

NOTES

Easter Season Worship Celebration  
Setting 3 Evangelical Lutheran Worship  
May 19, 2019  
8:08 and 11:08am

join  
THE  
EASTER  
STORY  
the good news 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

### PRAYERS FOR GRADUATES

### 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 Romans 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!**

*Please rise as you are able.*

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!**

### HYMN

*"Crown Him with Many Crowns"*

ELW #855  
(vss. 1,3,4,5)

**PLEASE PRAY FOR**

**Lift up in prayer:**

Millie Auer  
Harvey Blevins  
Pastor Boliek  
Norma Culbertson  
Marlene Cumor  
Margaret Ellison  
Linda Garren  
Mitchell Greene  
Tiffany Henning  
Zach Hinegardner  
The Hobbs family  
Barbara Kline  
Barbara Lee  
Worth McKeithan  
Fred Meise  
Jo Morrison  
Bill Moulds  
The Murphy family  
Sharon Olszewski  
Bob Rigger  
Ross & Jeanette Smith  
Warren & Ann Theill  
Cliff Thomas  
Ruth Welkner  
Nancy Wertheimer  
Ted Weyforth  
Pastor Sarah Wright

**Special needs:**

Violence in our society  
All those devastated by natural disasters  
Frank Dorn Memorial, May 20<sup>th</sup> at 6pm at  
St. John's

**This week we pray for:**

† Caring Hearts/Paws Outreach  
† Small Group Ministries  
† Monday Night Bible Study

**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:**

Jim & Jen Ritchie,  
Alyssa, Chris  
Stephen & Amy Roche, Erik, Ben  
Joan Rochelle

*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!*

**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 ("Lord")**

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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.....)**

Setting 3 ELW page 140

*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 cre - 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.

**COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION HYMN:**

*"Just As I Am"*

ELW # 592

**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

**BENEDICTION**

**HYMN**

*"In the Cross of Christ I Glory"*

ELW # 324

**REMEMBER OUR EASTER MISSION**

L: Let us join the story  
All: the good news must be shared!

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.

*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.*

**LAMB OF GOD**

Setting 3 ELW page 146

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  
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
sin of the world; grant us peace.

**NOLA Video During Communion**

*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.

**PRAYER FOR NOLA**

Assisting Minister

L: Let us pray. Lord, since 2007 you have helped us send a team each year to build up healing life in New Orleans. Since Hurricane Katrina, we have developed a partnership with *St. Bernard's Project* to help families rebuild their homes. We thank you for our partnership with the local congregation: Original Morningstar Full Gospel Baptist Church of the Next Generation. Thank you for all the support in this congregation to grow in mission and love. Just as Paul did in all his letters and visits to churches, may we build one another up in the good news of Jesus Christ, risen Lord. **Amen.**

L: Please be seated for the reading.

**TELL THE STORY**

**BIBLE READING** Romans 5:1-11

Reader

*Let's join the story, an introduction for our reading on Act 6 The Church. Right relationship with God does not come from our own power, but is possible because God loves us when we seem unlovable. How does God rebuild us all in the midst of long hard suffering? A reading from Romans chapter 5.*

Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>2</sup>through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. <sup>3</sup>And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, <sup>4</sup>and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, <sup>5</sup>and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us. <sup>6</sup>For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. <sup>7</sup>Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. <sup>8</sup>But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us. <sup>9</sup>Much more surely then, now that we have been justified by his blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath of God. <sup>10</sup>For if while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, much more surely, having been reconciled, will we be saved by his life. <sup>11</sup>But more than that,

we even boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

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

All: Thanks be to God.

#### MESSAGE

Jay Cuccia, NOLA Team 2019

#### HYMN

"What Wonderful Love Is This"

ELW # 666

### 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: Let us rise and 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 to drop in a yellow pew card too.

#### OFFERTORY MUSIC 8:08am

"O Rest in the Lord"

-Mendelssohn

Phyllis Schott, soloist

#### OFFERTORY ANTHEM 11:08am "How Can I keep from Singing?"

-arr. Emily Crocker

Jubilee Singers

#### 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.

P: It is our duty and delight ...

#### HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



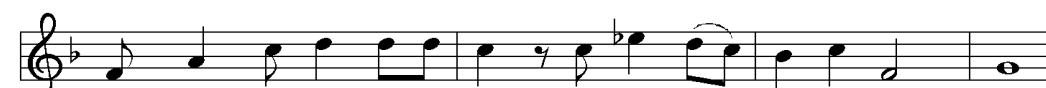
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,



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.