

# Advent Evangelical Lutheran Church

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**Sixth Sunday after Epiphany  
February 16, 2020 9:30 am**



**WELCOME VISITORS**

**DISCOVER GOD'S ABUNDANT GRACE AND LOVE**

*We extend a cordial welcome to all who worship with us today. We give thanks that you are here with us. Please sign our guest book and come back and worship with us again.*

**LUTHERAN BOOK OF WORSHIP**

**SETTING ONE**

**ORDER OF WORSHIP**

***Gathering***

**Prelude** (*a time for silent meditation*)

**Announcements**

**Confession and Forgiveness**

(Please stand as you are able. All may make the sign of the cross,  
(†) the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins:)

In the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy  
Spirit.

**Amen.**

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known,  
and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of  
our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may  
perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth  
is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and  
just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all  
unrighteousness.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Most merciful God,

**we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot  
free ourselves. We have sinned against you in  
thought word and deed, by what we have done and by  
what we have left undone. We have not loved you  
with our whole heart; we have not loved our  
neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son,  
Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us,  
and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and  
walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.**

**Amen.**

## **THIS WEEK AT ADVENT**

### **SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY**

**FEBRUARY 16**

- 8:00 a.m. Traditional Worship  
9:00 a.m. Adult Bible Study  
Fellowship Time  
9:30 a.m. Traditional Holy Communion  
Sunday school - age 4 to gr. 8  
10:30 a.m. Fellowship Time - Alexis McNulty  
10:45 a.m. Adult Bible Study

### **MONDAY, FEBRUARY 17**

- 7:30 p.m. A.A. Open Meeting

### **WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 19**

- 4:00 p.m. Confirmation Class  
6:30 p.m. Praise Team  
7:00 p.m. Vocal Choir  
7:30 p.m. Bell Choir

### **THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 20**

- 7:30 p.m. A.A. Topic Group

### **FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 21**

- 7:30 p.m. A.A. Step Meeting

### **SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 22**

- 10:00 a.m. Stitch Club

### **TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD**

**FEBRUARY 23**

- 8:00 a.m. Traditional Worship  
9:00 a.m. Adult Bible Study  
Fellowship Time  
9:30 a.m. Contemporary Holy Communion  
Sunday school - age 4 to gr. 8  
10:30 a.m. Fellowship Time - Open  
10:45 a.m. Annual Congregational Meeting

Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

### **Gathering Hymn**

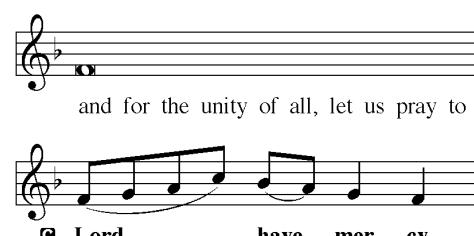
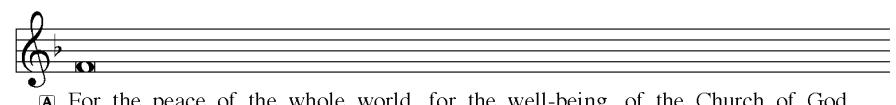
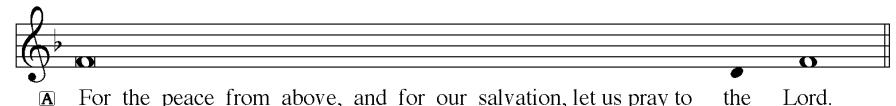
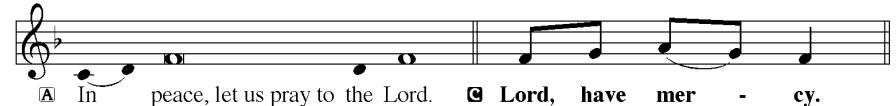
*"Oh, That the Lord Would Guide My Ways"*

LBW 480

### **Greeting (p. 57)**

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.**



A For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,  
let us pray to the Lord.      C Lord, have mer - ey.

A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra- cious Lord. C A - men

**Hymn of Praise**

C This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God. Al - le - lu - ia,  
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.      I Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was  
slain, whose blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.

C This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God. Al - le - lu - ia,  
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.      II Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and  
strength, and hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.

C This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God. Al - le - lu - ia,  
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.      III Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and  
join in the hymn of all crea - tion: Bless- ing, hon-or, glo - ry, and

## SOCIAL MINISTRY

The collection of non-perishable food to benefit the Warminster Food Cupboard is starting now. All foods are greatly appreciated but ready to serve soups and spaghetti sauce hit the spot in winter!! Again, many thanks for your continued support of this local community outreach.

## PRAYER CHAIN AT ADVENT

Advent has a prayer chain for anyone who would be in need of prayer. If you would like to either join as a prayer partner, or if you have a name to be prayed for please see the four ways to Access the Prayer Chain on next page:

1. Give your prayer request in person to either Bob or Karen Matlack.
2. Email your prayer request. (kmatl22349@verizon.net)
3. Text only your prayer request (Karen 215-932-1283; Bob 267-357-9368).
4. Call Fran Zanis at the office 215-355-2529.



## FILL FOOD TRAYS FOR CARING FOR FRIENDS

Aluminum trays are available in the narthex. Sections include entree, vegetables & fruit. Once assembled please label and freeze at home then bring to church freezer.

For further information, please check

<https://caringforfriends.org/wp-content/uploads/Caring-for-Friends-Cooking-Tips.pdf> or Hannah McCollum, our Caring for Friends Advent coordinator, Thank you for helping.

## CARING FOR FRIENDS MEALS

Advent thanks Hanna McCollum, Pat Brown, Jeanne Gryska, Elizabeth Gracey, Joyce Heiss, Helen Shearer and Linda Weaver for their help on February 10, in preparing **50** meals taken by Tony Gryska to Caring for Friends.

## **ALTAR FLOWERS**

The Altar Flowers are presented by Nicole Shearer to the Glory of God and by Nancy Hill to the memory of Bill Moses.

## **NUEVA CREACIÓN MISSION SUPPORT**

Support of Nueva Creación Lutheran Church is presented to the Glory of God.

## **ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**

The annual meeting of the congregation will be held on Sunday, February 23 following the 9:30 service.



## **ASH WEDNESDAY**

We will observe the beginning of Lent with a service of Holy Communion on Ash Wednesday, **February 26 at 7:00 p.m.** We invite you to come and begin the season of penitence and preparation.

## **LENTON DEVOTION**

Wednesday March 11 And 25; soup, bread, and dessert 6-7PM followed by Devotional Worship. Please consider signing up for soups, breads, butters or desserts. Sign-up sheet in the Narthex.

This year the confirmation class will be assisting with the worship. You are invited to make the effort to come as part of your Lenten commitment.

## **FELLOWSHIP TIME**

Congregational Life will be providing refreshments between services beginning at 9:00 am. This is a time for fellowship with members and guests. If possible please sign up and bring refreshments, homemade or otherwise. The sign-up sheet thru March is on the fellowship table. Advent supplies hot beverages (i.e. coffee & tea) and all paper products.

Out of respect, please do not bring food or drink into the service.

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,  
 al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. II For the Lamb who was  
 slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.  
 This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.  
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

## ***Prayer of the Day***

*Let us pray... O God, the strength of all who hope in you, because we are weak mortals we accomplish nothing good without you. Help us to see and understand the things we ought to do, and give us grace and power to do them, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.*

**Amen.** (*Please be seated.*)

## ***Word***

### ***First Reading (see insert)***

### ***Psalm (see insert)***

### ***Second Reading (see insert)***

### ***Gospel Acclamation (p.63)***

*(Please stand as you are able.)*

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the  
 words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

## **Gospel Reading (see insert)**

(The preacher announces the reading of the Gospel. The congregation responds..)

Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

(At the conclusion of the reading, the minister says: **The Gospel of the Lord.**)

Praise to you, O Christ.

(Please be seated.)

## **Sermon**

### **Hymn of the Day** (Please stand as you are able.)

"Lord Jesus, Think on Me"

LBW #309

### **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

## **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:

Rev. Jo Wright

Worship Assistant:

Gail Oines

Music Director

Mr. Michael Dettra

Lay Reader:

Jennifer McQuiggan

Altar Guild:

Bob Matlack

Altar Flower Distribution:

Kathryn Urbaniak

Ushers:

George Henry, Mike Sitler

Money Counters:

Ray & Joyce Heiss

Fellowship Time:

Alexis McNulty

## **GUEST REGISTER**

If you are visiting with us today, please sign the guest register located in the narthex.

## **INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

All are invited to commune. We commune by intinction. Come forward and receive the bread then dip bread into the chalice of wine. If you do not want wine simply stand in front of the chalice and receive the words. Gluten-free wafers are available. Those not communing may come forward for a blessing.

## **CONTACTING PASTOR JO**

If you need to speak with Pastor Jo when she is not in the office, particularly in the case of a pastoral emergency, please feel free to call her **home phone 215-364-2298** or by email at **mamajo\_rev@verizon.net**. If she is not available to take your call, leave a message and she will contact you.

## **WORSHIP ATTENDANCE: February 9, 2020**

8:00 am 24

9:30 am 35

Total 59

## **Post-Communion Blessing**

(Please stand as you are able.)

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

**Amen.**

## **Post-Communion Canticle**

**C** Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell ev'-ry-one what he has done.  
 Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and proudly bear his name.  
 He re-calls his prom- is - es and leads his peo- ple forth in joy with  
 shouts of thanks-giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

## **Prayer After Communion**

### **Benediction**

**Amen.**

### **Sending Hymn**

"Blessed Assurance"

WOV #699

### **Dismissal**

Go in peace. Share the good news.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **Prayer of the Church**

(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 always.

**And also with you.**

(The congregation shares a sign of peace with each other).

## **The Offering**

### **The Offertory** (Please stand as you are able.)

**C** Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our  
 cup of bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the  
 seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life.  
 Gath-er the hopes and the dreams of all; u - nite them with the  
 prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your  
 pres - ence, and give us a fore-taste of the feast to come.

## **Offertory Prayer**

**Let us pray... Merciful Father,**  
**we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have**  
**first given us - ourselves, our time, and our**  
**possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive**  
**them for the sake of him who offered himself for us,**  
**Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## *The 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.**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy... (*preface continues with words for the season and concludes...*) we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Music notation for the hymn "Holy, Holy, Holy Lord". The lyrics are as follows:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:  
 Heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho - san - na.  
 Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who  
 comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Blessed are you, Lord of heaven and earth. In mercy for our fallen world you gave your only Son, that all those who believe in him should not perish, but have eternal life.

We give thanks to you for the salvation you have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Send now your Holy Spirit into our hearts, that we may receive our Lord with a living faith as he comes to us in his holy supper.

**Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

## **Words of Institution**

## *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.**

## *Invitation to Communion*

Music notation for the invitation to communion. The lyrics are as follows:

Lam of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have  
 mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the  
 world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
 sin of the world; grant us peace.

## *The Communion Hymn*

**"One Bread, One Body!"**

WOW #710