

SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
JULY 9, 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.

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.

Silence is kept for reflection.

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: "Give Me Jesus" WOV 777

1 In the morning when I rise,
in the morning when I rise,
in the morning when I rise,
give me Jesus.

Refrain

Give me Jesus,
give me Jesus.
You may have all the rest,
give me Jesus.

2 Dark midnight was my cry,
dark midnight was my cry,

dark midnight was my cry,
give me Jesus. *Refrain*

3 Just about the break of day,
just about the break of day,
just about the break of day,
give me Jesus. *Refrain*

4 Oh, when I come to die,
oh, when I come to die,
oh, when I come to die,
give me Jesus. *Refrain*

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 . . . You are great, O God, and greatly to be praised. You have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless until they rest in you. Grant that we may believe in you, call upon you, know you, and serve you, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

WORD

First Reading: Zechariah 9:9-12

⁹Rejoice greatly, O daughter Zion!
Shout aloud, O daughter Jerusalem!

Lo, your king comes to you;
triumphant and victorious is he,
humble and riding on a donkey,
on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

¹⁰He will cut off the chariot from Ephraim
and the war-horse from Jerusalem;
and the battle bow shall be cut off,
and he shall command peace to the nations;
his dominion shall be from sea to sea,
and from the River to the ends of the earth.

¹¹As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you,
I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit.

¹²Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope;
today I declare that I will restore to you double.

Word of God, Word of Life

Thanks be to God.

Psalm: Psalm 145:8-14

⁸The LORD is gracious and full of compassion,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

⁹**LORD, you are good to all,
and your compassion is over all your works.**

¹⁰All your works shall praise you, O LORD,
and your faithful ones shall bless you.

¹¹**They shall tell of the glory of your kingdom
and speak of your power,**

¹²that all people may know of your power
and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.

¹³**Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom; your dominion endures through-out all ages.
You, LORD, are faithful in all your words, and loving in all your works.**

¹⁴The Lord upholds all those who fall
and lifts up those who are bowed down.

Second Reading: Romans 7:15-25a

¹⁵I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. ¹⁶Now if I do what I do not want, I agree that the law is good. ¹⁷But in fact it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. ¹⁸For I know that nothing good dwells within me, that is, in my flesh. I can will what is right, but I cannot do it. ¹⁹For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do. ²⁰Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me.

²¹So I find it to be a law that when I want to do what is good, evil lies close at hand. ²²For I delight in the law of God in my inmost self, ²³but I see in my members another law at war with the law of my mind, making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. ²⁴Wretched man that I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? ^{25a}Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

Word of God, Word of Life

Thanks be to God.

Gospel: Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

P: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew the 11th chapter.

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

[Jesus spoke to the crowd saying:] ¹⁶“To what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to one another,

¹⁷“We played the flute for you, and you did not dance;
we wailed, and you did not mourn.”

¹⁸For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, ‘He has a demon’; ¹⁹the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, ‘Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!’ Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds.”

²⁵At that time Jesus said, “I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; ²⁶yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. ²⁷All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

²⁸“Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. ²⁹Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Hymn of the Day: “I Could Sing of Your Love Forever”

Over the mountains and the sea
Your river runs with love for me
And I will open up my heart
And let the Healer set me free

I'm happy to be in the truth
And I will daily lift my hands
For I will always sing
Of when Your love came down

I could sing of Your love forever
(Sing whole song 2x)

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-](https://www.eservicepayments.com/cgi-bin/Vanco_ver3.vps?appver3=Dc8dzPGn4-LCajFevTkh9MYPCLmH2sG-jdxWYJMFgw_IQfxkD4hBw8WoQ6UZLveQvLkSxosar20939JWiAad8707zqy-JU_UuLut9bUbJx2MmPFcXvWIUz6A7FDgkhUKkoPpduXvnt8gXUeZjQYbn9G3frHWC59Y_VCHO6_VCoE=&ver=3)

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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

**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: "10,000 Reasons"

Bless the Lord oh my soul

Oh my soul

Worship His Holy name

Sing like never before

Oh my soul

I'll worship Your Holy name

The sun comes up

It's a new day dawning

It's time to sing Your song again

Whatever may pass

And whatever lies before me

Let me be singing

When the evening comes

Bless the Lord oh my soul

Oh my soul

Worship His Holy name

Sing like never before

Oh my soul

I'll worship Your Holy name

You're rich in love

And You're slow to anger

Your name is great

And Your heart is kind

For all Your goodness

I will keep on singing

Ten thousand reasons

For my heart to find

Bless the Lord oh my soul

Oh my soul

Worship His Holy name

Sing like never before

Oh my soul

I'll worship Your Holy name

Bless You Lord

And on that day

When my strength is failing

The end draws near

And my time has come

Still my soul will

Sing Your praise unending

Ten thousand years

And then forevermore

Bless the Lord oh my soul

Oh my soul

Worship His Holy name

Sing like never before

Oh my soul

I'll worship Your Holy name

Dismissal

Go in peace. Love your neighbor.

Thanks be to God.

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 Mike Dettra
Worship Assistant Jennifer McQuiggan

ALTAR FLOWERS

The Altar Flowers are presented by Cindy Frey in loving memory of Andy Frey and his father, Andrew Frey and to the Glory of God.

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE:

Sunday, July 2, 9:00 a.m. **Total 23**

SUMMER SCHEDULE ZOOM INFORMATION

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

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81545186885?pwd=SFA1O2lISnB4dE9MSzJlSjNzI4dz09>



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 also located on the tract rack in the 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, 7:00 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, 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 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.



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 215-962-9032 or Jeff Jobses 215-355-4149.

MONTHLY FINANCIAL STATEMENT

| Financial Report For May 2023 | | |
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| | 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 |
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| | 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 |

THIS WEEK AT ADVENT

6th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – JULY 9

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

MONDAY, JULY 10

- 7:30 pm A.A. Open Meeting

FRIDAY, JULY 14

- 7:30 pm A.A. Step Meeting

7th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – JULY 16

- 9:00 am Summer Worship Service with Holy Communion
- 10:00 am Fellowship Time: Open
- 10:15 am Adult Bible Study