

REFORMATION SUNDAY

October 30, 2022

9:30 a.m.



GATHERING

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: “A Mighty Fortress Is Our God” LBW #229

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| 1 A mighty fortress is our God,
a sword and shield victorious;
he breaks the cruel oppressor's rod
and wins salvation glorious.
The old satanic foe
has sworn to work us woe!
With craft and dreadful might
he arms himself to fight.
On earth he has no equal. | 3 Though hordes of devils fill the land
all threat'ning to devour us,
we tremble not, unmoved we stand;
they cannot overpow'r us.
Let this world's tyrant rage;
in battle we'll engage!
His might is doomed to fail;
God's judgment must prevail!
One little word subdues him. |
| 2 No strength of ours can match his might!
We would be lost, rejected.
But now a champion comes to fight,
whom God himself elected.
You ask who this may be?
The Lord of hosts is he!
Christ Jesus, mighty Lord,
God's only Son, adored.
He holds the field victorious. | 4 God's Word forever shall abide,
no thanks to foes, who fear it;
for God himself fights by our side
with weapons of the Spirit.
Were they to take our house,
goods, honor, child, or spouse,
though life be wrenched away,
they cannot win the day.
The kingdom's ours forever! |

Text: Martin Luther, 1483-1546; tr. *Lutheran Book of Worshi*

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. . Almighty God, gracious Lord, we thank you that your Holy Spirit renews the church in every age. Pour out your Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep them steadfast in your word, protect and comfort them in times of trial, defend them against all enemies of the gospel, and bestow on the church your saving peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

WORD

Children’s Sermon

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

First Reading: Jeremiah 31:31-34

³¹The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. ³²It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the LORD. ³³But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. ³⁴No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, “Know the LORD,” for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the LORD; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

Word of God, Word of Life
Thanks be to God

Psalm: Psalm 46

¹God is our refuge and strength,
a very present help in trouble.

²**Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be moved,
and though the mountains shake in the depths of the sea;**

³though its waters rage and foam,
and though the mountains tremble with its tumult.

⁴**There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,
the holy habitation of the Most High.**

⁵God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be shaken;
God shall help it at the break of day.

⁶**The nations rage, and the kingdoms shake;
God speaks, and the earth melts away.**

⁷The LORD of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

⁸**Come now, regard the works of the LORD,
what desolations God has brought upon the earth;**

⁹behold the one who makes war to cease in all the world;
who breaks the bow, and shatters the spear, and burns the shields with fire.

¹⁰**“Be still, then, and know that I am God;**

I will be exalted among the nations; I will be exalted in the earth.”

¹¹The LORD of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

Second Reading: Romans 3:19-28

¹⁹Now we know that whatever the law says, it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be silenced, and the whole world may be held accountable to God. ²⁰For “no human being will be justified in his sight” by deeds prescribed by the law, for through the law comes the knowledge of sin.

²¹But now, apart from law, the righteousness of God has been disclosed, and is attested by the law and the prophets, ²²the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction, ²³since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; ²⁴they are now justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, ²⁵whom God put forward as a sacrifice of atonement by his blood, effective through faith. He did this to show his righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over the sins previously committed; ²⁶it was to prove at the present time that he himself is righteous and that he justifies the one who has faith in Jesus.

²⁷Then what becomes of boasting? It is excluded. By what law? By that of works? No, but by the law of faith. ²⁸For we hold that a person is justified by faith apart from works prescribed by the law.

Word of God, Word of Life

Thanks be to God

P: The Holy Gospel according to John the 8th Chapter

C: Glory to You, O Lord

³¹Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, “If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples; ³²and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free.” ³³They answered him, “We are descendants of Abraham and have never been slaves to anyone. What do you mean by saying, ‘You will be made free?’”

³⁴Jesus answered them, “Very truly, I tell you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. ³⁵The slave does not have a permanent place in the household; the son has a place there forever. ³⁶So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Song of Praise: “Build My Life”

Verse 1

Worthy of ev'ry song we could ever sing
Worthy of all the praise we could ever bring
Worthy of ev'ry breath we could ever breathe
We live for You

Verse 2

Jesus the name above ev'ry other name
Jesus the only one who could ever save
Worthy of ev'ry breath we could ever breathe
We live for You
We live for You

Chorus

Holy there is no one like You
There is none beside You
Open up my eyes in wonder and show me who You
are
And fill me with Your heart
And lead me in Your love to those around me

Bridge

I will build my life upon Your love
It is a firm foundation
I will put my trust in You alone
And I will not be shaken

AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM

Presentation

Those making affirmation may gather with the ministers at the font. They may be joined by others from the assembly.

The presiding minister addresses the assembly with these or similar words.

Dear friends, we give thanks for the gift of baptism and for *these people*, one with us in the body of Christ, who are making public affirmation of *their* baptism.

The presiding minister may note briefly the occasion for this affirmation.

Those making affirmation are presented by a sponsor or another representative of the congregation:

I present David, Philip, Alyson, Patrick, Christine, Kevin, who *desire* to make public affirmation of *their* baptism.

The presiding minister may continue with prayer.

Let us pray.

Merciful God, we thank you for *these sisters and brothers*, whom you have made your own by water and the Word in baptism. You have called *them* to yourself, enlightened *them* with the gifts of your Spirit, and nourished *them* in the community of faith. Uphold your *servants* in the gifts and promises of baptism, and unite the hearts of all whom you have brought to new birth. We ask this in the name of Christ.

Amen.

Profession of Faith

The presiding minister addresses those making public affirmation of baptism. The assembly may stand and join in the responses.

I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church. Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God, the powers of this world that rebel against God, and the ways of sin that draw you from God?

Response:

I renounce them.

The presiding minister addresses the candidates and the assembly.

Do you believe in God the Father?

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

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
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,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**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.**

Affirmation

The presiding minister addresses those making public affirmation of baptism.

You have made public profession of your faith. Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in holy baptism:

to live among God's faithful people,
to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper,
to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed,
to serve all people, following the example of Jesus,
and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?

Each person responds:

I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.

The minister addresses the assembly.

People of God, do you promise to support *these sisters and brothers* and pray for *them* in their life in Christ?

We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.

Those making affirmation may kneel. The presiding minister prays for God's blessing.

Let us pray.

We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give us new birth, cleanse us from sin, and raise us to eternal life.

The blessing may be repeated for each person. The minister may lay both hands on the head of the person and say:

Stir up in David, Philip, Alyson, Patrick, Christine, Kevin the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

Amen.

Those making public affirmation stand and face the assembly. A representative of the congregation addresses the assembly.

Let us rejoice with these sisters and brothers in Christ.
**We rejoice with you in the life of baptism.
Together we will give thanks and praise to God
and proclaim the good news to all the world.**

Prayers of the Church

*(Each petition ends with... Hear us, O God. The congregation responds: **Your mercy is great.**)*

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_IQfxkD4hBw8W0Q6UZLveQvLkSxosar2o939JWiAad87o7zqy-JU_UuLu19bUbJx2MmPFcXvWIUz6A7FDgkhUKk0PpduXvnt8gXUeZiQYbn9G3frHWC59Y_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.**

SACRAMENT

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.

SENDING

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: "10,000 Reasons"

1. Bless the Lord oh my soul
Oh my soul
Worship His Holy name
Sing like never before
Oh my soul
I'll worship Your Holy name

2. The sun comes up
It's a new day dawning
It's time to sing Your song again
Whatever may pass
And whatever lies before me
Let me be singing
When the evening comes

3. Bless the Lord oh my soul
Oh my soul
Worship His Holy name
Sing like never before
Oh my soul
I'll worship Your Holy name

4. You're rich in love
And You're slow to anger
Your name is great
And Your heart is kind
For all Your goodness
I will keep on singing
Ten thousand reasons
For my heart to find

5. Bless the Lord oh my soul
Oh my soul
Worship His Holy name
Sing like never before

Oh my soul
I'll worship Your Holy name
Bless You Lord

6. And on that day
When my strength is failing
The end draws near
And my time has come
Still my soul will
Sing Your praise unending
Ten thousand years
And then forevermore
Forevermore

7. Bless the Lord oh my soul
Oh my soul
Worship His Holy name
Sing like never before
Oh my soul
I'll worship Your Holy name

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.

HURRICANE IAN RELIEF

Please give generously to "Lutheran Disaster Response" for hurricane Ian relief. Your donation can be placed in the offering plate make checks payable to "Advent Lutheran Church", write "Lutheran Disaster Response" in the memo line or send directly and payable to; Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, P.O. Box 1809 Merrifield, VA 22116-8009 or give by phone; 800-638-3522 Monday-Friday, 8:00am-5:00pm central time.

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 by Peggy & George Spahn in thankfulness for son Warren's transplant.

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE: SUNDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2022

8:00 a.m. 18 9:30 a.m. 20 Sunday School 0 **Total 37**



NEW MEMBER INSTALLATION TODAY, SUNDAY, OCTOBER 30

Today, October 30th, Advent will be welcoming David Elkin, Philip Stark, Alyson Wade, Patrick Wade, Christine Welsh and Kevin Welsh as new members at the 9:30 service with a refreshment/fellowship afterward. All are welcome.



ADVENT'S STITCH CLUB BAZAAR SUNDAY, OCTOBER 30

The Advent Stitch Club is continuing their Bazaar on Sunday, October 30, 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 and Caring for Friends. Thank you for supporting this cause!

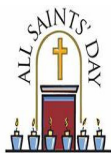


PRAISE TEAM AND VOCAL PRACTICE

Rehearsal/Performance Schedule (Until Advent season)

Practice 6:30 p.m. November 2, 16

November 20-Vocal Choir performs (as long as everyone is available).



ALL SAINTS SUNDAY - NOVEMBER 6 - INFORMATION FORMS DUE TODAY 10/30.

The first Sunday in November is All Saints Sunday. We will remember family and friends who in the last year have died. If you have someone you wish included in our prayers, please send the name of the deceased, relationship of deceased to you (e.g. father, daughter, cousin, friend, etc.) and your name **no later than Sunday, October 30**. Information can be emailed to office@adventrichboro.org or call the church office 215-355-2529.



CPR TRAINING

On **Thursday, November 10th**, Jay Colella from the Tri-Hampton Rescue Squad, will teach the CPR class to those who took the First Aid Training on October 26. The class will take place in the Social Hall from 6:30 PM to 9:30 PM.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING – NOVEMBER 20

The congregational meeting to approve a budget for year 2023 and to nominate and elect members to Church Council will be held on **Sunday, November 20 at 10:45 a.m.**, following the 9:30 a.m. worship service. Your attendance is important, as it is necessary that we have the required quorum of member voters. Thank you for attending!



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://us02web.zoom.us/j/89632518358?pwd=Smg5dm1BaOVZamZjNG1YMko2MlVvdz09>

MEALS MADE WITH LOVE

What an efficient group of scoopers we gathered to assemble our turkey dinners for Caring for Friends! Thank you to everyone who participated in the entire process, whether by donating dollars toward the purchase of turkeys, providing and/or preparing food, scooping the food in cooperation with others or saying a prayer for the recipients of these meals. We froze a total of 86 meals and 10 turkey noodle soups, made with a touch of love, all to be dropped off in the first week of November.





SOCIAL MINISTRY

This is a “Heads-Up” for the month of November. As we have done the last two years we will be 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.

Food can still be brought to Sunday services or placed in the the bench outside of the church. For suggestions on which items are requested each week, go to: www.warminsterfoodbank.org

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



COMFORT BAGS FOR KIDS PROJECT

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 or 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 30

31st SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

REFORMATION SUNDAY

Installation of New Members

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: New Member Reception - (Church Council)
- 10:45 a.m. Adult Bible Study

MONDAY, OCTOBER 31

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

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 2

- 6:30 p.m. Choir practice

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 3

7:00 p.m. Bible Study via Zoom

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

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 4

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

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 5

10:00 - noon Stitch Club

NOVEMBER 6

22nd SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

All Saints Sunday

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. Adult Bible Study