

FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT
APRIL 21, 2024
9:30 A.M.



We Gather in Jesus' Name

Prelude (a time for silent meditation)

Announcements

Confessions and Forgiveness

In the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Most merciful God,

we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought word and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Gathering Song: "The Heart of Worship"

Verse 1

When the music fades all is stripped away
And I simply come
Longing just to bring something that's of worth
That will bless Your heart

Pre-Chorus

I'll bring You more than a song
For a song in itself is not what You have required
You search much deeper within

Through the way things appear
You're looking into my heart

Chorus

I'm coming back to the heart of worship
And it's all about You all about You Jesus
I'm sorry Lord for the thing I've made it
When it's all about You all about You Jesus

Verse 2

King of endless worth no one could express
 How much You deserve
 Though I'm weak and poor all I have is Yours
 Ev'ry single breath

Pre-Chorus**Chorus****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... O Lord Christ, good shepherd of the sheep, you seek the lost and guide us into your fold.
 Feed us, and we shall be satisfied; heal us, and we shall be whole. Make us one with you, for you live and
 reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Amen.

Children's Sermon**Reading of God's Word****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.
- ⁴**Against 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.
- ⁶**Indeed, 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.
- ⁸**Let 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.
- ¹⁰**Create 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.
- ¹²**Restore 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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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: “Find Me in the River”

Verse 1

Find me in the river
Find me on my knees
I've walked against the water
Now I'm waiting if You please
We've longed to see the roses
But never felt the thorns
And bought our pretty crowns
But never paid the price

Find me there
Find me on my knees
With my soul laid bare
Even though You're gone
And I'm cracked and dry
Find me in the river
I'm waiting here (for You)

Chorus

Find me in the river

Verse 2

Find me on my knees
I've walked against the water
Now I'm waiting if You please
We didn't count on suffering

We didn't count on pain
But if the blessing's in the valley
Then in the river we'll wait.

Chorus

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: "Open the Eyes of My Heart"

Chorus

Open the eyes of my heart Lord
Open the eyes of my heart
I want to see You
I want to see You

Verse

To see You high and lifted up
Shining in the light of Your glory

Pour out Your power and love
As we sing holy holy holy


Bridge

Holy holy holy
Holy holy holy
Holy holy holy
I want to see You

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	
<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
Lay Reader	Open
Communion Assistant	Kristi Ward



ALTAR FLOWERS

The Altar Flowers are dedicated by the Wagner Family in honor of their son’s birthday and to the Glory of God

MISSION SUPPORT

Mission Support is dedicated by Peg & George Spahn in honor of Charles Hertz’s birthday.

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

Sunday, April 14 - 8:00 am =15; 9:30 = 28; S.S. = 5 **TOTAL 48**

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

FAREWELL AND GOD SPEED TO FRAN

On Sunday May 5th at the 9:30 worship service we will be honoring Fran Zanis' service to Advent Lutheran Church in worship with a coffee hour afterward. Church Council would like to do a collection in order to gift Fran a monetary retirement gift. Please consider giving generously to express your gratitude to Fran. You may do so by mailing a check or placing a check in the offering plate by April 28th. Make checks payable to Advent Lutheran Church with "Fran Gift" in the memo line. Each person on Church Council has already contributed.

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT SEARCH TEAM

Church Council has formed a team of three individuals to search for a new Administrative Assistant. We you would like to have at least one more person on the team from the congregation. If you feel called to serve in this compacity, please speak with Pastor Matt or Council President Mike Sitler.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Financial Report For March 2024		
	Rec'vd for March 2024	Budget fo
General Fund	\$13,122.13	
Mortgage	\$2,366	
Bene. - Synod Only	\$35	
Other Benevolence	\$439	
Total	\$15,962.13	
	Recv'd YTD 1/1-3/31/24	Budget YT
General Fund	\$33,856.89	
Mortgage	\$5,280.00	



DON'T FORGET TO VOTE

This Tuesday, April 23 is Primary Election Day in Pennsylvania. There are many important races on the ballot this year. Please plan to come out and exercise your right to vote.

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.



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 in 2024 to dedicate flowers to beautify the altar on 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 each. 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.

THIS WEEK AT ADVENT

SUNDAY, APRIL 21 - FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

- 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

MONDAY, APRIL 22

- 7:30 pm A.A. Open Meeting

TUESDAY, APRIL 23

- Primary Election** – Exercise Your Right to Vote
- Noon Book of Acts Bible Study via Zoom
- 6:30 pm Ping Pong

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 24

- Primary Election** – Exercise Your Right to Vote
- 6:30 pm Praise Team
- 7:15 pm Vocal Choir

THURSDAY, APRIL 25

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

FRIDAY, APRIL 26

- 7:30 pm A.A. Step Meeting

SUNDAY, APRIL 28 - FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

- 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