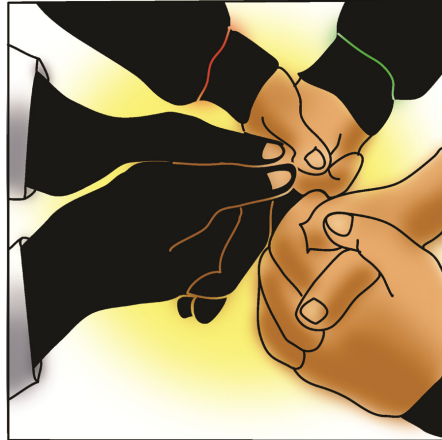


SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MAY 21, 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: "The Table of Grace"

Verse 1:

Hear the good news
You've been invited
No matter what others may say
Your darkest sins
Will be forgiven
And you will always have a place

Chorus:

At the table of grace
The cup's never empty
The plate's always full
And it's never too late
To come and be filled
With love never ending
You're always welcome
At the table of grace

Verse 2:

So come you weak
And heavy hearted
Don't try to hide
Your earthly scars
In His Eyes
We all are equal
Don't be afraid
Come as you are

Chorus:

At the table of grace
The cup's never empty
The plate's always full
And it's never too late
To come and be filled
With love never ending
You're always welcome
At the table of grace

Verse 3:

So let the first
Become the last
Let the poor
Put kings to shame
Their willing hearts
Will be their treasure
By the power of Jesus' name

Chorus:

At the table of grace
The cup's never empty
The plate's always full
And it's never too late
To come and be filled
With love never ending
You're always welcome
At the table of grace

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 of glory, your Son Jesus Christ suffered for us and ascended to your right hand. Unite us with Christ and each other in suffering and in joy, that all the world may be drawn into your bountiful presence, 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 1:6-14

⁶When [the apostles] had come together, they asked [Jesus], "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" ⁷He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. ⁸But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." ⁹When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. ¹⁰While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. ¹¹They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."

¹²Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day's journey away. ¹³When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. ¹⁴All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

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

Psalm: Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35

¹Let God arise, and let God's enemies be scattered;
let those who hate God flee.

²**As smoke is driven away, so you should drive them away;**
as the wax melts before the fire, so let the wicked perish at the presence of God.

³But let the righteous be glad and rejoice before God;
let them also be merry and joyful.

⁴**Sing to God, sing praises to God's name; exalt the one who rides the clouds;**
I AM that name, rejoice before God!

⁵In your holy habitation, O God,
you are a father to orphans, defender of widows;

⁶**you give the solitary a home and bring forth prisoners into freedom;**
but the rebels shall live in desert places.

⁷O God, when you went forth before your people,
when you marched through the wilderness

⁸**the earth quaked, and the skies poured down rain, at the presence of God, the God of Sinai,**
at the presence of God, the God of Israel.

⁹You sent a bountiful rain, O God;
you restored your inheritance when it languished.

¹⁰**Your people found their home in it;**
in your goodness, O God, you have made provision for the poor.

³²Sing to God, O kingdoms of the earth;
sing praises to the Lord.

³³**You ride in the heavens, O God, in the ancient heavens;**
you send forth your voice, your mighty voice.

³⁴Ascribe power to God,
whose majesty is over Israel; whose strength is in the skies.

³⁵**How wonderful you are in your holy places, O God of Israel,**
giving strength and power to your people! Blessed be God!

Second Reading: 1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11

¹²Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that is taking place among you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. ¹³But rejoice insofar as you are sharing Christ's sufferings, so that you may also be glad and shout for joy when his glory is revealed. ¹⁴If you are reviled for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the spirit of glory, which is the Spirit of God, is resting on you.

^{5:6}Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, so that he may exalt you in due time. ⁷Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you. ⁸Discipline yourselves, keep alert. Like a roaring lion your adversary the devil prowls around, looking for someone to devour. ⁹Resist him, steadfast in your faith, for you know that your brothers and sisters in all the world are undergoing the same kinds of suffering. ¹⁰And after you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, support, strengthen, and establish you. ¹¹To him be the power forever and ever. Amen.

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

Gospel: John 17:1-11

P: The Holy Gospel according to John the 17th chapter.

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

¹After Jesus had spoken these words [to his disciples], he looked up to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, ²since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. ³And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. ⁴I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. ⁵So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed.

⁶"I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. ⁷Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; ⁸for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. ⁹I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. ¹⁰All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. ¹¹And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ

Sermon

Song of Praise: "Branches"

Verse

I'm here separated apart and torn away
Broken branches in need of Your grace
There is no life apart from You
You're here in my failing
Your word makes me pure in my weakness
Your strength is secure
All of my life is found in You

Chorus

You are the vine
We are the branches
I am nothing without You
It's all for Your glory
All for Your purpose
Less of me and more of You

Verse 2

I'm here fully grafted inside of Your love
In ev'ry season Your grace is enough
You are in me as I'm in You
I'm called and appointed showing Your life
I am chosen
A co-heir with Christ
Your word inside me now bearing Your fruit

Chorus

You are the vine
We are the branches
I am nothing without You
It's all for Your glory
All for Your purpose
Less of me and more of You

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: "This is Amazing Grace"

Who breaks the power of sin and darkness?
Whose love is mighty and so much stronger?
The King of glory, the King above all kings
Who shakes the whole earth with holy thunder?
And leaves us breathless in awe and wonder?
The King of glory, the King above all kings

This is amazing grace
This is unfailing love
That You would take my place
That You would bear my cross

You laid down Your life
That I would be set free
Oh, Jesus, I sing for
All that You've done for me

Who brings our chaos back into order?
Who makes the orphans a son and daughter?
The King of glory, the King above all kings

Who rules the nations with truth and justice
Shines like the sun in all of its brilliance
The King of glory, the King above all kings

This is amazing grace
This is unfailing love
That You would take my place
That You would bear my cross

You laid down Your life
That I would be set free
Oh, Jesus, I sing for
All that You've done for me

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

GUEST SPEAKER, TODAY, COLLEEN BRINK, FROM HABITAT FOR HUMANITY OF BUCKS COUNTY

Guest speaker: Colleen Brink – Marketing & Outreach Director with Habitat for over 11 years. Habitat Bucks has, over the past 33 years, dedicated 125 homes to lower income families in Bucks County. Habitat also has an affordable Home Repair Program. Info can be found at www.HabitatBucks.org Habitat has come today to support the dream of Timmy Ward, who is eager to build a house for someone who doesn’t have one.

Habitat will be building three single family homes in Croydon. Lot #1 has been deemed, **FAITH BUILD 2023**.

You are welcome to register to help with framing this home in a **parking lot build** on Saturday, June 10, at Woodside Church in Yardley. Woodside Church has offered their parking lot for this one framing day. More details and registration can be found here and spots are limited: www.helpbuildhope.com/woodsidechurch Ages 5 and up are welcome- no experience is necessary. All wood for framing is pre-cut. LOTS OF HAMMERING! After this date, there will be other dates in the near future to build with Habitat Bucks. Contact Colleen at c.brink@habitatbucks.org

With our help, Habitat homeowners achieve the strength, stability and independence they need to build a better life for themselves and their families.



ALTAR FLOWERS

The Altar Flowers are presented by Cindy Frey in honor of the 6TH birthday of her grandson, Alexander, and by Christel Hoffmann in memory of her dad, Don Hoffmann’s birthday.

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

Sunday, May 14 8:00 a.m. 17 9:30 a.m. 22 **TOTAL 39**

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 email pastor@adventrichboro.org. If he is not available to take your call, leave a message and he will contact you.

OFFICE HOURS FOR WEEK OF MAY 21

Tuesday, May 23, 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

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: Meeting ID: 815 4518 6885, Passcode: 500201

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81545186885?pwd=SFA1Q2lISnB4dE9MSzJlSjNRRnZlI4dz09>



THURSDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY-MAY 25

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=Smg5dm1BaOVZamZjNG1YMko2MlVvdz09>

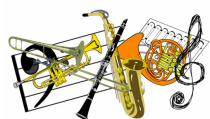
MONTHLY FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Financial Report For April 2023		
	Rec'vd for April 2023	Budget for April 2023
General Fund	\$12,458.93	\$17,281.00
Mortgage	\$2,878	\$1,898.00
Bene. - Synod Only	\$128	\$134
Other Benevolence	\$553	
Total	\$16,017.93	\$19,313.00
	Recv'd YTD 1/1-4/30/23	Budget YTD 1/1-4/30/23
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	
Total	\$54,609.84	\$77,252.00



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 Sunday, 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 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 SUMMER BREAK

Stitch Club will not be meeting during the summer starting May 27.

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.



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

SEVENTH 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

MONDAY, MAY 22

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

THURSDAY, MAY 25

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

FRIDAY, MAY 26

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

SATURDAY, MAY 27

- 10:00 a.m. Stitch Club Meets

DAY OF PENTECOST – MAY 28

- 9:00 a.m. Summer Worship Service with Holy
Communion
- 10:15 a.m. Fellowship Time: open
- 10:30 a.m. Adult Bible Study