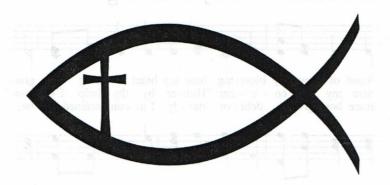
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June 13, 2021 – SEASON OF PENTECOST 10:30 AM - Worship also on - www.facebook.com/durhamlutheran

Prelude "I Sing the Mighty Power of God" - Isaac Watts Welcome - Announcements Introduction to Worship

COMMITMENT, DISCIPLESHIP



Greeting

Pastor: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Prayer of the Day

O God, you are the tree of life, offering shelter to all the world. Graft us into yourself and nurture our growth, that we may bear your truth and love to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

First Reading- Ezekiel 17: 22-24

Thus says the Lord God:

I myself will take a sprig

from the lofty top of a cedar;

I will set it out.

I will break off a tender one

from the topmost of its young twigs;

I myself will plant it

on a high and lofty mountain.

On the mountain height of Israel

I will plant it,

in order that it may produce boughs and bear fruit,

and become a noble cedar.

Under it every kind of bird will live;

in the shade of its branches will nest

winged creatures of every kind.

All the trees of the field shall know

that I am the LORD.

I bring low the high tree,

I make high the low tree;

I dry up the green tree

and make the dry tree flourish.

I the LORD have spoken;

I will accomplish it.

Psalm 92: 1-4, 12-15

It is a good thing to give thanks to the LORD, to sing praise to your name, O Most High;

²to herald your love in the morning and your faithfulness at night;

³on the psaltery, and on the lyre, and to the melody of the harp.

⁴For you have made me glad by your acts, O LORD; and I shout for joy because of the works of your hands.

¹²The righteous shall flourish like a palm tree, and shall spread abroad like a cedar of Lebanon.

¹³Those who are planted in the house of the LORD shall flourish in the courts of our God;

¹⁴they shall still bear fruit in old age; they shall be green and succulent;

¹⁵that they may show how upright the LORD is, my rock, in whom there is no injustice.

Second Reading- 2 Corinthians 5:6-17

So we are always confident; even though we know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord— for we walk by faith, not by sight. Yes, we do have confidence, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him. For all of us must appear before the judgement seat of Christ, so that each may receive recompense for what has been done in the body, whether good or evil.

Therefore, knowing the fear of the Lord, we try to persuade others; but we ourselves are well known to God, and I hope that we are also well known to your consciences. We are not commending ourselves to you again, but giving you an opportunity to boast about us, so that you may be able to answer those who boast in outward appearance and not in the heart. For if we are beside ourselves, it is for God; if we are in our right mind, it is for you. For the love of Christ urges us on, because we are convinced that one has died for all; therefore all have died. And he died for all, so that those who live might live no longer for themselves, but for him who died and was raised for them. From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (said by all)

"ALLELUIA! LORD, TO WHOM SHALL WE GO?
YOU HAVE THE WORDS OF ETERNAL LIFE. ALLELUIA"

The Holy Gospel - Mark 4: 26-34

[Jesus said,] "The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground, and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come."

He also said, "With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade."

With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it; he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples.

Message



■ I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended into hell.*

On the third day he rose again.

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

He will come again 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

*Or, He descended to the dead.

Prayers and Intercessions:

Pastor: O Giver of all goodness: People: GRANT US YOUR LIFE.

Sign of Peace

Blessing (Pastor): The blessing of God, who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us,

+ be upon you now and forever. AMEN.

Dismissal:

Pastor: Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.

PEOPLE: THANKS BE TO GOD!

Postlude: "Immortal, Invisible" - Arr. by Edward Broughton

Helping in Worship

Organist/Choir Director

Lector

Altar Guild

Usher

Technology Leader

Office Secretary

Custodian

- Carolyn Williams

- Maggie Fischer

- Val McGinn and Barbara Naska

- Joe Hlavaty

- Ken Anderson

- Jessica Mette

- Dianna Streletz

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- WORSHIP: Beginning next Sunday, June 20, Worship will begin at <u>10:00</u>AM (1/2 hour earlier for the summer) (inside and also livestreamed on Facebook & YouTube)
- SMALL GROUP BIBLE STUDY meets Thursday afternoons at 2:30PM at home of Kathy and Joe Hlavaty and Don Seipt 95 Buttermilk Rd. just off of Raubsville/Hellertown Rd. if you would like to carpool, meet in church parking lot at 2:30PM.
- JUNE "OUTREACH OFFERING" Church World Service "Tools"
- VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL Cooperative VBS at Trinity Lutheran Church. Pleasant Valley- Contact Church Office for Registration Forms for more details.

Please lift up in prayer the following ...

For Healing of those in our Congregation: Michael Altemus; Joanne & David

Antoni; Esther Crouse; Norma Fox; Faye Gadwell; Virginia Hager; Betty & George Kreitz; Chris Mueller; Dot Peterman; Silas Rodenbach; Hal Taylor; Carolyn Williams; and Joanne and Bobby Ziegenfuss.

For Healing of Friends and Family: Brian Ashmore, Jr.; Lynn Bailey; Jason Bigley; Karen Bolesta; Kelly Bordelon; Phyllis Boyer; Deb Carmichael; Bill Corrigan; Chris Fear; Fred Foerster; Ken Garey; Candie Gimbar; Bob Helm; Kathy J.; Virginia Johnson; Mary Ellen Jonczyk; Jean Kaki; Martine King; Priscilla Kinter; Barbara Lynch; Chelsea Marley; Pat Merkham; Clint O'Connor; Lisa Pezzino; Donnie Pyne; Connie Rugen; Linda Saunders; David Sebring; Gary Shollenberger; Donna Storm; Russ Trauger; Alex Ulrey; and Linda Wilson

For those who are Homebound: Cleo and Ken Eck; Phyllis Lanshe.

For the Grieving: The families of Reta Bieber; Julia Bizon; Craig Hartzell; Leah Kneebone; Dean Litzenberger; Elfriede and Manfred Marschewski; Warren Merkham; Sarah Rhine; Randy Rilling; Gerry Seipt; Lewis Snyder; Alex Trebek; and Rudolf von Watzdorf.

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

Essential Food Workers: Bethany Michl, Trauger's Farm **Essential Postal Workers:** Andrea Fox and Dawn Margeson