

SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER EASTER
JULY 16, 2023
9:00 A.M



LUTHERAN BOOK OF WORSHIP
SETTING ONE
ORDER OF WORSHIP

Gathering

Prelude (a time for silent meditation)

Announcements

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,
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.

Righteous God,

we confess that we have sinned.

We have failed to be honest.

We have lacked the courage to speak.

We have spoken falsely.

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 Hymn: "Morning Has Broken"

Morning has broken like the first morning
Blackbird has spoken like the first bird
Praise for the singing, praise for the morning
Praise for them springing fresh from the world

Sweet the rains new fall, sunlit from Heaven
Like the first dewfall on the first grass
Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden
Sprung in completeness where His feet pass

Mine is the sunlight, mine is the morning
Born of the one light, Eden saw play
Praise with elation, praise every morning
God's recreation of the new day

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.

Gloria



♩ Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his peo - ple on earth.



♩ Lord God, heav - en - ly king, al - might - y God and Fa - ther:



We wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.



Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God:



You take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.



You are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther; re - ceive our prayer.



For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,



you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,



in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - - men

Prayer of the day:

Let us pray. . . Almighty God, we thank you for planting in us the seed of your word. By your Holy Spirit help us to receive it with joy, live according to it, and grow in faith and hope and love, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Word**First Reading: Isaiah 55:10-13**

¹⁰For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven,
and do not return there until they have watered the earth,
making it bring forth and sprout,
giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater,
¹¹so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth;
it shall not return to me empty,
but it shall accomplish that which I purpose,
and succeed in the thing for which I sent it.

¹²For you shall go out in joy,
and be led back in peace;
the mountains and the hills before you
shall burst into song,
and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.

¹³Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress;
instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle;
and it shall be to the LORD for a memorial,
for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.

Word of God, Word of Life

Thanks be to God.

Psalm: Psalm 65: [1-8] 9-13

¹You are to be praised, O God, in Zion;
to you shall vows be fulfilled.

²**To you, the one who answers prayer,
to you all flesh shall come.**

³Our sins are stronger than we are,
but you blot out our transgressions.

⁴**Happy are they whom you choose and draw to your courts to dwell there!
They will be satisfied by the beauty of your house, by the holiness of your temple.**

⁵Awesome things will you show us in your righteousness, O God of our salvation,
O hope of all the ends of the earth and of the oceans far away.

⁶**You make firm the mountains by your power;
you are girded about with might.**

⁷You still the roaring of the seas,
the roaring of their waves, and the clamor of the peoples.

⁸**Those who dwell at the ends of the earth will tremble at your marvelous signs;
you make the dawn and the dusk to sing for joy.]**

⁹You visit the earth and water it abundantly; you make it very plenteous;
the river of God is full of water.

You prepare the grain, for so you provide for the earth.

¹⁰**You drench the furrows and smooth out the ridges;
with heavy rain you soften the ground and bless its increase.**

¹¹You crown the year with your goodness,
and your paths overflow with plenty.

¹²**May the fields of the wilderness be rich for grazing,
and the hills be clothed with joy.**

¹³May the meadows cover themselves with flocks, and the valleys cloak themselves with grain;
let them shout for joy and sing.

Second Reading: Romans 8:1-11

¹There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. ²For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death. ³For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do: by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and to deal with sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, ⁴so that the just requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. ⁵For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. ⁶To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. ⁷For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law—indeed it cannot, ⁸and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

⁹But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. ¹⁰But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. ¹¹If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

Word of God, Word of Life

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

P: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew 13th chapter.

Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

¹That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. ²Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. ³And he told them many things in parables, saying: "Listen! A sower went out to sow. ⁴And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. ⁵Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. ⁶But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. ⁷Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. ⁸Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. ⁹Let anyone with ears listen!"

¹⁸"Hear then the parable of the sower. ¹⁹When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. ²⁰As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; ²¹yet such a person has no root, but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. ²²As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. ²³But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Hymn of the Day: "I Love to Tell the Story" LBW 390

1 I love to tell the story
of unseen things above,
of Jesus and his glory,
of Jesus and his love.
I love to tell the story,
because I know it's true;
it satisfies my longings
as nothing else would do.

Refrain

I love to tell the story;
I'll sing this theme in glory
and tell the old, old story
of Jesus and his love.

2 I love to tell the story:

how pleasant to repeat
what seems, each time I tell it,
more wonderfully sweet!
I love to tell the story,
for some have never heard
the message of salvation
from God's own holy word. *Refrain*

3 I love to tell the story,
for those who know it best
seem hungering and thirsting
to hear it like the rest.
And when, in scenes of glory,
I sing the new, new song,
I'll sing the old, old story
that I have loved so long. *Refrain*

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... 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-jdxWYJMGFW_lQfxkD4hBw8WoQ6UZLveQvLkSxosar20939JWiAad8707zqy-JU_UuLui9bUbJx2MmPFcXvWIUz6A7FDgkhUKkoPpduXvnt8gXUeZjQYbn9G3frHWC59Y_VCHQ6_VCoE=&ver=3)

The Offertory



Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our
cup of bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the
seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life.
Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u - nite them with the
prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your
pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

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

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**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.**

Invitation to Communion

Come to the table. Feast on God's abundant life for you.

☞ Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us peace.

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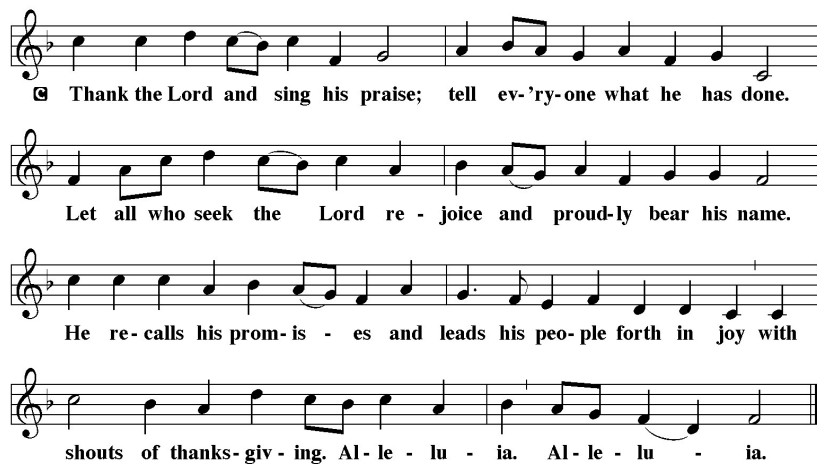
**The body of Christ, given to you.
The blood of Christ, shed for you.**

Post-Communion Blessing

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you
and keep you in his grace.

Amen.

Post-Communion Canticle



☩ Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell ev-'ry-one what he has done.

Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and proud-ly bear his name.

He re - calls his prom - is - es and leads his peo - ple forth in joy with

shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

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.

Benediction

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: "How Firm a Foundation" LBW 507

- 1 How firm a foundation, O saints of the Lord,
is laid for your faith in his excellent word!
What more can he say than to you he has said
who unto the Savior for refuge have fled?
- 2 "Fear not, I am with you, oh, be not dismayed,
for I am your God and will still give you aid;
I'll strengthen you, help you, and cause you to stand,
upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.
- 3 "When through fiery trials your pathway shall lie,
my grace, all-sufficient, shall be your supply.
The flames shall not hurt you; I only design
your dross to consume and your gold to refine.
- 4 "Throughout all their lifetime my people shall prove
my sov'reign, eternal, unchangeable love;
and then, when gray hairs shall their temples adorn,
like lambs they shall still in my bosom be borne."

Dismissal

Go in peace. Share God's love.

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	Rose Herbert



ALTAR FLOWERS

The Altar Flowers are presented by Peg & George Spahn in honor of their daughter, Connie's Birthday and by Janice Hoffmann in memory of her mother, Susan Bobb.

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

Sunday, July 9, 9:00 a.m. **TOTAL 33**

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.

PASTOR OUT OF THE OFFICE

Pastor Matt will be on bereavement leave (to officiate at his grandmother's funeral) starting, **Thursday, July 20**, returning to office **Wednesday, July 26**. 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>



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.



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!



MITCH MCVICKER IN CONCERT AT ADVENT - THURSDAY, JULY 27, 7:00 pm

Advent is again pleased to have Mitch McVicker, Christian recording artist, with us in concert on **Thursday, July 27, at 7 p.m.** McVicker's concert is a little bit Mark Twain meets MacGyver. His quirky and inventive approach includes insightful song lyrics, unconventional instruments, and profound storytelling. His concert connects the everyday with the otherworldly. McVicker's theology is daringly simple - God's love washes over and through us regardless of our circumstances and situations. Come out for an evening of enjoyable and inspirational music. A free will offering will be taken.



SPAGHETTI DINNER, SATURDAY, AUGUST 19, 5:00 TO 8:00 P.M.

Come to Advent Lutheran Church for a delicious Spaghetti and Meatball Dinner hosted by Pastor Matt, who will be preparing his family's homemade sauce recipe for the occasion. The dinner will be on Saturday, August 19, from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Proceeds from the free will offering will go to benefit the Warminster Food Bank. Suggested offering is \$15 per adult and \$5 for children 12 and under. To go meals will be available.



SUNDAY SCHOOL IN SEPTEMBER

Children's Sunday School classes will begin on September 17, concurrent with the 9:30 a.m. worship service. New students are welcome! Our weekly Bible lessons will be based on the popular ***Holy Moly*** curriculum. Its creative short videos bring the Bible stories to life for students age 4 through grade 6. The lessons are written in rhyme and illustrated in graphic novel style.

Learning together is fun! Look for a registration form in the church foyer or narthex to sign up, or you may request a form via email or mail. Student books and crafts will be ordered in August. Please contact the church office with any questions: office@adventrichboro.org or 215-355-2529.

Jeanne Gryszka, Sunday School Director



COMING IN SEPTEMBER

Everyone will have the opportunity to participate in a group affirmation of baptism during the 9:30 service. You are welcome if you were baptized as an infant or as an adult. During the ceremony, we will learn the significance of our baptism. We will also learn what it means in our walk with Christ and our relationship with the Holy Spirit. If you have not been baptized or do not know if you were baptized, please talk to Pastor Matt. We want everyone to be a part of this joyful event. So, save the date – September 24.

ADVENT'S 60TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION – SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2023

Please plan to attend as we will be celebrating this milestone with a single worship service that morning, followed by a meal and brief program in the Fellowship Hall. All are welcome to attend, so inform your family and friends! More information will be shared during the summer. Thank you.



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.



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. Thank you for helping our neighbors in need.



STITCH CLUB ITEMS AVAILABLE

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 215-962-9032 or Jeff Jobses 215-355-4149.

MONTHLY FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Financial Report For June 2023		
	Rec'vd for June 2023	Budget for June 2023
General Fund	\$11,228.93	\$17,281.00
Mortgage	\$2,241	\$1,898.00
Bene. - Synod Only	\$65	\$134
Other Benevolence	\$946	
Total	\$14,480.93	\$19,313.00
	Recv'd YTD 1/1-6/30/23	Budget YTD 1/1-6/30/23
General Fund	\$62,344.39	\$103,686.00
Mortgage	\$14,350.00	\$11,388.00
Bene. - Synod Only	\$385.00	\$804.00
Other Benevolence	\$3,924.00	
Total	\$81,003.39	\$115,878.00

THIS WEEK AT ADVENT

7th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – JULY 16

- 9:00 am Summer Worship Service with Holy Communion
- 10:00 am Fellowship Time: Open
- 10:15 am Adult Bible Study

MONDAY, JULY 17

- 7:30 pm A.A. Open Meeting

FRIDAY, JULY 21

- 7:30 pm A.A. Step Meeting

8th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – JULY 23

- 9:00 am Summer Worship Service with Holy Communion
- 10:00 am Fellowship Time: Open
- 10:15 am Adult Bible Study