

***WELCOME TO WORSHIP***

***Fifth Sunday in Lent***

***Mar 26, 2023***

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***And Nursery School***

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# ORDER OF WORSHIP

## WELCOME, WORSHIP NOTES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### + GATHERING +

## GATHERING HYMN

ELW 325

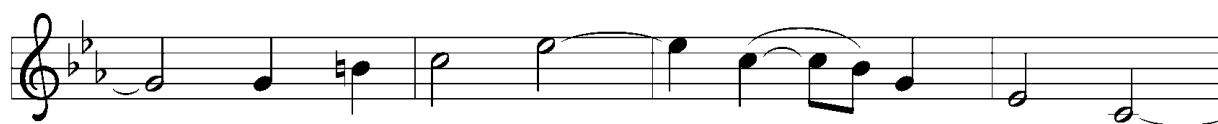
### I Want Jesus to Walk with Me



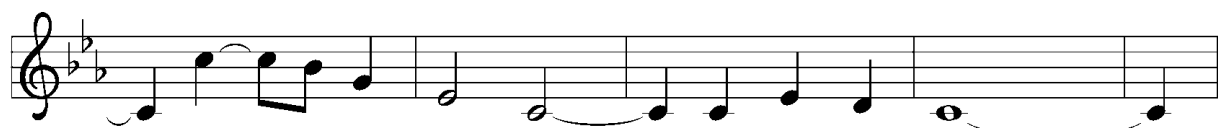
1 I want Je - sus to walk with me;  
 2 In my tri - als, Lord, walk with me;  
 3 When I'm in trou - ble, Lord, walk with me;



I want Je - sus to walk with me;  
 in my tri - als, Lord, walk with me;  
 when I'm in trou - ble, Lord, walk with me;



all a - long my pil - grim jour - ney,  
 when my heart is al - most break - ing,  
 when my head is bowed in sor - row,



Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me.  
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 Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me.

Text: African American spiritual

Music: SOJOURNER, African American spiritual

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP AND CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

*(Please stand as you are able)*

**P:** Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God, who journeys with us these forty days, and sustains us with the gift of grace.

**Amen.**

**P:** Let us acknowledge before God and one another our need for repentance and God's mercy.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Holy God,

**we confess to you our faults and failings.**

**Too often we neglect and do not trust your holy word;**

**we take for ourselves instead of giving to others;**

**we spoil rather than steward your creation;**

**we cause hurt though you call us to heal;**

**we choose fear over compassion.**

**Forgive us, renew us, and lead us,**

**as we seek to follow in your way of life.**

**Amen.**

**P:** Hear the good news:

God so loved the world that God gave the only Son, so that all may receive life. This promise is for you! God embraces you with divine

mercy, ✝ forgives you in Christ's name, and revives you in the Spirit's power. **Amen.**

**GREETING**

**P:** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C: And also with you.**


## PRAYER OF THE DAY

**P:** Let us pray.

**Almighty God, your Son came into the world to free us all from sin and death. Breathe upon us the power of your Spirit, that we may be raised to new life in Christ and serve you in righteousness all our days, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen**

## KYRIE


*Refrain*



Ky-ri-e e - lei - son, on our world and on our way.




Ky-ri-e e - lei - son, ev-'ry day.



1 For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the  
2 That we may live out your im - passioned re - sponse to the  
3 For peace in our hearts, . . . for peace in our homes, . . for  
4 For your Spir - it to guide; that you cen - ter our lives in the



u - ni - ty of all; for  
hun - gry and the poor; that  
friends and fam - i - ly; for  
wa - ter and the word; that you



this ho - ly house, for all who wor-ship and praise,  
we may live out . . . . . truth and jus - tice and grace,  
life and for love, . . . . . for our work and our play,  
nour-ish our souls . . . with your bod - y and blood,

*Refrain*



let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.

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## + THE WORD +

### ***FIRST READING: Ezekiel 37:1-14***

<sup>1</sup>The 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. <sup>2</sup>He led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. <sup>3</sup>He said to me, “Mortal, can these bones live?” I answered, “O Lord GOD, you know.” <sup>4</sup>Then he said to me, “Prophecy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD. <sup>5</sup>Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. <sup>6</sup>I 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.”

<sup>7</sup>So 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. <sup>8</sup>I 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. <sup>9</sup>Then he said to me, “Prophecy to the breath, prophesy, 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.” <sup>10</sup>I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude.

<sup>11</sup>Then 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.’ <sup>12</sup>Therefore prophesy, 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. <sup>13</sup>And you shall know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. <sup>14</sup>I 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.”

Word of God. Word of Life.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

### **PSALM 130**

<sup>1</sup>Out of the depths

I cry to you, O LORD;

<sup>2</sup>**O LORD, hear my voice!**

**Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplication.**

<sup>3</sup>If you were to keep watch over sins,

O LORD, who could stand?

<sup>4</sup>**Yet with you is forgiveness,**

**in order that you may be feared.**

<sup>5</sup>I wait for you, O LORD; my soul waits;

in your word is my hope.

<sup>6</sup>**My soul waits for the Lord more than those who keep watch for the morning,**

**more than those who keep watch for the morning.**

<sup>7</sup>O Israel, wait for the LORD, for with the LORD there is steadfast love; with the LORD there is plenteous redemption.

<sup>8</sup>**For the LORD shall redeem Israel from all their sins.**

### ***SECOND READING: Romans 8:6-11***

<sup>6</sup>To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. <sup>7</sup>For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law—indeed it cannot, <sup>8</sup>and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

<sup>9</sup>But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. <sup>10</sup>But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. <sup>11</sup>If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

Word of God. Word of Life.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

*(Please stand, as you are able)*

**\*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**



Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for he is gra - cious and mer - ci - ful,



slow to an - ger, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

**THE HOLY GOSPEL**

**John 11:1-45**

**P:** The Holy Gospel according to John the eleventh chapter.

**C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup>Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. <sup>2</sup>Mary was the one who anointed the Lord with perfume and wiped his feet with her hair; her brother Lazarus was ill. <sup>3</sup>So the sisters sent a message to Jesus, “Lord, he whom you love is ill.” <sup>4</sup>But 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.” <sup>5</sup>Accordingly, though Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, <sup>6</sup>after having heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was.

<sup>7</sup>Then after this he said to the disciples, “Let us go to Judea again.” <sup>8</sup>The disciples said to him, “Rabbi, the Jews were just now trying to stone you, and are you going there again?” <sup>9</sup>Jesus 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. <sup>10</sup>But those who walk at night stumble, because the light is not in them.” <sup>11</sup>After saying this, he told them, “Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I am going there to

awaken him.”<sup>12</sup> The disciples said to him, “Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will be all right.”<sup>13</sup> Jesus, however, had been speaking about his death, but they thought that he was referring merely to sleep.<sup>14</sup> Then Jesus told them plainly, “Lazarus is dead.<sup>15</sup> For your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him.”<sup>16</sup> Thomas, who was called the Twin, said to his fellow disciples, “Let us also go, that we may die with him.”

<sup>17</sup> When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days.<sup>18</sup> Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away,<sup>19</sup> and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother.<sup>20</sup> When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home.<sup>21</sup> Martha said to Jesus, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.<sup>22</sup> But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him.”<sup>23</sup> Jesus said to her, “Your brother will rise again.”<sup>24</sup> Martha said to him, “I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day.”<sup>25</sup> Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live,<sup>26</sup> and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?”<sup>27</sup> She said to him, “Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world.”

<sup>28</sup> When 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.”<sup>29</sup> And when she heard it, she got up quickly and went to him.<sup>30</sup> Now Jesus had not yet come to the village, but was still at the place where Martha had met him.<sup>31</sup> The 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.<sup>32</sup> When 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.”<sup>33</sup> When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved.<sup>34</sup> He said, “Where have you laid him?” They said to him, “Lord, come and see.”<sup>35</sup> Jesus began to weep.<sup>36</sup> So the Jews said, “See how he loved him!”<sup>37</sup> But some of them said, “Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this



man from dying?”

<sup>38</sup>Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. <sup>39</sup>Jesus 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.” <sup>40</sup>Jesus said to her, “Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?” <sup>41</sup>So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, “Father, I thank you for having heard me. <sup>42</sup>I 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.” <sup>43</sup>When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, “Lazarus, come out!” <sup>44</sup>The 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.”

<sup>45</sup>Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what Jesus did, believed in him.

**P:** The Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

*(please be seated)*

## **CHILDREN’S TIME**

### **SERMON**

**Pastor Rachel Scheible**

*(please stand, as you are able)*

## \*HYMN OF THE DAY

ELW 777

## Come to Me, All Pilgrims Thirsty



- 1 "Come to me, all pil-grims thirst - y; drink the wa - ter I will give.
- 2 "Come to me, all trav-'lers wea - ry; come that I may give you rest.
- 3 "Come to me, be - liev - ers bur - dened; find re - fresh - ment in this place.
- 4 "Come to me, re - pen - tant sin - ners; leave be - hind your guilt and shame.



If you knew what gift I of - fer, you would come to me and live."  
 Drink the cup of life I of - fer; at this ta - ble be my guest."  
 Come, re - ceive the gift I of - fer, turn to me and seek my face."  
 Come and know di - vine com - pas - sion, turn to me, I call your name."

*Refrain*

Je - sus, ev - er - flow - ing foun - tain, give us wa - ter from your well.



In the gra - cious gift you of - fer there is joy no tongue can tell.

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>5 "Come to me, distressed and needy;<br/>I would be your trusted friend.<br/>Come and seek the gift I offer,<br/>come, your open hands extend." <i>Refrain</i></li> </ol> | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>6 "Come to me, abandoned, orphaned;<br/>lonely ways no longer roam.<br/>Come and take the gift I offer,<br/>let me make in you my home." <i>Refrain</i></li> </ol> |
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Text: Delores Dufner, osb, b. 1939

Music: BEACH SPRING, The Sacred Harp, Philadelphia, 1844

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**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.\***

**On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come 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.**

**+ RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD +****PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

*(response after: Merciful God.)*

**C: receive our prayer.**

**\*PEACE**

**P: The peace of Christ be with you always.**

**C: And also with you.**

*Let us greet one another from our seats in the name of the Lord, saying, 'Peace be with you'.*

## “LET THERE BE PEACE ON EARTH”

*Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me.  
Let there be peace on earth, the peace that was meant to be.  
With God as our Father, siblings all are we  
Let us walk with each other in perfect harmony.  
Let peace begin with me, let this be the moment now  
With every step I take, let this be my solemn vow,  
To take each moment and live each moment in peace eternally.  
Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me.*

### OFFERING:

**A:** We worship through our tithes and offering. Now let us joyfully respond to God’s goodness, through our personal giving.

*It is only through your giving that the ministry and mission of Holy Spirit continues. Offerings can also be dropped in the mailbox, mailed in, or made on our website [Holyspiritsecane.org](http://Holyspiritsecane.org), under Mission tab.*

### \*OFFERTORY HYMN

#### Come to the Table



Come to the ta - ble of mer - cy, pre - pared with the wine and the bread.



All who are hun - gry and thirst - y, come, and your souls will be fed.



Come at the Lord's in - vi - ta - tion; re - ceive from his nail - scarred hand.



Eat of the bread of sal - va - tion; drink of the blood of the Lamb.

## OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray:

**A:** God of good gifts, receive these and all our offerings as we present them in faithful service for the sake of your gospel. Prepare our hearts to receive you in this meal as you pour out your very presence through Christ Jesus, the wellspring of eternal life.

**Amen.**

## \*GREAT THANKSGIVING

**P:** The Lord be with you.

**C:** **And also with you.**

**P:** Lift up your hearts.

**C:** **We lift them up to the Lord.**

**P:** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C:** **It is right to give thanks and praise.**

**P:** It is indeed right.....we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**\*HOLY, HOLY, HOLY**

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,**

**God of pow'r and might,**

**heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna, in the highest.**

## \*WORDS OF INSTITUTION

**P:** 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 in 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.*

**P:** Let us pray with confidence in the words our Savior gave us:

### **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.**

### **\*INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

**P:** Come and receive Jesus, our strength in the wilderness.

*In Holy Communion, the church shares the forgiving and renewing presence of the Lord Jesus in bread and wine. We invite all to receive this sacrament. Communion will be offered either by intinction or the prepackaged communion cups. You can pick up your prepackaged communion cup before entering the church and receive that from your seat at the appropriate time or come forward to receive the elements from pastor at the rail. Please discard your cups on the way out. Thank you.  
(Please be seated)*

**\*P:** May the body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in God's grace. **Amen.**

**\*POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

**A:** Embodied God, at your table, we have tasted the goodness of Jesus. With the eyes of our hearts open to your promise, empower us to hear the needs of our neighbors and touch the world with your love.

**C:** Amen.

**+ SENDING +****BLESSING & BENEDICTION**

**P:** God, the giver of love, ✠ Christ, the resurrection and the life, and the Holy Spirit of rebirth bless you in this Lenten journey.

**C:** Amen

**\*SENDING HYMN****ELW 668****O Zion, Haste**

1 O Zi - on, haste, your mis - sion high ful - fill - ing,  
2 Pub - lish to ev - 'ry peo - ple, tongue, and na - tion  
3 He comes a - gain! O Zi - on, ere you meet him,



to tell to all the world that God is light;  
that God, in whom they live and move, is love;  
make known to ev - 'ry heart his sav - ing grace;



that he who made all na - tions is not will - ing  
tell how he stooped to save his lost cre - a - tion  
let none whom he has ran - somed fail to greet him,



one soul should per - ish, lost in shades of night.  
and died on earth that we might live a - bove.  
through your ne - glect, un - fit to see his face.

(Cont'd)

*Refrain*

Pub - lish glad tid - ings, tid - ings of peace,  
tid - ings of Je - sus, re - demp-tion, and re - lease.

## DISMISSAL

**A:** Go in peace. Serve in love.

**C:** Thanks be to God.

**Feb's Income: \$14,834      Average Attendance: 45**

**Feb's Expense: \$17,527**

**Altar flowers** are dedicated to the Glory of God in honor of Greg Christensen's birthday by his family.

## ***MINISTERS – ALL BAPTIZED PEOPLE OF GOD***

**Scheduled to serve this week 3/26      Scheduled to serve next week 4/2**

*Kathy D. – Assisting Minister*

*Alan S. – Assisting Minister*

*Autumn J. – Psalm Reader*

*Tony H. – Psalm Reader*

*Klines – Ushers*

*Gary/Raymond - Ushers*

*Downey/Deemer – Counters*

*Harris/Pysher - Counters*

*Meghan G. – Altar*

*Kathy D. - Altar*

\*\*\*\*\***WEEKLY CALENDAR**\*\*\*\*\*

**Mon, Mar 27**

**6:30pm- Fill Easter Eggs (Hall)**

**6:30pm – Girl Scouts (Mtg Rm)**

**Tue, Mar 28**

**6:30pm – Soul Care (Hall)**

**Wed, Mar 29**

**Homeless Meal**

**7:30pm – AA (Hall)**

**Thu, Mar 30**

**7:00pm – AA**

**Sat, Apr 1**

**11:30am – Easter Egg Hunt**

**Sun, Apr 2**

**10:15am – Worship – Palm Sunday**



## SUNDAY SCHOOL SCHEDULE

<u>Date</u>	<u>Teacher</u>
3/26	Gina Helt

\*\*\*\*\***PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS**\*\*\*\*\*

### **Healing:**

*Joyce Shaika*

*Linda Taddie*

*Lisa McDonough*

*Hugh Mullarkey*

*Jean Brown*

*Betty Lake*

*Anne Rainsford*

*Gary Wilkinson*

*Christine Abate*

*Joanne Warshaw*

*Scott Smith*

*Jimmy Charlier*

*Phyllis Horton*

*Mariann Trice*

*Jackie Dewitt*

*Larry Poff*

*Ann Ferguson*

*Gary Kline*

*Ed Shoup*

*Ruth Dukes*

*Victor Klein*

*Lou Vallies*

*Carol Devine*

*Geralyn Gerakaris*

*Mike Longo*

*(If you would like to add someone to the prayer list for Apr, please call the office or add to the prayer list outside sanctuary).*

**Also please remember in your prayers homebound members:** Betty Oddi, Ruth Dell'Orefice, Jane Croghan, Diane Kuhn, Ruth Dukes, Joyce Shaika and Debra Ulmer.

**Men & women in our armed forces, firefighters, police officers and emergency services personnel.**

## **Announcements and Upcoming Events**

**SOUL CARE** – Tuesdays, 6:30pm thru lent, in the Social Hall.  
Exercise to renew your mind, body and soul! Led by Gina Helt

**FILLING EASTER EGGS** - We will meet in the Social Hall on **Monday, March 27 at 6:30 p.m.** to fill the Easter eggs. We can use all the help we can get! Thanks.

**HOMELESS MEAL** – **Wednesday, March 29<sup>th</sup>**. See Nancy or Gary on how you can help.

**EASTER FLOWERS** – **Last Day for orders.** Please help beautify the worship space for Easter Sunday by ordering potted plants. Take home afterwards or leave to beautify our gardens outside the church. Orders are due back by **March 26<sup>th</sup>**.

**PHILLIES NIGHT** - Sign up to join the Philly fun for Lutheran Night at the Phillies **May 20th 4:00pm** as the Phillies host the Chicago Cubs at Citizens Bank Park. Tickets are \$19 section 313-314. See the sign up sheet to order your tickets, and please forward ticket payment to Pastor Rachel **by Sunday April 9th**. \$4 from each ticket will be forwarded to SEPA Synod youth programs.

**EASTER FLYER INSERT** – Please share with family, neighbors, and friends.



**Lent Redirection opportunity:**

“Soul-care” **Tuesdays 6:30pm, beginning 2/28** in the Social Hall.

Let's exercise a new form of reflection this Lent and explore fitness of the mind, body and soul! Each session will give focus to specific Bible verses on God's intent for our health and well-being. After all, our bodies are the

temple where the Holy Spirit dwells! Each week's session will include reflection and discussion on a Bible verse, followed by interval training, and a cool down with prayer. This exercise is designed for beginner, intermediate and advanced from ages 0-99!

### **Midweek Lent Gathering Sights and Sounds of Lent with Snacks**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Theme</b>
<b>Mar 29</b>	<b>St. Matthews, Woodlyn</b>	<b>Palms</b>

### **Lenten Collection**

We will again be holding an outreach service project during the Lenten season. The Life Center in Upper Darby let us know that there is an ongoing need for supplies for the meals that are served there. These are the items we will be collecting for them:

Paper plates	Serving gloves
Spoons	Aluminum foil
Cereal bowls- disposable ones	Coffee
Napkins	Creamer
Hot/Cold cups- <b>Large</b>	

Today is the final day for Lenten collection. Thank you for your support. Please place the items in the labeled boxes in the hallway just outside the office. Thanks for your help in advance with this outreach activity.



*Introducing:*

# SOUL CARE

**EXERCISE TO RENEW  
YOUR MIND, BODY AND  
SOUL!**

**FITNESS FOR  
EVERY BODY AND  
EVERY AGE**

**EVERY TUESDAY  
DURING LENT  
6:30P-7:15P**

**FEB 28<sup>TH</sup> — APR 4<sup>TH</sup>**

**HOLY SPIRIT LUTHERAN  
CHURCH**

**2545 FRANKLIN AVE  
SECANE, PA 19018**

**LED BY:**

**Gina Helt**

Fitness and Nutrition  
Professional and  
Founder of CURLS  
Fitness and Nutrition

This class is complimentary, donations to  
Holy Spirit will be greatly appreciated!



# EASTER EGG HUNT



Holy Spirit is sponsoring its 17<sup>TH</sup> Annual Community Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 1, 2023. The Egg Hunt will begin at 12 noon.

## WE NEED EVERYONE'S HELP

### DONATIONS NEEDED:

- Bags of candy to fill the Plastic Easter Eggs. **ALL CANDY MUST BE INDIVIDUALLY WRAPPED** (please send in candy that will fit in an egg). There is a container in the Narthex for you to leave the candy in. Please bring in the candy as soon as possible so we can plan ahead. No hard candy please.
- For the food – needed are hotdogs and water. See the signup sheets in the front hallway. Please give the hotdogs to Bill or Cyndi Kline, Nancy Harris or Gary Pysher. The water can be left under the table when you first enter the social hall.
- We are making up a Family Fun raffle basket. Please purchase gift cards from places families attend to have fun (ie-Movies, Putt Putt, etc.) and hand them to Cyndi or Bill Kline (suggested amount \$25.00). If you would like to donate the money for gift cards, please give them to Cyndi/Bill Kline and they will purchase the gift cards for you.
- **HELP** on the day of the hunt. We can use volunteers to help with the hunt, raffle table, registration and just being on hand to greet our community and join in the fun.

**ALL SIGN-UP SHEETS ARE ON THE TABLE IN THE FRONT HALL.**

**Thank you!**



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## **GOSPEL MESSAGE**

### **The Hope of New Life**

Hope overcomes despair for God's people: this is the message of the readings for today. The hope of new life is evident in the story of "dry bones" from Ezekiel. The children of Israel declare their hope is lost. The prophet's experience in the valley of dry bones inspires him to preach renewed hope to the people. Psalm 130 sings of hope in God and God's word. The work of God's Spirit gives hope of new life in Paul's letter to the church at Rome. The Gospel of John tells the hope-filled story of the raising of Lazarus from the dead. The gospel gives us encouraging words to sustain us through the approaching despair of Christ's passion and brings us to the fulfillment of hope on Easter. Martha's wistful words to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here. . . . But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him" (John 11:21-22), reflect the hope of God's people in the face of despair, even in the face of death.

Each text encourages hearers to hope in God and God's word. How do Christians experience unfulfilled hope? This is the challenge for those who interpret today's texts for hearers. Israel's woes are not at an end; other psalms tell of struggle and pain; the Christ-believers at Rome are persecuted; Jesus who raises Lazarus from the dead soon dies. And yet hope is fulfilled as Paul proclaims "all Israel will be saved" (Rom. 11:26). Psalm 46 sings of God's presence in time of trouble. A preview of the hope of the resurrection will sustain believers in these final days of Lent (John 20:17). The Christian's confidence in the resurrection of the dead epitomizes their hope in Christ.