

Christ the King Sunday  
November 20, 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 ☩ Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit.  
**Amen.**

**Gathering Song: "Eagles Wings"**

Here I am waiting, abide in me, I pray  
Here I am longing for You  
Hide me in Your love, bring me to my knees  
May I know Jesus more and more

Come live in me all my life, take over  
Come breathe in me, I will rise on eagle's wings  
Come live in me all my life, take over  
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**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, our true life, to serve you is freedom, and to know you is unending joy. We worship you, we glorify you, we give thanks to you for your great glory. Abide with us, reign in us, and make this world into a fit habitation for your divine majesty, 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**

**First Reading: Jeremiah 23:1-6**

<sup>1</sup>Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the LORD. <sup>2</sup>Therefore thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people: It is you who have scattered my flock, and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. So I will attend to you for your evil doings, says the LORD. <sup>3</sup>Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. <sup>4</sup>I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall not fear any longer, or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the LORD.

<sup>5</sup>The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. <sup>6</sup>In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: “The LORD is our righteousness.”

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

**Psalm: Psalm 46**

<sup>1</sup>God is our refuge and strength,  
a very present help in trouble.

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

<sup>3</sup>though its waters rage and foam,  
and though the mountains tremble with its tumult.

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

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

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

<sup>7</sup>The LORD of hosts is with us;  
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

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

<sup>9</sup>behold 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.

**<sup>10</sup>“Be still, then, and know that I am God;  
I will be exalted among the nations; I will be exalted in the earth.”**

<sup>11</sup>The LORD of hosts is with us;  
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

**Second Reading: Colossians 1:11-20**

<sup>11</sup>May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully <sup>12</sup>giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. <sup>13</sup>He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, <sup>14</sup>in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

<sup>15</sup>He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; <sup>16</sup>for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. <sup>17</sup>He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. <sup>18</sup>He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. <sup>19</sup>For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, <sup>20</sup>and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

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

**P:** The Holy Gospel according to Luke 23<sup>rd</sup> Chapter  
**C: Glory to You, O Lord**

<sup>33</sup>When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. <sup>34</sup>¶Then Jesus said, “Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are

doing.”] And they cast lots to divide his clothing. <sup>35</sup>And the people stood by, watching; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, “He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!” <sup>36</sup>The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, <sup>37</sup>and saying, “If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!” <sup>38</sup>There was also an inscription over him, “This is the King of the Jews.”

<sup>39</sup>One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, “Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!” <sup>40</sup>But the other rebuked him, saying, “Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? <sup>41</sup>And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong.” <sup>42</sup>Then he said, “Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.” <sup>43</sup>He replied, “Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise.”

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

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

### **Sermon**

#### **Song of Praise: “Thank You Lord”**

Verse 1

I come before You today  
And there's just one thing that I want to say  
Thank You Lord thank You Lord  
For all You've given to me  
For all the blessings that I cannot see  
Thank You Lord thank You Lord

Pre-Chorus

With a grateful heart with a song of praise  
With an outstretched arm I will bless Your name

Chorus

Thank You Lord  
I just want to thank You Lord  
Thank You Lord  
I just want to thank You Lord  
(Thank You Lord)

Verse 2

For all You've done in my life  
You took my darkness and gave me Your light  
Thank You Lord thank You Lord  
You took my sin and my shame  
You took my sickness and healed all my pain  
Thank You Lord thank You Lord

Pre-Chorus

With a grateful heart with a song of praise  
With an outstretched arm I will bless Your name

Chorus

Thank You Lord  
I just want to thank You Lord  
Thank You Lord  
I just want to thank You Lord  
(Thank You Lord)

### **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-jdxWYJMFgw\\_IQfxkD4hBw8W0Q6UZLveQvLkSxosar2o939JWiAad87o7zqy-JU\\_UuLu19bUbjx2MmPFcXvWIUz6A7FDgkhUKk0PpduXvnt8gXUeZjQYbn9G3frHWC59Y\\_VCHQ6\\_VCoE=&ver=3](https://www.eservicepayments.com/cgi-bin/Vanco_ver3.vps?appver3=Dc8dzPGn4-LCajFevTkh9MYPCLmH2sG-jdxWYJMFgw_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: "Once Again"**

Jesus Christ, I think upon your sacrifice  
You became nothing, poured out to death  
Many times I've wondered at your gift of life  
And I'm in that place once again  
I'm in that place once again  
Chorus  
And once again I look upon the cross where you  
died  
I'm humbled by your mercy and I'm broken inside  
Once again I thank you  
Once again I pour out my life

Now you are exalted to the highest place  
King of the heavens, where one day I'll bow  
But for now I marvel at your saving grace  
And I'm full of praise once again  
I'm full of praise once again chorus

Thank you for the cross  
Thank you for the cross  
Thank you for the cross, my friend 2x

Chorus

## **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 **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	Jennifer McQuiggan

### **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

### **ALTAR FLOWERS**

The Altar Flowers are presented by Christel Hoffmann in memory of cousin, Susan Bobb and by Gail Oines in honor of Michele & Steve Sanderlin's anniversary.

### **NUEVA CREACIÓN MISSION SUPPORT**

Support of Nueva Creación Lutheran Church in Philadelphia for this week is by Peg & George Spahn in gratitude.

### **WORSHIP ATTENDANCE: SUNDAY, November 13, 2022**

8:00 a.m. 13 9:30 a.m. 27 Sunday School 5 **Total 45**

### **CONGREGATIONAL MEETING – TODAY, 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 today, **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 - TODAY 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](http://www.warminsterfoodbank.org).

Thank-you for your continued support for our neighbors in need! Nancy Slight/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.



### **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.



## THIS WEEK AT ADVENT

### **NOVEMBER 20**

#### **CHRIST THE KING 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. **Congregational Meeting**
- 3:00 p.m. Inter-Faith Thanksgiving Service  
(information on page 10)

### **MONDAY, NOVEMBER 21**

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

### **WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 23**

#### **NO THANKSGIVING EVE SERVICE**



### **FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 25**

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

### **SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 26**

- 10:00 - noon Stitch Club

### **NOVEMBER 27**

#### **FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT**

- 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