

**SERVICE OF THE WORD
FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY
FEBRUARY 4, 2024
8:00 & 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 Hymn: 8:00 & 9:30 "I'm So Glad Jesus Lifted Me" WOV #273

- 1 I'm so glad Jesus lifted me.
I'm so glad Jesus lifted me.
I'm so glad Jesus lifted me,
singing glory, hallelujah! Jesus lifted me.

- 2 Satan had me bound, Jesus lifted me.
Satan had me bound, Jesus lifted me.
Satan had me bound, Jesus lifted me,
singing glory, hallelujah! Jesus lifted me.

- 3 When I was in trouble, Jesus lifted me.
When I was in trouble, Jesus lifted me.
When I was in trouble, Jesus lifted me,
singing glory, hallelujah! Jesus lifted me.

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 ... Everlasting God, you give strength to the weak and power to the faint. Make us agents of your healing and wholeness, that your good news may be made known to the ends of your creation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Readings for The Fifth Sunday After Epiphany

First Reading: *Isaiah 40:21-31*

²¹Have you not known? Have you not heard?
Has it not been told you from the beginning?
Have you not understood from the foundations of the earth?

²²It is he who sits above the circle of the earth,
and its inhabitants are like grasshoppers;
who stretches out the heavens like a curtain,
and spreads them like a tent to live in;

²³who brings princes to naught,
and makes the rulers of the earth as nothing.

²⁴Scarcely are they planted, scarcely sown,
scarcely has their stem taken root in the earth,
when he blows upon them, and they wither,
and the tempest carries them off like stubble.

²⁵To whom then will you compare me,
or who is my equal? says the Holy One.

²⁶Lift up your eyes on high and see:
Who created these?
He who brings out their host and numbers them,
calling them all by name;
because he is great in strength,
mighty in power,
not one is missing.

²⁷Why do you say, O Jacob,
and speak, O Israel,
“My way is hidden from the LORD,
and my right is disregarded by my God”?
²⁸Have you not known? Have you not heard?
The LORD is the everlasting God,
the Creator of the ends of the earth.
He does not faint or grow weary;
his understanding is unsearchable.
²⁹He gives power to the faint,
and strengthens the powerless.
³⁰Even youths will faint and be weary,
and the young will fall exhausted;
³¹but those who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength,
they shall mount up with wings like eagles,
they shall run and not be weary,
they shall walk and not faint.

Word of God, Word of Life
Thanks be to God

Psalm: Psalm 147:1-11, 20c

¹Hallelujah! How good it is to sing praises to our God!
How pleasant it is to honor God with praise!
²**The LORD rebuilds Jerusalem,
and gathers the exiles of Israel.**
³The LORD heals the brokenhearted
and binds up their wounds.
⁴**The LORD counts the number of the stars
and calls them all by their names.**
⁵Great is our LORD and mighty in power;
there is no limit to God’s wisdom.
⁶**The LORD lifts up the lowly,
but casts the wicked to the ground.**
⁷Sing to the LORD with thanksgiving;
make music upon the harp to our God,
⁸**who covers the heavens with clouds
and prepares rain for the earth, making grass
to grow upon the mountains.**
⁹God provides food for the cattle
and for the young ravens when they cry.
¹⁰**God is not impressed by the might of a horse,
and has no pleasure in the speed of a runner,**
¹¹but finds pleasure in those who fear the LORD,
in those who await God’s steadfast love. ^{20c}Hallelujah!

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 9:16-23

¹⁶If I proclaim the gospel, this gives me no ground for boasting, for an obligation is laid on me, and woe to me if I do not proclaim the gospel! ¹⁷For if I do this of my own will, I have a reward; but if not of my own will, I am entrusted with a commission. ¹⁸What then is my reward? Just this: that in my proclamation I may make the gospel free of charge, so as not to make full use of my rights in the gospel.
¹⁹For though I am free with respect to all, I have made myself a slave to all, so that I might win more of them. ²⁰To the Jews I became as a Jew, in order to win Jews. To those under the law I became as one under the law (though I myself am not under the law) so that I might win those under the law. ²¹To those outside the law I became as one outside the law (though I am not free from God’s law but am under

Christ's law) so that I might win those outside the law. ²²To the weak I became weak, so that I might win the weak. I have become all things to all people, that I might by all means save some. ²³I do it all for the sake of the gospel, so that I may share in its blessings.

Word of God, Word of Life

Thanks be to God

Gospel: Mark 1:29-39

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

C: Glory to You, O Lord

²⁹As soon as [Jesus and the disciples] left the synagogue, they entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. ³⁰Now Simon's mother-in-law was in bed with a fever, and they told him about her at once. ³¹He came and took her by the hand and lifted her up. Then the fever left her, and she began to serve them.

³²That evening, at sunset, they brought to him all who were sick or possessed with demons. ³³And the whole city was gathered around the door. ³⁴And he cured many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons; and he would not permit the demons to speak, because they knew him.

³⁵In the morning, while it was still very dark, he got up and went out to a deserted place, and there he prayed. ³⁶And Simon and his companions hunted for him. ³⁷When they found him, they said to him, "Everyone is searching for you." ³⁸He answered, "Let us go on to the neighboring towns, so that I may proclaim the message there also; for that is what I came out to do." ³⁹And he went throughout Galilee, proclaiming the message in their synagogues and casting out demons.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Hymn of the Day: 8:00 am "Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service" LBW 423

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| 1 Lord, whose love in humble service
bore the weight of human need,
who upon the cross, forsaken,
worked your mercy's perfect deed:
we, your servants, bring the worship
not of voice alone, but heart;
consecrating to your purpose
ev'ry gift which you impart. | 3 As we worship, grant us vision,
till your love's revealing light
in its height and depth and greatness
dawns upon our quickened sight,
making known the needs and burdens
your compassion bids us bear,
stirring us to ardent service,
your abundant life to share. |
| 2 Still your children wander homeless;
still the hungry cry for bread;
still the captives long for freedom;
still in grief we mourn our dead.
As you, Lord, in deep compassion
healed the sick and freed the soul,
by your Spirit send your power
to our world to make it whole. | 4 Called by worship to your service,
forth in your dear name we go,
to the child, the youth, the aged,
love in living deeds to show;
hope and health, good will and comfort,
counsel, aid and peace we give,
that your servants, Lord, in freedom
may your mercy know and live. |

Song of Praise: 9:30 am “How Deep the Father’s Love for Us”

Verse 1

How deep the Father's love for us
How vast beyond all measure
That He should give His only Son
To make a wretch His treasure
How great the pain of searing loss
The Father turns His face away
As wounds which mar the Chosen One
Bring many sons to glory

Verse 2

Behold the Man upon a cross
My sin upon His shoulders
Ashamed I hear my mocking voice
Call out among the scoffers

It was my sin that held Him there
Until it was accomplished
His dying breath has brought me life
I know that it is finished

Verse 3

I will not boast in anything
No gifts no pow'r no wisdom
But I will boast in Jesus Christ
His death and resurrection
Why should I gain from His reward
I cannot give an answer
But this I know with all my heart
His wounds have paid my ransom

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

Thanksgiving for the Word

Let us pray.

Praise and thanks to you, holy God, for by your Word you made all things: you spoke light into darkness, called forth beauty from chaos, and brought life into being. For your Word of life, O God,

we give you thanks and praise.

By your Word you called your people Israel to tell of your wonderful gifts: freedom from captivity, water on the desert journey, a pathway home from exile, wisdom for life with you. For your Word of life, O God,

we give you thanks and praise.

Through Jesus, your Word made flesh, you speak to us and call us to witness: forgiveness through the cross, life to those entombed by death, the way of your self-giving love. For your Word of life, O God,

we give you thanks and praise.

Send your Spirit of truth, O God; rekindle your gifts within us: renew our faith, increase our hope, and deepen our love, for the sake of a world in need. Faithful to your Word, O God, draw near to all who call on you; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory 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.

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: "This Little Light of Mine" 8:00 & 9:30 Service

1 This little light of mine,
I'm gonna let it shine.
This little light of mine,
I'm gonna let it shine.
This little light of mine,
I'm gonna let it shine,
let it shine, let it shine, oh let it shine.

2 Ev'rywhere I go,
I'm gonna let it shine.
Ev'rywhere I go,
I'm gonna let it shine.

Ev'rywhere I go,
I'm gonna let it shine,
let it shine, let it shine, oh let it shine.

3 Jesus gave it to me,
I'm gonna let it shine.
Jesus gave it to me,
I'm gonna let it shine.
Jesus gave it to me,
I'm gonna let it shine,
let it shine, let it shine, oh let it shine.

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

Worship Leader:		Gail Oines
Music Director		Mike Dettra
Worship Assistant	8:00 am	George Henry
	9:30 am	Jennifer McQuiggan

SUNDAY WORSHIP LEADER

Gail Oines will be today's Worship Leader.



ALTAR FLOWERS

The Altar Flowers are dedicated to the Glory of God.

NUEVA CREACIÓN MISSION SUPPORT

Support of Nueva Creación Lutheran Church in Philadelphia for this week is donated by Nancy Hill in memory of Bill Moses.

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

Sunday January 28, 8 :00 am 17, 9:30am 19, Sunday School 5 Total 41



BLOOD DRIVE

Advent expresses our thanks to the volunteers and snack providers at our January 30th drive. A big thanks also to our blood donors for giving the "Gift of Life" and contributing to this successful community outreach. Thirty-three donors presented, and 27 units of blood were collected - representing a possible 81 lives saved!



MEN'S BREAKFAST 8:30 A.M. FEBRUARY 10

February is an easy choice for the menu as we will be celebrating Ground Hog Day. We look forward to seeing you on Saturday Feb. 10 at 8:30 a.m. coffee ready by 7:30 a.m.

Dave

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

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICES



We will have two Ash Wednesday services on **February 14**, the first at **Noon** and the second at **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.

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

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.



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 are 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

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



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).



PRAISE BAND AND VOCAL CHOIR PRACTICE WEDNESDAY NIGHTS

Praise Band practices from 6:30 to 7:15 pm, Vocal Choir from 7:15 to 8:00 p.m. Please see Mike Dettra for more details.



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.com

THIS WEEK AT ADVENT

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

FEBRUARY 4

- 8:00 am Service of the Word
Worship Leader: Gail Oines
- 9:30 am Service of the Word
Worship Leader: Gail Oines
Sunday School, age 4 – grade 6
- 10:30 am Fellowship Time: Nancy Hill
- 10:30 am Adult Bible Study

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 5

- 7:30 pm A.A. Open Meeting

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 6

- 6:30 pm Ping Pong

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 7

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

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 9

- 7:30 pm A.A. Step Meeting

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 10

- 8:30 am Men's Breakfast

SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

FEBRUARY 11

- 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 Church Council Meeting

