

Sherwood Episcopal Church

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March 10, 2024
Fourth Sunday in Lent

10 am
Holy Eucharist, Rite II

THE WORD OF GOD

Prelude *O Mensch, beweine dein Sünde groß* (O man, bewail thy sins so great) - J.S. Bach

Welcome and Announcements The Rev. Nancy H. Hennessey, Rector

Please stand as you are able.

HYMN - 448

O love, how deep, how broad, how high

1 O love, how deep, how broad, how high,
how passing thought and fantasy,
that God, the Son of God, should take
our mortal form for mortals' sake.

2 For us baptized, for us he bore
his holy fast and hungered sore;
for us temptations sharp he knew;
for us the tempter overthrew.

3 For us he prayed; for us he taught;
for us his daily works he wrought:
by words and signs and actions, thus
still seeking not himself, but us.

4 For us to wicked men betrayed,
scourged, mocked, in purple robe arrayed,

he bore the shameful cross and death;
for us gave up his dying breath.

5 For us he rose from death again;
for us he went on high to reign;
for us he sent his Spirit here
to guide, to strengthen, and to cheer.

6 All glory to our Lord and God
for love so deep, so high, so broad;
the Trinity whom we adore
for ever and for evermore.

O love, how deep, how broad, how high, #448 from *The Hymnal 1982* — Words: Latin, 15th cent.; tr. Benjamin Webb (1819-1885), alt. Music: *Deus tuorum militum*, from *Antiphoner*, 1753; adapt. *The English Hymnal*, 1906, alt.; harm. after Basil Harwood (1859-1949).

THE CONFESSION OF SIN

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Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

His mercy endures for ever.

If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. 1 John 1:8,9

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

**Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.**

**We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.**

We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.

**For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

KYRIE

Lord, have mercy upon us - setting by John Merbecke



Lord, have mer-cy up-on us.



Christ, have mer-cy up-on us.



Lord, have mer-cy up-on us.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Gracious Father, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ came down from heaven to be the true bread which gives life to the world: Evermore give us this bread, that he may live in us, and we in him; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Please be seated.

THE FIRST READING

Numbers 21:4-9

From Mount Hor the Israelites set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom; but the people became impatient on the way. The people spoke against God and against Moses, "Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we detest this miserable food." Then the LORD sent poisonous serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many Israelites died. The people came to Moses and said, "We have sinned by speaking against the LORD and against you; pray to the LORD to take

away the serpents from us.” So Moses prayed for the people. And the LORD said to Moses, “Make a poisonous serpent, and set it on a pole; and everyone who is bitten shall look at it and live.” So Moses made a serpent of bronze, and put it upon a pole; and whenever a serpent bit someone, that person would look at the serpent of bronze and live.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 107:1-3, 17-22

Said responsively by whole verse

1 Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, *
and his mercy endures for ever.

**2 Let all those whom the LORD has redeemed proclaim *
that he redeemed them from the hand of the foe.**

3 He gathered them out of the lands; *
from the east and from the west,
from the north and from the south.

**17 Some were fools and took to rebellious ways; *
they were afflicted because of their sins.**

18 They abhorred all manner of food *
and drew near to death’s door.

**19 Then they cried to the LORD in their trouble, *
and he delivered them from their distress.**

20 He sent forth his word and healed them *
and saved them from the grave.

**21 Let them give thanks to the LORD for his mercy *
and the wonders he does for his children.**

22 Let them offer a sacrifice of thanksgiving *
and tell of his acts with shouts of joy.

THE SECOND READING

Ephesians 2:1-10

You were dead through the trespasses and sins in which you once lived, following the course of this world, following the ruler of the power of the air, the spirit that is

now at work among those who are disobedient. All of us once lived among them in the passions of our flesh, following the desires of flesh and senses, and we were by nature children of wrath, like everyone else. But God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ--by grace you have been saved-- and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the ages to come he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God-- not the result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



THE HOLY GOSPEL

John 3:14-21

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, "Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. "Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. Those who believe in him are not condemned; but those who do not believe are condemned already, because they have not believed in the name of the only Son of God. And this is the judgment, that the light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil. For all

who do evil hate the light and do not come to the light, so that their deeds may not be exposed. But those who do what is true come to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that their deeds have been done in God.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The people are seated at the invitation of the preacher.

THE SERMON

The Rev. Nancy H. Hennessey

Following the sermon, let us pause for a period of silent reflection on God’s holy word.

THE NICENE CREED

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Said by all, standing as you are able.

We believe in one God,

**the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,

**the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.**

Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation

**he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.**

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;

he suffered death and was buried.

**On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;**

he ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.**

With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.

He has spoken through the Prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead,

and the life of the world to come. Amen.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Intercessions for the Christian People, p. 96

Embraced by God's word, let us intercede for all those in need, saying: have mercy,
O Lord.

For the church, that our Lenten hunger may be for justice, and our thirst for deeds
of justice, we pray:

Have mercy, O Lord.

For the church, that all those to be baptized at Easter may see through the dazzling
attractions of sin and rejoice only in God's marvelous gift, we pray:

Have mercy, O Lord.

For the community of nations, that the worth of every life may compel us on the
way to solidarity and peace, we pray:

Have mercy, O Lord.

For exiles and refugees, that all who are homeless because of war or hunger,
because of the greed or hatred of others, or because of disabilities, may find places
of rest and kindness, we pray:

Have mercy, O Lord.

For those who struggle with addictions, that they may find strength and love for
the simple gifts of God, we pray:

Have mercy, O Lord.

For those on our parish prayer list: Joe C., Chip, Raymond, Peggy, Sally E., Kevin M., Victor, Joyce T., Kim, Bernie C., Tony, Midge, Barbara, Joan L., Rachael, Doreen, Norma, Virginia, Don M., Tom D., Josh F., Michele G., Kathryn, Charles, Bill P., Mike, Don, Karen K., Olivia, Mary Ellen, Andrea, and Stephanie. We pray:

Have mercy, O Lord.

For the blessings of this life, especially for those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries, we pray:

Have mercy, O Lord.

For this assembly, God's handiwork, that our steps be directed in ways of peace that lead us to the side of those the world despises, and that we name these rejected ones our brothers and sisters, we pray:

Have mercy, O Lord.

Give the departed eternal rest. Let light perpetual shine upon them. We especially pray for and give thanks for the life of Francis, brother of Sheila Hood.

Have mercy, O Lord.

A period of silence follows after which the Celebrant concludes with the following prayer:

God, full of goodness and open to weakness, remember all whom we remember and remind us of all whom we would forget. We ask this through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

The people will greet one another with a sign of God's peace. Don't forget to show the sign of peace to our friends who are worshiping with us virtually.

Please be seated.

We continue to do God's work and your contributions of any size make a huge difference. Give online (sherwoodcokeysville.org/give) or if you would prefer, mail your contribution to 5 Sherwood Road, Cockeysville, 21030. Thank you!

THE HOLY COMMUNION

What follows is the Holy Communion, the sacred meal of the Christian faith. The Episcopal Church, as do all other denominations rooted in the historic Christian faith, affirms that the sacrament of Baptism is the ancient and normative entry point for receiving the sacrament of Eucharist, yet no one who comes forward to receive the bread and wine at communion is ever turned away from God's table. Wherever you are in your spiritual journey, the Episcopal Church welcomes you, and we invite you to explore with us what baptism may mean for you. Want to know more? Please see Mother Nancy following the service. To receive either bread or wine is considered full communion. You may receive the bread or a gluten-free wafer; please indicate to the minister your need. To receive the wine, please assist the Chalcist by holding the base of the chalice (cup) and guiding it to your lips. If you are not baptized or would prefer not to receive communion for any personal or religious reason, you are still invited to come forward at the time of communion to receive a blessing from the priest. (Please place your arms across your chest to indicate your desire to receive a blessing.) Above all, remember that all are welcome here at Sherwood!

THE OFFERTORY

The people are seated while an offering is collected to support God's mission here at Sherwood Church and in the world.



You may now make your offering via PayPal through this QR code. Open the camera on your phone, hold it over the box to the left and follow the link that appears. You will need to already have a PayPal account in order to use the code. A Vanco Give+ code for our preferred online giving platform is coming soon. Thank you for your gifts!

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

God so loved the world - John Stainer

God so loved the world that he gave His only begotten son,
That whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.
For God sent not his son into the world to condemn the world,
But that the world through him might be saved.
Please stand as you are able.

Celebrant: All things come of thee, O Lord.

People: **And of thine own we have given thee.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Eucharistic Prayer A – BCP pg. 361

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

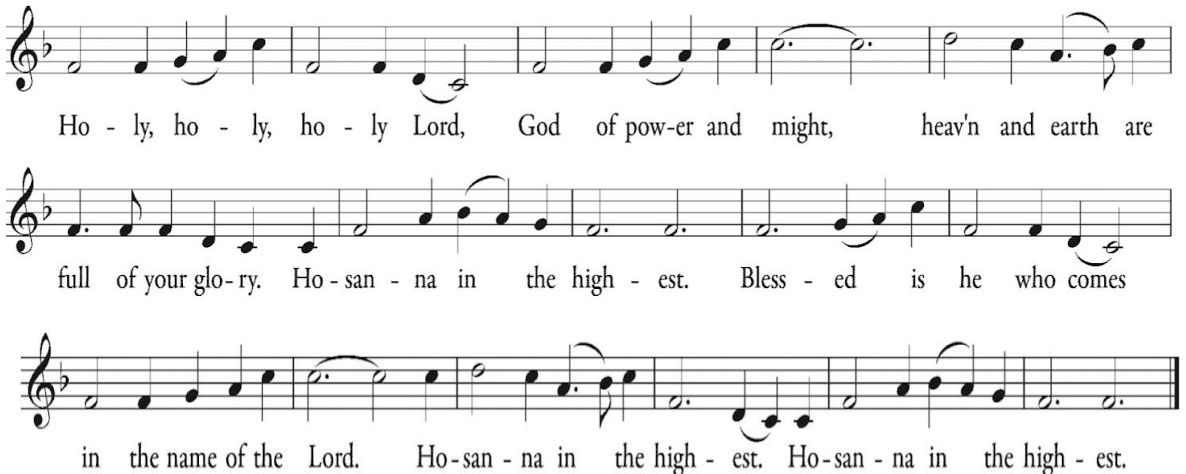
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

The Celebrant offers thanks to God for the grace and mercy made available in Christ, and in response the people sing:

SANCTUS & BENEDICTUS

Holy, holy, holy, Lord, setting by John Merbeke



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might, heav'n and earth are
full of your glo-ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The Celebrant gives thanks to God for the reconciling work of Christ's passion and resurrection and prayers over the bread and wine.

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues the Eucharistic prayer and at the conclusion says

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and forever. **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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The Celebrant says

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

People and Celebrant

**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.**

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

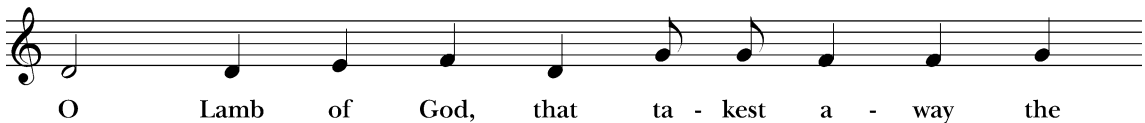
The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

Therefore let us keep the feast.

AGNUS DEI - S157

Lamb of God, setting by John Merbeke



sins of the world, have mer - cy up - on us.

O Lamb of God, that ta - kest a - way the

sins of the world, have mer - cy up - on us.

O Lamb of God, that ta - kest a - way the

sins of the world, grant us thy peace.

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The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Facing the people, the Celebrant offers an invitation to Holy Communion. For those who are not able to be present for communion, please pray the Spiritual Communion Prayer while communion is distributed.

A PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

Episcopal Prayer Book for the Armed Forces (1988): In union, O Lord, with your faithful people at every altar of your Church, where the Holy Eucharist is now being celebrated, we desire to offer to you praise and thanksgiving. We remember your death, Lord Christ; we proclaim your resurrection; we await your coming in glory. And since we cannot receive you today in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, we beseech you to come spiritually into our hearts. Cleanse and strengthen us with your grace, Lord Jesus, and let us never be separated from you. May we live in you, and you in us, in this life and in the life to come. Amen.

COMMUNION HYMN – 671

Amazing grace! how sweet the sound

1 Amazing grace!
how sweet the sound,
that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost but now am found,
was blind but now I see.

2 'Twas grace that taught
my heart to fear,
and grace my fears relieved;
how precious did that grace appear
the hour I first believed!

3 The Lord has promised good to me,
his word my hope secures;
he will my shield and portion be
as long as life endures.

4 Through many dangers,
toils, and snares,
I have already come;
'tis grace that brought me safe thus far,
and grace will lead me home.

5 When we've been there
ten thousand years,
bright shining as the sun,
we've no less days to sing God's praise
than when we'd first begun.

Amazing grace! how sweet the sound, #671 from *The Hymnal 1982* — Words: John Newton (1725-1807), alt.; st. 5, from *A Collection of Sacred Ballads*, 1790; compiled by Richard Broaddus and Andrew Broaddus. Music: *New Britain*, from *Virginia Harmony* 1831; adapt. att. Edwin Othello Excell (1851-1921); harm. Austin Cole Lovelace (b. 1919). Harmonization Copyright © 1974 by Abingdon Press.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

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After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

**Almighty and everliving God,
we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food
of the most precious Body and Blood
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries
that we are living members of the Body of your Son,
and heirs of your eternal kingdom.
And now, Father, send us out
to do the work you have given us to do,
to love and serve you
as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.**

**To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.**

*The Celebrant pronounces a blessing over the people, and the people respond, **Amen.***

RECESSIONAL HYMN - 473

Lift high the cross

*Lift high the cross,
the love of Christ proclaim
till all the world adore
his sacred Name.*

1 Led on their way by this triumphant sign,
the hosts of God in conquering ranks combine.

Refrain

2 Each new-born servant of the Crucified
bears on the brow the seal of him who died.

Refrain

3 O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree,
as thou hast promised, draw the world to thee.

Refrain

4 So shall our song of triumph ever be:
praise to the Crucified for victory.

Refrain

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THE DISMISSAL

As we go forth into the world, refreshed and renewed, we reaffirm our
commitment to our mission as a congregation:

**God commands us to enthusiastically cast open our doors to embrace all,
impacting lives through bold service, no exceptions.**

Let us go forth to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Worship Participants

Celebrant: The Rev. Nancy H. Hennessey

Music Director: Greg Sesek

Cantor: Cassidy Dixon

Lectors: Sheila Fitzgerald, Tom Hood

Acolyte: Dylan Barrett

Ushers: Jack Barrett, Kevin Hennessey

Broadcast Engineer: Robin Rouleau

Altar Guild: Dolly Guarini, Sandy Thompson

Hospitality: The Vestry

Lay Participants for Sunday, March 17

Lectors: Loretta Cunninghame, Greg Szymaszek

Acolyte: Greg Szymaszek

Ushers: Karyn Galetto, Kathleen Stewart

Broadcast Engineer: Robin Rouleau

Altar Guild: Dolly Guarini, Sandy Thompson

Hospitality: VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

A very special welcome to visitors and newcomers! Thank you for joining us for worship. If you are seeking a church home and are interested in learning more about Sherwood Church, or if you would like to receive weekly emails and announcements from our parish, please contact Carey Mednick at sherwoodparish@gmail.com. Please be sure to check out our Facebook page for updates and remember to subscribe to our YouTube channel.

Please remember those on our prayer list with ongoing needs ... Louis, Shannon T., Sally, Shannon, Joyce, Christine, Kendall, Sarah, Gail, Steve W., Michelle, Danny, Dante, Debbie R., Marian, John M., Paige, Marissa, Frances T., David D., Hannah, Jessica, Ruth, Guy, and the people of Ukraine, Israel, and Gaza.

This Week @ Sherwood

Monday

Office closed

Tuesday

Lenten Book Study 6:30-7:30 pm via Zoom

Wednesday

Office hours 10 am–3 pm

Lenten Book Study 3-4 pm @ Faith Lutheran, Conference Room

Vestry Meeting 6 pm via Zoom

Outreach Update – Toiletries Needed:

There is an ongoing need for toiletries at Cockeysville Middle School. The shelves at the SSN warehouse are almost empty. Through Lent we will be asking our Sherwood members to help to restock the shelves with donations of regular-sized & unopened shampoo, body wash, toothpaste, liquid hand soap and hand cream/body lotion. Please leave donations in the bin by the church wing door. Thank you!

A Message from Bishop Carrie:

In January, you were kind enough to give me the gift of your time and stories in listening sessions online and in every region of the Diocese of Maryland. Our host churches' hospitality was amazing. And your honesty and openness deepened my love and respect for our worshipping communities and my understanding of the work they do. At every meeting, a lively spirit of determination filled me with hope for our future. I listened carefully and would like to present the data collected in those sessions back to you so that you and I can learn together.

Please join me online for one of the sessions listed below so that you can hear what was said by friends and neighbors across our diocese and offer your reflections. I look forward to seeing you then.

- March 12/6-7:30 pm
- March 22/10-11:30 am
- [Listening Session with Bishop Carrie - Episcopal Maryland](https://episcopalmaryland.org/event/listening-session-with-bishop-carrie/)
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Thursday, March 28--Car Wash @ Sherwood!

On the first Maundy Thursday, Jesus washed feet as a radical act of hospitality. Thus the youth of Sherwood, St. Francis, and Trinity, Long Green will follow his lead by offering a car wash to the area community from 3 to 5 pm. No feet washing, just car washing! Feet washing will be offered at our Maundy Thursday service @ 6 pm that evening.

Be sure to get your car washed at Sherwood on Maundy Thursday. Encourage your friends too! Any donation is appreciated.

Lenten Study this Week:

The third week of our Lenten Study begins this week via Zoom on Tuesday, March 12 @ 6:30 pm or in person on Wednesday, March 13 @ 3 pm in the Conference Room at Faith Lutheran.

Help with Hospitality:

Week in and week out a few good folks have been the consistent hostesses for our Coffee Hour. If you haven't contributed to bringing something to eat or drink for Coffee Hour, please consider doing so. It takes a village in order to provide a good church coffee hour and anything that you can provide is appreciated. Sign-up sheets are on the table in the church wing. Thank you! -- *Mother Nancy*

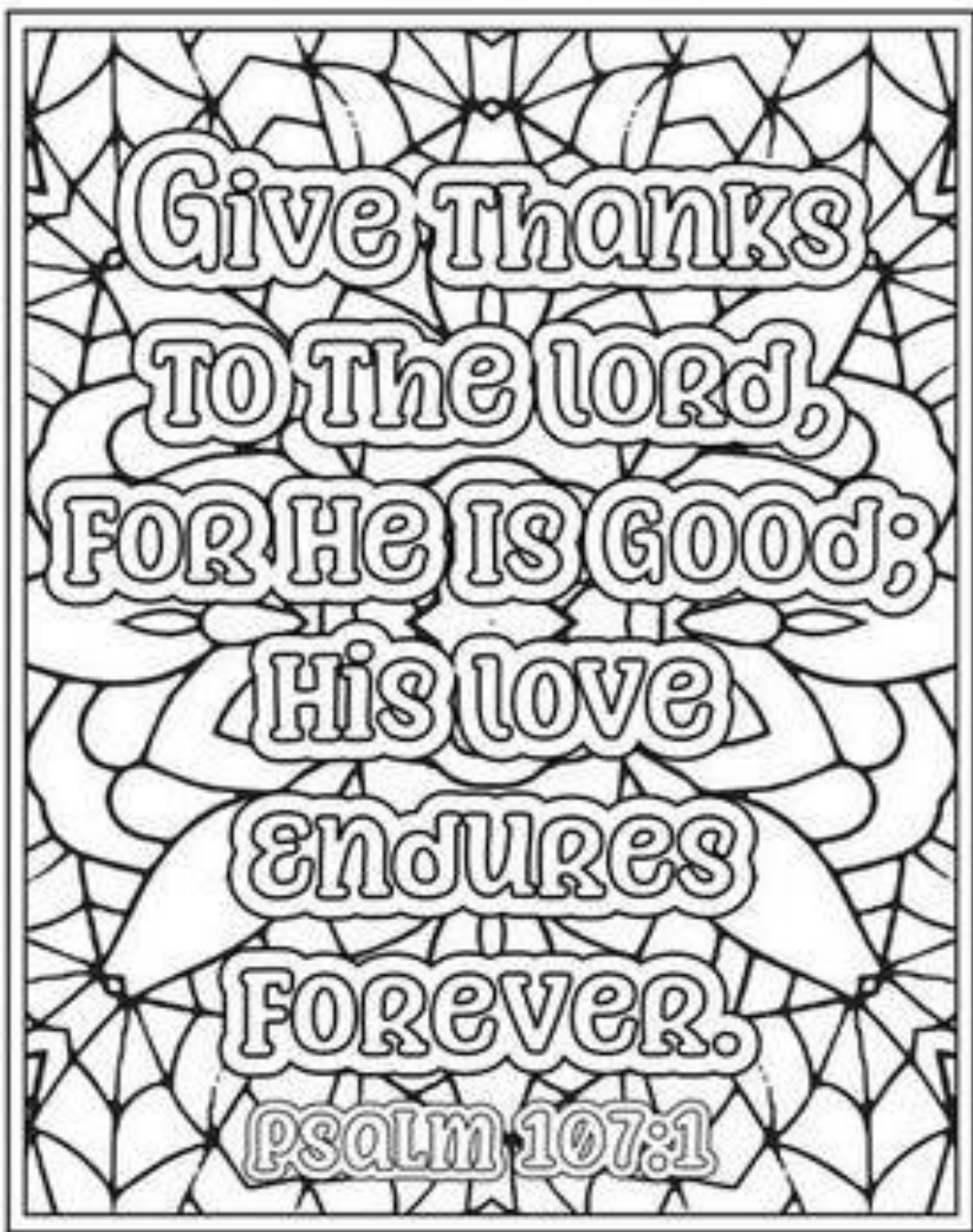
Adopt-a-Stream Workshop March 23:

In this workshop, you will learn about the threats to the health of the Gunpowder Watershed and how to help protect and improve our local creeks and rivers.

Topics include:

- Understanding stormwater's effect on the health of waterways and landscapes
- Properly identifying and reporting stream hazards (e.g. sewer breaks, illicit discharges) and impairments
- Best practices for leading volunteers in a stream clean-up

This workshop will be conducted by the Gunpowder Valley Conservancy at Faith Lutheran, on Saturday, March 23 from 10 am to noon. Everyone is invited. Please register here. [https://www.gunpowdervalleyconservancy.org/event/adopt-a-stream-workshop-march23/Questions? Email Susan Meier suzi-organizer@comcast.net](https://www.gunpowdervalleyconservancy.org/event/adopt-a-stream-workshop-march23/Questions?EmailSusanMeier%20suzi-organizer@comcast.net) or call 410-913-4187.



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