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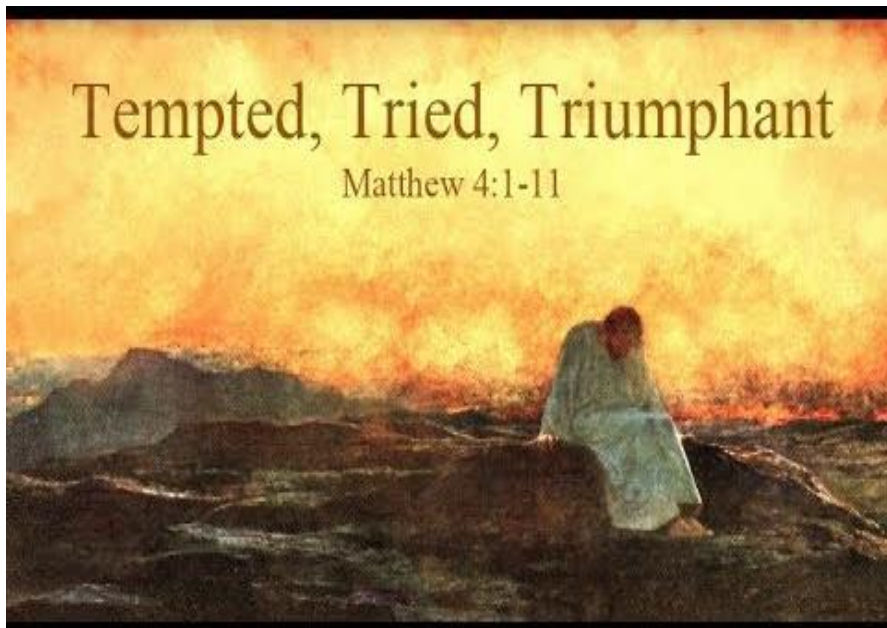
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***First Sunday in Lent
March 1, 2020 8:00 am***



WELCOME VISITORS

DISCOVER GOD'S ABUNDANT GRACE AND LOVE

*We extend a cordial welcome to all who worship with us today.
We give thanks that you are here with us. Please sign our guest book
and come back and worship with us again.*

LUTHERAN BOOK OF WORSHIP
SETTING ONE
ORDER OF WORSHIP
Gathering

Prelude *(a time for silent meditation)*

Announcements

Confessions and Forgiveness

(Please stand as you are able. All may make the sign of the cross, (†) the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins:)

In the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

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.

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Most merciful God,

we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought word and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.
Amen.

Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Gathering Hymn

“O Lord, Throughout These Forty Days”

LBW # 99

Greeting (p. 57)

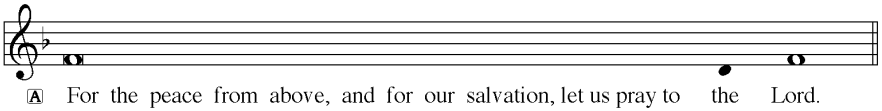
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

Kyrie (p. 57)



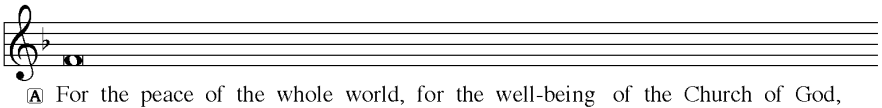
A In peace, let us pray to the Lord. B Lord, have mer - cy.



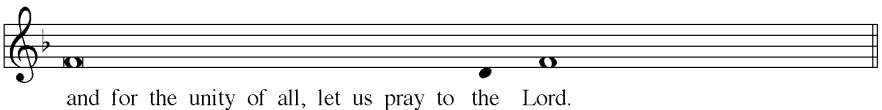
A For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



B Lord, have mer - cy.



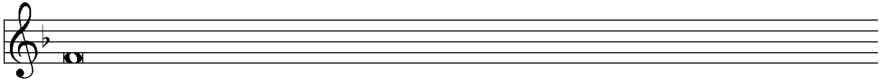
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



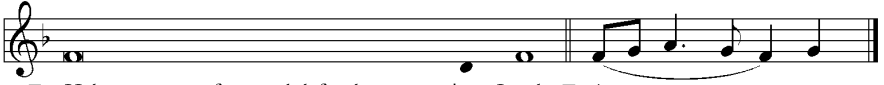
B Lord, have mer - cy.



Ⓐ For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. ⓐ Lord, have mer - cy.



Ⓐ Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. ⓐ A - men

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray... Lord God, our strength, the struggle between good and evil rages within and around us, and the devil and all the forces that defy you tempt us with empty promises. Keep us steadfast in your word, and when we fall, raise us again and restore us through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen. *(Please be seated.)*

Word

First Reading (see insert)

Psalms (see insert)

Second Reading (see insert)

Gospel Acclamation (p.83)

(Please stand as you are able.)



ⓐ Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for he is gra - cious and



mer - ci - ful, slow to an - ger, and a - bound - ing in



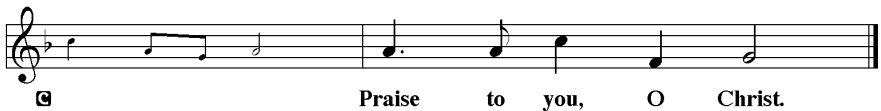
stead - fast love, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

Gospel Reading (see insert)

(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.**)



(Please be seated.)

Sermon

Hymn of the Day (Please stand as you are able.)

"I Want Jesus to Walk with Me"

WOV #660

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**

Prayer of the Church

(Each petition ends with... Hear us, O God. The congregation responds: **Your mercy is great.**)

Sharing of the Peace

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

(The congregation shares a sign of peace with each other).

The Offering

The Offertory (Please stand as you are able.)



What shall I ren-der to the Lord for all his ben-e-fits to me? I will



of-fer the sac-ri-fice of thanks-giv-ing and will call on the name of the Lord.



I will take the cup of sal-va-tion and will call on the name of the Lord.



I will pay my vows to the Lord now in the pres-ence of all his peo-ple,



in the courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Je-ru-sa-lem.

Offertory Prayer (p. 67)

Let us pray... **Merciful Father,**
we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have
first given us - ourselves, our time, and our
possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive
them for the sake of him who offered himself for
us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy... (*preface continues with words for the season and concludes...*) we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:



Heav- en and earth are full of your glo- ry. Ho - san- na. Ho - san- na.



Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who



comes in the name of the Lord. Ho- san - na in the high - est.

Blessed are you, Lord of heaven and earth. In mercy for our fallen world you gave your only Son, that all those who believe in him should not perish, but have eternal life.

We give thanks to you for the salvation you have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Send now your Holy Spirit into our hearts, that we may receive our Lord with a living faith as he comes to us in his holy supper.

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

Words of Institution

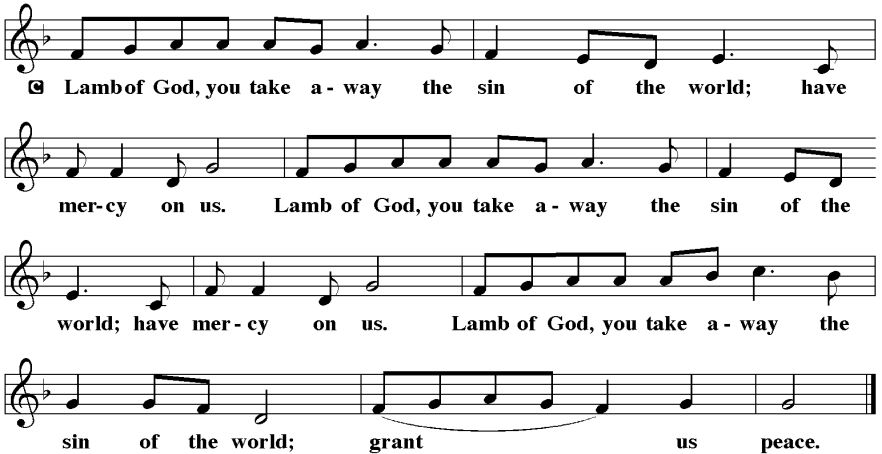
Lord's Prayer

**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



☐ Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us peace.

Post-Communion Blessing

(Please stand as you are able.)

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you
and keep you in his grace.

Amen.

Post-Communion Canticle



Lord, now you let your ser- vant go in peace; your word has been ful- filled.
My own eyes have seen the sal- va- tion which you have pre- pared in the
sight of ev- 'ry peo- ple: A light to re- veal you to the
na- tions and the glo- ry of your peo- ple Is- ra- el.
Glo- ry to the Fa- ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho- ly Spir- it,
as it was in the be- gin- ning, is now, and will be for- ev- er. A- men

Prayer After Communion

Benediction

Amen.

Sending Hymn

“Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer”

LBW #343

Dismissal

Go in peace. Share the good news.

Thanks be to God.

OUR MISSION

- + 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:	Rev. Josephine Wright
Music Director	Mr. Michael Dettra
Worship Assistant	Dave Shearer
Lay Reader	Nancy Hill
Ushers	Jeff Jobses, Dave Shearer
Altar Guild	Hanna McCollum

GUEST REGISTER

If you are visiting with us today, please sign the guest register located in the narthex.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

All are invited to commune. Ushers will direct you to the altar area and give you a cup for wine. At the altar you will be given the bread or wafer (gluten-free is available). The wine will be poured into your cup. Those not communing may come forward for a blessing.

ALTAR FLOWERS

The Altar Flowers are presented by Janice Hoffmann in memory of Howard Bobb and to the Glory of God.

NUEVA CREACIÓN MISSION SUPPORT

Support of Nueva Creación Lutheran Church is presented to the Glory of God.

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE: February 23, 2020

8:00 am	21
9:00 am	28
Total	49

TO CONTACT THE CHURCH OFFICE

You can call the office (24/7) 215-355-2529 leave a message and we will return your call.



LENTON DEVOTION

Wednesday March 11 & 25; soup, bread, and dessert 6-7PM followed by Devotional Worship. Please consider signing up for soups, breads, butters or desserts. Sign-up sheet in the Narthex.

This year the confirmation class will be assisting with the worship. You are invited to make the effort to come as part of your Lenten commitment.

SOCIAL MINISTRY

During March, Social Ministry will be collecting non-perishable food to benefit the Warminster Food Cupboard. All foods are greatly appreciated. This month, we are focusing on protein items i.e. canned tuna, chicken, beans, milk in boxes. Again, many thanks for your continued support of this local community outreach.

FLOWER CHART & MISSION SUPPORT FOR 2020

The sign-up sheets for Altar Flower and Mission Support dedications for 2019 are in the narthex. The cost to dedicate one bouquet is \$25.00. One week of Mission support is \$25.00.



EASTER EGG HUNT AT ADVENT

Advent is hosting an Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 4, 1:00 - 2:00 p.m. (rain date: April 5). Ages 10 and under. Included with the hunt for eggs there will be games, refreshments and Photo Op with the Easter Bunny.

A donation to the “Easter Food Pantry” will be appreciated. Sign up sheet will be in the narthex mid-March.

PRAYER CHAIN AT ADVENT

Advent has a prayer chain for anyone who would be in need of prayer. If you would like to either join as a prayer partner, or if you have a name to be prayed for please see the four ways to Access the Prayer Chain on next page:

1. Give your prayer request in person to either Bob or Karen Matlack.
2. Email your prayer request. (kmatl22349@verizon.net)
3. Text only your prayer request (Karen 215-932-1283; Bob 267-357-9368).
4. Call Fran Zanis at the office 215-355-2529.



FILL FOOD TRAYS FOR CARING FOR FRIENDS

Aluminum trays are available in the narthex. Sections include entree, vegetables & fruit. Once assembled please label and freeze at home then bring to church freezer.

For further information, please check

<https://caringforfriends.org/wp-content/uploads/Caring-for-Friends-Cooking-Tips.pdf> or Hannah McCollum, our Caring for Friends Advent coordinator, Thank you for helping.

FELLOWSHIP TIME

We need committees or individuals to sign up to provide refreshments after the late service. The sign-up sheet thru March is on the fellowship table. Advent supplies hot beverages (i.e. coffee & tea) and all paper products.

THIS WEEK AT ADVENT

FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT - MARCH 1

- 8:00 a.m. Traditional Holy Communion
- 9:00 a.m. Adult Bible Study
Fellowship Time
- 9:30 a.m. Traditional Holy Communion
Sunday school - age 4 to gr. 8
- 10:30 a.m. Fellowship Time - Jeanne Gryszka
- 10:45 a.m. Adult Bible Study

MONDAY, MARCH 2

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

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4

- 4:00 p.m. Confirmation Class
- 6:30 p.m. Praise Team
- 7:00 p.m. Vocal Choir
- 7:30 p.m. Bell Choir

THURSDAY, MARCH 5

- 6:30 p.m. Financial Committee Meeting
- 7:30 p.m. A.A. Topic Group

FRIDAY, MARCH 6

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

SATURDAY, MARCH 7

- 10:00 a.m. Stitch Club

SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME - MARCH 8

- 8:00 a.m. Traditional Worship
- 9:00 a.m. Adult Bible Study
Fellowship Time
- 9:30 a.m. Contemporary Holy Communion
Sunday school - age 4 to gr. 8
- 10:30 a.m. Fellowship Time - Congregational Life
- 10:45 a.m. Church Council Meeting