

THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT
MARCH 3, 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: “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

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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. . . Holy God, through your Son you have called us to live faithfully and act courageously. Keep us steadfast in your covenant of grace, and teach us the wisdom that comes only through 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 Third Sunday in Lent

First Reading: Exodus 20:1-17

¹God spoke all these words:

²I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; ³you shall have no other gods before me.

⁴You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. ⁵You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I the LORD your God am a jealous God, punishing children for the iniquity of parents, to the third and the fourth generation of those who reject me, ⁶but showing steadfast love to the thousandth generation of those who love me and keep my commandments.

⁷You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the LORD your God, for the LORD will not acquit anyone who misuses his name.

⁸Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy. ⁹Six days you shall labor and do all your work. ¹⁰But the seventh day is a sabbath to the LORD your God; you shall not do any work—you, your son or your daughter, your male or female slave, your livestock, or the alien resident in your towns. ¹¹For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but rested the seventh day; therefore the LORD blessed the sabbath day and consecrated it.

¹²Honor your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you.

¹³You shall not murder.

¹⁴You shall not commit adultery.

¹⁵You shall not steal.

¹⁶You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

¹⁷You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

Word of God, Word of Life

Thanks be to God

Psalm: Psalm 19

¹The heavens declare the glory of God,
and the sky proclaims its maker's handiwork.

²**One day tells its tale to another,
and one night imparts knowledge to another.**

³Although they have no words or language,
and their voices are not heard,

⁴**their sound has gone out into all lands, and their message to the ends of the
world, where God has pitched a tent for the sun.**

⁵It comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber;
it rejoices like a champion to run its course.

⁶**It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens and runs about to the
end of it again; nothing is hidden from its burning heat.**

⁷The teaching of the LORD is perfect and revives the soul;
the testimony of the LORD is sure and gives wisdom to the simple.

⁸**The statutes of the LORD are just and rejoice the heart;
the commandment of the LORD is clear and gives light to the eyes.**

⁹The fear of the LORD is clean and endures forever;
the judgments of the LORD are true and righteous altogether.

¹⁰**More to be desired are they than gold, more than ¹ much fine gold,
sweeter far than honey, than honey ¹ in the comb.**

¹¹By them also is your servant enlightened,
and in keeping them there is great reward.

¹²**Who can detect one's own offenses?
Cleanse me from my secret faults.**

¹³Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins; let them not get
dominion over me; then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of a great
offense.

¹⁴**Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in
your sight, O LORD, my strength and my redeemer.**

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:18-25

¹⁸The message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is
the power of God. ¹⁹For it is written,

“I will destroy the wisdom of the wise,
and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.”

²⁰Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made
foolish the wisdom of the world? ²¹For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through
wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. ²²For Jews
demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, ²³but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews
and foolishness to Gentiles, ²⁴but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of
God and the wisdom of God. ²⁵For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is
stronger than human strength.

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Gospel: John 2:13-22

P: The Holy Gospel according to John the 2nd Chapter

C: Glory to You, O Lord

¹³The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. ¹⁴In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and the money changers seated at their tables. ¹⁵Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, both the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables. ¹⁶He told those who were selling the doves, "Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father's house a marketplace!" ¹⁷His disciples remembered that it was written, "Zeal for your house will consume me." ¹⁸The Jews then said to him, "What sign can you show us for doing this?" ¹⁹Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up." ²⁰The Jews then said, "This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?" ²¹But he was speaking of the temple of his body. ²²After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this; and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Song of Praise: **"How Deep the Father's Love for Us"**

Verse 1

How deep the Father's love for us
How vast beyond all measure
That He should give His only Son
To make a wretch His treasure
How great the pain of searing loss
The Father turns His face away
As wounds which mar the Chosen One
Bring many sons to glory

Verse 2

Behold the Man upon a cross
My sin upon His shoulders
Ashamed I hear my mocking voice
Call out among the scoffers
It was my sin that held Him there
Until it was accomplished
His dying breath has brought me life
I know that it is finished

Verse 3

I will not boast in anything
No gifts no pow'r no wisdom
But I will boast in Jesus Christ
His death and resurrection
Why should I gain from His reward
I cannot give an answer
But this I know with all my heart
His wounds have paid my ransom

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: "Thank You for Hearing Me"

Thank you for loving me x4


Thank you for hearing me x4

Thank you for saving me x4

Dismissal

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

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OUR MISSION	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> + 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	Jennifer McQuiggan



ALTAR FLOWERS

The Altar Flowers are dedicated to the Glory of God.

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

Sunday, February 25, 9:00 am 33, S.S. 5 **TOTAL 38**

GREETER/USHER TRAINING, TODAY, SUNDAY, MARCH 3

Advent Lutheran Church is seeking some new faces/voices to help before and in the services. Please consider sharing your gifts with us as an Usher/Greeter, 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 **Usher/Greeter on Sunday, March 3, after the 9:30 am service**. Also, **on March 17**, he/we will train any who would like, in Worship Assistant duties (Lay Reader, Communion Assistant, or both). Can't wait to see you there! Gail Oines, Deaconess



THE LEIDY MICROSCOPICAL SOCIETY'S 48th ANNUAL MICROMOUNT SYMPOSIUM, MARCH 8 & 9

The Leidy Microscopical Society hosts its 48th Annual Micromount Symposium, on Friday, March 8, and Saturday, March 9, in the narthex at Advent Lutheran Church

Advent members interested in rocks and minerals may want to check this out:

SPEAKERS:

FRIDAY: "Microscopy of Solar Wind Particles Trapped in Lunar Surface Minerals"
By Brittany A. Cymes, Ph.D.

SATURDAY: "Mineral Analysis for the Micro-Mineral Collector"
By Robert A. Carlton, Ph.D.

Silent Auctions* Give-Away Tables

Friday, March 8, Noon - 6:00 pm & Saturday, March 9, 9:00 am to 6:00 pm.

Visitor's Fee: \$5.00 for Friday, \$10.00 for Saturday – includes lunch.

Questions: Email donmcAlarnen@outlook.com Phone: 610 - 584-1364

Make checks payable to Don McAlarnen, 916 Senator Road, Norristown, PA 19403 or pay when you attend.

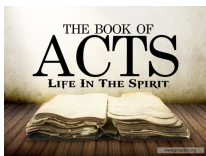
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BOOK OF ACTS STUDY

We are continuing with the four weekly sessions of the **Book of Acts Bible Study!** "Congregation wide" means we want everyone in the congregation to participate.

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** with Pastor Matt on Tuesdays during Lent.

- **Solo Study** at your leisure with the emailed YouTube video clip.
- At the **Lenten Mid-Week Services** Thursdays during Lent, online or in-person.

Please sign up in the narthex or by calling/emailing the Church. God bless you this coming Lenten Season 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 Suppers 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 SERVICES, 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

EASTER LILIES

The sign-up sheet to place Easter Lilies on the alter 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



**MEN'S BREAKFAST SATURDAYS
MARCH 9 & APRIL 13 8:30 AM**

Glad our breakfast does not fall on St. Patrick's Day as I don't know how green pancakes would go over (oh yes, I do). See you Saturday, March 9, 8:30 am.

April 13, is different as Tax Day is upon us. I will have to think of something soothing. Coffee ready at 7:30, breakfast at 8:30. Dave



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 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.



STITCH CLUB ITEMS

The Stitch club items are **available throughout the year**. If you need any of the items made by the Stitch Club, i.e., blankets, hats, baby items, please contact Hanna McCollum, 215-262- 9032, or Jeff Jobes, 215-355-4149



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.



RECYCLING CAN TABS FOR CHARITY IS A GREAT IDEA!

Recycling can tabs for charity is a great idea! 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! The tab collection program began at **Ronald McDonald House Charities** of the Philadelphia Region in 1997. Since the inception of the program, **RMHC** has collected over 350 tons of tabs and over \$170,000! See RMHCphilly.org.

THIS WEEK AT ADVENT

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT – MARCH 3

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

MONDAY, MARCH 4

- 7:30 pm A.A. Open Meeting

TUESDAY, MARCH 5

- 6:30 pm Ping Pong

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6

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

THURSDAY, MARCH 7

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

THE LEIDY MICROSCOPICAL SOCIETY’S 48th ANNUAL MICROMOUNT SYMPOSIUM, MARCH 8 & 9

FRIDAY, MARCH 8

- 7:30 pm A.A. Step Meeting

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT – MARCH 10

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