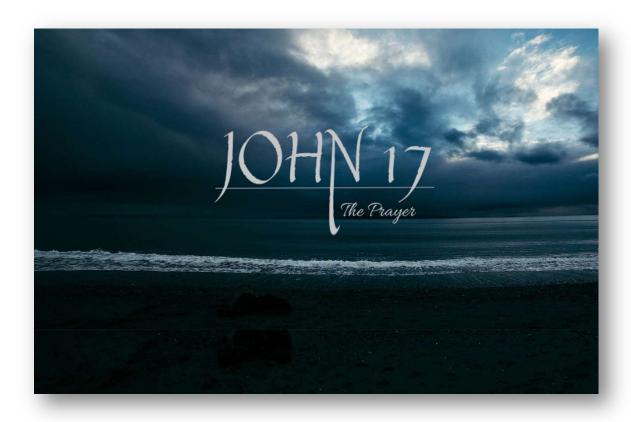
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May 21, 2023 Seventh Sunday of Easter

Introduction to Worship

In these days between Ascension and Pentecost, we gather with the disciples in the upper room, waiting for the Spirit to transform the church around the world. In today's gospel Jesus prays for his followers and for their mission in his name. Amid religious, social, and economic divisions, we seek the unity that Jesus had with his Father. Made one in baptism, we go forth to live our faith in the world, eager for the unity that God intends for the whole human family.

You can find the live stream at the following locations:

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Welcome

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

C: Christ is risen indeed, alleluia

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS (Stand if you are able)

P: In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

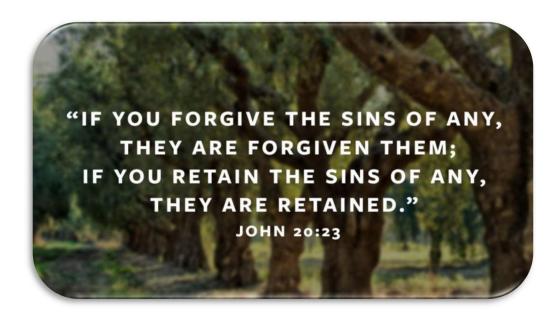
C: Amen.

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another. Most merciful God,

C: we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

P: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.



Gathering Song: ELW 392 Alleluia! Sing to Jesus vs. 1, 2 Alleluia! Sing to Jesus



GREETING

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

C: And also with you.

Kyrie

P: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C: Amen.

Prayer of the Day

L: O God of glory, your Son Jesus Christ suffered for us and ascended to your right hand. Unite us with Christ and each other in suffering and in joy, that all the world may be drawn into your bountiful presence, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

C: Amen

(Please be Seated)

First Reading- Acts 1:6-14

Today's reading is part of the introduction to the narrative of the outpouring of the Spirit on Pentecost. These verses tell of the risen Lord's conversation with his disciples on the eve of his ascension, in which he promises that they will receive the power of the Holy Spirit.

L: A reading from the book of Acts.

⁶When [the apostles] had come together, they asked [Jesus], "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" ⁷He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. ⁸But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." ⁹When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. ¹⁰While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. ¹¹They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."

¹²Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day's journey away. ¹³When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. ¹⁴All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: THANKS BE TO GOD.

Psalm: Psalm 66:8-20

Sing to God, who rides upon the clouds. (Ps. 68:4)

- L: ¹Let God arise, and let God's enemies be scattered; let those who hate God flee.
- C: ²As smoke is driven away, so you should drive them away; as the wax melts before the fire, so let the wicked perish at the presence of God.
- L: ³But let the righteous be glad and rejoice before God; let them also be merry and joyful.
- C: ⁴Sing to God, sing praises to God's name; exalt the one who rides the clouds; I AM is that name, rejoice before God!
- L: ⁵In your holy habitation, O God, you are a father to orphans, defender of widows;
- C: ⁶you give the solitary a home and bring forth prisoners into freedom; but the rebels shall live in desert places.
- L: ⁷O God, when you went forth before your people, when you marched through the wilderness,
- C: 8the earth quaked, and the skies poured down rain, at the presence of God, the God of Sinai, at the presence of God, the God of Israel.
- L: ⁹You sent a bountiful rain, O God; you restored your inheritance when it languished.
- ${\sf C:}\ ^{10}{\sf Your}$ people found their home in it; in your goodness, O God, you have made provision for the poor.
- L: ³²Sing to God, O kingdoms of the earth; sing praises to the Lord.
- C: ³³You ride in the heavens, O God, in the ancient heavens; you send forth your voice, your mighty voice.
- L: ³⁴Ascribe power to God, whose majesty is over Israel; whose strength is in the skies.
- C: ³⁵How wonderful you are in your holy places, O God of Israel, giving strength and power to your people! Blessed be God!

Second Reading: 1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11

Our faith in Christ does not make us immune from the scorn of others. Nevertheless, we are to resist the designs of evil when we experience disparagement from others because we trust God's grace will strengthen and guide us.

A reading from the first letter of Peter:

¹²Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that is taking place among you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. ¹³But rejoice insofar as you are sharing Christ's sufferings, so that you may also be glad and shout for joy when his glory is revealed. ¹⁴If

you are reviled for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the spirit of glory, which is the Spirit of God, is resting on you.

^{5:6}Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, so that he may exalt you in due time. ⁷Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you. ⁸Discipline yourselves, keep alert. Like a roaring lion your adversary the devil prowls around, looking for someone to devour. ⁹Resist him, steadfast in your faith, for you know that your brothers and sisters in all the world are undergoing the same kinds of suffering. ¹⁰And after you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, support, strengthen, and establish you. ¹¹To him be the power forever and ever. Amen.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: THANKS BE TO GOD.

Gospel Acclamation (Please stand if you are able)

C: Alleluia. Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; God's glory fills the whole earth. Alleluia.

The Gospel – John 17:1-11

On the night before his crucifixion, Jesus prays to his heavenly Father, asking that those who continue his work in this world will live in unity.

P: The Gospel according to John.

C: Glory to you, O Lord

¹After Jesus had spoken these words [to his disciples], he looked up to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, ²since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. ³And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. ⁴I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. ⁵So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed.

⁶"I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. ⁷Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; ⁸for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. ⁹I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. ¹⁰All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. ¹¹And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one."

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Children's Sermon / Sermon (please be seated)

Hymn of the Day: ELW 392 Alleluia! Sing to Jesus vs. 3, 4, 5.

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus



Text: William C. Dix, 1837–1898, alt. Music: HYFRYDOL, Rowland H. Prichard, 1811–1887

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 with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic 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.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

P: United in the hope and joy of the resurrection, let us pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

A brief silence.

P: God of harmony, as you drew your son to your side, you draw us to you and unite us with the planet and one another. Weave your church together in a web of mutual love for the sake of the world. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

P: As your Spirit hovered over the waters of creation, so your Spirit hovers over all that you have made. Bless the water that sustains the planet and grant wisdom to use it wisely. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

P: You empower your people with the fire of your Spirit. Challenge activists and organizers, teachers and politicians, and all in leadership to speak a message of peace and justice. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

P: You care for all your children. Show your steadfast love to those suffering isolation, especially exiles, refugees, or prisoners. Break the chains of all held fast by systemic oppression of any kind. Comfort all who are afraid or suffering from illness (especially). Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

- P: We give thanks that humankind serves as your body in the world, stewarding your abundant gifts. Guide this congregation's leaders as they seek your will. We pray for our staff and council (persons can be named). Hear us, O God.
- C: Your mercy is great.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

- P: You raise your saints to new life in Christ. We give you thanks for (Helena and) all your saints who have given us glimpses of your redeeming love. Hear us, O God.
- C: Your mercy is great.
- P: Rejoicing in the victory of Christ's resurrection, we lift our prayers and praise to you, almighty and eternal God; through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.
- C: Amen.

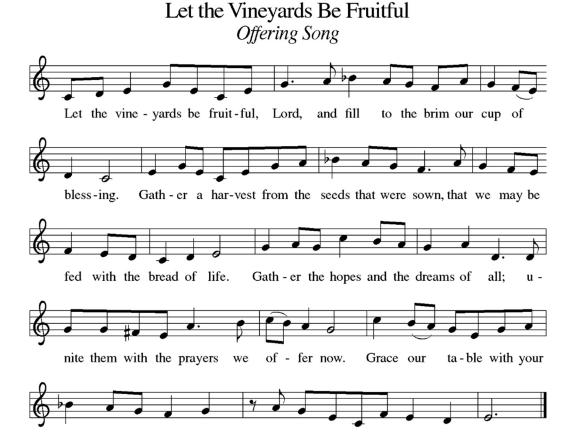
Peace

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

Choir Anthem: So Art Thou to Me - K. Lee Scott

PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS



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us

a fore-taste of the feast

come.

Offering Prayer

- P: Generous God, in this meal you offer your very self. We give thanks for these gifts of the earth. In the breaking of this bread reveal to us the Risen One. In the pouring of this wine pour us out in service to the world; through Christ our Lord.
- C: Amen.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Great Thanksgiving

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Preface (spoken by Pastor)

Sanctus

C: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Eucharistic Prayer (said by Pastor)

Lord's Prayer

P: Let us pray with confidence in the words our Savior gave us:

C: 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

P: Come and know Christ, broken and poured out for you.

C: Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.



By Your Hand You Feed Your People



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Prayer after Communion

P: Gracious God, in you we live and move and have our being. With your word and this meal of grace, you have nourished our life together. Strengthen us to show your love and serve the world in Jesus' name.

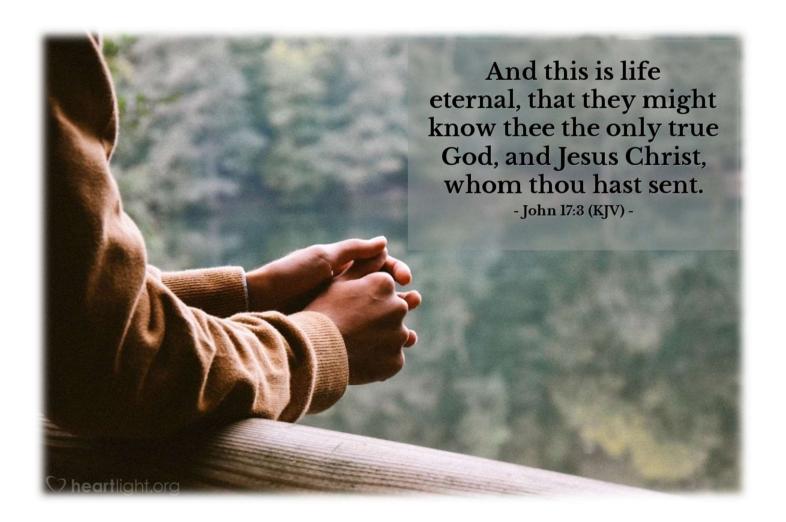
C: Amen

Announcements

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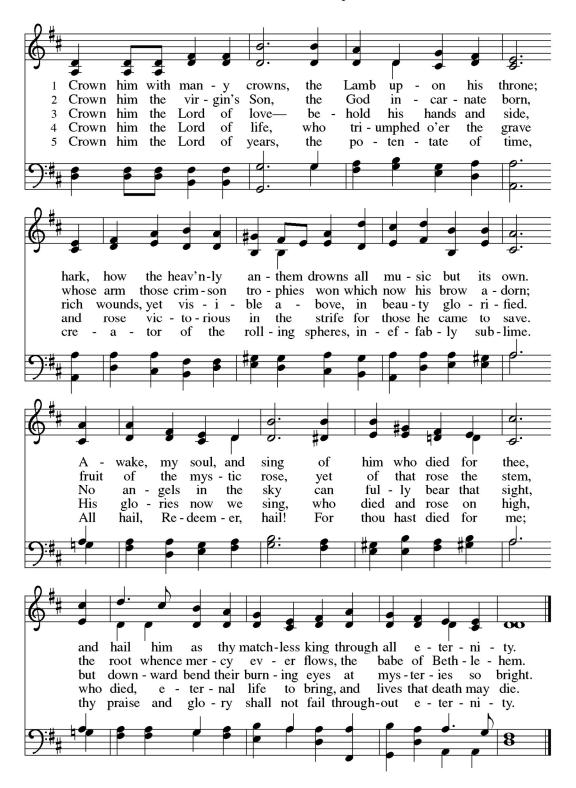
P: The God of all, who raised \oplus Jesus from the dead, bless you by the power of the Holy Spirit to live in the new creation.

C: Amen.



SENDING SONG *ELW* 855 *Crown Him with Many Crowns*

Crown Him with Many Crowns



Text: Matthew Bridges, 1800–1894, sts. 1–3, 5; Godfrey Thring, 1823–1903, st. 4 Music: DIADEMATA, George J. Elvey, 1816–1893

DISMISSAL

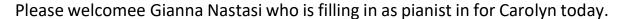
P: Go in peace. Serve the Risen One.

C: Thanks be to God.

ANNOUNCEMENTS BAPTISMS, BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARY

	BIRTHDAYS	ANNIVERSARIES	BAPTISMS
21			Jim Altemose
22			Dianna Streletz
23	Bethany Michl		
24	Brian Ashmore, Sr.		
25	Joel Roney	Sara and Joe Aquino	
26		Kristy Lee and Dane Reiman (11)	
27		Maggie Fischer and Bob Starling (45)	

THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES					
Sunday, May 21	10:30 AM	Worship			
Seventh Sunday of Easter	11:45 AM	Confirmation @ Durham			
Monday, May 22		June / July Newsletter deadline			
Wednesday, May 24	10:00 AM-1:00 PM	Office hours			
	1:00 PM	Book of Acts bible study @ Hlavaty's			
Thursday, May 25	12:00AM-3:00PM	Office hours			
	12:30 PM	Chat-n-Chew			
	6:30 PM	Care-A-Lot Graduation			
UPCOMING ACTIVITIES					
Sunday May 28	10:30 AM	Worship			
Pentecost					
	12:00 PM	Riegelsville American Legion leads			
		ceremony for veterans in the <u>Durham</u>			
		<u>Cemetery</u> .			
Wednesday, May 31	10:00 AM-1:00 PM	Office hours			
	1:00 PM	Book of Acts bible study @ Hlavaty's			
Thursday, June 1	12:00AM-3:00PM	Office hours			
	12:30 PM	Chat-n-Chew			
	6:30 PM	Care-A-Lot Graduation			
Sunday, June 4 9:30 AM		Worship			
The Holy Trinity	(Note new time!)	Confirmation of Chase Aquino			
-,	After Worship	Lemonade on the Lawn			







May Outreach - Our Outreach envelopes for May have been designated for the *CWS Blanket Sunday*. We are also collecting women's personal care items for local food banks. You can sign up on the bulletin board in the narthex to donate a food basket. You can either buy the supplies or Helen Dungan can shop for you.



For Healing of those in our Congregation:

Barbara Altemus; Michael Altemus; Joanne & David Antoni; Brian Ashmore; Helen Dungan; Frank Erceg; George Kreitz; Frank Mammana; Paul McGinn; Cheryl Mesko; Barbara Naska; Bonnie Pyne dePortillo; Donnie Pyne; Ed Xander; Joanne and Bobby Ziegenfuss and Pat Zion.

For Healing of Friends and Family:

Lynn Bailey; Ron & Kathy Ballek; Michael Barats; Anthony Beck; Jason Bigley; Kelly Bordelon; Emma Brown; Melissa Carafa; Deb Carmichael; Stephanie Courtney; Rev. Dennis Durasoff; Nancy Edelen; Diane Ellington; Chris Fear; Cindy Gilligan; Fred Foerster; Gerry Foran; Debbie Gardner; Joann Gary; Candie Gimbar; Baree Lee Goodman; Penni Griffith; Bill Hunt; Lois James & family; Martine King; Tom MacFarland; Chelsea Marley; Jim McAnally; Sean McNulty; Sue Odor; Lucia Otero; Jennifer Phelps; Jean Pratt; Connie Rugen; Linda Saunders; Paul Sauter; Lani Schlegel; Debbie Schultz; David Sebring; Alex Sempt; Shawn Stadt; Pat Stangil; Kay Stokes; Donna Storm; Russ Trauger; Henry Wong and Scotty Yurconis.

For those who are Homebound:

Cleo & Ken Eck; Norma Fox; Betty Kreitz; Phyllis Lanshe; Jayne Miller; Silas Rodenbach; and Hal Taylor.

For families and friends grieving the loss of:

Stan Aagaard; Ollie Butler; Miriam Deal; Anna Gachev-Friedel; LaDonna Gibbs; Susan Gonzales; Cecelia Kukuchka

If you want to add someone to the prayer list or correct or update it, please contact Joan Mammana either by phone (610-258-5717 or 610-417-6553) or by email at: yakkityyak7@gmail.com.

Helping in Worship

Preacher	Pastor James Heckman
Gust Pianist	Gianna Nastasi
Greeter(s)	The Wagner Family
Altar	Barb Naska and Dot Peterman
Acolyte	Samantha Muller
Lector	Linda Sauter
Head / Communion Usher	TBD
Council Counting Team	Becky Praster and Pat Zion
Administration & Technology	Ken Anderson
Custodian	Dianna Streletz