

**SERVICE OF THE WORD  
EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  
JULY 23, 2023  
9:00 a.m.**



***We Gather in Jesus' Name***  
***EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN WORSHIP***  
***ORDER OF WORSHIP***

**Gathering**

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

**Confessions and Forgiveness**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,  
who forgives all our sin,  
whose mercy endures forever.

**Amen.**

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

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

Gracious God,

**have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of † Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

**Amen.**

## ***Gathering Son: "Amazing God"***

### Verse 1

We can hear it growing louder  
Songs from ev'ry nation  
Rising to Your throne  
Saints in ev'ry generation  
Singing for Your glory  
Telling what You've done

### Pre-Chorus

From the north and south  
We are crying out  
There is hope in Jesus' name

### Chorus

'Cause You're amazing God  
You're amazing God  
You can bear the weight of ev'ry heavy heart  
You can heal the pain  
You can clean the stain  
You can turn our tears into songs of praise  
You're amazing God

## ***Greetings***

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 . . . Faithful God, most merciful judge, you care for your children with firmness and compassion.  
By your Spirit nurture us who live in your kingdom, that we may be rooted in the way of your Son, Jesus  
Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen**

### Verse 2

Beauty rises from the ashes  
Sorrow turns to gladness  
When our God is near  
You speak light into our darkness  
You heal the broken-hearted  
You wipe away our tears

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## ***WORD***

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

## ***First Reading: Isaiah 44:6-8***

<sup>6</sup>Thus says the LORD, the King of Israel,  
and his Redeemer, the LORD of hosts:

I am the first and I am the last;  
besides me there is no god.

<sup>7</sup>Who is like me? Let them proclaim it,  
let them declare and set it forth before me.

Who has announced from of old the things to come?  
Let them tell us what is yet to be.

<sup>8</sup>Do not fear, or be afraid;  
have I not told you from of old and declared it?

You are my witnesses!  
Is there any god besides me?

There is no other rock; I know not one.

Word of God, Word of Life

**Thanks be to God**

**Psalm: Psalm 86:11-17**

<sup>11</sup>Teach me your way, O LORD, and I will walk | in your truth;  
give me an undivided heart to revere your name.

<sup>12</sup>**I will thank you, O Lord my God, with all my heart,  
and glorify your name forevermore.**

<sup>13</sup>For great is your love toward me;  
you have delivered me from the pit of death.

<sup>14</sup>**The arrogant rise up against me, O God, and a band of violent people seeks my life;  
they have not set you before their eyes.**

<sup>15</sup>But you, O Lord, are gracious and full of compassion,  
slow to anger, and full of kindness and truth.

<sup>16</sup>**Turn to me and have mercy on me;  
give your strength to your servant, and save the child of your handmaid.**

<sup>17</sup>**Show me a sign of your favor, so that those who hate me may see it and be put to shame;  
because you, LORD, have helped me and comforted me.**

**Second Reading: Romans 8:12-25**

<sup>12</sup>So then, brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh—<sup>13</sup>for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. <sup>14</sup>For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. <sup>15</sup>For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, “Abba! Father!” <sup>16</sup>it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, <sup>17</sup>and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ—if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

<sup>18</sup>I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. <sup>19</sup>For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; <sup>20</sup>for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope <sup>21</sup>that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. <sup>22</sup>We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; <sup>23</sup>and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. <sup>24</sup>For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? <sup>25</sup>But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

Word of God, Word of Life

**Thanks be to God**

**Gospel: Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43**

**P:** The Holy Gospel according to **Matthew** the 13<sup>th</sup> chapter.

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

<sup>24</sup>[Jesus] put before [the crowds] another parable: “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field; <sup>25</sup>but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away. <sup>26</sup>So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. <sup>27</sup>And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, ‘Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?’ <sup>28</sup>He answered, ‘An enemy has done this.’ The slaves said to him, ‘Then do you want us to go and gather them?’ <sup>29</sup>But he replied, ‘No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. <sup>30</sup>Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.’”

<sup>36</sup>Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, “Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field.” <sup>37</sup>He answered, “The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; <sup>38</sup>the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, <sup>39</sup>and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. <sup>40</sup>Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. <sup>41</sup>The

Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, <sup>42</sup>and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. <sup>43</sup>Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!”

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

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

### **Sermon**

#### **Hymn of the Day: Love Divine, All Loves Excelling” LBW 315**

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| 1 Love divine, all loves excelling,<br>Joy of heav’n, to earth come down!<br>Fix in us thy humble dwelling,<br>all thy faithful mercies crown.<br>Jesus, thou art all compassion,<br>pure, unbounded love thou art;<br>visit us with thy salvation,<br>enter ev’ry trembling heart. | 3 Come, Almighty, to deliver;<br>let us all thy life receive;<br>suddenly return, and never,<br>nevermore thy temples leave.<br>Thee we would be always blessing,<br>serve thee as thy hosts above,<br>pray, and praise thee without ceasing,<br>glory in thy perfect love.          |
| 2 Breathe, oh, breathe thy loving Spirit<br>into ev’ry troubled breast;<br>let us all in thee inherit;<br>let us find thy promised rest.<br>Take away the love of sinning;<br>Alpha and Omega be;<br>end of faith, as its beginning,<br>set our hearts at liberty.                  | 4 Finish then thy new creation,<br>pure and spotless let us be;<br>let us see thy great salvation<br>perfectly restored in thee!<br>Changed from glory into glory,<br>till in heav’n we take our place,<br>till we cast our crowns before thee,<br>lost in wonder, love, and praise! |

### **Apostle’s 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 prayer ends with . . . God in your mercy, the congregation responds: **hear our prayer.**

### **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\\_lQfxkD4hBw8WoQ6UZLveQvLkSxosar2o939JWiAad87o7zqy-JU\\_UuLu19bUbJx2MmPFcXvWIUz6A7FDgkhUKkoPpduXvnt8gXUeZjQYbn9G3frHWC59Y\\_VCHQ6\\_VCoE=&ver=3](https://www.eservicepayments.com/cgi-bin/Vanco_ver3.vps?appver3=Dc8dzPGn4-LCajFevTkh9MYPCImH2sG-jdxWYJMFGW_lQfxkD4hBw8WoQ6UZLveQvLkSxosar2o939JWiAad87o7zqy-JU_UuLu19bUbJx2MmPFcXvWIUz6A7FDgkhUKkoPpduXvnt8gXUeZjQYbn9G3frHWC59Y_VCHQ6_VCoE=&ver=3)

## **Thanksgiving for the Word**

Let us pray.

Praise and thanks to you, holy God, for by your Word you made all things: you spoke light into darkness, called forth beauty from chaos, and brought life into being. For your Word of life, O God,

**we give you thanks and praise.**

By your Word you called your people Israel to tell of your wonderful gifts: freedom from captivity, water on the desert journey, a pathway home from exile, wisdom for life with you. For your Word of life, O God,

**we give you thanks and praise.**

Through Jesus, your Word made flesh, you speak to us and call us to witness: forgiveness through the cross, life to those entombed by death, the way of your self-giving love. For your Word of life, O God,

**we give you thanks and praise.**

Send your Spirit of truth, O God; rekindle your gifts within us: renew our faith, increase our hope, and deepen our love, for the sake of a world in need. Faithful to your Word, O God, draw near to all who call on you; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory forever. **Amen.**

## ***Lord's Prayer***

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

**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.**

## ***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: "How Great is Our God"***

Verse 1

The splendor of the King

Clothed in majesty

Let all the earth rejoice

All the earth rejoice

He wraps Himself in light

And darkness tries to hide

And trembles at His voice

And trembles at His voice

Chorus

How great is our God

Sing with me

How great is our God

And all will see how great

Verse 2

And age to age He stands  
And time is in His hands  
Beginning and the End  
Beginning and the End  
The Godhead three in one  
Father Spirit Son  
The Lion and the Lamb  
The Lion and the Lamb

Bridge

Name above all names  
Worthy of all praise  
My heart will sing  
How great is our God

Chorus

How great is our God  
Sing with me  
How great is our God  
And all will see how great  
How great is our God

***Dismissal***

Go in peace. Share God's Love.  
**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**

Worship Leader:  
Music Director  
Lay Reader

Gail Oines  
Mike Dettra  
John Flint

**SUNDAY WORSHIP LEADER**

Gail Oines, will be today's Worship Leader.

**ALTAR FLOWERS**

The Altar Flowers are presented are presented by Cindy Frey in honor of the 18<sup>th</sup> birthday of her Grandson, Andrew and to the Glory of God.

## NUEVA CREACIÓN MISSION SUPPORT

Support of Nueva Creación Lutheran Church in Philadelphia for this week is presented by Peg & George Spahn in honor of their Granddaughter, Margo's birthday.

## WORSHIP ATTENDANCE:

Sunday, July 16 9:00 a.m. **Total 27**

## 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=SFA1Q2lISnB4dE9MSzJlSjNRRNzL4dz09>

## MONTHLY FINANCIAL STATEMENT

<b>Financial Report For June 2023</b>		
	<b>Rec'vd for June 2023</b>	<b>Budget for June 2023</b>
General Fund	\$11,228.93	\$17,281.00
Mortgage	\$2,241	\$1,898.00
Bene. - Synod Only	\$65	\$134
Other Benevolence	\$946	
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$14,480.93</b>	<b>\$19,313.00</b>
<b>Recv'd YTD 1/1-6/30/23</b>		
	<b>Recv'd YTD 1/1-6/30/23</b>	<b>Budget YTD 1/1-6/30/23</b>
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	
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$81,003.39</b>	<b>\$115,878.00</b>



## 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](mailto: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 60<sup>TH</sup> 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](http://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.

**THIS WEEK AT ADVENT**

**8<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – JULY 23**

- 9:00 am Service of the Word – Gail Oines
- 10:30 am Fellowship Time: Open
- 10:45 am Adult Bible Study

**MONDAY, JULY 24**

- 7:30 pm A.A. Open Meeting

**THURSDAY, JULY 27**

- 7:00 pm Mitch McVicker in Concert

**FRIDAY, JULY 28**

- 7:30 pm A.A. Step Meeting

**9<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – JULY 30**

- 9:00 am Summer Worship Service with Holy Communion
- 10:30 am Fellowship Time: Open
- 10:45 am Adult Bible Study