Fifth Sunday after Epiphany February 5, 2023 Service of the Word 8:00 a.m. and 9:30 a.m.



GATHERING

EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN WORSHIP ORDER OF WORSHIP

Gathering

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

(Please stand as you are able.) Confessions and Forgiveness

(All may make the sign of the cross, (†) the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.)

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: "Gather Us In" WOV #718

Here in this place new light is streaming Now is the darkness vanished away See in this space our fears and our dreaming Brought here to you in the light of this day Gather us in, the lost and forsaken Gather us in, the blind and the lame Call to us now and we shall awaken We shall arise at the sound of our name

We are the young, our lives are a mystery We are the old who yearn for your face We have been sung throughout all of history Called to be light to the whole human race

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*.

Gather us in, the rich and the haughty Gather us in, the proud and the strong Give us a heart so meek and so lowly Give us the courage to enter the song

Here we will take the wine and the water
Here we will take the bread of new birth
Here you shall call your sons and your daughters
Call us anew to be salt for the earth
Give us to drink the wine of compassion
Give us to eat the bread that is you
Nourish us well and teach us to fashion
Lives that are holy and hearts that are true

Hymn of Praise





Prayer of the Day

Let us pray. . .Lord God, with endless mercy you receive the prayers of all who call upon you. By your Spirit show us the things we ought to do, and give us the grace and power to do them, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

WORD

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

First Reading: Isaiah 58:1-9a [9b-12]

¹Shout out, do not hold back!
Lift up your voice like a trumpet!
Announce to my people their rebellion,
to the house of Jacob their sins.
²Yet day after day they seek me
and delight to know my ways,
as if they were a nation that practiced re

as if they were a nation that practiced righteousness and did not forsake the ordinance of their God;

they ask of me righteous judgments,

they delight to draw near to God.

3"Why do we fast, but you do not see?

Why humble ourselves, but you do not notice?"

Look, you serve your own interest on your fast day, and oppress all your workers.

⁴Look, you fast only to quarrel and to fight and to strike with a wicked fist.

Such fasting as you do today

will not make your voice heard on high.

⁵Is such the fast that I choose, a day to humble oneself?

Is it to bow down the head like a bulrush, and to lie in sackcloth and ashes?

Will you call this a fast,

a day acceptable to the LORD?

6 Is not this the fast that I choose:
to loose the bonds of injustice,
to undo the thongs of the yoke,
to let the oppressed go free,
and to break every yoke?
7 Is it not to share your bread with the hungry,
and bring the homeless poor into your house;
when you see the naked, to cover them,
and not to hide yourself from your own kin?
8 Then your light shall break forth like the dawn,
and your healing shall spring up quickly;
your vindicator shall go before you,
the glory of the LORD shall be your rear guard.
9 AThen you shall call, and the LORD will answer;
you shall cry for help, and he will say, Here I am.

[9bIf you remove the yoke from among you, the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil, ¹⁰if you offer your food to the hungry and satisfy the needs of the afflicted, then your light shall rise in the darkness and your gloom be like the noonday. ¹¹The LORD will guide you continually, and satisfy your needs in parched places, and make your bones strong; and you shall be like a watered garden, like a spring of water, whose waters never fail. ¹²Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt: you shall raise up the foundations of many generations; you shall be called the repairer of the breach, the restorer of streets to live in.]

Word of God, Word of Life

Thanks be to God

Psalm: Psalm 112:1-9 [10]

¹Hallelujah! Happy are they who fear the LORD and have great delight in God's commandments!

²Their descendants will be mighty in the land; the generation of the upright will be blessed.

³Wealth and riches will be in their house, and their righteousness will last forever.

⁴Light shines in the darkness for the upright; the righteous are merciful and full of compassion.

⁵It is good for them to be generous in lending and to manage their affairs with justice.

⁶For they will never be shaken;

the righteous will be kept in everlasting remembrance.

⁷They will not be afraid of any evil rumors; their heart is steadfast, trusting in the LORD.

⁸Their heart is established and will not shrink, until they see their desire upon their enemies.

⁹They have given freely to the poor, and their righteousness stands fast forever; they will hold up their head with honor.

[10The wicked will see it and be angry; they will gnash their teeth and pine away; the desires of the wicked will perish.]

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 2:1-12 [13-16]

¹When I came to you, brothers and sisters, I did not come proclaiming the mystery of God to you in lofty words or wisdom. ²For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ, and him crucified. ³And I came to you in weakness and in fear and in much trembling. ⁴My speech and my proclamation were not with plausible words of wisdom, but with a demonstration of the Spirit and of power, ⁵so that your faith might rest not on human wisdom but on the power of God.

⁶Yet among the mature we do speak wisdom, though it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to perish. ⁷But we speak God's wisdom, secret and hidden, which God decreed before the ages for our glory. ⁸None of the rulers of this age understood this; for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. ⁹But, as it is written,

"What no eye has seen, nor ear heard,

nor the human heart conceived,

what God has prepared for those who love him"—

¹⁰these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit; for the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. ¹¹For what human being knows what is truly human except the human spirit that is within? So also no one comprehends what is truly God's except the Spirit of God. ¹²Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit that is from God, so that we may understand the gifts bestowed on us by God. [¹³And we speak of these things in words not taught by human wisdom but taught by the Spirit, interpreting spiritual things to those who are spiritual.

¹⁴Those who are unspiritual do not receive the gifts of God's Spirit, for they are foolishness to them, and they are unable to understand them because they are spiritually discerned. ¹⁵Those who are spiritual discern all things, and they are themselves subject to no one else's scrutiny.

¹⁶"For who has known the mind of the Lord

so as to instruct him?"

But we have the mind of Christ.]

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Gospel Acclamation

(Please stand as you are able.)



Gospel Reading: Matthew 5:13-20

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



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



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

C: Glory to You, O Lord

[Jesus said:] ¹³"You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled under foot.

¹⁴"You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. ¹⁵No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. ¹⁶In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

¹⁷"Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. ¹⁸For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. ¹⁹Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches others to do the same, will be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. ²⁰For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

(Please be seated.)

Sermon/Meditation

Hymn of the Day: "Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service" LBW#423

1 Lord, whose love in humble service bore the weight of human need, who upon the cross, forsaken, worked your mercy's perfect deed: we, your servants, bring the worship not of voice alone, but heart; consecrating to your purpose ev'ry gift which you impart.

2 Still your children wander homeless; still the hungry cry for bread; still the captives long for freedom; still in grief we mourn our dead. As you, Lord, in deep compassion healed the sick and freed the soul, by your Spirit send your power to our world to make it whole.

3 As we worship, grant us vision, till your love's revealing light in its height and depth and greatness dawns upon our quickened sight, making known the needs and burdens your compassion bids us bear, stirring us to ardent service, your abundant life to share.

4 Called by worship to your service, forth in your dear name we go, to the child, the youth, the aged, love in living deeds to show; hope and health, good will and comfort, counsel, aid and peace we give, that your servants, Lord, in freedom may your mercy know and live.

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-

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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

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.

SENDING

Blessina

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: "This Little Light of Mine"

1 This little light of mine,
I'm gonna let it shine.
This little light of mine,
I'm gonna let it shine.
This little light of mine,
I'm gonna let it shine,
let it shine, let it shine, oh let it shine.
2 Ev'rywhere I go,
I'm gonna let it shine.
Ev'rywhere I go,
I'm gonna let it shine.

Ev'rywhere I go,
I'm gonna let it shine,
let it shine, let it shine, oh let it shine
3 Jesus gave it to me,
I'm gonna let it shine.
Jesus gave it to me,
I'm gonna let it shine.
Jesus gave it to me,
I'm gonna let it shine,
let it shine, let it shine, oh let it shine.

Dismissal

Go in peace. Follow the way of Jesus.

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

Pastor: The Rev. Matthew E Ollikainen Music/Choir Director: Michael Dettra Lay Reader 8:00 a.m. Rose Herbert 9:30 a.m. Jennifer McQuiggan

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

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, JANUARY 29

8:00 a.m. 22 9:30 a.m. 30 Sunday School 10 Total 62

MONTHLY FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Received as of 1/31/23 Needed per Budget

Current \$11,802.43 \$17,281.00 \$ 2,581.00 \$ 1,898.00 Mortgage



THURSDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY - FEBRUARY 2, 9 AND 16 AT 7:00 P.M.

Thursday Night Study begins February 2nd at 7:00 p.m. We will study the Sermon on the Mount which starts in chapter 5 and continues through chapters 6 and 7 of the Gospel of Matthew. We will study one chapter a week on **February 2nd**, **9th and 16th**. 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://uso2web.zoom.us/j/89632518358?pwd=Smg5dm1BaoVZamZjNG1YMko2MlVvdzo9

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.

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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.

MEN'S BREAKFAST SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 11

Men's breakfast will take place Saturday, February 11 at 8:30 am. We start serving at 8:30 a.m., coffee is ready and waiting at 7:30. Dave

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:

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7:00 p.m. Ash Wednesday Service



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.

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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 signup 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 chose 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 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!



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

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY - FEBRUARY 5

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: George Henry

10:45 am Adult Bible Study

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 6

7:30 pm A.A. Open Meeting

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 7

6:30 pm Ping Pong

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 8

6:30 pm Praise Team Practice

7:15 pm Choir Practice

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 9

7:00 pm Bible Study

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 10

7:30 pm A.A. Step Meeting

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 11

8:30 am Men's Breakfast 10:00 am Stitch Club

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