

13TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
AUGUST 27, 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: "The Church's One Foundation" LBW 369

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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. | 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. |
| 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. | 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. |

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 . . .

WORD

First Reading: Isaiah 5:1-6

- ¹Listen to me, you that pursue righteousness,
you that seek the LORD.
Look to the rock from which you were hewn,
and to the quarry from which you were dug.
- ²Look to Abraham your father
and to Sarah who bore you;
for he was but one when I called him,
but I blessed him and made him many.
- ³For the LORD will comfort Zion;
he will comfort all her waste places,
and will make her wilderness like Eden,
her desert like the garden of the LORD;
joy and gladness will be found in her,
thanksgiving and the voice of song.
- ⁴Listen to me, my people,
and give heed to me, my nation;
for a teaching will go out from me,
and my justice for a light to the peoples.
- ⁵I will bring near my deliverance swiftly,
my salvation has gone out
and my arms will rule the peoples;
the coastlands wait for me,
and for my arm they hope.
- ⁶Lift up your eyes to the heavens,
and look at the earth beneath;
for the heavens will vanish like smoke,
the earth will wear out like a garment,
and those who live on it will die like gnats;

but my salvation will be forever,
and my deliverance will never be ended.

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

Psalm: Psalm 138

¹I will give thanks to you, O LORD, with my whole heart;
before the gods I will sing your praise.
²**I will bow down toward your holy temple and praise your name, because of your steadfast love and faithfulness;
for you have glorified your name and your word above all things.**
³When I called, you answered me;
you increased my strength within me.
⁴**All the rulers of the earth will praise you, O LORD,
when they have heard the words of your mouth.**
⁵They will sing of the ways of the LORD,
that great is the glory of the LORD.
⁶**The LORD is high, yet cares for the lowly,
perceiving the haughty from afar.**
⁷Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you keep me safe;
you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies; your right hand shall save me.
⁸**You will make good your purpose for me;
O LORD, your steadfast love endures forever; do not abandon the works of your hands.**

Second Reading: Romans 12:1-8

I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. ²Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect.

³For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. ⁴For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, ⁵so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. ⁶We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ⁷ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; ⁸the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

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

Gospel: Matthew 16:13-20

P: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew the 16th chapter.
C: Glory to You, O Lord.

¹³Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that the Son of Man is?” ¹⁴And they said, “Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.” ¹⁵He said to them, “But who do you say that I am?” ¹⁶Simon Peter answered, “You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.” ¹⁷And Jesus answered him, “Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. ¹⁸And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. ¹⁹I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.” ²⁰Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.
C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Hymn of the Day: "My Hope is Built on Nothing Less" LBW 293

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| 1 My hope is built on nothing less
than Jesus' blood and righteousness;
no merit of my own I claim,
but wholly lean on Jesus' name. | in ev'ry high and stormy gale
my anchor holds within the veil. <i>Refrain</i> |
| <i>Refrain</i>
On Christ, the solid rock, I stand;
all other ground is sinking sand,
all other ground is sinking sand. | |
| 2 When darkness veils his lovely face,
I rest on his unchanging grace; | 3 His oath, his covenant, his blood
sustain me in the raging flood;
when all supports are washed away,
he then is all my hope and stay. <i>Refrain</i> |
| | 4 When he shall come with trumpet sound,
oh, may I then in him be found,
clothed in his righteousness alone,
redeemed to stand before the throne! <i>Refrain</i> |

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: https://www.eservicepayments.com/cgi-bin/Vanco_ver3.vps?appver3=Dc8dzPGn4-LCajFevTkh9MYPCImH2sG-jdxWYJMFGW_lQfxkD4hBw8WoQ6UZLveQvLkSxosar20939JWiAad8707zqy-JU_UuLu19bUbJx2MmPFcXvWIUz6A7FDgkhUKkoPpduXvnt8gXUeZjQYbn9G3frHWC59Y_VCHQ6_VCoE=&ver=3)

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: "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 loving me
Thank you for loving me

Thank you for saving me
Thank you for saving me
Thank you for saving me
Thank you for saving me

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
 Music Director Michael Dettra
 Worship Assistant John Flint



ALTAR FLOWERS

The Altar Flowers are dedicated to the Glory of God.

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

Sunday, August 20, 9:00 a.m. **TOTAL 25**

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 phone 215-859-3778 or email, pastor@adventrichboro.org. If he is not available to take your call, leave a message and he will contact you.

SUMMER SCHEDULE ZOOM INFORMATION

9:00 am Worship Service
 Meeting ID: 815 4518 6885
 Passcode: 500201

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

MONTHLY FINANCIAL STATEMENT

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	
Total	\$15,346.93	\$19,313.00
	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	
Total	\$96,350.32	\$135,191.00



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 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, Sunday, September 24. 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. We want everyone to be a part of this joyful event.

If you would like to come forward during the service to affirm your baptism, please contact George Henry 215-970-8523 or Pastor Matt 215-859-3778.

If you have not been baptized or do not know if you were baptized, please talk to Pastor Matt.

CHURCH DIRECTORY NOW AVAILABLE

Copies of the church directory are available on the table in the narthex. Please advise of any changes, corrections or additions.



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

Join us on Sunday, October 8, 2023, as we celebrate this special milestone! There will be one worship service that day at 9:00 a.m., immediately followed by a brunch and brief program in Advent’s fellowship hall. If you plan on attending the brunch, please complete the form that was sent to you (additional copies are in the narthex and church office) and place it with your payment in the offering plate or mail it to the church office. Please reply by September 17, so that we can plan accordingly. All members, friends, former members, and families are welcome to attend.

SPAGHETTI DINNER HIGHLIGHTS





Advent hosted a very successful spaghetti dinner on Saturday evening, August 19. Pastor Matt and his daughter, Eva, made a delicious homemade sauce, which was accompanied by spaghetti, meatballs, green salads, bread, music, and a lot of fellowship! Thank you to the 27 persons who not only attended, but also donated \$440 as a free-will offering to the Warminster Food Bank. There were also 18 dinners made from the leftovers, which will be donated to Caring for Friends.



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. 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 Jobes 215-355-4149.

THIS WEEK AT ADVENT

13th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – AUGUST 27

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

MONDAY, AUGUST 28

- 7:30 pm A.A. Open Meeting

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 1

- 7:30 pm A.A. Step Meeting

14th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – SEPTEMBER 3

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