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Fifth Sunday of Easter/ Care-A-Lot Sunday

Easter initiates a new day. It anticipates a new heaven and a new earth. The risen Christ is making all things new. In the mystery of holy baptism God has made new people of us. Today Jesus invites us to see everyone in a new light—through the lens of love.

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Prelude: Crown Him With Many Crowns - Elvey

GATHERING

P: The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

(Stand if you are able)

(All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism as the pastor begins)

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

C: Christ is risen, indeed. Alleluia!

P: In the name of ✙ the One who was, who is, and who is to come.

C: Amen.

P: Baptized into Christ's death and resurrection, and called to live the baptized life, let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism.

(baptismal water may be poured)

P: Holy God, we give you thanks for the waters of baptism, waters that make a people your own, that restore to wholeness, and empower us to be witnesses in your name. Baptized into you, O Living One,

C: make us one as you are one.

P: We give you thanks for the waters of baptism, waters that strengthen believers and give new life to beloved servants of your church; waters that extend your boundless love and cross barriers of our own making. Baptized into you, O Living One,

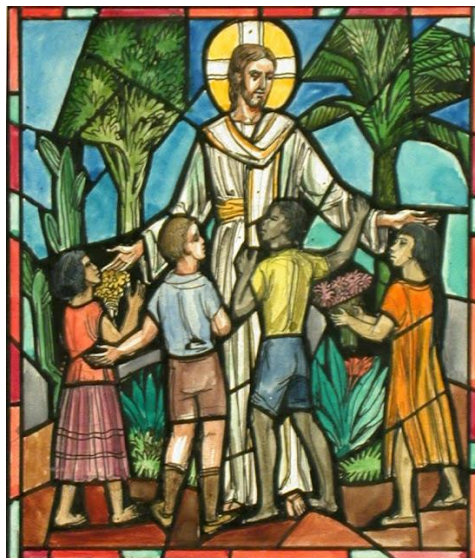
C: make us one as you are one.

P: We give you thanks for the waters of baptism, waters that open the hearts of believers and give a voice in the night to those in captivity; waters that set your people on a new path, rejoicing in the Spirit's power. Baptized into you, O Living One,

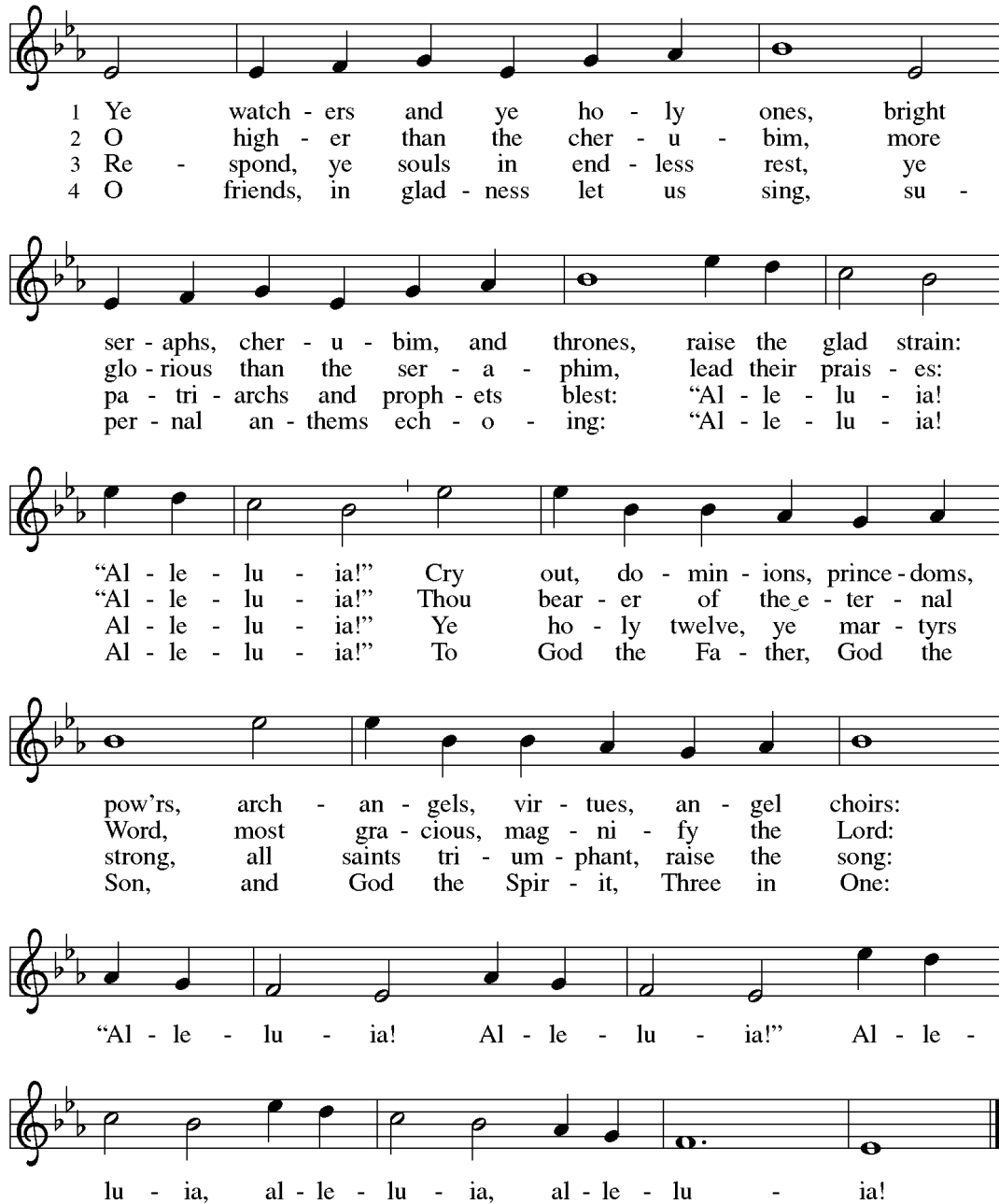
C: make us one as you are one.

P: Grant us grace, love, and life, O Living One that our every day is shaped by these waters that give us our very lives in you. We ask this in the name of Jesus, the Crucified and Risen One ,

C: Amen



Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones



1 Ye watch - ers and ye ho - ly ones, bright
 2 O high - er than the cher - u - bim, more
 3 Re - spond, ye souls in end - less rest, ye
 4 O friends, in glad - ness let us sing, su -

ser - aphs, cher - u - bim, and thrones, raise the glad strain:
 glo - rious than the ser - a - phim, lead their prais - es:
 pa - tri - archs and proph - ets blest: "Al - le - lu - ia!
 per - nal an - thems ech - o - ing: "Al - le - lu - ia!

"Al - le - lu - ia!" Cry out, do - min - ions, prince - doms,
 "Al - le - lu - ia!" Thou bear - er of the e - ter - nal
 Al - le - lu - ia!" Ye ho - ly twelve, ye mar - tyrs
 Al - le - lu - ia!" To God the Fa - ther, God the

pow'rs, arch - an - gels, vir - tues, an - gel choirs:
 Word, most gra - cious, mag - ni - fy the Lord:
 strong, all saints tri - um - phant, raise the song:
 Son, and God the Spir - it, Three in One:

"Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!"

lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!"

Text: J. Athelstan Riley, 1858–1945

Music: LASST UNS ERFREUEN, *Geistliche Kirchengesänge*, Köln, 1623

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P: 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

Prayer of the Day

L: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

O Lord God, you teach us that without love, our actions gain nothing. Pour into our hearts your most excellent gift of love, that, made alive by your Spirit, we may know goodness and peace, through 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 11: 1-18

In defense of his earlier baptism of non-Jewish believers, Peter demonstrates to the members of the Jerusalem church that God's intention to love Gentiles as well as Jews is revealed in Jesus' testimony. In this way the mission to the Gentiles is officially authorized.

L: A reading from the eleventh chapter of Acts.

¹ Now the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God.

² So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, ³ saying, "Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?" ⁴ Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, ⁵ "I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me. ⁶ As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. ⁷ I also heard a voice saying to me, 'Get up, Peter; kill and eat.' ⁸ But I replied, 'By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth.' ⁹ But a second time the voice answered from heaven, 'What God has made clean, you must not call profane.' ¹⁰ This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. ¹¹ At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. ¹² The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man's house. ¹³ He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, 'Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; ¹⁴ he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved.' ¹⁵ And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. ¹⁶ And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, 'John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.' ¹⁷ If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?" ¹⁸ When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, "Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life."

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm: Psalm 148

L: ¹ Hallelujah! Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise God in the heights.

C: ² **Praise the Lord, all you angels; sing praise, all you hosts of heaven.**

L: ³ Praise the Lord, sun and moon; sing praise, all you shining stars.

C: ⁴ **Praise the Lord, heaven of heavens, and you waters above the heavens.**

L: ⁵ Let them praise the name of the Lord, who commanded, and they were created,

C: ⁶ **who made them stand fast forever and ever, giving them a law that shall not pass away.**

L: ⁷ Praise the Lord from the earth, you sea monsters and all deeps;

C: ⁸ **fire and hail, snow and fog, tempestuous wind, doing God's will;**

L: ⁹ mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars;

C: ¹⁰ **wild beasts and all cattle, creeping things and flying birds;**

L: ¹¹ sovereigns of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of the world;

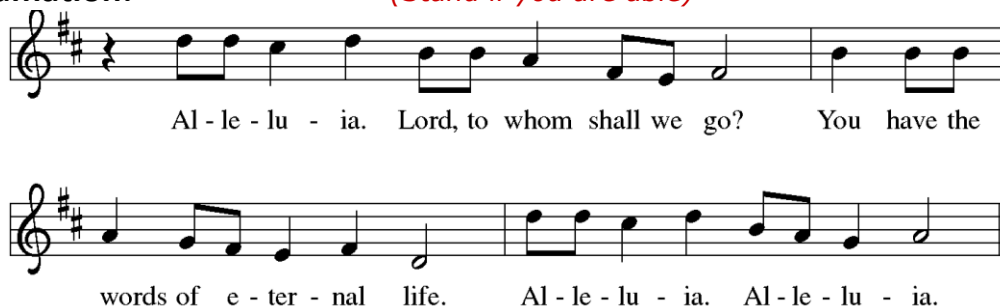
C: ¹² **young men and maidens, old and young together.**

L: ¹³ Let them praise the name of the Lord, whose name only is exalted, whose splendor is over earth and heaven.

C: ¹⁴ **The Lord has raised up strength for the people and praise for all faithful servants, the children of Israel, a people who are near the Lord. Hallelujah!**

Gospel Acclamation:

(Stand if you are able)



The Gospel: John 13:31-35

After washing the disciples' feet, predicting his betrayal, and then revealing his betrayer, Jesus speaks of his glorification on the cross. This deep complicated love of Jesus, even to death on the cross, will be the distinctive mark of Jesus' community.

P: The holy gospel according to John, the thirteenth chapter.

C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

P: ³¹ When he had gone out, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. ³² If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. ³³ Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, 'Where I am going, you cannot come.' ³⁴ I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. ³⁵ By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

P: The gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Care-A-Lot Children's Songs

Children's Sermon / Sermon (please be seated)

Hymn of the Day: ELW 482

(Stand if you are able)

I Come with Joy



1 I come with joy, a child of God, for - giv - en, loved, and
2 I come with Chris - tians far and near to find, as all are
3 As Christ breaks bread, and bids us share, each proud di - vi - sion
4 The Spir - it of the ris - en Christ, un - seen, but ev - er
5 To - geth - er met, to - geth - er bound by all that God has



free, the life of Je - sus to re - call in
fed, the new com - mu - ni - ty of love in
ends. The love that made us, makes us one, and
near, is in such friend - ship bet - ter known, a -
done, we'll go with joy, to give the world the



love laid down for me, in love laid down for me.
Christ's com - mu - nion bread, in Christ's com - mu - nion bread.
strang - ers now are friends, and strang - ers now are friends.
live a - mong us here, a - live a - mong us here.
love that makes us one, the love that makes us one.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

The pastor will read the first and last prayer, those in the congregation are invited to read the other prayer aloud as they feel called. The congregation may turn and face the aisle.

P: God of resurrection and new life, we come before you in prayer for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

A brief silence.

Fill the church with the spirit of your redeeming love. Make us steadfast in our proclamation of your grace for all people without exceptions, especially those often overlooked in our communities. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

Awaken joy in the beauty and abundance of your creation. Show us the wonder of your presence from the smallest flower to the tallest tree. Recommit us to preservation of wild places. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

Instruct all world leaders to protect the most vulnerable among us. Guide those in power toward equitable and just economic policies, so that all might have sufficient resources to live safely and with dignity. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

Pour out your love on all in need of care: those mourning losses, enduring trauma, experiencing broken relationships, yearning for companionship, or facing illness (*especially*). Wipe away every tear. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

Abide with all who are victims of racism, especially people who are doubly marginalized because of gender, sexuality, or ability. Destroy all forms of systemic oppression, and renew our commitment to healing the wounds of our collective body in this community and beyond. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

We give thanks for all the saints whose lives bear witness to your redeeming love. Guide us by their example, until we join them in your eternal home. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

P: We commend these and all our prayers to you, O God, trusting that you are always with us; in the name of Jesus Christ, our risen Savior.

C: Amen.

Sharing of the Peace

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

C: And also with you.

OFFERING

Today in addition to our monthly outreach envelope offering, our loose offering and extra checks will be given to the Preschool Scholarship Fund. Please make checks out to "Evangelical Lutheran Church of Durham" and put on the memo line "Care-A-Lot."

Choir Anthem: "I Know That My Redeemer Lives" – Arr. Austin Lovelace

PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS

I'm So Glad Jesus Lifted Me

The musical score is written on three staves in G major (one sharp). The melody is simple and repetitive, using eighth and quarter notes. The lyrics are arranged in three lines, with the first line having three parts and the second and third lines having two parts each.

1 I'm so glad I'm so glad
2 Sa - tan had me bound, Je - sus lift - ed me. Sa - tan had me bound,
3 When I was in trou - ble, When I was in trou - ble,

Je - sus lift - ed me. I'm so glad
Sa - tan had me bound, Je - sus lift - ed me,
When I was in trou - ble,

sing - ing glo - ry, hal - le - lu - jah! Je - sus lift - ed me.

Text: African American spiritual
Music: JESUS LIFTED ME, African American spiritual

Offering Prayer

P: Risen One, you have gathered us around your table of grace along with these gifts we bring. Come among us again, breathe your life into us, and enliven us with this meal, that we may live as your risen body in the world.

C: Amen.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE (said by Pastor)

P: 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.

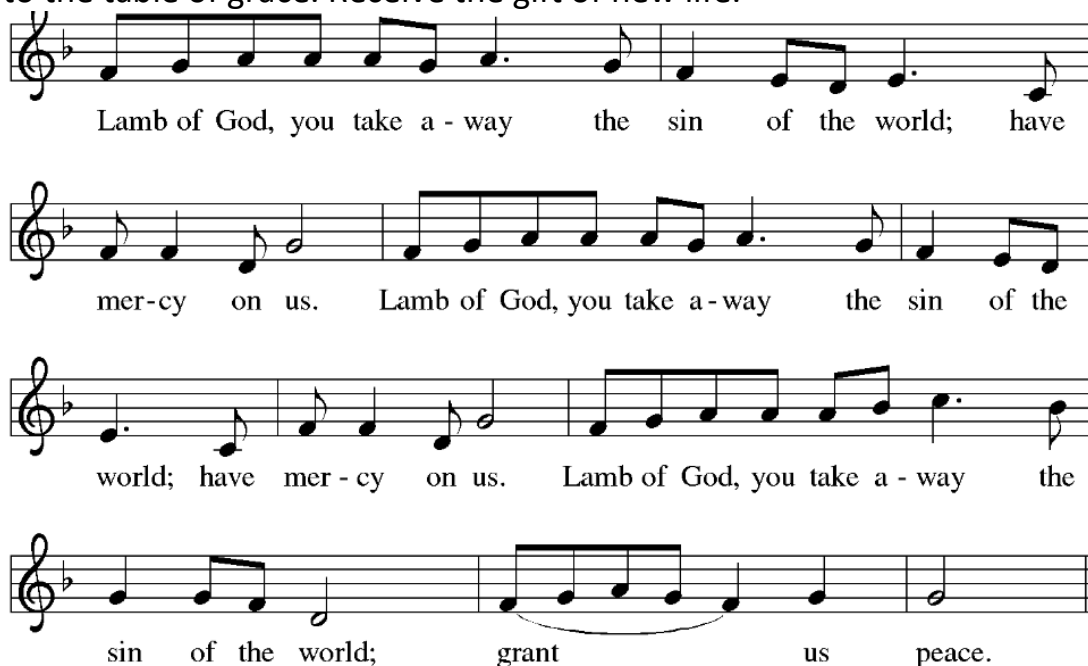
Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

P: Let us pray with confidence in the words our Savior taught 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 to the table of grace. Receive the gift of new life.



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have

mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the

world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the

sin of the world; grant us peace.

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



SONG DURING COMMUNION: ELW 359

Where Charity and Love Prevail



- 1 Where char - i - ty and love pre - vail, there God is ev - er found;
- 2 With grate - ful joy and ho - ly fear, God's char - i - ty we learn;
- 3 Let us re - call that in our midst dwells Christ, God's ho - ly Son;
- 4 Let strife a - mong us be un - known; let all con - ten - tions cease.
- 5 Let us for - give each oth - er's faults as we our own con - fess,



brought here to - geth - er by Christ's love, by love we thus are bound.
 let us with heart and mind and soul now love God in re - turn.
 as mem - bers of each bod - y joined, in him we are made one.
 Be God's the glo - ry that we seek; be his our on - ly peace.
 that we may love each oth - er well in Chris - tian gen - tle - ness.

Text: Latin hymn, 9th cent.; tr. Omer Westendorf, 1916–1997, alt.

Music: TWENTY-FOURTH, attr. Lucius Chapin, 1760–1842

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Prayer after Communion

P: Living One, in this feast you have made yourself known to us. Send us now to tell of your wonders, sing of your glory, and proclaim your risen life to a wounded and weary world.

C: Amen.

Announcements

BLESSING

P: The triune God, who was, who is, and who is to come, Sovereign, ✠ Savior, and Spirit, light your way with resurrection dawn, now and always.

C: Amen

Sending Song: ELW 366

The Strife Is O'er, the Battle Done



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!



1 The strife is o'er, the bat - tle done; now is the vic - tor's
2 The pow'rs of death have done their worst; Je - sus their le - gions
3 The three sad days have quick - ly sped, Christ ris - es glo - rious
4 Christ closed the yawn - ing gates of hell; the bars from heav'n's high
5 Lord, by the stripes which wound-ed you, from death's sting free your



tri - umph won! Now be the song of praise be - gun. Al - le - lu - ia!
has dis - persed. Let shouts of ho - ly joy out - burst. Al - le - lu - ia!
from the dead. All glo - ry to our ris - en head! Al - le - lu - ia!
por - tals fell. Let hymns of praise his tri - umph tell. Al - le - lu - ia!
ser - vants too, that we may live and sing to you. Al - le - lu - ia!

After the final stanza



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Text: *Symphonia Sirenum*, Köln, 1695; tr. Francis Pott, 1832–1909

Music: VICTORY, Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina, 1525–1594; arr. William H. Monk, 1823–1889

DISMISSAL

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

C: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

P: Go in peace. In Christ you are made new. Alleluia! Alleluia!

C: Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!



Our Outreach envelopes for May are going towards blankets for Lutheran Disaster Relief.

ANNOUNCEMENTS			
MAY	BIRTHDAYS	ANNIVERSARIES	BAPTISMS
19	Annabel Williams		
21	Joe Aquino		Jim Altemose
22			Dianna Streletz
23	Bethany Michl		
24	Brian Ashmore, Sr.		
THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES			
Sunday, May 18 Fifth Sunday of Easter Care-A-Lot Sunday	9:15 AM 10:00 AM After Worship After Lem. On Lawn 5:00 - 7:00 PM	Adult Sunday School in Library Communion Worship @Durham Lemonade on the Lawn provided by Hospitality Worship and Music Committee Metting Confirmation @ Trinity Pleasant Valley	
Monday, May 19	1:00 PM- 3:00 PM	Admin Office Hours	
Wednesday, May 21	10:00 AM - 2:00 PM 10:00 AM	Admin Office Hours Mid-Week Choir Rehearsal	
Thursday, May 22	10:00 AM - 1:00 PM 12:00 PM 1:00 - 3:00 PM 6:30 PM	Office hours Chat & Chew with Pr. Jim Adult Bible Study @ Hlavaty's Care-A-Lot Graduation	
UPCOMING ACTIVITIES			
Sunday, May 25 Sixth Sunday of Easter Baptism	9:15 AM 10:00 AM After Worship	Adult Sunday school in the library Communion Worship Kids Choir Rehearsal Lemonade on the Lawn	
Monday, May 26	Memorial Day	No Office Hours NEWSLETTER DEADLINE	
Wednesday, May 28	10:00 AM - 2:00 PM 10:00 AM	Office Hours Mid-week Choir Rehearsal	
Thursday, May 29	10:00 AM - 1:00 PM 12:00 PM 1:00 - 3:00 PM	Office Hours Chat & Chew with Pr. Jim Adult Bible Study @ Hlavaty's	
Friday, May 30		"Ponder Anew" SEPA Synod Assembly @ Trinity Lutheran Church in Lansdale	
Saturday, May 31		"Ponder Anew" SEPA Synod Assembly @ Trinity Lutheran Church in Lansdale	
Sunday, June 1 Seventh Sunday of Easter	9:15 AM 10:00 AM After Worship 5:00 PM- 7:00 PM	Adult Sunday school in the library. Communion Worship Lemonade on the Lawn Confirmation @ St. Luke Ferndale	
Monday, June 2	1:00 PM- 3:00 PM	Admin Office Hours	
Wednesday, June 4	10:00 AM - 2:00 PM 10:00 AM	Office Hours Mid-Week Choir Rehearsal	
Thursday, June 5	10:00 AM - 1:00 PM 12:00 PM 1:00 - 3:00 PM 7:00 PM	Office Hours Chat & Chew with Pr. Jim Adult Bible Study @ Hlavaty's PALM Meeting @ Durham	



For Healing of those in our Congregation:

David Antoni; Esther Crouse; George Kreitz; Paul McGinn; Cheryl Mesko; Barbara Naska; Joanne Ziegenfuss

For Healing of Friends and Family:

Frank Allebach; Phyllis Allebach; Bob Benoure; Jason Bigley; Stephen Bizon; Clay Butler; Deb Carmichael; Jane Carr; Peggy Coleman; Stephanie Courtney; Dan Crooke; David Davis; Nancy Davis; Nancy Edelen; Carol and Leon Errico; Gabriella Froehlich; Barbara Foster;

Debbie Gardner; Candie Gimbar; Baree Lee Goodman; Jason Gourley; Penni Griffith; Andrew Hales; Krista Heyer; Penny Houck; Bill Hunt; Lois James & family; Martine King; Tim Koplin; Jim McAnally; Charleigh McCade; Letitia McCrea; Connor McDevitt; Patrick McNaulty; Stacy Mechum; Nancy Morris; Bradley Mundt; Sue Odor; Lucia Otero; Leslie Patience; Jennifer Phelps; Dennis Phillipps; Adrienne Rozzi; Connie Rugen; Tammy Sassman; Paul Sauter; Laurel Sheetz; Holly Snyder; Donna Storm; Edward Thaler; Russ Trauger; Joe V.; Kelly Walsh; Jacqueline Ward; Dean Erika Wesch; Henry Wong; Wayne Yeisley; Barbara Yob.

For those who are Homebound:

James Altemose; Cleo Eck; Jayne Miller.

For families and friends grieving the loss of:

Doris Calverley; Fred Foerster; Norma Fox ;Kenneth Hager; Vivian Harwick; Frank Mammana; Silas Rodenbach; Bart Shaw; Ed Xander and Bobby Ziegenfuss

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: joanmammana@icloud.com

Worship Assistants

Preacher	Rev. James Heckman
Organist/Choir Director	Carolyn Williams
Altar Guild	Linda Sauter and Scott Gaun
Greeter(s)	Lilly O'Brien
Acolyte	Colton Wagner
Lector	Scott Gaun
Head / Communion Usher	
Council Communion	Dealers' choice
Counting Team	Kathy Hlavaty, Miriam Anderson and Pat Zion
Technology & Livestreaming	Ken Anderson
Administrative	Kathryn Wagner
Custodian	Dianna Streletz