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# May 5, 2024 Sixth Sunday of Easter Introduction to Worship

This Sunday's image of the life the risen Christ shares with us is the image of friendship. We are called to serve others as Jesus came to serve; but for John's gospel, the image of servanthood is too hierarchical, too distant, to capture the essence of life with Christ. Friendship captures the love, the joy, the deep mutuality of the relationship into which Christ invites us. The Greeks believed that true friends are willing to die for each other. This is the mutual love of Christian community commanded by Christ and enabled by the Spirit.

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Prelude: O Sing to the Lord

#### **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 822**

# Oh, Sing to the Lord Cantad al Señor



Text: Brazilian folk song; tr. Gerhard M. Cartford, b. 1923, Spanish and English Music: CANTAD AL SEÑOR, Brazilian folk tune

Spanish and English text @ Gerhard Cartford, admin. Augsburg Fortress.

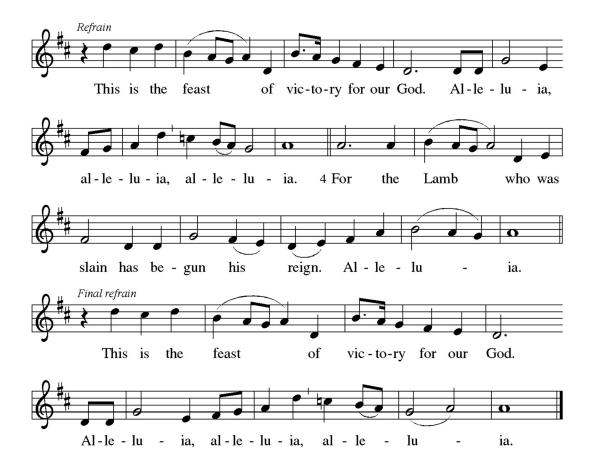
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L: The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Love of God and the community of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

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: O God, you have prepared for those who love you joys beyond understanding. Pour into our hearts such love for you that, loving you above all things, we may obtain your promises, which exceed all we can desire; through Jesus Christ, your Son and our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

#### C: Amen.

(Please be Seated)

#### First Reading- Acts 10:44-48

While Peter shares the good news of Jesus with a Gentile soldier and his family, the Holy Spirit comes upon them. Recognizing that the Spirit works inclusively in the lives of both Jews and Gentiles, Peter commands that these Gentiles also be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ.

L: A reading from the tenth chapter of Acts.

<sup>44</sup>While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. <sup>45</sup>The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, <sup>46</sup>for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, <sup>47</sup>"Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?" <sup>48</sup>So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

- L: The Word of the Lord.
- C: Thanks be to God.

#### Psalm 98

- L: <sup>1</sup>O sing to the LORD a new song, for he has done marvelous things. His right hand and his holy arm have gotten him victory.
- C: <sup>2</sup>The LORD has made known his victory; he has revealed his vindication in the sight of the nations.
- L: <sup>3</sup>He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel. All the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.
- C: <sup>4</sup>Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth; break forth into joyous song and sing praises.
- L: <sup>5</sup>Sing praises to the LORD with the lyre, with the lyre and the sound of melody.
- C: <sup>6</sup>With trumpets and the sound of the horn make a joyful noise before the King, the LORD.
- L: <sup>7</sup>Let the sea roar, and all that fills it; the world and those who live in it.
- C: 8Let the floods clap their hands; let the hills sing together for joy 9at the presence of the LORD, for he is coming to judge the earth.
- L: He will judge the world with righteousness, and the peoples with equity.

## Second Reading: 1 John 5:1-6

God's children believe that Jesus is the Messiah and love God by keeping God's commandments. Thus the world is conquered not through military might but through love and faith.

A reading from the fifth chapter of 1 John:

<sup>1</sup>Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. <sup>2</sup>By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. <sup>3</sup>For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, <sup>4</sup>for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. <sup>5</sup>Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

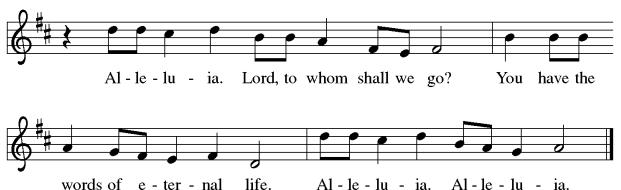
<sup>6</sup>This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.



## **Gospel Acclamation**



The Gospel – John 15: 9-17

On the night of his arrest, Jesus delivers a final testimony to his disciples to help them in the days ahead. Here, he repeats the most important of all his commands, that they love one another.

P: The Gospel according to John the fifteenth chapter.

C: Glory to you O Lord.

P: [Jesus said:] <sup>9</sup>"As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. <sup>10</sup>If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. <sup>11</sup>I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

<sup>12</sup>"This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. <sup>13</sup>No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. <sup>14</sup>You are my friends if you do what I command you. <sup>15</sup>I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. <sup>16</sup>You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. <sup>17</sup>I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another."

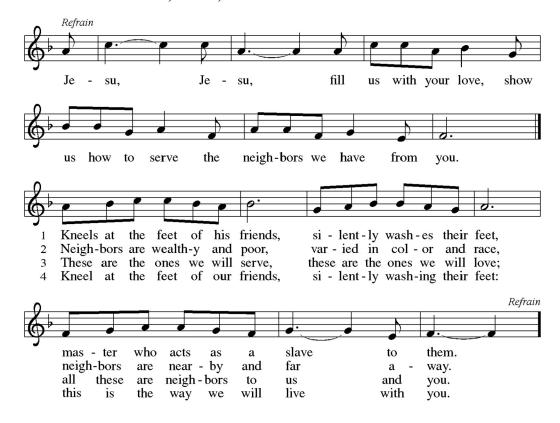
P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Glory to you O Christ.

**Sermon** (please be seated)

## Hymn of the Day: ELW 708

## Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love



Text: Tom Colvin, 1925-2000, alt.

Music: CHEREPONI, Ghanaian folk tune, adapt. Tom Colvin
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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: Rejoicing that Jesus is risen and love has triumphed over fear, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need of good news.

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: You speak and the face of the earth is renewed. Revive your creation, that habitats and every kind of living thing might flourish. Protect endangered species and help us to care for all your creatures. God of grace,

## C: hear our prayer.

P: Your world is divided and the nations rage. Grant wisdom and vision to world leaders, that they may seek justice, peace, and the good of all. Strengthen international partnerships and cooperation. God of grace,

## C: hear our prayer.

P: Your children are in need. Comfort all those who suffer, especially those afflicted by anxiety, depression, and mental illness. (*We pray especially for....*) Help us to be conduits of your love in our care for one another. God of grace,

## C: hear our prayer.

P: Your work is done in this place with our hands. Bless the ministries of this congregation, that we may embody your love for the world. Inspire those who plan and lead worship, council members, committee members, and volunteers. God of grace,

## C: hear our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

P: Your blessed saints now rest in you. Give us thankful hearts for those who have gone before us (especially). At the last, bring us all together around your heavenly banquet table. 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.

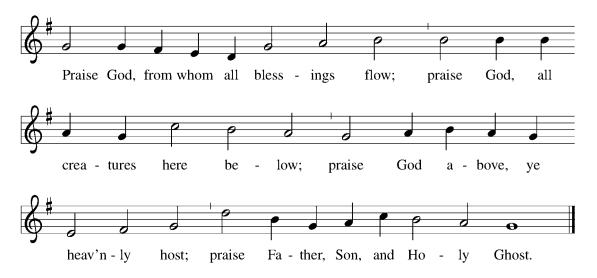
C: And also with you.

#### **OFFERING**

Choir Anthem: If You Love Me – John Ness Beck

#### PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS

## Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow



Text: Thomas Ken, 1637–1711, alt. Music: OLD HUNDREDTH, Louis Bourgeois, 1510–1561

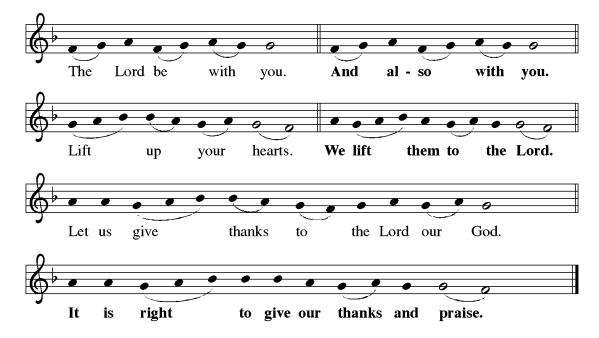
## **Offering Prayer**

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.

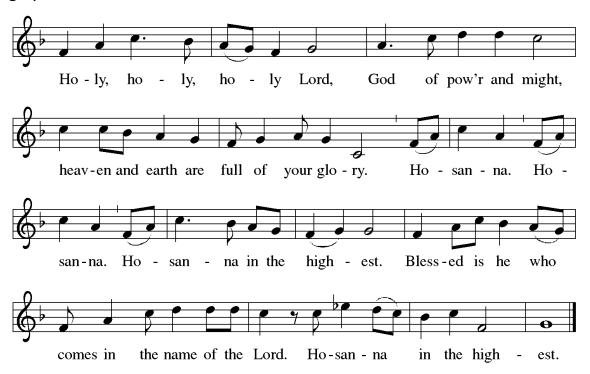
## THE HOLY COMMUNION

## 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.



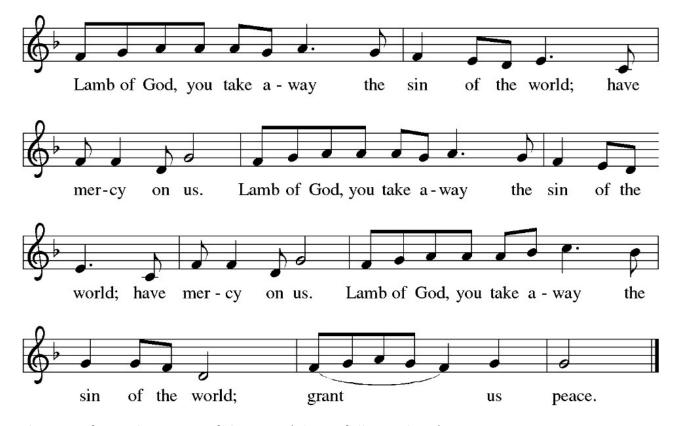
P: Let us pray with confidence in the words our Savior gave us:

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.





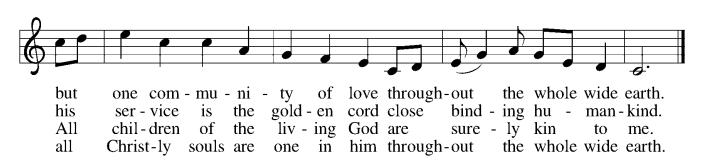
Distribution of Bread & Fruits of the Vine (please follow ushers)

**Hymn during Communion: ELW 650** 

# In Christ There Is No East or West



- 1 In Christ there is no east or west, in him no south or north,
- 2 In Christ shall true hearts ev-'ry-where their high com-mu nion find;
- 3 Join hands, dis ci ples of the faith, what-e'er your race may be.
- 4 In Christ now meet both east and west, in him meet south and north;



Text: John Oxenham, 1852-1941, alt.

Music: MCKEE, African American spiritual; adapt. Harry T. Burleigh, 1866–1949

## **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!

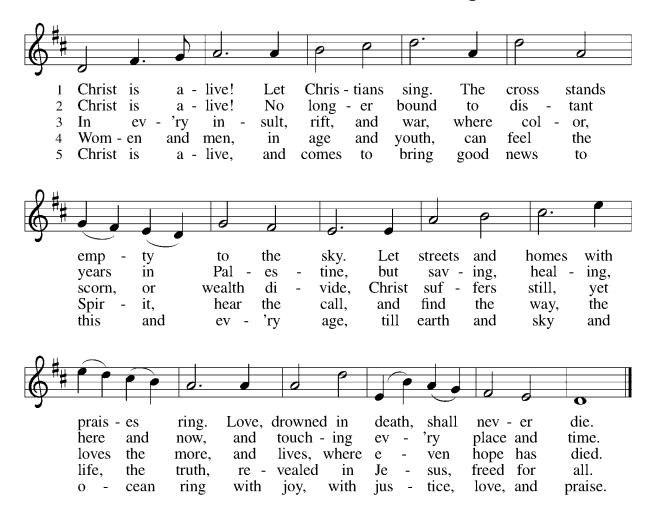
C: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

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 367** 

## Christ Is Alive! Let Christians Sing



Text: Brian A. Wren, b. 1936

Music: TRURO, T. Williams, Psalmodia Evangelica, 1789

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## **DISMISSAL**

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

C: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

Postlude:

<u>ANNOUNCEMENTS</u>								
MY	BIRTHDAYS		ANNIVERSARIES		BAPTISMS			
5	Hunter Aquino							
6	5		Kris & Wes Simmons					
9			Barbara and Ben Naska Sr (54)					
THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES								
Sunday, May 5 1		0:00 AM	Communion Wo	prship				
Sixth Sunday of Easter		5	:00 PM	Faith Conversations after Worship Confirmation Class at Durham (LAST CLASS OF YEAR)				
Monday, May 6		7	:00 PM	PALM Meeting (	Neeting @ Upper Tinicum			
Wednesday, May 8		1 1 1	0:00 AM - 11:00 AM 1:00 AM - 2:00 PM 1:00 AM - 11:15 AM 2:00 PM 2:30 - 2:00 PM :00 PM	Christian Educat	Office Hours			
Thursday, May 9			0:00 AM - 1:00 PM	Office hours				
			:00 PM - 3:00 PM		Adult Bible Study @ Hlavaty's			
Friday, Ma	Friday, May 10		0:00 AM		WELCA meeting @ Hlavaty's			
			UPCOMING ACTIV	/ITIES	·			
Sunday, May 12		1	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 1:00 AM - 11:15 AM 2:00 PM	Office Hours Care -A-Lot Visit Chat & Chew with Pr. Jim				
Thursday, May 16		0:00 AM - 1:00 PM :00 PM - 3:00 PM	Office hours					
Saturday, May 18 9:		:00 AM - 12:00 PM	PALM Council M	PALM Council Members Retreat				
		0:00 AM	Communion Wo	Communion Worship				
Pentecost				F BAPTISM/CONFIRMATION & Leo Grzelkowski				
1   1		0:00 AM - 11:00 AM 1:00 AM - 2:00 PM 1:00 AM - 11:15 AM 2:00 PM	Choir Practice Office Hours Care -A-Lot Visit Chat & Chew with Pr. Jim					
Thursday, May 23		1	0:00 AM - 1:00 PM	Office hours				

	1:00 PM - 3:00 PM	Adult Bible Study @ Hlavaty's	
	6:30 - 7:30 PM	Care-A-Lot Preschool Graduation	
Sunday, May 26	10:00 AM	Communion Worship	
Trinity Sunday	12:00 PM	Memorial Day service in the cemetery	



#### For Healing of those in our Congregation:

James Altemose; Joanne & David Antoni; Frank Erceg; Joe Erceg; Kenneth Hager; George Kreitz; Paul McGinn; Cheryl Mesko; Ed Xander; Joanne and Bobby Ziegenfuss.

## 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; Regina Ward; Dean Erika Wesch; Henry Wong; Josephine Yeisley & Wayne Yeisley.

#### For those who are Homebound:

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

#### For families and friends grieving the loss of:

Ronald Fox, Rev. Dennis Durasoff; Kenneth Eck, 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: <a href="mailto:prayerchain@durhamlutheran.org">prayerchain@durhamlutheran.org</a>



The May Outreach envelope is for CWS Blanket Sunday.



Click the QR Code on the right to Register for the Cew-Lot 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary party on Sunday, June 30<sup>th</sup>. Please note that the registration deadline is June 9<sup>th</sup>.



## **Worship Assistants**

Preacher	Linda Sauter	
Organist / Choir Director	Carolyn Williams	
Altar Guild	Nancy Moskella & Becky Praster	
Greeter(s)	Josephine Williams	
Acolyte	Landon Helfrich	
Lector	Becky Praster	
Head / Communion Usher		
Council Communion / Counting Team	Bea von Watzdorf & Cathy Mueller	
Administration & Technology	Ken Anderson	
Custodian	Dianna Streletz	