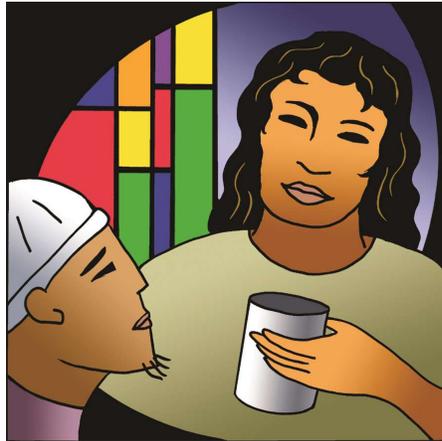


**Reformation Sunday
October 29, 2023
9:30 a.m.**



We Gather in Jesus' Name

Prelude (a time for silent meditation)

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 God,
the one who forms us,
✠ Jesus who bears the cross,
the Spirit who makes our joy complete.
Amen.

Let us bow before God in humility,
confessing our sin.
Silence is kept for reflection.

Steadfast and faithful God,
**you have revealed the ways of justice,
yet we fail to follow you.
We are overwhelmed
by the world's violence and suffering.
We are afraid to risk what we have
for the sake of others.
For the harm we have caused,
known and unknown, forgive us.
For the unjust demands we place on others
and your creation, forgive us.
For the ways we turn away
from you and our neighbor, forgive us.
Lead us back to you
and set us on the right path;
in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior.
Amen.**

Beloved in Christ,
God's justice stretches beyond all understanding.
God's compassion is beyond compare.
In Jesus, God is always making a new way for us.
In † Christ, you are already and always forgiven.
Amen.

Gathering Song: "Open the Eyes of My Heart"

Chorus

Open the eyes of my heart Lord
Open the eyes of my heart
I want to see You, I want to see You
Open the eyes of my heart Lord
Open the eyes of my heart
I want to see You, I want to see You

To see You high and lifted up
Shining in the light of Your glory
Pour out Your power and love

As we sing holy holy, holy, holy
High and lifted up
Shining in the light of Your glory
Pour out Your power and love
As we sing holy holy holy, holy

Holy holy holy,
Holy holy holy
Holy holy holy,
Repeat

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. . . Almighty God, gracious Lord, we thank you that your Holy Spirit renews the church in every age. Pour out your Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep them steadfast in your word, protect and comfort them in times of trial, defend them against all enemies of the gospel, and bestow on the church your saving peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Readings for the Reformation Sunday

Children's Sermon

First Reading: Jeremiah 31:31-34

³¹The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. ³²It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the LORD. ³³But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. ³⁴No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, "Know the LORD," for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the LORD; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

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

Psalm: Psalm 46

¹God is our refuge and strength,
a very present help in trouble.

²**Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be moved,
and though the mountains shake in the depths of the sea;**

³though its waters rage and foam,
and though the mountains tremble with its tumult.

⁴**There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,
the holy habitation of the Most High.**

⁵God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be shaken;
God shall help it at the break of day.

⁶**The nations rage, and the kingdoms shake;
God speaks, and the earth melts away.**

⁷The LORD of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

⁸**Come now, regard the works of the LORD,
what desolations God has brought upon the earth;**

⁹behold the one who makes war to cease in all the world;
who breaks the bow, and shatters the spear, and burns the shields with fire.

¹⁰**“Be still, then, and know that I am God;
I will be exalted among the nations; I will be exalted in the earth.”**

¹¹The LORD of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

Second Reading: Romans 3:19-28

¹⁹Now we know that whatever the law says, it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be silenced, and the whole world may be held accountable to God. ²⁰For “no human being will be justified in his sight” by deeds prescribed by the law, for through the law comes the knowledge of sin.

²¹But now, apart from law, the righteousness of God has been disclosed, and is attested by the law and the prophets, ²²the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction, ²³since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; ²⁴they are now justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, ²⁵whom God put forward as a sacrifice of atonement by his blood, effective through faith. He did this to show his righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over the sins previously committed; ²⁶it was to prove at the present time that he himself is righteous and that he justifies the one who has faith in Jesus.

²⁷Then what becomes of boasting? It is excluded. By what law? By that of works? No, but by the law of faith. ²⁸For we hold that a person is justified by faith apart from works prescribed by the law.

Word of God, Word of Life

Thanks be to God.

Gospel: John 8:31-36

P: The Holy Gospel according to John the 8th Chapter

C: Glory to You, O Lord

³¹Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, “If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples; ³²and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free.” ³³They answered him, “We are descendants of Abraham and have never been slaves to anyone. What do you mean by saying, ‘You will be made free?’”

³⁴Jesus answered them, “Very truly, I tell you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. ³⁵The slave does not have a permanent place in the household; the son has a place there forever. ³⁶So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Song of Praise: "As the Deer"

As the deer panteth for the water
So my soul longeth after Thee
You alone are my heart's desire
And I long to worship Thee
You alone are my Strength, my Shield
To You alone may my spirit yield
You alone are my heart's desire
And I long to worship Thee.

I want You more than gold or silver
Only You can satisfy
You alone are the real joy-giver
And the apple of my eye
You alone are my Strength, my Shield
To You alone may my spirit yield
You alone are my heart's desire
And I long to worship Thee.

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 the Church

(Each prayer ends with ...*God of grace, 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_lQfxkD4hBw8WoQ6UZLveQvLkSxosar2o939JWiAad87o7zqy-JU_UuLu19bUbJx2MmPFcXvWIUz6A7FDgkhUKkoPpduXvnt8gXUeZjQYbn9G3frHWC59Y_VCHQ6_VCoE=&ver=3

The Offertory

Offertory Prayer

Let us pray... **God of power, God of plenty,
all things belong to you.
We bring your gifts to the table,
that all might be fed.
Form us into the body of your Beloved,
Jesus Christ, our Savior.
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

Let us pray...Blessed be your name, O God,
for we have feasted on your Word,
Christ Jesus, the joy and delight of our hearts.
Strengthened by this food,
send us to gather the world to your banquet,
where none are left out and all are satisfied.
In Jesus' name we pray. **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: "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" LBW #228

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| <p>1 A mighty fortress is our God,
a sword and shield victorious;
he breaks the cruel oppressor's rod
and wins salvation glorious.
The old evil foe,
sworn to work us woe,
with dread craft and might
he arms himself to fight.
On earth he has no equal.</p> <p>2 No strength of ours can match his might!
We would be lost, rejected.
But now a champion comes to fight,
whom God himself elected.
Ask who this may be:
Lord of hosts is he!
Jesus Christ, our Lord,
God's only Son, adored.
He holds the field victorious.</p> | <p>3 Though hordes of devils fill the land
all threat'ning to devour us,
we tremble not, unmoved we stand;
they cannot overpower us.
This world's prince may rage,
in fierce war engage.
He is doomed to fail;
God's judgment must prevail!
One little word subdues him.</p> <p>4 God's Word forever shall abide,
no thanks to foes, who fear it;
for God himself fights by our side
with weapons of the Spirit.
If they take our house,
goods, fame, child, or spouse,
wrench our life away,
they cannot win the day.
The kingdom's ours forever!</p> |
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Dismissal

Go in peace. God is at work in you.

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 Gail Oines

ALTAR FLOWERS



The Altar Flowers are dedicated by George and Peg Spahn in thanks to “our Advent friends” for their prayers for Warren’s recovery from the transplant rejection and by Tom and Rose Herbert in honor of their grandchildren Mason and Madeline’s birthday.

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

Sunday, October 22, 8:00 am 13 9:30 am 25 **TOTAL 38**

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, pastormattollikainen@gmail.com. If he is not available to take your call, leave a message and he will contact you.

ADVENT’S STITCH CLUB BAZAAR SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29



This is the last Sunday for the Stitch Club Bazaar before and after Sunday services. There are wonderful handmade items on display for sale in the narthex.

Proceeds from the sale will help support the weekly flower arrangements that grace our altar each week and food purchases for Caring for Friends. Thank you for supporting this

cause!

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY - NOVEMBER 5

The first Sunday in November is All Saints Sunday. We will celebrate our services of Holy Communion remembering family and friends who in the last year have died. If you have someone you wish included in our prayers, please contact or leave a message with the church office via phone 215-355-2529 or email adventlutheranrichboro@gmail.com.

Please include the name of the deceased, the relationship or the relation of the deceased to you (i.e., father, daughter, cousin, friend, etc.) and your name.

CLASSES ON THE AUTOMATED EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATOR, SCHEDULED FOR NOVEMBER 5, 9 AM BETWEEN WORSHIP SERVICES

Tri-Hampton Rescue Squad’s Paramedic, L. Jay Colella is offering training in using the AED automated external defibrillator (AED), which is installed on a wall in the church main entranceway.

Training will take place on Sunday, November 5 between the Worship Services at 9:00 am.



An AED is a lightweight, portable device that delivers an electric shock through the chest to the heart when it detects an abnormal rhythm and changes the rhythm back to normal. AEDs help people who have a sudden cardiac arrest, which occurs when the heart suddenly stops beating regularly. This will benefit all persons and groups using the building.

Thanks again to the generous donor.



LET'S MAKE THANKSGIVING MEALS!

It's Turkey Time! On **Sunday, November 5 at 10:40 a.m.**, following the late service, please pick up a serving spoon or fork in the fellowship hall and let's assemble some dinners to donate! They will be frozen, then delivered to **Caring for Friends** for distribution to people who depend on home visits due to illness, infirmity or other needs. If each of us spends a half hour scooping servings of food, we can complete a lot of meals in a short time! If you would like to minimize the cost of the food purchase, feel free to add a donation to our small roasting pan in the narthex.

Thank you for making Thanksgiving brighter for others! <https://caringforfriends.org/>



ELECTION DAY TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 7

Elections will be held on **Tuesday, November 7, from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.** Advent serves as a polling place for its neighboring community. Please vote for the candidates of your choice.



CONGREGATIONAL MEETING - NOVEMBER 19 AT 10:15 AM

The congregational meeting to approve a budget for year 2024 and to nominate and elect members to Church Council will be held on Sunday, November 19 at 10:15 a.m., following the 9:00 a.m. worship service. Your attendance is important, as it is necessary that we have the required quorum of member voters. Thank you for attending!

MONTHLY FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Financial Report For September 2023		
	Rec'vd for Sept 2023	Budget for Sept 2023
General Fund	\$10,895.93	\$17,281.00
Mortgage	\$2,131	\$1,898.00
Bene. - Synod Only	\$85	\$134
Other Benevolence	\$470	
Total	\$13,581.93	\$19,313.00
	Recv'd YTD 1/1-9/30/23	Budget YTD 1/1-9/30/23
General Fund	\$101,955.93	\$155,529.00
Mortgage	\$21,028.00	\$17,082.00
Bene. - Synod Only	\$622.00	\$1,206.00
Other Benevolence	\$6,274.00	
Total	\$129,879.93	\$173,817.00



PING PONG - TUESDAYS AT 6:30 - CANCELLED 10/31, IT'S HALLOWEEN

All are welcome to join us for an evening of Ping Pong at the church on Tuesday nights at 6:30pm. Ping Pong is cancelled October 31 because of Halloween. Please call the church 215-355-2529 if you want to give it a try. (It helps to know how many tables to set up).



PRAISE BAND AND VOCAL CHOIR PRACTICE WEDNESDAY NIGHTS

The Praise Band rehearses from 6:30 to 7:15 p.m. and the Vocal Choir 7:15 to 8:00 p.m. All are welcome and encouraged to join; no prior experience is necessary. Please see Mike Dettra for more details.



THURSDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY, 7:00 PM via ZOOM

The study is on the book **Bonhoeffer** by John W. Matthews. From the Theology for Life Series, it is a brief overview of the life and writings of Dietrich Bonhoeffer.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89632518358?pwd=Smg5dm1Ba0VZamZjNG1YMko2MlVvdzo9>
Meeting ID: 896 3251 8358 Passcode: 011905



STITCH CLUB ON SATURDAYS, 10 A.M.

Stitch club meets on, Saturdays at **10:00 a.m. to noon**. Stitch club is open to all who would like to join. If you like to knit, crochet or do needlepoint, this is for you!

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



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 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.

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.



Recycling can tabs for charity is a great idea! If you bring them in, we'll drop them off . Look for marked containers in the narthex, located on the shelf above the coat rack. No cans, please – just tabs! The tab collection program began at **Ronald McDonald House Charities** of the Philadelphia Region in 1997. Since the inception of the program, **RMHC**

has collected over 350 tons of tabs and over \$170,000! See RMHCphilly.org.

THIS WEEK AT ADVENT

REFORMATION SUNDAY– OCTOBER 29

8:00 am Traditional Holy Communion
9:30 am Contemporary Holy Communion
Sunday School age 4 – grade 6
10:30 am Fellowship: Open
10:45 am Adult Bible Study

MONDAY, OCTOBER 30

7:30 pm A.A. Open Meeting

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 1

6:30-7:15 Praise Band Practice
7:15-8:00 Vocal Choir Practice

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 2

7:00 pm Bible Study via Zoom

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 3

7:30 pm A.A. Step Meeting

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 4

10:00 am – noon Stitch Club

23rd SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – NOVEMBER 5

All Saints Sunday

8:00 am Traditional Holy Communion
9:00 am Automated External Defibrillator Class
9:30 am Contemporary Holy Communion
Sunday School age 4 – grade 6
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