

**SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

**MAY 14, 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: "Here I am to Worship"**

Verse 1

Light of the world  
You stepped down into darkness  
Opened my eyes let me see  
Beauty that made  
This heart adore You  
Hope of a life spent with You

Chorus

So here I am to worship  
Here I am to bow down  
Here I am to say that You're my God  
And You're altogether lovely  
Altogether worthy  
Altogether wonderful to me

Verse 2

King of all days  
Oh so highly exalted  
Glorious in heaven above  
Humbly You came  
To the earth You created  
All for love's sake became poor

Chorus

So here I am to worship  
Here I am to bow down  
Here I am to say that You're my God  
And You're altogether lovely  
Altogether worthy  
Altogether wonderful to me

Bridge

And I'll never know how much it cost  
To see my sin upon that cross  
And I'll never know how much it cost  
To see my sin upon that cross

Chorus

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Here I am to bow down  
Here I am to say that You're my God  
And You're altogether lovely  
Altogether worthy  
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Light of the world

You stepped down into darkness  
Opened my eyes let me see

**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 and ever-living God, you hold together all things in heaven and on earth. In your great mercy receive the prayers of all your children, and give to all the world the Spirit of your truth and peace, 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 17:22-31**

<sup>22</sup>Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, "Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. <sup>23</sup>For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, 'To an unknown god.' What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. <sup>24</sup>The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, <sup>25</sup>nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. <sup>26</sup>From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, <sup>27</sup>so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. <sup>28</sup>For 'In him we live and move and have our being'; as even some of your own poets have said,

'For we too are his offspring.'

<sup>29</sup>Since we are God's offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. <sup>30</sup>While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, <sup>31</sup>because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead."

*Word of God, Word of Life*

***Thanks be to God.***

#### ***Psalm: Psalm 66.8-20***

<sup>8</sup>Bless our God, you peoples;  
let the sound of praise be heard.

**<sup>9</sup>Our God has kept us among the living  
and has not allowed our feet to slip.**

<sup>10</sup>For you, O God, have tested us;  
you have tried us just as silver is tried.

**<sup>11</sup>You brought us into the net;  
you laid heavy burdens upon our backs.**

<sup>12</sup>You let people ride over our heads; we went through fire and water,  
but you brought us out into a place | of refreshment.

**<sup>13</sup>I will enter your house with burnt offerings  
and will pay | you my vows—**

<sup>14</sup>those that I promised with my lips  
and spoke with my mouth when I was in trouble.

**<sup>15</sup>I will offer you burnt offerings of fatlings with the smoke of rams;  
I will give you oxen and goats.**

<sup>16</sup>Come and listen, all you who believe,  
and I will tell you what God has done for me.

**<sup>17</sup>I called out to God with my mouth,  
and praised the Lord with my tongue.**

<sup>18</sup>If I had cherished evil in my heart,  
the Lord would not have heard me;

**<sup>19</sup>but in truth God has heard me  
and has attended to the sound of my prayer.**

<sup>20</sup>Blessed be God, who has not rejected my prayer,  
nor withheld unfailing love from me.

**Second Reading: 1 Peter 3:13-22**

<sup>13</sup>Who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? <sup>14</sup>But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, <sup>15</sup>but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you; <sup>16</sup>yet do it with gentleness and reverence. Keep your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. <sup>17</sup>For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God’s will, than to suffer for doing evil. <sup>18</sup>For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, <sup>19</sup>in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, <sup>20</sup>who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. <sup>21</sup>And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you—not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, <sup>22</sup>who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

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**Thanks be to God.**

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**Gospel: John 14:15-21**

**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>15</sup>“If you love me, you will keep my commandments. <sup>16</sup>And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. <sup>17</sup>This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

<sup>18</sup>“I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. <sup>19</sup>In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. <sup>20</sup>On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. <sup>21</sup>They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.”

**P:** The Gospel of the Lord.  
**C: Praise to you, O Christ**

**Sermon**

**Song of Praise: “Mighty Is Our God”**

Mighty Is Our God  
Mighty Is Our King  
Mighty Is Our Lord  
Ruler Of Everything

His Name Is Higher  
Higher Than Any Other Name  
His Power Is Greater  
For He Has Created Everything

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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\\_IQfxkD4hBw8WoQ6UZLveQvLkSxosar2o939JWiAad87o7zqy-JU\\_UuLu19bUbJx2MmPFcXvWIUz6A7FDgkhUKkoPpduXvnt8gXUeZjQYbn9G3frHWC59Y\\_VCHQ6\\_VCoE=&ver=3](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: "Build Your Kingdom Here"***

1. Come set Your rule and reign  
In our hearts again  
Increase in us we pray  
Unveil why we're made  
Come set our hearts ablaze with hope  
Like wildfire in our very souls  
Holy Spirit come invade us now  
We are Your church  
We need Your pow'r in us
2. We seek Your kingdom first  
We hunger and we thirst  
Refuse to waste our lives  
For You're our joy and prize  
To see the captives' hearts released  
The hurt the sick the poor at peace  
We lay down our lives for heaven's cause  
We are Your church  
We pray revive this earth

**Chorus**

Build Your kingdom here  
Let the darkness fear  
Show Your mighty hand  
Heal our streets and land  
Set Your church on fire

- Win this nation back  
Change the atmosphere  
Build Your kingdom here we pray
3. Unleash Your kingdom's pow'r  
Reaching the near and far  
No force of hell can stop  
Your beauty changing hearts  
You made us for much more than this  
Awake the kingdom seed in us  
Fill us with the strength and love of Christ  
We are Your church  
We are the hope on earth

**Chorus:**

Build Your kingdom here  
Let the darkness fear  
Show Your mighty hand  
Heal our streets and land  
Set Your church on fire  
Win this nation back  
Change the atmosphere  
Build Your kingdom here we pray  
We are Your church  
We are the hope on earth

***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: John Flint



**ALTAR FLOWERS**

The Altar Flowers are presented by Cindy Frey in honor of the third birthday of granddaughter Vanessa, and to the Glory of God.



**NUEVA CREACIÓN MISSION SUPPORT**

Support of Nueva Creación Lutheran Church in Philadelphia for this week is presented by Fran Zanis in memory of mother, Frances Kelly

**WORSHIP ATTENDANCE**

Sunday, May 7 8:00 a.m. 17 9:30 a.m. 26 Sunday School 7 **TOTAL 50**

**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**

Week of May 14, office hours will be Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday 9:00 am to 2:00 pm. Tuesday, May 23, regular hours; Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

**SUNDAY, MAY 28 - START OF SUMMER SCHEDULE 9:00 A.M. SERVICE ONLY**

On Sunday, May 28 we will start our summer schedule. There will be only one service starting at **9:00 a.m.** Sunday service may also be attended by Zoom and it will be live streamed on Facebook. A recording of the service will be uploaded to YouTube and linked to our website immediately after the service concludes. Zoom address information will be provided.

**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 Gryska



**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>



**THURSDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY-MAY 18**

Bible Study is at 7:00 pm on Thursdays. We will continue to Study “The Sermon on the Mount” and meet on Zoom:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89632518358?pwd=Smg5dm1BaoVZamZjNG1YMko2MlVv dz09>



**“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, JUNE16 7:30 P.M.**

Please join our music director Mike Dettra and his group “Dettra Mentals” 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.



**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.



**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.



**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 Jobses 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.



**NUEVA CREACIÓN MISSION SUPPORT**

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

**THIS WEEK AT ADVENT**

**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

**MONDAY, MAY 15**

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

**THURSDAY, MAY 18**

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

**FRIDAY, MAY 19**

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

**SATURDAY, MAY 20**

- 10:00 a.m. Stitch Club Meets

**SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER – MAY 21**

- 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: The Ward Family
- 10:45 a.m. Church Council Meeting