

Fourth Sunday of Lent
March 27, 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: "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

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1. Come, thou Fount of ev'ry blessing,
 tune my heart to sing thy grace;
 streams of mercy, never ceasing,
 call for songs of loudest praise.
 While the hope of endless glory
 fills my heart with joy and love,
 teach me ever to adore thee;
 may I still thy goodness prove.
- 2 Here I raise my Ebenezer:
 "Hither by thy help I've come";
 and I hope, by thy good pleasure,
 safely to arrive at home.
 Jesus sought me when a stranger,
 wand'ring from the fold of God;
 he, to rescue me from danger,
 interposed his precious blood.
- 3 Oh, to grace how great a debtor
 daily I'm constrained to be;
 let that grace now like a fetter
 bind my wand'ring heart to thee.
 Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it;
 prone to leave the God I love.
 Here's my heart, oh, take and seal it;
 seal it for thy courts above.

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 compassion, you welcome the wayward, and you embrace us all with your mercy. By our baptism clothe us with garments of your grace, and feed us at the table of your love, through 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: Joshua 5:9-12

⁹The LORD said to Joshua, "Today I have rolled away from you the disgrace of Egypt." And so that place is called Gilgal to this day.

¹⁰While the Israelites were camped in Gilgal they kept the passover in the evening on the fourteenth day of the month in the plains of Jericho. ¹¹On the day after the passover, on that very day, they ate the produce of the land, unleavened cakes and parched grain. ¹²The manna ceased on the day they ate the produce of the land, and the Israelites no longer had manna; they ate the crops of the land of Canaan that year.

Word of God, Word of Life

Thanks be to God.

Psalm: Psalm 32

¹Happy are they whose transgressions are forgiven,
and whose sin is put away!

**²Happy are they to whom the LORD imputes no guilt,
and in whose spirit there is no guile!**

³While I held my tongue, my bones withered away,
because of my groaning all day long.

**⁴For your hand was heavy upon me day and night;
my moisture was dried up as in the heat of summer.**

⁵Then I acknowledged my sin to you, and did not conceal my guilt.

I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD." Then you forgave
me the guilt of my sin.

**⁶Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to you in time of trouble;
when the great waters overflow, they shall not reach them.**

⁷You are my hiding-place; you preserve me from trouble;
you surround me with shouts of deliverance.

**⁸I will instruct you and teach you in the way that you should go;
I will guide you with my eye.**

⁹Do not be like horse or mule, which have no understanding;
who must be fitted with bit and bridle, or else they will not stay near you."

**¹⁰Great are the tribulations of the wicked;
but mercy embraces those who trust in the LORD.**

¹¹Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice in the LORD;
shout for joy, all who are true of heart.

Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 5:16-21

¹⁶From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. ¹⁷So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! ¹⁸All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; ¹⁹that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. ²⁰So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. ²¹For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

Word of God, Word of Life

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation (Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32)

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 fifteenth chapter.

Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

¹At that very time there were some present who told him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices.²[Jesus] asked them, “Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans?³No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. ⁴Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them—do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem?⁵No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did.”

⁶Then he told this parable: “A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. ⁷So he said to the gardener, ‘See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?’ ⁸He replied, ‘Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig around it and put manure on it. ⁹If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.’ ”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Song of Praise: “Amazing Grace” (My Chains are Gone)

Amazing grace how sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me
I once was lost, but now I'm found
Was blind, but now I see

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear
And grace my fears relieved
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed

My chains are gone, I've been set free
My God, my Savior has ransomed me
And like a flood His mercy reigns

Unending love
Amazing grace

The Lord has promised good to me
His word my hope secures
He will my shield and portion be
As long as life endures

My chains are gone, I've been set free
My God, my Savior has ransomed me
And like a flood His mercy reigns
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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-jdxWYJMFGW_lQfxkD4hBw8W0Q6UZLveQvLkSxosar2o939JWiAad87o7zqy-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

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: “On the Third Day”

Verse 1

Creation brings an offering,
As autumn leaves turn to gold,
The trees bow down in highest praise,
Now made bare before Your throne.
The western sky an amber blaze,
At the end of the day,
For everything must die to rise again.

Verse 2

The winter’s chill, a bitter cold,
As sin and shame leave us to fall,
The clouds now full of newborn snow,
For grace to come and save us all,
Within the darkest night of man,
Was found Your saving hand,
For everything must die to rise again.

Chorus 1

On the third day, behold the King,
On the third day, death has no sting,
On the third day, we’re forgiven and
reconciled.

Verse 3

The earth it groans in labor pains,

As flowers stretch to heaven above,
Your creatures sing the prophet’s song,
To be a gift of selfless love.
The sun is rising in the east,
And Your spirit is unleashed,
For everything must die to rise again.

Verse 4

And so we wait in joyful hope,
For You to come and take us home,
And so we join beneath the cross,
In suffering from whence we go.
The greatest act of sovereign grace,
In the universe displayed,
For everything must die to rise again.

Chorus 2

On the third day, the saints rejoice,
On the third day, we lift our voice,
On the third day, united and glorified.

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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
Music Director
Worship Assistant

The Rev. Matthew E. Ollikainen
Michael Dettra
Jeanne Gryska

ALTAR FLOWERS

The Altar Flowers are presented by Lynn Roccograndi in memory of father “Samuel’s” birthday, and to the Glory of God.

NUEVA CREACIÓN MISSION SUPPORT

Support of Nueva Creación Lutheran Church in Philadelphia for this week is presented by Peggy & George Spahn in honor of their grandson Sam’s birthday.



LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF

Lutheran World Relief is collecting funds to benefit the refugees in the war in Ukraine. A generous donation has already been given to match funds up to \$422,000.00.

So far, Advent Lutheran Church has raised \$1790.00. Your generosity is greatly appreciated by Lutheran World Relief. Please continue to give generously to this cause. Mark your contribution with Lutheran World Relief, Ukraine.

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE - Wednesday, March 16 and Sunday, March 20

March 16 7:00 p.m. 15 Total 15

March 20 8:00 a.m. 21 9:30 a.m. 26 Total 47



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 7:00 p.m. March 9th through April 6th.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82926096221?pwd=bDd2NkdmVUxZOFQ2VUZXR3p1OWQvdz09>



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.



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.



PING PONG - TUESDAYS AT 6:30

welcome to join us for an evening of Ping Pong at the church on Tuesday 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.



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.

THIS WEEK AT ADVENT

FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT - MARCH 27

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| 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. | Adult Bible Study |

MONDAY, MARCH 28

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| 7:30 p.m. | A.A. Open Meeting |
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TUESDAY, MARCH 29

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| 6:30 p.m. | Ping Pong |
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WEDNESDAY, MARCH 30

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| 6:00 p.m. | Mid Week Lenten Soup Supper |
| 7:00 p.m. | Mid Week Lenten Service |
| (Can be attended by zoom - see page 10) | |

FRIDAY, APRIL 1

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| 7:30 p.m. | A.A. Step Meeting |
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SATURDAY, APRIL 2

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| 10:00 a.m. | Stitch Club Meets |
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THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT - APRIL 3

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.	Adult Bible Study