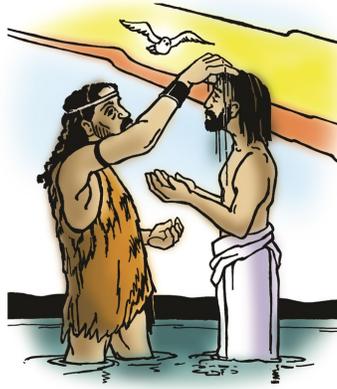


**BAPTISM OF OUR LORD
JANUARY 7 2024
9:30 A.M.**



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: "One Thing Remains"

Higher than the mountains that I face
Stronger than the power of the grave
Constant through the trial and the change
One thing remains, yes, one thing remains

Your love never fails
It never gives up
It never runs out on me
Your love never fails
It never gives up
It never runs out on me
Your love never fails
It never gives up
It never runs out on me
Your Love

On and on, and on, and on it goes
It overwhelms and satisfies my soul
And I never, ever, have to be afraid
One thing remains, one thing remains
Your love never fails
It never gives up
It never runs out on me
Your love never fails
It never gives up
It never runs out on me
Your love never fails
It never gives up
It never runs out on me
Your Love

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. . Holy God, creator of light and giver of goodness, your voice moves over the waters. Immerse us in your grace, and transform us by your Spirit, that we may follow after your Son, 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 Baptism of Our Lord

Children's Sermon

First Reading: Genesis 1:1-5

¹In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, ²the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. ³Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. ⁴And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. ⁵God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

Word of God, Word of Life

Thanks be to God

Psalm: Psalm 29

¹Ascribe to the LORD, you gods,

ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.

²**Ascribe to the LORD the glory due God's name;**

worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.

³The voice of the LORD is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders;

the LORD is upon the mighty waters.

⁴**The voice of the LORD is a powerful voice;**

the voice of the LORD is a voice of splendor.

⁵The voice of the LORD breaks the cedar trees;

the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon;

⁶**the LORD makes Lebanon skip like a calf,**

and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.

⁷The voice of the LORD

bursts forth in lightning flashes.

**8The voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness;
the LORD shakes the wilder ness of Kadesh.**

⁹The voice of the LORD makes the oak trees writhe and strips the forests bare.
And in the temple of the LORD all are crying, “Glory!”

**10The LORD sits enthroned above the flood;
the LORD sits enthroned as king for evermore.**

¹¹O LORD, give strength to your people;
give them, O LORD, the blessings of peace.

Second Reading: Acts 19:1-7

¹While Apollos was in Corinth, Paul passed through the interior regions and came to Ephesus, where he found some disciples. ²He said to them, “Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you became believers?” They replied, “No, we have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit.” ³Then he said, “Into what then were you baptized?” They answered, “Into John’s baptism.” ⁴Paul said, “John baptized with the baptism of repentance, telling the people to believe in the one who was to come after him, that is, in Jesus.” ⁵On hearing this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. ⁶When Paul had laid his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke in tongues and prophesied—⁷altogether there were about twelve of them.

Word of God, Word of Life
Thanks be to God

Gospel: Mark 1:4-11

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

C: Glory to You, O Lord

⁴John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. ⁵And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. ⁶Now John was clothed with camel’s hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. ⁷He proclaimed, “The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. ⁸I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.”

⁹In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. ¹⁰And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. ¹¹And a voice came from heaven, “You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Installation of Church Council: Kathryn Dettra, John Flint, Cindy Frey, George Henry, Jennifer McQuiggan, Gail Oines, Pastor Matt, Lynn Roccograndi, Mike Sitler, and Gary Zimmerman.

Honoring those stepping down from Council: Tony Gryszka, Nancy Hill and Nancy Slight

Song of Praise: "Mighty to Save"

Verse 1

Ev'ryone needs compassion
Love that's never failing
Let mercy fall on me
Ev'ryone needs forgiveness
The kindness of a Saviour
The hope of nations

Chorus

Saviour He can move the mountains
My God is mighty to save
He is mighty to save
Forever Author of salvation
He rose and conquered the grave
Jesus conquered the grave

Verse 2

So take me as You find me
All my fears and failures
Fill my life again

I give my life to follow
Ev'rything I believe in
Now I surrender

Chorus

Saviour He can move the mountains
My God is mighty to save
He is mighty to save
Forever Author of salvation
He rose and conquered the grave
Jesus conquered the grave

Shine your light and let the whole world see
We're singing
For the glory of the risen King
Jesus
Shine your light and let the whole world see
We're singing
For the glory of the risen King
for everyone, everyone alive!

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... Generous God,
in bread and cup, you have revealed your glory
for all people to see together.
Nourished by this meal, send us out to proclaim
your good news of liberation and release,
brought to birth in Jesus Christ our Savior.

Amen.

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 Song: "God of All"

God of all, we come to praise You
We lift Your name on high in all the earth
God of all, we come to praise You
We lift Your name on high in all the earth

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God of all, we come to praise You
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God of glory
God of majesty
God of mercy
We lift Your name on high
God of all
God of all

God of holiness
God of righteousness
God of Heaven
We lift Your name on high
God of all

God of all
God of all

Dismissal

Go in peace. You are God's beloved.
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 E Ollikainen
Music Director	Michael Dettra
Worship Assistant	Jennifer McQuiggan



ALTAT FLOWERS

The Altar Flowers are dedicated by Cindy Frey in loving memory of her nephew Derek and to the Glory of God.

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

Sunday, December 24, 9:00 am	39
Sunday, December 24, 7:30 pm	90
Sunday, December 31, 9:00 am	22

INSTALLATION OF COUNCIL MEMBERS AND RECOGNITION OF COUNCIL MEMBERS FINISHING TERMS – SUNDAY, JANUARY 7, 9:30 SERVICE

These new church council members will now be installed: Kathryn Dettra, John Flint, Cindy Frey, George Henry, Jennifer McQuiggan, Gail Oines, Pastor Matt, Lynn Roccograndi, Mike Sitler, and Gary Zimmerman. We will also give recognition to Tony Gryska, Nancy Hill and Nancy Slight, whose terms on council are finished, and thank them for their service.



SPAGHETTI DINNER, SATURDAY, JANUARY 27, 5:00 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.



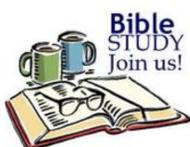
BLOOD DRIVE, TUESDAY, JANUARY 30

The Blood Drive at Advent will take place, 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

RESTARTING JANUARY 9 All are welcome to join us for an evening of Ping Pong at the church on Tuesday nights at 6:30pm restarting after the Christmas Holidays, January 9. 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, 7:00 PM via ZOOM

Bible Study takes place on Thursday evenings at 7:00 p.m. via zoom. The study evolves around 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=Smg5dm1BaOVZamZjNG1YMko2MlVvdzo>

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THIS WEEK AT ADVENT

BAPTISM OF OUR LORD

JANUARY 7

- 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 8

- 7:30 pm A.A. Open Meeting

TUESDAY, JANUARY 9

- 6:30 pm Ping Pong

THURSDAY, JANUARY 11

- 7:00 pm Adult Bible Study via Zoom

FRIDAY, JANUARY 12

- 7:30 pm A.A. Step Meeting

SECOND SUNDAY OF 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