

Second Sunday of Advent

December 4, 2022

9:30 a.m.



**GATHERING**

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

***Announcements***

**Confession and Forgiveness**

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel,  
who alone does wondrous things.

**Blessed be God's name forever.**

**Amen.**

Beloved, now is the time to wake from sleep.

Let us confront our sins,  
and confess them to the one who is merciful and just.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

God of new beginnings,

**we confess that we have not welcomed your holy reign.**

**We have strayed from your paths.**

**We prepare for war instead of peace.**

**We dishonor one another and your creation.**

**Purify us with your refining fire  
and set us again on your way of love,  
that we may bear fruit worthy of repentance,  
and welcome your coming among us.**

**Amen.**

People of God,

a new thing is growing in our midst,

a tender branch,

a living sign.

By water and the Spirit you are joined to this wonder.

You have put on ☩ Christ,

and your sins have been washed away.

Rejoice in the way of the Lord.

**Amen.**

## **Gathering Song: "Born in Bethlehem"**

Verse 1

Baby Jesus born in a stable  
A humble Savior's birth  
You left Your throne in heaven above  
To live here on earth

Chorus

Hallelujah the King is here  
Given for all men  
For today the holy Son of God  
Is born in Bethlehem

Verse 2

Baby Jesus lyin' in a manger  
Cryin' for the world  
The angels told the shepherds  
Of the good news for us all

Verse 3

Come thou sinners and you saints  
All peasants and all kings  
And bow before the earth's Redeemer  
Let all voices sing

## **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.**

## **Lighting of the Advent Candle: Advent 2**

Blessed are you, God of hope, for you promise to bring forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse who will bring justice to the poor, who will deliver the needy and crush the oppressor, who will stand as a signal of hope for all people. As we light these candles, turn our wills to bear the fruit of repentance, transform our hearts to live in justice and harmony with one another, and fix our eyes on the root of Jesse, Jesus Christ, the hope of all nations.

O people of hope, come,

**let us rejoice in the faithfulness of the Lord. Amen.**

*Light the second candle.*

## **"Oh, Come, Oh, Come, Emmanuel"**

2 Oh, come, oh, come, great Lord of might,  
who to your tribes on Sinai's height  
in ancient times once gave the law  
in cloud, and majesty, and awe. *Refrain*

*Refrain*

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
shall come to you, O Israel.

## **Prayer of the Day:**

Let us pray . . . Stir up our hearts, Lord God, to prepare the way of your only Son. By his coming nurture our growth as people of repentance and peace; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

## **WORD**

### **Children's Sermon**

#### **First Reading: Isaiah 11:1-10**

<sup>1</sup>A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse,  
and a branch shall grow out of his roots.

<sup>2</sup>The spirit of the LORD shall rest on him,  
the spirit of wisdom and understanding,  
the spirit of counsel and might,  
the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD.

<sup>3</sup>His delight shall be in the fear of the LORD.

He shall not judge by what his eyes see,  
or decide by what his ears hear;

<sup>4</sup>but with righteousness he shall judge the poor,  
and decide with equity for the meek of the earth;  
he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth,  
and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked.

<sup>5</sup>Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist,  
and faithfulness the belt around his loins.

<sup>6</sup>The wolf shall live with the lamb,  
the leopard shall lie down with the kid,  
the calf and the lion and the fatling together,  
and a little child shall lead them.

<sup>7</sup>The cow and the bear shall graze,  
their young shall lie down together;  
and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.

<sup>8</sup>The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp,  
and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den.

<sup>9</sup>They will not hurt or destroy  
on all my holy mountain;  
for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the LORD  
as the waters cover the sea.

<sup>10</sup>On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious.

Word of God, Word of Life  
**Thanks be to God**

**Psalm: Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19**

<sup>1</sup>Give the king your justice, O God,  
and your righteousness to the king's son;

<sup>2</sup>**that he may rule your people righteously  
and the poor with justice;**

<sup>3</sup>that the mountains may bring prosperity to the people,  
and the hills, in righteousness.

<sup>4</sup>**Let him defend the needy among the people,  
rescue the poor, and crush the oppressor.**

<sup>5</sup>May he live as long as the sun and moon endure,  
from one generation to another.

<sup>6</sup>**Let him come down like rain upon the mown field,  
like showers that water the earth.**

<sup>7</sup>In his time may the righteous flourish;  
and let there be an abundance of peace till the moon shall be no more.

<sup>18</sup>**Blessed are you, LORD God, the God of Israel;  
you alone do wondrous deeds!**

<sup>19</sup>And blessed be your glorious name forever,  
and may all the earth be filled with your glory. Amen.

**Second Reading: Romans 15:4-13**

<sup>4</sup>Whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. <sup>5</sup>May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, <sup>6</sup>so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

<sup>7</sup>Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. <sup>8</sup>For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the circumcised on behalf of the truth of God in order that he might confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, <sup>9</sup>and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written,

“Therefore I will confess you among the Gentiles,  
and sing praises to your name”;

<sup>10</sup>and again he says,

“Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people”;

<sup>11</sup>and again,

“Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles,  
and let all the peoples praise him”;

<sup>12</sup>and again Isaiah says,

“The root of Jesse shall come,  
the one who rises to rule the Gentiles;  
in him the Gentiles shall hope.”

<sup>13</sup>May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Word of God, Word of Life

**Thanks be to God**

**P:** The Holy Gospel according to Matthew the 3<sup>rd</sup> Chapter

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

<sup>1</sup>In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, <sup>2</sup>“Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.” <sup>3</sup>This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said,

“The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:

‘Prepare the way of the Lord,  
make his paths straight.’”

<sup>4</sup>Now John wore clothing of camel’s hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. <sup>5</sup>Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, <sup>6</sup>and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.

<sup>7</sup>But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? <sup>8</sup>Bear fruit worthy of repentance. <sup>9</sup>Do not presume to say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our ancestor’; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. <sup>10</sup>Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.

<sup>11</sup>“I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. <sup>12</sup>His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.”

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

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

**Sermon**

**Song of Praise: “Emmanuel”**

Emmanuel, Emmanuel,

His name is called Emmanuel

God with us, revealed in us

His name is called Emmanuel

We love Him so, we love Him so,

His name is called Emmanuel

### ***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 petition ends with...God in your mercy, the congregation responds:  
hear 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-LCajFevTkh9MYPCLmH2sG-idxWYJMFGW\\_IQfxkD4hBw8W0Q6UZLveQvLkSxosar2o939JWiAad87o7zqy-JU\\_UuLu19bUbJx2MmPFcXvWIUz6A7FDgkhUKk0PpduXvnt&gXUeZiQYbn9G3frHWC59Y\\_VCHQ6\\_VCoE=&ver=3](https://www.eservicepayments.com/cgi-bin/Vanco_ver3.vps?appver3=Dc8dzPGn4-LCajFevTkh9MYPCLmH2sG-idxWYJMFGW_IQfxkD4hBw8W0Q6UZLveQvLkSxosar2o939JWiAad87o7zqy-JU_UuLu19bUbJx2MmPFcXvWIUz6A7FDgkhUKk0PpduXvnt&gXUeZiQYbn9G3frHWC59Y_VCHQ6_VCoE=&ver=3)

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

### ***Offertory Prayer***

*Let us pray...* Eternal God, you make the desert bloom  
and send springs of water to thirsty ground.  
Receive these simple gifts of bread, wine, and money,  
and make us messengers of your mercy and love  
for all in need of your healing and justice.  
We ask this through Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

## ***SACRAMENT***

### ***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.**

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. . . Faithful God,  
in this meal you have remembered your mercy,  
bringing heaven to earth in the body and blood of Christ.  
As we wait for the day when all your promises will be fulfilled,  
sustain us and strengthen us by this holy mystery.  
Guide us toward your promised future,  
coming to birth in Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord.

**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 Song: "Mary Had a Baby"**

Mary had a baby, my Lord.  
Mary had a baby, my Lord.  
Mary had a baby, Mary had a baby,  
Mary had a baby, my Lord.

Born in a manger, my Lord.  
Born in a manger, my Lord.


Born in a manger, born in a manger,  
born in a manger, my Lord.

She named him King Jesus, my Lord.  
She named him King Jesus, my Lord.  
She named him King Jesus, she named him  
King Jesus,

**Dismissal**

Go in peace. Christ is near.  
**Thanks be to God.**

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<b>OUR MISSION - FAITHFUL IN THE WORD</b>	
+ To <b>gather</b> as God's people and nurture one another	
+ To <b>know</b> the Word of God	
+ To <b>grow</b> in faith, love, and service	
+ To <b>go</b> into the world with the Good News of Jesus Christ	

**SERVING OUR LORD IN WORSHIP TODAY**

Pastor:	The Rev. Matthew E Ollikainen
Music/Choir Director	Mr. Michael Dettra
Worship Assistant	Gail Oines

**GUEST REGISTER**

If you are visiting with us today, please sign our Guest Book in the narthex.

**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 to the Glory of God.

**WORSHIP ATTENDANCE: SUNDAY, November 27**

8:00 a.m. 18 9:30 a.m. 23 Sunday School 0 **Total 41**

## SOCIAL MINISTRY



**GIFT CARDS FOR SHARING:** As we have done the last two years we are collecting gift cards from local stores, i.e. Giant, Walmart, Aldi and ShopRite they will be distributed to clients at the Warminster Food Bank during the month of December. The response from the congregation the last 2 years has been generous! We hope for the same result again this year.

Look for the red tin of envelopes on the offering table. If you are donating more than one gift card, please take an envelope for each card.

If you would like to send in a donation, please use the church street address which is 45 Worthington Mill Road, Richboro, PA 18954, you can make the check payable to the Warminster Food Bank and it will be dropped off with the gift cards. It is a difficult year for many. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

**FOOD DONATIONS:** When you have food that you or your friends would like to donate and the church is not open, just drive up to the main entrance and leave your donation inside the bench outside the door. You may still bring food into the building during church and office hours. For suggestions on which items are requested each week, go to: [www.warminsterfoodbank.org](http://www.warminsterfoodbank.org).

Thank-you for your continued support for our neighbors in need! Nancy Sclight/Social Ministry



### ANNUAL CHRISTMAS BRUNCH - SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4

Advent's annual Christmas brunch is being held on **Sunday, December 4, 2022**, in the Fellowship Hall immediately after the 9:30 worship service. For those who are able, please bring hot or cold breakfast and/or lunch items to share with everyone into the church kitchen prior to the 9:30 a.m. service. Suggestions include breakfast meats, pancakes, waffles, casseroles, vegetables, salads, pastry, breads, fruit, desserts, your favorite dish, or whatever you wish. The oven in the kitchen will be available to warm up items and Advent will supply paper products, as well as hot and cold beverages. This event lasts about an hour. Festive live Christmas music will be provided by Advent's own talented musicians. Please use the sign-up sheet in the narthex so that we can plan accordingly. All family members and friends are welcome to attend. Thank you!



### POINSETTIA LIST

A sign-up sheet for dedicating poinsettias for Christmas Eve is on the table in the narthex. The cost is **\$15 per plant**. Please sign up by **December 13**. You can also call the office to leave your dedication. Poinsettias may be picked up anytime after the 9 p.m. service on Christmas Eve.



### ALWAYS FUN MEN'S BREAKFAST SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10

On Saturday, December 10 at 8:30 a.m. we will be celebrating the Christmas Season with the all time military favorite breakfast. Even those never in the military will enjoy. Coffee is ready by 7:30 a.m. **Dave**



### ANNUAL CHRISTMAS CONCERT – SATURDAY, DECEMBER 17

The annual holiday concert will be held on **Saturday evening, December 17, 2022, at 7:30 p.m.** under the direction of our organist and choir director, Michael Dettra. You can look forward to kicking off the holidays with an hour of relaxation and entertainment. Light refreshments will be served, and thank you for supporting Michael and his band.

### GIVE US YOUR SMILE!



Do you find that you have gotten used to ordering online and prefer that over endless shopping around for sales? If so, consider using Smile.Amazon.com for your shopping and shipping needs. This acts the same as an Amazon account, but Amazon Smile Foundation will donate .5% of your purchases to the charity of your choice. Simply indicate Advent Lutheran Church, Richboro as your charity and the church will benefit. No cost is added to you. Advent has received donations of 516.24 as of June, 2022 from the Amazon Smile Foundation since 2016, when we signed up. If you need help setting up your account, call or text me (Gail Oines) at 215-534-8218.



## THIS WEEK AT ADVENT

### DECEMBER 4

#### SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT

- 8:00 a.m. Traditional Holy Communion
- 9:00 a.m. Adult Bible Study
- 9:30 a.m. Contemporary Holy Communion  
Sunday School age 4 - grade 6
- 10:45 a.m. **Advent's Christmas Brunch**

### MONDAY, DECEMBER 5

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

### FRIDAY, DECEMBER 9

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

### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10

- 8:30 a.m. Men's Breakfast
- 10:00 - noon Stitch Club

### DECEMBER 11

#### SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT

- 8:00 a.m. Traditional Holy Communion
- 9:00 a.m. Adult Bible Study
- 9:30 a.m. Contemporary Holy Communion  
Sunday School age 4 - grade 6
- 10:45 a.m. Fellowship Time: George Henry