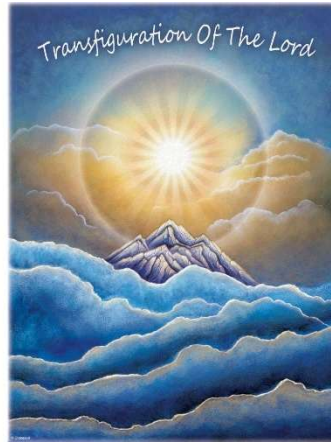


TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD

March 2, 2025

9:30 a.m.



We Gather in Jesus' Name

Prelude - a time for silent meditation

Announcements

Confessions and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God, our creator, our protector, our wellspring of life.

Amen.

Trusting that God receives our words and the meditations of our hearts, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Merciful God,

you speak blessing and compassion into the world.

**Forgive us for the ways we act
with judgment, cruelty, or indifference.**

We ignore the needs of our neighbors;

we resist your call to oppose injustice;

we give in to scarcity and fear;

we assume the worst about one another.

Cleanse us from our faults

and release us from their grasp.

Show us your lovingkindness.

Restore our hearts and repair your world,

that we may live in Christ's ways.

Amen.

God proclaims these words of assurance:

“Do not fear, for I have redeemed you. I have called you by name. You are mine.”

In ✝ Christ, you are forgiven. In the Spirit, you are made free. Refreshed by the waters of mercy, live anew as beloved children of God. **Amen.**

Gathering Song: “Shine, Jesus, Shine”

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Refrain

Shine, Jesus, shine
Fill this land with the Father's glory
Blaze, Spirit, blaze
Set our hearts on fire
Flow, river, flow
Flood the nations with grace and mercy
Send forth your word
Lord, and let there be light

1 Lord, the light of your love is shining
In the midst of the darkness, shining
Jesus, Light of the world, shine upon us
Set us free by the truth you now bring us
Shine on me, shine on me **Refrain**

2 As we gaze on your kingly brightness
So our faces display your likeness
Ever changing from glory to glory
Mirrored here may our lives tell your story
Shine on me, shine on me **Refrain**

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

Holy God, mighty and immortal, you are beyond our knowing, yet we see your glory in the face of Jesus Christ. Transform us into the likeness of your Son, who renewed our humanity so that we may share in his divinity, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Children’s Sermon

The Reading of God’s Word

First Reading: Exodus 34:29-35

²⁹ Moses came down from Mount Sinai. As he came down from the mountain with the two tablets of the covenant in his hand, Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone because he had been talking with God. ³⁰ When Aaron and all the Israelites saw Moses, the skin of his face was shining, and they were afraid to come near him. ³¹ But Moses called to them; and Aaron and all the leaders of the congregation returned to him, and Moses spoke with them. ³² Afterward all the Israelites came near, and he gave them in commandment all that the Lord had spoken with him on Mount Sinai. ³³ When Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil on his face; ³⁴ but whenever Moses went in before the Lord to speak with him, he would take the veil off, until he came out; and when he came out, and told the Israelites what he had been commanded, ³⁵ the Israelites would see the face of Moses, that the skin of his face was shining; and Moses would put the veil on his face again, until he went in to speak with him.

Word of God, Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm: Psalm 99

¹The Lord is king; let the people tremble.

The Lord is enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth shake.

²**The Lord, great in Zion,
is high above all peoples.**

³Let them confess God's name, which is great and awesome;
God is the Holy One.

⁴**O mighty king, lover of justice, you have established equity;
you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob.**

⁵Proclaim the greatness of the Lord and fall down before God's footstool;
God is the Holy One.

⁶**Moses and Aaron among your priests, and Samuel among those who call upon
your name, O Lord,
they called upon you, and you answered them,**

⁷you spoke to them out of the pillar of cloud;
they kept your testimonies and the decree that you gave them.

⁸**O Lord our God, you answered them indeed;
you were a God who forgave them, yet punished them for their evil deeds.**

⁹Proclaim the greatness of the Lord and worship upon God's holy hill;
for the Lord our God is the Holy One.

Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2

¹² Since, then, we have such a hope, we act with great boldness, ¹³ not like Moses, who put a veil over his face to keep the people of Israel from gazing at the end of the glory that was being set aside. ¹⁴ But their minds were hardened. Indeed, to this very day, when they hear the reading of the old covenant, that same veil is still there, since only in Christ is it set aside. ¹⁵ Indeed, to this very day whenever Moses is read, a veil lies over their minds; ¹⁶ but when one turns to the Lord, the veil is removed. ¹⁷ Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. ¹⁸ And all of us, with unveiled faces, seeing the glory of the Lord as though reflected in a mirror, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another; for this comes from the Lord, the Spirit.

^{4:1} Therefore, since it is by God's mercy that we are engaged in this ministry, we do not lose heart. ² We have renounced the shameful things that one hides; we refuse to practice cunning or to falsify God's word; but by the open statement of the truth we commend ourselves to the conscience of everyone in the sight of God.

Word of God, Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

P: The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 9th chapter.

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

Gospel: Luke 9:28-36 [37-43a]

²⁸ Now about eight days after these sayings Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. ²⁹ And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white. ³⁰ Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. ³¹ They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. ³² Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep; but since they had stayed awake, they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. ³³ Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, "Master, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah"—not knowing what he said. ³⁴ While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. ³⁵ Then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!" ³⁶ When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and in those days told no one any of the things they had seen.

[³⁷ On the next day, when they had come down from the mountain, a great crowd met him. ³⁸ Just then a man from the crowd shouted, "Teacher, I beg you to look at my son; he is my only child. ³⁹ Suddenly a spirit seizes him, and all at once he shrieks. It convulses him until he foams at the mouth; it mauls him and will scarcely leave him. ⁴⁰ I begged your disciples to cast it out, but they could not." ⁴¹ Jesus answered, "You faithless and perverse generation, how much longer must I be with you and bear with you? Bring your son here." ⁴² While he was coming, the demon dashed him to the ground in convulsions. But Jesus rebuked the unclean spirit, healed the boy, and gave him back to his father. ^{43a} And all were astounded at the greatness of God.]

The Gospel of the Lord

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... God of Grace.

*The congregation responds: **hear 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://secure.myvanco.com/YJ34/home>)

The Blessing of the Stewardship Commitment Cards

Offertory Prayer

Let us pray...

God of grace, your love reaches to the heavens, and your abundance to the depths of the seas.

Bless what we offer to your service: our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts.

Let us overflow with gratitude and generosity, now and always. **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.**

Invitation to Communion

The joy of the Lord is our strength.
Come, eat this meal of gladness.

Distribution

The body of Christ, given to you
The blood of Christ, shed for you

Prayer After Communion

Nourishing God, at this table you have refreshed us with holy gifts of food and drink. Strengthen us for service, and send us out to embody your good news of liberation and healing for the sake of the world. In the name of Christ we pray, **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 Hymn: "Once Again"

1 Jesus Christ, I think upon your sacrifice
You became nothing, poured out to death
Many times I've wondered at your gift of life
And I'm in that place once again
I'm in that place once again

Refrain

And once again I look upon the cross where
you died
I'm humbled by your mercy and I'm broken
inside
Once again I thank you
Once again I pour out my life

2 Now you are exalted to the highest place
King of the heavens, where one day I'll bow
But for now I marvel at your saving grace
And I'm full of praise once again
I'm full of praise once again **Refrain**


3 Thank you for the cross
Thank you for the cross
Thank you for the cross, my friend

Thank you for the cross
Thank you for the cross
Thank you for the cross, my friend **Refrain**

Dismissal

Go in peace. Live in hope.
Thanks be to God.

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OUR MISSION - FAITHFUL IN THE WORD	
<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 	

SERVING OUR LORD IN WORSHIP TODAY

Pastor	The Rev. Matthew E. Ollikainen
Music Director	Michael Dettra
Worship Assistant	Open
Fellowship Time	Open

ALTAR FLOWERS

The Altar Flowers are dedicated by Janice Hoffmann in honor of her father, Howard Bobb, Sr.

MISSION SUPPORT

Mission Support is dedicated to the Glory of God.

LAST SUNDAY'S WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

Sunday, February 23 TOTAL: 30
9:00 AM: 28+2=30 Sunday School: 0

CONTACTING PASTOR MATT

If you need to speak with Pastor Matt when he is not in the office, particularly in the case of a pastoral emergency, please feel free to call his cell at 215-859-3778 or email him at pastor@adventrichboro.org.

If he is not available to take your call, leave a message and he will contact you.

THURSDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY VIA ZOOM – WILL RESUME AFTER EASTER SUNDAY

Thursday Night Bible Study will resume after Easter on Thursday, April 24. Consider coming to the Soup Supper and Lenten Service on Baptismal Call on Thursdays, starting on March 13.

COMMUNION REMINDER

The Worship and Music Committee would like to remind the congregation that those going forward to the altar for communion have a few options. There is gluten-free bread in the small clear glass bowl, and white grape juice for those who prefer. Just let the Pastor or assistant know your preference. Thank you.

EASTER LILIES – SIGN UP BY APRIL 13

The sign-up sheet to place Easter Lilies on the altar for Easter Sunday is on the table in the narthex until April 13. Cost is \$15 per plant. You can also call or email the office with your request at 215-355-2529 or adventlutheranrichboro@gmail.com

DEDICATIONS FOR SUNDAY SERVICES

2025 ALTAR FLOWERS CHART

The 2025 Flower Chart to dedicate altar flowers each Sunday is on the table in the narthex. The cost is \$25 per bouquet, and you are welcome to take the flowers home following the late service. You can also call the church office to submit your mission dedication: 215-355-2529

2025 MISSION SUPPORT

The 2025 Mission Support Chart is available for sign up on the table in the narthex. Mission Support Dedication donations benefit our sister church, Iglesia Luterana Nueva Creacion, which does vital work in North Philadelphia. Dedication donations are \$25. You can also call the church office to submit your mission dedication: 215-355-2529

DONATIONS FOR FELLOWSHIP TIME



Fellowship Time is held Sundays directly following the 9:30 a.m. service. The sign-up sheet to provide refreshments for Fellowship Time is available in the narthex on the refreshment table. Advent supplies hot beverages and paper products.

If you are looking for a way to assist with Fellowship Time but do not have the time or ability to bake or shop for snacks, please consider donating a few dollars. The hungry snackers will appreciate it!



NEW EVENT: EASTER EGG HUNT – SEEKING ASSISTANTS!



Advent is hosting an Easter Egg Hunt this Spring! Christine Welsh has agreed to lead the event and is looking for some energetic and enthusiastic help for the planning and execution of the event. If you are interested in being involved, please contact Christine at 267-566-6299 or welsh0914@gmail.com.

To help jump start the event preparations, if you are able, please complete a short planning questionnaire: <https://tinyurl.com/adventegghunt>.

DIRECTORY UPDATE FOR THE CONGREGATION – ACTION REQUIRED BY SUNDAY, MARCH 2

The church office is updating the directory for the Congregation and we need your help! Copies of the current directory are available in the narthex and were emailed to the congregation. Please review your information and either CONFIRM or UPDATE your information no later than Sunday, March 2. Confirmation or update of contact information can be changed directly on the hard copy in the narthex, emailed to the church office at adventlutheranrichboro@gmail.com or called into the office at 215-355-2529. Thank you for your help in keeping our directory up-to-date!

JANUARY FINANCIAL REPORT

Financial Report For January 2025		
	Rec'vd for Jan 2025	Budget for Jan 2025
General Fund	\$11,190.06	\$18,609.00
Mortgage	\$1,451	\$1,898.00
Bene. - Synod Only	\$30	\$133
Other Benevolence	\$655	
Web Upgrade	\$0	
Total	\$13,326.06	\$20,640.00



RECYCLING CAN TABS FOR RONALD McDONALD HOUSE CHARITIES

We are collecting can tabs to support the Ronald McDonald House Charities which help alleviate some financial burdens for families along their child’s healthcare journey. Last year alone, they helped families save \$736 million in lodging and meal expenses.

Tabs can be placed in the marked containers in the narthex, on the shelf above the coat rack.

No cans, please – just tabs!

DRIVE-IN & DROP-OFF FOOD COLLECTION – WARMINSTER FOOD PANTRY

If you have food for the Warminster Food Pantry and the church is not open, just drive into the parking lot and drop off the food inside 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.

SUPPORT THE REBUILDING OF OUR CHURCH'S WEBSITE

Please help support the website rebuild through a financial gift, which will defray the costs totaling \$14,535 (for the rebuild and web hosting for one year). To date, over \$9,700 has been donated. Thanks to all who have made and will be making a financial gift in support of the appeal. Checks can be made out to Advent Evangelical Lutheran Church (memo line: Electronic Service Appeal).

CHURCH SECURITY

Please be mindful that all the doors of the church are locked and latched when you are leaving. The external doors do not always automatically latch when they swing shut.

- When leaving the church building, please **tug the door behind you** to check that it has latched.
- **If you possess a church key** and are the last key bearer to leave the church (i.e. Non-key bearing people may still be in the building), please check and lock the external doors upon leaving.

Thank you for your attentiveness.

LEIDY MICROSCOPICAL SOCIETY'S MICROMOUNT SYMPOSIUM Friday, March 7 and Saturday, March 8 at Advent

Daily Visitor Fees: \$5.00 for Friday, \$10.00 for Saturday

Saturday admission includes a silent auction, giveaways, & lunch

Saturday lectures:

- "Diving into Olivine," by Chris Duerr
- "The Fascinating World of Diatoms," by Bill Dailey

Vendors:

For both days: 6-foot table fee \$40.00, 1/2 table fee \$25.00

For more info: donmcalarnen@outlook.com Phone: 610- 584-1364

Make checks payable to: The Leidy Microscopical Society

Mail to: Don McAlarnen, 916 Senator Road, East Norriton, PA 19403

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

CARING FOR FRIENDS MEAL ASSEMBLY

March 2, after late service at 10:35 AM



We invite you to meet in fellowship hall to assemble dinners for Caring for Friends. If we have a good number of volunteers to scoop servings of food and put lids on the trays, we can complete a lot in a short amount of time.

Frozen meals will then be delivered to Caring for Friends for distribution. If you have any questions, please contact Kevin or Christine Welsh. We hope to see you there!



ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICES

Wednesday, March 5, 12:00 PM and 7:00 PM

Services for Ash Wednesday will be held at 12:00 pm and 7:00 pm. Services will be available in-person or online via Zoom and Facebook.



THURSDAY EVENING LENTEN SOUP SUPPERS AND SERVICES

Thursdays, March 13 through April 10

6:00 PM: Soup Supper

7:00 PM: Lenten Service: "Baptismal Call"

During the season of Lent, gather at Advent on Thursday evenings. Soup supper and fellowship will be followed by a Lenten worship service focused on Baptismal Call.

- For the Soup Supper, please sign up in the narthex to bring soup, bread or drinks.
- The Lenten service will also be available via Zoom and Facebook. The link for the service will be sent via email the week prior to the first Soup Supper.

SINGLE WORSHIP SERVICE

Sunday, March 23, 9:00 AM

Advent will have a single worship service at 9:00 am in advance of the Annual Congregational Meeting and Constitution Approval Vote.



CONGREGATIONAL MEETING - NEW CONSTITUTION APPROVAL VOTE

Sunday, March 23, following the 9:00 AM Service

The congregation will have a second chance to vote on the approval of the new constitution following the single worship service at 9:00 am on Sunday, March 23.



SPIRITUAL GIFTABILITIES INVENTORY

Sunday, March 30, 10:45 AM

For those who were not able to complete the Spiritual Giftabilities Inventory, you have an opportunity following the 9:30 a.m. service on March 30 to convene with Pastor Matt, who will guide you through the process. This inventory is meant to assist congregants in identifying and understanding their personal spiritual gifts and to identify the spiritual gifts of the congregation.

THIS WEEK AT ADVENT

SUNDAY, MARCH 2– Transfiguration of Our Lord

- 8:00 am Traditional Holy Communion
- 9:30 am Contemporary Holy Communion
- Sunday School for students age 4 to grade 6
- 10:30 am Fellowship Time: Open
- 10:35 am Caring for Friends – meal assembly in the Fellowship Hall

MONDAY, MARCH 3

- 7:30 pm A.A. Open Meeting

TUESDAY, MARCH 4

- 6:30 pm Ping Pong until 8:30 pm

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 5 – Ash Wednesday

- 12:00 pm Ash Wednesday Service – no Communion
- 7:00 pm Ash Wednesday Service – no Communion

FRIDAY, MARCH 7

- 7:30 pm A.A. Step Meeting

SATURDAY, MARCH 8

- 8:30 am Men’s Breakfast, coffee available at 7:30 a.m.

SUNDAY, MARCH 9 – First Sunday of Lent

- 8:00 am Traditional Holy Communion
- 9:30 am Contemporary Holy Communion
- Sunday School for students age 4 to grade 6
- 10:30 am Fellowship Time: Open
- 10:45 am Church Council Meeting

