

ADVENT EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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8:00 & 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.

**EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN WORSHIP
ORDER OF WORSHIP**

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,
who forgives all our sin,
whose mercy endures forever.

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.

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

have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of ☩ Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven.

Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

Amen.

GATHERING SONG: "Once in Royal David's City" (ELW 269)

1 Once in royal David's city
stood a lowly cattle shed,
where a mother laid her baby
in a manger for his bed:

Mary was that mother mild,
Jesus Christ, her little child.

2 He came down to earth from heaven
who is God and Lord of all,
and his shelter was a stable,
and his cradle was a stall;
with the poor and meek and lowly,
lived on earth our Savior holy.

3 And our eyes at last shall see him,
through his own redeeming love;
for that child so dear and gentle
is our Lord in heav'n above;
and he leads his children on
to the place where he is gone.

4 Not in that poor lowly stable,
with the oxen standing by,
we shall see him; but in heaven,
set at God's right hand on high;
there his children gather round,
bright like stars, with glory crowned.

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.

CANTICLE OF PRAISE

Refrain



Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God in the high - est;
glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

1 Lord God, heav-en-ly King, al-might-y God and Fa-ther, we
wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo-ry.

Refrain
Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God in the high-est;
glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

2 Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther,
Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
world: have mer-cy on us; you are seat-ed at the
right hand of the Fa-ther: re-ceive our prayer.

Refrain
Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God in the high-est;
glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

3 For you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,

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.

THIS WEEK AT ADVENT

SECOND SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS SUNDAY, JANUARY 2

8:00 a.m. & 9:30 a.m. Service of the Word
10:30 a.m. Fellowship Time – Congregational Life

MONDAY, JANUARY 3

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

TUESDAY, JANUARY 4

Pastor Matt returns

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 5

Fran Zanis returns to office

FRIDAY, JANUARY 7

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

BAPTISM OF OUR LORD SUNDAY, JANUARY 9

8:00 a.m. Traditional Holy Communion
9:00 a.m. Adult Bible Study
9:30 a.m. Contemporary Holy Communion
10:30 a.m. Fellowship Time–Open
10:45 a.m. Adult Bible Study

FELLOWSHIP TIME

We need committees or individuals to sign up to provide refreshments after the late service. The 2022 sign-up sheet is on the fellowship table. Advent supplies hot beverages (i.e. coffee & tea) and all paper products.

OFFICE HOURS DURING DECEMBER

Pastor Matt will be out of the office from Sunday, December 25, returning Tuesday, January 4. Fran Zanis (Admin. Asst.) will be out of the office starting Thursday, December 16 until Wednesday, January 5. The phone messages will be checked on a regular basis. Pastor Nathan Krause from Redeemer Lutheran Church, Jamison will be providing emergency pastoral coverage for Pastor Matt while he is on vacation from the 26th of December through the 3rd of January. His contact number is 267-884-1195.

CONTRIBUTION ENVELOPES DELAY

Due to manufacturing delays and problems the Contribution Envelopes for 2022 may not be available until early January. Beginning with the offerings in January, please use a plain envelope, mark your name on it and indicate the split between General, Mortgage, Synod, or Lutheran World Relief. If you have any questions please contact Cindy Frey, Financial Secretary at 267-205-0713. Sorry for the inconvenience.

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. Thank you.

STITCH CLUB ITEMS AVAILABLE

If you would need anything throughout the year from the Stitch Club for babies or the elderly i.e. blankets, etc., please contact Hanna McCollum at 215-962-9032 or Jeff Jobs at 215-355- 4149. They can have them available on Saturdays or Sundays. **Stitch club meets Saturday morning, all are welcome to join.**

DRIVE in AND DROP off FOOD COLLECTION



you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly
Spir - it, in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.
Final refrain
Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;
glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo - ple on
earth, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Almighty God, you have filled all the earth with the light of your incarnate Word. By your grace empower us to reflect your light in all that we do, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.** (Please be seated)

THE READING OF GOD'S WORD (see insert)

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 31:7-14

Word of God, Word of Life

Thanks be to God

PSALM: Psalm 147:12-20

SECOND READING: Ephesians 1:3-14

Word of God, Word of Life

Thanks be to God

P: The Holy Gospel according to John the 1st chapter.

GOSPEL: John 1:[1-9] 10-18

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY *“Twas in the Moon of Wintertime”*

LBW #72

1 'Twas in the moon of wintertime
when all the birds had fled,
that *God the Lord of all the earth
sent angel choirs instead;
before their light the stars grew dim,
and wond'ring hunters heard the hymn:

Refrain

Jesus your king is born! Jesus is born,
in excelsis gloria!

2 Within a lodge of broken bark
the tender babe was found;
a ragged robe of rabbit skin
enwrapped his beauty round;
but as the hunter braves drew nigh,
the angel song rang loud and high: Refrain

3 The earliest moon of wintertime
is not so round and fair
as was the ring of glory on
the helpless infant there.
The chiefs from far before him knelt
with gifts of fox and beaver pelt. Refrain

4 O children of the forest free,
the angel-song is true;
the holy child of earth and heav'n
is born today for you.
Come, kneel before the radiant boy,
who brings you beauty, peace, and joy. Refrain

Glorious now behold Him arise
King and God and Sacrifice
Alleluia, Alleluia
Earth to heav'n replies
O Star of wonder, star of night
Star with royal beauty bright
Westward leading, still proceeding
Guide us to Thy perfect light

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Christ is with you.

Thanks be to God.

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OUR MISSION – FAITHFUL IN THE WORD



- + 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

Deacon Gail Oines

Music Director

Mike Dettra

Worship Assistants

8:00 am Nancy Hill

9:30 am Karen Matlack

ALTAR FLOWERS AND MISSION SUPPORT SIGNUPS

The Altar Flower and Mission Support Charts for 2022 are on the table in the narthex. One bouquet of flowers is \$25 and one week of mission support is \$25. Please sign up early and often!

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

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

**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

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

BLESSING

Almighty God, Father, ✠ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

Amen.

SENDING SONG: "We Three Kings of Orient Are" WOV # 646

We three kings of Orient are
Bearing gifts we traverse afar
Field and fountain, moor and mountain
Following yonder star

O Star of wonder, star of night
Star with royal beauty bright
Westward leading, still proceeding
Guide us to thy Perfect Light

CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.***

**On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come 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 INTERCESSION

Joining our voices with the heavenly host and Christians throughout time and space, let us pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

A brief silence

You make yourself known in the gift of language in diverse forms. Draw our attention to those who communicate through sign, braille, and technology. Make your church a place where all methods of communication are celebrated. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

Creating God, the sun greets us anew each morning. Thank you for waking us up today to witness and share your abundance. Awaken us always to your wisdom and deepen our care for your natural world. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

Emmanuel, in your name we are assured that you are with us. Train nations and peoples to honor and respect one another, especially those whose names and identities have been mistreated, neglected, or oppressed. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

You adopt us as your beloved ones. Accompany parents and children navigating the adoption process, especially those in the foster system. Sustain those struggling with infertility or pregnancy loss. Tenderly embrace all in need especially for those we name out loud or in our hearts at this time (pause). Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

You journey with us through change. Guide those assuming new roles in this congregation or making transitions in their families, workplaces, or communities (*especially*). As the seasons and the calendar change, equip us for unexpected challenges. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

We give you thanks for all who modeled lives of loving service (*especially Wilhelm Loehe, whom we commemorate today*). Lead us in your grace until, with all your saints, we enter the fullness of your glory. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

Rejoicing in your Word made flesh among us, we commend these prayers to you, confident of your grace and love made known to us in Jesus Christ, our Savior.

Amen.

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

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

The Offering (*Please leave your offering in the basket at the entrance of the Sanctuary at the end of the service.*)

OFFERING SONG

Create in Me a Clean Heart
Offering Song

Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right
spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your pres - ence, and take
not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re - store to me the joy of
your sal - va - tion, and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

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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