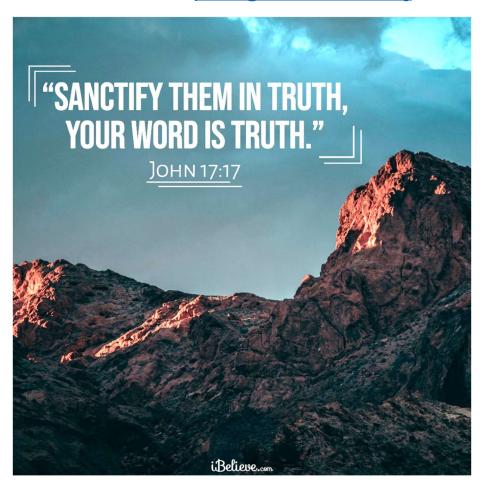
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May 12, 2024 Seventh Sunday of Easter Introduction to Worship

The gospel for Easter's seventh Sunday is always taken from the long prayer Jesus prays for his followers in John's gospel on the night before his death, and always includes Jesus' desire that his followers will be one as he and the Father are one. This oneness is not mere doctrinal agreement or institutional unity, but mutual abiding, interpenetrating life, mutual love, and joy. This oneness is the work of the Spirit whom we have received but also await. Come, Holy Spirit!

You can find the live stream at the following locations:

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Prelude: "Spirit of the Living Lord" – Robert Thygerson

GATHERING

P: Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the LORD

C: Hosanna in the Highest

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

C: Christ is risen indeed, alleluia

Thanksgiving for Baptism

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

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity,

→ one God, the wellspring of grace, our Easter and our joy.

C: Amen.

P: Look, here is water!

Here is our water of life! Alleluia!

P: Immersed in the promises of baptism, let us give thanks for what God has done for us. We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your voice thundered over the deep and water became the essence of life. Adam and Eve beheld Eden's verdant rivers. The ark carried your creation through the flood into a new day. Miriam led the dancing as your people passed through the sea into freedom's land. In a desert pool the Ethiopian official entered your boundless baptismal life. Look, here is water!

C: Here is our water of life! Alleluia!

P: At the river your beloved Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection you opened the floodgates of your reconciling love, freeing us to live as Easter people. We rejoice with glad hearts, giving all honor and praise to you, through the risen Christ, our source of living water, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

C: Amen.

P: Look, here is water!

C: Here is our water of life! Alleluia!



Gathering Hymn: ELW 526 vs. 1-2

God Is Here!



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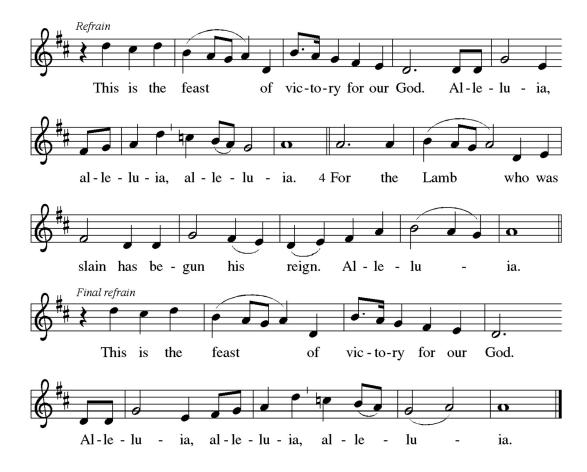
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L: The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Love of God and the community of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you

This is the Feast





Prayer of the Day

L: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

L: Gracious and glorious God, you have chosen us as your own, and by the powerful name of Christ you protect us from evil. By your Spirit transform us and your beloved world, that we may find our joy in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

(Please be Seated)

First Reading- Acts 1:15-17, 21-26

In the days between Jesus' ascension and Pentecost, Peter oversees the process whereby one of the members of the community of believers is chosen to be the twelfth apostle, in order to fill the vacancy created by Judas's treachery and death.

L: A reading from the first chapter of Acts.

¹⁵In those days Peter stood up among the believers (together the crowd numbered about one hundred twenty persons) and said, ¹⁶"Friends, the scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit through David foretold concerning Judas, who became a guide for those who arrested Jesus—¹⁷for he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry." ²¹So one of the men who have accompanied us during all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, ²²beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us—one of these must become a witness with us to his resurrection." ²³So they

proposed two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also known as Justus, and Matthias. ²⁴Then they prayed and said, "Lord, you know everyone's heart. Show us which one of these two you have chosen ²⁵to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place." ²⁶And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias; and he was added to the eleven apostles.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 1

- L: ¹Happy are those who do not follow the advice of the wicked, or take the path that sinners tread, or sit in the seat of scoffers;
- C: ²but their delight is in the law of the LORD, and on his law they meditate day and night.
- L: ³They are like trees planted by streams of water, which yield their fruit in its season, and their leaves do not wither. In all that they do, they prosper.
- C: ⁴The wicked are not so, but are like chaff that the wind drives away.
- L: ⁵Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous;
- C: ⁶for the LORD watches over the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish.

Second Reading: 1 John 5:9-13

God has borne witness to the gift of eternal life in Jesus Christ. Whoever believes in the Son of God believes in the witness of God and has the promise of eternal life.

A reading from the fifth chapter of 1 John:

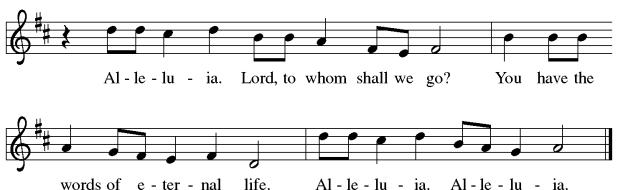
⁹If we receive human testimony, the testimony of God is greater; for this is the testimony of God that he has testified to his Son. ¹⁰Those who believe in the Son of God have the testimony in their hearts. Those who do not believe in God have made him a liar by not believing in the testimony that God has given concerning his Son. ¹¹And this is the testimony: God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. ¹²Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.



Gospel Acclamation



The Gospel – John 17:6-19

In this reading the church hears Jesus' words on the night before his death—his prayer for his disciples and for all who would believe in him through their words.

P: The Gospel according to John, the seventeenth chapter.

C: Glory to you O Lord.

P: [Jesus prayed:] 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; 8 for 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. ¹²While I was with them, I protected them in your name that you have given me. I guarded them, and not one of them was lost except the one destined to be lost, so that the scripture might be fulfilled. ¹³But now I am coming to you, and I speak these things in the world so that they may have my joy made complete in themselves. ¹⁴I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. ¹⁵I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one. ¹⁶They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. ¹⁷Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. ¹⁸As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. ¹⁹And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you O Christ.

Children's Sermon / Sermon (please be seated)

Hymn of the Day: ELW 526 vs. 3-4

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Nicene Creed

- P: With the whole church, let us confess our faith.
- C: 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: You sanctify us in your truth; your word is truth. Send your church out into the world to spread your love and joy. Embolden all bishops, pastors, and deacons (especially) to be faithful ministers of your word and sacraments. God of grace,

A brief silence.

P: Your Holy Spirit falls upon all who hear the word. Fill your church with the gifts of your Spirit and give understanding hearts to those who strengthen our commitments with our ecumenical and interreligious partners. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Your creation groans under the strain of pollution. Preserve melting glaciers and dwindling forests. Bolster those who work for climate justice and help us all to be good and faithful stewards of your creation. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Your people seek wisdom, understanding, and peace. Guide all those who govern and inspire them to work on behalf of the most vulnerable in our midst. Keep safe first responders, those serving in the military, and those whose duty it is to protect others. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Your children need your loving care. Protect them from all harm. Comfort those in any affliction (especially). Support those who grieve and bring solace to those near death. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Your Spirit lives within us here. Inspire the work of this congregation and unite us as one. Bless all the mothers in our midst, console those for whom this day is difficult, and gather us all under the care of your loving wings. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

- P: Your saints dwell with you in light. Keep us ever thankful for those who have gone before us in faith (especially). Inspire us by their witness. God of grace,
- C: hear our prayer.
- P: Into your hands, most merciful God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your abiding love; through Jesus Christ, our resurrected and living Lord.
- C: Amen.

Sharing of the Peace

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

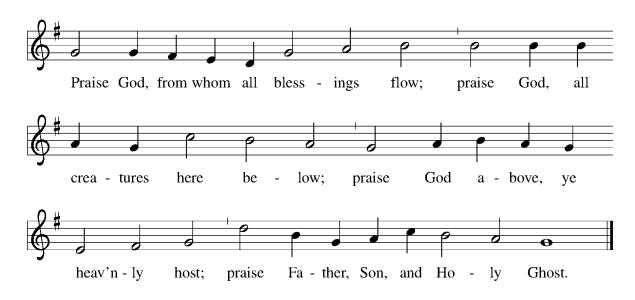
C: And also with you.

OFFERING

Choir Anthem: For All the Faithful Women- WOV 692

PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow



Text: Thomas Ken, 1637-1711, alt.

Music: OLD HUNDREDTH, Louis Bourgeois, 1510-1561

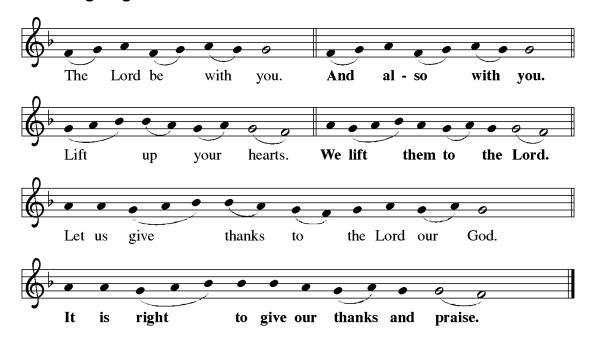
Offering Prayer

P: Risen One, you call us to believe and bear fruit. May the gifts that we offer here be signs of your abiding love. Form us to be your witnesses in the world, through Jesus Christ, our true vine.

C: Amen.

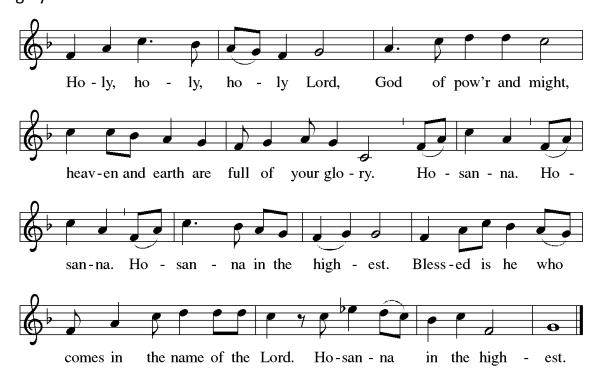
THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Great Thanksgiving



Preface:

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ, the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin; who in dying has destroyed death, and in rising has brought us to eternal life. And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Eucharistic Prayer (said by Pastor)

You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God. You are most holy, and great is the majesty of your glory.

You so loved the world that you gave your only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but have eternal life.

We give you thanks for his coming into the world to fulfill for us your holy will and to accomplish all things for our salvation.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:

Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying:

This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.



Remembering, therefore, his salutary command, his life-giving passion and death, his glorious resurrection and ascension, and the promise of his coming again, we give thanks to you, O Lord God Almighty, not as we ought but as we are able; we ask you mercifully to accept our praise and thanksgiving and with your Word and Holy Spirit to bless us, your servants, and these your own gifts of bread and wine, so that we and all who share in the body and blood of Christ may be filled with heavenly blessing and grace, and, receiving the forgiveness of sin, may be formed to live as your holy people and be given our inheritance with all your saints.

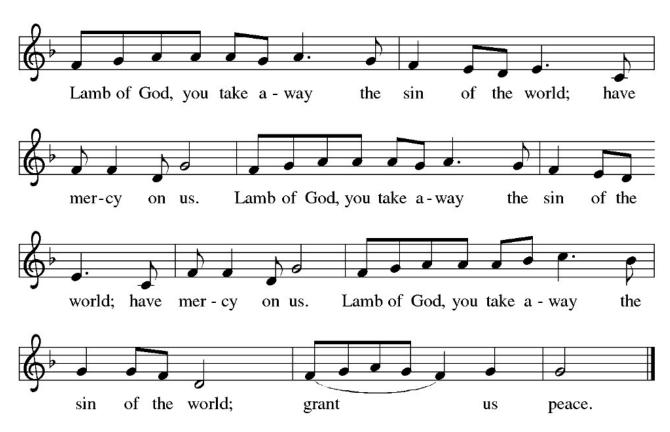
To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever.



- P: Let us pray with confidence in the words our Savior gave us:
- C: 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. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

Invitation to Communion

P: The risen Christ is made known to us in the breaking of the bread. Come and eat at God's table.



Distribution of Bread & Fruits of the Vine (please follow ushers)



Hymn during Communion: ELW 641

All Are Welcome



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Prayer after Communion

P: Shepherding God, you have prepared a table before us and nourished us with your love. Send us forth from this banquet to proclaim your goodness and share the abundant mercy of Jesus, our redeemer and friend.

C: Amen.

Announcements

BLESSING

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

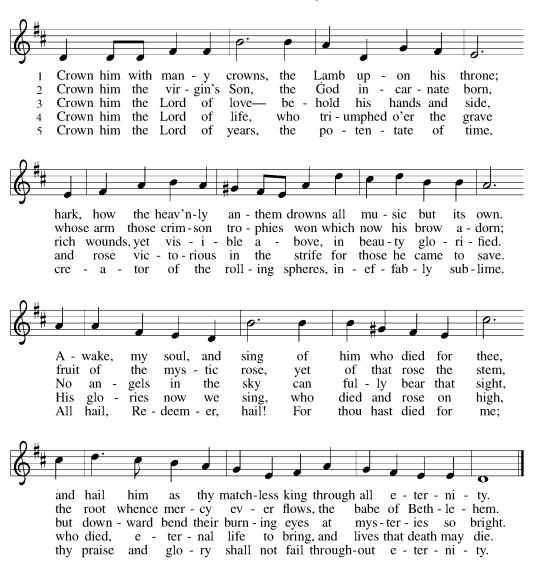
C: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

P: The God of resurrection power, the Christ of unending joy, and the Spirit of Easter hope
+ bless you now and always.

C: Amen.

Sending Song: ELW 855

Crown Him with Many Crowns



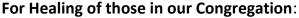
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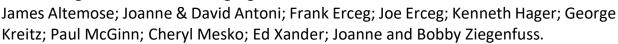
P: Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad.

C: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

Postlude: "Fanfare" – Gary Wirsz

			ANNOUNCEME	NTS		
MAY	BIRTHDAYS		ANNIVERSARIES		BAPTISMS	
	None this week		None this week		None this week	
			THIS WEEK'S ACTI	VITIES		
Sunday, May 12		10	0:00 AM	Communion Worship		
Seventh Sunday of Easter				Mother's Day		
Monday, May 13		7:	:00 PM	Council Meeting		
Wednesday, May 15				NO Choir Practice		
		1	1:00 AM - 2:00 PM	Office Hours		
		1	1:00 AM - 11:15 AM	Care -A-Lot Visit		
		1	2:00 PM	Chat & Chew with Pr. Jim		
Thursday, May 16		10	0:00 AM - 1:00 PM	Office hours		
		1	:00 PM - 3:00 PM	Adult Bible Study @ Hlavaty's		
Friday, May 1		1:	:00 PM – 5:00 PM	Tricky Tray Sale @ St. Peter's		
Thursday, May 17		12	2:00 PM - 2:00 PM			
Saturday, May 18		9:	:00 AM - 12:00 PM	PALM Council Members Retreat		
			UPCOMING ACTIV	/ITIES		
Sunday, May 19		10	0:00 AM	Communion Wo	Communion Worship	
Pentecost				AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM/CONFIRMATION		
				Landon Helfrich & Leo Grzelkowski		
		2:	:00 PM	Linda Kenyon one woman show on Julias		
				Child – St' Luke's	s, Ferndale	
Wednesday, May 22		10	0:00 AM - 11:00 AM	Choir Practice		
			1:00 AM - 2:00 PM	Office Hours		
			1:00 AM - 11:15 AM	Care -A-Lot Visit		
			2:00 PM	Chat & Chew with Pr. Jim		
Thursday, May 23			0:00 AM - 1:00 PM	Office hours		
			:00 PM - 3:00 PM	Adult Bible Study @ Hlavaty's		
			:30 - 7:30 PM		Care-A-Lot Preschool Graduation	
Sunday, May 26			0:00 AM	Communion Worship		
, ,			2:00 PM	Memorial Day service in the cemetery		
Wednesday, May 29			0:00 AM - 11:00 AM	Choir Practice		
			1:00 AM - 2:00 PM	Office Hours		
			2:00 PM	Chat & Chew with Pr. Jim		
Thursday, May 30			0:00 AM - 1:00 PM	Office hours		
		1	:00 PM - 3:00 PM	Adult Bible Study @ Hlavaty's		





For Healing of Friends and Family:

Frank Allebach; Lynn Bailey; Ron & Kathy Ballek; Bob Benoure; Jason Bigley; Stephen Bizon; Sherri Breithoff; Deb Carmichael; Jane Carr; Peggy Coleman; Stephanie Courtney; Nancy Edelen; Diane Ellington; Leon Errico; Fred Foerster; Gabriella Froehlich; Debbie Gardner; Cindy Gilligan; Candie Gimbar; Baree Lee Goodman; Penni Griffith; Andrew Hales; Bill Hunt; Lois James & family; Martine King; Tim Koplin; Jim McAnally; Letitia McCrea; Tom McFarland & Family; Sue Odor; Cindy Oswald; Lucia Otero; Jennifer Phelps; Connie Rugen; Paul Sauter; Debbie Schultz; Laurel Sheetz; Kay Stokes; Russ Trauger; Kelly Walsh; Jacqueline Ward; Dean Erika Wesch; Henry Wong; Josephine Yeisley & Wayne Yeisley.

For those who are Homebound:

Cleo Eck; Norma Fox; Frank Mammana; Jayne Miller; and Silas Rodenbach.

For families and friends grieving the loss of:

Ronald Fox, Rev. Dennis Durasoff; Kenneth Eck, Phyllis Lanshe; Jean Pratt, Charles Reiman

If you want to add or remove someone from the prayer list, please contact Joan Mammana either by phone (610-258-5717 or 610-417-6553) or by email at: prayerchain@durhamlutheran.org



The May Outreach envelope is for CWS Blanket Sunday.



Click the QR Code on the right to Register for the Care-a-Lot 40th Anniversary party on Sunday, June 30th. Please note that the registration deadline is June 9th.



Worship Assistants

Preacher	Rev. James Heckman		
Organist / Choir Director	Carolyn Williams		
Altar Guild	Nancy Moskella & Becky Praster		
Greeter(s)	Nancy Moskella		
Acolyte	Leo Grzelkowski		
Lector	Linda Sauter		
Head / Communion Usher	Mark Harwick		
Council Communion / Counting Team	Bea von Watzdorf & Cathy Mueller		
Administration & Technology	Ken Anderson		
Custodian	Dianna Streletz		