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# Lenten Worship Gathering

March 31, 2019

8:08 and 11:08 am



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## WELCOME TO LENT

Pastor Sarah Wright

NOTES

*Lent is the season of preparation for Holy Week which takes care of our sins and death.*

*ELW= Evangelical Lutheran Worship is the red hymnal*

*P = Pastor L = Leader*

## PRELUDE MUSIC 8:08

Michael Chambers

11:08

“Keep Your Lamps”

- arr. Benjamin A. Tucker

St. John’s Bronze

*This anthem is dedicated to the memory of Iona Dorn, who was instrumental in purchasing handbells for St. John’s, and who kept her lamp trimmed and burning.*

“Keep Your Lamps” lyrics

**Refrain:** *Keep your lamps trimmed and burning, Keep your lamps trimmed and burning, Keep your lamps trimmed and burning, For this old world is almost done.*

**Verse:** *Well mother (brother) don't you stop prayin', Father (sister) keep right on prayin' Don't you stop prayin' for this old world is almost done.*

## CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

Assisting Minister

L: Lent helps us come clean through self-examination, confession, repentance, and amendments to our life. So, let us kneel or sit as we are able for Lenten confession and forgiveness for all humanity.

*Pause for silence and reflection.*

L: We need Lent to take a long honest look at our lives, to speak humbly before one another and turn back to God. Each one of us has different weaknesses and troubles that our Lord longs to heal. God’s loving desire is for our return to our creator and the promise of life.

**All:** **I approach this season gratefully and humbly, almost with a sigh of relief, with true sorrow for my own sins, but at the same time expectantly, knowing that there is forgiveness of sins and help towards healing, and that God’s love will encounter me in deeper ways for the disciplines of the season, each of which say in their own way “We turn back to you, we need you, loving God, have mercy on us.”**

L: Rise up friends, stand on Christ the solid rock. For our God is a God of mercy even among the painful rocks and stumbling blocks. Rise in forgiveness. Rise in courage. Rise in love that never ends and let us sing praise to God. **Amen.**

*Please rise as you are able.*

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HYMN

“Wake, Awake, for Night is Flying”

ELW # 436

vss. 1 & 2

GREETING OF FROM APOSTLE PAUL (2 Corinthians 13:13)

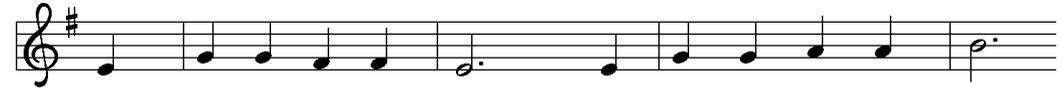
Assisting Minister

L: The Apostle Paul writes to remind the church, “The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All: And also with you.

KYRIE means “Lord”

ELW Setting 10 pg. 203



1 Have mer - cy on us, Lord, and hear our sol - emn prayer.  
2 Have mer - cy on us, Christ, and wash a - way our sin.  
3 Have mer - cy on us, Lord; make sin and shame de - part.



We come to hear your liv - ing word; it saves us from de - spair.  
Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may be - gin.  
Re - new us with your sav - ing pow'r; cre - ate in us new hearts!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

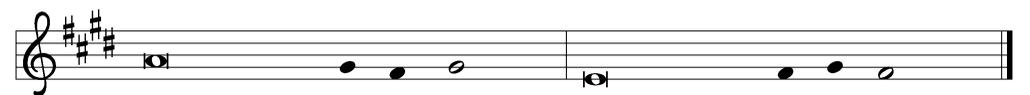
Assisting Minister

L: Psalm 19 verse 4: “Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable to you, O LORD, my rock and my redeemer.” Let us pray. Lord on this last Sunday of March, we remember the gift of baptism. Bless the rocks that we are invited to paint with good news in preparation for the rock rolling out Easter morning. Bless **Keegan James Kirkpatrick** in baptism today. Send your Holy Spirit upon him and upon us, that we may be ready to hear your Word and receive your unconditional love for all people in Jesus’ name. **Amen.**

L: Please be seated.

LENTEN PSALM 70

The congregation sings the psalm together on the following tone:



<sup>1</sup>Be pleased, O God, to de - liver me;  
O LORD, make haste to help me.

<sup>2</sup>Let those who seek my life be put to shame | and confounded;  
let those who take pleasure in my misfortune draw back and | be disgraced.

<sup>3</sup>Let those who say to me "Aha!" and gloat | over me  
turn back because | of their shame.

<sup>4</sup>Let all who seek you rejoice and be | glad in you;  
let those who love your salvation say forever, "Great | is the LORD!"

<sup>5</sup>But as for me, I am poor and needy; come to me quick- | ly, O God.  
You are my helper and my deliverer; O LORD, | do not tarry.

*Please rise as you are able for the Gospel Verse*

## GOSPEL LENTEN VERSE

ELW Setting 10 page 205



We are turn - ing, Lord, to hear you; you are mer - ci - ful and kind -



slow to an - ger, rich in bless - ing, and with love to us in - clined.

## BIBLE READING MATTHEW 25:1-13

Reader

Reader: The Holy Gospel is according to St. Matthew the 25<sup>th</sup> chapter.

All: **Glory to you O Lord.**

Reader: Let's join the story for Lent as we continue Act 5 of the Bible about the parables of Jesus. Since we are in a time of Lent, we are reminded we are called to anticipate Restoration and stay in community with other Christians Q: How do we exclude ourselves from community in Christ? A reading from Matthew 25

<sup>1</sup>Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. <sup>2</sup>Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. <sup>3</sup>When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; <sup>4</sup>but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. <sup>5</sup>As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. <sup>6</sup>But at midnight there was a shout, "Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him." <sup>7</sup>Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. <sup>8</sup>The foolish said to the wise, "Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out." <sup>9</sup>But the wise replied, "No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves." <sup>10</sup>And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was

## PLEASE PRAY FOR

### Lift up in prayer:

Jack Arsenault  
Harvey Blevins  
Pastor Boliek  
Anthony Chiralo  
Hal & Scott Clem  
Joe Connell  
Ava Daniels  
Evan Davis & family  
Dorothy Diehl  
Larry Dixon  
Bill Flohr  
Benton Gatch  
Libby Gill  
Janet Habersat  
Mark Habicht  
Pr. Peter Hansen  
Tiffany Henning  
The Hobbs family  
Orville Hughes  
Vicki Kalabokes  
Jackie Lober  
Fred Meise  
Leona Mickey  
Tony Montone  
Jo Morrison  
Bill Moulds  
Mary Prime  
Carolyn Rahll  
Sharon Markley Schreiber  
Ross & Jeanette Smith  
Henry Weaver  
Ruth Welkner  
Ted Weyforth  
Sophie Wittlesberger  
Janet Wunderlich

### Special needs:

Violence in our society  
All those devastated by natural disasters

### This week we pray for:

† Youth & Family Ministry Team  
† Church Council  
† Worship & Music

### Our mission partners:

Amazing Grace Lutheran Church  
– Prs. Gary Dittman & Carol Perlie  
Prs. Mercedes & Isaias Nelson (Dom. Rep.)  
Pr. Tyrone Smith (New Orleans)  
National ELCA Bishop Elizabeth Eaton  
Delaware Maryland synod Bishop Bill Gohl  
Nicole & Kevin Fuhr, serving Guatemala  
Crucified Church in Johnstown, PA  
– Pr. Josh Knipple  
Freestate ChalleNGe Academy

### Members of the week:

Tim & Jenny Nelson,  
Emily, Cole  
Ernie & Gail Nuetzel  
Heinz & Eleanor Oest

*Names on the prayer list are printed with permission of the person named. After receiving permission you may place a completed yellow prayer request card in the offering plate or contact the church office to add a name to the prayer list. After four weeks on the list a name will be removed unless the office is notified for an extension of time. **Visitation:** please notify the church office if you anticipate a hospital stay. Thank you*

**COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION HYMN:**

*“Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness”* ELW # 488

**BLESSING AND PRAYER**

Assisting Minister

L: Receive the blessing. May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in His grace. **Amen.**

L: Let us pray. Lord we thank you for the word made flesh, the Word of life and bread of heaven. Thank you for connecting us as the body of Christ. Rebuild your church. Rebuild each of us that, fed by your Word, we may be your church rising in grace, learning the story, loving to tell the story as student disciples on a big mission following Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**NEXT STEPS:**

Pastor Lisa Arrington

**BENEDICTION**

Pastor Lisa Arrington

P: Go forth with a blessing in the name of the Father who created you, the Son who redeemed you and the Holy Spirit who sanctifies you. Amen.

**HYMN**

*“How Can I Keep from Singing”* ELW # 763

**ENTERING THE MISSION FIELD**

Assisting Minister

L: Let us remember our mission

**All: Welcome all. Tell the story. Grow as Disciples.**

shut. <sup>11</sup>Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, “Lord, lord, open to us.” <sup>12</sup>But he replied, “Truly I tell you, I do not know you.” <sup>13</sup>Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.

Reader: The Gospel of our Lord.

**All: Praise to you O Christ.**

Reader: Please be seated.

**MESSAGE**

Pastor Lisa Arrington

**HYMN**

*“Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers”* ELW # 244

**VIDEO** Dee Dee Bycoffee **“Kingdom of Hope in a Rocky World”** Assisting Minister

L: *Where is God when life gets rocky? During the season of Lent, people are responding and reflecting on this prayer question. This video tells the story of Kingdom of Hope in a Rocky World; then we will continue with prayers of the church.*

**PRAYERS**

**“Kingdom of Hope in a Rocky World”**

Assisting Minister

L: *Please be seated or kneel for prayers of the church.*

L: *Prayer stones are symbols for our Lenten Season. You can still pick up a prayer stone and put it in a place you will see it daily. Bring the stone back during Holy Week. What can the stone remind us? God is a rock in a weary land, when people turn away instead of coming to the table. Let us pray.*

**SHARING PEACE**

Assisting Minister

L: Let us rise so we may share peace. The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**All: And also with you.**

*Let us greet one another visitors.*

*We are a very loving church, but please ask someone if it is okay to share a hug.*

*Hand sanitizer is in the back of the church*

**OFFERING & MUSIC**

L: Let us celebrate the offering of time, talents and treasures. Don’t forget your yellow pew card.

**OFFERTORY ANTHEM 8:08**

*“Keep Your Lamps”*

- arr. Benjamin A. Tucker

St. John’s Bronze

Gino Liberati, drum

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**OFFERTORY ANTHEM 11:08am** "Give Me Oil in My Lamp" - arr. Joseph M. Martin  
Jubilee Singers

*Give me oil in my lamp, keep me burning. Give me oil in my lamp, I pray. Give me oil in my lamp, keep me burning. Keep me burning 'til the break of day. I sing praise and give thanks for Your blessings. I sing praise every day I live. I sing praise and give thanks for Your blessings, for the blessings You alone can give. Give me joy in my heart, keep me singing. Give me joy in my heart each day. Give me joy in my heart, keep me singing. Keep me singing 'til the break of day. Hosanna! Sing hosanna to the King!*

**OFFERTORY** "Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful" ELW # 182

*Please rise as you are able & offering plates will be brought forward.*

**PRESENTING OUR OFFERING TO GOD** Assisting Minister

L: Let us pray,  
**All: You have set us an example, Lord, that we might also do as you have done. Receive the offerings of our hearts and inspire us to love your people as you do, remind us all are welcome at your table of saving grace. Amen.**

**HOLY COMMUNION** Pastor Sarah Wright 11:08, Setting 10 ELW page 206

P: The Lord be with you.  
**All: And also with you.**  
 P: Lift up your hearts.  
**All: We lift them to the Lord.**  
 P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**  
 P: "It is indeed right, our duty and our joy..." (*preface for Lent*) "we praise your name and join their unending hymn...."

**HOLY HOLY HOLY** Setting 10 ELW page 207

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.

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 for the 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.

**THE LORD'S PRAYER**

P: As a sign of unity in prayer and Lenten preparation, you are invited to join hands even across the aisle. If you are not feeling well, just let your neighbor know or try elbow to elbow.

*You are invited to continuous communion. It is a meal of God's grace and love for all believers. Ushers will invite you down the center aisle. Please share your name. Receive bread or a blessing. Dip the bread into red wine or white grape juice and return to your seats by the side aisles.*

**MUSIC DURING COMMUNION:** "Lamb of God" Setting 10 ELW page 208

1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;  
 2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;  
 3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;  
 you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.  
 you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.  
 e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.