

**NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

**JULY 21, 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: "The Church's One Foundation"***

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1 The church's one foundation  
is Jesus Christ, her Lord;  
she is his new creation  
by water and the word.  
From heav'n he came and sought her  
to be his holy bride;  
with his own blood he bought her,  
and for her life he died.

2 Elect from ev'ry nation,  
yet one o'er all the earth,  
her charter of salvation  
one Lord, one faith, one birth:  
one holy name she blesses,  
partakes one holy food,  
and to one hope she presses,  
with ev'ry grace endued.

3 Though with a scornful wonder  
this world sees her oppressed,  
by schisms rent asunder,  
by heresies distressed,  
yet saints their watch are keeping;  
their cry goes up: "How long?"  
And soon the night of weeping  
shall be the morn of song.

4 Through toil and tribulation  
and tumult of her war,  
she waits the consummation  
of peace forevermore;

till with the vision glorious  
her longing eyes are blest,  
and the great church victorious  
shall be the church at rest.

5 Yet she on earth has union  
with God, the Three in One,  
and mystic sweet communion  
with those whose rest is won.  
Oh, blessed heav'nly chorus!  
Lord, save us by your grace,  
that we, like saints before us,  
may see you face to face.

### **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, powerful and compassionate, you shepherd your people, faithfully feeding and protecting us. Heal each of us, and make us a whole people, that we may embody the justice and peace of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

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

#### **First Reading: Jeremiah 23:1-6**

<sup>1</sup> Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the LORD. <sup>2</sup> Therefore thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people: It is you who have scattered my flock, and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. So I will attend to you for your evil doings, says the LORD. <sup>3</sup> Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. <sup>4</sup> I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall not fear any longer, or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the LORD.

<sup>5</sup> The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. <sup>6</sup> In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: "The LORD is our righteousness."

Word of God, Word of Life

**Thanks be to God.**

#### **Psalm: Psalm 23**

<sup>1</sup> The LORD is my shepherd;  
I shall not be in want.

<sup>2</sup> **The LORD makes me lie down in green pastures  
and leads me beside still waters.**

<sup>3</sup> You restore my soul, O LORD,  
and guide me along right pathways for your name's sake.

<sup>4</sup> **Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,  
I shall fear no evil;  
for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.**

<sup>5</sup> You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;  
you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is running over.

<sup>6</sup> **Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,  
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.**

#### **Second Reading: Ephesians 2:11-22**

<sup>11</sup> Remember that at one time you Gentiles by birth, called “the uncircumcision” by those who are called “the circumcision”—a physical circumcision made in the flesh by human hands—<sup>12</sup> remember that you were at that time without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. <sup>13</sup> But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. <sup>14</sup> For he is our peace; in his flesh he has made both groups into one and has broken down the dividing wall, that is, the hostility between us. <sup>15</sup> He has abolished the law with its commandments and ordinances, that he might create in himself one new humanity in place of the two, thus making peace, <sup>16</sup> and might reconcile both groups to God in one body through the cross, thus putting to death that hostility through it. <sup>17</sup> So he came and proclaimed peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near; <sup>18</sup> for through him both of us have access in one Spirit to the Father. <sup>19</sup> So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God, <sup>20</sup> built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone. <sup>21</sup> In him the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; <sup>22</sup> in whom you also are built together spiritually into a dwelling place for God.

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*Gospel: Mark 6:30-34, 53-56*

<sup>30</sup> The apostles gathered around Jesus, and told him all that they had done and taught. <sup>31</sup> He said to them, “Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest a while.” For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat. <sup>32</sup> And they went away in the boat to a deserted place by themselves. <sup>33</sup> Now many saw them going and recognized them, and they hurried there on foot from all the towns and arrived ahead of them. <sup>34</sup> As he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things.

<sup>53</sup> When they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret and moored the boat. <sup>54</sup> When they got out of the boat, people at once recognized him, <sup>55</sup> and rushed about that whole region and began to bring the sick on mats to wherever they heard he was. <sup>56</sup> And wherever he went, into villages or cities or farms, they laid the sick in the marketplaces, and begged him that they might touch even the fringe of his cloak; and all who touched it were healed.

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

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

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

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

*Sermon*

*Hymn of the Day “Thank You for Hearing Me”*

Thank you for hearing me  
Thank you for hearing me  
Thank you for hearing me  
Thank you for hearing me

Thank you for loving me  
Thank you for loving me

Thank you for saving me  
Thank you for saving me

Thank you for loving me  
Thank you for loving me

Thank you for saving me  
Thank you for saving me

*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 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-jdxWYJMFGWlQfkd4hBw8WoQ6UZLveQvLkSxosar20939JWiAad87o7zqy-JU\\_UuLu19bUbJx2MmPFcXvWIUz6A7FDgkhUKkoPpduXvnt8gXUeZjQYbn9G3frHWC59Y\\_VCHQ6\\_VCoE=&ver=3](https://www.eservicepayments.com/cgi-bin/Vanco_ver3.vps?appver3=Dc8dzPGn4-LCajFevTkh9MYPCImH2sG-jdxWYJMFGWlQfkd4hBw8WoQ6UZLveQvLkSxosar20939JWiAad87o7zqy-JU_UuLu19bUbJx2MmPFcXvWIUz6A7FDgkhUKkoPpduXvnt8gXUeZjQYbn9G3frHWC59Y_VCHQ6_VCoE=&ver=3)

***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: "I'm So Glad, Jesus Lifted Me"**


**WOV #673**

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| 1 I'm so glad Jesus lifted me.<br>I'm so glad Jesus lifted me.<br>I'm so glad Jesus lifted me,<br>singing glory, hallelujah! Jesus lifted me. | 3 When I was in trouble, Jesus lifted me.<br>When I was in trouble, Jesus lifted me.<br>When I was in trouble, Jesus lifted me,<br>singing glory, hallelujah! Jesus lifted me. |
| 2 Satan had me bound, Jesus lifted me.<br>Satan had me bound, Jesus lifted me.  |  |

**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**

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|---------------------|-----------------------------|
| Pastor              | The Rev. Matthew Ollikainen |
| Music Director      | Michael Dettra              |
| Lay Reader          | John Flint                  |
| Communion Assistant | Kristie Ward                |
| Fellowship Time     | Gail Oines                  |

**ALTAR FLOWERS**

The Altar Flowers are both presented by Janice Hoffmann in loving memory of her mom, Susan Bobb.

**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, July 14 = 37 + 1 online = 38

**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 June 2024		
	Rec'vd for June 2024	Budget for June 2024
General Fund	\$13,858.93	\$17,482.00
Mortgage	\$2,331	\$1,898.00
Bene. - Synod Only	\$45	\$75
Other Benevolence	\$800	
Web Upgrade	\$2,900	
Total	\$19,934.93	\$19,455.00
	Recv'd YTD 1/1-6/30/24	Budget YTD 1/1-6.30/24
General Fund	\$65,825.57	\$104,892.00
Mortgage	\$10,543.00	\$11,388.00
Bene. - Synod Only	\$280.00	\$450.00
Other Benevolence	\$3,535.00	
Web Upgrade	\$3,000.00	
Total	\$83,183.57	\$116,730.00

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL AUGUST 12 – 16, 9:00 a.m. - NOON**



Join ***Kids' Team Advent*** on Monday-Friday August 12 – 16 at Vacation Bible School, where we will work together to learn about God's word in the **Bible!** We'll discover highlights of the Old



Testament and the New Testament in our action-packed curriculum. Children **age 4 through completion of 6<sup>th</sup> grade** will enjoy lessons, crafts, activities, music and snacks with 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. The registration form is available on p.16, in the church narthex, foyer and on the church website.

## **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 is closer.

### **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.

### **LOST NECKLACE**

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

### **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!

### **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.

## **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 21 – NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

- 9:00 am Summer Worship with Holy Communion
- 10:00 am Fellowship Time: Gail Oines
- 10:15 am Church Council Meeting

### **MONDAY, July 22**

- 7:30 pm A.A. Open Meeting

### **FRIDAY, July 26**

- 7:30 pm A.A. Step Meeting

### **SUNDAY, JULY 28 – TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

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