

**FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT
FEBRUARY 18, 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: "10,000 Reasons"

Bless the Lord oh my soul
Oh my soul
Worship His Holy name
Sing like never before
Oh my soul
I'll worship Your Holy name

The sun comes up
It's a new day dawning
It's time to sing Your song again
Whatever may pass
And whatever lies before me
Let me be singing
When the evening comes

Bless the Lord oh my soul
Oh my soul
Worship His Holy name
Sing like never before
Oh my soul
I'll worship Your Holy name

You're rich in love
And You're slow to anger
Your name is great
And Your heart is kind
For all Your goodness
I will keep on singing

Ten thousand reasons
For my heart to find

Bless the Lord oh my soul
Oh my soul
Worship His Holy name
Sing like never before
Oh my soul
I'll worship Your Holy name
Bless You Lord

And on that day
When my strength is failing
The end draws near
And my time has come
Still my soul will
Sing Your praise unending
Ten thousand years
And then forevermore
Forevermore

Bless the Lord oh my soul
Oh my soul
Worship His Holy name
Sing like never before
Oh my soul
I'll worship Your Holy name

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, heavenly Father, in the waters of the flood you saved the chosen, and in the wilderness of temptation you protected your Son from sin. Renew us in the gift of baptism. May your holy angels be with us, that the wicked foe may have no power over us, 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 First Sunday in Lent

First Reading: Genesis 9:8-17

⁸God said to Noah and to his sons with him, ⁹"As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, ¹⁰and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark. ¹¹I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth." ¹²God said, "This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: ¹³I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. ¹⁴When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, ¹⁵I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all

flesh; and the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. ¹⁶When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth.” ¹⁷God said to Noah, “This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth.”

Word of God, Word of Life

Thanks be to God

Psalm: Psalm 25:1-10

¹To you, O LORD,

I lift up my soul.

²**My God, I put my trust in you; let me not be put to shame,
nor let my enemies triumph over me.**

³Let none who look to you be put to shame;
rather let those be put to shame who are treacherous.

⁴**Show me your ways, O LORD,
and teach me your paths.**

⁵Lead me in your truth and teach me,
for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all the day long.

⁶**Remember, O LORD, your compassion and love,
for they are from everlasting.**

⁷Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions;
remember me according to your steadfast love and for the sake of your goodness, O LORD.

⁸**You are gracious and upright, O LORD;
therefore you teach sinners in your way.**

⁹You lead the lowly in justice
and teach the lowly your way.

¹⁰**All your paths, O LORD, are steadfast love and faithfulness
to those who keep your covenant and your testimonies.**

Second Reading: 1 Peter 3:18-22

¹⁸Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God.

He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, ¹⁹in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, ²⁰who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. ²¹And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you—not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, ²²who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

Word of God, Word of Life

Thanks be to God

Gospel: Mark 1:9-15

P: The Holy Gospel according to Mark the 1st Chapter

C: Glory to You, O Lord

⁹In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. ¹⁰And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. ¹¹And a voice came from heaven, “You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.”

¹²And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. ¹³He was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him.

¹⁴Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, ¹⁵and saying, “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Song of Praise: "Once Again"

Jesus Christ, I think upon your sacrifice
You became nothing, poured out to death
Many times I've wondered at your gift of life
And I'm in that place once again
I'm in that place once again

And once again I look upon the cross where
you died
I'm humbled by your mercy and I'm broken
inside
Once again I thank you
Once again I pour out my life

Now you are exalted to the highest place
King of the heavens, where one day I'll bow
But for now I marvel at your saving grace
And I'm full of praise once again
I'm full of praise once again

And once again I look upon the cross where you
died
I'm humbled by your mercy and I'm broken inside
Once again I thank you
Once again I pour out my life

Thank you for the cross
Thank you for the cross
Thank you for the cross, my friend

Thank you for the cross
Thank you for the cross
Thank you for the cross, my friend

And once again I look upon the cross where you
died
I'm humbled by your mercy and I'm broken inside
Once again I thank you
Once again I pour out my life

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: "More Love, More Power"

More love, more power
More of You in my life
More love, more power
More of You in my life
And I will worship You, with all of my heart
I will worship You, with all of my mind
I will worship You, with all of my strength
For You are my Lord

More love, more power
More of You in my life
More love, more power
More of You in my life

And I will seek Your face, With all of my heart
And I will seek Your face, With all of my mind
And I will seek Your face, With all of my strength

For You are my Lord

More love, more power
More of You in my life
More love, more power
More of You in my life

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
Lay ?Reader	Open
Communion Assistant	Kristen Ward



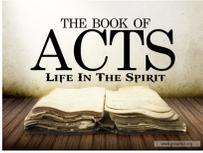
ALTAR FLOWERS

The Altar Flowers are dedicated to the Glory of God.

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

Sunday, February 11, 8:00 am 17, 9:30 am 26, S.S. 0	<u>TOTAL 43</u>
Ash Wednesday, Noon 10, 7:00 pm 18	<u>TOTAL 28</u>

Financial Report For January 2024		
	Rec'vd for Jan 2024	Budget for Jan 2024
General Fund	\$10,602.63	\$17,482.00
Mortgage	\$1,508	\$1,898.00
Bene. - Synod Only	\$70	\$75
Other Benevolence	\$255	
Total	\$12,435.63	\$19,455.00



Book of Acts Bible Study

Beginning the first full week of Lent we will be starting the first congregation wide activity of the Strategic Mission Plan. We will be doing 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 yours 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 9AM beginning February 18th, in-person.
- **Zoom at Noon** with Pastor Matt beginning February 20th.
- **Solo Study** at your leisure beginning February 20th with the emailed YouTube video clip.
- At the **Lenten Mid-Week Services** beginning February 22nd, 7 PM, 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 social hall on **Thursdays** February 22 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 FEBRUARY 22 - MARCH 21

“**Book of Acts**” is the theme for worship this season of Lent.

Services will be held in person and online this year Thursday evenings at 7:00 p.m., February 22 through March 21, in the social hall.

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 February 22 thru March 21

Join Zoom Meeting: Meeting ID: 830 9865 6920

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

ASPIRE-1 NIGHT, 3 HOURS!

Join in on an evening full of laughter, learning, stories & music. The event will be held on Saturday, February 24, at Calvary Church, Rte. 113 in Souderton PA. The show starts at 6 pm. Doors open at 5:30 unless you have a VIP ticket and the doors open at 5 pm. General admission is \$30 and VIP tickets are \$40. Call 480-812-1100 or online @ ASPIREWOMENSEVENTS.com.



ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING ON SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25

On Sunday, **February 25**, we will have **one worship service at 9:00 a.m.** The Annual Congregational Meeting will follow the service at **10:00 a.m.** Please plan to attend so that we make quorum and are able to conduct the business of the church.

If you are unable to attend the meeting in person, please plan to attend via zoom.

While using Zoom, please mute yourself when you are not speaking.

Topic: Congregational Meeting: 10:00 am February 25, 2024

Join Zoom Meeting ID: 898 2827 3113 - <https://uso2web.zoom.us/j/89828273113>

REMINDER ONE WORSHIP SERVICE AT 9:00 AM FEBRUARY 25TH

On Sunday, February 25th there will only be 1 service with Holy Communion at 9:00 am.

The Annual Congregational Meeting will follow at 10:00 am



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.



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

FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

FEBRUARY 18

- 8:00 am Traditional Worship Service with
Holy Communion
9:30 am Contemporary Worship Service with
Holy Communion
Sunday School, age 4 – grade 6
10:30 am Fellowship Time: open
10:30 am Adult Bible Study

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 19

- 7:30 pm A.A. Open Meeting

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 20

- 6:30 pm Ping Pong

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 21

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

Thursday, February 22

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

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 23

- 7:30 pm A.A. Step Meeting

SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

FEBRUARY 25

CONGREGATIONL MEETING

- 9:00 am Contemporary Worship Service with
Holy Communion
Sunday School, age 4 – grade 6
10:00 am Fellowship Time: open
Congregational Meeting