

NOTES

Easter Season Worship Celebration
Setting 3 Evangelical Lutheran Worship
May 5, 2019
8:08 and 11:08 am

join
THE
EASTER
STORY

good news that must be shared!

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WELCOME ALL

P= Pastor L= Assisting Minister

NOTES

INTRODUCTION:

L: Let us prepare our hearts and minds for worship and the morning prelude.

PRELUDE

Michael Chambers

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

Pastor Lisa Arrington

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

Assisting Minister

L: Please kneel or sit as you are able for confession and forgiveness.

L: Christ is risen!

All: Christ is risen indeed!

L: Let us enter mutual confession based on Paul's letter to the Romans.

All: Father God, forgive us when we are shallow, seeking a quick blessing or a fast favor from you without being willing to invest fully in a trusting, committed relationship with you. Forgive us when we are one-sided, asking always for mercy and compassion, but not returning the same. Forgive us when we approach you begging for guidance and direction, but then neglect to follow your instructions. Forgive us when we cry out with our pressing questions, but then stop listening for your answers.

L: Spirit, search our hearts as we quiet them before you, that we may confess our sin and receive forgiveness.

personal silent confession

L: There is assurance of pardon and forgiveness emphasized in 8:12-14: We no longer need to live as slaves to our sinful natures. Sin has no claim on us anymore, because through the power of the Holy Spirit, we have put to death our old ways of acting and thinking. We have been given new life as God's own children. So be at peace: your sins are forgiven!

All: Thanks be to God!

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

All: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

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

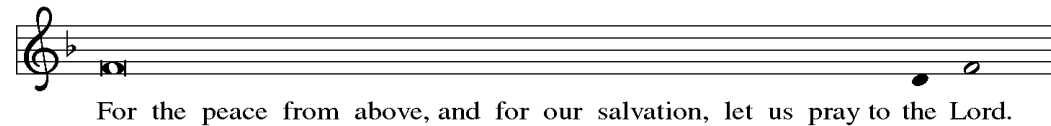
Assisting Minister

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.

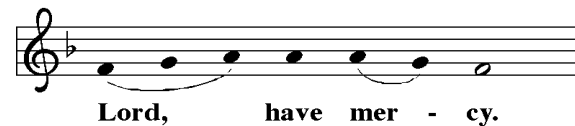
All: And also with you.



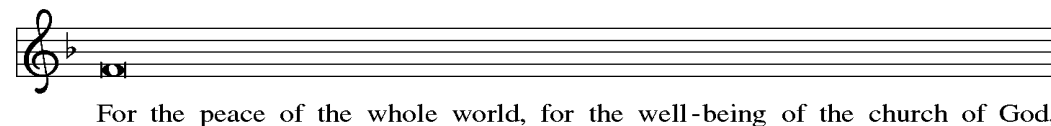
In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



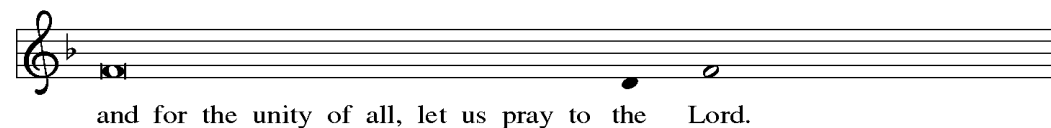
For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



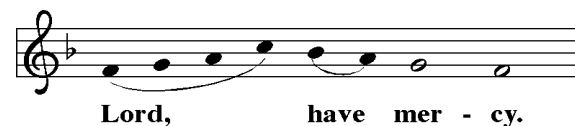
Lord, have mer - cy.



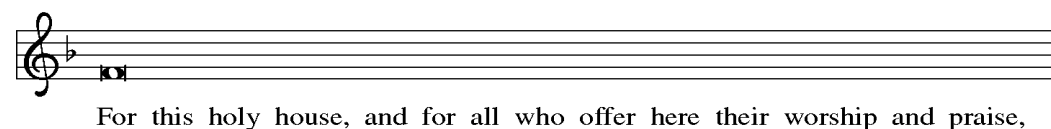
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



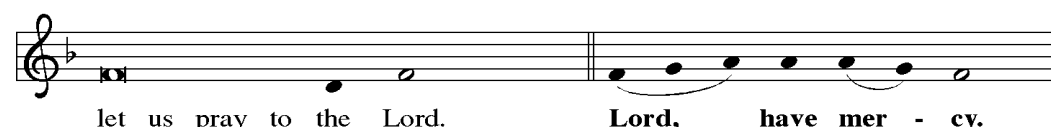
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



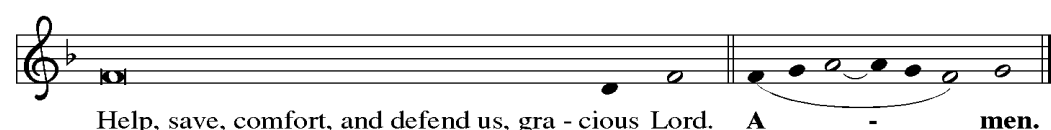
Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. **A - men.**

HYMN OF PRAISE (This is the feast.....)

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Refrain
 This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,
 al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb
 who was slain, whose blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.

Refrain
 This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,
 al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and
 strength, and hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.

Refrain
 This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,
 al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of
 God, and join in the hymn of all ere - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or,
 glo - ry, and might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

Refrain
 This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,
 al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 4 For the Lamb who was
 slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

Final refrain
 This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

PLEASE PRAY FOR

Lift up in prayer:

Jack & Sue Arsenault
 Millie Auer
 Harvey Blevins
 Pastor Boliek
 Hal Clem
 Diane Corkran
 Norma Culbertson
 Ava Daniels
 Frank Dorn
 Margaret Ellison
 Freda Flury
 Mitchell Greene
 Chris Gummerson
 Heinz Haller
 Tiffany Henning
 The Hobbs family
 Nels Jothan
 Barbara Lee
 Worth McKeithan
 Jo Morrison
 Bill Moulds
 The Murphy family
 Sharon Olszewski
 Claire Sigwart
 Ross & Jeanette Smith
 Cliff Thomas
 Ruth Welkner
 Nancy Wertheimer
 Ted Weyforth

Condolences:

Prayers of comfort for the family of
 Rose Como, Mike Como's mother,
 who died.

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!

Special needs:

Violence in our society
 All those devastated by natural disasters;
 especially Mozambique

This week we pray for:

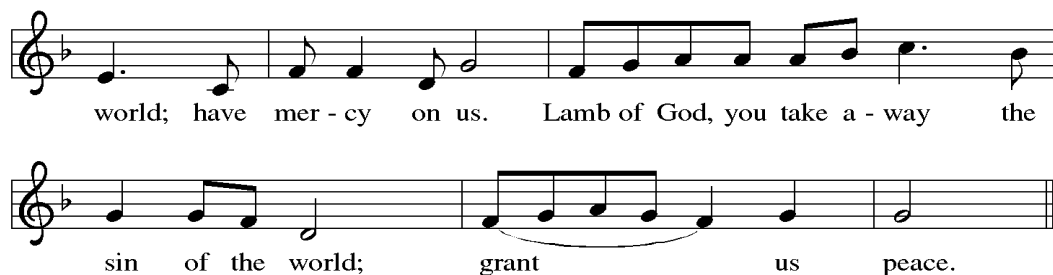
† Dominican Republic Mission Team
 † NOLA Mission Team
 † Finance Team
 † Confirmation Retreat

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:

Mark & Sandy Richter
 Meredith Riddle
 Glenda Riddle



COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION HYMN:

“Let Us Break Bread Together”

ELW # 471

BLESSING WITH 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. 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

HYMN

“Rise, Shine, You People”

ELW # 665

REMEMBER OUR EASTER MISSION

L: Let us join the story

All: the good news must be shared!

PRAYER FOR THE DAY

Assisting Minister

L: Let us pray for Noisy Change Sunday.

All: Lord we pray for all the children of the world who are hungry. We pray for their families who cannot find or afford food to eat. We pray for places like Haiti where mud cakes are meant to fill up children’s hungry tummies but are just mud. We pray for places where natural disaster has ruined crops right here in our own country. We pray for food deserts in rural areas and cities. We pray that our food pantry may bless our neighbors and fill the gaps. Bless our noisy change. We pray for daily bread for all. In Jesus’ name. Amen.

L: Please be seated for the noisy change video.

TELL THE STORY

NOISY CHANGE ELCA video Gino, can you download and put in **MEDIA SHARE / CURRENT VIDEOS for WORSHIP**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=H5oDHuxqTEc>

BIBLE READING Romans 1:1-10

Reader

Let’s join the story, an introduction for our reading on Act 6 The Church. We are introduced to the meaning of the Gospel through a letter from Paul to the beloved in Rome. Why is the story of Easter so urgent for all people? A reading from Romans chapter 1:

Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God, ² which he promised beforehand through his prophets in the holy scriptures, ³ the gospel concerning his Son, who was descended from David according to the flesh ⁴ and was declared to be Son of God with power according to the spirit of holiness by resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord, ⁵ through whom we have received grace and apostleship to bring about the obedience of faith among all the Gentiles for the sake of his name, ⁶ including yourselves who are called to belong to Jesus Christ, ⁷ To all God’s beloved in Rome, who are called to be saints: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. ⁸ First, I thank my God through Jesus Christ for all of you, because your faith is proclaimed throughout the world. ⁹ For God, whom I serve with my spirit by announcing the gospel of his Son, is my witness that without ceasing I remember you always in my prayers, ¹⁰ asking that by God’s will I may somehow at last succeed in coming to you.

R: This is the Word of God. Word of life.

All: Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE

Pastor Lisa Arrington

HYMN

"Build Us Up Lord"

ELW # 670

GROW AS DISCIPLES

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE (Please kneel or be seated.)

Assisting Minister

L: Please be seated or kneel for prayers of the church. Let us pray.

SHARING THE PEACE

Assisting Minister

L: Please rise as you are able for the sharing of the peace. The peace of the Lord be with you always.

All: And also with you.

Let us greet one another especially visitors. If you are not well give a wave for peace and prayers. We are a very loving church, but please ask someone if it is okay to share a hug. Hand sanitizer is now at the corners of the sanctuary.

OFFERING & MUSIC

L: Let us celebrate the offering of time, talents and treasures. Don't forget to drop in a yellow pew card too.

OFFERTORY MUSIC 808am

Michael Chambers

OFFERTORY ANTHEM 1108am

"Come Build a Church"
Jubilee Singers

- Ken Medema

OFFERTORY

"God Whose Giving Knows No Ending"

ELW # 678 v. 1

God, whose giving knows no ending, from your rich and endless store;
nature's wonder, Jesus' wisdom, costly cross, grave's shattered door,
gifted by you, we turn to you, off'ring up ourselves in praise;
thankful song shall rise forever, gracious donor of our days.

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

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Assisting Minister

L: Let us pray,

All: God, thank you for our many, many blessings. Take of our plenty and supply the needs of those who have very little, joining us with them in one family of humanity. Bless these gifts for ministry and mission with others in Jesus' name. Amen.

HOLY COMMUNION

Pastor Lisa Arrington

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.

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.

P: Let us join in unity and prayer...

LORD'S PRAYER

All: 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.

Today, Communion will be celebrated at the altar rail. Follow the guide of the ushers to start at the center of the rail. You're invited to receive the bread (gluten-free), then individual glasses of red wine or white grape juice. The presiding pastor will bless and dismiss everyone once all have received. If you have difficulty making it up the steps to the railing, notify an usher and it would be our privilege to bring Communion to you.

LAMB OF GOD

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Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have



mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the