

23rd SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

November 13, 2022

9:30 a.m.



GATHERING

Prelude *(a time for silent meditation)*

Announcements

Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,
who redeems us in Christ Jesus,
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.

Most merciful God,

**we confess that we have sinned against you
and our neighbors.**

**We have ignored voices
that call for your justice.**

**We have neglected actions
that witness to your righteousness.**

**We have spoken and acted
in ways that disrupt your beloved community.**

**We truly repent of things we have done
and left undone.**

For the sake of Jesus Christ, have mercy on us.

**Restore our troubled spirits,
so that we may live in newness,
follow the way of the Spirit,
and build up the body of Christ.**

Amen.

Rejoice and be glad!
God hears the prayers of all who cry out,
and restores us to life through the death
and resurrection of Jesus Christ.
Therefore, I declare to you the forgiveness of all your sins,
in the name of the Father,
and of the \dagger Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Gathering Song: “The Heart of Worship”

Verse 1

When the music fades all is stripped away
And I simply come
Longing just to bring something that's of worth
That will bless Your heart

Pre-Chorus

I'll bring You more than a song
For a song in itself is not what You have required
You search much deeper within
Through the way things appear
You're looking into my heart

Chorus

I'm coming back to the heart of worship
And it's all about You all about You Jesus
I'm sorry Lord for the thing I've made it
When it's all about You all about You Jesus

Verse 2

King of endless worth no one could express
How much You deserve
Though I'm weak and poor all I have is Yours
Ev'ry single breath

Pre-Chorus

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For a song in itself is not what You have required
You search much deeper within
Through the way things appear
You're looking into my heart

Chorus

I'm coming back to the heart of worship
And it's all about You all about You Jesus
I'm sorry Lord for the thing I've made it
When it's all about You all about You Jesus

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. . . O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without you nothing is strong, nothing is holy. Embrace us with your mercy, that with you as our ruler and guide, we may live through what is temporary without losing what is eternal, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen**

WORD

Children's Sermon

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

First Reading: Malachi 4:1-2a

¹See, the day is coming, burning like an oven, when all the arrogant and all evildoers will be stubble; the day that comes shall burn them up, says the LORD of hosts, so that it will leave them neither root nor branch. ^{2a}But for you who revere my name the sun of righteousness shall rise, with healing in its wings.

Word of God, Word of Life

Thanks be to God

Psalm: Psalm 98

¹Sing a new song to the LORD, who has done marvelous things, whose right hand and holy arm have won the victory.

²**O LORD, you have made known your victory,
you have revealed your righteousness in the sight of the nations.**

³You remember your steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel; all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.

⁴**Shout with joy to the LORD, all you lands;
lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.**

⁵Sing to the LORD^l with the harp,
with the harp and the voice of song.

⁶**With trumpets and the sound of the horn
shout with joy before the king, the LORD.**

⁷Let the sea roar, and all that fills it,
the world and those who dwell therein.

⁸**Let the rivers clap their hands,
and let the hills ring out with joy before the LORD, who comes to judge the earth.**

⁹The LORD will judge the world with righteousness
and the peoples with equity.

Second Reading: 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13

⁶Now we command you, beloved, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to keep away from believers who are living in idleness and not according to the tradition that they received from us. ⁷For you yourselves know how you ought to imitate us; we were not idle when we were with you, ⁸and we did not eat anyone's bread without paying for it; but with toil and labor we worked night and day, so that we might not burden any of you. ⁹This was not because we do not have that right, but in order to give you an example to imitate. ¹⁰For even when we were with you, we gave you this command: Anyone unwilling to work should not eat. ¹¹For we hear that some of you are living in idleness, mere busybodies, not doing any work. ¹²Now such persons we command and exhort in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living. ¹³Brothers and sisters, do not be weary in doing what is right.

Word of God, Word of Life

Thanks be to God

P: The Holy Gospel according to Luke 2^{1st} Chapter

C: Glory to You, O Lord

⁵When some were speaking about the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God, [Jesus] said, ⁶“As for these things that you see, the days will come when not one stone will be left upon another; all will be thrown down.”

⁷They asked him, “Teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign that this is about to take place?” ⁸And he said, “Beware that you are not led astray; for many will come in my name and say, ‘I am he!’ and, ‘The time is near!’ Do not go after them.

⁹“When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified; for these things must take place first, but the end will not follow immediately.” ¹⁰Then he said to them, “Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; ¹¹there will be great earthquakes, and in various places famines and plagues; and there will be dreadful portents and great signs from heaven.

¹²“But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute you; they will hand you over to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors because of my name. ¹³This will give you an opportunity to testify. ¹⁴So make up your minds not to prepare your defense in advance; ¹⁵for I will give you words and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict. ¹⁶You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, by relatives and friends; and they will put some of you to death. ¹⁷You will be hated by all because of my name. ¹⁸But not a hair of your head will perish. ¹⁹By your endurance you will gain your souls.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Song of Praise: “Song of Love”

Jesus, king of my heart
Father, my peace and my light
Spirit, the joy of my soul You are

Jesus, to You none compare
Father, I rest in your care
Spirit, the hope of my heart You are

The heavens declare You are God
And the mountains rejoice
The oceans cry "Alleluia"
As we worship You Lord
For this is our song of love
Jesus, You saved my soul

I'll thank You forever more
Jesus, the love of my life You are

The heavens declare You are God
And the mountains rejoice
The oceans cry "Alleluia"
As we worship You Lord
For this is our song of love
Jesus, I am in awe

Of the love that You have shown
Jesus, how precious you are
To me, to me

The heavens declare You are God
And the mountains rejoice
The oceans cry "Alleluia"
As we worship You Lord
For this is our song of Love

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...Lord in your mercy, the congregation responds:
receive 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-LCajFevTkh9MYPCLmH2sG-idxWYJMFgw_IQfxkD4hBw8W0Q6UZLveQvLkSxosar2o939JWiAad87o7zqy-JU_UuLu19bUbJx2MmPFcXvWIUz6A7FDgkhUKk0PpduXvnt8gXUeZjQYbn9G3frHWC59Y_VCHQ6_VCoE=&ver=3

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

Offertory Prayer

Let us pray... Blessed are you, Maker of all things.
As you have entrusted us with all that you have created,
now gather our gifts,
nourish us with this sacrament,
and send us to those who hunger and thirst,
for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior.
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. . . We give you thanks, most gracious God,
that you have fed us with the bread of heaven
and given us a foretaste of Paradise.
Enliven us to be your body in the world
and to serve those who are in need;
through 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: “Open Our Eyes Lord”

Open our eyes Lord
We want to see Jesus
To reach out and touch Him
And say that we love Him

Open our ears Lord
And Help us to listen
Open our eyes Lord
We want to see Jesus


Open our eyes Lord
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Open our eyes Lord
We want to see Jesus

Dismissal

Go in peace. Be a blessing in the world.
Thanks be to God.

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OUR MISSION – FAITHFUL IN THE WORD	
+ To <i>gather</i> as God’s people and nurture one another	
+ To <i>know</i> the Word of God	
+ To <i>grow</i> in faith, love, and service	
+ To <i>go</i> 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	Gail Oines

GUEST REGISTER

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

ADULT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

With the pandemic we have not been approaching the altar for the distribution of communion, but instead have been taking communion in the pew. It is time that we resume this age old part of the communion ritual. We would like to resume approaching the altar for communion during the coming season of Advent. To make this possible we need volunteers at both services who are willing to help set the altar and clean the altar before and after each service. If you are willing to volunteer, please let Gail Oines or Pastor Matt know. Self serve communion kits will continue to be available to those who prefer to remain in their pew during communion. The Rev. Matthew Ollikainen

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 by The Hoffmann Family in memory of Anna Hoffmann and by Peggy Spahn in honor of her husband George, a Veteran.

NUEVA CREACIÓN MISSION SUPPORT

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

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE: SUNDAY, November 6, 2022

8:00 a.m. 217 9:30 a.m. 26 **Total 43**



THURSDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY

Bible Study Thursday nights at 7:00 pm. This will be the last Bible Study for 2022. We will meet by Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89632518358?pwd=Smg5dm1Ba0VZamZjNG1YMko2MlVvdz09>

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING – SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 20 AT 10:45 AM

The annual 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



ANNUAL INTER-FAITH THANKSGIVING SERVICE - SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 20 3:00

PM

Church Council has decided that this year we will not be having a Thanksgiving Eve Service due to low attendance over the past several years. Instead, we would like to encourage Advent's congregation to participate in the Annual Inter-Faith Thanksgiving Service on **Sunday, November 20 at 3:00 p.m. at Old School Baptist Meetinghouse, Maple Avenue and Second Street**

Pike, Southampton, PA.

In years past this service has been primarily for Southampton Township congregations. This year, congregations from the surrounding townships have been invited. Pastor Matt will be participating in the service to represent Advent Evangelical Lutheran Church. **Please bring an item of non perishable food.**



SOCIAL MINISTRY

As we have done the last two years we will be collecting gift cards from local stores that will be distributed to clients at the Warminster Food Bank during the month of December. The response from the congregation the last 2 years has been generous! We hope for the same result again this year. Look for the red tin of envelopes on the offering table beginning in November. If you are donating more than one gift card please take an envelope for each card.

When you have food that you or your friends would like to donate and the church is not open, just drive up to the main entrance and leave your donation inside the bench outside the door. You may still bring food into the building during church and office hours. For suggestions on which items are requested each week, go to: www.warminsterfoodbank.org.

Thank-you for your continued support for our neighbors in need! Nancy Sclight/Social Ministry

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS BRUNCH - SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4

Advent's annual Christmas brunch will be held on **Sunday, December 4, 2022**, in the Fellowship Hall immediately after the 9:30 worship service. For those who are able, please bring hot or cold breakfast and/or lunch items to share with everyone into the church kitchen prior to the 9:30 a.m. service. Suggestions include breakfast meats, pancakes, waffles, casseroles, vegetables, salads, pastry, breads, fruit, desserts, your favorite dish, or whatever you wish. The oven in the kitchen will be available to warm up items and Advent will supply paper products, as well as hot and cold beverages. This event lasts about an hour. Festive live Christmas music will be provided by Advent's own talented musicians. Please use the sign-up sheet in the narthex so that we can plan accordingly. All family members and friends are welcome to attend.

Thank you!





ANNUAL CHRISTMAS CONCERT – SATURDAY, DECEMBER 17

The annual holiday concert will be held on **Saturday evening, December 17, 2022, at 7:30 p.m.** under the direction of our organist and choir director, Michael Dettra. You can look forward to kicking off the holidays with an hour of relaxation and entertainment. Light refreshments will be served, and thank you for supporting Michael and his band.



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THIS WEEK AT ADVENT

NOVEMBER 13

23rd 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: Jeanne & Tony Gryszka
- 10:45 a.m. Church Council Meeting

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 14

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

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 17

- 7:30 p.m. Bible Study

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89632518358?pwd=Smg5dm1Ba0VZamZjNG1YMKo2MlVvdz09>

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 18

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

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 19

- 10:00 - noon Stitch Club

NOVEMBER 20

- 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