

**Third Sunday after Epiphany**

**January 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2022**

**8:00 am & 9:30 am**

**Prelude**

**Confession and Forgiveness**

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as Pastor Matt begins.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,

who creates us,

redeems us,

and calls us by name.

**Amen.**

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

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Most merciful God,

**we confess that we have sinned against you  
and your beloved children.**

**We have turned our faces away from your glory  
when it did not appear as we expected.**

**We have rejected your word  
when it made us confront ourselves.**

**We have failed to show hospitality  
to those you called us to welcome.**

**Accept our repentance for the things we have done  
and the things we have left undone.**

**For the sake of Jesus Christ, have mercy on us.**

**Forgive us and lead us, that we may bathe  
in the glory of your Son born among us,  
and reflect your love for all creation.**

**Amen.**

Rejoice in this good news:

In † Christ Jesus, your sins are forgiven.

You are descendants of the Most High,

adopted into the household of Christ,

and inheritors of eternal life.

Live as freed and forgiven children of God.

**Amen.**

**Kyrie:** P: In peace, let us pray to the lord.

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of Christ and for the unity of all,  
let us pray to the Lord

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the lord.

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: Help, save, comfort and defend us, gracious Lord. **Amen**

## Prayer of the Day

Blessed Lord God, you have caused the holy scriptures to be written for the nourishment of your people. Grant that we may hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that, comforted by your promises, we may embrace and forever hold fast to the hope of eternal life, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

## First Reading: Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10 *(Read by the Worship Assistant)*

<sup>1</sup>All the people [of Israel] gathered together into the square before the Water Gate. They told the scribe Ezra to bring the book of the law of Moses, which the LORD had given to Israel. <sup>2</sup>Accordingly, the priest Ezra brought the law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could hear with understanding. This was on the first day of the seventh month. <sup>3</sup>He read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand; and the ears of all the people were attentive to the book of the law. <sup>5</sup>And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was standing above all the people; and when he opened it, all the people stood up. <sup>6</sup>Then Ezra blessed the LORD, the great God, and all the people answered, "Amen, Amen," lifting up their hands. Then they bowed their heads and worshiped the LORD with their faces to the ground. <sup>8</sup>So they read from the book, from the law of God, with interpretation. They gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading.

<sup>9</sup>And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, "This day is holy to the LORD your God; do not mourn or weep." For all the people wept when they heard the words of the law. <sup>10</sup>Then he said to them, "Go your way, eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions of them to those for whom nothing is prepared, for this day is holy to our LORD; and do not be grieved, for the joy of the LORD is your strength."

Word of God, Word of Life

**Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm: Psalm 19 *(Read together)*

<sup>1</sup>The heavens declare the glory of God,  
and the sky proclaims its maker's handiwork.

<sup>2</sup>**One day tells its tale to another,  
and one night imparts knowledge to another.**

<sup>3</sup>Although they have no words or language,  
and their voices are not heard,

<sup>4</sup>**their sound has gone out into all lands, and their message to the ends of the world,  
where God has pitched a tent for the sun.**

<sup>5</sup>It comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber;  
it rejoices like a champion to run its course.

<sup>6</sup>**It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens and runs about to the end of it again;  
nothing is hidden from its burning heat.**

<sup>7</sup>The teaching of the LORD is perfect and revives the soul;  
the testimony of the LORD is sure and gives wisdom to the simple.

<sup>8</sup>**The statutes of the LORD are just and rejoice the heart;  
the commandment of the LORD is clear and gives light to the eyes.**

<sup>9</sup>The fear of the LORD is clean and endures forever;  
the judgments of the LORD are true and righteous altogether.

<sup>10</sup>**More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine gold,  
sweeter far than honey, than honey in the comb.**

<sup>11</sup>By them also is your servant enlightened,  
and in keeping them there is great reward.

<sup>12</sup>**Who can detect one's own offenses?  
Cleanse me from my secret faults.**

<sup>13</sup>Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins; let them not get dominion over me; then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of a great offense.

<sup>14</sup>**Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight,  
O LORD, my strength and my redeemer.**

**Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:12-31a** (*Read by the Worship Assistant*)

<sup>12</sup>For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. <sup>13</sup>For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

<sup>14</sup>Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. <sup>15</sup>If the foot would say, “Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body,” that would not make it any less a part of the body. <sup>16</sup>And if the ear would say, “Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body,” that would not make it any less a part of the body. <sup>17</sup>If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? <sup>18</sup>But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. <sup>19</sup>If all were a single member, where would the body be? <sup>20</sup>As it is, there are many members, yet one body. <sup>21</sup>The eye cannot say to the hand, “I have no need of you,” nor again the head to the feet, “I have no need of you.” <sup>22</sup>On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, <sup>23</sup>and those members of the body that we think less honorable we clothe with greater honor, and our less respectable members are treated with greater respect; <sup>24</sup>whereas our more respectable members do not need this. But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honor to the inferior member, <sup>25</sup>that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. <sup>26</sup>If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honored, all rejoice together with it.

<sup>27</sup>Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. <sup>28</sup>And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers; then deeds of power, then gifts of healing, forms of assistance, forms of leadership, various kinds of tongues. <sup>29</sup>Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? <sup>30</sup>Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? <sup>31a</sup>But strive for the greater gifts.

Word of God, Word of Life

**Thanks be to God.**

**P:** The Holy Gospel according to Luke the 4<sup>th</sup> chapter.

**C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

**Gospel: Luke 4:14-21**

<sup>14</sup>Then Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. <sup>15</sup>He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone.

<sup>16</sup>When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, <sup>17</sup>and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

<sup>18</sup>“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,  
because he has anointed me  
to bring good news to the poor.  
He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives  
and recovery of sight to the blind,  
to let the oppressed go free,  
<sup>19</sup>to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.”

<sup>20</sup>And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. <sup>21</sup>Then he began to say to them, “Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.”

**P:**The Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise to you, O Christ**

## Sermon

### Music of the Day

### Apostles' 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.**

**Sharing of the Peace** (nods, waves, “air hugs” to each other, only)

### Prayers of Intercession

The Spirit of the Lord is poured out upon us in abundance; so we are bold to pray for the church, the world, and all that God has made.

*A brief silence.*

You reveal yourself to us in the reading of scripture. Fulfill your word through the faithful witness of your church. Send us out to bring your liberating good news to all people. God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

All creation proclaims your handiwork. Teach us to love the intricate and beautiful bodies that you have created. Bless tiny insects, enormous whales, and every creature in between. Sustain species at risk of extinction. God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

You desire that there be no dissension among us. Where we are divided in our society, nation, or world, come quickly to reunite us into one body. Ease conflict, dispel violence, and bring an end to war. God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

Anoint with your Spirit all who seek your favor. Grant provision and justice for people living in poverty, people living with disability, those living with pain, or those living under oppression especially all those effected by the pandemic and all those we name out loud or in our hearts at this time (pause). God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

Build up the body of Christ in this place. Bless the variety of ministries in this congregation (*especially*). Empower us to freely welcome and deeply value each person who enters into worship and ministry among us. God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

In thanksgiving we lift before you the saints for whom the promise of salvation has now been fulfilled. Tend to those who mourn (*especially*). Bring us together in your everlasting glory. God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

Since we have such great hope in your promises, O God, we lift these and all of our prayers to you in confidence and faith; through Jesus Christ our Savior.

**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.

**Blessing**


God, who leads you in pathways of righteousness,  
who rejoices over you,  
and who calls you by name,  
✠ bless your going out and your coming in,  
today and forever.  
Amen.

**Sending Music**

**Dismissal**

Go with Christ into a weary world.  
Share the good news.  
Thanks be to God.

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<p><b>OUR MISSION - FAITHFUL IN THE WORD</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>+ To <i>gather</i> as God's people and nurture one another</li><li>+ To <i>know</i> the Word of God</li><li>+ To <i>grow</i> in faith, love, and service</li><li>+ To <i>go</i> into the world with the Good News of Jesus Christ</li></ul>	
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**SERVING OUR LORD IN WORSHIP TODAY**

Worship Leader	The Rev. Matthew Ollikainen
Music Director	Mike Dettra
Worship Assistants	8:00 a.m. Nancy Hill
	9:30 a.m. Jeanne Gryska

**ALTAR FLOWERS**

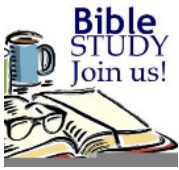
The Altar Flowers are presented to the Glory of God.

**NUEVA CREACIÓN MISSION SUPPORT**

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

**WORSHIP ATTENDANCE**

January 16 - 8:00 am 16, 9:30 am 18 **Total 34**



**WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY** Beginning January 19<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM we will resume our weekly Wednesday Night Bible study on Zoom. Our topic will be Jesus' Parables. If there is a parable that you would be interested in studying, please let me know at [pastor@adventrichboro.org](mailto:pastor@adventrichboro.org) . Here is the Zoom invitation: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89632518358?pwd=Smg5dm1Ba0VZamZjNG1YMk02MlVvdz09>

### **ANNUAL REPORTS DUE**

Annual Reports are submitted by each church committee and group to summarize their accomplishments in the past year. They are due by **Sunday, January 23** For each report, please prepare a "word document" (if possible or check with Fran) and email it to: [office@adventrichboro.org](mailto:office@adventrichboro.org). Thank you.

### **SOUPER BOWL OF CARING**

On **Sunday, February 13** Advent will once again take a special collection for Souper Bowl of Caring. All donations will go directly to the food pantry in Warminster. Checks should be made out to Advent Lutheran Church and designated "Souper Bowl of Caring". Thank you for your support of this worthy cause.

### **OFFERING ENVELOPES**

Offering envelopes for 2022 are available in the Narthex. If you do not have envelopes and would like them, please contact the Financial Secretary, Cindy Frey at 267-205-0713.

### **2022 CALENDARS**

The 2022 Calendars from **Joseph A. Fluehr, III, Funeral Home, Inc.** are here. Calendars are located in the narthex and at the front entrance of the church on the shelf to the right. Please take as many calendars as you need.

### **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 phone 215-859-3778 or by email at [pastor@adventrichboro.org](mailto:pastor@adventrichboro.org). If he is not available to take your call, leave a message and he will contact you.

### **STITCH CLUB ITEMS AVAILABLE**

Of you would need anything **throughout the year** from the Stitch Club for babies or the elderly i.e. blankets, scarves, etc, please contact Hanna McCollum at 215-962-9032 or Jeff Jobes at 215-355-4149.



### **FILL A TRAY AT MEALTIME**

Look for aluminum trays on the tables in our narthex . . . Take some home to await any meal that has one serving left – or perhaps you've made extra food on purpose! Fill the 3 sections, add the foil cover, plus the label and bag that come with the tray. Voila! A meal for a shut-in or a person in need!

Advent has a dedicated freezer for meals and we drop them off at Caring for Friends when our freezer fills up. The impact of your food or monetary donation can be viewed on [caringforfriends.org](http://caringforfriends.org).

### **DRIVE in AND DROP off FOOD COLLECTION**

If you have food for the Warminster Food Pantry 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. A list the pantry's most needed items is in the narthex. Thank you for helping our neighbors in need.

### **ALTAR FLOWER DEDICATION**

There are numerous dates available for 2022 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.

**MISSION SUPPORT FOR 2022**

The sign-up sheets Mission Support dedications for 2022 are in the narthex. The cost to dedicate one bouquet is \$25.00. One week of Mission support is \$25.00. There are many openings available on the Mission Support chart for 2022.

**THIS WEEK AT ADVENT**

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 23**

**THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY**

8:00 A.M. Traditional Worship  
9:00 A.M. Traditional Worship  
6:30 P.M. Sunday School Zoom Class

**MONDAY, JANUARY 24**

7:30 P.M. A.A. Open Meeting

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 26**

7:00 P.M. Bible Study via Zoom

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89632518358?pwd=Smg5dm1Ba0VZamZjNG1YMc02MlVvdz09>

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 28**

7:30 P.M. A.A. Step Meeting

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 30**

**FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY**

8:00 A.M. Traditional Worship  
9:00 A.M. Traditional Worship