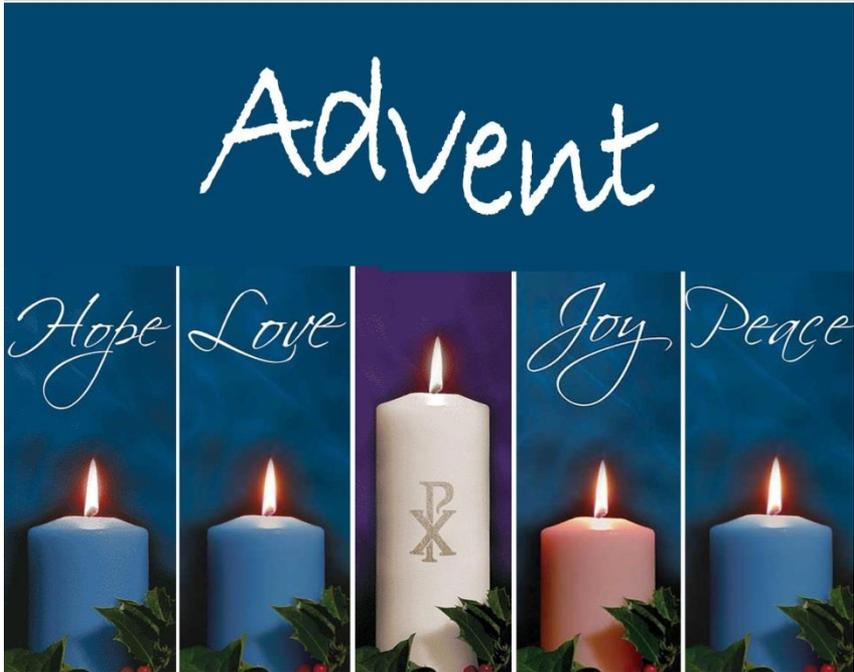




Knowing Christ... Making Christ Known



December 6, 2020

Peace

2nd Sunday of Advent

WELCOME TO



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OUR MISSION -

“TO KNOW CHRIST AND MAKE CHRIST KNOWN”

Visiting today? Welcome!

December 6, 2020

Notes for Today’s Services

**We hope that you will be able to join
with us in worship through the live streaming
on the website templelutheran.org**

OFFERING - *During today’s service we cannot actively collect an offering for the mission of the church, including the care of those in need. There is an offering plate in the back of the church. 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 transform lives as we come to know Christ, and make Christ known throughout Havertown and the world. Please mail checks to the church.*

While we are all social distancing, the work and expenses of the church continue. Please consider e-giving as a way to continue meeting your pledge to Temple during this time. Contact our Financial Secretary at finsecretary@templelutheran.org for information or the form to do this.

TODAY'S READING: ISAIAH 61:1-4, 8-11

The spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me,
because the LORD has anointed me;
he has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed,
to bind up the brokenhearted,
to proclaim liberty to the captives,
and release to the prisoners;
²to proclaim the year of the LORD's favor,
and the day of vengeance of our God;
to comfort all who mourn;
³to provide for those who mourn in Zion —
to give them a garland instead of ashes,
the oil of gladness instead of mourning,
the mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit.
They will be called oaks of righteousness,
the planting of the LORD, to display his glory.
⁴They shall build up the ancient ruins,
they shall raise up the former devastations;
they shall repair the ruined cities,
the devastations of many generations.

⁸For I the LORD love justice,
I hate robbery and wrongdoing;
I will faithfully give them their recompense,
and I will make an everlasting covenant with them.
⁹Their descendants shall be known among the nations,
and their offspring among the peoples;
all who see them shall acknowledge
that they are a people whom the LORD has blessed.
¹⁰I will greatly rejoice in the LORD,
my whole being shall exult in my God;
for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation,
he has covered me with the robe of righteousness,
as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland,
and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.
¹¹For as the earth brings forth its shoots,
and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up,
so the Lord GOD will cause righteousness and praise
to spring up before all the nations.

GOSPEL READING: JOHN 1:6-8, 19-28

⁶There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. ⁷He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. ⁸He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. ¹⁹This is the testimony given by John when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, "Who are you?" ²⁰He confessed and did not deny it, but confessed, "I am not the Messiah." ²¹And they asked him, "What then? Are you Elijah?" He said, "I am not." "Are you the prophet?" He answered, "No." ²²Then they said to him, "Who are you? Let us have an answer for those who sent us. What do you say about yourself?" ²³He said, "I am the voice of one crying out in the wilderness, 'Make straight the way of the Lord,'" as the prophet Isaiah said.

²⁴Now they had been sent from the Pharisees. ²⁵They asked him, "Why then are you baptizing if you are neither the Messiah, nor Elijah, nor the prophet?" ²⁶John answered them, "I baptize with water. Among you stands one whom you do not know, ²⁷the one who is coming after me; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandal." ²⁸This took place in Bethany across the Jordan where John was baptizing.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

VIRTUAL CAFÉ! will happen directly after service using the link found below! This is a new Zoom meeting and will be held on Sundays, every week from 10:20am to 11:35am.

[Virtual Café Link](#)



Thank you to everyone who is making live streaming the Sunday Service possible. For the Director of Music Ministries – Florrie Marks, our music ministers – Sarah Foss, Amanda Quillen, and Mark Wallace, and for our audio-visual wiz – Kyle Barger.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

For Healing and Encouragement Angie, Paul Arata, Geoff Bailey, Keith Bailey, Fernando Batista, Brendan Bell, Nancy Butler, Jack Byers, Mike Carr, Linda Clack, Jane Corso, Bobbie Delaney, Gordon Dershimer, Declan Devlin, Chase Doyle and Adam, Mary England, Christie Ennis, Bill Faust, Shane Faust, David Fitch, Kristine Ferguson-Franklin, Lois Ann Forges-Oler, family and friends of Lois Gabbott, Todd Gasper, Greg Hallquist, Mike and Sandy Harms, Florence Homer, Craig Jamgochian, Dan Joseph, Gina Kapusniak, Kim Komar, Louis F. Lamoreux, Jean Long, Madison Lynn, Kevin Mack, Pat Mannion, Janet Marinari, Bridget Marley, Mary Ann Mittleman, Sister Judy Moellet, Audie Murphy, Helen Neiser, Betty Pagan, Carmen Palacios, Linda Palisano, Marita Reardon, Susan Rush, Merry Snyder, Karen Spangler, Vera Spangler, Benny Strain, Gaetan Termini, Dick Torti, friends and family of Joyce Van, Frankie Vlassopoulos, Lily Walker, Barbara Ward, Philip White, Linda Wilke.

IN-PERSON WORSHIP



Join us for morning prayer with scripture lessons and time for prayerful meditation. (Masks and social distancing will be required and there will be other accommodations to responsibly promote public health). Please diligently ask the screening questions below before coming to worship.

Sign-up for In-Person Worship

COVID 19 Screening Questions

Note: We will be keeping our 9:30 online worship service indefinitely. We are dedicated to accommodating as many people as possible in these wild COVID times.

MESSAGE FROM GRACE, BROOMALL

Just a reminder that during Advent, we will have a weekly Bible study on Wednesdays at 10 am. If you are planning to attend in person or on Zoom, please let me know so I can have the right accommodations made. We will be looking at the people of Advent with the following schedule:



December 2 - Isaiah the Prophet

December 9 - John the Baptist

December 16 - Mary the Mother of Jesus

December 23 - Joseph of Nazareth

Advent blessings,
Vicar Kayla

Vicar Kayla Sadowy (she/her)
Candidate for Word and Sacrament, SEPA Synod
Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church
2191 West Chester Pike, Broomall, PA 19008
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Temple Lutheran Church

CHRISTMAS EVE

3:00, 5:00 & 7:00 p.m.

In-Person Service (Registration required)

3:00 Live Streamed

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In-Person
Sign Up

Times are subject to change based on the COVID situation in our area.



POINSETTIAS FOR CHRISTMAS

The church decorated with beautiful bright red poinsettias was one of Jeanne Pocock's favorite memories. We plan to have Jeanne's virtual memorial service during the holidays and want to "go all out" to decorate.

Please purchase plants at \$7.50 each – and don't forget to add the dedication; In Memory of/In Honor of...

Please also make arrangements to collect the plants, either after the 7 p.m. Christmas Eve service or during the following week. Poinsettias must be purchased by Wednesday December 16.

TLC Fundraisers – Poinsettia and Face Masks/Hunger

You can also order poinsettias or masks by calling the office and mailing in your request and check.

1 MILLION MASKS INITIATIVE TO FIGHT HUNGER IN NEPAL



This year we are collecting donations to purchase face masks through the Women's Empowerment Collective in Nepal. The collective trains marginalized women in handiwork skills to give them an opportunity to improve their lives. The women make the masks in exchange for

emergency food to support their family. Each \$10 mask will provide 10 meals. We are also donating the masks to the people of Nepal, who are still struggling following the

major earthquake in 2015.



Please add your dedication – In Memory of/In Honor of – when you purchase masks. Our goal

is 100 masks.

For more information on the Women's Empowerment Collective check out the movie: <https://youtu.be/tbdd5S74d34>

For more information about the initiative check

<https://empowermentcollective.org/1-million-masks/>

SUNDAY SCHOOL

CHRISTMAS PAGEANT INTEREST FORM

As Christmas is approaching, we've been navigating how to proceed with the Christmas pageant this year. The Christmas Pageant this year is going to look very much like Kids Sunday, with some narrative parts interspersed with videos our youth make at home. I've actually tasked the Youth Group this year to come up with our Christmas Pageant script, and they've been working hard to pull it together to be completed for December. Our Christmas Pageant is on a theme of A Christmas Carol, with visits from Scrooge, the Ghost of Christmas Past, the Ghost of Christmas Present, and the Ghost of Christmas Yet to Come. These roles will be fulfilled by the members of our Youth Group. However, we still need your help! Attached below is an interest form for the Christmas Pageant 2020. Please be sure to fill out every question as well as your contact information so once December comes I will have a list of information to give out based on what you have signed up for.

Here is the form: <https://forms.gle/xQTknD4bEmMKzSSm8>

We hope you'll join us for what will be a unique and still awesome Christmas pageant experience!

Juli

Per usual, any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me!

Juli

610-301-6992

julpie19@gmail.com

On-line Sunday School is before the live-stream service from 9am-9:30am with Miss Jeanne via a Zoom link:

[Sunday School on Zoom](#)

Meeting ID: 759 0842 5637
Passcode: XpcX0X



GIFT BAGS FOR CHESTER EASTSIDE

We are filling gift bags for the women at Chester Eastside Ministries. Please provide your own bags (7" wide, 9" high) or contact the church office. [Click](#) for a list of suggested items. **Please return bags by December 6.** Thank you.



CHRISTMAS GIFTS FOR FOSTER CHILDREN

Please return your gifts to the church by December 6. There is a box under the table to the left of the glass doors. Please contact the church office or Vanessa if you don't know the code for entering the building. There is also a box in the sanctuary. Be sure to attach the tag to the gift and cross your name off the list. Thank you.



RESOURCES AVAILABLE

Impartial Love (James 2:1-13, NRSV)

The National Council of Churches offers weekly scripture readings and prayers; below is the message for this week:



Even as we wait on the help of Almighty God, we are compelled to stand up; to defend the cause of righteousness. With boldness in our prayers and by our actions we seek to redeem the soul of our nation. The Book of James reminds us of what it really means to love our neighbors.

My brothers and sisters, do you with your acts of favoritism really believe in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ? For if a person with gold rings and in fine clothes comes into your assembly, and if a poor person in dirty clothes also comes in, and if you take notice of the one wearing the fine clothes and say, "Have a seat here, please," while to the one who is poor you say, "Stand there," or, "Sit at my feet," have you not made distinctions among yourselves, and become judges with evil thoughts? Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters. Has not God chosen the poor in the world to be rich in faith and to be heirs of the

kingdom that he has promised to those who love him? But you have dishonored the poor. Is it not the rich who oppress you? Is it not they who drag you into court? Is it not they who blaspheme the excellent name that was invoked over you?

You do well if you really fulfill the royal law according to the scripture, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." But if you show partiality, you commit sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it. For the one who said, "You shall not commit adultery," also said, "You shall not murder." Now if you do not commit adultery but if you murder, you have become a transgressor of the law. So speak and so act as those who are to be judged by the law of liberty. For judgment will be without mercy to anyone who has shown no mercy; mercy triumphs over judgment.

Readings and prayers from the past few months can be found at the Council's website:

<http://nationalcouncilofchurches.us/topics/weekly/>.

P.S. If you'd like to talk, we have a team of people standing by. Reply to this email and you'll get connected with one of us.

[Resources – TLC Family
Doin' the Work](#)

Need to contact the Pastor? The Rev. Timothy Johansen,
by calling (610) 446-3270
or by emailing pastor@templelutheran.org
Emergency Phone Number (610) 853-1736

STAYING CONNECTED IN COMMUNITY

Life has ups and downs and we all go through challenging times. Especially now, when social distancing has brought in an additional level of human distancing, we can often find ourselves craving human interaction and support. This group has been initiated for exactly this purpose, to build human connections, especially in the face of the current adversity. TLC's "Staying Connected in Community" aspires to be a safe group that welcomes everyone to share their experiences and challenges, and to listen and connect with others while recognizing both our common humanity and the divine light we share. "Staying Connected in Community" will be meeting virtually every 3rd Thursday of the month, with group gatherings starting at 7:45 pm and discussion between 8-9.30pm.



Next meeting will be Thursday, December 17. Zoom link is below.

For more details, please contact Lisa Schneller at lisaschneller23@gmail.com

[Staying Connected in Community](#)

GIVING TO TEMPLE

While we are all social distancing, the work and expenses of the church continue.

There are now many ways you can now give to TLC

- Mail a check to the church office
- Authorize payment through your bank
- Sign up for electronic giving with Nancy Hallowell
- Use the PayPal link on the website or in Temple Connections or below

Questions? Contact [Nancy Hallowell](#)



BED LINEN ITEMS FOR HOMELESS

TLC Food Pantry is collecting the following New or Gently Used items for distribution to the homeless in Philadelphia:



Flat sheets
Pillows
Pillow cases
Towels
Comforters

No ripped, torn, or visibly soiled items please.
Please put donations in the tub by the glass doors.

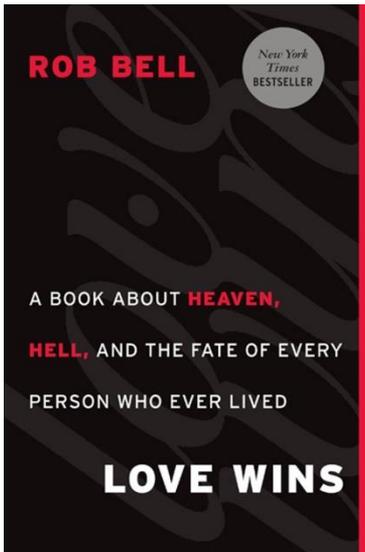


FOOD PANTRY

Check the website <https://tlcfoodpantry.com>

Needed: Paper products (particularly paper towels), detergent, hand soap (bars) and coffee both instant and ground.

BOOK CLUB



Our next book for the TLC Bookclub will be **“Love Wins: A Book About Heaven, Hell, and the Fate of Every Person Who Ever Lived”**

by Rob Bell

Millions of Christians have struggled with how to reconcile God's love and God's judgment: Has God created billions of people over thousands of years only to select a few to go to heaven and everyone else to suffer forever in hell? Is this acceptable to God? How is this "good news"?

Troubling questions--so troubling that many have lost their faith because of them. Others only whisper the questions to themselves, fearing or being taught that they might lose their faith and their church if they ask them out loud. But what if these questions trouble us for good reason? What if the story of heaven and hell we have been taught is not, in fact, what the Bible teaches? What if what Jesus meant by heaven, hell, and salvation are very different from how we have come to understand them? What if it is God who wants us to face these questions?

Author, pastor, and innovative teacher Rob Bell presents a deeply biblical vision for rediscovering a richer, grander, truer, and more spiritually satisfying way of understanding heaven, hell, God, Jesus, salvation, and repentance. The result is the discovery that the "good news" is much, much better than we ever imagined.

Please join us on Monday, December 7 at 8PM for great discussion and fellowship. Even if you haven't read the book, you are very welcome to join! For more details on how to join the video chat, contact Despina at despina.kontos@gmail.com

CALENDAR

Tuesdays	8:30 p.m.	AA Meeting
Wednesdays	7:00 p.m.	Mid-week Worship in Parlor
Thursdays	7:00 p.m.	Sober with Sitters (AA with Childcare)
Sundays	8:30 a.m.	In-Person Worship (reservation required)
	9:00 a.m.	Sunday School with Ms. Jeanne
	9:30 a.m.	Live Streamed Worship Service

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.

Partners in Ministry

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