

**FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

**MAY 07, 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: "I Will Call Upon the Lord"**

I Will Call Upon The Lord  
Who Is Worthy To Be Praised  
So Shall I Be Saved From My Enemies  
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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... Almighty God, your Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life. Give us grace to love one another, to follow in the way of his commandments, and to share his risen life with all the world, for he 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 7:55-60**

<sup>55</sup>Filled with the Holy Spirit, [Stephen] gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. <sup>56</sup>"Look," he said, "I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!" <sup>57</sup>But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. <sup>58</sup>Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him; and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. <sup>59</sup>While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." <sup>60</sup>Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them." When he had said this, he died.

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

**Psalm: Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16**

<sup>1</sup>In you, O LORD, have I taken refuge; let me never be put to shame;  
deliver me in your righteousness.

<sup>2</sup>**Incline your ear to me;  
make haste to deliver me.**

<sup>3</sup>Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe, for you are my crag and my stronghold;  
for the sake of your name, lead me and guide me.

<sup>4</sup>**Take me out of the net that they have secretly set for me,  
for you are my tower of strength.**

<sup>5</sup>Into your hands I commend my spirit,  
for you have redeemed me, O LORD, God of truth.

<sup>15</sup>**My times are in your hand;  
rescue me from the hand of my enemies, and from those who persecute me.**

<sup>16</sup>Let your face shine upon your servant;  
save me in your steadfast love.”

**Second Reading: 1 Peter 2:2-10**

<sup>2</sup>Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation—<sup>3</sup>if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

<sup>4</sup>Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God’s sight, and <sup>5</sup>like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. <sup>6</sup>For it stands in scripture:

“See, I am laying in Zion a stone,  
a cornerstone chosen and precious;  
and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.”

<sup>7</sup>To you then who believe, he is precious; but for those who do not believe,

“The stone that the builders rejected  
has become the very head of the corner,”

<sup>8</sup>and

“A stone that makes them stumble,  
and a rock that makes them fall.”

They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do.

<sup>9</sup>But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God’s own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.

<sup>10</sup>Once you were not a people,  
but now you are God’s people;  
once you had not received mercy,  
but now you have received mercy.

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**Gospel: John 14:1-14**

**P:** The Holy Gospel according to John the 14<sup>th</sup> chapter.

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

[Jesus said to the disciples:] <sup>1</sup>“Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. <sup>2</sup>In my Father’s house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? <sup>3</sup>And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. <sup>4</sup>And you know the way to the place where I am going.” <sup>5</sup>Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?” <sup>6</sup>Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. <sup>7</sup>If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.”

<sup>8</sup>Philip said to him, “Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.” <sup>9</sup>Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? <sup>10</sup>Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. <sup>11</sup>Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. <sup>12</sup>Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. <sup>13</sup>I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. <sup>14</sup>If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.”

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

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

### ***Sermon***

### **Song of Praise: “*Hosanna*”**

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord  
Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna  
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Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna

King of Israel welcome to our hearts  
Here to reign in righteousness  
Oh Ruler of the world, Ruler of our hearts  
Now ascend Your throne  
You are the King of Kings  
Hosanna

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord  
Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord  
Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna

To Jerusalem, to the sons of man  
Riding on in gentle strength  
Oh come to save Your own, come to give Your life  
The Kingdom is at hand  
You are the King of Kings  
Hosanna

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## **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\\_1QfxkD4hBw8WoQ6UZLveQvLkSxosar2o939JWiAad87o7zqy-JU\\_UuLu19bUbJx2MmPFcXvWIUz6A7FDgkhUKkoPpduXvnt8gXUeZjQYbn9G3frHWC59Y\\_VCHQ6\\_VCoE=&ver=3](https://www.eservicepayments.com/cgi-bin/Vanco_ver3.vps?appver3=Dc8dzPGn4-LCajFevTkh9MYPCImH2sG-jdxWYJMFgw_1QfxkD4hBw8WoQ6UZLveQvLkSxosar2o939JWiAad87o7zqy-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: "Here Is Our King"***

Here is our King  
Here is our Love  
Here is our God who's come  
To bring us back to Him  
He is the One  
He is Jesus  
X2

From wherever spring arrives to heal the ground  
From wherever searching comes, the look itself  
A trace of what we're looking for  
So be quiet now, And wait  
The ocean, Is growin'  
The tide is comin' in, here it is  
Here is our King  
Here is our Love  
Here is our God who's come  
To bring us back to Him  
He is the One  
He is Jesus, Jesus  
X2

***Dismissal***

Alleluia! Christ is risen.  
**Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**  
Go in peace. Tell what God has done.  
**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 Director: Michael Dettra  
 Worship Assistant: Jennifer McQuiggan

**ALTAR FLOWERS**

The Altar Flowers are presented by Lynn Roccograndi in memory of mother Elsie’s birthday and to the Glory of God.



**NUEVA CREACIÓN MISSION SUPPORT**

Please consider supporting our sister congregation, Nueva Creación Lutheran Church in Philadelphia who does vital ministry in North Philadelphia. A sign-up sheet is found on the table in the narthex near the entrance to the sanctuary.

**WORSHIP ATTENDANCE**

Sunday, April 30 8:00 a.m. 20 9:30 a.m. 29 Sunday School 3 **TOTAL 52**

**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 Friday, May 12, 9:00 a.m. to 2 p.m.  
Starting Tuesday, May 16 regular hours; Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

**WORSHIP ASSISTANTS NEEDED**

Thank you to everyone who volunteers their time and talent to support and lead our ministries. There is currently a need for Sunday worship assistants who read the scripture lessons and assist with communion, perhaps on one Sunday a month or whenever you’re available. Please prayerfully consider this opportunity to serve Advent. See me or Gail Oines if you have any questions. Thank you!

Tony Gryszka



**CHOIR AND PRAISE BAND PRACTICES**

Practices of the Choir and Praise Band are on **Wednesday evenings**. Practice this week will be on **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.



**NO THURSDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY MAY 11**

**MONTHLY FINANCIAL STATEMENT**

<b>Financial Report For April 2023</b>		
	<b>Rec'vd for April 2023</b>	<b>Budget for April 2023</b>
General Fund	\$12,458.93	\$17,281.00
Mortgage	\$2,878	\$1,898.00
Bene. - Synod Only	\$128	\$134
Other Benevolence	\$553	
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$16,017.93</b>	<b>\$19,313.00</b>
	<b>Recv'd YTD 1/1-4/30/23</b>	<b>Budget YTD 1/1-4/30/23</b>
General Fund	\$42,303.84	\$69,124.00
Mortgage	\$9,748.00	\$7,592.00
Bene. - Synod Only	\$305.00	\$536.00
Other Benevolence	\$2,253.00	
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$54,609.84</b>	<b>\$77,252.00</b>

**MEN'S BREAKFAST SATURDAY, MAY 13, 8:30 A.M.**



Men's Breakfast will take place on Saturday May 13th. Our speaker will have some helpful hints about what to do for Mother's Day.

We serve at 8:30 AM, coffee is ready at 7:30. **Dave**

**"THE IMPACT OF FAITH IN OUR LIVES"- MAY 20, NOON to 3 PM FAMILY OF GOD LUTHERANCHURCH-FOR WOMEN OF ALL AGES with PASTOR JO**



The Impact of Faith in our lives is the theme of the annual gathering of women this year. It is for women of all ages, Saturday May 20, noon to 3 p.m. It is being held at Family of God Lutheran Church 4770, Route 202, Buckingham, PA 18970.

Luncheon, Fellowship, presentations and discussions in regard to Harris Faulkner's book: "Faith Still Moves Mountains". Please call to register by **May 15<sup>th</sup>** if you are attending the luncheon. Church phone: 215-794-5973 or Pastor Jo 215-364-2298.

**RECENT/UPCOMING GRADUATES**

We will recognize graduates of high school, college or trade school at a worship service in June. (The date will be listed in the June Newsletter). Please send or email the following information no later than May 28 to be included in the June Newsletter. Name of graduate, High School/Trade School/College name, Degree & Major (pursuing or received) plans for future.

**SPRING JAZZ CONCERT FRIDAY, JUNE 16 7:30 P.M.**



Please join our music director Mike Dettra and his group "Dettra Mental's" for a jazz concert on Friday, June 16 at 7:30 pm here at Advent. Light refreshments will be provided. The event is free, however there will be a free will offering.



### **HE'S BACK!**

Mark your calendars for Thursday, July 27 for an unforgettable experience. Mitch McVicker will return to Advent for a concert. More information to follow.



### **VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL JULY 24 – 28**

Children aged 4 through completion of grade 6 are invited to attend Vacation Bible School at Advent the week of July 24 – 28 on Monday-Friday from 9:00 a.m.– noon. Our theme is OPERATION RESTORATION. Students will learn Bible stories and how they guide us every day! We'll be busy with art, music, science and storytelling in this creative program, along with

outdoor play and a snack each day! A suggested donation of \$15 for the first child in the family and \$10 for each additional child in the family is requested - but not required. Registration forms are available on the tract rack in the foyer or by contacting the church office.



### **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](http://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**

**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: George Henry
- 10:45 a.m. Adult Bible Study

**MONDAY, MAY 8**

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

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 10**

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

**FRIDAY, MAY 12**

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

**SATURDAY, MAY 13**

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

**SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER – MAY 14**

- 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: Jeanine & Stephen Saegert
- 10:45 a.m. Adult Bible Study