**For we see that the wise die also; like the dull and stupid they perish
and leave their wealth to those who come after them.**

¹¹Their graves shall be their homes forever, their dwelling places from generation to generation,
though they had named lands after themselves.

¹²**Even though honored, they cannot live forever;
they are like the beasts that perish.**

Second Reading: Colossians 3:1-11

¹So if you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. ²Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, ³for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. ⁴When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

⁵Put to death, therefore, whatever in you is earthly: fornication, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed (which is idolatry). ⁶On account of these the wrath of God is coming on those who are disobedient. ⁷These are the ways you also once followed, when you were living that life. ⁸But now you must get rid of all such things—anger, wrath, malice, slander, and abusive language from your mouth. ⁹Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have stripped off the old self with its practices ¹⁰and have clothed yourselves with the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge according to the image of its creator. ¹¹In that renewal there is no longer Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave and free; but Christ is all and in all!

Word of God, Word of Life
Thanks be to God

Gospel: Luke 12:13-21

P: The Holy Gospel according to Luke the 12th chapter.
C: Glory to You, O Lord.

¹³Someone in the crowd said to [Jesus,] “Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me.” ¹⁴But he said to him, “Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?” ¹⁵And he said to them, “Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one’s life does not consist in the abundance of possessions.” ¹⁶Then he told them a parable: “The land of a rich man produced abundantly. ¹⁷And he thought to himself, ‘What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?’ ¹⁸Then he said, ‘I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. ¹⁹And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.’ ²⁰But God said to him, ‘You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?’ ²¹So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.
C: **Praise to you, O Christ**

Sermon

Hymn of the Day: “This is My Father’s World” LBW #554

- 1 This is my Father’s world,
and to my list’ning ears
all nature sings, and round me rings
the music of the spheres.
This is my Father’s world;
I rest me in the thought
of rocks and trees, of skies and seas;
his hand the wonders wrought.
- 2 This is my Father’s world;
the birds their carols raise;
the morning light, the lily white,
declare their maker’s praise.
This is my Father’s world;
he shines in all that’s fair.
In the rustling grass I hear him pass;
he speaks to me ev’rywhere.
- 3 This is my Father’s world;
oh, let me not forget
that, though the wrong seems oft so strong,
God is the ruler yet.
This is my Father’s world;
why should my heart be sad?
The Lord is king, let the heavens ring;
God reigns, let the earth be glad!

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**

Peace

The Peace of the Lord be with you.

And, also with you.

Let us share the peace with one another.

Prayers of Intercession (read by the worship assistant)

Each prayer ends with . . . Merciful God, the congregation responds: **receive our prayer.**

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

Offertory Prayer

Let us pray... God of abundance:
you have set before us a plentiful harvest.
As we feast on your goodness,
strengthen us to labor in your field,
and equip us to bear fruit for the good of all,
in the name of Jesus. **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.

Words of Institution

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. . . Life-giving God,
through this meal you have bandaged our wounds
and fed us with your mercy.

Now send us forth to live for others,
both friend and stranger,

that all may come to know your love.

This we pray in the name of Jesus.

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.

Sending Song: "Forever"

1. Give thanks to the Lord
Our God and King
His love endures forever
For He is good He is above all things
His love endures forever
Sing praise sing praise

2. With a mighty hand
And an outstretched arm
His love endures forever
For the life that's been reborn
His love endures forever
Sing praise sing praise

Pre-Chorus
Sing praise sing praise

Chorus

Forever God is faithful
Forever God is strong
Forever God is with us
Forever forever

3. From the rising to the setting sun
His love endures forever
And by the grace of God
We will carry on
His love endures forever
Sing praise sing praise

Pre-Chorus

Sing praise sing praise

Chorus

Forever God is faithful
Forever God is strong
Forever God is with us
Forever forever

Dismissal

Go in peace. Love your neighbor.
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	Mike Dettra
Worship Assistants	Jeanne Gryszka

GUEST REGISTER

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

ALTAR FLOWERS

The Altar Flowers are presented to the Glory of God.

NUEVA CREACIÓN MISSION SUPPORT

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

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE: SUNDAY, July 24, 2022

9:00 a.m. **Total 28**



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Advent's 3-day Bible School was a fun learning experience for students during the last week of July. The children, teachers and support staff explored Bible lessons together through stories, music and crafts. Thank you to all who participated!



WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY

“By Heart: Conversation with Martin Luther’s Small Catechism”

Wednesday Night Bible Study **7:00 pm on by Zoom (address below)**. We are 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. Our curriculum for this summer will be “By Heart: Conversation with Martin Luther’s Small Catechism” If you would like a study guide, contact the church office.

Here is the Zoom invitation:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89632518358?pwd=Smg5dm1Ba0VZamZjNG1YMko2MlVvdz09>



NEW MEMBER CLASS

Advent will be having four New Member Class sessions after the 9:30 Sunday worship service on September 18th and 25th and on October 2nd and 9th. The New Member Class will then be joined to the congregation through the Affirmation of Baptism in worship on Reformation Sunday, October 30th. If you are interested in becoming a new member please contact Pastor Matt or the church office.

SUNDAY SCHOOL IN SEPTEMBER

Here's our plan: Sunday School students will meet in person in September! New students are welcome! Our Sunday School teachers will teach the Bible lessons based on the popular Holy Moly curriculum. The lessons are written in rhyme and the illustrations are in graphic novel style. Best of all, the creative short videos bring the Bible stories to life for students age 4 through grade 6 !

Let us know if you'd like to join us and we'll order student books and crafts for you!

Please contact the church office to sign-up - or with any questions:

office@adventrichboro.org or 215-355-2529. We'll see you in September!

Jeanne Gryszka, Sunday School Director



SOCIAL MINISTRY

Social Ministry During the summer months we will switch back to food donations. Since the children are no longer getting meals at school, families need support to prepare extra meals. All contributions are greatly appreciated.

Thank you for your continued support of our neighbors in need.

Nancy Slight





COMFORT BAGS FOR KIDS PROJECT CONTINUES WITH YOUR HELP

Children need our help! A special service project day to make "Comfort Bags for Kids" for the Lutheran Settlement House in Philadelphia was held at Advent on Saturday May 14, thirty two comfort bags were completed. We are asking your help to fill them.

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.

There is a table in the narthex displaying some suggested items. If you have items for the Comfort Bags that you or your friends would like to donate and the church is not open, just drive in and drop off under the seat of the bench outside the front door. You may still bring items into the church narthex during church and office hours. A list of the age appropriate items most needed is on the table

Any questions can be directed to Jennifer McQuiggan 267-825-3890

GIVE US YOUR SMILE!



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FELLOWSHIP TIME



We need committees or individuals to sign up to provide refreshments after the 9:00 a.m. service. The sign-up sheet through August is on the fellowship table. Advent supplies hot beverages (i.e. coffee & tea) and all paper products.

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.

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. Thank you for helping our neighbors in need.

THIS WEEK AT ADVENT

8TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST - JULY 31

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

MONDAY, AUGUST 1

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

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 3

7:00 p.m. Bible Study via Zoom

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89632518358?pwd=Smg5dm1Ba0VZamZjNG1YMko2MlVvdzo9>

FRIDAY, AUGUST 5

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

9TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST AUGUST 7

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