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Setting 3 Evangelical Lutheran Worship  
July 7, 2019  
8:08 and 11:08 am

St. John's Lutheran Church, Sweet Air  
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PRELUDE 8:08 Michael Chambers

PRELUDE 11:08 "This Is My Song" Jean Sibelius  
Phyllis Schott, soloist

WELCOME Pastor Lisa Arrington

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS Assisting Minister

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

L: In the spirit of restoration, let us enter mutual confession.

L: I confess to God Almighty, before the whole company of heaven, and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have sinned in thought, word, and deed; in what I have done and in what I have failed to do, by my fault, by my fault, by my most grievous fault; wherefore I pray God Almighty to have mercy on me, forgive me all my sins, and bring me to everlasting life. Amen.

**All: The almighty and merciful Lord grant you pardon, forgiveness, and remission of all your sins. AMEN. Now I confess to God Almighty, before the whole company of heaven, and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have sinned in thought, word, and deed; in what I have done and in what I have failed to do, by my fault, by my fault, by my most grievous fault; wherefore I pray God Almighty to have mercy on me, forgive me all my sins, and bring me to everlasting life. Amen.**

L: The almighty and merciful Lord grant you pardon, forgiveness, and remission of all your sins. Sin has no lasting claim on us anymore. We have been given new life as God's own children. So be at peace: our sins are forgiven!

**All: Thanks be to God!**

L: Restore us, good Lord, and let your anger depart from us. Favorably hear us, for your mercy is great. Accomplish in us the work of your salvation that we may show forth your glory in the world. By the cross and passion of your Son our Lord, bring us with all your saints to the joy of his resurrection.

**All: He restores my soul. Amen.**

L: Please rise as you are able for the hymn.

HYMN "All Are Welcome" ELW # 641  
(vss. 1, 3, 4, 5)

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

## ***PLEASE PRAY FOR***

### ***Lift up in prayer:***

John Abendschein  
Linda Asplin  
Carolyn Bengel  
Harvey Blevins  
Pastor Partee Boliek  
Ronald Cassett  
Linda Daiker  
Ava Daniels  
Tony Genovese  
Richard Griffin  
Dave & Marilyn Habicht  
Tiffany Henning  
The Hobbs family  
Stevie Kauffman  
Fred Meise  
Leona Mickey  
Tony & Val Montone  
Jo Morrison  
Lennie Phillips  
Bob Rigger  
Stacey Schneidereith  
Deric Showman  
Jeanette Smith  
Audrey Stifler  
Warren & Ann Theill  
Linda Trimble & family  
Ruth Welkner  
Pastor Sarah Wright

### ***Special needs:***

All those devastated by natural disasters  
Wanda, who's a missionary in Haiti,  
during the political unrest there  
All affected by acts of violence

### ***This week we pray for:***

† 360 Club  
† Vacation Bible School  
† Head to Heart

### ***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:***

Joy Strother  
Hollyn Svingos  
Bill & Karen Tavik,  
Hannah, Will, Henry, Jack

*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!*

Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.  
**All: And also with you.**

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Assisting Minister

### **Not for screen**

- L: Please be seated.
- L: Deacon means “servant” in the Greek. In 2017 the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) introduced a unified roster of *Ministry of Word and Service* for deacons, diaconal ministers, and associates in ministry. This is *not* the local Order of St. Stephen, Deacon. A rostered deacon has completed seminary course work and candidacy for the whole Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. Deacon Laura Heller, who joined our church last year, is on this ELCA Roster and serves our synod as coordinator for care and creation. She recently preached for our Delaware Maryland synod assembly worship on why we must restore creation. She also stepped forward to be our project coordinator for our new organic garden. It is an exciting time for St. John's to be learning new models of mission and growing as disciples. Let us pray.
- L: Lord, we thank you for helping us to grow as disciples and you long for us to know restoring waters. As we hear the story of Lydia's conversion at the river, help us to have a conversion and fall in love with your creation again and again. May we hear Genesis again with appreciation for creation as a precious gift of life. Remind us our health is directly at stake; our faith is directly connected; and the Gospel gives us courage to care for creation. May we strive for restoring waters, organic green pastures, fresh air and sacred land in your name we pray. Amen.

## **TELL THE STORY**

### **BIBLE READING Acts 16:11-15**

Reader

Let's join the story. We are in Act 7 Restoration. Our theme this summer is restoring waters. When the Apostle Paul meets Lydia and those praying at the river, Lydia immediately dives into her faith by being baptized. What do we need to ask God to open our hearts to, and how can we dive in as confidently as Lydia? A reading from Acts 16:

We set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis, <sup>12</sup> and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city for some days. <sup>13</sup> On the sabbath day we went outside the gate by the river, where we supposed there was a place of prayer; and we sat down and spoke to the women who had gathered there. <sup>14</sup> A certain woman named Lydia, a worshiper of God, was listening to us; she was from the city of Thyatira and a dealer in purple cloth. The Lord opened

her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul. <sup>15</sup>When she and her household were baptized, she urged us, saying, “If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home.” And she prevailed upon us.

R: Word of wisdom, word of Life

All: Thanks be to God.

#### BIBLE READING Genesis 1

Reader

Now let us hear the beginning of Genesis as if we are hearing this reading for the first time. How many times is “water” mentioned? I will give you the answer at the end of reading from Genesis 1:

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, <sup>2</sup>the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. <sup>3</sup>Then God said, “Let there be light”; and there was light. <sup>4</sup>And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. <sup>5</sup>God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

<sup>6</sup>And God said, “Let there be a dome in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters.” <sup>7</sup>So God made the dome and separated the waters that were under the dome from the waters that were above the dome. And it was so. <sup>8</sup>God called the dome Sky. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day.

<sup>9</sup>And God said, “Let the waters under the sky be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear.” And it was so. <sup>10</sup>God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good. <sup>11</sup>Then God said, “Let the earth put forth vegetation: plants yielding seed, and fruit trees of every kind on earth that bear fruit with the seed in it.” And it was so. <sup>12</sup>The earth brought forth vegetation: plants yielding seed of every kind, and trees of every kind bearing fruit with the seed in it. And God saw that it was good. <sup>13</sup>And there was evening and there was morning, the third day.

<sup>14</sup>And God said, “Let there be lights in the dome of the sky to separate the day from the night; and let them be for signs and for seasons and for days and years, <sup>15</sup>and let them be lights in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth.” And it was so. <sup>16</sup>God made the two great lights—the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night—and the stars. <sup>17</sup>God set them in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth, <sup>18</sup>to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. <sup>19</sup>And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day.

<sup>20</sup>And God said, “Let the waters bring forth swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the dome of the sky.” <sup>21</sup>So God created the great sea monsters and every living creature that moves, of every kind, with which the waters swarm, and

#### BLESSING

Assisting Minister

L: Receive the blessing. May you be like trees planted by streams of living water and your leaves not wither. May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ restore your soul. May God bless you with green pastures and still waters.

Amen.

#### BENEDICTION

Pastor Lisa Arrington

#### HYMN

*“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”*

ELW # 836

#### REMEMBER OUR MISSION

L: Let us remember the mission

All: Welcome all. Tell the Story. Grow as Disciples.

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.**

*Please be seated.*

**INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

*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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Musical notation for the first line of the hymn: *Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have*

Musical notation for the second line of the hymn: *mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the*

Musical notation for the third line of the hymn: *world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the*

Musical notation for the fourth line of the hymn: *sin of the world; grant us peace.*

**COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION HYMNS:**

- "I Come with Joy"* ELW # 482
- "Blest Be the Tie That Binds"* ELW # 656

every winged bird of every kind. And God saw that it was good. <sup>22</sup> God blessed them, saying, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth." <sup>23</sup> And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day.

<sup>24</sup> And God said, "Let the earth bring forth living creatures of every kind: cattle and creeping things and wild animals of the earth of every kind." And it was so. <sup>25</sup> God made the wild animals of the earth of every kind, and the cattle of every kind, and everything that creeps upon the ground of every kind. And God saw that it was good.

<sup>26</sup> Then God said, "Let us make humankind in our image, according to our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the wild animals of the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth."

<sup>27</sup> So God created humankind in his image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them.

<sup>28</sup> God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth." <sup>29</sup> God said, "See, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food. <sup>30</sup> And to every beast of the earth, and to every bird of the air, and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food." And it was so. <sup>31</sup> God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

Reader: The word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

Reader: and how many times did you hear the word water or waters? The answer is 12. Symbolic? Help me welcome our preacher, coordinator for care and creation for the Delaware Maryland Synod, Deacon Laura Heller.

**MESSAGE**

Deacon Laura Heller

**GROW AS DISCIPLES**

**HYMN**

*"This Is My Father's World"*

ELW # 824

**APOSTLES' CREED**

Assisting Minister

L: Let us profess what we believe about God the creator, redeemer and spirit in the words of the Apostles' Creed.

All: 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.

**PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

Assisting Minister

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

**SHARING OF THE PEACE**

Assisting Minister

L: Let us rise. 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 & SPECIAL MUSIC**

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

**OFFERTORY SOLO 8:08am**

*"This Is My Song"*  
Phyllis Schott, soloist

Jean Sibelius

**OFFERTORY MUSIC 11:08am**

Michael Chambers

**OFFERTORY**

*"Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful"*

ELW # 182

*Let the vineyards be fruitful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of blessing.  
Gather a harvest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life.*

*Gather the hopes and the dreams of all; unite them with the prayers we offer now.*

*Grace our table with your presence, and give us a fore-taste of the feast to come.*

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

**OFFERTORY PRAYER**

Assisting Minister

L: Let us pray continuing the prayer of Alcuin of York, poet and scholar born 732 in England.

All: Let us sow living seeds, words that are quick with life, that faith may be the harvest in people's hearts. In word and in example let your light shine in the dark like the morning star. Do not allow the wealth of the world or its enchantment flatter us into silence as to your truth. Do not permit the powerful or judges or our dearest friends to keep us from professing what is right. 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.**

P: It is indeed our duty...(Proper preface on altar)

**HOLY, HOLY, HOLY**

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,  
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -  
san - na. 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.

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.