

11<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  
AUGUST 13, 2023  
9:00 A.M.



**GATHERING**

**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,  
who greets us in this and every season,  
whose word never fails,  
whose promise is sure.

**Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God  
and of our neighbors.  
*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Merciful God,  
**we confess that we have sinned.**  
**We have hurt our community.**  
**We have squandered your blessings.**  
**We have hoarded your bounty.**  
**In the name of Jesus,**  
**forgive us and grant us your mercy.**

God is a cup of cold water when we thirst.  
God offers boundless grace when we fail.  
Claim the gift of God's mercy:  
you are freed and forgiven  
in the name of † Jesus Christ.  
**Amen.**

**Gathering Song: “Praise and Thanksgiving” LBW 409**

Praise and thanksgiving,  
Father, we offer,  
For all things living  
You have made good;  
Harvest of sown fields,  
Fruits of the orchard,  
Hay from the mown fields,  
blossom and wood.

Lord, bless the labour  
We bring to serve you,  
That with our neighbour  
we may be fed.  
Sowing or tilling,  
We would work with you;  
Harvesting, milling,  
For daily bread.

Father, providing  
Food for your children,  
Your wisdom guiding  
Teaches us share  
One with another,  
So that, rejoicing  
With us, our brother  
May know your care.

Then will your blessing  
Reach every people;  
Each one confessing  
Your gracious hand.  
When you are reigning  
No one will hunger:  
Your love sustaining  
Fruitful the land.

**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 our defender, storms rage around and within us and cause us to be afraid. Rescue your people from despair, deliver your sons and daughters from fear, and preserve us in the faith of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.  
**Amen.**

**WORD**

**First Reading: 1 Kings 19:9-18**

<sup>9</sup>At [Horeb, the mount of God,] [Elijah] came to a cave, and spent the night there.

Then the word of the LORD came to him, saying, “What are you doing here, Elijah?” <sup>10</sup>He answered, “I have been very zealous for the LORD, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away.”

<sup>11</sup>He said, "Go out and stand on the mountain before the LORD, for the LORD is about to pass by." Now there was a great wind, so strong that it was splitting mountains and breaking rocks in pieces before the LORD, but the LORD was not in the wind; and after the wind an earthquake, but the LORD was not in the earthquake; <sup>12</sup>and after the earthquake a fire, but the LORD was not in the fire; and after the fire a sound of sheer silence. <sup>13</sup>When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. Then there came a voice to him that said, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" <sup>14</sup>He answered, "I have been very zealous for the LORD, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away." <sup>15</sup>Then the LORD said to him, "Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus; when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael as king over Aram. <sup>16</sup>Also you shall anoint Jehu son of Nimshi as king over Israel; and you shall anoint Elisha son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah as prophet in your place. <sup>17</sup>Whoever escapes from the sword of Hazael, Jehu shall kill; and whoever escapes from the sword of Jehu, Elisha shall kill. <sup>18</sup>Yet I will leave seven thousand in Israel, all the knees that have not bowed to Baal, and every mouth that has not kissed him."

Word of God, Word of Life  
**Thanks be to God.**

***Psalm: Psalm 85:8-13***

<sup>8</sup>I will listen to what the LORD God is saying;  
for you speak peace to your faithful people and to those who turn their hearts to you.

<sup>9</sup>**Truly, your salvation is very near to those who fear you,  
that your glory may dwell in our land.**

<sup>10</sup>Steadfast love and faithfulness have met together;  
righteousness and peace have kissed each other.

<sup>11</sup>**Faithfulness shall spring up from the earth,  
and righteousness shall look down from heaven.**

<sup>12</sup>The LORD will indeed grant prosperity,  
and our land will yield its increase.

<sup>13</sup>**Righteousness shall go before the LORD  
and shall prepare for God a pathway.**

**Second Reading: Romans 10:5-15**

<sup>5</sup>Moses writes concerning the righteousness that comes from the law, that "the person who does these things will live by them." <sup>6</sup>But the righteousness that comes from faith says, "Do not say in your heart, 'Who will ascend into heaven?'" (that is, to bring Christ down) <sup>7</sup>"or 'Who will descend into the abyss?'" (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). <sup>8</sup>But what does it say?

"The word is near you,  
on your lips and in your heart"

(that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); <sup>9</sup>because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. <sup>10</sup>For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. <sup>11</sup>The scripture says, "No one who believes in him will be put to shame." <sup>12</sup>For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. <sup>13</sup>For, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

<sup>14</sup>But how are they to call on one in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in one of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim him? <sup>15</sup>And how are they to proclaim him unless they are sent? As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!"

Word of God, Word of Life  
**Thanks be to God.**

**Gospel: Matthew 14:22-33**

**P:** The Holy Gospel according to Matthew the 14<sup>th</sup> chapter.

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

<sup>22</sup>[Jesus] made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side [of the Sea of Galilee], while he dismissed the crowds.<sup>23</sup>And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, <sup>24</sup>but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. <sup>25</sup>And early in the morning he came walking toward them on the sea. <sup>26</sup>But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out in fear. <sup>27</sup>But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid."

<sup>28</sup>Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." <sup>29</sup>He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus. <sup>30</sup>But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!" <sup>31</sup>Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, "You of little faith, why did you doubt?" <sup>32</sup>When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. <sup>33</sup>And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

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

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

**SERMON**

***Hymn of the Day: "Lord Reign in Me"***

Over all the earth You reign on high  
Every mountain stream, every sunset sky  
But my one request, Lord my only aim  
Is that You'd reign in me again

Lord reign in me, reign in Your power  
Over all my dreams, in my darkest hour  
You are the Lord of all I am  
So won't You reign in me again

Over every thought, over every word  
May my life reflect the beauty of my Lord  
'Cause You mean more to me than any earthly thing  
So won't You reign in me again

Lord, reign in me, reign in Your power  
Over all my dreams, in my darkest hour  
'Cause You are the Lord of all I am  
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***Apostles' 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... Hear us, O God.  
the congregation responds: **Your mercy is great.**)*

***Sharing of the Peace***

The Peace of the Lord be with you.

**And, also with you.**

***The Offering*** *Please leave your offering on our website.*

***Offertory Prayer***

Let us pray... **God of field and forest, sea and sky,  
you are the giver of all good things.**

**Sustain us with these gifts of your creation,  
and multiply your graciousness in us,  
that the world may be fed with your love,  
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**

**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.**

***Words of Institution***

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***

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.  
**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***

Let us pray. . . We thank you, generous God,  
for the refreshment we have received  
at your banquet table.  
Send us now to spread your generosity into all the world,  
through the one who is our dearest treasure,  
Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.  
**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 Song: “My Life Flows on in Endless Song”****WOV 781**

- 1 My life flows on in endless song;  
above earth's lamentation,  
I catch the sweet, though far-off hymn  
that hails a new creation.

*Refrain*

- No storm can shake my inmost calm  
while to that Rock I'm clinging.  
Since Christ is Lord of heaven and earth,  
how can I keep from singing?
- 2 Through all the tumult and the strife,  
I hear that music ringing.  
It finds an echo in my soul.  
How can I keep from singing? *Refrain*
  - 3 What though my joys and comforts die?  
The Lord my Savior liveth.  
What though the darkness gather round?  
Songs in the night he giveth. *Refrain*
  - 4 The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart,  
a fountain ever springing!  
All things are mine since I am his!  
How can I keep from singing? *Refrain*

**Dismissal**

Go in peace. Share God's love.

**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**

Pastor                                      The Rev Matthew E. Ollikainen  
 Guest Pianist                                      Sue den Outer  
 Worship Assistant                                      Jennifer McQuiggan

**ALTAR FLOWERS**

The Altar Flowers are dedicated by Christel Hoffmann in honor of her mom, Janice Hoffmann’s birthday and by Fred & Jeanne Wagner in honor of their Granddaughter’s 8<sup>th</sup> birthday.

**WORSHIP ATTENDANCE**

July 30    41    August 6    35

**SUMMER SCHEDULE ZOOM INFORMATION**

9:00 am Worship Service

Meeting ID: 815 4518 6885

Passcode: 500201

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



**SIGN UP SHEET FOR SPAGHETTI DINNER, SATURDAY, AUGUST 19, 5:00 TO 8:00 P.M.**

**In order to plan accordingly, there is a signup sheet in the narthex for the upcoming Spaghetti Dinner.** The delicious Spaghetti and Meatball Dinner is hosted by Pastor Matt, who will be preparing his family’s homemade sauce recipe for the occasion. The dinner will be on 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.

**MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT**

Financial Report For July 2023		
	Rec'vd for July 2023	Budget for July 2023
General Fund	\$11,838.93	\$17,281.00
Mortgage	\$2,586	\$1,898.00
Bene. - Synod Only	\$135	\$134
Other Benevolence	\$787	
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$15,346.93</b>	<b>\$19,313.00</b>
	Recv'd YTD 1/1-7/31/23	Budget YTD 1/1-7/31/23
General Fund	\$74,183.32	\$120,967.00
Mortgage	\$16,936.00	\$13,286.00
Bene. - Synod Only	\$520.00	\$938.00
Other Benevolence	\$4,711.00	
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$96,350.32</b>	<b>\$135,191.00</b>



### **SUNDAY SCHOOL IN SEPTEMBER**

Children’s Sunday School classes will begin on September 17, concurrent with the 9:30 a.m. worship service. New students are welcome! Our weekly Bible lessons will be based on the popular *Holy Moly* curriculum. Its creative short videos bring the Bible stories to life for students age 4 through grade 6. The lessons are written in rhyme and illustrated in graphic novel style.

Learning together is fun! Look for a registration form in the church foyer or narthex to sign up, or you may request a form via email or mail. Student books and crafts will be ordered in August. Please contact the church office with any questions: [office@adventrichboro.org](mailto:office@adventrichboro.org) or 215-355-2529.

Jeanne Gryszka, Sunday School Director



### **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 60<sup>TH</sup> 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.



### **SOCIAL MINISTRY**

During the summer months we will switch back to food donations. Since the children are no longer getting meals at school, families need support to prepare extra meals. All contributions are greatly appreciated. For suggestions on which items are requested each week, go to [www.warminsterfoodbank.org](http://www.warminsterfoodbank.org).

Thank you for your continued support of our neighbors in need.  
Nancy Sclight



### **OPERATION RESTORATION**

Advent’s 5-day Bible School was a fun-with-friends adventure for students during the week of July 24-28. The children, teachers and support staff explored Bible lessons together through stories, music and crafts. Thank you to our wonderful teachers and students and all who participated!



### **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.



**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](http://www.warminsterfoodbank.org). Thank you for helping our neighbors in need.



**STITCH CLUB ITEMS AVAILABLE**

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 Jobs 215-355-4149.

**THIS WEEK AT ADVENT**

**10<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – AUGUST 13**

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

**MONDAY, AUGUST 14**

- 7:30 pm A.A. Open Meeting

**FRIDAY, AUGUST 18**

- 7:30 pm A.A. Step Meeting

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 19**

- 5:00-8:00 Spaghetti & Meatball Dinner

**11<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – AUGUST 20**

- 9:00 am Summer Worship Service with Holy Communion
- 10:00 am Fellowship Time: George Henry