



The Gospel According To
Creation



TEMPLE LUTHERAN CHURCH

MAY 3, 2026
5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER



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WELCOME UNCONDITIONALLY	WORSHIP FULLY
LIVE GENEROUSLY	CELEBRATE GROWTH

**Visiting today?
Welcome!**

May 3, 2026 Notes for Today's Service

We hope that you will be able to join 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. 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.

For more information about Temple Lutheran, visit our website or use this QR Code.



NEW TESTAMENT READING: 1 CORINTHIANS 15:35-41

³⁵ But someone will ask, "How are the dead raised? With what kind of body do they come?" ³⁶ Fool! What you sow does not come to life unless it dies. ³⁷ And as for what you sow, you do not sow the body that is to be but a bare seed, perhaps of wheat or of some other grain. ³⁸ But God gives it a body as he has chosen and to each kind of seed its own body. ³⁹ Not all flesh is alike, but there is one flesh for humans, another for animals, another for birds, and another for fish. ⁴⁰ There are both heavenly bodies and earthly bodies, but the glory of the heavenly is one thing, and that of the earthly is another. ⁴¹ There is one glory of the sun and another glory of the moon and another glory of the stars; indeed, star differs from star in glory.

GOSPEL READING: MARK 4:26-32

²⁶ He also said, "The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground ²⁷ and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. ²⁸ The earth produces of itself first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. ²⁹ But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle because the harvest has come." ³⁰ He also said, "With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? ³¹ It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth, ³² yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade."



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. Jesus imposed no restrictions on who He welcomed at His table and neither do we. Our different experiences make us stronger together than separate. We value diversity of all kinds and invite you to join us as we learn more about God and strive to bring God's kingdom to all on this earth. We, the people of Temple Lutheran welcome all children of God – made in God's image – to join us in our work, no matter your race, your ethnicity, your sexual orientation, your gender identity or gender expression, your age, your status, your income, or your ability.

Temple Lutheran Church commits to anti-racism, anti-sexism, anti-genderism, anti-classism, and anti-ableism 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.





WORSHIP FULLY



ASCENSION DAY SERVICE

Thursday, May 14, 2026

6:30 pm Dinner, 7:30 pm Worship

Reformation Lutheran Church

102 W. Rose Tree Rd, Media

Come join us! Guest Preacher: Rev. Dr. Teresa Smallwood



KIDS' SUNDAY

All God's Creatures

May 17, 10 AM

Celebrate the year of Children's Ministries on May 17th at the 10 AM service with a craft, songs and worship!



SUNDAY SCHOOL

During Worship

Children ages 4-11 are dismissed to Sunday School after the Sermon on the Steps and return to worship at communion.



ADULT EDUCATION AT CAFÉ

Sundays at 9 am

Come enjoy coffee, tea, and delicious treats while having wonderful discussions on Sunday mornings at 9 am in the Café.



BIBLE STUDY

Every other Monday - 5/4, 5/18, etc.

7:00 - 8:30 pm, Conference Room

Come as you are and grow in faith with friends. Each week, we explore scripture together, ask questions, and discover how God's Word connects with our daily lives. Whether you're new to Bible study or have been part of many, there's a place for you at the table!



LIVE GENEROUSLY

LIFE CENTER MEAL

Tuesday, May 12, 2026

Sign up to make meatloaf, donate items needed, prep the food, or serve at the Life Center in Upper Darby on May 12, 2026. For more information on this ministry, reach out to Ingrid at ifburd410@gmail.com.



RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

September 23, 1-6 pm

Fellowship Hall

Sign up to give blood on September 23rd in Fellowship Hall. Contact Kristy Burko at kmburko@gmail.com or Larry Passmore, LarryPassmore@gmail.com, for more information.



GIVING TO TEMPLE

TLC is dedicated to transforming our church, our neighborhood, and God's world. Your contributions drastically affect 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 regularly 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](#) or QR Code





CELEBRATE GROWTH



TLC'S VBS 2026: EMERALD CROSSING
An Irish Adventure Through Psalm 23

August 3-7, 9am-Noon
August 9 - VBS SUNDAY

Campers ages 4-10 yrs, Youth Helpers 11-17 yrs
Adult Helpers 18+

Registration is open! Adult and Youth Helpers needed!
Email the church with any questions.

More information at TempleLutheran.org/vbs.



TL4C YOUTH GROUP
Meets Monthly
Youth in grades 6-12

Middle Schoolers – 1st Sunday of the month, 5:30 pm

High Schoolers – 2nd Sunday of the month, 6 pm

See your TL4C emails for information on the Pittsburgh service trip, service projects, meetings, and the National Youth Gathering next year!

Questions? Contact Jennifer Pruski, TLC's Youth Minister at TL4Cyouthleader@gmail.com.



SPIRITUAL DIRECTION GROUP
Meets every other Monday
5/11, 5/25, etc. @ 7 pm

TLC's Spiritual Direction Group offers a welcoming space to listen, share, and grow in faith together. New faces welcome anytime!

Questions? Rob Mannix @ robmannix@gmail.com.

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



TLC FOOD PANTRY **Saturday, May 23 1-2:30 pm**

TLC Food Pantry is open for in-person shopping every 4th Saturday of the month from 1-2:30 pm.

Needs: Laundry detergent, Peanut butter, Toilet paper, Tomato products, Fruit, Cereal ***No glass or expired items.** Please reach out to **Bridget McCormack** if interested in being part of this ministry.

MUSIC MINISTRIES



Do you like to sing, play handbells, or play instruments? We would love for you to share your talents with Temple Lutheran Church!

Going into the summer, we look forward to solos and special music. Please contact our Director of Music Ministries, Florrie Marks, at music@templelutheran.org.

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

For Healing and Encouragement: Lexi Amici, Paula Andrade, Spiros Angelos, Paul Arata, Margaret Barger, Susan Best, Jack Byers, Mike Carr, Joan Clarke, Linda Cohen, Coralisha and family, Jane Corso, Bobbie Delaney, Gordon Dershimer, Declan Devlin, Julie Diehl, Diane Donnelly, Jeanne Donofrio, Chase Doyle and Adam, Christie Ennis, Bill Faust, Shane Faust, Kristine Ferguson-Franklin, Michelle Filler, Lois Ann Forgeess-Oler, Margie Gallagher, Michael Gallagher, Susan Gallagher and family, Gary, Roger Gasper, Todd Gasper, Evin Gerofsky, Thomas Gibson (Gibby), Roy Hallowell, Greg Hallquist, Elizabeth Haslam, Florence Homer, Nicholas Hughes, Clay Isakson, Craig Jamgochian, Boyce Johnson, Cheryl Johnson, Melissa Johnson, Em Johnston, Cindy Jones, Gina Kapusniak, Chris Keislar, Kailyn Kilfoyle, Kim Komar, Louis F. Lamoreux, Calvin Lawler, Jean Long, Lori Lutz, Madison Lynn, Lisa McCullen, Susie Margarite and family, Salvino Marra, Janet Marinari, Tricia McGee, Wayne Meider, Lino Mescia, Justin Messina, Cadence Monroe, Jane Mooney, Helen Neiser, Betty Pagan, Carmen Palacios, Tonya Parker, Pat Rhodes, Toni Rossi, Aspen Running Crow, Jeanne Santarsiero, Mel Shralow, Brian Sinclair, Chris Smith, Clark Smith, Merry Snyder, Patricia Snyder, Karen Spangler, Derick Spence, Phil Strybuc, Chaplain Dr. Eileen Teel, Gaetan Termini, Dick Torti, Steve and Sue Voccola, Lily Walker, Barbara Ward, Betsy West, Philip White, Leah Wilhjelm, Linda Wilke, and Chloe Gorby Zarko.

CALENDAR OF REGULAR MEETINGS

Mondays	7:00 p.m.	Spiritual Direction Group (5/11, 5/25, etc.)
	7:00 p.m.	Bible Study (5/4, 5/18, etc.)
Tuesdays	8:30 p.m.	The Oakmont Group [AA Meeting]
Fridays	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.	Adult Café
	8:15 a.m. & 10:00 a.m.	Worship
	11:15 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

April	12	The Gospel According to Creation Sermon Series
May	3	TL4C Middle School
	4	Bible Study
	10	TL4C High School
	10	Mother's Day
	11	Spiritual Direction Group
	12	Life Center Meal
	17	Kids' Sunday
	17	Confirmation Class
	18	Bible Study
	23	TLC Food Pantry

Partners in Ministry

Ministers	People of Temple Lutheran Church
Pastor	The Rev. Timothy B. Johansen
Congregation Council President	Amy Mensch
Director of Music Ministries	Florrie Marks
Director of Discipleship	Rob Mannix
Office Administrator	Darcy Mannion
Director of Sunday School	Jeanne Daniels
Youth Minister	Jennifer Pruski
Custodian	Delaney Mannion



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