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

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

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## WELCOME ALL

## NOTES

### WELCOME TO LIVE THE STORY

Pastor Lisa Arrington

*ELW= Evangelical Lutheran Worship is the red hymnal*

*P = Pastor L = Leader*

*We welcome Barb Roeper to our worship services this morning! Barb is an organist at Hereford United Methodist Church, a handbell ringer (a member of Accelerando in Westminster, as is Louisa) and an environmental engineer.*

### PRELUDE MUSIC

*“Goodness” from “Glimpses of Glory*

- Brian Childers

*Louisa Rettew, Barb Roeper and Michael Chambers*

### HYMN

*“All Are Welcome”*

ELW # 641

(vss. 1, 3, 4, 5)

### 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

**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  
Linda Garren  
Libby Gill  
Phyllis Gray and daughter  
The Hobbs family  
Charlie Miller  
Bill Moesinger  
Jo Morrison  
The Murphy family  
Heike Niesius  
Mary Prime  
Bob Rigger  
Deric Showman  
Claire Sigwart  
Sally Snell  
Dylan Spencer  
The Tarleton family  
Warren & Ann Theill  
Ruth Welkner  
Pastor Sarah Wright

**Special needs:**

All those devastated by natural disasters  
All affected by acts of violence

**This week we pray for:**

† Monday Night Bible Study  
† Tuesday Afternoon Bible Study  
† Men’s 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:**

Jeff & Karen Wilhour  
Tim & Mary Kay Wilson  
Betty Ann Wolfe  
Prayers of thanks for members Ray and  
Prisca Martens who retired and moved to  
Arizona. Prayers for this new chapter of  
life. They will be missed.

*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!*

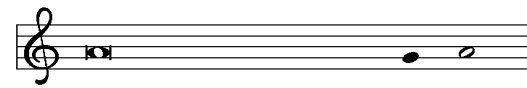
prophets delivered God’s message: Repentance simply means change. Forgiveness is about new life. We are called to live the story of grace. We are called to live the story of unconditional love. We are called to live the story of faith. This story is not just for us, this grace is for all sinners; the worst sinners! Are you willing to live the story of forgiveness? Are you willing to forgive 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”

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In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



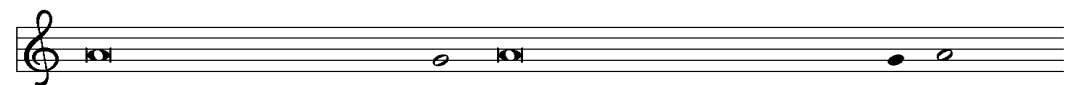
Lord, have mer - cy.



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



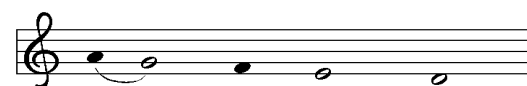
Lord, have mer - cy.



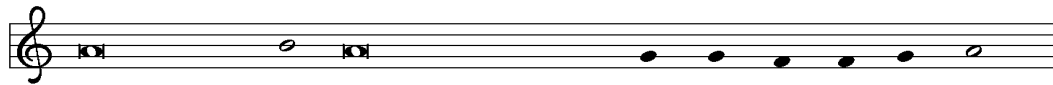
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



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

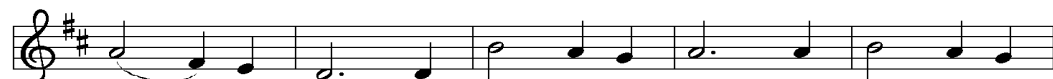


strength, and hon - or and bless-ing and glo - ry are his.

*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

### COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION HYMNS:

*"Let Us Break Bread Together"*

ELW # 471

*"My Faith Looks Up to Thee"*

ELW # 759

### BLESSING AND PRAYER

Assisting Minister

L: Please rise as you are able and 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 STEPS

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### BENEDICTION

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### HYMN

*"I Love to Tell the Story"*

ELW # 661

### MISSION

L: Let us live the story:

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

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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 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

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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 world; have



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



sin of the world: grant us peace. grant us peace.



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



might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.



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 Mark 1:1-3

Reader

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

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

Reader: *We are called to Live the Story, This is the beginning of the Gospel of Mark. It echoes the beginning of the whole Bible... the beginning of new life, the beginning of the good news, the beginning of the story. Could today be a new beginning for you? A reading from Mark:*

The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. <sup>2</sup>As it is written in the prophet Isaiah, “See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way; <sup>3</sup>the voice of one crying out in the wilderness: ‘Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.’”

Reader: The Gospel of our Lord.  
All: Praise to you O Christ.

### LIVE THE STORY

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### HYMN

"Signs and Wonders"

ELW # 672

### 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:

"Just As I Am"

- arr. Kevin McChesney

Louisa Rettew, Barb Roeper and Michael Chambers

### 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

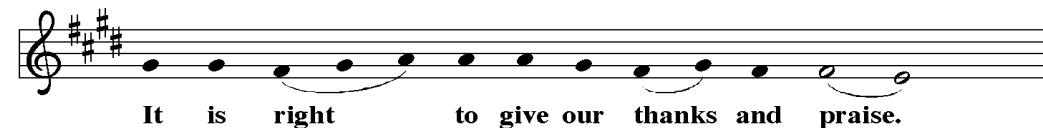
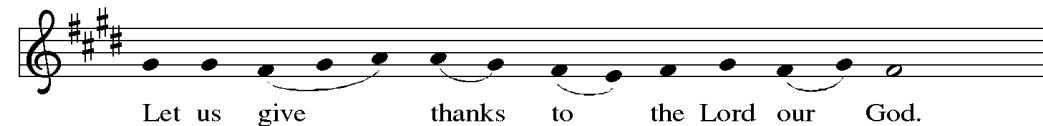
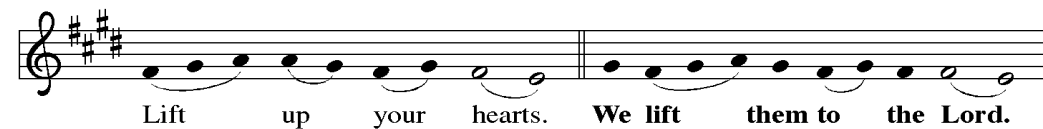
Assisting Minister

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

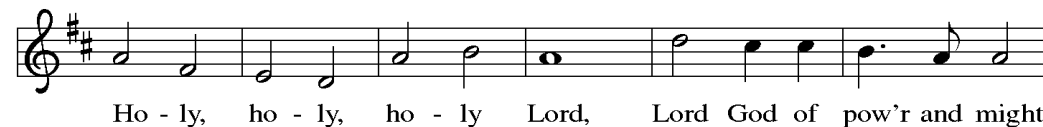
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P: The story of God starts in the beginning with breath of life. Even in the story of sin, God made a promise of saving love. God continues to call us to receive, share and live the story of new life. It is our duty and delight to tell the story. So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

### HOLY HOLY HOLY

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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,