

**SERVICE OF THE WORD
FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
JULY 2, 2023
9:00 a.m.**



We Gather in Jesus' Name

EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN WORSHIP

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Gathering

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

Confessions and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
who forgives all our sin,
whose mercy endures forever.

Amen.

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Gracious God,

have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of † Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

Amen.

Gathering Hymn: “Rise Up, O Saints of God!” LBW 383

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| 1 Rise up, O saints of God!
From vain ambitions turn;
Christ rose triumphant that your hearts
with nobler zeal might burn. | redress sin’s cruel consequence;
give justice larger place. |
| 2 Speak out, O saints of God!
Despair engulfs earth’s frame;
as heirs of God’s baptismal grace,
his word of hope proclaim. | 4 Give heed, O saints of God!
Creation cries in pain;
stretch forth your hand of healing now,
with love the weak sustain. |
| 3 Rise up, O saints of God!
His kingdom’s task embrace; | 5 Commit your hearts to seek
the paths which Christ has trod
and quickened by the Spirit’s power,
rise up, O saints of God! |

Greetings

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, you direct our lives by your grace, and your words of justice and mercy reshape the world. Mold us into a people who welcome your word and serve one another, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

First Reading: Jeremiah 28:5-9

⁵The prophet Jeremiah spoke to the prophet Hananiah in the presence of the priests and all the people who were standing in the house of the LORD; ⁶and the prophet Jeremiah said, “Amen! May the LORD do so; may the LORD fulfill the words that you have prophesied, and bring back to this place from Babylon the vessels of the house of the LORD, and all the exiles. ⁷But listen now to this word that I speak in your hearing and in the hearing of all the people. ⁸The prophets who preceded you and me from ancient times prophesied war, famine, and pestilence against many countries and great kingdoms. ⁹As for the prophet who prophesies peace, when the word of that prophet comes true, then it will be known that the LORD has truly sent the prophet.”

Word of God, Word of Life

Thanks be to God

Psalm: Psalm 89:1-4, 15-18

¹Your love, O LORD, forever will I sing;
from age to age my mouth will proclaim your faithfulness.

²**For I am persuaded that your steadfast love is established forever;
you have set your faithfulness firmly in the heavens.**

³“I have made a covenant with my chosen one;
I have sworn an oath to David my servant:

⁴**I will establish your line forever,
and preserve your throne for all generations.”**

¹⁵Happy are the people who know the festal shout!
They walk, O LORD, in the light of your presence.

¹⁶**They rejoice daily in your name;
they are jubilant in your righteousness.**

¹⁷For you are the glory of their strength,
and by your favor our might is exalted.

¹⁸**Truly, our shield belongs to the LORD;
our king to the Holy One of Israel.**

Second Reading: Romans 6:12-23

¹²Do not let sin exercise dominion in your mortal bodies, to make you obey their passions. ¹³No longer present your members to sin as instruments of wickedness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and present your members to God as instruments of righteousness. ¹⁴For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace.

¹⁵What then? Should we sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! ¹⁶Do you not know that if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness? ¹⁷But thanks be to God that you, having once been slaves of sin, have become obedient from the heart to the form of teaching to which you were entrusted, ¹⁸and that you, having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness. ¹⁹I am speaking in human terms because of your natural limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and to greater and greater iniquity, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness for sanctification.

²⁰When you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. ²¹So what advantage did you then get from the things of which you now are ashamed? The end of those things is death. ²²But now that you have been freed from sin and enslaved to God, the advantage you get is sanctification. The end is eternal life. ²³For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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Thanks be to God

Gospel: Matthew 10:40-42

P: The Holy Gospel according to **Matthew** the 10th chapter.

C: Glory to You, O Lord

[Jesus said to the twelve:] ⁴⁰“Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. ⁴¹Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet’s reward; and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous; ⁴²and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple—truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Hymn of the Day: “Glorious Day”

One day when Heaven was filled with His praises
One day when sin was as black as could be
Jesus came forth to be born of a virgin
Dwelt among men, my example is He
Word became flesh and the light shined among us
His glory revealed

Living, He loved me
Dying, He saved me
Buried, He carried my sins far away
Rising, He justified freely forever
One day He's coming
Oh glorious day, oh glorious day

One day they led Him
up Calvary's mountain
One day they nailed Him to die on a tree
Suffering anguish, despised and rejected
Bearing our sins, my Redeemer is He
Hands that healed nations, stretched out on a tree
And took the nails for me

Living, He loved me
Dying, He saved me
Buried, He carried my sins far away
Rising, He justified freely forever
One day He's coming
Oh glorious day, oh glorious day

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 prayer ends with . . . God 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-jdxWYJMFGW_lQfxkD4hBw8W0Q6UZLveQvLkSxosar20939JWiAad87o7zqy-JU_UuLu19bUbJx2MmPFcXvWIUz6A7FDgkhUKkoPpduXvnt8gXUeZjQYbn9G3frHWC59Y_VCHQ6_VCoE=&ver=3

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

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

**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.**

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: "God Bless America"

God bless America, land that I love
Stand beside her and guide her
Through the night with the light from above
From the mountains to the prairies
To the oceans white with foam
God bless America, my home sweet home

Dismissal

Go in peace. Love your neighbor.
Thanks be to God.

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OUR MISSION - FAITHFUL IN THE WORD	
+ 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	Mike Dettra
Lay Reader	David Elkin

SUNDAY WORSHIP LEADER

George Henry will be today's Worship Leader.

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 by Janice Hoffmann, in memory of Nephew, Randall L. Bobb.

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE:

Sunday, June 25 9:00 a.m. **Total 27**

PASTOR RETURNING FROM VACATION WEDNESDAY

JULY 5

Pastor Matt will be returning from vacation **Wednesday, July 5**. Pastor Nathan Krause from Redeemer Lutheran Church, Jamison will be providing emergency pastoral coverage for Pastor Matt until he returns. His contact number is 267-884-1195.

SUMMER SCHEDULE ZOOM INFORMATION

9:00 am Worship Service

Meeting ID: 815 4518 6885

Passcode: 500201

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81545186885?pwd=SFA1Q2lISnB4dE9MSzJlSjNlRmZlI4dz09>



CARING FOR FRIENDS MEALS – READY TO GO

Thank you to the 15 volunteers who worked together to assemble 88 turkey dinners and 8 containers of turkey noodle soup for **Caring for Friends** on June 25! To all who provided and prepared food, portioned the meals into trays or said a prayer for the recipients of these meals, you have shared God's love with distant neighbors! Once the meals are frozen, we will take them to **Caring for Friends** to be delivered to grateful recipients: <https://caringforfriends.org>



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL JULY 24 – 28

Children aged 4 through completion of grade 6 are invited to attend Vacation Bible School at Advent the week of July 24 – 28 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 located in the church narthex and foyer or by contacting the church office.



PEANUT BUTTER and JELLY

Vacation Bible School is set for July 24-28. We will continue our popular **Peanut Butter vs. Jelly** competition. Families will be asked to bring one or more of these to Vacation Bible School. We'll tally the number of jars of **Peanut Butter** and containers of **Jelly** each day to find out which one is "ahead" in the competition. You can participate right now by bringing either or both of these favorites, as we'll begin filling our collection baskets through July 28. All will be donated to the Warminster Food Bank, just in time for the start of the upcoming school year. And...they are often discounted in the summer months. Thank you!



MITCH MCVICKER IN CONCERT AT ADVENT - THURSDAY, JULY 27, 7 P.M.

Advent is again pleased to have Mitch McVicker, Christian recording artist, with us in concert on **Thursday, July 27, at 7 p.m.** McVicker's concert is a little bit Mark Twain meets MacGyver. His quirky and inventive approach includes insightful song lyrics, unconventional instruments, and profound storytelling. His concert connects the everyday with the otherworldly. McVicker's theology is daringly simple - God's love washes over and through us regardless of our circumstances and situations. Come out for an evening of enjoyable and inspirational music. A free will offering will be taken.



SPAGHETTI DINNER, SATURDAY, AUGUST 19 AT 5:00 TO 8:00 P.M.

Come to Advent Lutheran church for a delicious Spaghetti and Meatball Dinner hosted by Pastor Matt, who will be preparing his family’s homemade sauce recipe. The event will take place on the evening of **Saturday, August 19, from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.** Proceeds from the free will offering will go to benefit the Warminster Food Bank. Suggested offering is \$15 per adult and \$5 for children 12 and under. To go meals will be available.

COMING IN SEPTEMBER



Everyone will have the opportunity to participate in a group affirmation of baptism during the 9:30 service. You are welcome if you were baptized as an infant or as an adult. During the ceremony, we will learn the significance of our baptism. We will also learn what it means in our walk with Christ and our relationship with the Holy Spirit. If you have not been baptized or do not know if you were baptized, please talk to Pastor Matt. We want everyone to be a part of this joyful event. So, save the date – September 24.

ADVENT’S 60TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION – SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2023



Please plan to attend as we will be celebrating this milestone with a single worship service that morning, followed by a meal and brief program in the Fellowship Hall. All are welcome to attend, so inform your family and friends! More information will be shared during the summer. Thank you.

MONTHLY FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Financial Report For May 2023		
	Rec'vd for May 2023	Budget for May 2023
General Fund	\$8,811.62	\$17,281.00
Mortgage	\$2,361	\$1,898.00
Bene. - Synod Only	\$15	\$134
Other Benevolence	\$725	
Total	\$11,912.62	\$19,313.00
	Recv'd YTD 1/1-5/31/23	Budget YTD 1/1-5/31/23
General Fund	\$51,115.46	\$86,405.00
Mortgage	\$12,109.00	\$9,490.00
Bene. - Synod Only	\$320.00	\$670.00
Other Benevolence	\$2,978.00	
Total	\$66,522.46	\$96,565.00



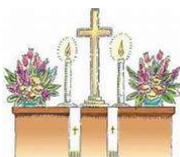
STITCH CLUB ITEMS AVAILABLE

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.



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.



ALTAR FLOWER DEDICATION

There are numerous dates 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 CREACIÓN MISSION SUPPORT

Please consider supporting our sister congregation, Nueva Creación Lutheran Church, which does vital ministry in North Philadelphia. A sign-up sheet is found on the table in the narthex near the entrance to the sanctuary.

THIS WEEK AT ADVENT

5th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – JULY 2

9:00 am Service of the Word – George Henry
10:30 am Fellowship Time: Open
10:45 am Adult Bible Study

MONDAY, JULY 3

7:30 pm A.A. Open Meeting

FRIDAY, JULY 7

7:30 pm A.A. Step Meeting

6th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – JULY 9

9:00 am Summer Worship Service with Holy
Communion
10:30 am Fellowship Time: Open
10:45 am Adult Bible Study