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**Second Sunday in Lent
March 8, 2020 9:30 am**



*For God so loved
the world that he
gave his one and
only Son....*

JOHN 3:16, NIV



**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*

We Gather in Jesus' Name

Prelude

Announcements

Confession 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,
the eternal voice from heaven,
the anointed and beloved one,
the Spirit moving over the waters.

Amen.

As we approach the mystery of God, let us come in confession, trusting the love of Christ crucified and risen.

Silence is kept for reflection.

God who searches us and knows us,
**you have shown us what is good,
but we have looked to other lights to find our way.
We have not been just in our dealings with others.
We have chosen revenge over mercy.
We have promoted ourselves
instead of walking humbly with you.
With what shall we come before you?
Forgive us our sin,
and show us your salvation
in the face of Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

Beloved of God,
you have not received the spirit of the world,
but the Spirit that is from God,
poured out for you in the faithfulness of Jesus Christ.
Receive the promise of baptism:
You are God's child; † your sins are forgiven.
Rejoice and be glad, for yours is the reign of heaven.
Amen.

THIS WEEK AT ADVENT

SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

- 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 - Katie Dettra
- 10:45 a.m. Church Council Meeting

MONDAY, MARCH 9

- 10:00 a.m. Caring for Friends - Packaging of
Food Trays
- 7:30 p.m. A.A. Open Meeting



WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11 **LENTON DEVOTIONS 6-7 p.m.**

THURSDAY, MARCH 12

- 7:30 p.m. A.A. Topic Group

FRIDAY, MARCH 13

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

SATURDAY, MARCH 14

- 8:00 a.m. Men's Breakfast
- 10:00 a.m. Stitch Club

THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT - MARCH 15

- 8:00 a.m. Traditional Worship
- 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 - Open

FELLOWSHIP TIME

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



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL AUGUST 10 - 14, 9 AM - NOON Children age 4 through grades 6 – Join us at Advent for a fun week of Bible lessons, music, outdoor play, games and crafts with friends. Set your calendar!

Registration forms are in the narthex and on our website. We hope you can join us!

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.

Gathering Song

“At the Cross”

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

(Please be seated.)

The Reading of God's Word (see insert)

Sermon

Song of Praise *(Please stand as you are able.)*

“Find Me in the River”

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 to the 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

“Journey to the Cross”

Offertory Prayer

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 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.

God of our weary years, God of our silent tears, you have brought us this far along the way. In times of bitterness you did not abandon us, but guided us into the path of love and light. In every age you sent prophets to make known your loving will for all humanity. The cry of the poor has become your own cry; our hunger and thirst for justice is your own desire. In the fullness of time, you sent your chosen servant to preach good news to the afflicted, to break bread with the outcast and despised, and to ransom those in bondage to prejudice and sin.

HEALING SERVICE - SUNDAY, MARCH 29

During the worship service, there will be a healing session. At that time you are invited, if you wish, to come forward and speak privately with the pastor who will lay hands on you and pray for you. If you want, you may ask for a healing for body, mind, spirit or strength for a problem. Please allow space between persons for individual privacy. During this time our organist will play quietly and we ask those not wishing to come forward to pray at their seats.



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.

SAVE THE DATE: APRIL 12, 2020- EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE 6:30 AM



Informal (come as you are) Sunrise service begins at 6:30 a.m. in front of the church on Second Street Pike.

Following a brief service we will enter Fellowship Hall for hot chocolate, coffee, donuts and fellowship.

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 2020 are in the narthex. The cost to dedicate one bouquet is \$25.00. One week of Mission support is \$25.00.

NUEVA CREACIÓN MISSION SUPPORT

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

TO CONTACT THE CHURCH OFFICE

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

NURSERY ROOM AVAILABLE

Children are always welcome to participate in worship. However, should your child need a break, there is a nursery available next to the sanctuary. You will be able to hear the service while your child has some quiet time apart.

LENTON DEVOTION - Wednesday, March 11

Wednesday March 11 & 25; 6-7 p.m. are scheduled for Soup and Worship together as part of our Lenten Walk this year. The confirmands will be a part of the worship this year. We encourage you to join us and to support our confirmation class. Please consider signing up to bring your favorite soup, bread or dessert. Sign-up sheet is in the narthex.

PACKAGING OF TRAYS FOR CARING FOR FRIENDS - MONDAY, MARCH 9

The packaging of the food trays for March will take place on Monday, **March 9 at 10 a.m.** (weather permitting). All help is appreciated.

MEN'S BREAKFAST

Advent's men's group will hold its monthly breakfast and fellowship on Saturday, **March 14 at 8:30 am.** All men of the congregation are invited to attend. For more information please speak with Men's Group Coordinator, Dave Shearer.

Words of Institution

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Remembering, therefore, his death and resurrection, we await the day when Jesus shall return to free all the earth from the bonds of slavery and death. Come, Lord Jesus! And let the church say, Amen.

Amen.

Send your Holy Spirit, our advocate, to fill the hearts of all who share this bread and cup with courage and wisdom to pursue love and justice in all the world. Come, Spirit of freedom! And let the church say, Amen.

Amen.

Join our prayers and praise with your prophets and martyrs of every age, that, rejoicing in the hope of the resurrection, we might live in the freedom and hope of your Son. Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, almighty Father, 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

Prayer After Communion
Amen.

Benediction
Amen.

Sending Song
"Lift High the Cross"

LBW 377

Dismissal
Go in peace. Let your light shine.
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

LEADING WORSHIP TODAY

Pastor:	Rev. Josephine Wright
Music Director:	Michael Dettra
Worship Assistant:	Karen Matlack
Lay Reader:	Benicia Meyers
Ushers:	Tom Herbert, Bob Holford
Altar Guild:	George Henry
Flower Distribution:	Donna Duffy
Counters:	Cindy Frey Bob Holford
Audio/Visual Team:	Joel Denis, Geoff Duffy
Instrumentalists:	Gail Oines, Mike Sitler
Song Leaders:	Bob & Karen Matlack, Lynn Roccograndi, Nancy Slight

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

All are invited to commune. We commune by intinction. Come forward and receive the bread then dip bread into the chalice of wine. If you do not want wine simply stand in front of the chalice and receive the words. Gluten-free wafers are available. Those not communing may come forward for a blessing.

GUEST REGISTER

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

ALTAR FLOWERS

The Altar Flowers are presented by the Stitch Club to the Glory of God.

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE:

Ash Wednesday - 33

March 1 - 8:00 am 17, 9:30 am 36 - Total 53

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