

**FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT
MARCH 17, 2024
9:30 A.M.**



We Gather in Jesus' Name

Prelude (a time for silent meditation)

Announcements

Confession and Forgiveness

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
who writes the law on our hearts,
who draws all people together through Jesus.

Amen.

Held in God's mercy, let us confess our sin
in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Holy God,

**we confess that we are caught in snares of sin
and cannot break free.**

**We hoard resources while our neighbors
are hungry and cold.**

We speak in ways that silence others.

We are silent when we should speak up.

We keep score in our hearts.

We let hurts grow into hatred.

**For all these things and for sins only you know,
forgive us, Lord.**

Amen.

Here is a flood of grace:
Out of love for the whole world,
God draws near to us,
breaks every snare of sin,
washes away our wrongs,
and restores the promise of life through † Jesus Christ.

Amen.

Gathering Song: “Thank You Lord”

Verse 1

I come before You today
And there's just one thing that I want to say
Thank You Lord thank You Lord
For all You've given to me
For all the blessings that I cannot see
Thank You Lord thank You Lord

Pre-Chorus

With a grateful heart with a song of praise
With an outstretched arm I will bless Your name

Chorus

Thank You Lord
I just want to thank You Lord
Thank You Lord
I just want to thank You Lord
(Thank You Lord)

Verse 2

For all You've done in my life
You took my darkness and gave me Your light
Thank You Lord thank You Lord
You took my sin and my shame
You took my sickness and healed all my pain
Thank You Lord thank You Lord

Pre-Chorus

With a grateful heart with a song of praise
With an outstretched arm I will bless Your name

Chorus

Thank You Lord
I just want to thank You Lord
Thank You Lord
I just want to thank You Lord
(Thank You Lord)

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

O God, with steadfast love you draw us to yourself, and in mercy you receive our prayers. Strengthen us to bring forth the fruits of the Spirit, that through life and death we may live 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.

Children's Sermon

Readings for The Fifth Sunday in Lent

First Reading: Jeremiah 31:31-34

³¹The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. ³²It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the LORD. ³³But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. ³⁴No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, “Know the LORD,” for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the LORD; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

Word of God, Word of Life

Thanks be to God

Psalm: Psalm 51:1-12

¹Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love;
in your great compassion blot out my offenses.

²**Wash me through and through from my wickedness,
and cleanse me from my sin.**

³For I know my offenses,

and my sin is ever before me.

**⁴Against you only have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight;
so you are justified when you speak and right in your judgment.**

⁵Indeed, I was born steeped in wickedness,
a sinner from my mother's womb.

**⁶Indeed, you delight in truth deep within me,
and would have me know wisdom deep within.**

⁷Remove my sins with hyssop, and I shall be clean;
wash me, and I shall be purer than snow.

**⁸Let me hear joy and gladness;
that the body you have broken may rejoice.**

⁹Hide your face from my sins,
and blot out all my wickedness.

**¹⁰Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and renew a right spirit within me.**

¹¹Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me.

**¹²Restore to me the joy of your salvation
and sustain me with your bountiful Spirit.**

Second Reading: Hebrews 5:5-10

⁵Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him, "You are my Son, today I have begotten you";

⁶as he says also in another place, "You are a priest forever, according to the order of Melchizedek."

⁷In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. ⁸Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; ⁹and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, ¹⁰having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

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Thanks be to God

Gospel: John 12:20-33

P: The Holy Gospel according to John the 12th Chapter

C: Glory to You, O Lord

²⁰Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. ²¹They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, "Sir, we wish to see Jesus." ²²Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. ²³Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. ²⁴Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. ²⁵Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. ²⁶Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honor.

²⁷"Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say—'Father, save me from this hour'? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. ²⁸Father, glorify your name." Then a voice came from heaven, "I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again." ²⁹The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, "An angel has spoken to him." ³⁰Jesus answered, "This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. ³¹Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. ³²And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself." ³³He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Song of Praise: "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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On the third day, we lift our voice,
On the third day, united and glorified.

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 the Church

(Each prayer 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 Offering Please leave your offering on our website: https://www.eservicepayments.com/cgi-bin/Vanco_ver3.vps?appver3=Dc8dzPGn4-LCajFevTkh9MYPCImH2sG-jdxWYJMFGW_lQfxkD4hBw8WoQ6UZLveQvLkSxosar2o939JWiAad87o7zqy-JU_UuLu19bUbJx2MmPFcXvWIUz6A7FDgkhUKkoPpduXvnt8gXUeZjQYbn9G3frHWC59Y_VCHQ6_VCoE=&ver=3

The Offertory

Offertory Prayer

Let us pray... **Jesus, you are the bread of life and the host of this meal.**

Bless these gifts that we have gathered that all people may know your goodness.

Feed us not only with this holy food but with hunger for justice and peace.

We pray this in your name.

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.**

Distribution

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

Prayer After Communion

Let us pray... Generous God,
at this table we have tasted your immeasurable grace.
As grains of wheat are gathered into one bread,
now make us one loaf to feed the world;
in the name of Jesus, the Bread of life.
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: "The King of Glory"

Refrain

The King of glory comes, the nation rejoices.
Open the gates before him, lift up your voices.

- 1 Who is the King of glory; how shall we call him?
He is Emmanuel, the promised of ages. Refrain
- 2 In all of Galilee, in city or village,
he goes among his people, curing their illness. Refrain

- 3 Sing then of David's Son, our Savior and brother;
in all of Galilee was never another. Refrain
- 4 He gave his life for us, the pledge of salvation;
he took upon himself the sins of the nation. Refrain


Dismissal

Go in peace. Share your bread.
Thanks be to God.

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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:	The Rev. Matthew E Ollikainen
Music Director	Michael Dettra
Lay Reader	John Flint
Communion Assistant	Megan Ward



ALTAR FLOWERS

The Altar Flowers are dedicated to the Glory of God.

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CREACIÓN MISSION SUPPORT

of Nueva Creación Lutheran Church in Philadelphia for this week is given by the Family in honor of the Lenten season.

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

Sunday, March 10, 8:00 am 15, 9:30 am 32, S.S. 7 **TOTAL 54**

CARING FOR FRIENDS SUNDAY, MARCH 17

All are welcome to come to the all-purpose room after the 9:30 service to put meals together for delivery to Caring for Friends.

Financial Report For February 2024		
	Rec'vd for Feb 2024	Budget fo
General Fund	\$9,812.13	
Mortgage	\$1,406	
Bene. - Synod Only	\$25	
Other Benevolence	\$506	
Total	\$11,749.13	
Recv'd YTD 1/1-2/29/24		
	Recv'd YTD 1/1-2/29/24	Budget YT
General Fund	\$20,682.76	
Mortgage	\$2,914.00	

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS/READERS/COMMUNION ASSISTANTS TRAINING, SUNDAY, MARCH 17

Please consider sharing your gifts with us as a **Worship Assistant, Lay Reader or Communion Assistant**. Also, if you know a male or female youth who may be interested in being an acolyte, we could use them, too. As we approach this most holy of seasons, please add serving the Lord to your list of things to try. Pastor (and I hope I) will be training any who would like to volunteer as a Worship Assistant/Lay Reader/Communion Assistant, after the 9:30 worship service on **March 17**.
Gail Oines, Deaconess

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.

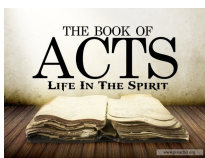
PASTOR MATT ON VACATION APRIL 2 TO APRIL 9

Pastor Matt will be out of the office for vacation starting on, Tuesday, **April 2**, returning on, **Tuesday, April 9**. Emergency pastoral contact information will be posted as the time gets closer.



SUNDAY SCHOOL TOPICS IN MARCH – NO CLASS ON EASTER SUNDAY

During Lent, our Bible lessons will range from joyful and celebratory for our Palm Procession lesson to focused and solemn as Jesus prayed at Gethsemane and celebrated The Last Supper with his disciples. The lesson videos are well designed and offer insight into the Bible figures and decisions they've made. As we lead up to the events of Jesus' death on the cross, students will look forward to celebrating his resurrection in the worship service on Easter Sunday. In April, we will turn our attention to some of the powerful events of the Old Testament.



BOOK of ACTS BIBLE STUDY

The first congregation wide activity of the Strategic Mission Plan will continue through Lent. We will be doing the eight weekly sessions of the **Book of Acts Bible Study, which will then continue after lent starting, with Zoom at noon Tuesday, April 9**. "Congregation wide" means we want everyone in the congregation to participate. You

can still participate, even if you haven't up until now.

Why should you participate? This Bible Study is life changing. The season of Lent is about recognizing and responding to our need for God's love. The Book of Acts is about how God's love is active in the lives of Jesus' followers and the world through the power of the Holy Spirit. The Book of Acts Bible study will help you recognize God's love in your life through the power of the Holy Spirit.

Multiple opportunities to be involved! Participate in the manner that best suits your needs and schedule:

- Sign up for a **Study Group** at a parishioner's home.
- Sign up with a **Study Buddy** and meet in-person, online or by phone at your convenience.
- **Sunday Morning Bible Study** in-person at 9 AM.
- **Zoom at Noon** on Tuesdays with Pastor Matt.
- **Solo Study** with the email curriculum or the printed version available on Sunday morning.
- At the **Lenten Mid-Week Service** Thursdays during Lent online or in-person.

Please sign up in the narthex or by calling/emailing the Church. God bless you as we explore God's loving activity in our church and in our lives.



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 Supper will begin at **6:00 p.m.** in the all-purpose room, on **Thursdays** through March 21. Please sign up at church to bring soup, bread or drinks. Please contact Gail Oines with any questions or concerns 215-534-8218.



MID-WEEK LENTEN WORSHIP SERVICE, THURSDAYS IN LENT THROUGH MARCH 21

"Book of Acts" is the theme for worship this season of Lent, in the all-purpose room.

Mid-week Lenten Worship services may also be attended by **Zoom** and will be live streamed on **Facebook**. A recording of the services will be uploaded to **YouTube** and linked to our website immediately after the service concludes. While using Zoom, please mute yourself when you are not speaking.

**Topic: Mid-Week Lenten Service, 7:00 pm
Thursdays in Lent thru March 21**

Join Zoom Meeting: Meeting ID: 830 9865 6920



MAUNDY THURSDAY, MARCH 28, 7:00 P.M.

Maundy Thursday Service with Holy Communion, will be held on March 28, at 7:00 p.m. Service can be attended in person or via Zoom. Service will be live streamed on Facebook. A recording of the service will be uploaded to You Tube and linked to our website immediately after the service concludes.

Zoom attendance: 7:00 p.m. Topic: Maundy Thursday, March 28

Meeting ID: 842 3370 0194 Passcode: 717654

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84233700194?pwd=dEl2S1d3cDR4L3kiTIYwOTNkdUJSUT09>



ECUMENICAL STATIONS OF THE CROSS GOOD FRIDAY, MARCH 29 AT NOON

All are welcome to The Ecumenical Stations of the Cross, at **Noon on Friday, March, 29**, hosted by St. Vincent De Paul Catholic Church, in Richboro on behalf of the North/Southampton, Wrightstown Ministerium.

St. Vincent De Paul is located at 654 Hatboro Road, Richboro, 18954.

Local clergy and lay leaders share in leading this moving and impactful community experience.



GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE, MARCH 29, 7:00 P.M.

Service of Tenebrae will be held on Friday, March 29 at 7:00 p.m.

Service can be attended in person or via Zoom. Service will be live streamed on Facebook.

A recording of the service will be uploaded to You Tube and linked to our website immediately after the service concludes:

Zoom attendance: 7:00 p.m. Topic: Good Friday, March 29

Meeting ID: 814 5860 0504 Passcode: 420589

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81458600504?pwd=Y2NUVWRjSWNjYlI5U1NjdWFzbnMzZz09>

EASTER LILIES



The sign-up sheet to place Easter Lilies on the altar for Easter Sunday is on the table in the narthex until **March 23**. Cost is \$15 per plant. You can call or email the office with your request 215-355-2529 [/adventlutheranrichboro@gmail.com](mailto:adventlutheranrichboro@gmail.com)

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 6:30pm. Please call the church 215-355-2529 if you want to give it a try. (It helps to know how many tables to set up).

PRAISE BAND AND VOCAL CHOIR PRACTICE WEDNESDAY NIGHTS



Praise Band practices from 6:30 to 7:15 pm, Vocal Choir from 7:15 to 8:00 p.m. Please see Mike Dettra for more details.

ALTAR FLOWER DEDICATION



There are numerous dates available for 2023 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 at 267-205-0713.

NUEVA CREACION LUTHERAN CHURCH



Please consider supporting our sister congregation, Nueva Creación Lutheran Church, which does vital ministry in North Philadelphia. A sign-up chart is on the table in the narthex near the entrance to the sanctuary.

DRIVE in AND DROP off FOOD COLLECTION



If you have food for the Warminster Food Bank 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. Thank you for helping our neighbors in need.

THIS WEEK AT ADVENT

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT – MARCH 17

- 8:00 am Traditional Worship Service
with Holy Communion
- 9:00 am Bible study “Book of Acts” with George Henry
- 9:30 am Contemporary Worship Service
with Holy Communion
Sunday School, age 4 – grade 6
- 10:30 am Fellowship Time: Jeanine Saegert & Joanne Kelly
Training meeting for **Worship Assistants, Lay Readers
or Communion Assistants.**
Assembling meals in the all-purpose room for **Caring for Friends**

MONDAY, MARCH 18

- 7:30 pm A.A. Open Meeting

TUESDAY, MARCH 19

- Zoom at Noon** with Pastor Matt.
- 6:30 pm Ping Pong

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20

- 6:30-7:15 pm Praise Band Practice
- 7:15-8:00 pm Vocal choir Practice

THURSDAY, MARCH 21

- 6:00 pm Lenten Soup Supper
- 7:00 pm Lenten Worship Service

FRIDAY, MARCH 22

- 7:30 pm A.A. Step Meeting

PALM SUNDAY/SUNDAY OF THE PASSION – MARCH 24

- 8:00 am Traditional Worship with
Holy Communion
- 9:00 am Bible study “Book of Acts”
with George Henry
- 9:30 am Contemporary Worship Service with
Holy Communion
Sunday School, age 4 – grade 6
- 10:30 am Fellowship Time: Open