

# Evangelical Lutheran Church of Durham

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July 12, 2020 – Season of Pentecost

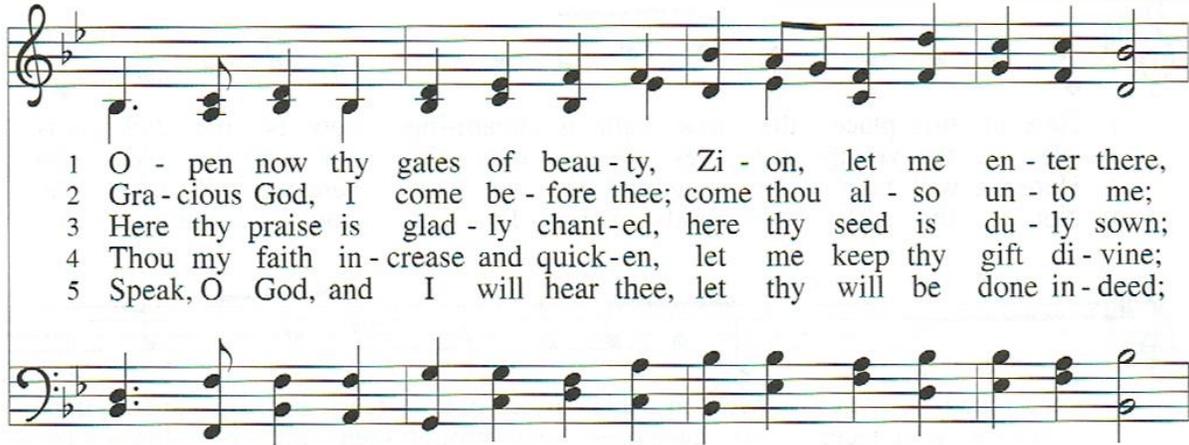
10:30 AM Facebook Live - [www.facebook.com/durhamlutheran](http://www.facebook.com/durhamlutheran)

6:30 PM - Outdoor Service at church - Weather Permitting

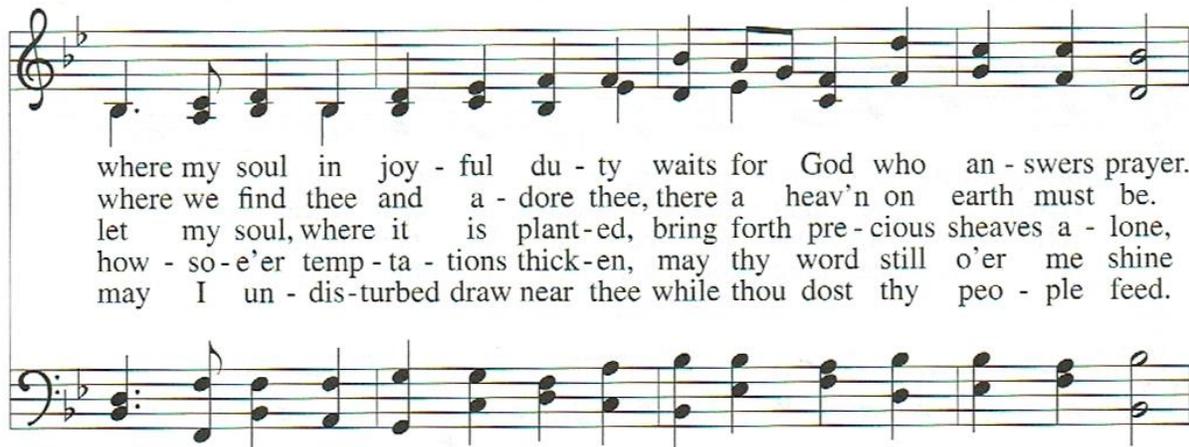
Welcome - Preparatory Prelude Music

Announcements and Introduction to Today's Worship

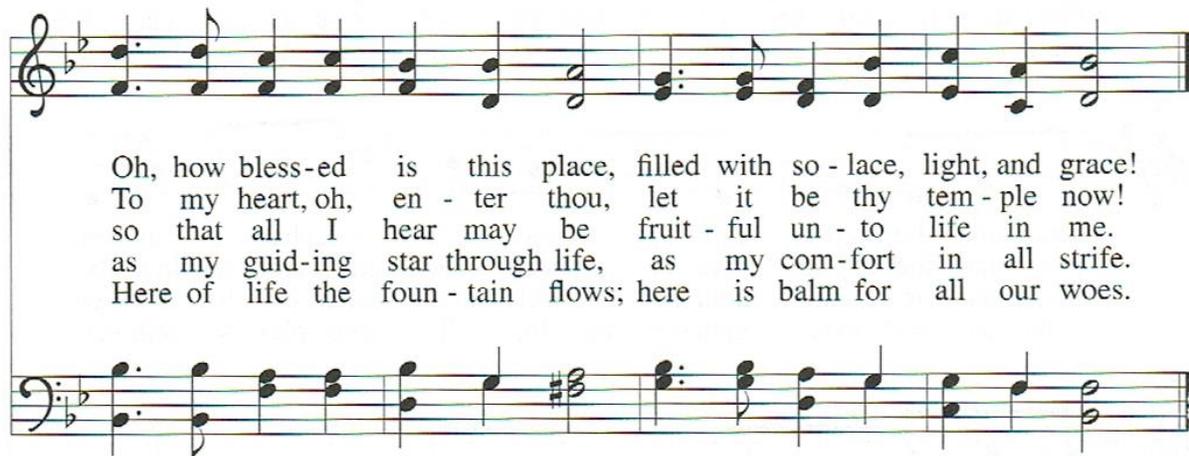
Hymn – ELW #533 – “Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty”



1 O - pen now thy gates of beau - ty, Zi - on, let me en - ter there,  
2 Gra - cious God, I come be - fore thee; come thou al - so un - to me;  
3 Here thy praise is glad - ly chant - ed, here thy seed is du - ly sown;  
4 Thou my faith in - crease and quick - en, let me keep thy gift di - vine;  
5 Speak, O God, and I will hear thee, let thy will be done in - deed;



where my soul in joy - ful du - ty waits for God who an - swers prayer.  
where we find thee and a - dore thee, there a heav'n on earth must be.  
let my soul, where it is plant - ed, bring forth pre - cious sheaves a - lone,  
how - so - e'er temp - ta - tions thic - ken, may thy word still o'er me shine  
may I un - dis - turbed draw near thee while thou dost thy peo - ple feed.



Oh, how bless - ed is this place, filled with so - lace, light, and grace!  
To my heart, oh, en - ter thou, let it be thy tem - ple now!  
so that all I hear may be fruit - ful un - to life in me.  
as my guid - ing star through life, as my com - fort in all strife.  
Here of life the foun - tain flows; here is balm for all our woes.

## Prayer of the Day

Almighty God, we thank you for planting in us the seed of your word. By your Holy Spirit help us to receive it with joy, live according to it, and grow in faith and hope and love, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen**

## First Reading – Isaiah 55:10-13

- <sup>10</sup> For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven,  
and do not return there until they have watered the earth,  
making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater,  
<sup>11</sup> so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty,  
but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and succeed in the thing for which I sent it.  
<sup>12</sup> For you shall go out in joy, and be led back in peace;  
the mountains and the hills before you shall burst into song,  
and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.  
<sup>13</sup> Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress; instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle;  
and it shall be to the LORD for a memorial, for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.

## Psalm 65 - Thanksgiving for Earth's Bounty - To the leader. A Psalm of David. A Song.

- <sup>1</sup> Praise is due to you, O God, in Zion; and to you shall vows be performed,  
<sup>2</sup> O you who answer prayer! To you all flesh shall come.  
<sup>3</sup> When deeds of iniquity overwhelm us, you forgive our transgressions.  
<sup>4</sup> Happy are those whom you choose and bring near to live in your courts.  
We shall be satisfied with the goodness of your house, your holy temple.  
  
<sup>5</sup> By awesome deeds you answer us with deliverance, O God of our salvation;  
you are the hope of all the ends of the earth and of the farthest seas.  
<sup>6</sup> By your strength you established the mountains; you are girded with might.  
<sup>7</sup> You silence the roaring of the seas, the roaring of their waves, the tumult of the peoples.  
<sup>8</sup> Those who live at earth's farthest bounds are awed by your signs;  
you make the gateways of the morning and the evening shout for joy.  
  
<sup>9</sup> You visit the earth and water it, you greatly enrich it; the river of God is full of water;  
you provide the people with grain, for so you have prepared it.  
<sup>10</sup> You water its furrows abundantly, settling its ridges, softening it with showers,  
and blessing its growth.  
<sup>11</sup> You crown the year with your bounty; your wagon tracks overflow with richness.  
<sup>12</sup> The pastures of the wilderness overflow, the hills gird themselves with joy,  
<sup>13</sup> the meadows clothe themselves with flocks, the valleys deck themselves with grain,  
they shout and sing together for joy.

## Gospel – Matthew 13:1-9; 18-23 The Parable of the Sower

<sup>13</sup> That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the lake. <sup>2</sup> Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. <sup>3</sup> And he told them many things in parables, saying: 'Listen! A sower went out to sow. <sup>4</sup> And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them

up. <sup>5</sup>Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. <sup>6</sup>But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. <sup>7</sup>Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. <sup>8</sup>Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. <sup>9</sup>Let anyone with ears listen!

### The Parable of the Sower Explained

18 'Hear then the parable of the sower. <sup>19</sup>When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. <sup>20</sup>As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; <sup>21</sup>yet such a person has no root, but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. <sup>22</sup>As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. <sup>23</sup>But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty.'

### Message

#### Hymn - ELW #681 - "We Plow the Fields and Scatter"

1 We plow the fields and scat - ter the good seed on the land,  
2 You on - ly are the mak - er of all things near and far.  
3 We thank you, our cre - a - tor, for all things bright and good,

but it is fed and wa - tered by God's al - might - y hand,  
You paint the way - side flow - er, you light the eve - ning star.  
the seed - time and the har - vest, our life, our health, our food.

who sends the snow in win - ter, the warmth to swell the grain,  
 The winds and waves o - bey you, by you the birds are fed;  
 No gifts have we to of - fer for all your love im - parts,

the breez-es and the sun - shine, and soft re - fresh - ing rain.  
 much more to us, your chil - dren, you give our dai - ly bread.  
 but what you most would trea - sure—our hum - ble, thank - ful hearts.

**Prayers for the Church, the World, All People**

Pastor: O God, rain down your mercy on us,

**People: Your mercy is everlasting.**

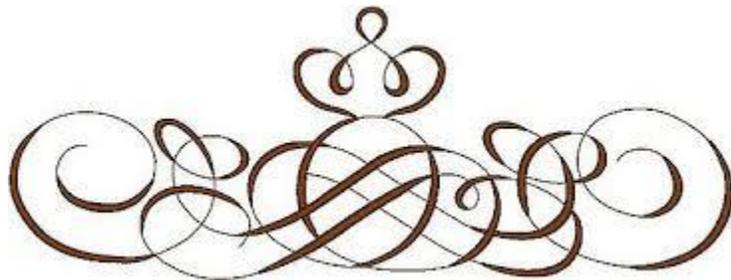
**Lord's Prayer**

**Peace**

**Blessing**

**Dismissal** Pastor: Go in peace. Christ is with you.

**People: Thanks be to God.**



# PRAYER

Please lift up in prayer the following ...

**For Healing of those in our Congregation:** Michael Altemus; Joanne & David Antoni; Norma Fox; Virginia Hager; George Kreitz; Dean Litzenberger; Alison Rhine and Family; Silas Rodenbach; Hal Taylor; and Carolyn Williams.

**For Healing of Friends and Family:** Phyllis and Frank Allebach; Brian Ashmore, Jr.; Lynn Bailey; Reta Bieber; Jason Bigley; Julia Bizon; Marci Boettger; Karen Bolesta; Kelly Bordelon; Phyllis Boyer; Frannie Brooks; Jorge Ann Brown; Melissa Carafa; Deb Carmichael; Gregory Chubrik; Josie Crown; Chris Fear; Fred Foerster; Ken Garey; Oswin Gaun; Candie Gimbar; Florence Gonzalez; Randy Hack; Douglas Harris; Bob Helm; Kathy J.; Paige Jipner; Virginia Johnson; Mary Ellen Jonczyk; Jean Kaki; Jane Kemmerer; Martine King; Priscilla Kinter; Kara Kline; Aleena Lang; Joanne Dehel Lavin; Macey Litz; Barbara Lynch; Mike Manfra; Chelsea Marley; Warren & Pat Merkham; Andrea Miller; Janet Murray; Jeff Musnung; Steven Neff; Kyle Newman; Clint O'Connor; David Parker; Lisa Pezzino; Donnie Pyne; Sarah Rhine; Jill Roland; Connie Rugen; Linda Saunders; David Sebring; Laurel Sheetz; Gary Shollenberger; Donna Storm; Alex Trebek; Alex Ulrey; Rudolf von Watzdorf; Michelle Woodruff; and Sandra Zimmerman. ALSO, Laura, Kelly, Charlie D., Charlie L., and Jane.

**For those who are Homebound:** Cleo and Ken Eck; and Elfriede Marschewski.

**For the Grieving:** The families of Alex Kaki; Gerry Seipt; Manfred Marschewski; and Helen Ballek.

**For those in Health Care:** Including Sara Aquino, Debbie Angstadt; Kendell Beerer, Mary Crouse, Sara Deal Den Herder, Mary Erceg; Faye Gadwell; Morgan Litz; Tanya Naska; Kristi Lee Reiman; Linda Sauter, and Sharron Streletz.

**New Baby:** Thanksgiving for the birth of Addison Rae McCalister, daughter of Rachel (Crouse) and Jim McCalister. *(This is the correct spelling, sorry for the previous errors!)*