

Fifth Sunday in Lent
March 26, 2023
9:30 a.m.



GATHERING

Prelude (a time for silent meditation)

Announcements

Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,
who journeys with us these forty days,
and sustains us with the gift of grace.

Amen.

Let us acknowledge before God and one another
our need for repentance and God's mercy.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Holy God,

we confess to you our faults and failings.

Too often we neglect and do not trust your holy word;

we take for ourselves instead of giving to others;

we spoil rather than steward your creation;

we cause hurt though you call us to heal;

we choose fear over compassion.

Forgive us, renew us, and lead us,

as we seek to follow in your way of life.

Amen.

Hear the good news:

God so loved the world that God gave the only Son,
so that all may receive life.

This promise is for you!

God embraces you with divine mercy,

☩ forgives you in Christ's name,

and revives you in the Spirit's power.

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

As I journey to the cross
I think of all that You have done
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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 . . . Almighty God, your Son came into the world to free us all from sin and death. Breathe upon us the power of your Spirit, that we may be raised to new life in Christ and serve you in righteousness all our days, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

WORD

Children's Sermon

First Reading: Ezekiel 37:1-14

¹The hand of the LORD came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the LORD and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. ²He led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. ³He said to me, “Mortal, can these bones live?” I answered, “O Lord GOD, you know.” ⁴Then he said to me, “Prophecy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD. ⁵Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. ⁶I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the LORD.”

⁷So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. ⁸I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them. ⁹Then he said to me, “Prophecy to the breath, prophecy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord GOD: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live.” ¹⁰I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude.

¹¹Then he said to me, “Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, ‘Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely.’ ¹²Therefore prophecy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord GOD: I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. ¹³And you shall know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. ¹⁴I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the LORD, have spoken and will act, says the LORD.”
went to Ramah.

Word of God, Word of Life

Thanks be to God

Psalm: Psalm 130

¹Out of the depths

I cry to you, O LORD;

²O LORD, hear my voice!

Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplication.

³If you were to keep watch over sins,

O LORD, who could stand?

**⁴Yet with you is forgiveness,
in order that you may be feared.**

⁵I wait for you, O LORD; my soul waits;

in your word is my hope.

**⁶My soul waits for the Lord more than those who keep watch ¹ for the morning,
more than those who keep watch for the morning.**

⁷O Israel, wait for the LORD, for with the LORD there is steadfast love;

with the LORD there is plenteous redemption.

**⁸For the LORD shall redeem Israel
from all their sins.**

Second Reading: Romans 8:6-11

⁶To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. ⁷For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God’s law—indeed it cannot, ⁸and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

⁹But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. ¹⁰But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. ¹¹If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

Word of God, Word of Life

Thanks be to God

P: The Holy Gospel according to John the 11th Chapter

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

¹Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. ²Mary was the one who anointed the Lord with perfume and wiped his feet with her hair; her brother Lazarus was ill. ³So the sisters sent a message to Jesus, "Lord, he whom you love is ill." ⁴But when Jesus heard it, he said, "This illness does not lead to death; rather it is for God's glory, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it." ⁵Accordingly, though Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, ⁶after having heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was.

⁷Then after this he said to the disciples, "Let us go to Judea again." ⁸The disciples said to him, "Rabbi, the Jews were just now trying to stone you, and are you going there again?" ⁹Jesus answered, "Are there not twelve hours of daylight? Those who walk during the day do not stumble, because they see the light of this world. ¹⁰But those who walk at night stumble, because the light is not in them." ¹¹After saying this, he told them, "Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I am going there to awaken him." ¹²The disciples said to him, "Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will be all right." ¹³Jesus, however, had been speaking about his death, but they thought that he was referring merely to sleep. ¹⁴Then Jesus told them plainly, "Lazarus is dead. ¹⁵For your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him." ¹⁶Thomas, who was called the Twin, said to his fellow disciples, "Let us also go, that we may die with him."

¹⁷When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. ¹⁸Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away, ¹⁹and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother. ²⁰When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. ²¹Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. ²²But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him." ²³Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." ²⁴Martha said to him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day." ²⁵Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, ²⁶and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" ²⁷She said to him, "Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world."

²⁸When she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary, and told her privately, "The Teacher is here and is calling for you." ²⁹And when she heard it, she got up quickly and went to him. ³⁰Now Jesus had not yet come to the village, but was still at the place where Martha had met him. ³¹The Jews who were with her in the house, consoling her, saw Mary get up quickly and go out. They followed her because they thought that she was going to the tomb to weep there. ³²When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." ³³When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. ³⁴He said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Lord, come and see." ³⁵Jesus began to weep. ³⁶So the Jews said, "See how he loved him!" ³⁷But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?"

³⁸Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. ³⁹Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, "Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days." ⁴⁰Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?" ⁴¹So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, "Father, I thank you for having heard me. ⁴²I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me." ⁴³When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" ⁴⁴The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go."

⁴⁵Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what Jesus did, believed in him.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Sermon

Hymn of the Day: "The Wonderful Cross"

When I survey the wondrous Cross
On which the Prince of Glory died
My richest gain, I count but loss
And pour contempt on all my pride

See from His head, His hands, His feet
Sorrow and love flow mingled down
Did ever such love and sorrow meet?
Or thorns compose, so rich a crown

Oh the wonderful Cross, oh the wonderful Cross
Bids me come and die and find that I may truly live
Oh the wonderful Cross, oh the wonderful Cross
All who gather here by grace, draw near and bless Your name

Were the whole realm of nature mine
That were an offering far too small
Love so amazing, so divine
Demands my soul, my life, my all

Oh the wonderful Cross, oh the wonderful Cross
Bids me come and die and find that I may truly live
Oh the wonderful Cross, oh the wonderful Cross
All who gather here by grace, draw near and bless Your name

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 Intercession

*(Each petition 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-LCajFevTkh9MYPCLmH2sG-jdxWYJMFgw_IQfxkD4hBw8W0Q6UZLveQvLkSxosar2o939JWiAad87o7zqy-JU_UuLu19bUbJx2MmPFcXvWIUz6A7FDgkhUKk0PpduXvnt8gXUeZjQYbn9G3frHWC59Y_VCHQ6_VCoE=&ver=3

Offertory Prayer

Let us pray... **God of good gifts, receive these and all our offerings as we present them in faithful service for the sake of your gospel. Prepare our hearts to receive you in this meal as you pour out your very presence through Christ Jesus, the wellspring of eternal life. 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. . . Embodied God, at your table, we have tasted the goodness of Jesus.
 With the eyes of our hearts open to your promise, empower us to hear the needs of our neighbors and touch the world with your love.

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 Song: “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.

Dismissal

Go in peace. Follow the way of Jesus.
Thanks be to God.

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: The Rev. Matthew E Ollikainen
Music Director Michael Dettra
Lay Reader/Communion Assistant Open

GUEST REGISTER

If you are visiting with us today, please sign our Guest Book in the narthex.

ALTAR FLOWERS

The Altar Flowers are presented by Peg & George Spahn in honor of their grandson, Sam's birthday.

NUEVA CREACIÓN MISSION SUPPORT

Support of Nueva Creación Lutheran Church in Philadelphia for this week is by Lynn Roccograndi in memory of Father Samuel.

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE:

Sunday, March 19 8:00 am 18 9:30 am 23 Sunday School 5 **Total 46**

Financial Report For February 2023		
	Rec'vd for February 2023	Budget for February 2023
Current	\$9,551.53	\$17,281.00
Mortgage	\$2,191	\$1,898.00
Bene. - Synod Only	\$44	\$134
Other Benevolence	\$817	
Total	\$14,778.43	\$19,313.00
	Recv'd YTD 1/1-2/28/23	Budget YTD 1/1-2/28/23
Current	\$21,353.96	\$34,562.00
Mortgage	\$4,772.00	\$3,796.00
Bene. - Synod Only	\$154.00	\$268.00
Other Benevolence	\$1,102.00	
Total	\$27,381.96	\$38,626.00



MIDWEEK LENTEN SOUP SUPPERS

Gathering at church during the season of Lent for soup and fellowship, before the midweek Lenten worship service. The Soup Supper will begin at **6:00 p.m.** in the social hall on **Thursday, March 30**. Please sign up at church to bring soup, bread or drinks. Contact Gail Oines with any questions or concerns 215-534-8218.



MIDWEEK LENTEN WORSHIP SERVICE THURSDAY, MARCH 30, 7 PM

Beneath the Cross of Jesus, is the theme for worship this season of Lent. We live our lives beneath the cross of Jesus, beneath God's manifold love and grace that reach to us even from Calvary. Based on the hymn "Beneath the cross of Jesus" (ELW 338), this series explores what it means for us to abide at the foot of the cross, to cling to the rock of our salvation, to dwell in the house of the Lord, and to confess our sins and receive God's forgiveness.

Service will be held in person and on Zoom only, **Thursday evening at 7:00 p.m., March 30.** While using Zoom, please mute yourself when you are not speaking.

Meeting ID: 864 7772 3021 Pass code: 443360

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86477723021?pwd=cEFHd2hxYoxMRVJPT2hCQjQ5MnF2Zz09>



MAUNDY THURSDAY, APRIL 6, 7:00 p.m.

Maundy Thursday Service with Holy Communion will be held on Thursday, April 6 at **7:00 p.m.** Service can be attended in person, or by Zoom and it will be live streamed on Facebook.

Topic: Maundy Thursday Service 2023

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82883855709?pwd=coJLTVQvZXZBZWpqbkt3ZoI5UlBHUT09>

Meeting ID: 828 8385 5709 Pass code: 058913



GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE, APRIL 7, 7 p.m.

Service of Tenebrae with Holy Communion will be held on Friday, April 7 at 7:00 p.m. Service can be attended in person, or by Zoom and it will be live streamed on Facebook.

Topic: Good Friday Service 2023

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85393117493?pwd=VjVFRzlvdTBITmM3ZDREOWVhSHRCUT09>

Meeting ID: 853 9311 7493 Pass code: 061166



LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF - EARTHQUAKE IN TURKEY

Lutheran World Relief is coordinating an emergency response to our neighbors in Turkey devastated by the earthquake.

We are being asked to donate to the emergency response fund so they can deliver critically needed care for families like water, medical care, shelter and essential supplies.

Please send your donations to Advent marked with earthquake relief and it will be sent in to Lutheran World Relief or give online at **lwr.org/quake** or mail a check to **Lutheran World Relief, PO Box 17061, Baltimore, MD 21297-1061.** Please write QUAKE in the memo.

Thank you for leading our congregation to share God's love with the world when it's needed most.



PING PONG TUESDAY NIGHTS

We are playing Ping Pong weekly on Tuesday nights, starting at **6:30 pm** and ending around 8 pm. All are invited. No equipment is required. Please contact Ray Heiss if you plan to give it a try (rayheiss1@gmail.com).



CHOIR AND PRAISE BAND PRACTICES

Practices of the Choir and Praise Band are on **Wednesday evenings March 29 and April 5.** **Praise Band practice is at 6:30 and Vocal Choir practice is at 7:15.** All are welcome and encouraged to join, no prior experience is necessary. Please see Mike Dettra, Music Director or Pastor Matt for more details.



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 2.** Cost is \$15 per plant. You can call or email the office with your request 215-355-2529/office@adventrichboro.org.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL JULY 24 – 28

The dates have been set for Vacation Bible School at Advent this summer!

The week of July 24 – 28, Monday - Friday from 9:00 a.m.–noon will feature **OPERATION RESTORATION** for students age 4 through completion of grade 6. Learning with friends makes Bible School fun! As they make connections between Bible stories and actions, they'll discover simple ways to live out faith in daily life, such as feed, heal, forgive, pray and rest. Students will employ art, music, science and storytelling in this creative program, along with outdoor play and a snack each day! Registration forms will be available on March 12.



FELLOWSHIP TIME

We need committees or individuals to sign up to provide refreshments after the 9:30 a.m. service. The sign-up sheet through August is on the fellowship table. Advent supplies hot beverages (i.e., coffee & tea) and all paper products.



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 CREACIÓN MISSION SUPPORT

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



STITCH CLUB ITEMS AVAILABLE

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 215-962-9032 or Jeff Jobses 215-355-4149.

THIS WEEK AT ADVENT

FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT – MARCH 26

- 8:00 am Traditional Holy Communion
- 9:00 am Adult Bible Study
- 9:30 am Contemporary Holy Communion
- Sunday School age 4 - grade 6
- 10:30 am Fellowship Time: Tony & Jeanne Gryszka
- 10:45 am Adult Bible Study

MONDAY, MARCH 27

- 7:30 pm A.A. Open Meeting

TUESDAY, MARCH 28

- 6:30 pm Ping Pong

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 29

- 6:30 pm Praise Band Practice
- 7:15 pm Choir Practice

THURSDAY, MARCH 30

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

FRIDAY, MARCH 31

7:30 pm A.A. Step Meeting

SATURDAY, APRIL 1

10:00 am Stitch Club

SUNDAY OF THE PASSION/PALM SUNDAY – APRIL 2

8:00 am Traditional Holy Communion
9:00 am Adult Bible Study
9:30 am Contemporary Holy Communion
Sunday School age 4 - grade 6
10:30 am Fellowship Time: Open
10:45 am Adult Bible Study