

Second Sunday of Lent
March 13, 2022
9:30 a.m.



We Gather in Jesus' Name

Prelude (a time for silent meditation)

Announcements

Confessions and Forgiveness

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

In the name of God,
who makes a way in the wilderness,
walks with us,
and guides us in our pilgrimage.

Amen.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Holy One,
**we confess that we have wandered far from you:
we have not trusted your promises,
we have ignored your prophets in our own day,
we have squandered our inheritance of grace,
we have failed to recognize you in our midst.
Have mercy on us!**

Forgive us and turn us again to you.

**Teach us to follow in your ways,
assure us again of your love,
and help us to love our neighbor.**

Amen.

Beloved in Christ,
the Word draws near to you,
and all who call out to God shall be saved.

In Jesus, God comes to you again and again
and gathers you under wings of love.
In ✝ Jesus' name, your sins are forgiven.
God journeys with you and teaches you how to live in love.
Amen.

Gathering Hymn: "Were You There"

- 1 Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
 Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
 Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
 Were you there when they crucified my Lord?

- 2 Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?
 Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?
 Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
 Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?

- 3 Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?
 Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?
 Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
 Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?

- 4 Were you there when God raised him from the tomb?
 Were you there when God raised him from the tomb?
 Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
 Were you there when God raised him from the tomb?

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

Let us pray... God of the covenant, in the mystery of the cross you promise everlasting life to the world.
Gather all peoples into your arms, and shelter us with your mercy, that we may rejoice in the life we share in
your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God,
now and forever **Amen.**

The Reading of God's Word

First Reading: Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18 (Read by the Worship Assistant)

¹After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." ²But Abram said, "O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" ³And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir." ⁴But the word of the LORD came to him, "This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir." ⁵He brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be." ⁶And he believed the LORD; and the LORD reckoned it to him as righteousness.

⁷Then he said to him, "I am the LORD who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to possess." ⁸But he said, "O Lord GOD, how am I to know that I shall possess it?" ⁹He said to him, "Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtledove, and a young

pigeon.” ¹⁰He brought him all these and cut them in two, laying each half over against the other; but he did not cut the birds in two. ¹¹And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away.

¹²As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram, and a deep and terrifying darkness descended upon him.

¹⁷When the sun had gone down and it was dark, a smoking fire pot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces. ¹⁸On that day the LORD made a covenant with Abram, saying, “To your descendants I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates.”

Word of God, Word of Life

Thanks be to God.

Psalm: Psalm 27 (*Read together*)

¹The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom then shall I fear?

The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

²**When evildoers close in against me to devour my flesh,
they, my foes and my enemies, will stumble and fall.**

³Though an army encamp against me, my heart will not fear.

Though war rise up against me, my trust will not be shaken.

⁴**One thing I ask of the LORD; one thing I seek;
that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life; to gaze upon the
beauty of the LORD and to seek God in the temple.**

⁵For in the day of trouble God will give me shelter,

hide me in the hidden places of the sanctuary, and raise me high upon a rock.

⁶**Even now my head is lifted up above my enemies who surround me.**

**Therefore I will offer sacrifice in the sanctuary, sacrifices of rejoicing; I will sing and make
music to the LORD.**

⁷Hear my voice, O LORD, when I call;

have mercy on me and answer me.

⁸**My heart speaks your message—**

“Seek my face.”

Your face, O LORD, I will seek.

⁹Hide not your face from me, turn not away from your servant in anger.

Cast me not away—you have been my helper; forsake me not, O God of my salvation.

¹⁰**Though my father and my mother forsake me,
the LORD will take me in.**

¹¹Teach me your way, O LORD;

lead me on a level path, because of my oppressors.

¹²**Subject me not to the will of my foes,**

for they rise up against me, false witnesses breathing violence.

¹³This I believe—that I will see the goodness of the LORD

in the land of the living!

¹⁴**Wait for the LORD and be strong.**

Take heart and wait for the LORD!

Second Reading: Philippians 3:17-4:1 (*Read by the Worship Assistant*)

¹⁷Brothers and sisters, join in imitating me, and observe those who live according to the example you have in us. ¹⁸For many live as enemies of the cross of Christ; I have often told you of them, and now I tell you even with tears. ¹⁹Their end is destruction; their god is the belly; and their glory is in their shame; their minds are set on earthly things. ²⁰But our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. ²¹He will transform the body of our humiliation that it may be conformed to the body of his

glory, by the power that also enables him to make all things subject to himself. ^{4:1}Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

Word of God, Word of Life

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation (Luke 13:31-35)

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

P: The Holy Gospel according to Luke the fourth chapter.

Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

³¹At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to [Jesus,] “Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you.” ³²He said to them, “Go and tell that fox for me, ‘Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. ³³Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed outside of Jerusalem.’ ³⁴Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! ³⁵See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, ‘Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.’”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Song of Praise: “One Thing Remains”

Higher than the mountains that I face
Stronger than the power of the grave
Constant through the trial and the change
One thing remains, yes, one thing remains

Your love never fails
It never gives up
It never runs out on me
Your love never fails
It never gives up
It never runs out on me
Your love never fails
It never gives up
It never runs out on me
Your Love

On and on, and on, and on it goes
It overwhelms and satisfies my soul
And I never, ever, have to be afraid
One thing remains, one thing remains
Your love never fails
It never gives up
It never runs out on me
Your love never fails
It never gives up
It never runs out on me
Your love never fails
It never gives up
It never runs out on me
Your Love

Apostles' 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 . . . 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-bin/Vanco_ver3.vps?appver3=Dc8dzPGn4-LCajFevTkh9MYPCImH2sG-idxWYJMFGW_IQfxkD4hBw8W0Q6UZLveQvLkSxosar2o939JWiAad87o7zqy-JU_UuLu19bUbJx2MmPFcXvWIUz6A7FDgkhUKk0PpduXvnt8gXUeZjQYbn9G3frHWC59Y_VCHQ6_VCoE=&ver=3

Offertory Prayer

Let us pray... Extravagant God,
you have blessed us with the fullness of creation.
Now we gather at your feast
where you offer us the food that satisfies.
Take and use what we offer here, come among us,
and feed us with the body and blood of Christ,
in whose name we pray.
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...stays (*preface continues with words for the season and concludes...*)
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

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.

Distribution

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

Prayer After Communion

Let us pray... Blessed Jesus,
in this rich meal of grace,
you have fed us with your body, the bread of life.
Now send us forth to bear your life-giving hope
to a world in need.

Amen.

Blessing

You are children of God,
anointed with the oil of gladness
and strengthened for the journey.
Almighty God,
motherly, majestic, and mighty, **Amen.**

Sending Hymn: "Journey to the Cross"

Man of sorrows how You suffered
You were broken for me
Your appearance so disfigured
By Your wounds I am healed

I could never know the price You paid
I could never understand Your pain

Chorus

As I journey to the cross
I think of all that You have done
Jesus You who knew no sin
Came to die for me
Taking on a sinner's death
Humble King of righteousness
Jesus You who knew no sin
Came to die for me
You came to die for me

Verse 2

From the cruel cross You were taken
In a tomb You were laid
King of heaven now You've risen
You have conquered the grave

I could never know the price You paid
I could never understand Your pain

Chorus

As I journey to the cross
I think of all that You have done
Jesus You who knew no sin
Came to die for me
Taking on a sinner's death
Humble King of righteousness
Jesus You who knew no sin
Came to die for me
You came to die for me

Dismissal

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
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 Director	Michael Dettra
Worship Assistant	Gail Oines

ALTAR FLOWERS

The Altar Flowers are presented to the Glory of God.

NUEVA CREACIÓN MISSION SUPPORT

Support of Nueva Creación Lutheran Church in Philadelphia for this week is presented by George and Peggy Spahn to the Glory of God.



LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF SUNDAY, MARCH 20

One of the many ministries at Advent Lutheran Church that we do that makes me proud to be a pastor of this congregation is how we generously gift to Lutheran World Relief. On Sunday, March 20, **Emma Wagner**, a representative of Lutheran world Relief, will be visiting Advent for the morning. She will preach and she will share with us about the important ministry we do through Lutheran World Relief.



MID-WEEK LENTEN WORSHIP SERVICES

Prayer is the theme for worship this season of Lent. Prayer is about talking with God. It is also about listening to God and opening ourselves up to God. This year’s mid-week Lenten worship services are a worship series called “Open My Life, Lord”. Service will be held in person and online this year Wednesday evenings at 7:00PM, March 9th through April 6th.
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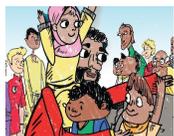
MID WEEK LENTEN SOUP SUPPERS

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 Wednesdays, March 9th through April 6th. Please sign up at church to bring soup, bread or drinks. Please contact Gail Oines with any questions or concerns 215-534-8218.

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE - Ash Wednesday 3/2 and Sunday, March 6

12:00 p.m.	13	7:00 p.m.	12	Total 25
8:00 a.m.	22	9:00 a.m.	21	Total 43

SUNDAY SCHOOL ZOOM MEETINGS IN MARCH



Sunday School will meet Sundays March 13 & 27 on **zoom** at 6:30. New students are welcome! Pastor Matt and the Sunday School teachers guide us through the Bible lessons. Let us know if you'd like to join us and we'll order student books and crafts for you.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88465369380?pwd=dldlckdteUhuVo5UdENJSnZrZktndzo9>



PING PONG - TUESDAYS AT 6:30

All are welcome to join us for an evening of Ping Pong at the church on Tuesday nights at 6:30 p.m. Contact Ray Heiss or Pastor Matt for additional information.



STITCH CLUB SATURDAYS 10:00 A.M.

Stitch club meets on Saturdays at **10:00 a.m. (weather permitting)**. Stitch club is open to all who would like to join. If you like to knit, crochet, or do needlepoint, this is for you!

If you would need anything **throughout the year** from the Stitch Club for babies or the elderly i.e. blankets, scarves, etc, please contact Hanna McCollum at 215-962-9032 or Jeff Jobes at 215-355-4149.

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 phone 215-859-3778 or by email at pastor@adventrichboro.org. If he is not available to take your call, leave a message and he will contact 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!

Advent has a dedicated freezer for meals and we drop them off at Caring for Friends when our freezer fills up. We continue this effort throughout the year. The impact of your food or monetary donation can be viewed on caringforfriends.org.

FELLOWSHIP TIME

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



EASTER LILIES

The sign up sheet to place Easter Lilies on the alter for Easter Sunday is on the table in the narthex until April 3. Cost is \$15 per plant.

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. A list of the pantry's most needed items is in the narthex or on the website www.warminsterfoodbank.org. Thank you for helping our neighbors in need.



ALTAR FLOWER DEDICATION

There are numerous dates available for 2022 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.



MISSION SUPPORT FOR 2022

The sign-up sheets Mission Support dedications for 2022 are in the narthex. The cost to dedicate one bouquet is \$25.00. One week of Mission support is \$25.00. There are many openings available on the Mission Support chart for 2022.



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.

THIS WEEK AT ADVENT

SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT - MARCH 13

- 8:00 a.m. Traditional Holy Communion
- 9:00 a.m. Adult Bible Study
- 9:30 a.m. Contemporary Holy Communion
- 10:30 a.m. Fellowship Time: Open
- 10:45 a.m. Church Council Meeting
- 6:30 p.m. Sunday School Zoom Class

MONDAY, MARCH 14

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

TUESDAY, MARCH 15

- 6:30 p.m. Ping Pong

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 16

- 6:00 p.m. Mid Week Lenten Soup Supper
- 7:00 p.m. Mid Week Lenten Service
(Can be attended by zoom - see page 8)

FRIDAY, MARCH 18

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

SATURDAY, MARCH 19

- 10:00 a.m. Stitch Club Meets

SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT - MARCH 20

LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF SUNDAY

GUEST PREACHER: EMMA WAGNER

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