

“AMAZING GRACE (MY CHAINS ARE GONE)”

*Amazing grace how sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me
I once was lost but now am found
Was blind but now I see
'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear
And grace my fears relieved
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed*

Chorus

*My chains are gone I've been set free
My God my Savior ransomed me
And like a flood His mercy reigns
Unending love, amazing grace
The Lord has promised good to me
His word my hope secures
He will my shield and portion be
As long as life endures*

Sing Chorus 2 Times

*The earth shall soon dissolve like snow
The sun will cease to shine
But God who called me here below
Will be forever mine
Will be forever mine
You are forever mine*

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

October 13, 2019

10am

**Community & Unity
Worship**

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UNITY IN CHRIST. UNITY IN WORSHIP. This is an enormous weekend for St. John's in the community with the 38th annual Country Fair Day. It becomes an exciting time of "all hands-on deck" to welcome the community and share with neighbors and vendors. As a church we gather together as one annually to make Country Fair Day happen, working together in unity.

UNITY? Today we live out an initiative from our 2016 Strategic Mission Plan for unity. We are traditional and contemporary. We are youthful and aging. We are Republican and Democrat and Independent. And we are one in Christ. We come together in unity for worship to give thanks to God for the whole church of St. John's, our regional Delaware Maryland Synod and the *Evangelical Lutheran Church in America* (ELCA.org).

LIVE THE STORY. Today we continue Act 4: ISRAEL. Our mission is to *welcome all, tell the story, grow as disciples*. The Word is the foundation of our shared story. St. John's will focus on a story each week, not just in worship, but also in children's ministry, youth ministry, and adult groups.

The seven main acts of the Bible:

Creation

Fall

Promise

ISRAEL

Jesus

The Church

Restoration

The **Gospel** is throughout the Bible. It is good news of great joy of God's saving love yesterday, today and forever.

WELCOME ALL

Pastor Lisa Arrington

ELW= Evangelical Lutheran Worship is the red hymnal

P = Pastor L = Leader

Country Fair Day Reports

Who did you meet? Where did you see God this weekend?

PRELUDE MUSIC

Abby Connor

FORGIVE AND LIVE

Peter Frantz

"BREAD OF LIFE FROM HEAVEN"

REFRAIN

*Bread of life from heaven, your blood and body given,
We eat this bread and drink this cup until you come again.*

*Break now the bread of Christ's sacrifice; giving thanks, hungry ones, gather round.
Eat, all of you, and be satisfied; in Christ's presence the loaves will abound.*

REFRAIN

*Seek not the food that will pass away; set your hearts on the food that endures.
Come, learn the true and the living way, that the fullness of life may be yours.*

REFRAIN

*Love as the one who, in love for you, gave himself for the life of the world.
Come to the one who is food for you, that your hunger and thirst be no more.*

REFRAIN

*Dwell in the one who now dwells in you; make your home in the life-giving Word.
Know only Christ, Holy One of God, and believe in the truth you have heard.*

REFRAIN

*Drink of this cup and declare his death; eat this bread and believe Easter more;
Trust his return and, with ev'ry breath, praise the one in whom you are reborn.*

REFRAIN

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“ONE BREAD, ONE BODY”

[Chorus]

*One bread, one body
One Lord of all
One cup of blessing which we bless
And we, though many
Throughout the earth
We are one body in this one Lord*

[Verse 1]

*Gentile or Jew
Servant or free
Woman or man, no more*

[Chorus]

*[Verse 2]
Many the gifts
Many the works
One in the Lord of all*

[Chorus]

*[Verse 3]
Grain for the fields
Scattered and grown
Gathered to one, for all*

[Chorus]

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L: Please kneel or sit as you are able for the prayer of naming our sin and receiving God’s forgiveness. 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: 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: 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: Repent. 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 you all. (2 Corinthians 13:14).

L: Please rise as you are able as we prayerfully sing—giving thanks for God’s peace and forgiveness.

SONG

“It Is Well With My Soul”

by Hillsong Worship

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Don Zurwelle

L: Let us pray. Lord we thank you for gathering us in unity today, for one service after a weekend of all hands on deck. You have brought each of us together through your Holy Spirit: contemporary and traditional, republican and democrat, different genders and zip codes, all of us unique yet, for this hour, all together. We pray not only for unity in our church, but we pray for unity in the world: for houses of worship everywhere, for divided communities,

governments, countries, and families--may all be drawn together through your love. Inspire us today through your worship and scripture that we may praise you through song, and instrument, and movement, and hearts of gratitude. In the name that brings us all to this space, Jesus, we pray. Amen.

Please be seated.

BIBLE READING 2 Samuel 5:1-5

Reader: Let's Live the story. We are in the Hebrew Scriptures, the Old Testament book of history in 2nd Samuel chapter 5. In this chapter, David becomes king over all Israel. Brings the ark of the covenant on a new cart to Jerusalem with song, making Jerusalem a place of worship. Question: was the worship in this story contemporary or traditional? What happened in worship and how many people were unified in worship? What does unity in worship mean? A reading from 2nd Samuel chapter five:

Then all the tribes of Israel came to David at Hebron, and said, "Look, we are your bone and flesh. For some time, while Saul was king over us, it was you who led out Israel and brought it in. The Lord said to you: It is you who shall be shepherd of my people Israel, you who shall be ruler over Israel." So all the elders of Israel came to the king at Hebron; and King David made a covenant with them at Hebron before the Lord, and they anointed David king over Israel. David was thirty years old when he began to reign, and he reigned forty years. At Hebron he reigned over Judah seven years and six months; and at Jerusalem he reigned over all Israel and Judah thirty-three years.

Now onto chapter 6....

David again gathered all the chosen men of Israel, thirty thousand. David and all the people with him set out and went from Baale-judah, to bring up from there the ark of God, which is called by the name of the Lord of hosts who is enthroned on the cherubim. They carried the ark of God on a new cart, and brought it out of the house of Abinadab, which was on the hill. Uzzah and Ahio, the sons of Abinadab, were driving the new cart with the ark of God; and Ahio went in front of the ark. David and all the house of Israel were dancing before the Lord with all their might, with songs and lyres and harps and tambourines and castanets and cymbals.

Reader: This is the word of the Lord
All: Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE What was in the Ark of the Covenant? Pastor Lisa Arrington

Children will also be invited to join Megan McBee's Children and Family Ministry team for a special message in Children's theater as well.

Children will return for communion time.

"A PLACE AT THE TABLE"

*For everyone born, a place at the table,
for everyone born, clean water and bread,
a shelter, a space, a safe place for growing,
for everyone born, a star overhead,*

Refrain:

*And God will delight
when we are creators of justice and joy,
yes, God will delight
when we are creators of justice,
justice and joy!*

*For woman and man, a place at the table,
revising the roles, deciding the share,
with wisdom and grace, dividing the power,
for woman and man, a system that's fair, [Refrain]*

*For young and for old, a place at the table,
a voice to be heard, a part in the song,
the hands of a child in hands that are wrinkled,
for young and for old, the right to belong, [Refrain]*

*For just and unjust, a place at the table,
abuser, abused, with need to forgive,
in anger, in hurt, a mind-set of mercy,
for just and unjust, a new way to live, [Refrain]*

*For everyone born, a place at the table,
to live without fear, and simply to be,
to work, to speak out, to witness and worship,
for everyone born, the right to be free, [Refrain]*

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“IT IS WELL WITH MY SOUL”

[Verse 1]

*When peace like a river attendeth my way, When sorrows like sea billows roll
Whatever my lot, You have taught me to say, It is well, it is well with my soul*

[Verse 2]

*But Lord it's for Thee, for Thy coming we wait, The sky not the grave is our goal
Oh, trump of the angel, oh, voice of the Lord Blessed hope, blessed rest of my soul*

[Chorus]

*It is well with my soul, It is well, it is well with my soul ,It is well with my soul
It is well, it is well with my soul*

[Bridge]

*You are the Rock on which I stand, By Your grace, it is well
My hope is sure in Christ my Saviour, It is well with my soul*

[Chorus]

It is well with my soul, It is well, it is well with my soul

[Bridge]

*You are the Rock on which I stand, By Your grace, it is well
My hope is sure in Christ my Saviour, It is well with my soul
You are the Rock on which I stand, By Your grace, it is well
My hope is sure in Christ my Saviour, It is well with my soul*

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“Open Our Eyes, Lord”

*Open our eyes Lord, We want to see Jesus
To reach out and touch Him, And say that we love Him
Open our ears Lord, And help us to listen
Open our eyes Lord, We want to see Jesus*

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APPRECIATION Country Fair Day

Pastor Lisa Arrington

SONG

“Open Our Eyes, Lord”

by Robert Cull

MESSAGE

Pastor Sarah Wright

OFFERTORY SONG

“A Place At The Table”

by Shirley Erena Murray and Lori True

APOSTLE’S CREED

Don Zurwelle

L: Creed means “I believe,” and the Apostles Creed is an ecumenical creed that connects Christians of diverse denominations and countries. Ecumenical means promoting Christian unity in what we believe with Christians around the world. As one church, let us profess the words of our faith, using “we” instead of “I.”

All: We believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

We 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.

We 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

Peter Frantz

L: We pray for the church, the world, and all those in need.

A brief silence. Here other petitions may be offered.

L: We thank you for bringing us so close that we can speak to you, and for loving us so much that you hear us when we pray. Gather up these petitions for the sake of Jesus our Lord, Amen.

SHARING PEACE

Peter Frantz

L: Let us share peace with one another. The peace of the Lord be with you all.

All: And also with you.**WORDS FOR COMMUNION = WORDS FOR FORGIVENESS**

Pastor Lisa Arrington

*Children will return with Megan McBee to sit with their parents.**Parents meet Megan McBee at the Media Center.***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.

REMAIN SEATED IN PEWS FOR COMMUNION by intinction

Wafers passed by ushers at the end of the rows, dip in cup of grape juice.

Hand a wafer to your neighbor saying these words: "The body of Christ given for you"

When the cup comes around say "The blood of Christ shed for you."

SONGS:*"One Bread One Body"*

ELW # 496

"Bread of Life From Heaven"

ELW # 474

BLESSING

Pastor Lisa Arrington

L: Receive the blessing: May the body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you always in this grace. Remember that God calls you by name in this busy, noisy world. The Lord chooses us for a reason, and the Lord is with us.

NEXT STEPS

Pastor Sarah Wright & Peter Frantz

*Today is Pastor Sarah's birthday!**Please join us in the Fellowship Hall for some birthday cake.***SONG:***"Amazing Grace" (My Chains Are Gone)*

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BENEDICTION

Pastor Lisa Arrington

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 Linda Daiker
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 Libby Gill
 Chris Ginder
 Eric Goedeke
 Mitchell Greene
 The Hobbs family
 Gabrielle Holland
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 John Kuchar
 Ray Lawson
 Jackie Lober
 Linda Magee
 Jim Marshall
 Bill Moesinger
 Jo Morrison
 The Murphy family
 Heike Niesius
 Mary Prime
 Karen Reinhold
 Bob Rigger
 Joan Rochelle
 Claire Sigwart
 Audrina Smith
 Dylan Spencer
 Joy Strother
 Warren & Ann Theill
 Miranda Weigle
 Ruth Welkner
 Katie Yallaly

Special needs:

All those devastated by natural disasters
 All affected by acts of violence
 Turmoil in Haiti

Prayer Update regarding **Josh Stevens**, diagnosed with stage 4 non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma, and son of Katy Stevens, who was on staff for our Contemporary Worship many years ago. Contact the office for ways to be in touch with the Stevens family for help with cards, food, or support.

This week we pray for:

† Children's & Family Ministries
 † Splash & Nursery
 † Voyagers

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:

Paul & Amy Backhaus, Caroline & Brooke Garrison, Timothy, Ian, Joshua Ryan & Shelly Backus, Emily
 James Badders, Angie Sullivan, John

*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!*