

TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
JULY 28, 2024
9:00 A.M.



We Gather in Jesus' Name

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, the God of manna, the God of miracles, the God of mercy.

Amen.

Drawn to Christ and seeking God's abundance, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

God, our provider,

help us. It is hard to believe there is enough to share. We question your ways when they differ from the ways of the world in which we live. We turn to our own understanding rather than trusting in you. We take offense at your teachings and your ways. Turn us again to you. Where else can we turn? Share with us the words of eternal life and feed us for life in the world.

Amen.

Beloved people of God: in Jesus, the manna from heaven, you are fed and nourished. By Jesus, the worker of miracles, there is always more than enough. Through Jesus, ✙ the bread of life, you are shown God's mercy: you are forgiven and loved into abundant life. **Amen.**

Gathering Song: "Praise and Thanksgiving"

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1 Praise and thanksgiving, God, we would 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.

2 God, bless the labor we bring to serve you,
that with our neighbor we may be fed.
Sowing or tilling, we would work with you,
harvesting, milling for daily bread.

3 Father, providing food for your children,
by Wisdom's guiding teach us to share
one with another, so that, rejoicing
with us, all others may know your care.

4 Then will your blessing reach ev'ry people,
freely confessing your gracious hand.
Where you are reigning, no one will hunger;
your love sustaining showers 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

Gracious God, you have placed within the hearts of all your children a longing for your word and a hunger for your truth. Grant that we may know your Son to be the true bread of heaven and share this bread with all the world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

The Reading of God's Word

First Reading: 2 Kings 4:42-44

⁴² A man came from Baal-shalishah, bringing food from the first fruits to [Elisha,] the man of God: twenty loaves of barley and fresh ears of grain in his sack. Elisha said, "Give it to the people and let them eat." ⁴³ But his servant said, "How can I set this before a hundred people?" So he repeated, "Give it to the people and let them eat, for thus says the LORD, 'They shall eat and have some left.'" ⁴⁴ He set it before them, they ate, and had some left, according to the word of the LORD.

Word of God, Word of Life

Thanks be to God.

Psalm: Psalm 145:10-18

¹⁰ All 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,**

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

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

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

¹⁵ **The eyes of all wait upon you, O LORD,
and you give them their food in due season.**

¹⁶ You open wide your hand
and satisfy the desire of every living thing.

¹⁷ **You are righteous in all your ways
and loving in all your works.**

¹⁸ You are near to all who call upon you,
to all who call upon you faithfully.

Second Reading: Ephesians 3:14-21

¹⁴ For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, ¹⁵ from whom every family in heaven and on earth takes its name. ¹⁶ I pray that, according to the riches of his glory, he may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through his Spirit, ¹⁷ and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love. ¹⁸ I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth, ¹⁹ and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

²⁰ Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, ²¹ to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

Word of God, Word of Life

Thanks be to God.

P: The Holy Gospel according to John the 6th chapter.

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

John 6:1-21

¹ Jesus went to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, also called the Sea of Tiberias. ² A large crowd kept following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing for the sick. ³ Jesus went up the mountain and sat down there with his disciples. ⁴ Now the Passover, the festival of the Jews, was near. ⁵ When he looked up and saw a large crowd coming toward him, Jesus said to Philip, "Where are we to buy bread for these people to eat?" ⁶ He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he was going to do. ⁷ Philip answered him, "Six months' wages would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little." ⁸ One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to him, ⁹ "There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so many people?" ¹⁰ Jesus said, "Make the people sit down." Now there was a great deal of grass in the place; so they sat down, about five thousand in all. ¹¹ Then Jesus took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated; so also the fish, as much as they wanted. ¹² When they were satisfied, he told his disciples, "Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing may be lost." ¹³ So they gathered them up, and from the fragments of the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten, they filled twelve baskets. ¹⁴ When the people saw the sign that he had done, they began to say, "This is indeed the prophet who is to come into the world."

¹⁵ When Jesus realized that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, he withdrew again to the mountain by himself.

¹⁶ When evening came, his disciples went down to the sea, ¹⁷ got into a boat, and started across the sea to Capernaum. It was now dark, and Jesus had not yet come to them. ¹⁸ The sea became rough because a strong wind was blowing. ¹⁹ When they had rowed about three or four miles, they saw Jesus walking on the sea and coming near the boat, and they were terrified. ²⁰ But he said to them, "It is I; do not be afraid." ²¹ Then they wanted to take him into the boat, and immediately the boat reached the land toward which they were going.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ

Sermon

Hymn of the Day "Break Now the Bread of Life"

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| <p>1 Break now the bread of life,
dear Lord, to me,
as once you broke the loaves
beside the sea.
Beyond the sacred page
I seek you, Lord;
my spirit waits for you,
O living Word.</p> <p>2 Bless your own truth, dear Lord,
to me, to me,
as when you blest the bread
by Galilee.
Then shall all bondage cease,
all fetters fall;
and I shall find my peace,
my All-in-All!</p> | <p>3 You are the bread of life,
O Lord, to me,
your holy word the truth
that rescues me.
Give me to eat and live
with you above;
teach me to love your truth,
for you are love.</p> <p>4 Oh, send your Spirit, Lord,
now unto me,
that he may touch my eyes
and make me see.
Show me the truth concealed
within your word,
and in your book revealed
I see my Lord.</p> |
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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 petition ends with... 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-jdxWYJMFGWlQfxkD4hBw8WoQ6UZLveQvLkSxosar2o939JWiAad87o7zqy-JU_UuLu19bUbJx2MmPFcXvWIUz6A7FDgkhUKkoPpduXvnt8gXUeZjQYbn9G3frHWC59Y_VCHQ6_VCoE=&ver=3

Offertory Prayer

Let us pray... **Jesus, Bread of life,
you have set this table with your very self, and called us to the feast of plenty. Gather what
has been sown among us, and strengthen us in this meal. Make us to be what we receive
here, your body for the life of the world. 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

Jesus, Bread of life, we have received from your table more than we could ever ask. As you have nourished us in this meal, now strengthen us to love the world with your own life. In your name we pray. **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 Hymn: "You Are My God"

You are my God
You are my King
You are my Master
My ev'rything
You are my Lord
That's why I sing to You
Hallelujah hallelujah

You are my God
You are my King
You are my Master
My ev'rything
You are my Lord
That's why I sing to You
Hallelujah hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah

Dismissal

Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.
Thanks be to God.

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OUR MISSION

- + 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 Ollikainen
Music Director Michael Dettra
Worship Assistant Gail Oines
Fellowship Time OPEN

ALTAR FLOWERS

The Altar Flowers are presented by Cindy Frey in honor of the 19th birthday of her grandson Andrew and to the Glory of God.

NUEVA CREACIÓN MISSION SUPPORT

Support of Nueva Creación Lutheran Church in Philadelphia for this week is presented to the Glory of God.

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

Sunday, July 21 = 33 + 3 children = 36

SUMMER SCHEDULE ZOOM INFORMATION

9:00 am Worship Service
Meeting ID: 815 4518 6885
Passcode: 500201
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81545186885?pwd=SFA1Q2lISnB4dE9MSzJlSjNRNzI4dz09>

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



GOD SIGHTINGS

Have you seen God at work in your life, or in nature, a neighbor, etc.? Please add to our God Sightings chain by writing down the ways that you see God in your life. Use the strips of paper found in the narthex. Take them home to write your sightings down daily, or do it right at church. They will be stapled onto the chain (or you can staple them yourself). We will continue to add to it until Reformation Sunday, October 27. Let's see how many times we can circle the sanctuary!

FINANCIAL REPORT

Financial Report For June 2024		
	Rec'vd for June 2024	Budget for June 2024
General Fund	\$13,858.93	\$17,482.00
Mortgage	\$2,331	\$1,898.00
Bene. - Synod Only	\$45	\$75
Other Benevolence	\$800	
Web Upgrade	\$2,900	
Total	\$19,934.93	\$19,455.00
	Recv'd YTD 1/1-6/30/24	Budget YTD 1/1-6.30/24
General Fund	\$65,825.57	\$104,892.00
Mortgage	\$10,543.00	\$11,388.00
Bene. - Synod Only	\$280.00	\$450.00
Other Benevolence	\$3,535.00	
Web Upgrade	\$3,000.00	
Total	\$83,183.57	\$116,730.00

HE'S BACK!

Mark your calendars for Wednesday, October 2 for an unforgettable experience. Mitch McVicker will return to Advent for a concert. More information to follow as the event moves closer.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL AUGUST 12 – 16, 9:00 a.m. - NOON

Kids' Team Advent

Join ***Kids' Team Advent*** on Monday-Friday August 12 – 16 at Vacation Bible School, where we will work together to learn about God's word in the **Bible!** We'll discover highlights of the Old Testament and the New Testament in our action-packed curriculum. Children **age 4 through completion of 6th grade** will enjoy lessons, crafts, activities, music and snacks with 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. The registration form is available in the church narthex, foyer and on the church website.



FLEA MARKET – SEPTEMBER 14

Attention...looking to “declutter” your living space?

Everyone has items they are looking to pass along in order to “declutter” their living space...right? On Saturday, September 14, 2024, Advent Evangelical Lutheran Church will hold a Flea Market in the church parking lot from 9 am til 1 pm, providing all participants an avenue by which to make “decluttering their living space” a reality! This is a rain or shine event (held inside the church in the event of rain) for church members, family friends, neighbors and members of the community to sell and buy items or just to browse. Bottled water and soft pretzels will be available for purchase during the flea market. Registration forms are available on the round table in the narthex or one can be emailed to you. Please contact Kathy Sitler at 215-589-5423 or Cime Eklund at 503-502-7691 with any questions or a registration form. A non-refundable registration fee of \$10.00 will be charged upon registration. Registrations will be accepted until the deadline of September 8, or until spaces are no longer available.



CHURCH SECURITY

The church is regularly left unsecure as the external doors are left unlocked and/or unlatched when closed. The external doors do not always automatically latch when they swing shut. When leaving the church building, please tug the door behind you to check that it has latched. If you possess a church key and are the last key bearer to leave the church (i.e. Non-key bearing people may still be in the building), please check and lock the external doors upon leaving. Thank you for your attentiveness.

LOST NECKLACE

A necklace of value was lost at the church and has gone unclaimed for over a year. Please contact Pastor Matt if you lost a necklace.

ALTAR FLOWER DEDICATION

There are numerous dates available in the remainder of 2024 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 at 267-205-0713.



DONATIONS FOR FELLOWSHIP TIME

Were you aware that not everyone can bake? Or that time is often at a premium? Or that some of us can't always be in church in person? If these questions have plagued you and perhaps you wish you could help at fellowship time more often than you do, you aren't alone. For that reason, and so we don't lose fellowship time altogether, consider donating a few dollars now and then and let someone else do the shopping/baking. All those hungry snackers will appreciate it!

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.

PRAYER CHAIN

On Sundays we add names to the prayer list to pray out loud for those in need. This differs from the prayer chain. On Sundays, we only ask for names without specifics, though God always knows what is in our hearts. For the prayer chain, more specifics can be prayed for (as much as you want to share). These prayers are confidential, known only to the prayer chain members. Each person added is kept on the list for 4 weeks, with the exception of those who need ongoing prayer, which we keep on until circumstances change. If you wish to add a name to the prayer chain, please fill out a yellow prayer card found in the pews or you can call or email Gail Oines at the church office with your request.

THIS WEEK AT ADVENT

SUNDAY, JULY 28 – TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

9:00 am Summer Worship with Holy Communion
10:00 am Fellowship Time: OPEN

MONDAY, July 29

7:30 pm A.A. Open Meeting

FRIDAY, August 2

7:30 pm A.A. Step Meeting

SUNDAY, AUGUST 4 – ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

9:00 am Summer Worship with Holy Communion
10:00 am Fellowship Time: OPEN

