



TEMPLE LUTHERAN CHURCH

INCLUSION, SERVICE, COMMUNITY



MARCH 19, 2023
4TH SUNDAY IN LENT



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WELCOME UNCONDITIONALLY	WORSHIP FULLY
LIVE GENEROUSLY	CELEBRATE GROWTH

**Visiting today?
Welcome!**

**March 19, 2023
Notes for Today's Service**

We hope that you will be able to join with us in worship in person or through the livestream on the website templelutheran.org.

Because this is a livestreamed service, your likeness may be shown on Temple's YouTube channel and website.

HOLY COMMUNION - We welcome **ALL** to share in the meal of God's forgiveness, receiving the real presence of Christ in the sacrament. Please come forward to the communion rail by the center aisle maintaining a 3 feet distance. Children are welcome to fully participate in Holy Communion or to come forward and receive a blessing. Please return to your seat by the side aisle. If you are unable to come forward, please notify an usher and communion will be brought to you.

OFFERING - During today's service, an offering will be gathered for the mission of the church, including the care of those in need. At Temple Lutheran Church, we acknowledge financial stewardship to be an act of discipleship, done in response to the Good News of God's love. As you hear God's Word today and consider the ways God has blessed you, we invite you to share only what God is calling you to share. We thank you for your generous gifts and assure you that your donations will help to change lives as we transform church, our neighborhood, and God's world in the name of Jesus.

Please consider e-giving as a way to continue meeting your pledge to Temple. Please contact our Financial Secretary for information or the form to do this at finsecretary@templelutheran.org.

FIRST READING: Titus 3:1-8

Remind them to be subject to rulers and authorities, to be obedient, to be ready for every good work, ²to speak evil of no one, to avoid quarreling, to be gentle, and to show every courtesy to everyone. ³For we ourselves were once foolish, disobedient, led astray, slaves to various passions and pleasures, passing our days in malice and envy, despicable, hating one another. ⁴But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, ⁵he saved us, not because of any works of righteousness that we had done, but according to his mercy, through the water of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit. ⁶This Spirit he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, ⁷so that, having been justified by his grace, we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life. ⁸The saying is sure. I desire that you insist on these things, so that those who have come to believe in God may be careful to devote themselves to good works; these things are excellent and profitable to everyone.

SECOND READING: James 5:16b-20

^{16b}The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective. ¹⁷Elijah was a human being like us, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. ¹⁸Then he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain and the earth yielded its harvest. ¹⁹My brothers and sisters, if anyone among you wanders from the truth and is brought back by another, ²⁰you should know that whoever brings back a sinner from wandering will save the sinner's soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.

Need to contact the Pastor?

The Rev. Timothy Johansen,
by calling (610) 446-3270

or by emailing pastor@templelutheran.org
Emergency Phone Number (516)592-0412

GOSPEL READING: Matthew 6:5-14

⁵"And whenever you pray, do not be like the hypocrites; for they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and at the street corners, so that they may be seen by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. ⁶But whenever you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you. ⁷"When you are praying, do not heap up empty phrases as the Gentiles do; for they think that they will be heard because of their many words. ⁸Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask him. ⁹"Pray then in this way: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. ¹⁰Your kingdom come. Your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. ¹¹Give us this day our daily bread. ¹²And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. ¹³And do not bring us to the time of trial, but rescue us from the evil one. ¹⁴For if you forgive others their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you.

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

For Healing and Encouragement: Paul Arata, Brendan Bell, Jack Byers, Mike Carr, family and friends of Bobby Christman, Linda Clack, Joan Clarke, Sue Cook, Jane Corso, Cynthia Davis, Marge Davis, Bobbie Delaney, Gordon Dershimer, Declan Devlin, Diane Donnelly, Chase Doyle and Adam, Mary England, Christie Ennis, Bill Faust, Shane Faust, Kristine Ferguson-Franklin, Michelle Filler, Lois Ann Forgoess-Oler, Todd Gasper, Greg Hallquist, Roy Hallowell, Florence Homer, Amy Ingram, Cari Isakson, family and friends of David I., Craig Jamgochian, Sylvia Johnson, Dan Joseph, Gina Kapusniak, Kailyn Kilfoyle, Kim Komar, Louis F. Lamoreux, Jean Long, Leia Jean Louis, Madison Lynn, Kevin Mack, Janet Marinari, Wayne Meider, Lino Mescia, Helen Neiser, Betty Pagan, Carmen Palacios, Ashley Pietropaolo, Melissa Rhodes, Marty Smith, family and friends of Ellen Snyder, Merry Snyder, Patricia Snyder, Karen Spangler, Gaetan Termini, Dick Torti, Diana Valvardi, Lily Walker, Barbara Ward, Philip White, Linda Wilke, and Everett Xu.



Steps 10-12

- 10. We continued to take personal inventory and when we were wrong promptly admitted it.
- 11. We sought through prayer and meditation to improve our conscious contact with God as we understood God, praying only for knowledge of God's will for us and the power to carry that out.
- 12. Having had a spiritual awakening as the result of these steps, we tried to carry this message to others, and to practice these principles in all our affairs.

If we are painstaking about this phase of our development, we will be amazed before we are half way through.

We are going to know a new freedom and a new happiness.

We will not regret the past nor wish to shut the door on it.

We will comprehend the word serenity and we will know peace.

No matter how far down the scale we have gone, we will see how our experience can benefit others.

That feeling of uselessness and self-pity will disappear.

We will lose interest in selfish things and gain interest in our fellows.

Self-seeking will slip away.

Our whole attitude and outlook upon life will change.

Fear of people and economic insecurity will leave us.

We will intuitively know how to handle situations which used to baffle us.

We will suddenly realize that God is doing for us what we could not do for ourselves.

Are these extravagant Promises? We think not. They are being fulfilled among us - sometimes quickly, sometimes slowly. They will always materialize if we work for them.

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WELCOME UNCONDITIONALLY

Welcome to Temple Lutheran Church of Havertown. You are not alone.

Each of us is a child of God, made in the image of God. Together, we create a diverse community of people who strive to share the love of Christ and to do God's work in the world.

Temple Lutheran Church commits anti-racism, anti-sexism, anti-genderism, anti-classism, anti-abilism because of our love of Jesus Christ and his work in our world. We are a Reconciling in Christ Congregation which extends hospitality, support, encouragement, and full participation to all children of God who seek to join us in doing God's work.

These are our core values, our mission, and our vision:

Core Values: Inclusion, Community, Service

Mission: Welcome Unconditionally, Worship Fully, Live Generously, and Celebrate Growth

Vision: Transforming Church, Our Neighborhood, and God's World in the name of Jesus.

BOOK CLUB – Monday, April 3 7:30 PM
Things Hidden: Scripture as Spirituality
By Richard Rohr

Book Club will be in person at Temple's Café, with the option to Zoom in.

If you would like to read, but the expense is too much please reach out to Pastor Tim. Even if you haven't read the book, you are very welcome to join!

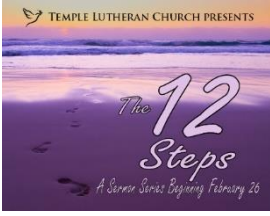
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WORSHIP FULLY



New Worship Series "The 12 Steps

Begins February 26

Feb. 26 Steps 1, 2, 3

Mar. 5 Steps 4, 5, 6, 7

Mar. 12 Steps 8, 9

Mar. 19 Steps 10, 11, 12

SPONSORING ALTAR FLOWERS

Altar flowers are a great way to beautify the sanctuary and remind your fellow worshipers of the new life that Jesus brings. Select the week, enter the note you would like in the bulletin and pay through PayPal. The cost is \$42 per week. Questions: Contact the [Office](#)



[Order Altar Flowers](#)

CAFÉ



Discussion and fellowship at 9 a.m. In Person (in the Café) or on Zoom.

Café has been growing and our conversations

have been particularly lifegiving thanks to the strong

leadership of many wonderful mission partners.

Please come to find community and growth.

[Adult Café Link](#)

EASTER FLOWERS

Help to beautify the church on Easter Sunday by ordering Easter Flowers by April 2!

Tulips, Daffodils, Azaleas and Easter Lilies are available to order. Order online, by bulletin insert, or mail to the church. Make a note of IN MEMORY, IN HONOR, or IN CELEBRATION of...



Tulips (6" pot)	Daffodils (7" pot)	Azaleas (8" pot)	Lily
\$7.00	\$7.00	\$10.00	\$9.00

[Easter Flowers](#)



LIVE GENEROUSLY

FOOD PANTRY SERVICE DAY March 25, 2023 1-3 PM



Needs: Canned fruit or applesauce in plastic jars, Cereal, Snacks, Toilet Paper, Paper Towels, Dish soap, and Laundry Detergent.

We're also looking for some additional Mission Partner help during the month and on service days! If this is a ministry you would like to help with please email Bridget McCormack at bmccormack29@gmail.com.

GIVING TO TEMPLE

Did you know that Temple has doubled its' congregational giving in the last ten years? This drastically affects the impact we can have on our community and beyond. It's because of your generosity that this is a growing, thriving, multi-generational community of people dedicated to living out our values of Inclusion, Service, and Community.

There are now many ways you can financially contribute to TLC's Mission

- Mail a check to the church office
501 Brookline Blvd, Havertown, PA 19083
- Authorize payment through your bank
- Sign up for electronic giving with Celia Engman

Questions? Contact [Celia Engman](#)

Use this [PayPal link](#)

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GET INVOLVED

If you are interested in getting more involved with ministries here at Temple Lutheran, please reach out to Rob Mannix! Let him know your interests and he can help direct you to a cause, event, or group.



LENTEN GENEROSITY PROJECT TLC MICROLOAN FUND

Throughout the season of Lent, Temple will be collecting money to establish a Microloan Fund. This fund will help to finance entrepreneurial enterprises all over the world at 0% interest. For every \$10 gifted, a “coin” will be hung in the sanctuary. **An anonymous donor has stepped up to match these funds!** Thank you for Living Generously! Order by bulletin insert, mail a check to the church, or donate online at templelutheran.org/tlc-fundraisers.

What is a microloan?

A microloan is a sum of money lent to somebody, usually in a developing nation, to help them unlock capital and address barriers to financial access around the world.

An estimated 1.4 billion people on the planet are considered “unbanked” due to socioeconomic and systemic factors like gender inequality, racism, wealth inequality unstable governments, refugee status, or lack of education.

How do microloans help to transform God’s world?

Microloans help unbanked individuals to have access to starting a business and earning an income. On a global level, microfinance can:

- **Promote better health and education** – families who utilize microloans are less likely to pull their children from school for economic reasons.
- **Help close the gender gap** – Over 80% of microloan recipients are women located in countries where cultural and social norms do not support gender equality.
- **Provide a sustainable source to help low-income populations** – Microlending allows funds with charitable intentions to be lent over and over again to additional individuals once it has been paid. Microloans are the gift that keeps on giving.

How are microloans given and repaid?

We will be using Kiva.org to manage this. We get to choose the specific endeavors we fund but Kiva has an administrative infrastructure that is separately funded by donors.

How can I help?

[Donate online](#), by bulletin insert, or mail a check to the church.

Remember to make a note – In Memory, Celebration, or Honor of...



CELEBRATE GROWTH

TLC: Tender Loving Care

Sharing words of inspiration and hope!

TLC Blog

We are excited to offer this blog as way to share God's presence in our lives and community. Perhaps you attended Café and were moved by the discussion. You spent time helping at the food pantry and witnessed a kindness that may move others. You have a recipe that has been passed down for generations and a story to go with it. Kids are welcome to share their stories as well! Please reach out to Lisa Schneller @ licaschneller23@gmail.com to post on our blog.



NEEDS YOUR HELP!

Who would like to help put our newsletter together? We can set a time that works for you to meet to put the Evangel together! There is so much happening here at Temple Lutheran and we like to share that news through the Evangel. Please email the office if you would like to have this as part of your ministry. Email articles and/or pictures to temple@templelutheran.org.

TLC Evangel

SUPER HERO 5K & WELLNESS FAIR

By Child Guidance Resource Centers

Sunday, May 7th 10AM-2PM

Rose Tree Park in Media

CHILD GUIDANCE RESOURCE CENTERS

SUPER HERO 5K

& WELLNESS FAIR

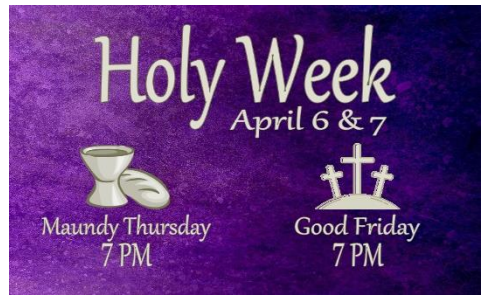
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Maundy Thursday

April 6, 7 PM - No livestream

Good Friday

April 7, 7 PM - Livestream



Easter Sunday

April 9 7 AM - No livestream 10 AM - Livestream



Easter Sunday Breakfast 8-10AM

Fellowship Hall 8-10 AM

Help needed! Sign up sheet in the narthex to help or bring a dish.
Or email the church to add you to the list!

TLC's EASTER EGG HUNT

Saturday, April 8 10 AM

All are welcome!

Rain or shine!

All ages! Bring a friend!

We need EGG FILLERS!

Please take a bag or two of

empty plastic eggs and

return to the bins when

filled! Together we can

make this a wonderful

morning for the children of TLC and the community!



CALENDAR OF REGULAR MEETINGS

Tuesdays	7:15 p.m.	Handbell Choir
	8:30 p.m.	AA Meeting
Friday	7:30 p.m.	I Am Responsible [AA meeting]
Saturdays	9:30 a.m.	Bryn Mawr Early Birds [AA meeting]
Sundays	9:00 a.m.	Sunday School / Café
	9:40 a.m.	Children's Music
	10:00 a.m.	Worship
	11:30 a.m.	Chancel Choir

12-Step meetings are held regularly at the church, but not all of them are posted at the request of each group's leadership. Please contact Pastor Tim if you have an addiction and need help.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

February	26	12 Step Worship Series Begins
March	25	TLC Food Pantry Day 1-3 PM
April	2	Palm Sunday
	3	TLC Book Club 7:30 PM
	6	Maundy Thursday 7 PM
	7	Good Friday 7 PM
	8	Easter Egg Hunt 10 AM
	9	Easter 7 AM, 10 AM Breakfast 8-10 AM

Partners in Ministry

Ministers	People of Temple Lutheran Church
Pastor	The Rev. Timothy B. Johansen
Congregation Council President	Amanda Quillen
Director of Music Ministries	Florrie Marks
Director of Discipleship	Rob Mannix
Parish Administrator	Darcy Mannion
Director of Sunday School	Jeanne Daniels
Sexton	Calvin Lawler Sr.



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