**ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

**AUGUST 4, 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*:** **“Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer” LBW #343**

1 Guide me ever, great Redeemer,

 pilgrim through this barren land.

 I am weak, but you are mighty;

 hold me with your pow’rful hand.

 Bread of heaven, bread of heaven,

 feed me now and evermore,

 feed me now and evermore.

2 Open now the crystal fountain

 where the healing waters flow;

 let the fire and cloudy pillar

 lead me all my journey through.

 Strong deliv’rer, strong deliv’rer,

 shield me with your mighty arm,

 shield me with your mighty arm.

3 When I tread the verge of Jordan,

 bid my anxious fears subside;

 death of death and hell’s destruction,

 land me safe on Canaan’s side.

 Songs and praises, songs and praises,

 I will raise forevermore,

 I will raise forevermore.

**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**

O God, eternal goodness, immeasurable love, you place your gifts before us; we eat and are satisfied. Fill us and this world in all its need with the life that comes only from you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

### *The Reading of God’s Word*

**First Reading:** **Exodus 16:2-4, 9-15**

2The whole congregation of the Israelites complained against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness. 3The Israelites said to them, “If only we had died by the hand of the Lord in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the fleshpots and ate our fill of bread; for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger.”
 4Then the Lord said to Moses, “I am going to rain bread from heaven for you, and each day the people shall go out and gather enough for that day. In that way I will test them, whether they will follow my instruction or not.”
 9Then Moses said to Aaron, “Say to the whole congregation of the Israelites, ‘Draw near to the Lord, for he has heard your complaining.’ ” 10And as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the Israelites, they looked toward the wilderness, and the glory of the Lord appeared in the cloud. 11The Lord spoke to Moses and said, 12“I have heard the complaining of the Israelites; say to them, ‘At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have your fill of bread; then you shall know that I am the Lord your God.’ ”
 13In the evening quails came up and covered the camp; and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. 14When the layer of dew lifted, there on the surface of the wilderness was a fine flaky substance, as fine as frost on the ground. 15When the Israelites saw it, they said to one another, “What is it?” For they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, “It is the bread that the Lord has given you to eat.”

Word of God, Word of Life

**Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm: Psalm 78:23-29**

 23So God commanded the clouds above
  and opened the doors of heaven,
 24**raining down manna upon them to eat**
  **and giving them grain from heaven.**
 25So mortals ate the bread of angels;
  God provided for them food enough.
 26**The Lord caused the east wind to blow in the heavens**
  **and powerfully led out the south wind,**
 27raining down flesh upon them like dust
  and flying birds like the sand of the seas,
 28**letting them fall in the midst of the camp**
  **and round about the dwellings.**
 29So the people ate and were well filled,
  for God gave them **|** what they craved.

**Second Reading: Ephesians 4:1-16**

1I therefore, the prisoner in the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, 2with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, 3making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. 4There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, 5one Lord, one faith, one baptism, 6one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all.
 7But each of us was given grace according to the measure of Christ’s gift. 8Therefore it is said,
 “When he ascended on high he made captivity itself a captive; he gave gifts to his people.”
9 When it says, “He ascended,” what does it mean but that he had also descended into the lower parts of the earth? 10He who descended is the same one who ascended far above all the heavens, so that he might fill all things.) 11The gifts he gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, 12to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, 13until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ. 14We must no longer be children, tossed to and fro and blown about by every wind of doctrine, by people’s trickery, by their craftiness in deceitful scheming. 15But speaking the truth in love, we must grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, 16from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by every ligament with which it is equipped, as each part is working properly, promotes the body’s growth in building itself up in love.

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 6:24-35**

24When the crowd saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were [beside the sea,] they themselves got into the boats and went to Capernaum looking for Jesus.
 25When they found him on the other side of the sea, they said to him, “Rabbi, when did you come here?” 26Jesus answered them, “Very truly, I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. 27Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For it is on him that God the Father has set his seal.” 28Then they said to him, “What must we do to perform the works of God?” 29Jesus answered them, “This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent.” 30So they said to him, “What sign are you going to give us then, so that we may see it and believe you? What work are you performing? 31Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, ‘He gave them bread from heaven to eat.’ ” 32Then Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. 33For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.” 34They said to him, “Sir, give us this bread always.”
 35Jesus said to them, “I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.”

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

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

***Sermon***

***Hymn of the Day*** ***“Table of Grace”***

Chorus: At the table of grace

The cup's never empty

The plate's always full

And it's never too late

To come and be filled

With love never ending

You're always welcome

At the table of grace

1: Hear the good news

You've been invited

No matter what others may say

Your darkest sins

Will be forgiven

And you will always have a place ***CHORUS***

2: So come you weak

And heavy hearted

Don't try to hide

Your earthly scars

In His Eyes

We all are equal

Don't be afraid

Come as you are ***CHORUS***

3: So let the first

Become the last

Let the poor

Put kings to shame

Their willing hearts

Will be their treasure

By the power of Jesus' name ***CHORUS***

***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 ou*r *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- jdxWYJMFGW lQfxkD4hBw8W0Q6UZLveQvLkSxosar2o939JWiAad87o7zqy-JU\_UuLu19bUbJx2MmPFcXv WIUz6A7FDgkhUKk0PpduXvnt8gXUeZjQYbn9G3frHWC59Y\_VCHQ6\_VCoE=&ver=3](https://www.eservicepayments.com/cgi-bin/Vanco_ver3.vps?appver3=Dc8dzPGn4-LCajFevTkh9MYPCImH2sG-%20jdxWYJMFGW%20lQfxkD4hBw8W0Q6UZLveQvLkSxosar2o939JWiAad87o7zqy-JU_UuLu19bUbJx2MmPFcXv%20WIUz6A7FDgkhUKk0PpduXvnt8gXUeZjQYbn9G3frHWC59Y_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:*** ***“The Wonderful Cross”***

1: When I survey the wondrous cross

 On which the Prince of Glory died

 My richest gain I count but loss

 And pour contempt on all my pride

2: See from His head His hands His feet

 Sorrow and love flow mingled down

 Did e'er such love and sorrow meet

 Or thorns compose so rich a crown

Chorus: O the wonderful cross

 O the wonderful cross

 Bids me come and die and find

 That I may truly live

 O the wonderful cross

 O the wonderful cross

 All who gather here by grace

 Draw near and bless Your name

3: Were the whole realm of nature mine

 That were an offering far too small

 Love so amazing so divine

 Demands my soul my life my all ***CHORUS***

**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**

Pastor The Rev. Matthew Ollikainen

Music Director Michael Dettra

Worship Assistant George Henry

Fellowship Time OPEN

**ALTAR FLOWERS**

The Altar Flowers are presented to the Glory of God.

**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 28 = 40 + 1 online = 41

**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 at215-859-3778 or email him at 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 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!

**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.

**FINANCIAL REPORT**

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**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 6th 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 in the church narthex, foyer and on the church website.

 Kids’ Team Advent



**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.

**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.

**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.

**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.

**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, AUGUST 4 – ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

 9:00 am Summer Worship with Holy Communion

 10:00 am Fellowship Time: OPEN

**MONDAY, July 29**

 7:30 pm A.A. Open Meeting

**FRIDAY, August 2**

 7:30 pm A.A. Step Meeting

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 11 – TWELVTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

 9:00 am Summer Worship with Holy Communion

 10:00 am Fellowship Time: OPEN

 10:5 am Church Council

