

Sixth Sunday after Epiphany
February 12, 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: “Come, All You People” WOV #717

- 1 Come, all you people, come and praise the Most High;
come, all you people, come and praise the Most High;
come, all you people, come and praise the Most High;
come now and worship the Lord.
- 2 Come, all you people, come and praise the Savior;
come, all you people, come and praise the Savior;
come, all you people, come and praise the Savior;
come now and worship the Lord.
- 3 Come, all you people, come and praise the Spirit;
come, all you people, come and praise the Spirit;
come, all you people, come and praise the Spirit;
come now and worship the Lord.

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 . . . O God, the strength of all who hope in you, because we are weak mortals we accomplish nothing good without you. Help us to see and understand the things we ought to do, and give us grace and power to do them, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

WORD

Children’s Sermon

First Reading: Deuteronomy 30:15-20

[Moses said to the people:] ¹⁵See, I have set before you today life and prosperity, death and adversity. ¹⁶If you obey the commandments of the LORD your God that I am commanding you today, by loving the LORD your God, walking in his ways, and observing his commandments, decrees, and ordinances, then you shall live and become numerous, and the LORD your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to possess. ¹⁷But if your heart turns away and you do not hear, but are led astray to bow down to other gods and serve them, ¹⁸I declare to you today that you shall perish; you shall not live long in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess. ¹⁹I call heaven and earth to witness against you today that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Choose life so that you and your descendants may live, ²⁰loving the LORD your God, obeying him, and holding fast to him; for that means life to you and length of days, so that you may live in the land that the LORD swore to give to your ancestors, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob.

Word of God, Word of Life
Thanks be to God

Psalms: Psalm 119:1-8

¹Happy are they whose way is blameless,
who follow the teaching of the LORD!
**²Happy are they who observe your decrees
and seek you with all their hearts,**
³who never do any wrong,
but always walk in your ways.
⁴You laid down your commandments,

that we should fully keep them.

⁵Oh, that my ways were made so direct
that I might keep your statutes!

**⁶Then I should not be put to shame,
when I regard all your commandments.**

⁷I will thank you with a true heart,
when I have learned your righteous judgments.

**⁸I will keep your statutes;
do not utterly forsake me.**

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 3:1-9

¹Brothers and sisters, I could not speak to you as spiritual people, but rather as people of the flesh, as infants in Christ. ²I fed you with milk, not solid food, for you were not ready for solid food. Even now you are still not ready, ³for you are still of the flesh. For as long as there is jealousy and quarreling among you, are you not of the flesh, and behaving according to human inclinations? ⁴For when one says, "I belong to Paul," and another, "I belong to Apollos," are you not merely human?

⁵What then is Apollos? What is Paul? Servants through whom you came to believe, as the Lord assigned to each. ⁶I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth. ⁷So neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth. ⁸The one who plants and the one who waters have a common purpose, and each will receive wages according to the labor of each. ⁹For we are God's servants, working together; you are God's field, God's building.

Word of God, Word of Life

Thanks be to God

P: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew the 5th Chapter

C: Glory to You, O Lord

[Jesus said to the disciples:] ²¹"You have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, 'You shall not murder'; and 'whoever murders shall be liable to judgment.' ²²But I say to you that if you are angry with a brother or sister, you will be liable to judgment; and if you insult a brother or sister, you will be liable to the council; and if you say, 'You fool,' you will be liable to the hell of fire. ²³So when you are offering your gift at the altar, if you remember that your brother or sister has something against you, ²⁴leave your gift there before the altar and go; first be reconciled to your brother or sister, and then come and offer your gift. ²⁵Come to terms quickly with your accuser while you are on the way to court with him, or your accuser may hand you over to the judge, and the judge to the guard, and you will be thrown into prison. ²⁶Truly I tell you, you will never get out until you have paid the last penny.

²⁷"You have heard that it was said, 'You shall not commit adultery.' ²⁸But I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lust has already committed adultery with her in his heart. ²⁹If your right eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away; it is better for you to lose one of your members than for your whole body to be thrown into hell. ³⁰And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away; it is better for you to lose one of your members than for your whole body to go into hell.

³¹"It was also said, 'Whoever divorces his wife, let him give her a certificate of divorce.' ³²But I say to you that anyone who divorces his wife, except on the ground of unchastity, causes her to commit adultery; and whoever marries a divorced woman commits adultery.

³³"Again, you have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, 'You shall not swear falsely, but carry out the vows you have made to the Lord.' ³⁴But I say to you, Do not swear at all, either by heaven, for it is the throne of God, ³⁵or by the earth, for it is his footstool, or by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the great King. ³⁶And do not swear by your head, for you cannot make one hair white or black. ³⁷Let your word be 'Yes, Yes' or 'No, No'; anything more than this comes from the evil one."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Hymn of the Day: "Song of Love"

Jesus, king of my heart
Father, my peace and my light
Spirit, the joy of my soul You are

Jesus, to You none compare
Father, I rest in your care
Spirit, the hope of my heart You are

The heavens declare You are God
And the mountains rejoice
The oceans cry "Alleluia"
As we worship You Lord
For this is our song of love
Jesus, You saved my soul

I'll thank You forever more
Jesus, the love of my life You are

The heavens declare You are God
And the mountains rejoice
The oceans cry "Alleluia"
As we worship You Lord
For this is our song of love
Jesus, I am in awe

Of the love that You have shown
Jesus, how precious you are
To me, to me

The heavens declare You are God
And the mountains rejoice
The oceans cry "Alleluia"
As we worship You Lord
For this is our song of Love

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 Intercession

*(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-JU_UuLu19bUbJx2MmPFcXvWIUz6A7FDgkhUKk0PpduXvnt8gXUeZjQYbn9G3frHWC59Y_VCHQ6_VCoE=&ver=3

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.

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: "Love the Lord"

Love the Lord, your God, with all your heart
With all your soul, with all your mind
And with all your strength
Love the Lord, your God, with all your heart
With all your soul, with all your mind
And with all your strength

With all your heart, with all your soul
With all your mind, with all your strength
Love the Lord, your God, with all your heart
With all your soul, with all your mind
And with all your strength

I will serve the Lord with all my heart
With all my soul, with all my mind
And with all my strength
I will serve the Lord with all my heart
With all my soul, with all my mind
And with all my strength

With all my heart, with all my soul
With all my mind, with all my strength
I will serve the Lord with all my heart
With all my soul, with all my mind
And with all my strength

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

Pastor: The Rev. Matthew E Ollikainen
 Music/Choir Director: Michael Dettra
 Lay Reader/Communion 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

Please consider supporting our sister congregation, Nueva Creación Lutheran Church in Philadelphia who does vital ministry in North Philadelphia. A sign-up sheet is found on the table in the narthex near the entrance to the sanctuary.

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE: SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 5

8:00 a.m. 15 9:30 a.m. 24 Sunday School 5 **Total 44**

MONTHLY FINANCIAL STATEMENT

	<u>Received as of 1/31/23</u>	<u>Needed per Budget</u>
Current	\$11,802.43	\$17,281.00
Mortgage	\$ 2,581.00	\$ 1,898.00



LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF - EARTHQUAKE IN TURKEY

Lutheran World Relief is coordinating an emergency response to our neighbors in Turkey devastated by the earthquake.

We are being asked to donate to the emergency response fund so they can deliver critically needed care for families like water, medical care, shelter and essential supplies.

Please send your donations to Advent marked with earthquake relief and it will be sent in to Lutheran World Relief or give online at **lwr.org/quake** or mail a check to **Lutheran World Relief, PO Box 17061, Baltimore, MD 21297-1061**. Please write **QUAKE** in the memo.

Thank you for leading our congregation to share God's love with the world when it's needed most.



THURSDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY - FEBRUARY 16 AT 7:00 P.M.

Thursday Night Study will be on **February 16 at 7:00 p.m.** We are studying the Sermon on the Mount which starts in chapter 5 and continues through chapters 6 and 7 of the Gospel of Matthew. Thursday Night Bible Study will then take another break through the season of Lent, during which we will be having our midweek Lenten soup supper and services on Thursdays for five weeks. Our next Thursday night Bible Study will be after Holy Week and Easter on **April 13th**.

Thank you to everyone who submitted study ideas. We have several interesting suggestions to us guide this Spring.

We will continue to meet by Zoom:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89632518358?pwd=Smg5dm1BaoVZamZjNG1YMko2MlVvdz09>

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.



ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING ON SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 26

On Sunday, **February 26** we will have **one service at 9:00 a.m.** The Annual Congregational Meeting will follow the service at **10:00 a.m.** Please plan to attend so that we make quorum and be able to conduct the business of the Church.

If you are unable to attend the meeting in person, **please plan to attend via zoom.**

While using Zoom, please mute yourself when you are not speaking.

Meeting ID: 884 7671 6384 Pass code: 083867

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88476716384?pwd=ZkZ5SzYoRkZlN3ppY205Y29qZEQrdz09>



PING PONG TUESDAY NIGHTS

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)



CHOIR AND PRAISE BAND PRACTICES

Practices of the Choir and Praise Band are on **Wednesday nights, 6:30 Praise Band, 7:15 Choir.** All are welcome and encouraged to join, no prior experience is necessary. Please see Mike Dettra, Music and Choir director or Pastor Matt for more details.



ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICES

We will be having Ash Wednesday services on Wednesday, **February 22 at Noon and 7:00 p.m.** in person and online. We will also be having mid week Lenten Services throughout five weeks of Lent on Thursdays.

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:

While using Zoom, please mute yourself when you are not speaking.

Noon Ash Wednesday Service

Meeting ID: 841 9863 4613 Pass code: 177117

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84198634613?pwd=NjJBdkhYMjlBRkRrY1JJZlB3SVZMZz09>

7:00 p.m. Ash Wednesday Service

Meeting ID: 818 0965 8781 Pass code: 403537

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81809658781?pwd=eEFKQ1Noa1lHV2FsWENDcExuWXArDz09>



MID-WEEK LENTEN WORSHIP SERVICES THURSDAYS MARCH 2 - MARCH 30

"Beneath the Cross of Jesus" is the theme for worship this season of Lent. We live our lives beneath the cross of Jesus, beneath God's manifold love and grace that reach to us even from Calvary. Based on the hymn "Beneath the cross of Jesus" (ELW 338), this series explores what it means for us to abide at the foot of the cross, to cling to the rock of our salvation, to dwell in

the house of the Lord, and to confess our sins and receive God's forgiveness.

Services will be held in person and online this year **Thursday evenings at 7:00 p.m., March 2 through March 30.**

Mid week Lenten Worship 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. While using Zoom, please mute yourself when you are not speaking.

Meeting ID: 864 7772 3021

Pass code: 443360

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86477723021?pwd=cEFHd2hxYoxMRVJPT2hCQjQ5MnF2Zz09>



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 **Thursdays March 2 through March 30.** Please sign up at church to bring soup, bread or drinks. Please contact Gail Oines with any questions or concerns 215-534-8218.

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.



AMAZON SMILE ENDING

After nearly a decade, Amazon Smile Foundation will no longer support buyers chosen charities. With more than 1 million charities globally to choose from, Amazon has realized that their impact to help is spread too thin. They realize they will have a more significant and lasting impact if they invest in specific areas and focus efforts in the communities where their employees live and work.

This means that Advent will no longer receive the quarterly disbursements from the congregation's purchases through Amazon Smile. Please consider making any purchases you are contemplating before February 20th when the program will end. Please contact Gail Oines at 215-534-8218 if you have any questions.



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!



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.



WE'RE KEEPING TABS

Recycling can tabs for charity is a great idea! The tab collection program began at the Philadelphia Ronald McDonald House in 1997. <https://www.rmhcphilly.org/recycle/>

If you bring them in, we'll drop them off . . . Look for marked containers in the narthex, located on the shelf above the coat rack. No cans, please – just tabs! Thank you.



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!

THIS WEEK AT ADVENT

SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY - FEBRUARY 12

- 8:00 am Traditional Holy Communion
- 9:00 am Adult Bible Study
- 9:30 am Contemporary Holy Communion
Sunday School age 4 - grade 6
- 10:30 am Fellowship Time: Tony & Jeanne Gryszka
- 10:45 am Church Council Meeting

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 13

- 7:30 pm. A.A. Open Meeting

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 14

- 6:30 pm. Ping Pong

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 15

- 6:30 pm Praise Team Practice
- 7:15 pm Choir Practice

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 16

- 7:00 pm Bible Study

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 17

- 7:30 pm A.A. Step Meeting

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 18

- 10:00 am Stitch Club

TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD - FEBRUARY 19

- 8:00 am Traditional Holy Communion
- 9:00 am Adult Bible Study
- 9:30 am Contemporary Holy Communion
Sunday School age 4 - grade 6
- 10:30 am Fellowship Time: Open
- 10:45 am Adult Bible Study