

SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

JULY 7, 2024

9:00 A.M.



*We Gather in Jesus' Name*

**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, the God of manna, the God of miracles, the God of mercy.

**Amen.**

Drawn to Christ and seeking God's abundance, let us confess our sin.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

God, our provider,

**help us. It is hard to believe there is enough to share. We question your ways when they differ from the ways of the world in which we live. We turn to our own understanding rather than trusting in you. We take offense at your teachings and your ways. Turn us again to you. Where else can we turn? Share with us the words of eternal life and feed us for life in the world.**

**Amen.**

Beloved people of God: in Jesus, the manna from heaven, you are fed and nourished. By Jesus, the worker of miracles, there is always more than enough. Through Jesus, ✚ the bread of life, you are shown God's mercy: you are forgiven and loved into abundant life.

**Amen.**

**Gathering Song: "Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing"**

**LBW #499**

**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 the covenant, in our baptism you call us to proclaim the coming of your kingdom. Give us the courage you gave the apostles, that we may faithfully witness to your love and peace in every circumstance of life, in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

***The Reading of God's Word***

**First Reading: Ezekiel 2:1-5**

<sup>1</sup> [A voice] said to me: O mortal, stand up on your feet, and I will speak with you.<sup>2</sup> And when he spoke to me, a spirit entered into me and set me on my feet; and I heard him speaking to me. <sup>3</sup> He said to me, Mortal, I am sending you to the people of Israel, to a nation of rebels who have rebelled against me; they and their ancestors have transgressed against me to this very day. <sup>4</sup> The descendants are impudent and stubborn. I am sending you to them, and you shall say to them, "Thus says the Lord GOD." <sup>5</sup> Whether they hear or refuse to hear (for they are a rebellious house), they shall know that there has been a prophet among them.

Word of God, Word of Life

**Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm: Psalm 123**

<sup>1</sup> To you I lift up my eyes,  
to you enthroned in the heavens.

<sup>2</sup> **As the eyes of servants look to the hand of their masters, and the eyes of a maid to the hand of her mistress,  
so our eyes look to you, O LORD our God, until you show us your mercy.**

<sup>3</sup> Have mercy upon us, O LORD, have mercy,  
for we have had more than enough of contempt,

<sup>4</sup> **too much of the scorn of the indolent rich,  
and of the derision of the proud.**

**Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 12:2-10**

<sup>2</sup> I know a person in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows. <sup>3</sup> And I know that such a person—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows—<sup>4</sup> was caught up into Paradise and heard things that are not to be told, that no mortal is permitted to repeat. <sup>5</sup> On behalf of such a one I will boast, but on my own behalf I will not boast, except of my weaknesses. <sup>6</sup> But if I wish to boast, I will not be a fool, for I will be speaking the truth. But I refrain from it, so that no one may think better of me than what is seen in me or heard from me, <sup>7</sup> even considering the exceptional character of the revelations. Therefore, to keep me from being too elated, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to torment me, to keep me from being too elated. <sup>8</sup> Three times I appealed to the Lord about this, that it would leave me, <sup>9</sup> but he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness." So, I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me. <sup>10</sup> Therefore I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities for the sake of Christ; for whenever I am weak, then I am strong.

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**Thanks be to God.**

**Gospel: Mark 6:1-13**

**P:** The Holy Gospel according to Mark the 6<sup>th</sup> chapter.

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

<sup>1</sup> [Jesus] came to his hometown, and his disciples followed him.<sup>2</sup> On the sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astounded. They said, "Where did this man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been given to him? What deeds of power are being done by his hands! <sup>3</sup> Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon, and are not his sisters here with us?" And they took offense at him. <sup>4</sup> Then Jesus said to them, "Prophets are not without honor, except in their hometown, and among their own kin, and in their own house." <sup>5</sup> And he could do no deed of power there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and cured them. <sup>6</sup> And he was amazed at their

unbelief.

Then he went about among the villages teaching. <sup>7</sup> He called the twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. <sup>8</sup> He ordered them to take nothing for their journey except a staff; no bread, no bag, no money in their belts; <sup>9</sup> but to wear sandals and not to put on two tunics. <sup>10</sup> He said to them, "Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave the place. <sup>11</sup> If any place will not welcome you and they refuse to hear you, as you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them." <sup>12</sup> So they went out and proclaimed that all should repent. <sup>13</sup> They cast out many demons, and anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them.

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

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

### **Sermon**

#### **Hymn of the Day "How Deep the Father's Love for Us"**

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| 1: How deep the Father's love for us<br>How vast beyond all measure<br>That He should give His only Son<br>To make a wretch His treasure<br>How great the pain of searing loss<br>The Father turns His face away<br>As wounds which mar the Chosen One<br>Bring many sons to glory | It was my sin that held Him there<br>Until it was accomplished<br>His dying breath has brought me life<br>I know that it is finished  |
| 2: Behold the Man upon a cross<br>My sin upon His shoulders<br>Ashamed I hear my mocking voice<br>Call out among the scoffers  | 3: I will not boast in anything<br>No gifts no pow'r no wisdom<br>But I will boast in Jesus Christ<br>His death and resurrection<br>Why should I gain from His reward<br>I cannot give an answer<br>But this I know with all my heart<br>His wounds have paid my ransom |

#### **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 petition ends with... In your merciful,  
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-jdxWYJMGFW\\_lQfxkD4hBw8WoQ6UZLveQvLkSxosar2o939JWiAad87o7zqy-](https://www.eservicepayments.com/cgi-bin/Vanco_ver3.vps?appver3=Dc8dzPGn4-LCajFevTkh9MYPCImH2sG-jdxWYJMGFW_lQfxkD4hBw8WoQ6UZLveQvLkSxosar2o939JWiAad87o7zqy-)

***Offertory Prayer***

Let us pray... **Jesus, Bread of life, you have set this table with your very self, and called us to the feast of plenty. Gather what has been sown among us, and strengthen us in this meal. Make us to be what we receive here, your body for the life of the world. 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***

Jesus, Bread of life, we have received from your table more than we could ever ask. As you have nourished us in this meal, now strengthen us to love the world with your own life. In your name we pray. **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 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. You are the body of Christ.  
**Thanks be to God.**

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<b>OUR MISSION</b>	
+ To <b>gather</b> as God’s people and nurture one another + To <b>know</b> the Word of God + To <b>grow</b> in faith, love, and service + To <b>go</b> into the world with the Good News of Jesus Christ	

**SERVING OUR LORD IN WORSHIP TODAY**

Pastor	The Rev. Matthew Ollikainen
Music Director	Michael Dettra
Worship Assistant	George Henry
Fellowship Time	Open

**ALTAR FLOWERS**

The Altar Flowers are presented by Cindy Frey in loving memory of Andy Frey and by Lynn Roccograndi in honor of the triplets' birthdays.

**NUEVA CREACIÓN MISSION SUPPORT**

Support of Nueva Creación Lutheran Church in Philadelphia for this week is presented by Janice Hoffmann in loving memory of her nephew Randall Bobb.

**WORSHIP ATTENDANCE**

Sunday, June 30 = 36 + 4 online = 40

**SUMMER SCHEDULE ZOOM INFORMATION**

9:00 am Worship Service

Meeting ID: 815 4518 6885                      Passcode: 500201

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81545186885?pwd=SFA1Q2lISnB4dE9MSzJlSjNRNzI4dz09>

**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 at 215-859-3778 or email him at [pastor@adventrichboro.org](mailto:pastor@adventrichboro.org). If he is not available to take your call, leave a message and he will contact you.

**GOD SIGHTINGS**

Have you seen God at work in your life, or in nature, a neighbor, etc.? Please add to our God Sightings chain by writing down the ways that you see God in your life. Use the strips of paper found in the narthex. Take them home and write them there, or do it right at church. They will be stapled onto the chain (or you can staple them yourself). What was completed was hung in the sanctuary on Trinity Sunday, May 26, but we will continue to add to it until Reformation Sunday, October 27. Let's see how many times we can circle the space!

**FINANCIAL REPORT**

Financial Report For May 2024		
	Rec'vd for May 2024	Budget for May 2024
General Fund	\$9,125.93	\$17,482.00
Mortgage	\$1,481	\$1,898.00
Bene. - Synod Only	\$25	\$75
Other Benevolence	\$865	
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$11,496.93</b>	<b>\$19,455.00</b>
	Recv'd YTD 1/1-5/31/24	Budget YTD 1/1-5/31/24
General Fund	\$52,066.64	\$87,410.00
Mortgage	\$8,212.00	\$9,490.00
Bene. - Synod Only	\$235.00	\$375.00
Other Benevolence	\$2,735.00	
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$63,248.64</b>	<b>\$97,275.00</b>



**LADIES' LUNCHEON - TUESDAY, JULY 9, NOON**

Here's an invitation to the women of Advent to take some time to get to know each other. We'll gather in the all-purpose room at Advent for a relaxing hour or so. Bring your own lunch and look forward to dining with a cheerful group of friends.

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL - AUGUST 12 - 16**

Children aged 4 through completion of grade 6 are invited to attend Vacation Bible School at Advent the week of August 12-16 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 available in the church narthex, foyer or by emailing the church office.

### **FLEA MARKET – SEPTEMBER 14**

#### **Attention...looking to “declutter” your living space?**

Everyone has items they are looking to pass along in order to “declutter” their living space...right? On Saturday, September 14, 2024, Advent Evangelical Lutheran Church will hold a Flea Market in the church parking lot from 9 am til 1 pm, providing all participants an avenue by which to make “decluttering their living space” a reality! This is a rain or shine event (held inside the church in the event of rain) for church members, family friends, neighbors and members of the community to sell and buy items or just to browse. Bottled water and soft pretzels will be available for purchase during the flea market.

Registration forms with detailed information will be available on the round table in the church narthex or contact Flea Market Coordinators, Kathy Sitler or Cime Eklund to request that a registration form be e-mailed to you. A non-refundable registration fee of \$10.00 will be charged upon registration. Registrations will be accepted until the deadline of September 8, or until spaces are no longer available. We look forward to seeing you at the Flea Market and helping you “declutter”.

Please contact Kathy Sitler at 215-589-5423 or Cime Eklund at 503-502-7691 with any questions that you may have regarding the Flea Market. Thank you for your interest in this church-sponsored event.

### **HE’S BACK!**

Mark your calendars for Wednesday, October 2 for an unforgettable experience. Mitch McVicker will return to Advent for a concert. More information to follow as the event is closer.

### **RECYCLE CAN TABS TO HELP FAMILIES**

Recycling can tabs for charity is a great idea! If you bring them in, we’ll drop them off. Look for marked containers in the narthex above the coat rack. The tab program began at Ronald McDonald House Charities in 1997 to help children with medical needs and their families.



### **DONATIONS FOR FELLOWSHIP TIME**

Were you aware that not everyone can bake? Or that time is often at a premium? Or that some of us can’t always be in church in person? If these questions have plagued you and perhaps you wish you could help at fellowship time more often than you do, you aren’t alone. For that reason, and so we don’t lose fellowship time altogether, consider donating a few dollars now and then and let someone else do the shopping/baking. All those hungry snackers will appreciate it!

### **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.

### **ALTAR FLOWER DEDICATION**

There are numerous dates available in the remainder of 2024 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 at 267-205-0713.



## **FELLOWSHIP TIME**

Please consider signing up to provide refreshments for Fellowship Time on Sunday morning. Paper products and beverages (usually water, juice, coffee and tea) are provided by Advent. Thank you.

## **PRAYER CHAIN**

On Sundays we add names to the prayer list to pray out loud for those in need. This differs from the prayer chain. On Sundays, we only ask for names without specifics, though God always knows what is in our hearts. For the prayer chain, more specifics can be prayed for (as much as you want to share). These prayers are confidential, known only to the prayer chain members. Each person added is kept on the list for 4 weeks, with the exception of those who need ongoing prayer, which we keep on until circumstances change. If you wish to add a name to the prayer chain, please fill out a yellow prayer card found in the pews or you can call or email Gail Oines at the church office with your request.



## **THIS WEEK AT ADVENT**

### **SUNDAY, JULY 7 – SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

9:00 am Summer Worship with Holy Communion

10:00 am Fellowship Time: Open

### **MONDAY, July 8**

7:30 pm A.A. Open Meeting

### **TUESDAY, July 9**

12:00 pm Ladies' Luncheon-bring your lunch & join in!

### **FRIDAY, July 12**

7:30 pm A.A. Step Meeting

### **SUNDAY, JULY 14 – EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

9:00 am Summer Worship with Holy Communion

10:00 am Fellowship Time: Open