

Transfiguration of Our Lord  
February 27, 2022  
9:00 a.m.



*We Gather in Jesus' Name*

*Prelude (a time for silent meditation)*

*Announcements*

*Confessions and Forgiveness*

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

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

**Amen.**

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.**

**Gathering Hymn:** “Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”

LBW #315

1 Love divine, all loves excelling,  
Joy of heav'n, to earth come down!  
Fix in us thy humble dwelling,  
all thy faithful mercies crown.  
Jesus, thou art all compassion,  
pure, unbounded love thou art;  
visit us with thy salvation,  
enter ev'ry trembling heart.

2 Breathe, oh, breathe thy loving Spirit  
into ev'ry troubled breast;  
let us all in thee inherit;  
let us find thy promised rest.  
Take away the love of sinning;  
Alpha and Omega be;  
end of faith, as its beginning,  
set our hearts at liberty.

### ***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, mighty and immortal, you are beyond our knowing, yet we see your glory in the face of Jesus Christ. Transform us into the likeness of your Son, who renewed our humanity so that we may share in his divinity, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

### ***First Reading: Exodus 34:29-35 (Read by the Worship Assistant)***

<sup>29</sup>Moses came down from Mount Sinai. As he came down from the mountain with the two tablets of the covenant in his hand, Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone because he had been talking with God. <sup>30</sup>When Aaron and all the Israelites saw Moses, the skin of his face was shining, and they were afraid to come near him. <sup>31</sup>But Moses called to them; and Aaron and all the leaders of the congregation returned to him, and Moses spoke with them. <sup>32</sup>Afterward all the Israelites came near, and he gave them in commandment all that the LORD had spoken with him on Mount Sinai. <sup>33</sup>When Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil on his face; <sup>34</sup>but whenever Moses went in before the LORD to speak with him, he would take the veil off, until he came out; and when he came out, and told the Israelites what he had been commanded, <sup>35</sup>the Israelites would see the face of Moses, that the skin of his face was shining; and Moses would put the veil on his face again, until he went in to speak with him.

Word of God, Word of Life

**Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm: Psalm 99** (*Read together*)

<sup>1</sup>The LORD is king; let the people tremble.

The LORD is enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth shake.

<sup>2</sup>**The LORD, great in Zion,  
is high above all peoples.**

<sup>3</sup>Let them confess God's name, which is great and awesome;  
God is the Holy One.

<sup>4</sup>**O mighty king, lover of justice, you have established equity;  
you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob.**

<sup>5</sup>Proclaim the greatness of the LORD and fall down before God's footstool;  
God is the Holy One.

<sup>6</sup>**Moses and Aaron among your priests, and Samuel among those  
who call upon your name, O LORD,  
they called upon you, and you answered them,**

<sup>7</sup>you spoke to them out of the pillar of cloud;  
they kept your testimonies and the decree that you gave them.

<sup>8</sup>**O LORD our God, you answered them indeed;  
you were a God who forgave them, yet punished them for their evil deeds.**

<sup>9</sup>Proclaim the greatness of the LORD and worship upon God's holy hill;  
for the LORD our God is the Holy One.

**Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 3:12--4:2** (*Read by the Worship Assistant*)

<sup>12</sup>Since, then, we have such a hope, we act with great boldness, <sup>13</sup>not like Moses, who put a veil over his face to keep the people of Israel from gazing at the end of the glory that was being set aside. <sup>14</sup>But their minds were hardened. Indeed, to this very day, when they hear the reading of the old covenant, that same veil is still there, since only in Christ is it set aside. <sup>15</sup>Indeed, to this very day whenever Moses is read, a veil lies over their minds; <sup>16</sup>but when one turns to the Lord, the veil is removed. <sup>17</sup>Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. <sup>18</sup>And all of us, with unveiled faces, seeing the glory of the Lord as though reflected in a mirror, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another; for this comes from the Lord, the Spirit.

<sup>4:1</sup>Therefore, since it is by God's mercy that we are engaged in this ministry, we do not lose heart. <sup>2</sup>We have renounced the shameful things that one hides; we refuse to practice cunning or to falsify God's word; but by the open statement of the truth we commend ourselves to the conscience of everyone in the sight of God.

Word of God, Word of Life

**Thanks be to God.**

**Gospel: Luke 9:28-36 [37-43a]**

**P:** The Holy Gospel according to Luke the 9<sup>th</sup> chapter.

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

<sup>28</sup>Now about eight days after these sayings Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. <sup>29</sup>And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white. <sup>30</sup>Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. <sup>31</sup>They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. <sup>32</sup>Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep; but since they had stayed awake, they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. <sup>33</sup>Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, "Master, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah"—not knowing what he said. <sup>34</sup>While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. <sup>35</sup>Then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!" <sup>36</sup>When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and in those days told no one

any of the things they had seen. [

<sup>37</sup>On the next day, when they had come down from the mountain, a great crowd met him. <sup>38</sup>Just then a man from the crowd shouted, “Teacher, I beg you to look at my son; he is my only child. <sup>39</sup>Suddenly a spirit seizes him, and all at once he shrieks. It convulses him until he foams at the mouth; it mauls him and will scarcely leave him. <sup>40</sup>I begged your disciples to cast it out, but they could not.” <sup>41</sup>Jesus answered, “You faithless and perverse generation, how much longer must I be with you and bear with you? Bring your son here.” <sup>42</sup>While he was coming, the demon dashed him to the ground in convulsions. But Jesus rebuked the unclean spirit, healed the boy, and gave him back to his father. <sup>43a</sup>And all were astounded at the greatness of God.]

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

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

### *Sermon*

#### ***Song of Praise: “How Great is Our God”***

The splendor of a King, clothed in majesty

Let all the Earth rejoice

All the Earth rejoice

He wraps himself in light

And darkness tries to hide

And trembles at His voice

Trembles at His voice

How great is our God, sing with me

How great is our God, and all will see

How great, how great is our God

Age to age He stands

And time is in His hands

Beginning and the end

#### **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.**

#### **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.*

Transform us by your greatness, O God. Send us down the mountain to share joy with all people. Make us agents of change, confident that your hope will vanquish despair and your goodness will conquer evil. God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

The mountains and valleys sing your praise. Dazzle us with your presence in every landscape: bluffs built by ancient glaciers, canyons carved by flowing rivers, flat horizons with uninterrupted views, and sands shaped by ocean tides. God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

You love justice and establish equity. Strengthen leaders of local governments, community nonprofits, and grassroots campaigns. Bless them with gifts of integrity, creativity, and sound conscience. Build up safe and joyful communities where all people may thrive. God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

Heal those who are in distress especially all those affected by the pandemic and all those we name out loud or in our hearts at this time (pause). Give patience to those waiting for answers. Grant hope to those who have reached the limits of treatment. Give compassionate hearts to those who accompany loved ones through illness and uncertainty. God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

Today we shout alleluia from the mountaintop; this week we enter the wilderness of Lent. Bless all who prepare and lead us in worship during this change of season: pastors, deacons, musicians, and all who contribute to our worship life (*especially*). God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

Blessed are they who listened to Christ's voice in this life and now rest with him (*especially Dot Hofer*). Transform us from glory into glory, and give us your peace, that we do not lose heart. 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.**

### ***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-idxWYJMFGW\\_IQfxkD4hBw8W0Q6UZLveQvLkSxosar2o939JWiAad87o7zqy-JU\\_UuLu19bUbJx2MmPFcXvWIUz6A7FDgkhUKk0PpduXvnt8gXUeZjQYbn9G3frHWC59Y\\_VCHQ6\\_VCoE=&ver=3](https://www.eservicepayments.com/cgi-bin/Vanco_ver3.vps?appver3=Dc8dzPGn4-LCajFevTkh9MYPCImH2sG-idxWYJMFGW_IQfxkD4hBw8W0Q6UZLveQvLkSxosar2o939JWiAad87o7zqy-JU_UuLu19bUbJx2MmPFcXvWIUz6A7FDgkhUKk0PpduXvnt8gXUeZjQYbn9G3frHWC59Y_VCHQ6_VCoE=&ver=3)

### ***Offertory Prayer***

Let us pray...Blessed are you, O God,  
Sovereign of the universe.  
You offer us new beginnings  
and guide us on our journey.  
Lead us to your table,  
nourish us with this heavenly food,  
and prepare us to carry your love  
to a hungry world,  
in the name of Christ our light.

### ***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.**

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

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... We give you thanks, gracious God,  
for we have feasted on the abundance of your house.  
Send us to bring good news  
and to proclaim your favor to all,  
strengthened with the richness of your grace  
in your Son, Jesus Christ. **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 Hymn: “Shine Jesus Shine”**

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Shine Jesus shine  
Fill this land  
With the Father's glory  
Blaze Spirit blaze  
Set our hearts on fire  
Flow river flow  
Flood the nations  
With grace and mercy  
Send forth Your word Lord  
And let there be light

Verse 1

Lord the light of Your love is shining  
In the midst of the darkness shining  
Jesus Light of the world shine upon us  
Set us free by the truth You now bring us  
Shine on me shine on me

Verse 2

Lord I come to Your awesome presence  
From the shadows into Your radiance  
By the blood I may enter Your brightness  
Search me try me consume all my darkness  
Shine on me shine on me

***Dismissal***

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

**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**

Pastor	The Rev. Matthew E. Ollikainen
Music Director	Michael Dettra
Worship Assistant	Jeanne Gryska

**ALTAR FLOWERS**

The Altar Flowers are presented by John & Victoria Flint 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 - FEBRUARY 20**

8:00 a.m. 16    9:30 a.m. 24    **TOTAL 40**



**2022 ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING - SUNDAY 2/ 27**

Today, Sunday February 27 Advent will have **one worship service at 9:00 a.m.** followed by our Annual Meeting at 10:00 a.m. We will review the reports for 2021. We will also choose representatives for Synod Assembly on April 30th. It is important that we have good attendance. Please support your church by attending in person or online by Zoom.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87377732721?pwd=cTNqeHRDUjRGbWhyM2RSNDIEY0Y3QT09>

Meeting ID: 873 7773 2721

Passcode: 705226

**SUNDAY SCHOOL ZOOM MEETINGS IN FEBRUARY**



Sunday School will meet tonight, February 27 on **zoom** at 6:30. New students are welcome! Pastor Matt and the Sunday School teachers guide us through the Bible lessons. Let us know if you’d like to join us and we’ll order student books and crafts for you.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88465369380?pwd=dldlckdteUhuV05UdENJSnZrZktndz09>

**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 6:30 p.m. Contact Ray Heiss or Pastor Matt for additional information.



**ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICES**

We will be having Ash Wednesday service on Wednesday, **March 2 at Noon and 7:00 p.m.** in person and on line.

Noon Ash Wednesday Service

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87844300892?pwd=Q3N0RENjL093ZGFFVmhneUtkYS9Ydz09>

7:00p.m. Ash Wednesday Service

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 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:** <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88386369457?pwd=cm1yb2dhZTNUOFZkaGtycUpzeVklzdz09>

Smart device/Computer instructions- Click on the links listed above 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.



### **MID-WEEK LENTEN WORSHIP SERVICES**

Prayer is the theme for worship this season of Lent. Prayer is about talking with God. It is also about listening to God and opening ourselves up to God. This year's mid-week Lenten worship services are a worship series called "Open My Life, Lord". Service be held in person and

online this year Wednesday evenings at 7:00PM, March 9<sup>th</sup> through April

6<sup>th</sup>. <https://www.google.com/url?q=https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82926096221?pwd%3DbDd2NkdmVUxZOFOQ2VUZXR3p1OWQvdz09&sa=D&source=calendar&usd=2&usg=AOvVaw10FPz17WY0xAuc5ppS16-N>



### **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 Wednesdays, March 9<sup>th</sup> through April 6<sup>th</sup>. Please sign up at church to bring soup, bread or drinks. Please contact Gail Oines with any questions or concerns 215-534-8218.

### **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 SATURDAYS 10:00 A.M.**

Stitch club will start to meet again, starting Saturday, February 5, at **10:00 a.m. (weather permitting)**. Stitch club is open to all who would like to join. If you like to knit, crochet, or do needlepoint, this is for you!

If 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. We continue this effort throughout the year. 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 of the pantry's most needed items is in the narthex or on the website [www.warminsterfoodbank.org](http://www.warminsterfoodbank.org). Thank you for helping our neighbors in need.

### **FELLOWSHIP TIME**

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



### **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.

### **THE LEIDY MICROSCOPIAL SOCIETY WILL BE AT ADVENT ON FRIDAY MARCH 11 AND SATURDAY MARCH 12**

Advent members interested in rocks and minerals may want to check this out:

**The Leidy Microscopical Society hosts its 45th Annual Micromount Symposium** in the Narthex of Advent Lutheran Church on **Friday March 11**, Noon - 6:00 pm & **Saturday March 12**, 9:00 am to 6:00 pm.

**Visitor's Fee** (No Table): \$5.00 Friday & \$10.00 Saturday (includes lunch).

**Reservations/Admission/Questions:** Email [donmcalarnen@outlook.com](mailto:donmcalarnen@outlook.com) Phone: **610 - 584-1364**

Make checks payable to Don McAlarnen, 916 Senator Road, Norristown, PA 19403.

### **THIS WEEK AT ADVENT**

#### **TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD**

##### **SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 27**

8:00 a.m. No Service  
9:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service  
10:45 a.m. Annual Congregational Meeting  
in person or by zoom.

<https://zus02web.zoom.us/j/87377732721?pwd=cTNqeHRDUjRGbWhyM2RSNDIEY0Y3QT09>

6:30 p.m. Sunday School Class on Zoom  
<https://zus02web.zoom.us/j/88465369380?pwd=dldlckdteUhuV05UdENJSnZrZktnZz09>

##### **MONDAY, FEBRUARY 28**

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

**TUESDAY, MARCH 1**

6:30 p.m. Ping Pong

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 2**

12:00 a.m. Noon Ash Wednesday Service

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87844300892?pwd=Q3N0RENjL093ZGFFVmhneUtkYS9Ydz09>

7:00 p.m. Ash Wednesday Evening Service

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88386369457?pwd=cm1yb2dhZTNUOFZkaGtycUpzeVk1dz09>

**More information on pages 8 & 9**

**FRIDAY, MARCH 4**

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

**SATURDAY, MARCH 5**

10:00 a.m. Stitch Club

**FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT**

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