

**SERVICE OF THE WORD
BAPTISM OF OUR LORD
JANUARY 8, 2023
8:00 & 9:30 A.M.**



We Gather in Jesus' Name
EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN WORSHIP
ORDER OF WORSHIP

Gathering

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

Confessions 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 Hymn: "We Three Kings of Orient Are" WOV 646

1 We three kings of Orient are;
bearing gifts we traverse afar,
field and fountain, moor and mountain,
following yonder star.

Refrain

Oh, star of wonder, star of night,
star with royal beauty bright;
westward leading, still proceeding,
guide us to thy perfect light!

2 Born a king on Bethlehem's plain,
gold I bring to crown him again;
king forever, ceasing never,
over us all to reign. *Refrain*

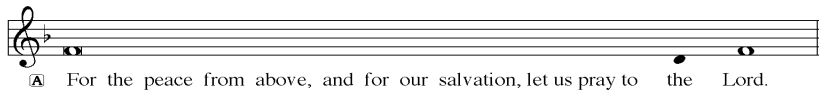
Greetings

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.

Kyrie



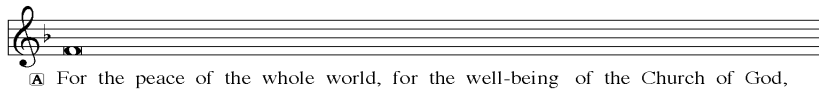
Ⓐ In peace, let us pray to the Lord. Ⓞ Lord, have mer - cy.



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



Ⓞ Lord, have mer - cy.



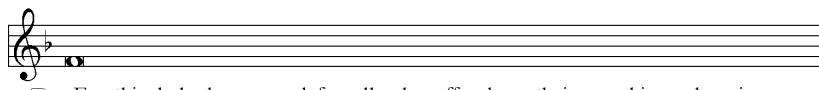
Ⓐ For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



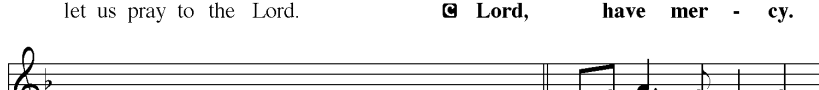
Ⓞ Lord, have mer - cy.



Ⓐ For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. Ⓞ Lord, have mer - cy.



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

Prayer of the Day:

Let us pray . . . O God our Father, at the baptism of Jesus you proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit. Make all who are baptized into Christ faithful to their calling to be your daughters and sons, and empower us all with your Spirit, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen**

WORD

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

First Reading: Isaiah 42:1-9

¹Here is my servant, whom I uphold,
my chosen, in whom my soul delights;
I have put my spirit upon him;
he will bring forth justice to the nations.

²He will not cry or lift up his voice,
or make it heard in the street;

³a bruised reed he will not break,
and a dimly burning wick he will not quench;
he will faithfully bring forth justice.

⁴He will not grow faint or be crushed
until he has established justice in the earth;
and the coastlands wait for his teaching.

⁵Thus says God, the LORD,
who created the heavens and stretched them out,
who spread out the earth and what comes from it,
who gives breath to the people upon it
and spirit to those who walk in it:

⁶I am the LORD, I have called you in righteousness,
I have taken you by the hand and kept you;
I have given you as a covenant to the people,
a light to the nations,

⁷to open the eyes that are blind,
to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon,
from the prison those who sit in darkness.

⁸I am the LORD, that is my name;
my glory I give to no other,
nor my praise to idols.

⁹See, the former things have come to pass,
and new things I now declare;
before they spring forth,
I tell you of them.

Word of God, Word of Life

Thanks be to God**Psalm: Psalm 29**

¹Ascribe to the LORD, you gods,
ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.

²Ascribe to the LORD the glory due God's name;
worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.

³The voice of the LORD is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders;
the LORD is upon the mighty waters.

⁴The voice of the LORD is a powerful voice;
the voice of the LORD is a voice of splendor.

⁵The voice of the LORD breaks the cedar trees;
the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon;

⁶the LORD makes Lebanon skip like a calf,
and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.

⁷The voice of the LORD
bursts forth in lightning flashes.

⁸The voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness;
the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.

⁹The voice of the LORD makes the oak trees writhe and strips the forests bare.
And in the temple of the LORD all are crying, "Glory!"

¹⁰The LORD sits enthroned above the flood;
the LORD sits enthroned as king forevermore.

¹¹O LORD, give strength to your people;
give them, O LORD, the blessings of peace.

Second Reading: Romans 6:1-11

¹What then are we to say? Should we continue in sin in order that grace may abound? ²By no means! How can we who died to sin go on living in it? ³Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? ⁴Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life.

⁵For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. ⁶We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to sin. ⁷For whoever has died is freed from sin. ⁸But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. ⁹We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. ¹⁰The death he died, he died to sin, once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. ¹¹So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

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Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation

(Please stand as you are able.)



Gospel Reading: Matthew 3:13-17

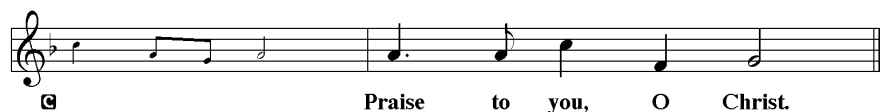
(The preacher announces the reading of the Gospel. The congregation responds.)



¹³Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. ¹⁴John would have prevented him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?" ¹⁵But Jesus answered him, "Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness." Then he consented. ¹⁶And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the

Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. ¹⁷And a voice from heaven said, “This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.”

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



Sermon

Hymn of the Day: "God, Whose Almighty Word" LBW #400

1 God, whose almighty word
chaos and darkness heard
and took their flight:
hear us, we humbly pray,
and where the gospel day
sheds not its glorious ray,
let there be light!

2 Lord, who once came to bring,
on your redeeming wing,
healing and sight,
health to the sick in mind,
sight to the inly blind:
oh, now to humankind
let there be light!

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.

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

Prayers of Intercession

Each prayer ends with . . . Lord in your mercy, the congregation responds: **receive our prayer.**

Sharing of the Peace(nods, waves, to each other only)

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-jdxWYJMFgw_lQfxkD4hBw8WoQ6UZLveQvLkSxosar2o939JWiAad87o7zqy-JU_UuLu19bUbJx2MmPFcXvWIUz6A7FDgkhUKkoPpduXvnt8gXUeZjQYbn9G3frHWC59Y_VCHQ6_VCoE=&ver=3

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 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.**

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: "Wash, O God, Our Sons and Daughters" WOV #697

1. Wash O God our sons and daughters
Where Your cleansing waters flow
Number them among Your people
Bless as Christ blessed long ago
Weave them garments bright and sparkling
Compass them with love and light
Fill anoint them send Your Spirit
Holy dove and heart's delight
2. We who bring them long for nurture
By Your milk may we be fed
Let us join Your feast
Partaking cup of blessing living bread
God renew us guide our footsteps
Free from sin and all its snares
One with Christ in living dying
By Your Spirit children heirs


Dismissal

Go in peace. Love your neighbor.

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	George Henry
Music/Choir Director	Mike Dettra
Lay Readers	8:00 Rose Herbert
	9:30 Gail Oines

SUNDAY WORSHIP LEADER

Today’s Worship Leader is George Henry will lead the Service of the Word.

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 open.

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE: SUNDAY, JANUARY 1, 2023

9:00 a.m. 16

PASTOR MATT IS OUT OF THE OFFICE UNTIL 1/10

Pastor Matt will be out of the office from Monday, December 26, returning Tuesday, January 10.

Pastor Nathan Krause from Redeemer Lutheran Church, Jamison will be providing emergency pastoral coverage for Pastor Matt while he is away through Tuesday, January 10. His contact number is 267-884-1195.

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 22**. For each report, please prepare a “word document” (if possible or check with Fran) and email it to: office@adventrichboro.org. Thank you.

SOCIAL MINISTRY

Many thanks to all who were able to contribute to our gift card outreach to the families who depend on the Warminster Food Bank for food each month. The total amount donated was \$1,600!! Be assured that your generosity is greatly appreciated!! Together we can make a difference in our neighbors lives. Food donations are resuming. Your continued support is needed. Thank you! Nancy Slight Social Ministry

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. For suggestions on which items are requested each week, go to: www.warminsterfoodbank.org.

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 Jobses at 215-355- 4149. They can have them available on Saturdays or Sundays. **Stitch club meets Saturday morning, all are welcome to join.**

ALTAR FLOWERS AND MISSION SUPPORT SIGNUPS

The Altar Flower and Mission Support Charts for 2023 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!

FELLOWSHIP TIME

We need committees or individuals to sign up to provide refreshments after the late service. The 2023 sign-up sheet thru June is on the fellowship table. Advent supplies hot beverages (i.e. coffee & tea) and all paper products.

THIS WEEK AT ADVENT

BAPTISM OF OUR LORD - JANUARY 8

- 8:00 a.m. Service of the Word without Holy Communion
- 9:00 a.m. Adult Bible Class
- 9:30 a.m. Service of the Word without Holy Communion
Sunday School age 4 - grade 6
- 10:30 a.m. Fellowship Time: Open
- 10:45 a.m. Adult Bible Study

MONDAY, JANUARY 9

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

TUESDAY, JANUARY 10

- 6:30 p.m. Ping Pong

FRIDAY, JANUARY 13

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

SATURDAY, JANUARY 14

- 10:00 a.m. Stitch Club

JANUARY 15

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

- 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
- 10:30 a.m. Fellowship Time: Open
- 10:45 a.m. Church Council Meeting