

13TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

September 4, 2022

9:00 A.M.



*We Gather in Jesus' Name*

**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: "Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God" WOV 783

1. Seek ye first the kingdom of God  
And His righteousness  
And all these things  
Shall be added unto you  
Allelu alleluia
2. Man shall not live by bread alone  
But by ev'ry word  
That proceeds  
From the mouth of God  
Allelu alleluia
3. Ask and it shall be given unto you  
Seek and ye shall find  
Knock and the door  
Shall be opened unto you  
Allelu alleluia

## 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



**A** Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his peo - ple on earth.

**B** Lord God, heav - en - ly king, al - might - y God and Fa - ther:

We wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.

Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God:

You take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.

You are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther; re - ceive our prayer.

For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,

you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,

in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Let us pray. . . Direct us, O Lord God, in all our doings with your continual help, that in all our works, begun, continued, and ended in you, we may glorify your holy name; and finally, by your mercy, bring us to everlasting life, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen**

## **THE READING OF GOD'S WORD**

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

### **FIRST READING: Deuteronomy 30:15-20**

<sup>15</sup>See, I have set before you today life and prosperity, death and adversity. <sup>16</sup>If you obey the commandments of the LORD your God that I am commanding you today, by loving the LORD your God, walking in his ways, and observing his commandments, decrees, and ordinances, then you shall live and become numerous, and the LORD your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to possess. <sup>17</sup>But if your heart turns away and you do not hear, but are led astray to bow down to other gods and serve them, <sup>18</sup>I declare to you today that you shall perish; you shall not live long in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess. <sup>19</sup>I call heaven and earth to witness against you today that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Choose life so that you and your descendants may live, <sup>20</sup>loving the LORD your God, obeying him, and holding fast to him; for that means life to you and length of days, so that you may live in the land that the LORD swore to give to your ancestors, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob.

Word of God, Word of Life

**Thanks be to God**

### **PSALM: Psalm 1**

<sup>1</sup>Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked, nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the seats of the scornful!

<sup>2</sup>**Their delight is in the law of the LORD,  
and they meditate on God's teaching day and night.**

<sup>3</sup>They are like trees planted by streams of water, bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither; everything they do shall prosper.

<sup>4</sup>**It is not so with the wicked;  
they are like chaff which the wind blows away.**

<sup>5</sup>Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes, nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.

<sup>6</sup>**For the LORD knows the way of the righteous,  
but the way of the wicked shall be destroyed.**

### **SECOND READING: Philemon 1-21**

<sup>1</sup>Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother, To Philemon our dear friend and co-worker, <sup>2</sup>to Apphia our sister, to Archippus our fellow soldier, and to the church in your house:

<sup>3</sup>Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

<sup>4</sup>When I remember you in my prayers, I always thank my God <sup>5</sup>because I hear of your love for all the saints and your faith toward the Lord Jesus. <sup>6</sup>I pray that the sharing of your faith may become effective when you perceive all the good that we may do for Christ. <sup>7</sup>I have indeed received much joy and encouragement from your love, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you, my brother.

<sup>8</sup>For this reason, though I am bold enough in Christ to command you to do your duty, <sup>9</sup>yet I would rather appeal to you on the basis of love—and I, Paul, do this as an old man, and now also as a prisoner of Christ Jesus. <sup>10</sup>I am appealing to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I have become during my imprisonment. <sup>11</sup>Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed useful both to you and to me. <sup>12</sup>I am sending him, that is, my own heart, back to you. <sup>13</sup>I wanted to keep him with me, so that he might be of service to me in your place during my imprisonment for the gospel; <sup>14</sup>but I preferred to do nothing without your consent, in order that your good deed might be voluntary and not something forced. <sup>15</sup>Perhaps this is the reason he was separated from you for a while, so that you might have him back forever, <sup>16</sup>no longer as a slave but more than a slave, a beloved brother—especially to me but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord.

<sup>17</sup>So if you consider me your partner, welcome him as you would welcome me. <sup>18</sup>If he has wronged you in any way, or owes you anything, charge that to my account. <sup>19</sup>I, Paul, am writing this with my own hand: I will repay it. I say nothing about your owing me even your own self. <sup>20</sup>Yes, brother, let me have this benefit from you in the Lord! Refresh my heart in Christ. <sup>21</sup>Confident of your obedience, I am writing to you, knowing that you will do even more than I say.

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

### **Gospel Luke 14:25-33**

**P:** The Holy Gospel according to Luke the 14<sup>th</sup> chapter.

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

#### **Luke 14:25-33**

<sup>25</sup>Now large crowds were traveling with [Jesus;] and he turned and said to them, <sup>26</sup>“Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. <sup>27</sup>Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. <sup>28</sup>For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? <sup>29</sup>Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, <sup>30</sup>saying, ‘This fellow began to build and was not able to finish.’ <sup>31</sup>Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? <sup>32</sup>If he cannot, then, while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. <sup>33</sup>So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions.”

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

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

### **SERMON**

#### **HYMN OF THE DAY: “Take My Life, that I May Be” LBW #406**

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| 1 | Take my life, that I may be<br>consecrated, Lord, to thee;<br>take my moments and my days;<br>let them flow in ceaseless praise. | 3 | Take my voice and let me sing<br>always, only, for my King;<br>take my lips and let them be<br>filled with messages from thee. |
| 2 | Take my hands and let them move<br>at the impulse of thy love;<br>take my feet and let them be<br>swift and beautiful for thee.  | 4 | Take my silver and my gold,<br>not a mite would I withhold;<br>take my intellect and use<br>ev'ry pow'r as thou shall choose.  |

5 Take my will and make it thine,  
it shall be no longer mine.

Take my heart, it is thine own,  
it shall be thy royal throne.

### **APOSTLE'S 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 of grace, 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\\_IQfxxkD4hBw8W0Q6UZLveQvLkSxosar2o939JWiAad87o7zqy-JU\\_UuLu19bUbJx2MmPFcXvWIUz6A7FDgkhUKk0PpduXvnt8gXUeZjQYbn9G3frHWC59Y\\_VCHQ6\\_VCoE=&ver=3](https://www.eservicepayments.com/cgi-bin/Vanco_ver3.vps?appver3=Dc8dzPGn4-LCajFevTkh9MYPCImH2sG-jdxWYJMFGW_IQfxxkD4hBw8W0Q6UZLveQvLkSxosar2o939JWiAad87o7zqy-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: “Mighty to Save”**

1. Ev'ryone needs compassion  
Love that's never failing  
Let mercy fall on me  
Ev'ryone needs forgiveness  
The kindness of a Saviour  
The hope of nations

**Chorus**

Saviour He can move the mountains  
My God is mighty to save  
He is mighty to save  
Forever Author of salvation  
He rose and conquered the grave  
Jesus conquered the grave

2. So take me as You find me  
All my fears and failures  
Fill my life again  
I give my life to follow  
Ev'rything I believe in  
Now I surrender 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**

Worship Leader

Gail Oines

Guest Pianist

Mike Dettra

Worship Assistants

George Henry

**SUNDAY WORSHIP LEADER**

Today's Worship Leader is Gail Oines; she will lead the Service of the Word.

**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 Fran Zanis in memory of brothers, Paul J. Kelly and Joseph E. Kelly and to the Glory of God.

**NUEVA CREACIÓN MISSION SUPPORT**

Support of Nueva Creación Lutheran Church in Philadelphia for this week is George & Peggy Spahn for their son Warren's birthday

**WORSHIP ATTENDANCE: SUNDAY, AUGUST 28, 2022**

9:00 a.m. **Total 35**

**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 18<sup>th</sup> 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 18<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> and on October 2<sup>nd</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>. The New Member Class will then be joined to the congregation through the Affirmation of Baptism in worship on Reformation Sunday, October 30<sup>th</sup>. 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 22<sup>nd</sup>**. We will continue to study Jesus' Parables for the Fall. We will also continue to meet by Zoom:

[https://uso2web.zoom.us/j/89632518358?pwd=Smg5dm1BaoVZamZjNG1YMko2MlVv\\_dz09](https://uso2web.zoom.us/j/89632518358?pwd=Smg5dm1BaoVZamZjNG1YMko2MlVv_dz09)



### **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](http://www.warminsterfoodbank.org).

Thank-you!!

Nancy Sclight



### **GIVE US YOUR SMILE!**

Do you find that you have gotten used to ordering online and prefer that over endless shopping around for sales? If so, consider using Smile.Amazon.com for your shopping and shipping needs. This acts the same as an Amazon account, but Amazon Smile

Foundation will donate .5% of your purchases to the charity of your choice. Simply indicate Advent Lutheran Church, Richboro as your charity and the church will benefit. No cost is added to you. Advent has received donations of \$516.24 as of June, 2022 from the Amazon Smile Foundation since 2016, when we signed up. If you need help setting up your account, call or text me (Gail Oines) at 215-534-8218.



### **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](http://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**

**SEPTEMBER 4 - 13<sup>TH</sup> 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

**MONDAY, September 5**

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

**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 9**

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

**SEPTEMBER 11 - FALL SCHEDULE 2 SERVICES**

**14<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

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. Church Council Meeting