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**St. John's Lutheran Church,
Sweet Air**

**September 15, 2019
8:08 and 11:08 am**

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WELCOME ALL

PRELUDE MUSIC

Michael Chambers

WELCOME TO LIVE THE STORY

Pastor Lisa Arrington

ELW= Evangelical Lutheran Worship is the red hymnal

P = Pastor L= Leader

HYMN

“All Creatures, Worship God Most High”

ELW # 835
(vss. 1, 2, 3, 6)

FORGIVE AND LIVE

Assisting Minister

L: Please kneel or sit as you are able for the prayer of naming our sin and receiving God’s forgiveness.

Pause for silence and reflection.

L: Prepare the way of the Lord! The first step is to name our sin. Our life is tangled in sin. Sin is our stubborn disobedience from God. We prefer to say, “my way” over “God’s way.” Let us pause and be honest about our struggle to Live the Story God’s way.

Silence is kept for reflection.

L: Prepare the way of the Lord! We are not alone in this daily struggle to Live the Story. Confession is saying what God already knows. The New Testament book of James 5:16 says “*therefore, confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you might be healed.*” Confession admits our sin and our need God’s forgiveness.

All: We confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. 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. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen

L: Prepare the way of the Lord! The next step is to receive God’s forgiveness and remember God’s promise. Forgiveness is a release from sin. From the beginning prophets delivered God’s message: Repentance simply means change. Forgiveness is about new life. We are called to live the story of grace. We are called to live the story of unconditional love. We are called to live the story of faith. This story is not just for us, this grace is for all sinners; the worst sinners! Are you willing to live the story of forgiveness? Are you willing to forgive

PLEASE PRAY FOR

Lift up in prayer:

John Abendschein
Linda Asplin
Harvey Blevins
Pastor Partee Boliek
Wendy Caffrey
Anthony Chiralo
Diane Corkran
Linda Daiker
Dorothy Diehl
Jon Everts
Linda Garren
Libby Gill
Phyllis Gray and daughter
Mitchell Greene
The Hobbs family
Gabrielle Holland
Carol Knickman
John Kuchar
Charlie Miller
Bill Moesinger
Jo Morrison
The Murphy family
Heike Niesius
Mary Prime
Karen Reinhold
Bob Rigger
Deric Showman
Claire Sigwart
Sally Snell
Dylan Spencer
Warren & Ann Theill
Ruth Welkner
Pastor Sarah Wright

Special needs:

All those devastated by natural disasters
All affected by acts of violence
Those going to the Holy Land

This week we pray for:

† Friday Morning Prayer Group
† Mutual Ministry Committee
† Deborah’s Circle Women’s 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:

Joe & Jama Wolfkill,
Bryan & Tiffany Woolson,
Wren, Cali
Betty Wren

*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!*

this worship service please come forward for a blessing? This is our first Holy Land Pilgrimage and we have 14 members and friends going for the first time.

L: What is a pilgrimage?

It's a way to journey prayerfully visit places of historical and spiritual significance. It's an opportunity to travel together with fellow pilgrims.

There will be occasions of joy, peace, reflection, fun, and sacrifice.

We know you will meet new friends and visit sacred places to all the children of Abraham. Our prayers go with you.

L: Let us pray.

God of our Pilgrimage, you have given this team a desire to take the questing way and set out on a journey. Give them safe travel. As we are all pilgrims, help them and us to keep our eyes fixed on You, that whatever we encounter as we travel in life, we may seek to glorify You by the way we live the story. Receive the blessing to share in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen

HYMN

"This Is My Father's World"

ELW # 824

MISSION

L: Let us live the story:

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

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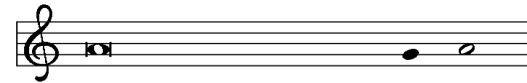
others?

All: Yes. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with us all. (2 Corinthians 13:13).

L: And also with you. Please rise as you are able as we prayerfully sing Lord have mercy.

KYRIE means "Lord"

ELW setting 4 page 147



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



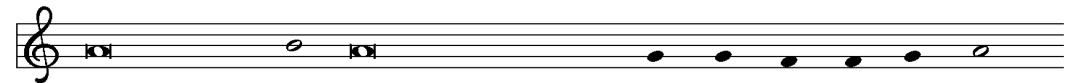
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



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 wor - ship and praise,

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

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

THIS IS THE FEAST

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Refrain
Assisting minister

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

All

1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us

free to be peo-ple of God. Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and

strength, and hon - or and bless-ing and glo - ry are his.

Refrain

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

2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God and join in the

hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless-ing and hon - or and glo - ry and

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 4 ELW page 154

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. grant us peace.

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION HYMNS:

"Come, Let Us Eat"

ELW # 491

BLESSING AND PRAYER

Assisting Minister

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

All: Amen.

L: Let us pray

All: We give you thanks, Almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life. In your mercy strengthen us through this gift in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

NEXT STEP BLESSING THE HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE

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L: Would the folks going on the Holy Land Pilgrimage who are present at

HOLY HOLY HOLY

Setting 4 ELW page 153

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r 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.

P: The prophets called the children of God to live a new life. Jesus called the disciples to live a new life. The Passover is a story of holy deliverance out of slavery and sin into new life. Jesus at the meal of remembrance took the bread, gave thanks to God, and gave it to the disciples and said, “take and eat this is my body given for you.”

After the meal, Jesus took the cup. Jesus gave thanks and gave it for all to drink saying “this cup is the new promise in my blood shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this in remembrance of me.”

As the children of God we continue to pray...

THE 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

You are invited to continuous communion. It is a meal of God's grace and love for all

might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.
Final refrain
This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain
has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Assisting Minister

Not for screen:

L: Let us pray. Lord, we thank you for calling us into a new relationship with you and our neighbors. Prepare the way for our hearts. Refresh our hearts. Renew Your church that we may be moved by your Word and live the story. Give us courage to be your church, brave in mission, growing in discipleship and loving all neighbors, in the name of Jesus, we pray. Amen.

L: please be seated.

TELL THE STORY

BIBLE READING Genesis 2:4-9

Reader

Reader: Listen for the Gospel, the good news of God.

Reader: *We are called to Live the Story. I invite you to open your pew Bible to Genesis the 2nd chapter. In creation, the breath of God gave us and all things: life. Our Creator continues to pour out breath in order to create and sustain the heavens and the earth. But we tend to hold our breath and turn away from God. How are we living apart from God's creation? This is considered the second version of God's creation story, Genesis chapter 2.*

In the day that the LORD God made the earth and the heavens, ⁵ when no plant of the field was yet in the earth and no herb of the field had yet sprung up—for the LORD God had not caused it to rain upon the earth, and there was no one to till the ground; ⁶ but a stream would rise from the earth, and water the whole face of the ground— ⁷ then the LORD God formed man from the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and the man became a living being. ⁸ And the LORD God planted a garden in Eden, in the east; and there he put the man whom he had formed. ⁹ Out of the

ground the LORD God made to grow every tree that is pleasant to the sight and good for food, the tree of life also in the midst of the garden, and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

Reader: Word of Wisdom. Word of Life.

All: Thanks be to God.

LIVE THE STORY

Pastor Lisa Arrington

HYMN

"Morning Has Broken"

ELW # 556

Please use red hymnals

APOSTLES' CREED INVITATION

L: Together with people throughout history and across the globe, we speak the faith of the church using the words of the Apostle's 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: You are invited to sit or kneel as we pray for the church, the world, and all those in need.

A brief silence.

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.

L: 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 at the corners of the church.

OFFERING & MUSIC: 8:08

Michael Chambers

OFFERTORY ANTHEM 11:08 "Creation Hymn in Classic Style" - Heather Sorenson Jubilee Singers

OFFERTORY "Create in Me a Clean Heart" ELW # 188

*Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit in me.
Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me.
Restore unto to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with your free spirit.*

PRESENTING OUR OFFERING TO GOD

Assisting Minister

L: Let us pray,

All: Blessed are we who have heard the Word of the Lord and blessed are we who have received so much. You are the true treasure. Receive our offering. Even in the wilderness, may our mission be to love you and love our neighbor with all our heart in Jesus' name. Amen.

HOLY COMMUNION

Pastor Lisa Arrington

The Lord be with you. And al - so 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 our thanks and praise.

P: The story of God starts in the beginning with breath of life. Even in the story of sin, God made a promise of saving love. God continues to call us to receive, share and live the story of new life. It is our duty and delight to tell the story. So with the church on earth and all those who have gone before us, we remember God is holy love and join the unending hymn: