

Second Sunday after Epiphany
January 15, 2023
9:30 a.m.



GATHERING

Prelude (a time for silent meditation)

Announcements

Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,
who makes all things new,
whose mercy endures forever.

Amen.

Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Holy One, source of our renewal,
**we confess that we are wrapped up in sin,
and cannot free ourselves.
We have not practiced your righteousness.
Our hearts have turned away from you.
For the sake of the world you so love,
forgive us,
that we may be reconciled to one another
for the glory of your holy name.
Amen.**

Thus says our God:

“The former things have come to pass
and new things I now declare.”

God's mercy makes us new.

We are forgiven in the name of ☩ Christ our Savior.

Amen.

Gathering Song: “Lord I Lift Your Name on High”

1. Lord I lift Your name on high
Lord I love to sing Your praises

I'm so glad You're in my life
I'm so glad You came to save us

Chorus

You came from heaven to earth
to show the way
From the earth to the cross
my debt to pay
From the cross to the grave
from the grave to the sky
Lord I lift Your name on high

2. Lord I lift Your name on high
Lord I love to sing Your praises
I'm so glad You're in my life
I'm so glad You came to save us Chorus

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, our strength and our redeemer, by your Spirit hold us forever, that through your grace we may worship you and faithfully serve you, follow you and joyfully find you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

WORD

Children's Sermon

First Reading: Isaiah 49:1-7

¹Listen to me, O coastlands,
pay attention, you peoples from far away!
The LORD called me before I was born,
while I was in my mother's womb he named me.

²He made my mouth like a sharp sword,
in the shadow of his hand he hid me;
he made me a polished arrow,
in his quiver he hid me away.

³And he said to me, "You are my servant,
Israel, in whom I will be glorified."

⁴But I said, "I have labored in vain,
I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity;
yet surely my cause is with the LORD,
and my reward with my God."

⁵And now the LORD says,
who formed me in the womb to be his servant,
to bring Jacob back to him,
and that Israel might be gathered to him,
for I am honored in the sight of the LORD,
and my God has become my strength—

⁶he says,
"It is too light a thing that you should be my servant
to raise up the tribes of Jacob
and to restore the survivors of Israel;
I will give you as a light to the nations,
that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth."

⁷Thus says the LORD,
the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One,
to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nations,
the slave of rulers,
"Kings shall see and stand up,
princes, and they shall prostrate themselves,

because of the LORD, who is faithful,
the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you.”

Word of God, Word of Life
Thanks be to God

Psalm: Psalm 40:1-11

¹I waited patiently upon the LORD,
who stooped to me and heard my cry.

**²The LORD lifted me out of the desolate pit, out of the miry clay,
and set my feet upon a high cliff, making my footing sure.**

³The LORD put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God;
many shall see, and stand in awe, and put their trust in the LORD.

⁴Happy are they who trust in the LORD!

They do not turn to enemies or to those who follow lies.

⁵Great are the wonders you have done, O LORD my God! In your plans for us, none can be compared with you!

Oh, that I could make them known and tell them! But they are more than I can count.

⁶Sacrifice and offering you do not desire;

you have opened my ears: burnt-offering and sin-offering you have not required.

⁷And so I said, “Here I am; I come.

In the scroll of the book it is written of me:

**⁸‘I love to do your will, O my God;
your law is deep within me.’”**

⁹I proclaimed righteousness in the great assembly;
I have not restrained my lips, O LORD, you know.

**¹⁰I have not hidden your righteousness in my heart; I have spoken of your faithfulness
and your deliverance;**

I have not concealed your steadfast love and truth from the great assembly.

¹¹You are the LORD; do not withhold your compassion from me;
may your steadfast love and your truth continually keep me safe.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:1-9

¹Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes,

²To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints,
together with all those who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and
ours:

³Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

⁴I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ
Jesus, ⁵for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind—⁶just as the
testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you—⁷so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you
wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁸He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be
blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁹God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of
his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Word of God, Word of Life
Thanks be to God

P: The Holy Gospel according to John the 1st Chapter

C: Glory to You, O Lord

²⁹[John the Baptist] saw Jesus coming toward him and declared, “Here is the Lamb of God who takes away
the sin of the world! ³⁰This is he of whom I said, ‘After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he
was before me.’ ³¹I myself did not know him; but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be
revealed to Israel.” ³²And John testified, “I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it

remained on him. ³³I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, ‘He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.’ ³⁴And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Son of God.”

³⁵The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, ³⁶and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, “Look, here is the Lamb of God!” ³⁷The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. ³⁸When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, “What are you looking for?” They said to him, “Rabbi” (which translated means Teacher), “where are you staying?” ³⁹He said to them, “Come and see.” They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o’clock in the afternoon. ⁴⁰One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother. ⁴¹He first found his brother Simon and said to him, “We have found the Messiah” (which is translated Anointed). ⁴²He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, “You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas” (which is translated Peter).

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Hymn of the Day: “As the Deer”

As the deer panteth for the water
So my soul longeth after Thee
You alone are my heart’s desire
And I long to worship Thee
You alone are my Strength, my Shield
To You alone may my spirit yield
You alone are my heart’s desire
And I long to worship Thee.

I want You more than gold or silver
Only You can satisfy
You alone are the real joy-giver
And the apple of my eye
You alone are my Strength, my Shield
To You alone may my spirit yield
You alone are my heart’s desire
And I long to worship Thee.

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... Merciful God, the congregation responds: **receive 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-jdxWYJMFgw_IQfxkD4hBw8W0Q6UZLveQvLkSxosar2o939JWiAad87o7zqy-

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

Offertory Prayer

Let us pray... Liberating God, you break the bonds of injustice and let the oppressed go free. Receive these offerings in thanksgiving for all your works of merciful power, and shape us as people of your justice and freedom. You we magnify and adore, through Jesus 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.**

Should there be an invitation to Communion?

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: "Forever"

Verse 1

Give thanks to the Lord
Our God and King
His love endures forever
For He is good He is above all things
His love endures forever
Sing praise sing praise

Verse 2

With a mighty hand
And an outstretched arm
His love endures forever
For the life that's been reborn
His love endures forever
Sing praise sing praise

Pre-Chorus

Sing praise sing praise

Chorus

Forever God is faithful
Forever God is strong
Forever God is with us
Forever forever

Verse 3

From the rising to the setting sun
His love endures forever
And by the grace of God
We will carry on
His love endures forever
Sing praise sing praise Chorus

Dismissal

Go in peace. Follow the way of Jesus.
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

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| Pastor: | The Rev. Matthew E Ollikainen |
| Music/Choir Director | Mr. Michael Dettra |
| Lay Reader & Communion Assistant | Jennifer McQuiggan |

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 presented to the Glory of God.

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE: SUNDAY, January 8

8:00 a.m. 15 9:30 a.m. 20 Sunday School 3 **Total 38**

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.

CHURCH COUNCIL OPEN POSITIONS

Advent’s Church Council currently has three open positions. These are all positions where the chairperson works with the assistance of the Church Council.

1. The **Evangelism Chairperson** identifies prospective members and encourages them to unite with the congregation and will also reach out to current members. The chairperson also tries to find ways to have Advent connect to the local community and other churches.
2. **Youth Coordinator** identifies and coordinates group activities for our youth. The committee assists in developing and maintaining programs that promote the special needs of personal growth and spiritual development for youth.
3. The **Congregation Life Chairperson** helps plan and implement fellowship/community activities, including special events and fellowship time/refreshments after church services.

We ask that you prayerfully consider volunteering to fill one of these positions. Please contact Church Council President, George Henry, or Pastor Matt if you are interested or have any questions.

OFFERING ENVELOPES FOR 2023

The Offering Envelopes for 2023 are on the table in the narthex for pickup. If you did not receive envelopes, please contact the church office or Cindy Frey at 267-205-0713. Offering statements for 2022 will be available in early January.

CHOIR AND PRAISE TEAM PRACTICE RESUME

Practice of the Choir and Praise Team will resume on Wednesday, January 25. All are welcome and encouraged to join and no prior experience is necessary. Please see Mike Dettra, Music and Choir director or Pastor Matt for more details.



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 neighbor's lives.

Thank you! Nancy Sclight Social Ministry



PING PONG SEASON HAS ARRIVED

We are playing Ping Pong weekly on Tuesday nights, starting at 6:30 pm and ending around 8 pm.

All are invited. No equipment is required. Please contact Ray Heiss if you plan to give it a try (rayheiss1@gmail.com).

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 Jobes 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.



GIVE US YOUR SMILE!

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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

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY - JANUARY 15

- 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: Ray & Joyce Heiss
- 10:45 a.m. Church Council Meeting

MONDAY, JANUARY 16

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

TUESDAY, JANUARY 17

- 6:30 p.m. Ping Pong

FRIDAY, JANUARY 20

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

SATURDAY, JANUARY 21

- 10:00 a.m. Stitch Club

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY - JANUARY 22

- 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: George Henry
- 10:45 a.m. Adult Bible Study