

12TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
AUGUST 28, 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: “How Deep, the Father's Love For Us”

1. How deep the Father's love for us
How vast beyond all measure
That He should give His only Son
To make a wretch His treasure
How great the pain of searing loss
The Father turns His face away
As wounds which mar the Chosen One
Bring many sons to glory

2. Behold the Man upon a cross
My sin upon His shoulders
Ashamed I hear my mocking voice
Call out among the scoffers
It was my sin that held Him there
Until it was accomplished
His dying breath has brought me life
I know that it is finished

3. I will not boast in anything
No gifts no pow'r no wisdom
But I will boast in Jesus Christ
His death and resurrection
Why should I gain from His reward
I cannot give an answer
But this I know with all my heart
His wounds have paid my ransom

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

O God, you resist those who are proud and give grace to those who are humble. Give us the humility of your Son, that we may embody the generosity of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

The Reading of God's Word

First Reading: Proverbs 25:6-7

⁶Do not put yourself forward in the king's presence
or stand in the place of the great;
⁷for it is better to be told, “Come up here,”
than to be put lower in the presence of a noble.

Word of God, Word of Life

Thanks be to God

Psalm: Psalm 112

¹Hallelujah! Happy are they who fear the LORD
and have great delight in God's commandments!

²**Their descendants will be mighty in the land;
the generation of the upright | will be blessed.**

³Wealth and riches will be in their house,
and their righteousness will last forever.

⁴**Light shines in the darkness for the upright;
the righteous are merciful and full of compassion.**

⁵It is good for them to be generous in lending
and to manage their affairs with justice.

⁶**For they will never be shaken;
the righteous will be kept in everlasting remembrance.**

⁷They will not be afraid of any evil rumors;
their heart is steadfast, trusting in the LORD.

⁸**Their heart is established and will not shrink,
until they see their desire upon their enemies.**

⁹They have given freely to the poor, and their righteousness stands fast forever;
they will hold up their head with honor.

¹⁰**The wicked will see it and be angry; they will gnash their teeth and pine away;
the desires of the wicked will perish.**

Second Reading: Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16

¹Let mutual love continue. ²Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. ³Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them; those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured. ⁴Let marriage be held in honor by all, and let the marriage bed be kept undefiled; for God will judge fornicators and adulterers. ⁵Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have; for he has said, "I will never leave you or forsake you." ⁶So we can say with confidence,

"The Lord is my helper;
I will not be afraid.

What can anyone do to me?"

⁷Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. ⁸Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. ¹⁵Through him, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name. ¹⁶Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

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Thanks be to God

Gospel: Luke 14:1-7-14

P: The Holy Gospel according to Luke the 14th chapter.

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

¹On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the sabbath, they were watching him closely.

⁷When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honor, he told them a parable. ⁸“When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honor, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host; ⁹and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, ‘Give this person your place,’ and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. ¹⁰But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, ‘Friend, move up higher’; then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. ¹¹For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.”

¹²He said also to the one who had invited him, “When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbors, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. ¹³But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. ¹⁴And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ

Sermon

Hymn of the Day: “Love Devine Loves All Excelling” LBW 315

- 1 Love divine, all loves excelling,
 Joy of heav’n, to earth come down!
 Fix in us thy humble dwelling,
 all thy faithful mercies crown.
 Jesus, thou art all compassion,
 pure, unbounded love thou art;
 visit us with thy salvation,
 enter ev’ry trembling heart.

- 2 Breathe, oh, breathe thy loving Spirit
 into ev’ry troubled breast;
 let us all in thee inherit;
 let us find thy promised rest.
 Take away the love of sinning;
 Alpha and Omega be;
 end of faith, as its beginning,
 set our hearts at liberty.

- 3 Come, Almighty, to deliver;
 let us all thy life receive;
 suddenly return, and never,
 nevermore thy temples leave.
 Thee we would be always blessing,
 serve thee as thy hosts above,
 pray, and praise thee without ceasing, glory in thy perfect love.

4 Finish then thy new creation,
pure and spotless let us be;
let us see thy great salvation
perfectly restored in thee!
Changed from glory into glory,
till in heav'n we take our place,
till we cast our crowns before thee,
lost in wonder, love, and praise!

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 (read by the worship assistant)

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

Peace

The Peace of the Lord be with you.

And, also with you.

Let us share the peace with one another.

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: "I Got Saved"

1. There is a river of gladness
That pours from Emmanuel's veins
This sinner was plunged beneath the flood
And got saved
2. Since then I walk in forgiveness
All of my guilt was erased
The chains of the past are broken at last
I got saved I got saved

Chorus

- I'm undone by the mercy of Jesus
I'm undone by the goodness of the Lord
I'm restored and made right
He got a hold of my life
I've got Jesus how could I want more
3. I've received nothing but goodness
I've tested and tasted Your grace
I was so lost till I fell at the cross
And got saved oh I got saved. Chorus

Dismissal

Go in peace. Love your neighbor.
Thanks be to God.

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	Rose Herbert

GUEST REGISTER

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

ALTAR FLOWERS

The Altar Flowers are presented by Peg and George Spahn in loving memory of their daughter, Cathy.

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, AUGUST 21, 2022

9:00 a.m. **Total 30**

PASTOR MATT ON VACATION SEPTEMBER 1-8

Pastor Matt will be out of the office for vacation from Thursday, September 1 and will return to the office on Thursday, September 8.

Pastor Nathan Krause from Redeemer Lutheran Church, Jamison will be providing emergency pastoral coverage for Pastor Matt. His contact number is 267-884-1195.

FALL SCHEDULE (2 SERVICES) BEGINS SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

We will return to our normal Sunday schedule of a Traditional service **at 8:00 a.m.** The Contemporary service will be at **9:30 a.m.**



HEALING SERVICE SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 18 - BOTH SERVICES

There are many of us who are in need of healing or know someone in need of healing. We maybe be in need of physical, emotional or spiritual healing. On Sunday the 18th at both worship service we will have a service of healing. During the sermon time there will be an opportunity for folks to come forward for healing prayer with the laying on of hands and anointing. Folks when they come forward can receive a general blessing or can share a specific prayer request.



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.



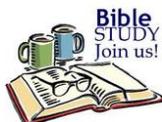
SUNDAY SCHOOL BEGINS SEPTEMBER 18 AT 9:30 A.M.

Sunday School classes will begin in-person on **September 18**. Students from age 4 through grade 6 are welcome to participate in lively lessons by the creators of the **Holy Moly** curriculum. Students will attend the first part of the **9:30 a.m.** worship service and will proceed to the classroom with their teachers following Pastor Matt's children's sermon.



TEACHING SUNDAY SCHOOL

It is exciting to begin the school year with our in-person Sunday School schedule. Our program is well-organized, active and fun, helping students learn Bible lessons along with friends. If you have an interest in teaching Sunday School as part of a coordinated curriculum, please speak with Jeanne Gryszka or Pastor Matt. We look forward to watching our attendance grow. Enthusiastic leaders and helpers make an impact!



THURSDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY STARTING SEPTEMBER 22

Wednesday night Bible Study is moving to Thursday nights at 7:00 PM beginning on **September 22nd**. We will continue to study Jesus' Parables for the Fall. We will also continue to meet by Zoom:

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

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HERE'S THE SCOOP?: ASSEMBLE MEAL TRAYS ON SEPTEMBER 7

The mission of **Caring for Friends** is to share **food** and **friendship** with isolated neighbors. A number of volunteers at Advent have offered to assemble the next group of meals. The food will be ready and the date of **Wednesday, September 7 at 10:00**

a.m. has been set! If you can help us scoop some entrees and sides into trays, please sign up on the list in the narthex - If we see more names, we'll make more food! Thank you.

<https://caringforfriends.org/>



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.



SOCIAL MINISTRY

During the month of July, 22 lbs of food was donated to the Warminster Food Bank. In addition, \$1983.00 was donated. Thanks to all who continue to support our neighbors in need. As we begin the fall season the following items would be greatly appreciated: jelly, instant oatmeal variety packs, spaghetti sauce, coffee, and laundry detergent. For suggestions on which items are requested each week, go to www.warminsterfoodbank.org.

Thank-you!!
Nancy Sclight



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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



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.



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.

WE'RE KEEPING TABS



Recycling can tabs for charity is a great idea! The tab collection program began at the Philadelphia Ronald McDonald House in 1997. <https://www.rmhcphilly.org/recycle/> 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. No cans, please – just tabs! Thank you.

THIS WEEK AT ADVENT

AUGUST 28 - 12TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

9:00 a.m. Summer Worship Service with Holy Communion
10:00 a.m. Fellowship Time: Open
10:15 a.m. Adult Bible Study

MONDAY, AUGUST 29

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

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 2

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

SEPTEMBER 4 - 13TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

9:00 a.m. Service of the Word
10:00 a.m. Fellowship Time: Open
10:15 a.m. Adult Bible Study