

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  
JUNE 18, 2023  
9:00 A.M.



**GATHERING**

**Prelude**

**Announcements**

**Confession and Forgiveness**

*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,  
who greets us in this and every season,  
whose word never fails,  
whose promise is sure.

**Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God  
and of our neighbors.

Merciful God,

**we confess that we have sinned.**

**We have hurt our community.**

**We have squandered your blessings.**

**We have hoarded your bounty.**

**In the name of Jesus,**

**forgive us and grant us your mercy.**

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

God is a cup of cold water when we thirst.

God offers boundless grace when we fail.

Claim the gift of God's mercy:

you are freed and forgiven

in the name of † Jesus Christ.

**Amen.**

## ***Gathering Song: "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

### ***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 . . . God of compassion, you have opened the way for us and brought us to yourself. Pour your love into our hearts, that, overflowing with joy, we may freely share the blessings of your realm and faithfully proclaim the good news of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

## **WORD**

### ***First Reading: Exodus 19:2-8a***

<sup>2</sup>[The Israelites] had journeyed from Rephidim, entered the wilderness of Sinai, and camped in the wilderness; Israel camped there in front of the mountain.<sup>3</sup>Then Moses went up to God; the LORD called to him from the mountain, saying, "Thus you shall say to the house of Jacob, and tell the Israelites: <sup>4</sup>You have seen what I did to the Egyptians, and how I bore you on eagles' wings and brought you to myself. <sup>5</sup>Now therefore, if you obey my voice and keep my covenant, you shall be my treasured possession out of all the peoples. Indeed, the whole earth is mine, <sup>6</sup>but you shall be for me a priestly kingdom and a holy nation. These are the words that you shall speak to the Israelites."

<sup>7</sup>So Moses came, summoned the elders of the people, and set before them all these words that the LORD had commanded him. <sup>8a</sup>The people all answered as one: "Everything that the LORD has spoken we will do."

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

**Psalm: Psalm 100**

<sup>1</sup>Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all you lands!

<sup>2</sup>Serve the LORD with gladness; come into God's presence with a song.

**<sup>3</sup>Know that the LORD is God, our maker to whom we belong;  
we are God's people and the sheep of God's pasture.**

<sup>4</sup>Enter the gates of the LORD with thanksgiving and the courts with praise;  
give thanks and bless God's holy name.

**<sup>5</sup>Good indeed is the LORD, whose steadfast love is everlasting,  
whose faithfulness endures from age to age.**

**Second Reading: Romans 5:1-8**

Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>2</sup>through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. <sup>3</sup>And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, <sup>4</sup>and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, <sup>5</sup>and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

<sup>6</sup>For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. <sup>7</sup>Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. <sup>8</sup>But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us.

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**Thanks be to God.**

**Gospel: Matthew 9:35-10:8 [9-23]**

**P:** The Holy Gospel according to Matthew the 9<sup>th</sup> chapter.

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

<sup>35</sup>Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and curing every disease and every sickness. <sup>36</sup>When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. <sup>37</sup>Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; <sup>38</sup>therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest."

<sup>10:1</sup>Then Jesus summoned his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to cure every disease and every sickness. <sup>2</sup>These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon, also known as Peter, and his brother Andrew; James son of Zebedee, and his brother John; <sup>3</sup>Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; <sup>4</sup>Simon the Cananaean, and Judas Iscariot, the one who betrayed him.

<sup>5</sup>These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions: "Go nowhere among the Gentiles, and enter no town of the Samaritans, <sup>6</sup>but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. <sup>7</sup>As you go, proclaim the good news, "The kingdom of heaven has come near." <sup>8</sup>Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out demons. You received without payment; give without payment. [<sup>9</sup>Take no gold, or silver, or copper in your belts, <sup>10</sup>no bag for your journey, or two tunics, or sandals, or a staff; for laborers deserve their food. <sup>11</sup>Whatever town or village you enter, find out who in it is worthy, and stay there until you leave. <sup>12</sup>As you enter the house, greet it. <sup>13</sup>If the house is worthy, let your peace come upon it; but if it is not worthy, let your peace return to you. <sup>14</sup>If anyone will not welcome you or listen to your words, shake off the dust from your feet as you leave that house or town. <sup>15</sup>Truly I tell you, it will be more tolerable for the land of Sodom and Gomorrah on the day of judgment than for that town.

<sup>16</sup>"See, I am sending you out like sheep into the midst of wolves; so be wise as serpents and innocent as doves. <sup>17</sup>Beware of them, for they will hand you over to councils and flog you in their synagogues; <sup>18</sup>and you will be dragged before governors and kings because of me, as a testimony to them and the Gentiles. <sup>19</sup>When they hand you over, do not worry about how you are to speak or what you are to say; for what you are to say will be given to you at that time; <sup>20</sup>for it is not you who speak, but the Spirit of your Father speaking through you. <sup>21</sup>Brother will betray brother to death, and a father his child, and children will rise against parents and have them put to death; <sup>22</sup>and you will be hated by all because of my name. But the one who endures to the end will be saved. <sup>23</sup>When they persecute you in one town, flee to the next; for truly I tell you, you will not have gone through all the towns of Israel before the Son of Man comes."]

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

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

## SERMON

### ***Hymn of the Day: "Lift Every Voice and Sing" LBW 562***

- 1 Lift ev'ry voice and sing till earth and heaven ring,  
ring with the harmonies of liberty.  
Let our rejoicing rise high as the list'ning skies,  
let it resound loud as the rolling sea.  
Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us;  
sing a song full of the hope that the present has brought us;  
facing the rising sun of our new day begun,  
let us march on till victory is won.
  
- 2 Stony the road we trod, bitter the chast'ning rod,  
felt in the days when hope unborn had died;  
yet with a steady beat, have not our weary feet  
come to the place for which our parents sighed?  
We have come over a way that with tears has been watered;  
we have come, treading our path through the blood of the slaughtered,  
out from the gloomy past, till now we stand at last  
where the white gleam of our bright star is cast.
  
- 3 God of our weary years, God of our silent tears,  
thou who hast brought us thus far on the way;  
thou who hast by thy might led us into the light,  
keep us forever in the path, we pray.  
Lest our feet stray from the places, our God, where we met thee;  
lest, our hearts drunk with the wine of the world, we forget thee;  
shadowed beneath thy hand may we forever stand,  
true to our God, true to our native land.

### ***Apostles' 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 Intercession***

*(Each petition ends with... God, in your mercy,  
the congregation responds: hear our prayer.)*

### ***Sharing of the Peace***

The Peace of the Lord be with you.

**And, also with you.**

***The Offering*** Please leave your offering on our website: [https://www.eservicepayments.com/cgi-](https://www.eservicepayments.com/cgi-bin/Vanco_ver3.vps?appver3=Dc8dzPGn4-LCajFevTkh9MYPCLmH2sG-jdxWYJMFGW_IQfxkD4hBw8WoQ6UZLveQvLkSxosar20939JWiAad8707zqy-JU_UuLui9bUbJx2MmPFcxvWIUz6A7FDgkhUKkoPpduXvnt8gXUeZjQYbn9G3frHWC59Y_VCHQ6_VCoE=&ver=3)

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### ***Offertory Prayer***

Let us pray... **God of field and forest, sea and sky,  
you are the giver of all good things.**

**Sustain us with these gifts of your creation,  
and multiply your graciousness in us,  
that the world may be fed with your love,  
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and 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.**

### ***Words of Institution***

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 thank you, generous God,  
for the refreshment we have received  
at your banquet table.  
Send us now to spread your generosity into all the world,  
through the one who is our dearest treasure,  
Jesus Christ, our Savior and 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: "Father, Spirit, Jesus"***

Lord, the worship we bring  
Is more than songs that we sing  
It's a reflection of our ever-changing lives  
The best we have to offer

We don't just lift up our hands  
Lord, we lift up our lives  
For we know that You are worthy of our praise  
To You our life songs raise

Rescued from darkness  
We are walking in marvelous light  
For we are children of the King  
Sing

You are worthy of our honor  
Glory, praise and power  
King of the nations


You are Holy God Almighty  
Clothed in brilliant majesty

***Dismissal***

Go in peace. Share the harvest.  
**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 Ollikainen
Music Director	Mike Dettra
Worship Assistant	Rose Herbert

**ALTAR FLOWERS**

The Altar Flowers are presented by Janice Hoffmann in memory of Julianna Martin and to the Glory of God.

**WORSHIP ATTENDANCE**

Sunday, June 11 9:00 a.m. Total 30

**PASTOR ON VACATION**

Pastor Matt will be on vacation starting **Sunday, June 25**, returning **Wednesday, July 5**. Pastor Nathan Krause from Redeemer Lutheran Church, Jamison will be providing emergency pastoral coverage for Pastor Matt. His contact number is 267-884-1195.

**SUMMER SCHEDULE ZOOM INFORMATION**

9:00 am Worship Service  
Meeting ID: 815 4518 6885  
Passcode: 500201  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81545186885?pwd=SFA1Q2lISnB4dE9MSzJlSjNRNzI4dz09>



**HELP NEEDED TO ASSEMBLE MEALS SUNDAY JUNE 25**

Volunteers are needed on **June 25** to assemble turkey dinners for Caring for Friends. If you can help at 10:00 a.m., following the worship service, please sign up in the narthex. Thank you! Check [caringforfriends.org](http://caringforfriends.org) for the many ways they are helping our greater community.



**PEANUT BUTTER and JELLY**

Vacation Bible School is set for July 24-28. We will continue our popular **Peanut Butter vs. Jelly** competition. Families will be asked to bring one or more of these to Vacation Bible School. We’ll tally the number of jars of **Peanut Butter** and containers of **Jelly** each day to find out which one is “ahead” in the competition. You can participate right now by bringing either or both of these favorites, as we’ll begin filling our collection baskets through July 28. All will be donated to the Warminster Food Bank, just in time for the start of the upcoming school year. And...they are often discounted in the summer months. Thank you!



### **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 about God’s world and its people. Our Bible stories will inspire us to care for those who need food, healing, prayer and forgiveness. We’ll enjoy crafts, activities, music and snacks with our friends at VBS!

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 also located 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.



### **OCTOBER 8, 2023 – SAVE THE DATE!**

We are making plans to celebrate the **60<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY** of Advent Lutheran Church on **October 8, 2023**. More info to come!

### **MONTHLY FINANCIAL STATEMENT**

Financial Report For May 2023		
	Rec'vd for May 2023	Budget for May 2023
General Fund	\$8,811.62	\$17,281.00
Mortgage	\$2,361	\$1,898.00
Bene. - Synod Only	\$15	\$134
Other Benevolence	\$725	
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$11,912.62</b>	<b>\$19,313.00</b>
	Recv'd YTD 1/1-5/31/23	Budget YTD 1/1-5/31/23
General Fund	\$51,115.46	\$86,405.00
Mortgage	\$12,109.00	\$9,490.00
Bene. - Synod Only	\$320.00	\$670.00
Other Benevolence	\$2,978.00	
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$66,522.46</b>	<b>\$96,565.00</b>



### **STITCH CLUB ITEMS AVAILABLE**

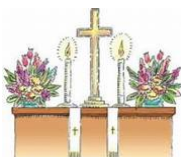
The Stitch club items are **available throughout the year**. If you need any of the items made by the Stitch Club, i.e., blankets, hats, baby items, please contact Hanna McCollum, 215-262- 9032, or Jeff Jobes, 215-355-4149.



### **DRIVE in AND DROP off FOOD COLLECTION**

If you have food for the Warminster Food Bank 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 Food Bank’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**

#### **3rd SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST - JUNE 18**

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

#### **MONDAY, JUNE 19**

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

#### **THURSDAY, JUNE 22**

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

#### **FRIDAY, JUNE 23**

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

#### **4th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST - JUNE 25**

- 9:00 a.m. Service of the Word
- 10:00 a.m. Fellowship Time: Open  
Caring for Friends-Meals assembly
- 10:15 a.m. Adult Bible Study