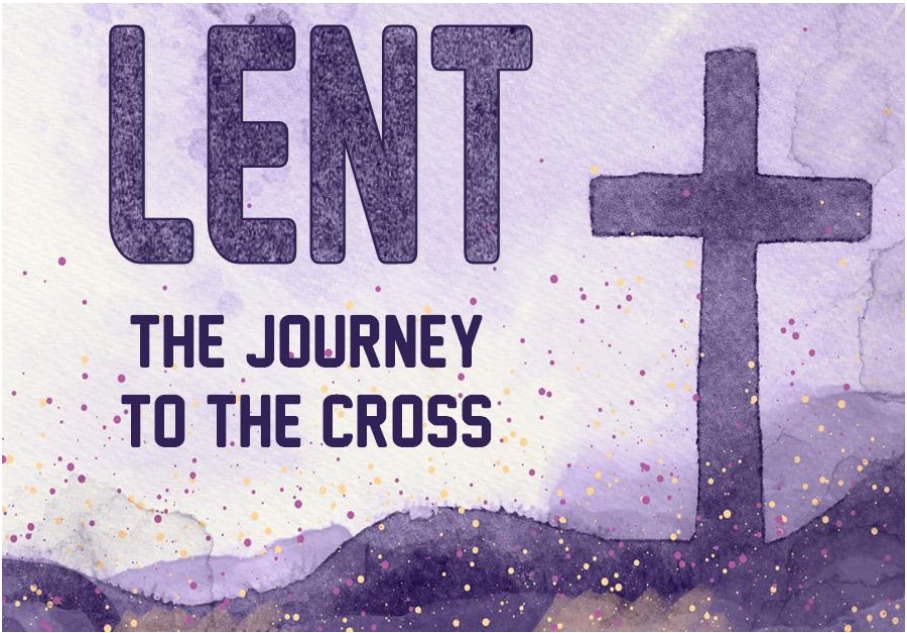




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INCLUSION, SERVICE, COMMUNITY



MARCH 26, 2023
5TH SUNDAY IN LENT



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LIVE GENEROUSLY	CELEBRATE GROWTH

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**Visiting today?
Welcome!**

**March 26, 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: Ezekial 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."

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: John 11:1-45

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.



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!

Meeting ID: 838 3646 6562

Passcode: BookClub





WORSHIP FULLY

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](#)



Altar

CAFÉ



How do you start your morning?

Coffee? Tea? Cold water in your eyes? Grumpy turning to happy. Or just up with a bright “Morning!” Any way you wake up, by 9 on Sunday mornings, we have a chair for you. Come sip something. We will provide coffee, juice, or Tea! We may talk about women ministers in the ELCA ,” or just fun conversations that stimulate faith thoughts Come discover and share! Discussion and fellowship at 9 a.m. In Person (in the Café) or on Zoom.

Adult Café

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

For Healing and Encouragement: Paul Arata, Brendan Bell, Jack Byers, Mike Carr, Linda Clack, Joan Clarke, Sue Cook, Jane Corso, Cynthia Davis, Marge Davis, Bobbie Delaney, Gordon Dersheimer, Declan Devlin, Diane Donnelly, Chase Doyle and Adam, Mary England, Christie Ennis, Bill Faust, Shane Faust, Kristine Ferguson-Franklin, Michelle Filler, Lois Ann Forgeess-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, Merry Snyder, Patricia Snyder, Karen Spangler, Gaetan Termini, Dick Torti, Diana Valvardi, Lily Walker, Barbara Ward, Philip White, Linda Wilke, and Everett Xu.



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'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!



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@templ Lutheran.org.

TLC Evangel

SUPER HERO 5K & WELLNESS FAIR

By Child Guidance Resource Centers

Sunday, May 7th 10AM-2PM

Rose Tree Park in Media



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



***No Sunday School or Café on Easter so join friends at our EASTER SUNDAY BREAKFAST 8-10 AM**

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!

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)
\$7.00

Daffodils
(7" pot)
\$7.00

Azaleas
(8" pot)
\$10.00

Lily
\$9.00

Easter Flowers

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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