

**THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER**  
**APRIL 14, 2024**  
**9:30 A.M.**



***We Gather in Jesus' Name***

***Prelude** (a time for silent meditation)*

**Announcements**

P: Alleluia! Christ is Risen!

**C: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

**Thanksgiving for Baptism**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,  
the wellspring of grace,  
our Easter and our joy.

**Amen.**

Look, here is water!

**Here is our water of life! Alleluia!**

Immersed in the promises of baptism,  
let us give thanks for what God has done for us.

We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning  
your voice thundered over the deep  
and water became the essence of life.  
Adam and Eve beheld Eden's verdant rivers.  
The ark carried your creation through the flood into a new day.  
Miriam led the dancing as your people passed through the sea  
into freedom's land.

In a desert pool the Ethiopian official  
entered your boundless baptismal life.

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**Here is our water of life! Alleluia!**

At the river your beloved Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection you opened the floodgates of your reconciling love, freeing us to live as Easter people. We rejoice with glad hearts, giving all honor and praise to you, through the risen Christ, our source of living water, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

**Amen.**

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**Gathering Song: "Shout to the Lord"**

Verse  
My Jesus my Saviour  
Lord there is none like You  
All of my days I want to praise  
The wonders of Your mighty love  
My comfort my shelter  
Tower of refuge and strength  
Let every breath all that I am  
Never cease to worship You

Chorus  
Shout to the Lord

All the earth let us sing  
Power and majesty  
Praise to the King  
Mountains bow down  
And the seas will roar  
At the sound of Your name  
I sing for joy  
At the work of Your hands  
Forever I'll love You  
Forever I'll stand  
Nothing compares to the promise  
I have in You

**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 and righteous God, you are the author of life, and you adopt us to be your children. Fill us with your words of life, that we may live as witnesses to the resurrection of 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**

***The Reading of God's Word***

**First Reading: Acts 3:12-19**

<sup>12</sup>[Peter] addressed the people, "You Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made him walk?"<sup>13</sup>The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our ancestors has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. <sup>14</sup>But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, <sup>15</sup>and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. <sup>16</sup>And by faith in his name, his name itself has made this man strong, whom you see and know; and the faith that is through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you.

<sup>17</sup>"And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. <sup>18</sup>In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. <sup>19</sup>Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out."

*Word of God, Word of Life*  
**Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm: Psalm 4**

<sup>1</sup>Answer me when I call, O God, defender of my cause;  
you set me free when I was in distress; have mercy on me and hear my prayer.

<sup>2</sup>**“You mortals, how long will you dishonor my glory;  
how long will you love illusions and seek | after lies?”**

<sup>3</sup>Know that the LORD does wonders for the faithful;  
the LORD will hear me when I call.

<sup>4</sup>**Tremble, then, and do not sin;  
speak to your heart in silence upon your bed.**

<sup>5</sup>Offer the appointed sacrifices,  
and put your trust in the LORD.

<sup>6</sup>**Many are saying, “Who will show us any good?”  
Let the light of your face shine upon us, O LORD.**

<sup>7</sup>You have put gladness in my heart,  
more than when grain and wine abound.

<sup>8</sup>**In peace, I will lie down and sleep;  
for you alone, O LORD, make me rest secure.**

**Second Reading: 1 John 3:1-7**

<sup>1</sup>See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. <sup>2</sup>Beloved, we are God’s children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. <sup>3</sup>And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

<sup>4</sup>Everyone who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. <sup>5</sup>You know that he was revealed to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. <sup>6</sup>No one who abides in him sins; no one who sins has either seen him or known him. <sup>7</sup>Little children, let no one deceive you. Everyone who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous.

*Word of God, Word of Life*  
**Thanks be to God.**

**Gospel: Luke 24:36b-48**

**P:** The Holy Gospel according to Luke the 24<sup>th</sup> chapter.

**C: Glory to You, O Lord.**

(Please stand if you are able.)

<sup>36b</sup>Jesus himself stood among [the disciples] and said to them, “Peace be with you.” <sup>37</sup>They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. <sup>38</sup>He said to them, “Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? <sup>39</sup>Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.” <sup>40</sup>And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. <sup>41</sup>While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, “Have you anything here to eat?” <sup>42</sup>They gave him a piece of broiled fish, <sup>43</sup>and he took it and ate in their presence.

<sup>44</sup>Then he said to them, “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.” <sup>45</sup>Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, <sup>46</sup>and he said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, <sup>47</sup>and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. <sup>48</sup>You are witnesses of these things.”

**P:** The Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise to you, O Christ**

(Please be seated.)

### **Sermon**

#### **Song of Praise: “Trading My Sorrows”**

I'm trading my sorrow  
I'm trading my shame  
I'm laying it down for the joy of the Lord  
I'm trading my sickness  
I'm trading my pain  
I'm laying it down for the joy of the Lord

Yes Lord, yes Lord, yes, yes Lord  
Yes Lord, yes Lord, yes, yes Lord  
Yes Lord, yes Lord, yes, yes Lord, Amen

I'm trading my sorrow  
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I'm laying it down for the joy of the Lord  
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Yes Lord, yes Lord, yes, yes Lord  
Yes Lord, yes Lord, yes, yes Lord  
Yes Lord, yes Lord, yes, yes Lord, Amen

### **Nicene Creed**

**We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father.  
Through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven;  
by the power of the Holy Spirit  
he became incarnate from the  
virgin Mary and was made man.**

**For our sake he was crucified under  
Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was  
buried.**

**On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven and is seated at  
the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the  
living and the dead, and his kingdom  
will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.  
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped  
and glorified.  
He has spoken through the prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic  
church.**

**We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen**

***Prayers of Intercession***

*(Each prayer ends with... God of grace  
the congregation responds: **hear 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\\_IQfxkD4hBw8WoQ6UZLveQvLkSxosar2o939JWiAad87o7zqy-JU\\_UuLu19bUbJx2MmPFcXvWIUz6A7FDgkhUKkoPpduXvnt8gXUeZjQYbn9G3frHWC59Y\\_VCHQ6\\_VCoE=&ver=3](https://www.eservicepayments.com/cgi-bin/Vanco_ver3.vps?appver3=Dc8dzPGn4-LCajFevTkh9MYPCImH2sG-jdxWYJMFgw_IQfxkD4hBw8WoQ6UZLveQvLkSxosar2o939JWiAad87o7zqy-JU_UuLu19bUbJx2MmPFcXvWIUz6A7FDgkhUKkoPpduXvnt8gXUeZjQYbn9G3frHWC59Y_VCHQ6_VCoE=&ver=3)

***Offertory Prayer***

Let us pray... **Risen One, you call us to believe and bear fruit.  
May the gifts that we offer here be signs of your abiding love.  
Form us to be your witnesses in the world,  
through Jesus Christ, our true vine.  
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... Shepherding God,  
you have prepared a table before us  
and nourished us with your love.  
Send us forth from this banquet  
to proclaim your goodness  
and share the abundant mercy of Jesus,  
our redeemer and friend.  
**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: "I 'm So Glad Jesus Lifted Me"***

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|---|--|
| 1 I'm so glad Jesus lifted me.<br>I'm so glad Jesus lifted me.<br>I'm so glad Jesus lifted me,<br>singing glory, hallelujah! Jesus lifted me. | Satan had me bound, Jesus lifted me,<br>singing glory, hallelujah! Jesus lifted me.  |
| 2 Satan had me bound, Jesus lifted me.<br>Satan had me bound, Jesus lifted me.  | 3 When I was in trouble, Jesus lifted me.<br>When I was in trouble, Jesus lifted me.<br>When I was in trouble, Jesus lifted me,<br>singing glory, hallelujah! Jesus lifted me. |

## **Dismissal**

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Go in peace. Tell what God has done.

**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

Gail Oines



### **ALTAR FLOWERS**

The Altar Flowers are dedicated by The Hoffmann Family in memory of Fred Hoffmann.

### **WORSHIP ATTENDANCE**

Sunday, April 7 8:00 am 15 9:30 24 S.S. 5 **TOTAL 44**

### **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 at 215-859-3778 or email him at [pastor@adventrichboro.org](mailto:pastor@adventrichboro.org). If he is not available to take your call, leave a message and he will contact you.



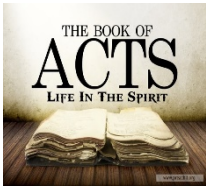
### **PING PONG**

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.



**BOOK OF ACTS BIBLE STUDY SCHEDULE**

Book of Acts Bible Study will resume at 9:00 am Sundays starting Sunday, April 14, with George Henry.

At noon on Tuesdays starting April 16 and Thursday evenings starting April 18 at 7:00 pm via Zoom with Pastor Matt.

**Topic: Zoom at Noon Tuesdays, starting April 16**

**Meeting ID: 854 1267 3045**

**<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85412673045>**

**Topic: Thursday Night Bible Study, 7:00 pm, starting April 18**

Join Zoom Meeting: Meeting ID: 830 9865 6920

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83098656920>



**SPAGHETTI DINNER, SATURDAY, APRIL 20, 6:00 TO 8:00 PM**

Come to Advent Lutheran Church for a delicious Spaghetti and Meatball Dinner. Pastor Matt and his daughter Eva will be preparing his family's homemade sauce recipe. The Strategic Mission Team will introduce a God Sightings project to the congregation. The event will take place on the evening of Saturday, April 20, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Proceeds from the free will offering will go to benefit the Warminster Food Bank. Suggested offering is \$15 per adult and \$5 for children 12 and under. To go meals will be available.



**ALTAR FLOWER DEDICATION**

There are numerous dates available for 2024 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.



**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](http://RMHCphilly.org).



**THIS WEEK AT ADVENT**

**THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER-APRIL 14**

- 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  
Church Council Meeting

**MONDAY, APRIL 15**

- 7:30 pm A.A. Open Meeting

**TUESDAY, APRIL 16**

- Noon Book of Acts Bible Study
- 6:30 pm Ping Pong

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 17**

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

**THURSDAY, APRIL 18**

- 7:00 pm Book of Acts Bible Study via Zoom

**FRIDAY, APRIL 19**

- 7:30 pm A.A. Step Meeting

**SATURDAY, April 20**

- 6:00 -8:00 pm Spaghetti Dinner

**FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER-APRIL 21**

- 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