

TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
AUGUST 18, 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: "O Living Bread from Heaven"

LBW #197

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| <p>1 O living Bread from heaven,
how well you feed your guest!
The gifts that you have given
have filled my heart with rest.
Oh, wondrous food of blessing,
oh, cup that heals our woes!
My heart, this gift possessing,
with praises overflows!</p> | <p>2 My Lord, you here have led me
within your holiest place,
and here yourself have fed me
with treasures of your grace;
for you have freely given
what earth could never buy,
the bread of life from heaven,
that now I shall not die.</p> |
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3 You gave me all I wanted;
this food can death destroy.
And you have freely granted
the cup of endless joy.
My Lord, I do not merit
the favor you have shown,
and all my soul and spirit
bow down before your throne.

4 Lord, grant me then, thus strengthened
with heav'nly food, while here
my course on earth is lengthened,
to serve with holy fear.
And when you call my spirit
to leave this world below,
I enter, through your merit,
where joys unmingled flow.

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

Ever-loving God, your Son gives himself as living bread for the life of the world. Fill us with such a knowledge of his presence that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life to serve you continually, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

The Reading of God's Word

First Reading: Proverbs 9:1-6

¹Wisdom has built her house,
she has hewn her seven pillars.
²She has slaughtered her animals, she has mixed her wine,
she has also set her table.
³She has sent out her servant-girls, she calls
from the highest places in the town,
⁴"You that are simple, turn in here!"
To those without sense she says,
⁵"Come, eat of my bread
and drink of the wine I have mixed.
⁶Lay aside immaturity, and live,
and walk in the way of insight."

Word of God, Word of Life

Thanks be to God.

Psalm: Psalm 34:9-14

⁹Fear the LORD, you saints of the LORD, for those who fear the LORD lack nothing.
¹⁰**The lions are in want and suffer hunger,
but those who seek the LORD lack nothing that is good.**
¹¹Come, children, and listen to me; I will teach you reverence for the LORD.
¹²**Who among you takes pleasure in life
and desires long life to enjoy prosperity?**
¹³Keep your tongue from evil and your lips from lying words.
¹⁴**Turn from evil and do good; seek peace and pursue it.**

Second Reading: Ephesians 5:15-20

¹⁵Be careful then how you live, not as unwise people but as wise, ¹⁶making the most of the time, because the days are evil. ¹⁷So do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. ¹⁸Do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery; but be filled with the Spirit, ¹⁹as you sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs among yourselves, singing and making melody to the Lord in your hearts, ²⁰giving thanks to God the Father at all times and for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Word of God, Word of Life

Thanks be to God.

P: The Holy Gospel according to John the 6th chapter.

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

John 6:51-58

[Jesus said,] ⁵¹“I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.”

⁵²The Jews then disputed among themselves, saying, “How can this man give us his flesh to eat?” ⁵³So Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. ⁵⁴Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood have eternal life, and I will raise them up on the last day; ⁵⁵for my flesh is true food and my blood is true drink. ⁵⁶Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. ⁵⁷Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. ⁵⁸This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ

Sermon

Hymn of the Day “You Raise Me Up”

1: When I am down and oh my soul's so weary
When troubles come and my heart burdened be
Then I am still and wait here in the silence
Until You come and sit a while with me

Chorus: You raise me up so I can stand on mountains
You raise me up to walk on stormy seas
I am strong when I am on Your shoulders
You raise me up to more than I can be

2: There is no life no life without its hunger
Each restless heart beats so imperfectly
But when You come and I am filled with wonder
Sometimes I think I glimpse eternity

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... Merciful God,; the congregation responds: receive 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-jdxWYJMFGWlQfxkD4hBw8WoQ6UZLveQvLkSxosar2o939JWiAad87o7zqy-JU_UuLu19bUbJx2MmPFcXvWIUz6A7FDgkhUKkoPpduXvnt8gXUeZjOYbn9G3frHWC59Y_VCHQ6_VCoE=&ver=3

Offertory Prayer

Let us pray... Merciful Father,
we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us – ourselves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him or offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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

**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.**

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 Hymn: "Go My Children With My Blessing"

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- 1 "Go, my children, with my blessing, never alone.
Waking, sleeping, I am with you, you are my own.
In my love's baptismal river
I have made you mine forever.
Go, my children, with my blessing, you are my own.

- 2 “Go, my children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure.
Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.
Here you heard my dear Son’s story,
here you touched him, saw his glory.
Go, my children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure.
- 3 “Go, my children, fed and nourished, closer to me.
Grow in love and love by serving, joyful and free.
Here my Spirit’s power filled you,
here his tender comfort stilled you.
Go, my children, fed and nourished, joyful and free.
- 4 “I the Lord will bless and keep you, and give you peace.
I the Lord will smile upon you, and give you peace.
I the Lord will be your Father,
Savior, Comforter and Brother.
Go, my children, I will keep you, and give you peace.”

Dismissal


Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

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OUR MISSION

- + 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:	George Henry
Music Director:	Michael Dettra
Lay Reader:	David Elkin
Fellowship Time:	Jeanne Gryszka

ALTAR FLOWERS

The Altar Flowers are presented by Cindy Frey in loving memory of her mother Lorraine Zimmerman and by the Spahn’s in loving memory of their daughter Cathy’s birthday.

NUEVA CREACIÓN MISSION SUPPORT

Support of Nueva Creación Lutheran Church in Philadelphia for this week is presented to the Glory of God.

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

Sunday, August 11 = 34 + 3 online = 37

SUMMER SCHEDULE ZOOM INFORMATION

9:00 am Worship Service

Meeting ID: 815 4518 6885

Passcode: 500201

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81545186885?pwd=SFA1Q2lISnB4dE9MSzJlSjNRRNzI4dz09>

PASTOR ON VACATION

Pastor Matt is on vacation, returning on August 28. Pastor Miles Hopgood will be providing emergency pastoral coverage. His contact number is 859-229-6168.



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 to write your sightings down daily, or do it right at church. They will be stapled onto the chain (or you can staple them yourself). We will continue to add to it until Reformation Sunday, October 27. Let's see how many times we can circle the sanctuary!

FINANCIAL REPORT

Financial Report For July 2024		
	Rec'vd for July 2024	Budget for July 2024
General Fund	\$13,816.93	\$17,482.00
Mortgage	\$1,426	\$1,898.00
Bene. - Synod Only	\$75	\$75
Other Benevolence	\$240	
Web Upgrade	\$2,180	
Total	\$17,737.93	\$19,455.00
	Recv'd YTD 1/1-7/31/24	Budget YTD 1/1-7/31/24
General Fund	\$79,642.50	\$122,374.00
Mortgage	\$11,969.00	\$13,286.00
Bene. - Synod Only	\$355.00	\$525.00
Other Benevolence	\$3,775.00	
Web Upgrade	\$5,180.00	
Total	\$100,921.50	\$136,185.00



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL – A WONDERFUL WEEK!

We have so many reasons to give thanks for our Vacation Bible School program! Great students, talented teachers, dedicated parents, kind volunteers, words of encouragement, donations of refreshments, a great playground and beautiful weather - all of the ingredients for a great week, where learning together was FUN. We designed our own Olympic-style challenges and were inspired by the Bible characters we studied in our lessons. Thank you to everyone who made VBS a success and to everyone who brought in peanut butter and jelly for the food bank!

Kids' Team
Advent



BACK TO SCHOOL BLESSING OF STUDENTS AND TEACHERS

On Sunday, September 1, Advent students are invited to bring their backpack, lunchboxes, or whatever they will be carrying to school for a special blessing for the upcoming school year. We also invite teachers to also come forward for a blessing (feel free to bring your teacher's bag if you would like).

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 are available on the round table in the narthex or one can be emailed to you. Please contact Kathy Sitler at 215-589-5423 or Cime Eklund at 503-502-7691 with any questions or a registration form. 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.



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 moves closer.

UPDATE ON THE REBUILDING OF OUR CHURCH'S WEBSITE

The rebuilding of our Church's website is well underway. This is a multi-step process, working with Heather Traum, owner, and Lisa Baker, creative director, of Janus Advertising. They joined us in worship on Sunday, July, 28, to discuss the website's conceptual design. Based on feedback from the congregation, they then created the design concept, which Pastor Matt presented at worship on August 11, 2024.

Updates will be given and further congregational feedback will be sought as we move forward. Please engage in this important work as we proceed through its development. The goal is to have the new website launched by the end of November.

Please help support the website rebuild through a financial gift, which will defray the costs totaling \$14,535 (for the rebuild and web hosting for one year). To date, over \$5,200 has been donated. Thanks to all who have made and will be making a financial gift in support of the appeal. Checks can be made out to Advent Evangelical Lutheran Church (memo line: Electronic Service Appeal).

A NOTE ON THE IMPORTANCE OF OUR WEBSITE

Did you know that 7.5 million people search for a "church near me" every month? Also, 8.2 million people search for "things to do" in their area? 91% of these people never go past page one on google. We need to be near the top of any list generated to be noticed! Let's strive to be #1!

CHURCH SECURITY

The church is regularly left unsecure as the external doors are left unlocked and/or unlatched when closed. The external doors do not always automatically latch when they swing shut. When leaving the church building, please tug the door behind you to check that it has latched. If you possess a church key and are the last key bearer to leave the church (i.e. Non-key bearing people may still be in the building), please check and lock the external doors upon leaving. Thank you for your attentiveness.



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.



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!

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. If you would like to become a prayer chain member, please also let Gail Oines know.

LOST NECKLACE

A necklace of value was lost at the church and has gone unclaimed for over a year. Please contact Pastor Matt if you lost a necklace.

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.

THIS WEEK AT ADVENT

SUNDAY, AUGUST 18 – THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

- 9:00 am Summer Service of the Word Worship
Guest Worship Leader: George Henry
- 10:00 am Fellowship Time: Jeanne Gryszka

MONDAY, AUGUST 19

- 7:30 pm A.A. Open Meeting

FRIDAY, AUGUST 23

- 7:30 pm A.A. Step Meeting

SUNDAY, AUGUST 25 – FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

- 9:00 am Summer Worship with Holy Communion
- 10:00 am Fellowship Time: OPEN

