St. Mary's Lutheran Church
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
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Saturday, September 7th at 5:00pm
& Sunday, September 8th at 9:00am
Rally Sunday Weekend
Welcome to St. Mary's! All are Welcome!

- *Please respect the beauty of reverence and quiet reflection as we prepare for worship. Turn off phones or silence them.*
- *Please know that St. Mary's Lutheran Church celebrates Holy Communion for ALL! This is Christ's table and His invitation. You do not need to be a Lutheran, or a member of our church to participate. Also, if you wish to come up for only a blessing, please tell us when you approach, and we will bless you! If you are unable to come up for communion, tell the usher that you would like to receive communion at your seat, and someone will bring it to you.*

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS
TEMPLE TALK *Education*
PRELUDE
GATHERING
CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS *Please stand in body or spirit*

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ╬ one God,
who forgives all our sin,
whose mercy endures forever.
Amen.
Let us confess our sin and come to God for healing.

Gracious God,
have mercy on us.
We confess that we have honored you with our lips,
but have harmed our neighbors with our tongues.
The cravings at war within us
cause conflicts and disputes.
In our desire to be first
we make distinctions among ourselves.
We place the needs of the poor and the suffering last.
In your great mercy, forgive us our sins.
Draw near to us with grace in time of need,
and turn us to follow in the way of Jesus Christ,
our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

God promises to forgive our iniquity
and to remember our sin no more.
By grace you have been saved.
In the name of ╬ Jesus Christ,
the source of eternal healing,
your sins are forgiven.
Amen.

GATHERING SONG……Hymn #673 *"God, Whose Almighty Hand"*
GREETING
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
And also with you.

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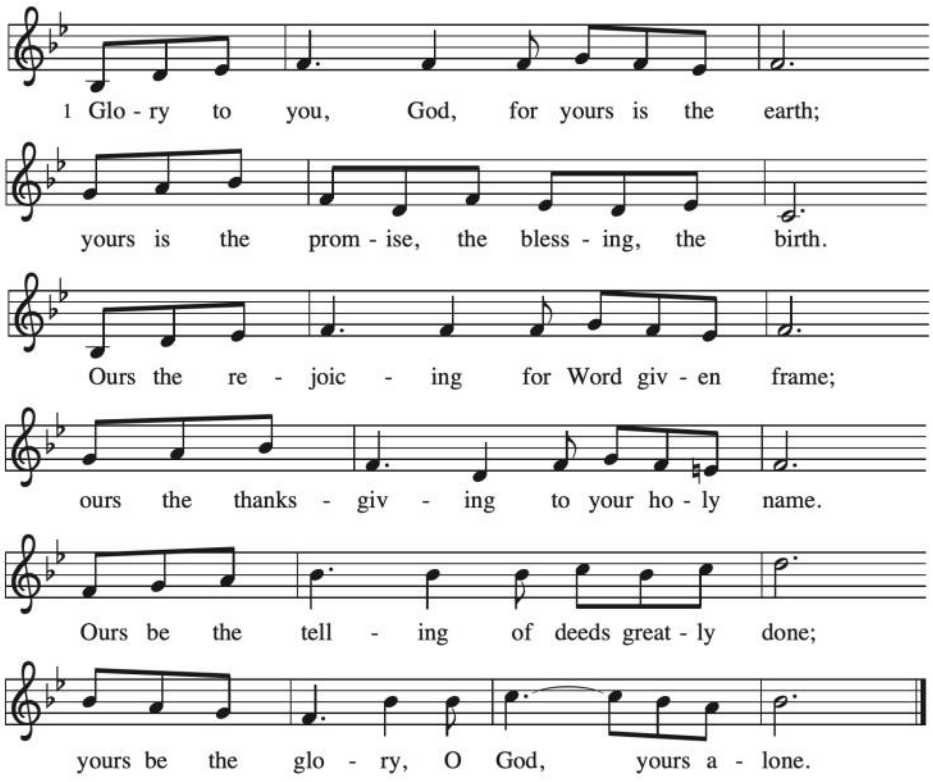


PRAYER OF THE DAY *(Congregation prays along with Assisting Minister)*

Let us pray. **Gracious God, throughout the ages you transform sickness into health and death into life. Open us to the power of your presence, and make us a people ready to proclaim your promises to the whole world, through Jesus Christ, our healer and Lord. Amen.**

PLEASE BE SEATED

WORD

FIRST READING: Isaiah 35:4-7a

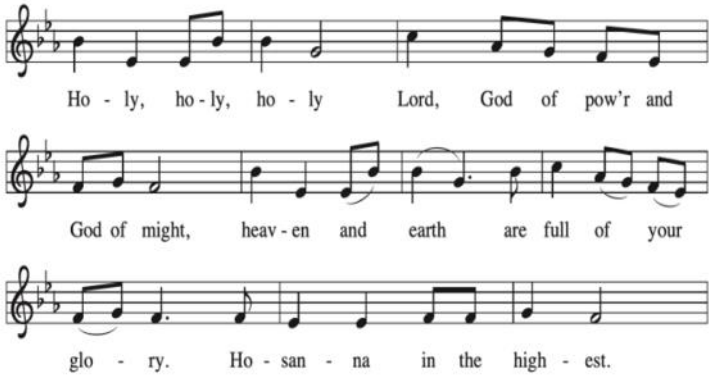
These verses are a word of hope to the exiles in Babylon. Isaiah 34 portrays God's vengeance on Edom, Israel's age-old enemy, which makes the path from Babylon to Zion safe for the exiles' return. The desert itself will flow with water to give drink to the returning exiles.

4 Say to those who are of a fearful heart,
"Be strong, do not fear!
Here is your God.
He will come with vengeance,
with terrible recompense.
He will come and save you."

5 Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,
and the ears of the deaf shall be opened;
6 then the lame shall leap like a deer,
and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy.
For waters shall break forth in the wilderness
and streams in the desert;
7 the burning sand shall become a pool
and the thirsty ground springs of water;
the haunt of jackals shall become a swamp;
the grass shall become reeds and rushes.
Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

SANCTUS (HOLY, HOLY, HOLY)



THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Glory to you, God from before the beginning, God bearing from above your Word of grace,
God sending on us the Dove of peace,
Glory to you, O God!

Glory to you, O God!

You are the great I AM, feeding your people with manna in the wilderness. You are the Father of our beloved Jesus, whom you gave to the world to be the Lamb, the King of Israel, the Son of Man.
Glory to you, O God!

Glory to you, O God!

You anointed Jesus to be our messiah and teacher. He is the bread from heaven, the fruitful vine, the good shepherd, the gate of protection, our very Lord and God, our way, our truth, and our resurrection to life eternal.
Glory to you, O God!

Glory to you, O God!

In the night that Jesus washed his disciples' feet, he took bread, 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
With Lazarus we wait in our tomb, we hear you call our name, and we come out from our death into your life.
With Mary Magdalene we cry out.
We have seen the Lord!

We have seen the Lord!

Breathe your Spirit of power on us. Nourish us with your living water, and sustain us with the body and blood of your Son. Claim us as your friends. Birth us anew and enlighten our eyes. Unbind us, that as your servants we may unbind one another. Glory to you, O God!

Glory to you, O God!

Glory to you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, the Source of all, the Light of the world, the Advocate for your children.
Blessing, thanksgiving, honor and might be to you forever and ever. Amen. **Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

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.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Jesus welcomes you to this table. Come, here is your God.

PLEASE BE SEATED

COMMUNION

COMMUNION SONG

DISTRIBUTION HYMN ……..…….. Hymn #685 *"Take My Life, That I May Be"*

Please stand in body or spirit

May the body and blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Holy God, you have welcomed us to this meal and fed us with dignity at your table. Send us now to welcome others and to be at peace with one another, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

SENDING

PRAYER AT THE SENDING OF COMMUNION

Compassionate God, as Jesus called disciples to follow him, bless those who go from this place to share your word and sacrament with those who are sick, homebound or imprisoned. May they be sustained by the love and prayers of this community, and by the Bread of Life that satisfies all hunger, Jesus Christ our Lord.

BLESSING

God all mighty, God most merciful ✠ bless you, keep you, and give you peace.

Amen.

SENDING SONG…… Hymn #773 *"Precious Lord, Take My Hand"*

DISMISSAL We are God's People. **Followers of Jesus Christ.**
Gifted by the Spirit. **Go Pray. Go Love. Go Serve. Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

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Next Weekend: Holden Evening Prayer/Contemporary; Pastor Debbie Hartfield, preach/preside
*Holy Scripture Readings for *September 14 & 15, 2024 (RCL Lectionary 23; Pent. 17)*
First Reading: *Isaiah 50:4-9a* ***Psalm:*** *Psalm 116:1-9*
Second Reading: *James 3:1-12* ***Gospel:*** *Mark 8:27-38*
**subject to change as needed*