

PLEASE PRAY FOR

Lift up in prayer:

John Abendschein
Brian Bruck
James Brunner
Harrison Carr
Diane Corkran
Dawn Dorrell
Molly Gleason
Mitchell Greene
Mary Haley
Zach Hinegardner
Sue Hladik
The Hobbs family
Ray Lawson
Michelle Lizardo & family
Jackie Lober
Bill Moesinger
Jo Morrison
The Murphy family
Heike Neisius
Allyson Pipher
Linda Owens-Smith
Katy Stevens and family
Vicki Thomas
Nancy Urban
Melanie Vohs
Dean Watkins
Henry Weaver
John Zelek
Sheila Zimmer

Condolences:

To the family of Peter Verkouw, who was buried at St. John's next to his in-laws, the Reichter's.

*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!*

Special needs:

Prayers for our Jewish siblings
in the midst of anti-Semitic attacks.
Prayers for our search committee
for a Director of Adult Discipleship
Prayers for the distress in Puerto Rico,
Australia and the Middle East
Prayers for the violence in Baltimore
and the rest of the state
Prayers for those with addictions

This week we pray for:

† 1824 Young Adult Ministry
† Youth and Family Ministry Team
† Church Council

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:

Sue Currence
Mark & Susan Daneker
John & Sally Dausch



Epiphany Worship Celebration

St. John's Lutheran
Church, Sweet Air

February 16, 2020
8:08 & 11:08am

3911 Sweet Air Road,
Phoenix, MD 21131
410.592.6565

www.stjohnssweetair.org

WELCOME ALL

PRELUDE 8:08

Michael Chambers

11:08

“The Gospel of Grace”
Susan Liberati, soloist

-arr. Mark Hayes

WELCOME TO EPIPHANY

Pastor Lisa Arrington

Epiphany is the season of revelation of who Jesus is.

P = pastor L = Leader

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

Assisting Minister

L: As we start this new year, let us start with a clean slate. Please kneel or sit as you are able for corporate confession and forgiveness for all humanity.

Pause for silence and reflection.

L: We confess our sins before God and one another.

Pause for silence and reflection.

L: Merciful Lord,

All: We come before You with heavy hearts. We do not always follow Jesus. We insist on our own way, putting worldly things before you. We doubt, we discriminate, we hate—preferring sin to the brilliance of your love. For all this we ask your mercy and forgiveness, that our hearts may be healed with forgiveness again. Amen.

L: As a loving shepherd gathers his sheep, so our Lord protects and cares for us. As patient as a parent for a wayward child, so is God’s mercy for us. Let us rejoice that we have God’s real forgiveness, and that every day our Lord seeks to renew us in the image of our Creator, in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

L: Please rise as you are able to sing the opening hymn.

HYMN

“O God of Light”

ELW # 507

GREETING FROM APOSTLE PAUL (2 Corinthians 13:13)

Assisting Minister

L: 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 means “Lord”

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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 HYMN

“Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus”

ELW # 802

BLESSING AND 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.**

L: 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

Pastor Lisa Arrington

P: Go in peace, Love and care for one another in the name of Christ. May the warm light of Christ shine in the dark valleys of the world. May the spirit of God lead us out to love God’s people and creation. Amen.

HYMN

“Lord, You Give the Great Commission”

ELW # 579

SENT WITH A MISSION

L: Let us live the story:

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

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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.

Lord bring us now to the celebration of your feast today. Cast out our fears and fill us with your love. May our hearts embrace the revelation of Christ.

WORDS FOR COMMUNION

Pastor Lisa Arrington

LORD'S PRAYER

L: Let us pray the Lord's Prayer in unity.

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.

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

LAMB OF GOD

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Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have



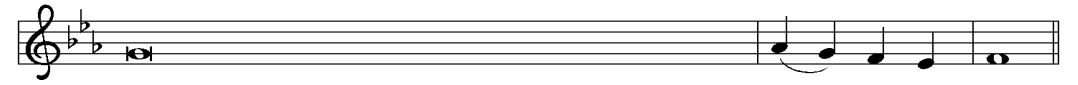
mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



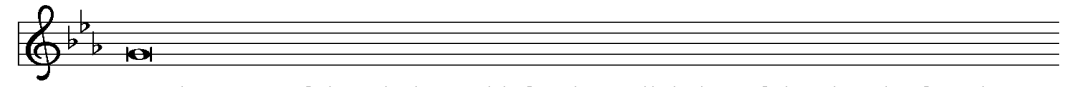
Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



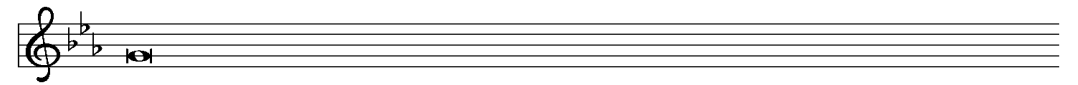
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



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 de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.



A - men, a - men.

THIS IS THE FEAST

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Refrain

This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose
2 Sing . . with all the peo - ple of God, and

blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.
join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion:

Pow - er and rich - es, wis - dom and strength, and
Bless - ing and hon - or, glo - ry and might be to

Refrain

hon - or and bless - ing and glo - ry are his.
God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

3 For the Lamb who was slain has be -

Refrain

gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

OFFERTORY

"Bright and Glorious Is the Sky"

ELW # 301

Please rise; offering plates will be brought forward.

*Bright and glorious is the sky, radiant are the heavens high
where the golden stars are shining.*

*All their rays to earth inclining beckon us to heav'n above,
beckon us to heav'n above.*

PRESENTING OUR OFFERING TO GOD

Assisting Minister

L: Let us pray,

All: You provide our needs, down to the smallest detail. May we never doubt that each act of kindness, each gift of love, is blessed with your grace and received with thanksgiving. Bestow your blessing upon these offerings, and all those who give them, that we may be joined to one another in love, wherever we may be in this wide world. 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 indeed right, good and our joy to seek the Lord. May the light of Christ shine upon our anxious hearts and peace descend upon our hurting world. Bless the bread of heaven and the cup forgiveness. So with people of faith around the world, we praise your name and join the unending hymn...

HOLY HOLY HOLY

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Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of

pow - er and might, heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -

san - na in the high - est. Blessed is he who comes in the

APOSTLES' CREED

L: Let us together renew our faith with 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 share peace and practice for the sake of God's world. The peace of the Lord be with you always.

All: And also with you.

Let us greet one another visitors.

Remember some people prefer to share the peace verbally due to flu season.

We are a very loving church but please ask someone if it is okay 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 your yellow pew card.

OFFERTORY SOLO 8:08

"The Gospel of Grace"

-arr. Mark Hayes

Susan Liberati, soloist

OFFERTORY ANTHEM 11:08

"Living God's Love"

-Mark Patterson

Jubilee Singers

Don't forget to drop in a yellow or green card.

Did you know you can safely text your offering to St. John's 410 698 6178?

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Assisting Minister

Not for screen

L: Let us pray. (pause) Thank you for calling us by name to grow as disciples. Renew us with a pilgrimage of faith, that we might see the world through Your eyes. Help us not to be distracted by the noise of this world. Help us not to be intimidated or shy or too busy to grow as disciples. May we follow and trust Your Son, Jesus Christ, Messiah, and Lord. Let the people of God say: Amen. Please be seated.

TELL THE STORY

PSALM 65

Reader

L: The Epiphany psalm for today is Psalm 65. The Psalms are prayers. This psalm reminds us God loves the earth and answers prayers for ultimate restoration. I will read the odd verses and you are invited to read the even verses.

Psalm 65 begins:

What mighty praise, O God, belongs to you in Zion. We will fulfill our vows to you,

² for you answer our prayers. All of us must come to you.

³ Though we are overwhelmed by our sins, you forgive them all.

⁴ What joy for those you choose to bring near, those who live in your holy courts. What festivities await us inside your holy Temple.

⁵ You faithfully answer our prayers with awesome deeds, O God our savior. You are the hope of everyone on earth, even those who sail on distant seas.

⁶ You formed the mountains by your power and armed yourself with mighty strength.

⁷ You quieted the raging oceans with their pounding waves and silenced the shouting of the nations.

⁸ Those who live at the ends of the earth stand in awe of your wonders.

From where the sun rises to where it sets, you inspire shouts of joy.

⁹ You take care of the earth and water it, making it rich and fertile. The river of God has plenty of water; it provides a bountiful harvest of grain, for you have ordered it so.

¹⁰ You drench the plowed ground with rain, melting the clods and leveling the ridges. You soften the earth with showers and bless its abundant crops.

¹¹ You crown the year with a bountiful harvest; even the hard pathways overflow with abundance.

¹² The grasslands of the wilderness become a lush pasture, and the hillsides blossom with joy.

¹³ The meadows are clothed with flocks of sheep, and the valleys are carpeted with grain. They all shout and sing for joy!

L: Please rise as you are able for the Gospel Alleluia liturgy setting one.

GOSPEL ALLELUIA

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Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Repeat alleluia

Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

BIBLE READING Mark 6:1-13

Reader

Reader: The Holy Gospel is according to Mark the 6th chapter.

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

Reader: We continue to Live the Story entering Act 5 Jesus. Epiphany is a season of Jesus Christ revealed as the Son of God. A reading from Mark chapter 6 from the New Living Translation:

Jesus left that part of the country and returned with his disciples to Nazareth, his hometown. ²The next Sabbath he began teaching in the synagogue, and many who heard him were amazed. They asked, “Where did he get all this wisdom and the power to perform such miracles?” ³Then they scoffed, “He’s just a carpenter, the son of Mary and the brother of James, Joseph, Judas, and Simon. And his sisters live right here among us.” They were deeply offended and refused to believe in him.

⁴Then Jesus told them, “A prophet is honored everywhere except in his own hometown and among his relatives and his own family.” ⁵And because of their unbelief, he couldn’t do any miracles among them except to place his hands on a few sick people and heal them. ⁶And he was amazed at their unbelief.

Then Jesus went from village to village, teaching the people. ⁷And he called his twelve disciples together and began sending them out two by two, giving them authority to cast out evil spirits. ⁸He told them to take nothing for their journey except a walking stick—no food, no traveler’s bag, no money. ⁹He allowed them to wear sandals but not to take a change of clothes.

¹⁰“Wherever you go,” he said, “stay in the same house until you leave town. ¹¹But if any place refuses to welcome you or listen to you, shake its dust from your feet as you leave to show that you have abandoned those people to their fate.”

¹²So the disciples went out, telling everyone they met to repent of their sins and turn to God. ¹³And they cast out many demons and healed many sick people, anointing them with olive oil.

Reader: The Gospel of our Lord.

All: Praise to you O Christ.

MESSAGE

Jeremy Morelock, *Director of Young Discipleship*

GROW AS DISCIPLES

HYMN

“A Place at the Table”

-Lori True

(Soloist/Jubilee Singers sing verses; Congregation sings refrain)

And God will de - light when

we are cre - a - tors of jus - tice and joy,

yes, God will de - light when

we are cre - a - tors of jus - tice,

jus - tice and joy!