

CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY

November 26, 2023

9:30 a.m.



We Gather in Jesus' Name

***Prelude** (a time for silent meditation)*

Announcements

Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
in whose image we are made,
who claims us and calls us beloved.

Amen.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Holy One,

we confess that we are not awake for you.

We are not faithful in using your gifts.

We forget the least of our siblings.

We do not see your beautiful image in one another.

We are infected by sin

that divides your beloved community.

Open our hearts to your coming,

open our eyes to see you in our neighbor,

open our hands to serve your creation.

Amen.

Beloved, we are God's children,
and Jesus, our Beloved, opens the door to us.

Through † Jesus you are forgiven,

by Jesus you are welcome,

in Jesus you are called to rejoice!

Let us live in the promises prepared for us
from the foundation of the world.

Amen.

Gathering Song: "The Heart of Worship"

Verse 1

When the music fades all is stripped away
And I simply come
Longing just to bring something that's of worth
That will bless Your heart

Pre-Chorus

I'll bring You more than a song
For a song in itself is not what You have
required
You search much deeper within
Through the way things appear
You're looking into my heart

Chorus

I'm coming back to the heart of worship
And it's all about You all about You Jesus
I'm sorry Lord for the thing I've made it
When it's all about You all about You Jesus

Verse 2

King of endless worth no one could express
How much You deserve
Though I'm weak and poor all I have is Yours
Ev'ry single breath

Pre-Chorus

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For a song in itself is not what You have required
You search much deeper within
Through the way things appear
You're looking into my heart

Chorus

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And it's all about You all about You Jesus
I'm sorry Lord for the thing I've made it
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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 power and might, your Son shows us the way of service, and in him we inherit the riches of your grace. Give us the wisdom to know what is right and the strength to serve the world you have made, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Readings for Christ the King Sunday

Children's Sermon

First Reading: Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24

¹¹Thus says the Lord GOD: I myself will search for my sheep, and will seek them out. ¹²As shepherds seek out their flocks when they are among their scattered sheep, so I will seek out my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places to which they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. ¹³I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land; and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the watercourses, and in all the inhabited parts of the land. ¹⁴I will feed them with good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel shall be their pasture; there they shall lie down in good grazing land, and they shall feed on rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. ¹⁵I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord GOD. ¹⁶I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, but the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them with justice.

²⁰Therefore, thus says the Lord GOD to them: I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. ²¹Because you pushed with flank and shoulder, and butted at all the weak animals with your horns until you scattered them far and wide, ²²I will save my flock, and they shall no longer be ravaged; and I will judge between sheep and sheep.

²³I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. ²⁴And I, the LORD, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them; I, the LORD, have spoken.

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

Psalm: Psalm 95:1-7a

¹Come, let us sing to the LORD;

let us shout for joy to the rock of our salvation.

²**Let us come before God's presence with thanksgiving
and raise a loud shout to the LORD with psalms.**

³For you, LORD, are a great God,
and a great ruler above all gods.

⁴**In your hand are the caverns of the earth;
the heights of the hills are also yours.**

⁵The sea is yours, for you made it,
and your hands have molded the dry land.

⁶**Come, let us worship and bow down,
let us kneel before the LORD our maker.**

^{7a}For the LORD is our God,
and we are the people of God's pasture and the sheep of God's hand.

Second Reading: Ephesians 1:15-23

¹⁵I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason ¹⁶I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. ¹⁷I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, ¹⁸so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, ¹⁹and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. ²⁰God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, ²¹far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. ²²And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, ²³which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

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Gospel: Matthew 25:31-46

P: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew the 25th Chapter

C: Glory to You, O Lord

[Jesus said to the disciples:] ³¹“When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. ³²All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, ³³and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. ³⁴Then the king will say to those at his right hand, ‘Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; ³⁵for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, ³⁶I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.’ ³⁷Then the righteous will answer him, ‘Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? ³⁸And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? ³⁹And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?’ ⁴⁰And the king will answer them, ‘Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family you did it to me.’ ⁴¹Then he will say to those at his left hand, ‘You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; ⁴²for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, ⁴³I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.’ ⁴⁴Then they also will answer, ‘Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?’ ⁴⁵Then he will answer them, ‘Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.’ ⁴⁶And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.
C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Song of Praise: "Here is Our King"

Here is our King
Here is our Love
Here is our God who's come
To bring us back to Him
He is the One
He is Jesus
X2

So be quiet now, and wait
The ocean, is growin'
The tide is comin' in, here it is

Here is our King
Here is our Love
Here is our God who's come
To bring us back to Him
He is the One
He is Jesus, Jesus
X2

From wherever spring arrives to heal the ground
From wherever searching comes, the look itself
A trace of what we're looking for

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 the Church

(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?appver=3=Dc8dzPGn4-LCajFevTkh9MYPCImH2sG-jdxWYJMFgw_lQfxkD4hBw8WoQ6UZLveQvLkSxosar2o939JWiAad87o7zqy-JU_UuLu19bUbJx2MmPFcXvWIUz6A7FDgkhUKkoPpduXvnt8gXUeZjQYbn9G3frHWC59Y_VCHQ6_VCoE=&ver=3

The Offertory

Offertory Prayer

Let us pray... **God of all goodness,
generations have turned to you,
gathered around your table,
and shared your abundant blessings.
Number us among them
that, as we gather these gifts from your abundance,
and give thanks for your rich blessings,
we may feast upon your very self
and care for all that you have made,
through Jesus Christ, our Sovereign and Servant.
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... Lord Jesus,
in this simple meal you have set a banquet.
Sustain us on the journey,
strengthen us to care for the least of your beloved children,
and give us glad and generous hearts
as we meet you on the way.
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: "We Beseech Thee"

Father, hear thy children's call
Humbly at thy feet we fall
Prodigals confessing all
We beseech thee, hear us!

We thy call have disobeyed
Into paths of sin have strayed
And repentance have delayed
We beseech thee, hear us!

Come sing about Love!
That calls us first to be
Come sing about Love!
That made the stone and tree
Come sing about Love!
That draws us lovingly
We beseech thee, hear us!

Sick! We come to thee for cure
Guilty! We beg thy mercy sure
Evil! We long to be made pure
We beseech thee, hear us!

Blind! We pray that we may see
Bound! We pray to be made free
Stained! We pray for sanctity
We beseech thee, hear us!

Come sing about Love!
That calls us first to be
Come sing about Love!
That made the stone and tree
Come sing about Love!
That draws us lovingly
We beseech thee, hear us!

By the gracious saving call
Spoken tenderly to all
Who have shared man's guilt and fall
We beseech thee, hear us!


By the love that longs to bless
Pitying our sore distress
Leading us to holiness

We Beseech thee, hear us!
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We beseech thee, hear us!

Dismissal

Beloved of God,
go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

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<p>OUR MISSION - FAITHFUL IN THE WORD</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> + To <i>gather</i> as God's people and nurture one another. + To <i>know</i> the Word of God + To <i>grow</i> in faith, love, and service + To <i>go</i> 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	John Flint

ALTAR FLOWERS

The Altar Flowers are dedicated to the Glory of God.

NUEVA CREACIÓN MISSION SUPPORT

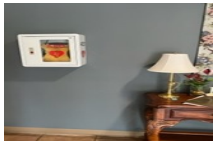
Support of Nueva Creación Lutheran Church in Philadelphia for this week is given by Janice Hoffmann in memory of Susan Bobb.

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

Sunday, November 19, 9:00 am **TOTAL 40**

MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT

Financial Report For October 2023		
	Rec'vd for Oct 2023	Budget for Oct 2023
General Fund	\$12,612.93	\$17,281.00
Mortgage	\$2,326	\$1,898.00
Bene. - Synod Only	\$23	\$134
Other Benevolence	\$457	
Total	\$15,418.93	\$19,313.00
Recv'd YTD 1/1-10/31/23		
	Recv'd YTD 1/1-10/31/23	Budget YTD 1/1-10/31/23
General Fund	\$114,568.86	\$172,810.00
Mortgage	\$23,354.00	\$18,980.00
Bene. - Synod Only	\$645.00	\$1,340.00
Other Benevolence	\$6,731.00	
Total	\$145,298.86	\$193,130.00



CLASS ON THE AUTOMATED EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATOR HAS BEEN RESCHEDULED TO NOVEMBER 26, 8:45 AM BETWEEN WORSHIP SERVICES

Training in using the AED automated external defibrillator will take place on Sunday, November 26 at 8:45 by Tri-Hampton Rescue Squad's Paramedic, L. Jay Colella.



PRAYER FOR THOSE IN NEED

At Advent we actively pray for those in need by name through the *Prayers of Intercession* during worship and through the *Prayer Chain* during the week.

To add names of those in need of prayer while attending worship, simply provide the name of whom you would like to be prayed for when Pastor takes names at the beginning of the service. If you are worshipping online, you can message or chat the name on Zoom or Facebook live stream and we will add the name to the list. Because the service is available all-over world-wide web, we use only baptismal or first names and leave out surnames. List of names given for *the Prayers of Intercession* in worship are maintained for just that day.

The *Prayer Chain* is a group of volunteers at Advent who pray every day, confidentially, for people added to the *Prayer Chain list*. Names are added to this list by filling out a Prayer Request Card found in the pews of the sanctuary during worship and are then placing it in the offering plate. Names added to the Prayer Chain list are maintained for one month unless asked to be removed earlier. Names can also be submitted by email directly to Gail Oines who manages the Prayer Chain list at alcdeacon@yahoo.com. Because this prayer list is confidential, more information can be provided so that the Prayer Chain volunteers can pray more specifically for the person added to the list.

If you would like someone to be prayed for in both the *Prayers of Intercession* and the *Prayer Chain*, you will have to lift up their name weekly at the beginning of worship verbally and fill out monthly a Prayer Request Card.

Pastor Matt



SUNDAY SCHOOL SCHEDULE IN DECEMBER

On Christmas Eve **December 24** and New Year's Eve **December 31**, there will be **no Sunday School class**. Class will resume on **January 7**.



SOCIAL MINISTRY

During the month of November, we will once again collect **gift cards** to support the families that come to the Warminster Food Bank. The cards may be in any amount that you prefer. The envelopes will once again have suggestions for area businesses that are local to our community. Please take an envelope for each card that you purchase. The envelopes will be available beginning in November in the red tin box on the same table as

the offering plate.

Please return your envelopes by November 26 so they can be distributed during the month of December. Don't forget to mark the front of the envelopes so they may be distributed according to family needs.

Thank you for your continued support of the Warminster Food Bank and the families who depend on us every month. **120 pounds** of food have been taken to the Warminster Food Bank in Sept/October.

Nancy Sclight/Social Ministry



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PING PONG - TUESDAYS AT 6:30

All are welcome to join us for an evening of Ping Pong at the church on Tuesday nights at 6:30pm.

Please call the church 215-355-2529 if you want to give it a try. (It helps to know how many tables to set up).



THURSDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY, 7:00 PM via ZOOM

The study is 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.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89632518358?pwd=Smg5dm1Ba0VZamZjNG1YMk02MlVvdz09>

Meeting ID: 896 3251 8358 Passcode: 011905



STITCH CLUB ON SATURDAYS, 10 A.M.

Stitch club meets on, Saturdays at **10:00 a.m. to noon**. 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 Jobes, 215-355-4149



YOU'RE INVITED TO PLAY IN THE PRAISE BAND OR SING WITH THE VOCAL CHOIR

Advent's Praise Band and Vocal Choir invite you to join them during the Advent season! Christmas music rehearsals begin on Wednesday, November 29. Praise Band rehearses from 6:30 to 7:15 pm, and the Vocal Choir from 7:15-8:00 p.m. Please see Mike Dettra for more details.



ANNUAL CHRISTMAS BRUNCH - SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3

Advent's annual Christmas brunch will be held on **Sunday, December 3, 2023**, in the Fellowship Hall, immediately after the 9:30 worship service. For those who are able, please bring hot or cold breakfast and/or lunch items to share with everyone. Suggestions include breakfast meats, pancakes, waffles, casseroles, vegetables, salads, pastry, breads, fruit,

desserts, your favorite dish, or whatever you wish. These should be brought into the church kitchen prior to the 9:30 a.m. service. The oven in the kitchen will be available to warm up items and Advent will supply paper products, as well as hot and cold beverages. This event lasts about an hour. Festive live Christmas music will be provided by Advent's own talented musicians.

Please use the sign-up sheet in the narthex so that we can plan accordingly. All family members and friends are welcome to attend. Thank you!



ADVENT'S CHRISTMAS TREE DECORATING-DECEMBER 3

We will be decorating the Christmas Tree in the narthex on Sunday, December 3, after the Brunch. All are invited to participate.



CHRISTMAS JAZZ CONCERT – FRIDAY, DECEMBER 15

The annual holiday concert will be held on **Friday evening, December 15, 2023, at 7:30 p.m.** under the direction of Choir Director, Mike Dettra. You can look forward to kicking off the holidays with an hour of relaxation and entertainment. Light refreshments will be served, and thank you for supporting Mike and his band.



POINSETTIA LIST

A sign-up sheet for dedicating poinsettias for Christmas Eve is on the table in the narthex. Please sign up by **December 17**. You can also call the office to leave your dedication.

Poinsettias may be picked up any time after the 7:30 p.m. service on Christmas Eve. The

cost will be \$15.00.



ALTAR FLOWER DEDICATION

There are dates still 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 CREACION LUTHERAN CHURCH

Please consider supporting our sister congregation, Nueva Creación Lutheran Church, which does vital ministry in North Philadelphia. A sign-up chart is 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.

THIS WEEK AT ADVENT

26TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – NOVEMBER 26

CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY

- 8:00 am Traditional Holy Communion
- 8:45 am AED Training
- 9:30 am Contemporary Holy Communion
- Sunday School age 4 – grade 6
- 10:30 am Fellowship: George Henry & Rose Herbert
- 10:45 am Adult Bible Study

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 27

- 7:30 pm A.A. Open Meeting

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 28

- 6:30 pm Ping Pong

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 29

- 6:30-7:15 Praise Band Practice
- 7:15-8:00 Vocal Choir Practice

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 30

- 7:00 pm Bible Study via Zoom

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 1

- 7:30 pm A.A. Step Meeting

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2

- 10:00 am – noon Stitch Club

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT – DECEMBER 3

- 8:00 am Traditional Holy Communion
- 9:30 am Contemporary Holy Communion
- Sunday School age 4 – grade 6
- 10:30 am Holiday Brunch
- Tree Decorating