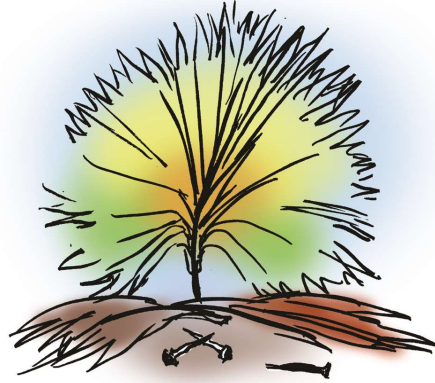


14TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
SEPTEMBER 3, 2023
9:00 A.M.



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 God,
the one who forms us,

✝ Jesus who bears the cross,
the Spirit who makes our joy complete.

Amen.

Let us bow before God in humility,
confessing our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Steadfast and faithful God,
**you have revealed the ways of justice,
yet we fail to follow you.**

**We are overwhelmed
by the world's violence and suffering.
We are afraid to risk what we have
for the sake of others.**

**For the harm we have caused,
known and unknown, forgive us.
For the unjust demands we place on others
and your creation, forgive us.**

**For the ways we turn away
from you and our neighbor, forgive us.**

**Lead us back to you
and set us on the right path;
in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior.**

Amen.

Beloved in Christ,
God's justice stretches beyond all understanding.
God's compassion is beyond compare.

In Jesus, God is always making a new way for us.
In ✝ Christ, you are already and always forgiven.

Amen.

Gathering Song: "For the Beauty of the Earth" LBW 561

1 For the beauty of the earth,
for the beauty of the skies,
for the love which from our birth
over and around us lies:

Refrain

Christ, our Lord, to you we raise
this our sacrifice of praise.

2 For the wonder of each hour
of the day and of the night,
hill and vale and tree and flow'r,
sun and moon and stars of light: *Refrain*

3 For the joy of ear and eye,
for the heart and mind's delight,
for the mystic harmony
linking sense to sound and sight: *Refrain*

4 For the joy of human love,
brother, sister, parent, child,
friends on earth and friends above;
for all gentle thoughts and mild: *Refrain*

5 For yourself, best gift divine
to the world so freely giv'n;
agent of God's grand design,
peace on earth and joy in heav'n: *Refrain*

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, we thank you for your Son, who chose the path of suffering for the sake of the world. Humble us by his example, point us to the path of obedience, and give us strength to follow your commands, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

WORD

First Reading: Jeremiah 15:15-21

¹⁵O LORD, you know;
remember me and visit me,
and bring down retribution for me on my persecutors.

In your forbearance do not take me away;
know that on your account I suffer insult.

¹⁶Your words were found, and I ate them,
and your words became to me a joy
and the delight of my heart;

for I am called by your name,
O LORD, God of hosts.

¹⁷I did not sit in the company of merry-makers,
nor did I rejoice;
under the weight of your hand I sat alone,
for you had filled me with indignation.

¹⁸Why is my pain unceasing,
my wound incurable,
refusing to be healed?

Truly, you are to me like a deceitful brook,
like waters that fail.

¹⁹Therefore thus says the LORD:

If you turn back, I will take you back,
and you shall stand before me.

If you utter what is precious, and not what is worthless,
you shall serve as my mouth.

It is they who will turn to you,
not you who will turn to them.

²⁰And I will make you to this people
a fortified wall of bronze;
they will fight against you,
but they shall not prevail over you,
for I am with you
to save you and deliver you,
says the LORD.
²¹I will deliver you out of the hand of the wicked,
and redeem you from the grasp of the ruthless.

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

Psalm: Psalm 26:1-8

¹Give judgment for me, O LORD, for I have lived with integrity;
I have trusted in the LORD and have not faltered.
²**Test me, O LORD, and try me;
examine my heart and my mind.**
³For your steadfast love is before my eyes;
I have walked faithfully with you.
⁴**I have not sat with the worthless,
nor do I consort with the deceitful.**
⁵I have hated the company of evildoers;
I will not sit down with the wicked.
⁶**I will wash my hands in innocence, O LORD,
that I may go in procession round your altar,**
⁷singing aloud a song of thanksgiving
and recounting all your wonderful deeds.
⁸**LORD, I love the house in which you dwell
and the place where your glory abides.**

Second Reading: Romans 12:9-21

⁹Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; ¹⁰love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. ¹¹Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. ¹²Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. ¹³Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers.
¹⁴Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. ¹⁵Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. ¹⁶Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. ¹⁷Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. ¹⁸If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. ¹⁹Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord." ²⁰No, "if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads." ²¹Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

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

Gospel: Matthew 16:21-28

P: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew the 16th chapter.
C: Glory to You, O Lord.

²¹From that time on, [after Peter confessed that Jesus was the Messiah,] Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. ²²And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him,

saying, "God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you." ²³But he turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

²⁴Then Jesus told his disciples, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ²⁵For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. ²⁶For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life?

²⁷"For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. ²⁸Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Hymn of the Day: "Bind Us Together" WOV 748

Refrain:

Bind us together, Lord,
Bind us together
with cords that cannot be broken.
Bind us together, Lord,
bind us together,
Bind us together in love.

Refrain

Made for the glory of God,
Purchased by His precious Son;
Born with the right to be clean,
For Jesus the victory has won.

Refrain

There is only one God,
There is only one King;
There is only one Body,
That is why we sing:

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... Merciful God,
the congregation responds: receive 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-bin/Vanco_ver3.vps?appver3=De8dzPGn4-LCajFevTkh9MYPCImH2sG-jdxWYJMFGW_IQfxkD4hBw8WoQ6UZLveQvLkSxosar20939JWiAad8707zqy-JU_UuLu19bUbJx2MmPFcXvWIUz6A7FDgkhUKkoPpduXvnt8gXUeZjQYbn9G3frHWC59Y_VCHQ6_VCoE=&ver=3)

Offertory Prayer

Let us pray... **God of power, God of plenty,
all things belong to you.
We bring your gifts to the table,
that all might be fed.
Form us into the body of your Beloved,
Jesus Christ, our Savior.
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.

Distribution

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

Prayer after Communion

Let us pray. . . Blessed
be your name, O God,
for we have feasted on your Word,
Christ Jesus, the joy and delight of our hearts.
Strengthened by this food,
send us to gather the world to your banquet,
where none are left out and all are satisfied.
In Jesus' name we pray.

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: "Lord I lift Your Name on High"

Lord I lift Your name on high
Lord I love to sing Your praises
I'm so glad You're in my life
I'm so glad You came to save us

Lord I lift Your name on high
Lord I love to sing Your praises
I'm so glad You're in my life
I'm so glad You came to save us

Chorus

You came from heaven to earth
to show the way
From the earth to the cross
my debt to pay
From the cross to the grave
from the grave to the sky
Lord I lift Your name on high

You came from heaven to earth
to show the way
From the earth to the cross
my debt to pay
From the cross to the grave
from the grave to the sky
Lord I lift Your name on high

Dismissal

Go in peace. God is at work in you.
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

Pastor	The Rev Matthew E. Ollikainen
Guest Pianist	Sue den Outer
Lay Reader	David Elkin
Communion Assistant	Jeanne Gryszka



ALTAR FLOWERS

The Altar Flowers are dedicated by Peg & George Spahn in honor of their son, Warren’s birthday 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 Kelly Zanis in memory of her brother, Joseph E. Kelly.

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

Sunday, August 27, 9:00 a.m. **TOTAL 36**

FALL SCHEDULE (2 SERVICES) BEGINS SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

We will return to our normal Sunday schedule on September 10 of a Traditional service **at 8:00 a.m.** The Contemporary service will be at **9:30 a.m.**

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.

SUMMER SCHEDULE ZOOM INFORMATION (Fall Schedule starts next Sunday 9/10)

9:00 am Worship Service

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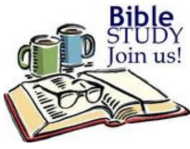
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STITCH CLUB STARTING UP ON SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 10 A.M.

Stitch club will start to meet again, Saturday, September 9, **at 10:00 a.m. (Weather permitting)**. Stitch club is open to all who would like to join. If you like to knit, crochet, or do needlepoint, this is for you!

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 Jobs, 215-355-4149.



THURSDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY STARTING SEPTEMBER 14

Pastor Matt is starting Thursday Night Bible Study on September 14 at 7 p.m. via Zoom. The study will be on the book *Bonhoeffer* by John W. Matthews from the Theology for Life Series, it is a brief overview of the life and writings of Dietrich Bonhoeffer. The book can be ordered online from Augsburg Fortress or Amazon. Bible Study will continue to

meet by Zoom.

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SEPTEMBER 17 - SUNDAY SCHOOL BEGINS AT 9:30 a.m.

Children's Sunday School classes begin on September 17. Each Sunday, students and teachers will participate in the opening portion of the 9:30 a.m. worship service and proceed to their classroom following the children's sermon. New students are welcome! We begin our class time with songs, followed by an animated video from the Holy Moly curriculum. We'll read the Bible lesson, which is written in rhyme, and have fun with a

craft or game.

Registration forms are in the church foyer or narthex or via email or mail. Student books and crafts are ordered in advance. Please note: There will be no Sunday School on October 8, which is 60th Anniversary celebration.

Please contact the church office with any questions: office@adventrichboro.org or 215-355-2529. Jeanne Gryszka, Sunday School Director



I SCREAM, YOU SCREAM, WE ALL SCREAM FOR ICE CREAM

Join us on September 17 at Fellowship Time, as the Church Council brings back the popular Ice Cream Social. Come talk about your back to school, back from vacation fun times and eat some deliciousness! Dare we suggest another Ice Cream Brand Show Down? Join us and find out!



PRAISE BAND AND VOCAL CHOIR PRACTICE SEPTEMBER 20

Church Choirs will be restarting this Fall! We currently have a Traditional Choir and Praise Band. Practices will be on Wednesday evenings starting at 6:30 to 7:15 p.m. is Praise Band practice. Traditional Choir practice will be 7:15 to 8:15 p.m. All are welcome and encouraged to join and no prior experience is necessary. Please see Mike Dettra for more details.



COMING IN SEPTEMBER

Everyone will have the opportunity to participate in a group affirmation of baptism during the 9:30 service, Sunday, September 24. 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. We want everyone to be a part of this joyful event.

If you would like to come forward during the service to affirm your baptism, please contact George Henry 215-970-8523 or Pastor Matt 215-859-3778.

If you have not been baptized or do not know if you were baptized, please talk to Pastor Matt.

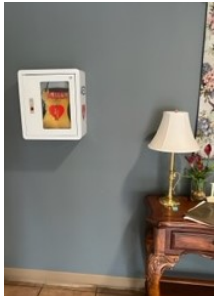


CELEBRATION OF ADVENT'S 60th ANNIVERSARY
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2023, 9:00 AM

Join us on **Sunday, October 8, 2023**, as we celebrate this special milestone! There will be one worship **service that day at 9:00 a.m.**, immediately followed by a brunch and brief program in Advent's fellowship hall. If you plan on attending the brunch, please complete the form that was sent to you (additional copies are in the narthex and church office) and place it with your payment in the offering plate or mail it to the church office. **Please reply by September 17**, so that we can plan accordingly. All members, friends, former members, and families are welcome to attend.

CHURCH DIRECTORY NOW AVAILABLE

Copies of the church directory are available on the table in the narthex. Please advise of any changes, corrections or additions needed.



AUTOMATED EXTERNAL DEFIBRILATOR

Thanks to a generous donor, Advent now has an automated external defibrillator (AED), which was installed on a wall in the church main entranceway (see photo). Thank you! An AED is a lightweight, portable device that delivers an electric shock through the chest to the heart when it detects an abnormal rhythm and changes the rhythm back to normal. AEDs help people who have a sudden cardiac arrest, which occurs when the heart suddenly stops beating regularly. Northampton Township EMT personnel previously trained several Advent members and friends in using an AED, and plans may be made to offer another round of training. This will benefit all persons and groups using the building.

MONTHLY FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Financial Report For July 2023		
	Rec'vd for July 2023	Budget for July 2023
General Fund	\$11,838.93	\$17,281.00
Mortgage	\$2,586	\$1,898.00
Bene. - Synod Only	\$135	\$134
Other Benevolence	\$787	
Total	\$15,346.93	\$19,313.00
	Recv'd YTD 1/1-7/31/23	Budget YTD 1/1-7/31/23
General Fund	\$74,183.32	\$120,967.00
Mortgage	\$16,936.00	\$13,286.00
Bene. - Synod Only	\$520.00	\$938.00
Other Benevolence	\$4,711.00	
Total	\$96,350.32	\$135,191.00

SPAGHETTI DINNER HIGHLIGHTS





Advent hosted a very successful spaghetti dinner on Saturday evening, August 19. Pastor Matt and his daughter, Eva, made a delicious homemade sauce, which was accompanied by spaghetti, meatballs, green salads, bread, music, and a lot of fellowship! Thank you to the 27 persons who not only attended, but also donated \$440 as a free-will offering to the Warminster Food Bank. There were also 18 dinners made from the leftovers, which will be donated to Caring for Friends.



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

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THIS WEEK AT ADVENT

14th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – SEPTEMBER 3

- 9:00 am Traditional Worship Service with
Holy Communion
10:00 am Fellowship Time:

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 4

- 7:30 pm A.A. Open Meeting

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

- 7:30 pm A.A. Step Meeting

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

- 10:00 am – noon Stitch Club

15th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – SEPTEMBER 10

- 8:00 am Traditional Holy Communion
9:00 am Adult Bible Study
9:30 am Contemporary Holy Communion
10:30 am Fellowship Time: Open
10:45 am Adult Bible Study