

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY
APRIL 30, 2023
9:30 A.M.



We Gather in Jesus' Name

Prelude (a time for silent meditation)

Announcements

P: Alleluia! Christ is Risen!

C: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Thanksgiving for Baptism

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
by whose hand we are given new birth,
by whose speaking we are given new life.

Amen.

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism,
we are welcomed, restored, and supported
as citizens of the new creation.

Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

Holy God,
holy and merciful,
holy and mighty,
you are the river of life,
you are the everlasting wellspring.
In mercy and might you have freed us from death
and raised us with Jesus, the firstborn of the dead.
In baptismal waters our old life is washed away,
and in them we are born anew.

Glory to you for oceans and lakes,
for rivers and streams.
Honor to you for waters that wash us clean,

quench our thirst, and nurture both crops and creatures.
Praise to you for the life-giving water of baptism,
the outpouring of the Spirit of the new creation.

**Wash away our sin and all that separates us from you.
Empower our witness to your resurrection.
Strengthen our resolve in seeking justice for all.**

Satisfy the world's need through this living water.
Where drought dries the earth, bring refreshment.
Where despair prevails, grant hope.
Where chaos reigns, bring peace.
We ask this through Christ,
who with you and the Spirit reigns forever

Gathering Song: "Open the Eyes of My Heart"

Open the eyes of my heart Lord
Open the eyes of my heart
I want to see You, I want to see You

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I want to see You, I want to see You

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I want to see You, I want to see You

To see You high and lifted up
Shining in the light of Your glory
Pour out Your power and love
As we sing holy holy holy

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Holy holy holy, Holy holy holy
Holy holy holy, I want to see You

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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 shepherd, you know your sheep by name and lead us to safety through the valleys of death. Guide us by your voice, that we may walk in certainty and security to the joyous feast prepared in your house, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Amen.

The Reading of God's Word

Children's Sermon

First Reading: Acts 2:42-47

⁴²[The baptized] devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

⁴³Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. ⁴⁴All who believed were together and had all things in common; ⁴⁵they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. ⁴⁶Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, ⁴⁷praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

Word of God, Word of Life

Thanks be to God.

Psalm: Psalm 23

¹The LORD is my shepherd;

I shall not be in want.

²**The LORD makes me lie down in green pastures
and leads me beside still waters.**

³You restore my soul, O LORD,
and guide me along right pathways for your name's sake.

⁴**Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil;
for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.**

⁵You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is running over.

⁶**Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.**

Second Reading: 1 Peter 2:19-25

¹⁹It is a credit to you if, being aware of God, you endure pain while suffering unjustly. ²⁰If you endure when you are beaten for doing wrong, what credit is that? But if you endure when you do right and suffer for it, you have God's approval. ²¹For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you should follow in his steps.

²²"He committed no sin,
and no deceit was found in his mouth."

²³When he was abused, he did not return abuse; when he suffered, he did not threaten; but he entrusted himself to the one who judges justly. ²⁴He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. ²⁵For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

Word of God, Word of Life

Thanks be to God.

Gospel: John 10:1-10

P: The Holy Gospel according to John the 10th chapter.

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

[Jesus said:] ¹"Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. ²The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. ³The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. ⁴When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. ⁵They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers." ⁶Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

⁷So again Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. ⁸All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. ⁹I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. ¹⁰The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ

Sermon

Song of Praise: "How Deep the Father's Love for Us"

Verse 1

How deep the Father's love for us
How vast beyond all measure
That He should give His only Son
To make a wretch His treasure
How great the pain of searing loss
The Father turns His face away
As wounds which mar the Chosen One
Bring many sons to glory

Verse 2

Behold the Man upon a cross
My sin upon His shoulders
Ashamed I hear my mocking voice
Call out among the scoffers

It was my sin that held Him there
Until it was accomplished
His dying breath has brought me life
I know that it is finished

Verse 3

I will not boast in anything
No gifts no pow'r no wisdom
But I will boast in Jesus Christ
His death and resurrection
Why should I gain from His reward
I cannot give an answer
But this I know with all my heart
His wounds have paid my ransom

Nicene Creed

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven;
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the
virgin Mary and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under
Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was
buried.**

**On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the scriptures;
he ascended into heaven and is seated at
the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the
living and the dead, and his kingdom
will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped
and glorified.
He has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic
church.**

**We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen**

Prayers of Intercession

*(Each prayer 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-LCajFevTkh9MYPCImH2sG-jdxWYJMFGW_IQfxkD4hBw8WoQ6UZLveQvLkSxosar2o939JWiAad87o7zqy-JU_UuLu19bUbJx2MmPFcXvWIUz6A7FDgkhUKkoPpduXvnt8gXUeZjQYbn9G3frHWC59Y_VCHQ6_VCoE=&ver=3

Offertory Prayer

Let us pray... **Generous God,
in this meal you offer your very self.
We give thanks for these gifts of the earth.
In the breaking of this bread
reveal to us the Risen One.
In the pouring of this wine
pour us out in service to the world;
through Christ our Lord.
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...Gracious God,
in you we live and move and have our being.
With your word and this meal of grace,
you have nourished our life together.
Strengthen us to show your love
and serve the world in Jesus' name.
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 Hymn: "The River is Here"

Down the mountain the river flows
And it brings refreshing wherever it goes
Through the valleys and over the fields
The river is rushing and the river is here

The river of God sets our feet a-dancing
The river of God fills our hearts with cheer
The river of God fills our mouths with laughter
And we rejoice for the river is here

The river of God is teeming with life
And all who touch it can be revived
And those who linger on this river's shore
Will come back thirsting for more of the Lord

The river of God sets our feet a-dancing
The river of God fills our hearts with cheer
The river of God fills our mouths with laughter
And we rejoice for the river is here

Up to the mountain we love to go
To find the presence of the Lord
Along the banks of the river we run
We dance with laughter giving praise to the Son

The river of God sets our feet a-dancing
The river of God fills our hearts with cheer
The river of God fills our mouths with laughter
And we rejoice for the river is here

Dismissal

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Go in peace. Tell what God has done.

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

Pastor: The Rev. Matthew E. Ollikainen
 Music Director: Michael Dettra
 Worship Assistant: Gail Oines

NUEVA CREACIÓN MISSION SUPPORT

Support of Nueva Creación Lutheran Church in Philadelphia for this week is presented by Fran Zanis in memory of brother, Joseph Kelly’s birthday.

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

Sunday, April 16 8:00 a.m. 17 9:30 a.m. 18 Sunday School 5 TOTAL 40
 Sunday, April 23 8:00 a.m. 17 9:30 a.m. 26 Sunday School 5 TOTAL 48

CONTACTING PASTOR MATT

If you need to speak with Pastor Matt when he is not in the office, particularly in the case of a pastoral emergency, please feel free to call his cell phone 215-859-3778 or by email at pastor@adventrichboro.org. If he is not available to take your call, leave a message and he will contact you.

OFFICE HOURS FOR MAY

The office will be open Monday, May 1, and Tuesday, May 2. The office will not be open until Friday, May 12. Starting Tuesday, May 16, regular hours; Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

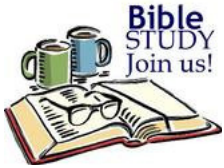
MONTHLY FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Financial Report For March 2023		
	Rec'vd for March 2023	Budget for March 2023
General Fund	\$8,490.95	\$17,281.00
Mortgage	\$2,098	\$1,898.00
Bene. - Synod Only	\$23	\$134
Other Benevolence	\$598	
Total	\$11,209.95	\$19,313.00
	Recv'd YTD 1/1-3/31/23	Budget YTD 1/1-3/31/23
General Fund	\$29,844.91	\$51,843.00
Mortgage	\$6,870.00	\$5,694.00
Bene. - Synod Only	\$177.00	\$402.00
Other Benevolence	\$1,700.00	
Total	\$38,591.91	\$57,939.00



CHOIR AND PRAISE BAND PRACTICES

Practices of the Choir and Praise Band are on **Wednesday evenings; May 3 and May 10. Praise Band begins at 6:30, Vocal Choir practice begins at 7:15.** All are welcome and encouraged to join; no prior experience is necessary. Please see Mike Dettra, Music Director or Pastor Matt for more details.



THURSDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY RESUMING APRIL 27

Bible Study will resume at 7:00 pm on Thursdays beginning April 27. We will continue to study The Sermon on the Mount. We will continue to meet by Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89632518358?pwd=Smg5dm1Ba0VZamZjNG1YMko2MlVv dz09>



SOCIAL MINISTRY

During the month of March our church donated 100 lbs. of food to the Warminster Food Bank. As you know, the price of food has skyrocketed! The need has increased as well. If we could increase our giving, it would be greatly appreciated. If each family would contribute 2 or 3 items each month it would make a difference. Thanks for your continued support. Nancy Sclight/Social Ministry.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL JULY 24 – 28

The week of July 24 – 28, Monday - Friday from 9:00 a.m.–noon will feature **OPERATION RESTORATION** for students age 4 through completion of grade 6. Learning with friends makes Bible School fun! As they make connections between Bible stories and actions, they'll discover simple ways to live out faith in daily life, such as feed, heal, forgive, pray and rest. Students will employ art, music, science and storytelling in this creative program, along with outdoor play and a snack each day. Registration forms are available.



STITCH CLUB, SATURDAYS 10:00 A.M.

Stitch club meets on Saturdays **at 10:00 a.m.** Stitch club is open to all who would like to join. If you like to knit, crochet, or do needlepoint, this is for you!

If you 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 or Jeff Jobes at 215-355-4149.



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. Thank you for helping our neighbors in need.



ALTAR FLOWER DEDICATION

There are numerous dates available for 2023 to dedicate flowers to beautify the altar each Sunday. Please sign up on the sheet on the table in the narthex with your name and dedication. Two bouquets are available each week. The cost is \$25 per bouquet. In addition to making the altar more beautiful, you take the flowers home after the late service to enjoy during the week. If you have any questions call Cindy Frey 267-205-0713.

THIS WEEK AT ADVENT

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER - APRIL 30

- 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. Adult Bible Study

MONDAY, MAY 1

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

WEDNESDAY, MAY 3

- 6:30 p.m. Praise Band Practice
- 7:15 p.m. Vocal Choir Practice

THURSDAY, MAY 4

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

FRIDAY, MAY 5

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

SATURDAY, MAY 6

- 10:00 a.m. Stitch Club Meets

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER – MAY 7

- 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. Church Council Meeting