

**17TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

**October 2, 2022**

**9:30 a.m.**



***We Gather in Jesus' Name***

**Prelude** (*a time for silent meditation*)

**Announcements**

*Confession and Forgiveness*

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,  
who is eager to forgive  
and who loves us beyond our days.

**Amen.**

Dear friends, together let us acknowledge  
our failure to love this world as Jesus does.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

God of mercy and forgiveness,  
**we confess that sin still has a hold on us.**  
**We have harmed your good creation.**  
**We have failed to do justice,**  
**love kindness,**  
**and walk humbly with you.**  
**Turn us in a new direction.**  
**Show us the path that leads to life.**  
**Be our refuge and strength on the journey,**  
**through Jesus Christ, our redeemer and friend.**  
**Amen.**

Beloved of God:  
your sins are forgiven ☩ and you are made whole.  
God points the way to new life in Christ,  
who meets us on the road.  
Journey now in God's abiding love  
through the power of the Holy Spirit.   **Amen.**

## **Gathering Song: "You Are My All In All"**

### ***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, merciful God: When we are empty, fill us. When we are weak in faith, strengthen us. When we are cold in love, warm us, that with fervor we may love our neighbors and serve them for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.** (*Please be seated.*)

### ***Readings for the 17<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost***

#### ***Children's Sermon***

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

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

#### **First Reading: Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4**

<sup>1</sup>The oracle that the prophet Habakkuk saw.

<sup>2</sup>O LORD, how long shall I cry for help,  
and you will not listen?

Or cry to you “Violence!”  
and you will not save?

<sup>3</sup>Why do you make me see wrongdoing  
and look at trouble?

Destruction and violence are before me;  
strife and contention arise.

<sup>4</sup>So the law becomes slack  
and justice never prevails.

The wicked surround the righteous—  
therefore judgment comes forth perverted.

<sup>2:1</sup>I will stand at my watchpost,  
and station myself on the rampart;  
I will keep watch to see what he will say to me,  
and what he will answer concerning my complaint.

<sup>2</sup>Then the LORD answered me and said:

Write the vision;  
make it plain on tablets,  
so that a runner may read it.

<sup>3</sup>For there is still a vision for the appointed time;  
it speaks of the end, and does not lie.  
If it seems to tarry, wait for it;  
it will surely come, it will not delay.

<sup>4</sup>Look at the proud!  
Their spirit is not right in them,  
but the righteous live by their faith.

\ Word of God, Word of Life

**Thanks be to God**

### **Psalm: Psalm 37:1-9**

<sup>1</sup>Do not be provoked by evildoers;  
do not be jealous of those who do wrong.

**<sup>2</sup>For they shall soon wither like the grass,  
and like the green grass fade away.**

<sup>3</sup>Put your trust in the LORD and do good;  
dwell in the land and find safe pasture.

**<sup>4</sup>Take delight in the LORD,  
who shall give you your heart's desire.**

<sup>5</sup>Commit your way to the LORD; put your trust in the LORD,  
and see what God will do.

**<sup>6</sup>The LORD will make your vindication as clear as the light  
and the justice of your case like the noonday sun.**

<sup>7</sup>Be still before the LORD and wait patiently.

Do not be provoked by the one who prospers, the one who succeeds in evil schemes.

**<sup>8</sup>Refrain from anger, leave rage alone;  
do not be provoked; it leads only to evil.**

<sup>9</sup>For evildoers shall be cut off,  
but those who hope in the LORD shall possess the land.

### **Second Reading: 2 Timothy 1:1-14**

<sup>1</sup>Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, for the sake of the promise of life that is in Christ Jesus,

<sup>2</sup>To Timothy, my beloved child:

Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.

<sup>3</sup>I am grateful to God—whom I worship with a clear conscience, as my ancestors did—when I remember you constantly in my prayers night and day. <sup>4</sup>Recalling your tears, I long to see you so that I may be filled with joy. <sup>5</sup>I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that lived first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, lives in you. <sup>6</sup>For this reason I remind you to rekindle the gift of God that is within you through the laying on of my hands; <sup>7</sup>for God did not give us a spirit of cowardice, but rather a spirit of power and of love and of self-discipline.

<sup>8</sup>Do not be ashamed, then, of the testimony about our Lord or of me his prisoner, but join with me in suffering for the gospel, relying on the power of God, <sup>9</sup>who saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works but according to his own purpose and grace. This grace was given to us in Christ Jesus before the ages began, <sup>10</sup>but it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Savior Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. <sup>11</sup>For this gospel I was appointed a herald and an apostle and a teacher, <sup>12</sup>and for this reason I suffer as I do. But I am not ashamed, for I know the one in whom I have put my trust, and I am sure that he is able to guard until that day what I have entrusted to him. <sup>13</sup>Hold to the standard of sound teaching that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. <sup>14</sup>Guard the good treasure entrusted to you, with the help of the Holy Spirit living in us.

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**Thanks be to God**

**P: The Holy Gospel according to Luke the 17<sup>th</sup> Chapter**

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

<sup>5</sup>The apostles said to the Lord, “Increase our faith!” <sup>6</sup>The Lord replied, “If you had faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, ‘Be uprooted and planted in the sea,’ and it would obey you.

<sup>7</sup>“Who among you would say to your slave who has just come in from plowing or tending sheep in the field, ‘Come here at once and take your place at the table?’ <sup>8</sup>Would you not rather say to him, ‘Prepare supper for me, put on your apron and serve me while I eat and drink; later you may eat and drink?’ <sup>9</sup>Do you thank the slave for doing what was commanded? <sup>10</sup>So you also, when you have done all that you were ordered to do, say, ‘We are worthless slaves; we have done only what we ought to have done!’”

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

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

## **Sermon**

**Song of Praise: “You Raise Me Up”**

### **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 the Church**

*(Each petition 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-LCajFevTk9MYPCLmH2sG-jdxWYJMFGW\\_lQfxkD4hBw8W0Q6UZLveQvLkSxosar2o939JWiAad87o7zqy-JU\\_UuLu19bUbJx2MmPFcXvWIUz6A7FDgkhUKk0PpduXvnt8gXUeZjQYbn9G3frHWC59Y\\_VCHQ6\\_VCoE=&ver=3](https://www.eservicepayments.com/cgi-bin/Vanco_ver3.vps?appver3=Dc8dzPGn4-LCajFevTk9MYPCLmH2sG-jdxWYJMFGW_lQfxkD4hBw8W0Q6UZLveQvLkSxosar2o939JWiAad87o7zqy-JU_UuLu19bUbJx2MmPFcXvWIUz6A7FDgkhUKk0PpduXvnt8gXUeZjQYbn9G3frHWC59Y_VCHQ6_VCoE=&ver=3)

**The Offertory** (Please stand as you are able.)

### **Offertory Prayer**

**Let us pray... Gracious God,  
in your great love you richly provide for our needs.  
Make of these gifts a banquet of blessing,  
and make us ready to share with all in need;  
through Jesus Christ, who sets a table for all.  
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.**

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... God of the abundant table,  
you have refreshed our hearts in this meal  
with bread for the journey.  
Give us your grace on the road  
that we might serve our neighbors with joy;  
for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord.  
**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: "I'll Fly Away"**

## **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/Choir Director	Mr. Michael Dettra
Worship Assistant	Open

### **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 Gail & Doug Oines in honor of their anniversary and to the Glory of God

### **NUEVA CREACIÓN MISSION SUPPORT**

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

### **WORSHIP ATTENDENCE: SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2022**

8:00 a.m. 18    9:30 a.m. 23    Sunday School 5    **Total 41**

### **NEW MEMBER CLASS CONTINUES**

Advent continues its New Member Class after the 9:30 Sunday worship service on **October 2nd** 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.





## **PRAISE TEAM AND VOCAL PRACTICE**

Church Choirs will be restarting this Fall! We currently have a Traditional Choir and Praise Team. Practices will be on Wednesday evenings starting at 6:30 p.m. (see schedule below). All are welcome and encouraged to join and no prior experience is necessary. Please see Mike Detra or Pastor Matt for more details. I look forward to making music with you this Fall!

### Rehearsal/Performance Schedule (Until Advent season)

October 5th, 19<sup>th</sup> October 23rd-Vocal Choir performs  
(as long as everyone's available)  
November 2nd, 16<sup>th</sup> November 20th-Vocal Choir  
performs (as long as everyone's available).

## **THURSDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY**



Bible Study Thursday nights at 7:00 PM. 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=Smg5dm1BaoVZamZjNG1YMko2MlVvdz09>



## **MEN'S BREAKFAST SATURDAY, OCTOBER 8**

In spite of supply chain challenges, we will be planning to have our first breakfast of the fall on Saturday October 8th. We plan to eat at 8:30 AM. **Coffee is ready by 7:30 a.m.**      **Dave**



## **ADVENT'S STITCH CLUB BAZAAR SUNDAYS, OCTOBER 9, 16 & 23**

The Advent Stitch Club is having their Bazaar on Sundays, October 9, 16, and 23, before and after Sunday services. There will be wonderful hand made items on display for sale in the narthex. Proceeds from the sale will help support the weekly flower arrangements that grace our altar each week. Thank you for supporting this cause!



## **HERE'S THE SCOOP - SUNDAY, OCTOBER 23**

Let's scoop some meals for **Caring for Friends!** It's a Thanksgiving menu, prepared in advance. On **Sunday October 23** at **10:45 a.m.**, after the 9:30 a.m. service, we'll gather in the all-purpose room to fill aluminum meal trays with turkey slices, stuffing and green beans, then we'll cover each tray and stack them in the church freezer. Time spent = 30 minutes, if we have a good turnout! A sign-up sheet is on the center table in the narthex to give us an idea of attendance. . . . All dinners must be frozen for one week before we donate them, so they'll be **right on time** for home delivery by Caring for Friends volunteers. Please look for the metal roasting pan in the narthex. If a number of us can put \$1 inside, we'll be able to purchase entrees and side dishes to prepare for our neighbors in need. Thank you for all your help with this project!



## **FIRST AID TRAINING AND CPR**

On Wednesday October 26<sup>th</sup> Jay Colella from the Tri-Hampton Rescue Squad will be teaching first aid to anyone interested. We will meet in the Social Hall from 6:30 PM to 9:30 PM. Jay will also be teaching CPR on the evening of Thursday, November 10<sup>th</sup>. Taking First Aid training is prerequisite for taking CPR training. The goal is to have enough people with First Aid and CPR training that someone with such training will be present at most worship and church events. Everyone is welcome.



## **SOCIAL MINISTRY**

During the month of September, we have donated 100 lbs of food to the Warminster Food Bank. As we all know the price of food has increased substantially! As a result the Food Bank staff has had to cut back on purchasing food. Your contributions remain critical to our distribution. When I shop I look for items that are already on sale!! For suggestions on which items are requested each week, go to: [www.warminsterfoodbank.org](http://www.warminsterfoodbank.org).

This is a “Heads-Up” for the month of November. As we have done the last two years we will be collecting gift cards from local stores that will be distributed to clients during the month of December. The response from our congregation the last 2 years has been generous! We hope for the same result again this year. Look for the tin of envelopes on the offering table beginning in November.

When you have food 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.

Thanks for your continued support for our neighbors in need! Nancy Sclight, Social Ministry



### **COMFORT BAGS FOR KIDS PROJECT CONTINUES WITH YOUR HELP**

#### **Children need our help!**

Lutheran Settlement House takes care of children who 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

We are requesting donations of new kids' items, such as coloring books and crayons, activity books i.e. crosswords, word search, follow the numbers, puzzles i.e. Rubik's Cube, journals, small stuffed animals, small toys, stress balls, slime or fidget toys, fun socks or slippers, age appropriate books, small games or cards i.e. Uno to add to cloth backpacks (made by Advent's volunteers in May) for children and teens who are being cared for by the Lutheran Settlement House in Philadelphia.

Donated items may be added to the display or dropped off in our outdoor bench at your convenience. For more information, please contact Jennifer McQuiggan 267-825-3890



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

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## **THIS WEEK AT ADVENT**

### **OCTOBER 2**

#### **17<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  
Sunday School age 4 - grade 6  
10:30 a.m. Fellowship Time: Open  
10:45 a.m. New Member Meeting

### **MONDAY, OCTOBER 3**

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

### **WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 5**

- 6:30 p.m. Choir Practice

### **THURSDAY, OCTOBER 6**

- 7:00 p.m. Bible Study via Zoom

<https://uso2web.zoom.us/j/89632518358?pwd=Smg5dm1BaoVZamZjNG1YMko2MlVvdz09>

### **FRIDAY, OCTOBER 7**

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

### **SATURDAY, OCTOBER 8**

- 8:30 a.m. Men's Breakfast  
10:00 - noon Stitch Club

### **OCTOBER 9**

#### **18<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

##### **Stitch Club Bazaar**

- 8:00 a.m. Traditional Holy Communion  
9:00 a.m. Adult Bible Study  
9:30 a.m. Contemporary Holy Communion  
Sunday School age 4 - grade 6  
10:30 a.m. Fellowship Time: The Ward Family  
10:45 a.m. New Member Meeting