

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY
JANUARY 21, 2024
9:30 A.M.



We Gather in Jesus' Name

Prelude (a time for silent meditation)

Announcements

Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
creator of darkness and light,
word of truth,
wind sweeping over the waters.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

God, our rock and refuge,
we pour out our hearts before you.
We have known you but have not always loved you.
We have wounded one another
and sinned against you.
We have not always recognized the Holy Spirit
dwelling in each of us.
Remember your covenant.
Renew your creation.
Restore us,
that we might proclaim your good news to all.

Amen.

The voice of the Lord is upon the waters.
God has spoken:
The time of grace is now.
In Jesus, the reign of God has come near.
By the authority of † Jesus Christ,
your sins are forgiven.
You are God's beloved.

Amen.

Gathering Song: “Shine, Jesus, Shine” WOV #651

Shine, Jesus, shine
Fill this land with the Father's glory
Blaze, Spirit, blaze
Set our hearts on fire
Flow, river, flow
Flood the nations with grace and mercy
Send forth your word
Lord, and let there be light

Lord, the light of your love is shining
In the midst of the darkness, shining
Jesus, Light of the world, shine upon us
Set us free by the truth you now bring us
Shine on me, shine on me

Shine, Jesus, shine
Fill this land with the Father's glory
Blaze, Spirit, blaze

Set our hearts on fire
Flow, river, flow
Flood the nations with grace and mercy

As we gaze on your kingly brightness
So our faces display your likeness
Ever changing from glory to glory
Mirrored here may our lives tell your story
Shine on me, shine on me

Shine, Jesus, shine
Fill this land with the Father's glory
Blaze, Spirit, blaze
Set our hearts on fire
Flow, river, flow
Flood the nations with grace and mercy
Send forth your word
Lord, and let there be light

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, by grace alone you call us and accept us in your service. Strengthen us by your Spirit, and make us worthy of your call, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Readings for The Second Sunday After Epiphany

Children's Sermon

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray ... Almighty God, by grace alone you call us and accept us in your service. Strengthen us by your Spirit, and make us worthy of your call, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

First Reading: Jonah 3:1-5, 10

¹The word of the LORD came to Jonah a second time, saying, ²“Get up, go to Nineveh, that great city, and proclaim to it the message that I tell you.” ³So Jonah set out and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the LORD. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly large city, a three days' walk across. ⁴Jonah began to go into the city, going a day's walk. And he cried out, “Forty days more, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!” ⁵And the people of Nineveh believed God; they proclaimed a fast, and everyone, great and small, put on sackcloth.

¹⁰When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it.

Word of God, Word of Life
Thanks be to God

Psalm: Psalm: 62:5-12

⁵For God alone I wait in silence;
truly, my hope is in God.

⁶**God alone is my rock and my salvation,
my stronghold, so that I shall never be shaken.**

⁷In God is my deliverance and my honor;
God is my strong rock and my refuge.

⁸**Put your trust in God always, O people,
pour out your hearts before the one who is our refuge.**

⁹Those of high degree are but a fleeting breath; those of low estate cannot be trusted.
Placed on the scales together they weigh even less than a breath.

¹⁰**Put no trust in extortion; in robbery take no empty pride;
though wealth increase, set not your heart upon it.**

¹¹God has spoken once, twice I have I heard it,
that power belongs to God.

¹²**Steadfast love belongs to you, O Lord,
for you repay all according to their deeds.**

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 7:29-31

²⁹Brothers and sisters, the appointed time has grown short; from now on, let even those who have wives be as though they had none, ³⁰and those who mourn as though they were not mourning, and those who rejoice as though they were not rejoicing, and those who buy as though they had no possessions, ³¹and those who deal with the world as though they had no dealings with it. For the present form of this world is passing away.

Word of God, Word of Life

Thanks be to God

Gospel: Mark 1:14-20

P: The Holy Gospel according to Mark the 1st Chapter

C: Glory to You, O Lord

¹⁴Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, ¹⁵and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news."

¹⁶As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. ¹⁷And Jesus said to them, "Follow me and I will make you fish for people." ¹⁸And immediately they left their nets and followed him. ¹⁹As he went a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets. ²⁰Immediately he called them; and they left their father

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Song of Praise: "in Christ Alone"

In Christ alone my hope is found
He is my light, my strength, my song
This cornerstone, this solid ground
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm
What heights of love, what depths of peace
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease
My comforter, my all in all
Here in the love of Christ I stand
In Christ alone who took on flesh
Fullness of God in helpless babe
This gift of love and righteousness
Scorned by the ones He came to save

Till on that cross as Jesus died
The wrath of God was satisfied
For every sin on Him was laid
Here in the death of Christ I live
There in the ground His body lay
Light of the world by darkness slain
Then bursting forth in glorious day
Up from the grave He rose again
And as He stands in victory
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me
For I am His and He is mine
Bought with the precious blood of Christ

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: **receive 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... **Blessed are you, Holy One,
for all good things come from you.
In bread and cup you open heaven to us.
Meet us at this table,
that we receive what we seek
and follow your Son, Jesus,
in whose name we pray.
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... Giver of every gift,
 Christ's body is our food, and we are Christ's body.
 Raise us to life by your power
 for the benefit of all and to your glory,
 now and forever.

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 Hymn: "Glorious Day"

One day when Heaven was filled with His praises One day when sin was as black as could be Jesus came
 forth to be born of a virgin Dwelt among men, my example is He
 Word became flesh and the light shined among us
 His glory revealed

Living, He loved me
 Dying, He saved me
 Buried, He carried my sins far away
 Rising, He justified freely forever
 One day He's coming
 Oh glorious day, oh glorious day

One day they led Him up Calvary's mountain One day they nailed Him to die on a tree Suffering
 anguish, despised and rejected Bearing our sins, my Redeemer is He
 Hands that healed nations, stretched out on a tree And took the nails for me

Living, He loved me
 Dying, He saved me
 Buried, He carried my sins far away
 Rising, He justified freely forever
 One day He's coming
 Oh glorious day, oh glorious day

Dismissal

Go in peace. You are God's beloved.
Thanks be to God.

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 E Ollikainen
Music Director	Michael Dettra
Lay Reader	Gil Oines
Communion Assistant	Megan Ward



ALTAR FLOWERS

The Altar Flowers are dedicated to the Glory of God.

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

Sunday January 14

Financial Report For December 2023		
	Rec'vd for Dec 2023	Budget for Dec 2023
General Fund	\$31,385.93	\$17,281.00
Mortgage	\$4,943	\$1,898.00
Bene. - Synod Only	\$83	\$134
Other Benevolence	\$542	
Total	\$36,953.93	\$19,313.00
	Recv'd YTD 1/1-12/31/23	Budget YTD 1/1-12/31/23
General Fund	\$158,639.72	\$207,372.00
Mortgage	\$30,898.00	\$22,776.00
Bene. - Synod Only	\$791.00	\$1,608.00
Other Benevolence	\$8,090.00	
Total	\$198,418.72	\$231,756.00

GRATITUDE FOR FOOD PANTRY DONATIONS



Warminster Food Bank is grateful to Advent for the generous donations of food, monetary donations and gift cards through the year. This year, Advent and our community have donated 1528 lbs. of food. \$2,056.00 in checks received and \$1,275.00 in gift cards!

Please continue donating whatever you can each month. Blue tote bags are available in the narthex. Food may be brought on Sunday and whenever the church office is open, or you can deposit your bags in the outdoor bench anytime. For suggestions on which items are requested each week, go to www.warminsterfoodbank.org. Thank-you for your continued support of this important mission.

Nancy Slight, Social **Ministry**



SPAGHETTI DINNER, SATURDAY, JANUARY 27, 6:00 to 8:00 P.M.

Come to Advent Lutheran church for a delicious Spaghetti and Meatball Dinner hosted by the Strategic Mission Team. The event will take place on the evening of **Saturday, January 27, from 6:00 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.



BLOOD DRIVE, TUESDAY, JANUARY 30

The Blood Drive at Advent will take place, on January 30, 2024 from **2:00 pm to 7:00 pm**. Please consider donating and asking your friends and neighbors to join you. All those participating will be entered for a chance to win tickets for Super Bowl LVIII, February 11th in Las Vegas. Package includes tickets, round trip airfare, hotel and a \$1,000 gift card. Sign up in the narthex or online at RedCrossBlood.org and enter Sponsor Code: Adventlutheran, or call 1- 800-Red Cross or Audrey at 215-913-1037, Thank you for your support.



PING PONG - TUESDAYS AT 6:30

All are welcome to join us for an evening of Ping Pong at the church on Tuesday nights at 6:30pm. 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).



THURSDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY

Thursday Night Bible Study is taking a break through the season of Lent, during which we will be having our midweek Lenten soup supper and services on Thursdays for five weeks. You are encouraged to participate in the mid-week Lenten service where we will be doing the congregation wide Book of Acts Bible Study.



ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING ON SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25

On Sunday, **February 25** we will have **one worship service at 9:00 a.m.** The Annual Congregational Meeting will follow the service at **10:00 a.m.** Please plan to attend so that we make quorum and be able to conduct the business of the Church.

If you are unable to attend the meeting in person, please plan to attend via zoom.

While using Zoom, please mute yourself when you are not speaking.

Topic: Congregational Meeting: 10:00 am February 25, 2024 10:00 AM

Join Zoom Meeting ID: 898 2827 3113 - <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89828273113>



ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICES

We will have two Ash Wednesday services on **February 14, at Noon and 7:00 p.m.**, in person and online.

Ash Wednesday services may also be attended by **Zoom** and will be live streamed on **Facebook**. A recording of the services will be uploaded to **YouTube** and linked to our website immediately after the service concludes.

YouTube: Click on the church website link after **1:00 p.m.** on Ash Wednesday for Noon service and 8:00 p.m. for the 7:00 p.m. service: <https://www.adventrichboro.org>

Facebook: Go to the church Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/adventrichboropa/>

Zoom:

Smart device/Computer instructions- Click on the links listed below for the Noon Service and 7:00 p.m. Service.

Phone instructions: Call 1-646-558-8656

While using Zoom, please mute yourself when you are not speaking.

Topic: Ash Wednesday, February 14

12:00 pm Service

Join Zoom Meeting ID: 895 7633 6231

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89576336231>

Topic: Ash Wednesday, February 14

7:00 p.m. Evening Service

Join Zoom Meeting ID: 816 6736 4482

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81667364482>



MID-WEEK LENTEN WORSHIP SERVICES,
THURSDAYS FEBRUARY 22 - MARCH 21

“Book of Acts” is the theme for worship this season of Lent. We live our lives beneath the cross of Jesus, beneath God’s manifold love and grace that reach to us even from Calvary.

Based on the hymn “Beneath the cross of Jesus” (ELW 338), this series explores what it means for us to abide at the foot of the cross, to cling to the rock of our salvation, to dwell in the house of the Lord, and to confess our sins and receive God’s forgiveness.

Services will be held in person and online this year Thursday evenings at 7:00 p.m., February 21 through March 21.

Mid-week Lenten Worship services may also be attended by **Zoom** and will be live streamed on **Facebook**. A recording of the services will be uploaded to **YouTube** and linked to our website immediately after the service concludes. While using Zoom, please mute yourself when you are not speaking.

Topic: Mid-Week Lenten Service, 7:00 pm

Thursdays February 22 thru March 21

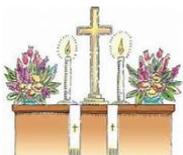
Join Zoom Meeting: Meeting ID: 830 9865 6920

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83098656920>



MID WEEK LENTEN SOUP SUPPERS

Gather at church during the season of Lent for soup and fellowship before the mid week Lenten worship service. The Soup Suppers will begin at **6:00 p.m.** in the social hall on **Thursdays** February 22 through March 21. Please sign up at church to bring soup, bread or drinks. Please contact Gail Oines with any questions or concerns 215-534-8218.



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. Thank you for helping our neighbors in need.



RECYCLING CAN TABS FOR CHARITY IS A GREAT IDEA!

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

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

JANUARY 21

- 8:00 am Traditional Worship with Holy Communion
- 9:30 am Contemporary Worship with Holy Communion
Sunday School, age 4 – grade 6
- 10:30 am Fellowship Time: open
- 10:30 am Adult Bible Study

MONDAY, JANUARY 22

- 7:30 pm A.A. Open Meeting

TUESDAY, JANUARY 13

- 6:30 pm Ping Pong

FRIDAY, JANUARY 16

- 7:30 pm A.A. Step Meeting

FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

JANUARY 28

- 8:00 am Traditional Worship Service with Holy Communion
- 9:30 am Contemporary Worship Service with Holy Communion
Sunday School, age 4 – grade 6
- 10:30 am Fellowship Time: open
- 10:30 am Adult Bible Study

THIS WEEK AT ADVENT

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

JANUARY 14

- 8:00 am Traditional Worship with
Holy Communion
- 9:30 am Contemporary Worship with
Holy Communion
Sunday School, age 4 – grade 6
- 10:30 am Fellowship Time: open
- 10:30 am Church Council Meeting

MONDAY, JANUARY 15

- 7:30 pm A.A. Open Meeting

TUESDAY, JANUARY 16

- 6:30 pm Ping Pong

FRIDAY, JANUARY 19

- 7:30 pm A.A. Step Meeting

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

JANUARY 21

- 8:00 am Traditional Worship with
Holy Communion
- 9:30 am Contemporary Worship with
Holy Communion
Sunday School, age 4 – grade 6
- 10:30 am Fellowship Time: open
- 10:30 am Adult Bible Study