

**SERVICE OF THE WORD
FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EIPHANY
January 28, 2024
8:00 & 9:30 am**



We Gather in Jesus' Name

EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN WORSHIP

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Gathering

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

Prelude (a time for silent meditation)

Announcements

Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
creator of darkness and light,
word of truth,
wind sweeping over the waters.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

God, our rock and refuge,

we pour out our hearts before you.

We have known you but have not always loved you.

**We have wounded one another
and sinned against you.**

**We have not always recognized the Holy Spirit
dwelling in each of us.**

Remember your covenant.

Renew your creation.

Restore us,

that we might proclaim your good news to all.

Amen.

The voice of the Lord is upon the waters.

God has spoken:

The time of grace is now.

In Jesus, the reign of God has come near.

By the authority of † Jesus Christ,
your sins are forgiven.

You are God's beloved. **Amen.**

Gathering Song: “How Great is Our God”

Verse 1

The splendor of the King
Clothed in majesty
Let all the earth rejoice
All the earth rejoice
He wraps Himself in light
And darkness tries to hide
And trembles at His voice
And trembles at His voice

Chorus

How great is our God
Sing with me
How great is our God
And all will see how great
How great is our God

Verse 2

And age to age He stands
And time is in His hands
Beginning and the End
Beginning and the End
The Godhead three in one
Father Spirit Son

The Lion and the Lamb
The Lion and the Lamb

Chorus

How great is our God
Sing with me
How great is our God
And all will see how great
How great is our God

Bridge

Name above all names
Worthy of all praise
My heart will sing
How great is our God

Chorus

How great is our God
Sing with me
How great is our God
And all will see how great
How great is our God

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.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray ... Compassionate God, you gather the whole universe into your radiant presence and continually reveal your Son as our Savior. Bring wholeness to all that is broken and speak truth to us in our confusion, that all creation will see and know your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

Readings for The Fourth Sunday After Epiphany

First Reading: Deuteronomy 18:15-20

[Moses said:] ¹⁵The LORD your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among your own people; you shall heed such a prophet. ¹⁶This is what you requested of the LORD your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly when you said: “If I hear the voice of the LORD my God any more, or ever again see this great fire, I will die.” ¹⁷Then the LORD replied to me: “They are right in what they have said. ¹⁸I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their own people; I will put my words in the mouth of the prophet, who shall speak to them everything that I command. ¹⁹Anyone who does not heed the words that the prophet shall speak in my name, I myself will hold accountable. ²⁰But any prophet who speaks in the name of other gods, or who presumes to speak in my name a word that I have not commanded the prophet to speak—that prophet shall die.”

Word of God, Word of Life
Thanks be to God

Psalm: Psalm 111

¹Hallelujah! I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart,
in the assembly of the upright, in the congregation.

²**Great are your works, O LORD,
pondered by all who delight in them.**

³Majesty and splendor mark your deeds,
and your righteousness endures forever.

⁴**You cause your wonders to be remembered;
you are gracious and full of compassion.**

⁵You give food to those who fear you,
remembering forever your covenant.

⁶**You have shown your people the power of your works
in giving them the lands of the nations.**

⁷The works of your hands are faithfulness and justice;
all of your precepts are sure.

⁸**They stand fast forever and ever,
because they are done in truth and equity.**

⁹You sent redemption to your people and commanded your covenant forever;
holy and awesome is your name.

¹⁰**The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom;
all who practice this have a good understanding. God's praise endures forever.**

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 8:1-13

¹Now concerning food sacrificed to idols: we know that “all of us possess knowledge.” Knowledge puffs up, but love builds up. ²Anyone who claims to know something does not yet have the necessary knowledge; ³but anyone who loves God is known by him.

⁴Hence, as to the eating of food offered to idols, we know that “no idol in the world really exists,” and that “there is no God but one.” ⁵Indeed, even though there may be so-called gods in heaven or on earth—as in fact there are many gods and many lords—⁶yet for us there is one God, the Father, from whom are all things and for whom we exist, and one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom are all things and through whom we exist.

⁷It is not everyone, however, who has this knowledge. Since some have become so accustomed to idols until now, they still think of the food they eat as food offered to an idol; and their conscience, being weak, is defiled. ⁸“Food will not bring us close to God.” We are no worse off if we do not eat, and no better off if we do. ⁹But take care that this liberty of yours does not somehow become a stumbling block to the weak. ¹⁰For if others see you, who possess knowledge, eating in the temple of an idol, might they not, since their conscience is weak, be encouraged to the point of eating food sacrificed to idols? ¹¹So by your knowledge those weak believers for whom Christ died are destroyed. ¹²But when you thus sin against members of your family, and wound their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ. ¹³Therefore, if food is a cause of their falling, I will never eat meat, so that I may not cause one of them to fall.

Word of God, Word of Life

Thanks be to God

Gospel: Mark 1:21-28

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

C: Glory to You, O Lord

²¹[Jesus and his disciples] went to Capernaum; and when the sabbath came, he entered the synagogue and taught. ²²They were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes. ²³Just then there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit, ²⁴and he cried out, “What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are, the Holy One of God.” ²⁵But Jesus rebuked him, saying, “Be silent, and come out of him!” ²⁶And the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying with a loud voice, came out of him. ²⁷They were all amazed, and they kept on asking one another, “What is this? A new teaching—with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him.” ²⁸At once his fame began to spread throughout the surrounding region of Galilee.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.
C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Song of Praise: "Be unto Your Name"

We are a moment, You are forever
Lord of the Ages, God before time
We are a vapor, You are eternal
Love everlasting, reigning on high

Holy, holy, Lord God Almighty
Worthy is the Lamb Who was slain
Highest praises, honor and glory
Be unto Your name, be unto Your name

We are the broken, You are the healer
Jesus, Redeemer, Mighty to save

You are the love song we'll sing forever
Bowing before You, blessing Your name

Holy, holy, Lord God Almighty
Worthy is the Lamb Who was slain
Highest praises, honor and glory
Be unto Your name, be unto Your name

Holy, holy, Lord God Almighty
Worthy is the Lamb Who was slain
Highest praises, honor and glory
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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 prayer ends with . . . God of grace, 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_IQfxkD4hBw8WoQ6UZLveQvLkSxosar20939JWiAad87o7zqy-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 Hymn: "I Could Sing of Your Love Forever"

Over the mountains and the sea

Your river runs with love for me

And I will open up my heart

And let the Healer set me free

I'm happy to be in the truth

And I will daily lift my hands

For I will always sing

Of when Your love came down

I could sing of Your love forever

I could sing of Your love forever

I could sing of Your love forever


I could sing of Your love forever

(Sing whole song 2x)

Dismissal

Go in peace. You are God’s beloved.
Thanks be to God

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<p>OUR MISSION - FAITHFUL IN THE WORD</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> + 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 	
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SERVING OUR LORD IN WORSHIP TODAY

Worship Leader:	George Henry
Music Director	Mike Dettra
Lay Reader	Rose Herbert
	John Flint
	8:00 am
	9:30 am

SUNDAY WORSHIP LEADER

George Henry will be today’s Worship Leader.

ALTAR FLOWERS

The Altar Flowers are dedicated to the Glory of God.

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

Sunday January 21, 8 :00 am 24, 9:30am 30, Sunday School 5 Total 59

Financial Report For December 2023		
	Rec'vd for Dec 2023	Budget for Dec 2023
General Fund	\$31,385.93	\$17,281.00
Mortgage	\$4,943	\$1,898.00
Bene. - Synod Only	\$83	\$134
Other Benevolence	\$542	
Total	\$36,953.93	\$19,313.00
	Recv'd YTD 1/1-12/31/23	Budget YTD 1/1-12/31/23
General Fund	\$158,639.72	\$207,372.00
Mortgage	\$30,898.00	\$22,776.00
Bene. - Synod Only	\$791.00	\$1,608.00
Other Benevolence	\$8,090.00	
Total	\$198,418.72	\$231,756.00



BLOOD DRIVE, TUESDAY, JANUARY 30

The Blood Drive at Advent will take place, on January 30, 2024, from **2:00 pm to 7:00 pm.** Please consider donating and asking your friends and neighbors to join you. All those participating will be entered for a chance to win tickets for Super Bowl LVIII, February 11th in Las Vegas. Package includes tickets, round trip airfare, hotel and a \$1,000 gift card. Sign up in the narthex or online at RedCrossBlood.org and enter Sponsor Code: Adventlutheran, or call 1- 800-Red Cross or Audrey at 215-913-1037, Thank you for your support.
Passcode: 500201



ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICES

We will have two Ash Wednesday services on **February 14, the first at Noon and the second at 7:00 p.m.,** in person and online.

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 8:00 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:

Smart device/Computer instructions- Click on the links listed below for the Noon Service and 7:00 p.m. Service.

Phone instructions: Call 1-646-558-8656

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

Topic: Ash Wednesday, February 14

12:00 pm Service

Join Zoom Meeting ID: 895 7633 6231

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89576336231>

Topic: Ash Wednesday, February 14

7:00 p.m. Evening Service

Join Zoom Meeting ID: 816 6736 4482

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81667364482>



MID-WEEK LENTEN WORSHIP SERVICES,

THURSDAYS FEBRUARY 22 - MARCH 21

“Book of Acts” is the theme for worship this season of Lent.

Services will be held in person and online this year Thursday evenings at 7:00 p.m., February 21 through March 21.

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.

Topic: Mid-Week Lenten Service, 7:00 pm

Thursdays February 22 thru March 21

Join Zoom Meeting: Meeting ID: 830 9865 6920

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83098656920>



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** February 22 through March 21. Please sign up at church to bring soup, bread or drinks. Please contact Gail Oines with any questions or concerns 215-534-8218.



ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING ON SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25

On Sunday, **February 25** we will have **one worship 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 are 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.

Topic: Congregational Meeting: 10:00 am February 25, 2024

Join Zoom Meeting ID: 898 2827 3113 - <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89828273113>



PING PONG – CANCELLED FOR TUESDAY, JANUARY 30

Ping Pong will be cancelled for **this Wednesday, January 30**. The Blood Drive will be taking place.

All are welcome to join us for an evening of Ping Pong at the church on Tuesday nights at 6:30pm. Please call the church 215-355-2529 if you want to give it a try. (It helps to know how many tables to set up).



ALTAR FLOWER DEDICATION

There are numerous dates available for 2023 to dedicate flowers to beautify the altar each Sunday. Please sign up on the sheet on the table in the narthex with your name and dedication. Two bouquets are available each week. The cost is \$25 per bouquet. In addition to making the altar more beautiful, you take the flowers home after the late

service to enjoy during the week. If you have any questions call Cindy Frey 267-205-0713.



NUEVA CREACION LUTHERAN CHURCH

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



DRIVE in AND DROP off FOOD COLLECTION

If you have food for the Warminster Food Bank 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. Thank you for helping our neighbors in need.



RECYCLING CAN TABS FOR CHARITY IS A GREAT IDEA!

Recycling can tabs for charity is a great idea! 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! The tab collection program began at **Ronald McDonald House**

Charities of the Philadelphia Region in 1997. Since the inception of the program, **RMHC** has collected over 350 tons of tabs and over \$170,000! See RMHCphilly.org.

THIS WEEK AT ADVENT

FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

JANUARY 28

- 8:00 am Traditional Worship with Holy Communion
- 9:30 am Contemporary Worship with Holy Communion
Sunday School, age 4 – grade 6
- 10:30 am Fellowship Time: The Ward Family
- 10:30 am Adult Bible Study

MONDAY, JANUARY 29

- 7:30 pm A.A. Open Meeting

TUESDAY, JANUARY 30

- 6:30 pm Blood Drive

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 2

- 7:30 pm A.A. Step Meeting

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

FEBRUARY 4

- 8:00 am Traditional Worship Service with Holy Communion
- 9:30 am Contemporary Worship Service with Holy Communion
Sunday School, age 4 – grade 6
- 10:30 am Fellowship Time: open
- 10:30 am Adult Bible Study