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**Sunday, October 19, 2025**  
Pentecost Nineteen - Thanksgiving

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## Service Theme Christ Through Us

Today we celebrate, not what we have done for the LORD,  
but what Christ has graciously does in and through us.

### 855 The Church's One Foundation

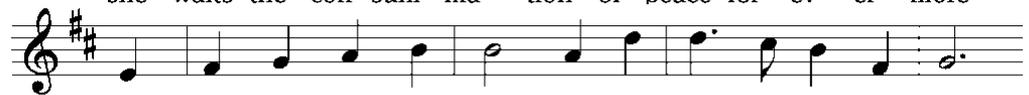
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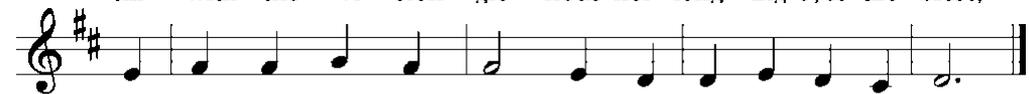
- 1 The Church's one foun - da - tion is Je - sus Christ, her Lord;
- 2 E - lect from ev - 'ry na - tion, yet one o'er all the earth;
- 3 The Church shall nev - er per - ish. Her dear Lord, to de - fend,
- 4 Tho' with a scorn - ful won - der the world sees her op - pressed,
- 5 Mid toil and trib - u - la - tion and tu - mult of her war



she is his new cre - a - tion by wa - ter and the Word.  
her char - ter of sal - va - tion: one Lord, one faith, one birth.  
to guide, sus - tain, and cher - ish, is with her to the end.  
by schisms rent a - sun - der, by her - e - sies dis - tressed,  
she waits the con - sum - ma - tion of peace for - ev - er - more



From heav'n he came and sought her to be his ho - ly bride;  
One ho - ly name she bless - es, par - takes one ho - ly food,  
Tho' there be those that hate her and strive to see her fail,  
yet saints their watch are keep - ing; their cry goes up, "How long?"  
till with the vi - sion glo - rious her long - ing eyes are blest,



with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.  
and to one hope she press - es, with ev - 'ry grace en - dued.  
a - gainst both foe and trai - tor she ev - er shall pre - vail.  
and soon the night of weep - ing shall be the morn of song.  
and the great Church vic - to - rious shall be the Church at rest.

**The Service**  
*Setting Five*

**Invocation**

In the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

**Confession**

If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

**If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just  
and will forgive us our sins  
and purify us from all unrighteousness.**

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

**Holy God, gracious Father,**

**I am sinful by nature  
and have sinned against you in my thoughts,  
words, and actions.**

**I have not loved you with my whole heart;  
I have not loved others as I should.**

**I deserve your punishment both now and forever.**

**But Jesus, my Savior, paid for my sins  
with his innocent suffering and death.**

**Trusting in him, I pray: God, have mercy on me, a  
sinner.**

*Silence for meditation and reflection*

Our gracious Father in heaven has been merciful to us. He sent his only Son, Jesus Christ, who gave his life as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

### Lord, Have Mercy



In peace let us pray to the Lord.



**Lord, have mer - cy.**



For the peace from a - bove and for our sal -



va - tion, let us pray to the Lord.



**Lord, have mer - cy.**



For the peace of the whole world,



for the well - be - ing of the Church of God,



and for the u - ni - ty of all, let us pray to the Lord.



**Lord, have mer - cy.**



For this ho - ly house and for all who of - fer here their



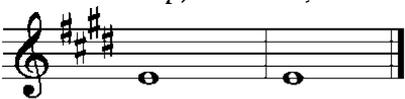
wor - ship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.



**Lord, have mer - cy.**



Help, save, com - fort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.



**A - men.**

# Glory to God in the Highest

Glo - ry, glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God in the  
high - est! Glo - ry, glo-ry to God, and peace to his  
peo-ple on earth. Lord God, heav-en-ly King, al-  
might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we  
give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.  
Glo - ry, glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God in the  
high - est! Glo - ry, glo-ry to God, and peace to his  
peo-ple on earth. Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly  
Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,

The image shows a musical score for the hymn "Glory to God in the Highest". It consists of ten staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The lyrics are printed below the notes. The score is divided into two identical sections of five staves each. The first section ends with a double bar line, and the second section begins with a repeat sign. The lyrics for the first section are: "Glo - ry, glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God in the high - est! Glo - ry, glo-ry to God, and peace to his peo-ple on earth. Lord God, heav-en-ly King, al- might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry." The lyrics for the second section are: "Glo - ry, glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God in the high - est! Glo - ry, glo-ry to God, and peace to his peo-ple on earth. Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,".



you take a - way the sin of the world; have  
mer - cy on us, have mer - cy on us.  
You are seat - ed at the right hand of the  
Fa - ther; re - ceive our prayer, re - ceive our prayer.  
Glo - ry, glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God in the  
high - est! Glo - ry, glo-ry to God, and peace to his  
peo - ple on earth. For you a - lone are the  
Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord, you a - lone are the  
Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly  
Spir - it in the glo-ry of God the Fa - ther.

Glo - ry, glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God in the  
high - est! Glo - ry, glo-ry to God, and  
peace to his peo - ple on earth.

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## The Word

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

### **Prayer of the Day**

Let us pray.

Holy Spirit, the Christian church is your creation. We give thanks to you that you have established and now preserved our Synod for 175 years. All glory be to God on high! We pray that you will fill us with zeal for your Word and work. Bless our efforts to nourish believers through the proclamation of the forgiveness of sins Christ has won for all. Equip us with the eagerness to never stop inviting guests to the banquet of salvation. Cause our Synod to thrive in years to come, dear Lord, for the glory of your name and the salvation of souls.

**Amen.**

## First Reading

Deuteronomy 6:1–9

*The Lord speaks his Word to our children and grandchildren through us.*

<sup>1</sup>Moses spoke as follows:

Now this is the body of commands, and these are the statutes and the ordinances that the LORD your God commanded me to teach you, so you may carry them out in the land to which you are crossing over to receive as a possession, <sup>2</sup>so that you may fear the LORD your God by keeping all his statutes and his commandments, which I am commanding to you, as well as to your children and grandchildren, all the days of your life, and so that your days may be long.

<sup>3</sup>Listen, O Israel, and be conscientious about doing those things, so it may go well for you and so you may increase greatly in a land flowing with milk and honey, just as the LORD, the God of your fathers, promised you. <sup>4</sup>Hear, O Israel! The LORD is our God. The LORD is one! <sup>5</sup>Love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. <sup>6</sup>These words that I am commanding you today are to be on your heart. <sup>7</sup>Teach them diligently to your children, and speak about them when you sit in your house and when you walk on the road, when you lie down and when you get up. <sup>8</sup>Tie them as a sign on your wrists, and they will serve as symbols on your forehead. <sup>9</sup>Write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

# 100B All People That on Earth Do Dwell

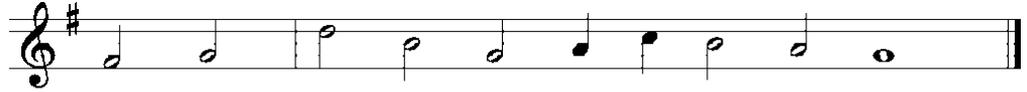
Psalm 100B



1 All peo - ple that on earth do dwell, sing to the  
2 Know that the LORD is God in - deed; with - out our  
3 O en - ter then his gates with praise; ap - proach with  
4 For why? The LORD our God is good; his mer - cy



LORD with cheer - ful voice. Him serve with fear; his praise  
aid he did us make. We are his folk; he doth  
joy his courts un - to. Praise, laud, and bless his name  
is for - ev - er sure. His truth at all times firm -



forth - tell; come ye be - fore him and re - jice!  
us feed, and for his sheep he doth us take.  
al - ways, for it is seem - ly so to do.  
ly stood and shall from age to age en - dure.

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## Second Reading

2 Corinthians 4:5-7

*The LORD shines His light in us and through us*

<sup>5</sup>Indeed, we do not preach ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, and ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake. <sup>6</sup>For the God who said, "Light will shine out of darkness," is the same one who made light shine in our hearts to give us the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the person of Jesus Christ.

<sup>7</sup>We hold this treasure in clay jars to show that its extraordinary power is from God and not from us.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Gospel Acclamation

2 Corinthians 5:19



### Refrain



God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ,  
not counting people's sins against them.

### Refrain

## Gospel

Luke 5:1-11

*Christ calls us and grants his blessings through us.*

<sup>1</sup>One time, while the crowd was pressing in on Jesus and listening to the word of God, he was standing by the Lake of Gennesaret. <sup>2</sup>He saw two boats there along the lakeshore. The fishermen had left them and were washing their nets. <sup>3</sup>Jesus got into one of the boats, which belonged to Simon, and asked him to put out a little from the shore. He sat down and began teaching the crowds from the boat. <sup>4</sup>When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into the deep water, and let down your nets for a catch."

<sup>5</sup>Simon answered him, "Master, we worked hard all through the night and caught nothing. But at your word I will let down the nets." <sup>6</sup>When they had done this, they caught a great number of fish, and their nets were about to tear apart. <sup>7</sup>They signaled their partners in the other boat to come and help them. They came and filled both boats, so that they began to sink.

<sup>8</sup>When Simon Peter saw this, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, "Go away from me, because I am a sinful man, Lord." <sup>9</sup>For Peter and all those with him were amazed at the number of fish they had caught, <sup>10</sup>and so were James and John, the sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon.

Jesus said to Simon, "Have no fear. From now on you will be catching people."

<sup>11</sup>After they brought their boats to the shore, they left everything and followed him.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

742 On Galilee's High Mountain

CW 742



1 On Gal - i - lee's high moun - tain Christ gave the great com -  
 2 The Lord, who, born of Mar - y, came down as man and  
 3 His strength with - in my weak - ness will make me bold to  
 4 And not a - lone to na - tions in far - a - way re -  
 5 Lord, gath - er all your chil - dren, wher - ev - er they may



mand in words of strength and prom - ise which  
 died, who preached to all who lis - tened, for  
 say how his re - deem - ing pow - er trans -  
 treats, but ev - 'ry - where I broad - cast his  
 be, and lead them on to heav - en to



all can un - der - stand: "All pow'r to me is  
 us was cru - ci - fied. This Lord, our liv - ing  
 forms my stub - born clay. His touch of fire ig -  
 love through crowd - ed streets. The lives that my life  
 live e - ter - nal - ly with you, our lov - ing



giv - en to do what I shall choose; there -  
broth - er, in pow'r at God's right hand has  
nites me, with cour - age I am sent, my  
touch - es, how - ev - er great or small— let  
Fa - ther, and Christ, our broth - er dear, whose



fore I send my chil - dren, their wit - ness I will use.”  
cho - sen us to car - ry his truth to ev - 'ry land.  
tongue-tied si - lence bro - ken, with grace made el - o - quent.  
them through me see Je - sus, who served and saved us all.  
Spir - it guards and gives us the joy to per - se - vere.

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## Sermon

## 2 Corinthians 4:5-7

### Theme: Christ through Us

- 1) Jesus is our Lord and Light.
- 2) We are His clay.

## Nicene Creed

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is,  
seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of  
God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light, true God from  
true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one being with the Father.  
Through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven,**

**was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary, and became truly human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate. He suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures.**

**He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,**

**and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church.**

**We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.**

**We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

### **Prayer of the Church**

Almighty God and Father, we thank you for all your mercies, especially for the gift of your Son, through whom you have revealed your gracious will. We praise you for the Holy Spirit and his working through the means of grace.

**Plant your Word in our hearts, and cause it to produce fruit in our lives.**

Strengthen and defend your Church, that by your Word and sacraments faith may grow and love toward all may increase.

**Support all who spread the light of your truth throughout the world.**

Keep our children in the grace of their baptisms. Enable their parents to train them in lives of faith.

**Raise up Christians to serve you in the ministry of the Word and in all godly walks of life.**

Preserve our nation in justice and honor. Guide and bless all who make, administer, and judge our laws.

**Give them wisdom that they may promote justice and hinder evil.**

Let your blessing rest on planting and harvest, commerce and industry, medicine and science, the arts and culture. Protect all who travel, and care for those whose work is difficult or dangerous.

**Be with all who devote themselves to any useful task.**

Comfort all who are in sorrow or need, sickness or adversity, [*especially . . .*]. Remember those who suffer persecution for the faith. Have mercy on those for whom death draws near.

**Grant them your love, and take them into your tender care.**

Hear us, Lord, as we pray in silence.

*Silent prayer*

We remember with thanksgiving those who have loved and served you, who now rest from their labors, [*especially . . .*]. Console those who are mourning or living with sadness.

Keep us in the true faith, and bring us at last to the joys of heaven.

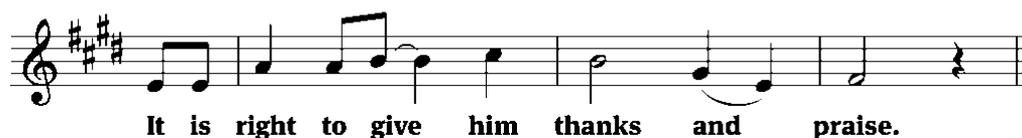
Grant us these things, Father, for the sake of Jesus, who died and rose again.

<sup>5</sup>  
Amen.

## Offering

### The Sacrament

#### Preface



## Holy, Holy, Holy

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'Holy, Holy, Holy'. It consists of ten staves of music in a treble clef with a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#). The melody is written on a single line of music. The lyrics are: 'Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of hosts, heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est! Bless-ed is he, bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est!' The lyrics are placed below the corresponding musical notes.

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high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est!

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## Prayer of Thanksgiving

We give thanks to you, O God, through your dear Son, Jesus Christ, whom you sent to be our Savior, our Redeemer, and the messenger of your grace. Through him you made all things; in him you are well pleased. He is the incarnate Word, conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. To fulfill your promises, he stretched out his hands on the cross and released from eternal death all who believe in you.

As we remember Jesus' death and resurrection, we thank you that you have gathered us together to receive your Son's body and blood. Send us your Spirit, unite us as one, and strengthen our faith so that we may praise you in your Son, Jesus Christ. Through him, we glorify and honor you, O God our Father, with the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

### **Lord's Prayer**

**Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins,  
as we forgive those  
who sin against us.  
Lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours  
now and forever. Amen.**

### **Words of Institution**

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**Amen.**

## Lamb of God



Lamb of God, Lamb of God, you take a-way the  
sin of the world, (hmmm) have mer-cy on us.

Lamb of God, Lamb of God, you take a-way the  
sin of the world, (hmmm) have mer-cy on us.

Lamb of God, Lamb of God, you take a-way the  
sin of the world, (hmmm) grant us your peace.

(hmmm) A - men.

## **Distribution**

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;

**his mercy endures forever.**

Whenever we eat this bread and drink this cup,

**we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.**

We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this saving gift. We pray that through it you will strengthen our faith in you and increase our love for one another. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

## **Blessing**

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and T give you peace.

**Amen.**

# 870 O Church, Arise

CW 870



call of Christ our cap - tain. For now the weak can say that  
 rage a - gainst the cap - tor; and with the sword that makes the  
 Son of God is strick - en; then see his foes lie crushed be -  
 grace for ev - 'ry hur - dle, that we may run with faith to



they are strong in the strength that God has giv - en.  
 wound - ed whole we will fight with faith and val - or.  
 neath his feet, for the Con - quer - or has ris - en!  
 win the prize of a ser - vant good and faith - ful.



With shield of faith and belt of truth we'll stand a -  
 When faced with trials on ev - 'ry side, we know the  
 And as the stone is rolled a - way, and Christ e -  
 As saints of old still line the way, re - tell - ing



gainst the dev - il's lies; an ar - my bold whose bat - tle  
 out - come is se - cure, and Christ will have the prize for  
 merg - es from the grave, this vic - t'ry march con - tin - ues  
 tri - umphs of his grace, we hear their calls and hun - ger



cry is love, reach - ing out to those in dark - ness.  
 which he died— an in - her - it - ance of na - tions.  
 till the day ev - 'ry eye and heart shall see him.  
 for the day when with Christ we stand in glo - ry.

# Announcements

## **Church Cleaners**

October 26 - Simon / November 2 - Matthew

### DIVINE WORD'S TWO-WEEK CALENDAR

**Su (19) 9:00 am Sunday School / Bible Study**  
**10:30 am *Worship with Communion***  
11:45 am *Evangelism Meeting*  
**3:00 pm Worship in Poltimore**  
4:00 pm Bible Study in Poltimore

*Pastor will be at a Conference from October 20-22*

Fr (24) 3:00 pm Women's Bible Study  
6:00 pm Friday Fellowship

**Su (26) 9:00 am Sunday School / Bible Study**  
**10:30 am *Thanksgiving Worship***  
11:45 am *Anniversary/Reformation Potluck*

Tu (28) 6:00 pm Elders  
7:00 pm Council Meeting

We (29) 9:30 am Communicating Christ (Adult)  
5:15 pm Youth Confirmation (W)  
7:00 pm New Communicating Christ (Adult)

Fr (31) 3:00 pm Women's Bible Study

**Su (2) 9:00 am Sunday School / Bible Study**  
**10:30 am *Worship with Communion***  
**3:00 pm Worship in Poltimore**  
4:00 pm Bible Study in Poltimore

# CELEBRATING THE 175<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF WELS



“We have tendered [this seminary] to the Joint Synod and thereby demonstrated, with our joyful and willing sacrifice, how urgent it is for us to help our fellow believers and further the wonderful work of building God’s kingdom.”

—President Philipp von Rohr at the dedication of the new pastoral-training seminary in Wauwatosa in 1893.

## FEDERATION WITH MINNESOTA AND MICHIGAN

In the mid-1800s it seemed as if every state in the growing country had its own Lutheran synod. Founding Pastor Johannes Muehlhaeuser had come from the New York Synod, and the Wisconsin Synod had early connections with the Pennsylvania Synod. Yet Wisconsin’s closest neighbors would prove to be the deepest connections.

Wisconsin Synod exploratory missionaries served Lutherans in Minnesota along the Mississippi and Minnesota Rivers. Several pastors established the Minnesota Synod in 1860. That same year, pastors from the Basel Mission Society formed the Michigan Synod. The Michigan Synod established its seminary in Saginaw in 1885, while the Minnesota Synod established a college and seminary in New Ulm in 1884.

As early as 1879, the dynamic Philipp von Rohr, a pastor in Winona, Minn., proposed a federation of the Wisconsin and Minnesota Synods. Minnesota had continued to have close ties with Wisconsin, sharing, among other things, the use of the synodical publication the *Gemeinde-Blatt*. When von Rohr became the Wisconsin Synod president in 1889, plans to make a federation of confessional Lutheran synods in the upper Midwest began.

Soon representatives from the Michigan, Minnesota, and Wisconsin Synods proposed a plan. While the three synods would remain distinct bodies, the federation would work as a unified entity—focusing on publications (sharing the *Gemeinde-Blatt* and establishing a theological journal and school paper); joint mission work; and ministerial education. The Minnesota Synod's institution in New Ulm would be the teacher college; Northwestern in Watertown, Wis., would provide pre-seminary training; and a new seminary in Wauwatosa, Wis., would train pastors for all three synods in the federation. The Michigan Synod's seminary eventually would become a preparatory high school in 1910.



**Philipp von Rohr** served as president of the Wisconsin Synod from 1889 to 1908 and was a key figure in the establishment of the Joint Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Wisconsin, Minnesota, Michigan, and Other States.

In the summer of 1892, the proposal was approved by each synod. At a special convention in October, the Joint Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Wisconsin, Minnesota, Michigan, and Other States was established. At the end of the convention, the delegates attended the cornerstone-laying ceremony for the new seminary in Wauwatosa, which opened the following year.

In 1905, the Nebraska District Synod (mainly established through the Wisconsin Synod's help) became the federation's fourth synod. The federation would last until 1917, when all four synods merged into what is today known as the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod.

Learn more about von Rohr and other synod presidents at [welshistoricalinstitute.org/histories](http://welshistoricalinstitute.org/histories).

