

Evangelical Lutheran Church of Durham

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September 26, 2021 – SEASON OF PENTECOST

10:30 AM - Worship/ Holy Communion

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**TODAY IS A CELEBRATION OF 26 YEARS OF MINISTRY
SHARED BY PASTOR DAVID DEAL AND THE PEOPLE OF
THIS CONGREGATION. THIS WORSHIP SERVICE IS
PASTOR DAVID DEAL'S FINAL SERVICE AS HE BEGINS
RETIREMENT.**

Organ Prelude - "The Tender Shepherd/ Beach Spring" - Southern Harmony Hymntunes

Welcome - Announcements

Introduction to Worship

Confession and Forgiveness

(Please stand if you are able)

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at
Baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God,
whose teaching is life,
whose presence is sure,
And whose love is endless.

Amen.

Let us confess our sins to the one who welcomes us with an open heart.

Silence is kept for reflection.

God our comforter:

Like lost sheep, we have gone astray.

We gaze upon abundance and see scarcity.

We turn our faces away from the injustice and oppression.

We exploit the earth with our apathy and greed.

Free us from our sin, gracious God.

Listen when we call out to you for help.

Lead us by your love to love our neighbors as ourselves.

Amen.

All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God. By the gift of grace in + Christ Jesus,
God makes your righteous. Receive with glad hearts the forgiveness of all your sins.

Amen.

Gathering Hymn - ELW #822 - "Oh, Sing to the Lord" (English)

Greeting

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

PEOPLE: AND ALSO WITH YOU

Prayer of the Day

*Generous God, your Son gave his life that we might come to peace with you. Give us a
share of your Spirit, and in all we do empower us to bear the name of Jesus Christ, our
Savior and Lord. Amen.*

(Please be Seated after Prayer)

First Reading- Numbers 11: 4-6, 10-16, 24-29

The rabble among them had a strong craving; and the Israelites also wept again, and said, "If only we had meat to eat! We remember the fish we used to eat in Egypt for nothing, the cucumbers, the melons, the leeks, the onions, and the garlic; but now our strength is dried up, and there is nothing at all but this manna to look at."

Moses heard the people weeping throughout their families, all at the entrances of their tents. Then the LORD became very angry, and Moses was displeased. So Moses said to the LORD, "Why have you treated your servant so badly? Why have I not found favor in your sight, that you lay the burden of all this people on me? Did I conceive all this people? Did I give birth to them, that you should say to me, 'Carry them in your bosom, as a nurse carries a sucking child', to the land that you promised on oath to their ancestors? Where am I to get meat to give to all this people? For they come weeping to me and say, 'Give us meat to eat!' I am not able to carry all this people alone, for they are too heavy for me. If this is the way you are going to treat me, put me to death at once—if I have found favor in your sight—and do not let me see my misery."

So the LORD said to Moses, "Gather for me seventy of the elders of Israel, whom you know to be the elders of the people and officers over them; bring them to the tent of meeting, and have them take their place there with you."

So Moses went out and told the people the words of the LORD; and he gathered seventy elders of the people, and placed them all around the tent. Then the LORD came down in the cloud and spoke to him, and took some of the spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders; and when the spirit rested upon them, they prophesied. But they did not do so again.

Two men remained in the camp, one named Eldad, and the other named Medad, and the spirit rested on them; they were among those registered, but they had not gone out to the tent, and so they prophesied in the camp. And a young man ran and told Moses, "Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp." And Joshua son of Nun, the assistant of Moses, one of his chosen men, said, "My lord Moses, stop them!" But Moses said to him, "Are you jealous for my sake? Would that all the LORD's people were prophets, and that the LORD would put his spirit on them!"

Lector: **The Word of the Lord.**

PEOPLE: **THANKS BE TO GOD.**

Psalm 19: 7-14 (special reader)

The teaching of the LORD is perfect and revives the soul;
The testimony of the LORD is sure and gives wisdom to the simple.

**⁸The statutes of the LORD are just and rejoice the heart;
the commandment of the LORD is clear and gives light to the eyes.**

⁹The fear of the LORD is clean and endures forever;
The judgements of the LORD are true and righteous altogether

**¹⁰More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine gold,
sweeter far than honey, than honey in the comb.**

¹¹By them also is your servant enlightened, and in keeping them there is great reward.

¹²Who can detect one's own offenses? Cleanse me from my secret faults.

¹³Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins;
Let them not get dominion over me; than shall I be whole and sound,
And innocent of a great offense.

**¹⁴Let the words of my mouth and the mediation of my heart be acceptable in your sight,
O LORD, my strength and my redeemer.**

Second Reading- James 5:13-20

Are any among you suffering? They should pray. Are any cheerful? They should sing songs of praise. Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord. The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up; and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven. Therefore confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective. Elijah was a human being like us, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. Then he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain and the earth yielded its harvest.

My brothers and sisters, if anyone among you wanders from the truth and is brought back by another, you should know that whoever brings back a sinner from wandering will save the sinner's soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.

Lector: **The Word of the Lord**

PEOPLE: **THANKS BE TO GOD**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (said by all - Please stand)

"ALLELUIA! LORD, TO WHOM SHALL WE GO?

YOU HAVE THE WORDS OF ETERNAL LIFE. ALLELUIA!"

Introduction to the Gospel

Pastor: The holy gospel according to Mark:

PEOPLE: GLORY TO YOU, O LORD.

The Holy Gospel - Mark 9: 38-50

John said to him, "Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he was not following us." But Jesus said, "Do not stop him; for no one who does a deed of power in my name will be able soon afterwards to speak evil of me. Whoever is not against us is for us. For truly I tell you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you bear the name of Christ will by no means lose the reward.

"If any of you put a stumbling-block before one of these little ones who believe in me, it would be better for you if a great millstone were hung around your neck and you were thrown into the sea. If your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life maimed than to have two hands and to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire. And if your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life lame than to have two feet and to be thrown into hell.' And if your eye causes you to stumble, tear it out; it is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and to be thrown into hell, where their worm never dies, and the fire is never quenched. "For everyone will be salted with fire. Salt is good; but if salt has lost its saltiness, how can you season it? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another."

Pastor: The gospel of the Lord.

PEOPLE: PRAISE TO YOU, O CHRIST.

(Be seated after the gospel)

Message - Pastor David Deal, "Staying Salty with God's Help"

Choir Anthem- "Lord, Here am I," John Ness Beck

APOSTLES' CREED (Please stand , if able)

**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.**

Prayers and Intercessions:

Pastor: God, in your mercy,

People: HEAR OUR PRAYER.

Communion Hymn - ELW #472 - "Eat this Bread" (repeat 3x)

Offertory Prayer (said by Pastor)

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Great Thanksgiving

Pastor: **The Lord be with you.**

People: **AND ALSO WITH YOU.**

Pastor: **Lift up your hearts.**

People: **WE LIFT THEM TO THE LORD.**

Pastor: **Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.**

People: **IT IS RIGHT TO GIVE OUR THANKS AND PRAISE.**

Jesus' Words of Institution (said by Pastor)

The Lord's Prayer

Invitation to Communion

Pastor: **Christ has set the table with more than enough for all. Come!**

(At this time, remove the seal at the bottom of the small chalice, remove the small piece of bread. Hold it in your hand)

P: **This is the body of Christ given for you. Take and eat.** (Eat the bread)

(At this time, remove the seal above the small chalice. Hold the chalice in your hand.)

P: **This is the blood of Christ, shed for you. Take and drink.**

(Drink the wine or grape juice. Set down the small chalice for prayer.)

P: (Communion Blessing) **The Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. AMEN.**

Prayer after Communion (said by Pastor)

Thanksgiving at the Conclusion of a Call

Address

The person whose call is concluding and representative/s of the congregation come before the assembly.

A pastor

A representative of the congregation addresses the pastor whose call is concluding with these or similar words.

David M. Deal, on September 1 1995, we of Evangelical Lutheran Church of Durham called you to be the pastor in this place: to proclaim God's word, to baptize and teach, to announce God's forgiveness, and to preside at the Lord's table. With the gospel you have comforted us in times of sickness and trouble, and at the death of our loved ones. Sharing our joys and sorrows, you and Donna have been important to our life together in the church of Jesus Christ, in our service to this community, and in God's mission to the whole world. As you leave this community of faith, we say farewell, and we pray for God's blessing.

The leader addresses the assembly with these or similar words - Rev. John A. Berntsen
People of God, members of Evangelical Lutheran Church of Durham, do you release Pastor Deal from service as your pastor?

We do, and we give thanks to God for our ministry together.

The leader addresses the person whose call is concluding

Pastor David Deal, do you recognize and accept the completion of your ministry with Evangelical Lutheran Church of Durham?

Response: I do, and I give thanks to God for our ministry together.

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Sending

The presiding minister leads the assembly in prayer.

Let us pray.

Almighty God, through your Son Jesus Christ you gave the holy apostles many gifts and commanded them to feed your flock. You equip your people with abilities that differ according to the grace given to them, and you call them to various avenues of service. We give you thanks for the ministry of David Deal among the people of God in this place.

You watch over our going out and our coming in:

bless this time of ending and beginning. You surround your people in every time and place: keep us close in your love.

You accompany your people in times of joy and times of trial:

prosper all that has been done to your glory in this time together;

heal and forgive all that has fallen short of your will for us.

Help Pastor Deal and his family and all of us

To live with courage and gladness in the future you give us.

As they have been a blessing to us,

So now send them forth to be a blessing to others; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Blessing

The pastor whose call has concluded, proclaims God's blessing in these or similar words.

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.

The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.

Amen.

Sign of Peace

Final Hymn - ELW #656 - "Blest be the tie that Binds"

Dismissal

The assisting minister may send the assembly into mission.

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Piano Postlude - "Blest Be the Tie That Binds/ God Be With Till We Meet Again" - Arr. Carol Tornquist

Helping in Worship

Organist/Choir Director	- Carolyn Williams
Choir Members of ELCD	
Acolyte	- Addyson Mammana
Altar Guild	- Serena Ashmore, Nancy Moskella
Lectors/ Assisting Ministers	- Scott Gaun, Tom Gaun, Val McGinn, Samantha Mueller, Mark Harwick, Linda Sauter
Special Representative from SE Penna. Synod	- Rev. Dr. John A. Berntsen
Usher	- Joe Hlavaty
Technology	- Ken Anderson
Office Secretary	- Jessica Mette
Custodian	- Dianna Streletz

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- TODAY, September 26, Worship/ Holy Communion - 10:30AM
Live inside with masks and livestreamed on Facebook & YouTube
- There will be flowers on the Altar - The altar flowers are presented to the Glory of God in honor of Pastor David Deal's 26 years of service and ministry to the congregation and their families at ELC of Durham. Thank you, Pastor Dave. God Bless you with good health and a very happy retirement.
- NEXT SUNDAY at 10:30AM - Holy Communion (Worldwide Communion)
Special Guest Preacher, the Rev. Karen Sease, Assistant to the Bishop of the SE Penna Synod of the ELCA
- SEPTEMBER "OUTREACH OFFERINGS" - Lutheran Disaster Response
OCTOBER "OUTREACH OFFERINGS" - Lutheran Disaster Response



PASTOR DAVID M DEAL

A Summary of his life and ministry:

Born: October 5, 1951, at Tokyo (Japan) Sanitarium Hospital

Baptized: October 23, 1951, at Tokyo Lutheran Seminary, by Rev. Roy Fisher

David was the child of missionary parents. His father, Rev. Harold G. Deal, and mother, Miriam M. Deal, served 3 terms in Japan, between 1947 and 1959. David's brother, Stephen, was born in North Carolina on a furlough. And his sister Carol was born in Kyoto, Japan. After going back and forth across the ocean a few times, David and his family came back to the United States for good in 1959, when David was 7.

David's father then served as a Lutheran pastor in Houston, Texas; Orlando, Florida and Pensacola, Florida. David attended multiple elementary, junior high, and high schools in North Carolina, Texas and Florida. David graduated from Pensacola H.S. in 1969.

David attended Lenoir Rhyne College (affiliated with the ELCA) from 1969-1973. He was an English Major, but also a pre-theological student. He enrolled in the Lutheran School of Theology, where he prepared for the ordained ministry, from 1973-1977. While in seminary, he met a young woman, Donna Taterka, who was an active member of Reformation Lutheran on the south side of Chicago. Donna was also a founding teacher in a Lutheran parochial school at Reformation. David was assigned to do field education at Donna's congregation. They dated sometimes in-person, but often by phone, especially when David was serving an internship in Philadelphia.

David graduated from LSTC in the Spring of 1977. He and Donna were married in Chicago June 25, 1977. David was ordained by the Florida Synod at St. Paul Lutheran, Pensacola, Fla. (where his father was pastor) on July 24, 1977. Very soon, David and Donna would be coming to Philadelphia for David's first call.

David's first call was to Zion Lutheran in Olney (North Philadelphia), as an assistant pastor. He served Zion from 1977-1979. He was then called as the pastor of Advocate Lutheran in N.W. Philadelphia. David served Advocate for 5 ½ years, from 1979-1984. While living in N.W. Philadelphia, Donna and David were blessed by the birth of Sarah Elizabeth, July 11, 1982. David's next call was to Trinity Lutheran in Yeadon (Delaware County) where he served from 1984-1995.

In the meantime, Donna, who had been a parochial teacher for several years, before and after she met David, felt called to attend the Lutheran Seminary in Mt. Airy, Philadelphia. She would complete her preparations for the ordained ministry in 1994. After waiting awhile for a call near Yeadon, Donna and David were offered the opportunity to move to a "new demographic land," Upper Bucks County, where they would jointly serve St. Luke's Lutheran, Ferndale and Evangelical Lutheran Church of Durham.

The Deals' joint call ended in 1999. Donna would take a call back to Zion Lutheran in Philadelphia where David had started. She was later called in the Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod, where she would serve congregations in Western Salisbury and Allentown (Redeemer) until retirement in 2019. In 1999, ELCD decided to call David as the pastor there. David has continued to serve their congregation for a total of 26 years.

Before coming to Upper Bucks, David and Donna had been city folk. It was going to be an adjustment to leave the city. But both quickly discovered that the spiritual needs of children, youth, and adults are not that different- whether folks live in cities, suburbs or small towns. Pastor David Deal has been blessed to serve this congregation for 26 years. He is grateful for the support, the partnership, the commitment to ministry, members have demonstrated. It will not be easy to end such a relationship. But God will continue to bless David and Donna, even as God will bless all of you. We give God the glory for all we have experienced together!

Please lift up in prayer the following ...

For Healing of those in our Congregation: Michael Altemus; Joanne & David Antoni; Norma Fox; Virginia Hager; Betty & George Kreitz; Dot Peterman; Silas Rodenbach; Hal Taylor; Carolyn Williams; and Joanne and Bobby Ziegenfuss.

For Healing of Friends and Family: Harry & Terry Bachart; Lynn Bailey; Ron & Kathy Ballek; Jason Bigley; Kelly Bordelon; Phyllis Boyer; Deb Carmichael; Bill Corrigan; Chris Fear; Fred Foerster; Gabriella Froehlich; Ken Garey; Candie Gimbar; Kathy J.; George & Lois James; Virginia Johnson; Mary Ellen Jonczyk; Lauren Keebler; Martine King; Priscilla Kinter; Chelsea Marley; Pat Merkhams; Clint O'Connor; Lisa Pezzino; Donnie Pyne; Connie Rugen; Linda Saunders; David Sebring; Ron Steele; Donna Storm; Russ Trauger; Rocco Vonelli; and Linda Wilson

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

For the Grieving: The families of Brian Ashmore, Jr.; Robert Harman; Craig Hartzell; Ruth Holena; Dean Litzenberger; Elfriede and Manfred Marschewski; The Rhine Family; Randy Rilling; Gerry Seipt; Lewis Snyder; Alex Ulrey; 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