

Welcome to House of Prayer Lutheran Church

“My house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples.”

Isaiah 56:7b



Seventh Sunday of Easter

May 24, 2020

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.

++ Please be sure cell phones are turned off during the worship service as they can interfere with the sound system. Thank you. ++

To Our Visitors

Welcome to worship! Whether you are Lutheran or not, if you desire to receive the body and blood of Christ, you are welcome at the Lord's table. If you have no church home in the area, we invite you to worship again with us and join in our Christian fellowship, education and service activities. Please introduce yourself to Pastor Henry at the conclusion of the service, sign our guest sheet located in the foyer and join us in the Parish Hall for coffee & fellowship following worship. The Church is handicapped accessible and hearing assistance is available. Please see an usher for a receiver. A copy of today's sermon is available from the ushers.

Worship Assistants

*Ushers
Acolyte
Communion Assistants
& Cross Bearer
Reader
Cantor
Coffee & Refreshments
Altar Guild*

*The Sanctuary Candle burns to the glory of God, given by Ann Rasmussen
in celebration of her grandchildren.*

Worship Schedule

Saturday Worship Service 4:30 p.m.
Sunday Worship Service 9:30 a.m.
Sunday School 10:45 a.m. (September – June)
Sunday Coffee Hour 10:45 a.m.

Church Staff

The Rev. Susan C. Henry, Pastor
Lenae W. Badger, Minister of Music
Kristen Croke, Church Administrator
Barbara Hutchinson, Associate Minister of Music

Church Directory

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HOUSE OF PRAYER MISSION STATEMENT

*To share and spread Christ's message of love
To nurture a vigorous and compassionate church family, open to all
To provide meaningful worship and Christian education
And to actively reach out to help and serve others*

House of Prayer Lutheran Church

9:30 a.m. Setting 3

(* Indicates Congregation Standing)

Congregation parts are in bold

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

♪ Your quiet reverence is appreciated as we use the prelude to prepare our hearts and minds for worship. ♪

Prelude "Brethren, We Have Met to Worship/You Are Mine" ...Arr. Kogut

Welcome

* Confession and Forgiveness

In the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Most merciful God,

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.

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. **Amen.**

* Gathering Song "In Christ There Is No East or West" (650)

1. **In Christ there is no east or west,
in him no south or north,
but one community of love
throughout the whole wide earth.**
2. **In Christ shall true hearts ev'rywhere
their high communion find;
his service is the golden cord
close binding humankind.**
3. **Join hands, disciples of the faith,
whate'er your race may be.
All children of the living God
are surely kin to me.**
4. **In Christ now meet both east and west,
in him meet south and north;
all Christly souls are one in him
throughout the whole wide earth.**

* Greeting

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

And also with you.

* Hymn of Praise

“Worthy is Christ”

(p. 140)

All

This is the feast of victory for our God.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Low voices

**Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,
whose blood set us free to be people of God.**

All

This is the feast of victory for our God.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

High voices

**Power, riches, wisdom, and strength, and
honor, blessing, and glory are his.**

All

This is the feast of victory for our God.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Low voices

**Sing with all the people of God, and
join in the hymn of all creation:**

High voices

**Blessing, honor, glory, and might be to
God and the Lamb forever. Amen.**

All

This is the feast of victory for our God.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

For the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia.

This is the feast of victory for our God.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

* Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

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.

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

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.

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.

Reader: Word of God, Word of life.

Congregational Response: Thanks be to God.

Psalm

Psalm 68:4-10, 32-35

**⁴Sing to God, sing praises to his name;
lift up a song to him who rides upon the clouds —
his name is the LORD —
be exultant before him.
⁵Father of orphans and protector of widows
is God in his holy habitation.
⁶God gives the desolate a home to live in;
he leads out the prisoners to prosperity,
but the rebellious live in a parched land.
⁷O God, when you went out before your people,
when you marched through the wilderness,
⁸the earth quaked, the heavens poured down rain
at the presence of God, the God of Sinai,
at the presence of God, the God of Israel.
⁹Rain in abundance, O God, you showered abroad;
you restored your heritage when it languished;
¹⁰your flock found a dwelling in it;
in your goodness, O God, you provided for the needy.
³²Sing to God, O kingdoms of the earth;
sing praises to the LORD,
³³O rider in the heavens, the ancient heavens;
listen, he sends out his voice, his mighty voice.
³⁴Ascribe power to God,
whose majesty is over Israel;
and whose power is in the skies.
³⁵Awesome is God in his sanctuary,
the God of Israel;
he gives power and strength to his people.
Blessed be God!**

* Gospel Acclamation

“Be Not Afraid”

(388)

**Be not afraid, sing out for joy!
Christ is risen, alleluia!
Be not afraid, sing out for joy!
Christ is risen, alleluia!**

* The Holy 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.

The Holy Gospel according to John, the seventeenth chapter.

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."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Children's Sermon

Pastor Henry

[All children are invited to the front of the church as we sing the refrain to "Jesus Loves Me"]

Sermon

Pastor Henry

Silence for reflection

Hymn

"You Are Mine" verses 1, 2, 4

(581)

1. **"I will come to you in the silence,
I will lift you from all your fear.
You will hear my voice, I claim you as my choice.
Be still and know I am here."**
2. **"I am hope for all who are hopeless,
I am eyes for all who long to see.
In the shadows of the night, I will be your light.
Come and rest in me."**
*Refrain: "Do not be afraid, I am with you.
I have called you each by name.
Come and follow me,
I will bring you home;
I love you and you are mine."*
4. **"I am the Word that leads all to freedom,
I am the peace the world cannot give.
I will call your name, embracing all your pain.
Stand up, now walk and live!" Refrain**

* Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
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,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come 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.**

* The Prayers

Uplifted by the promised hope of healing and resurrection, we join the people of God in all times and places in praying for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

(a brief silence)

O God, call your people to be one, as you are one. Unite your church in the truth of your gospel, the love of our neighbor, and the call to proclaim your reign to all people. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Breathe life into your creation. Guide your people as we explore the mysteries of the universe. We pray for the work of scientists and mathematicians whose skill enriches our understanding. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Make your justice known among the nations of the earth. Protect the vulnerable. Redirect those who use violence and greed as weapons. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Come to the aid of your children. We pray for those engulfed in grief, those without supportive families, and for all who are isolated, powerless, or afraid, that all may rest their anxieties in your care. We pray especially for Arthur Pelissier, the Pitman family, and Mark Pyor. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Give courage to all who embark on new ventures. We especially remember this day those who risked their lives to serve in our armed forces. Grant safety to those serving at home or abroad, and assure them of your never-failing strength. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Raise all your saints to eternal life. Until that day, we give you thanks for the faithful examples of those who have listened to your voice and now rest in you. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

We give thanks for grocery store workers, truckers, farmers, those who harvest fruits and vegetables, and those who work in meat-packing plants. Move those who employ them to take measure to protect them. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

We pray for those who serve our country near and far: for our President and Congress, for governors and local leaders, for military personnel, leaders and diplomats, chaplains and caregivers. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

We pray for those who have no one else to pray for them. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

(Leader will complete the prayers.)

For whom and for what else does this community pray?

(The congregation may offer, silently or aloud, any concerns they may have.)

With bold confidence in your love, almighty God, we place all for whom we pray into your eternal care; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

* Sharing of the Peace (p. 143)

The peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also with you.**

(The congregation greets one another with a sign of God's peace.)

Share the peace but not germs. Hand sanitizer is available in each pew.

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

Offering

Offertory Music

"Here, O Lord, Your Servants Gather"

Morad family, bells; Pastor Henry, piano

(530)

* Offertory (182)

Let the vineyards be fruitful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of blessing.

Gather a harvest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life.

Gather the hopes and the dreams of all; unite them with the prayers we offer now.

Grace our table with your presence, and give us a foretaste of the feast to come.

* Offering Prayer

Let us pray.

Risen One, as you broke bread with the disciples on the shore, meet us now in this meal.

Nourish us to follow you, using our gifts to feed the hungry and tend the weary, and all for

your love's sake. Amen.

* Great Thanksgiving (p. 144)

The Lord be with you.

Lift up your hearts.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

And also with you.

We lift them to the Lord.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The Pastor continues and concludes with: ...we praise your name and join their unending hymn.

(Sung) **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

* Words of Institution

* Lord's Prayer

**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.**

All is ready and all are welcome. Receive what you are: the body of Christ.
May we become what we receive.

Holy Communion

Communion Hymn

"All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly"

(461)

- 1. All who hunger gather gladly; holy manna is our bread.
Come from wilderness and wand'ring. Here in truth we will be fed.
You that yearn for days of fullness, all around us is our food.
Taste and see the grace eternal. Taste and see that God is good.**
- 2. All who hunger, never strangers; seeker, be a welcome guest.
Come from restlessness and roaming. Here in joy we keep the feast.
We that once were lost and scattered in communion's love have stood.
Taste and see the grace eternal. Taste and see that God is good.**
- 3. All who hunger, sing together, Jesus Christ is living bread.
Come from loneliness and longing. Here in peace we have been fed.
Blest are those who from this table live their days in gratitude.
Taste and see the grace eternal. Taste and see that God is good.**

* Blessing after Communion

* Prayer after Communion

Announcements & Events May 24

Sunday

This Week

We will continue live-streaming worship on Facebook in the weeks ahead.

Please Note

- Wellspring is in need of donations. Donations can be dropped off directly to Wellspring at 814 Nantasket Ave, Hull. Check their website at wellspringmultiservice.org or call them at 781-925-3211 x110 before dropping off donations since things are changing from day to day. Financial donations can be mailed to them as well. (Note if your donation is for the food pantry.)
- Oops! The Oktoberfest Committee has two positions, Parking Coordinator and Public Relations still open. Contact Scott Hudson-Bryant or Kristen in the office if you are willing to serve in one of these roles. The committee will meet again via conference call on June 1st at 7:00 p.m.

Next week's readings: Acts 2:1-21

Pentecost was a Jewish harvest festival that marked the fiftieth day after Passover. Luke portrays the Holy Spirit being poured out upon the disciples before the gathered and astonished people assembled in Jerusalem for the festival. Filled with the Spirit, the disciples were able to witness to the power of Christ's resurrection.

1 Corinthians 12:3b-13

Paul is helping the Corinthians understand the relationship between our God-given unity and Spirit-created diversity. The Spirit creates the unity of faith and gives all Christians diverse gifts for the common benefit of all. We need one another's diverse spiritual gifts because the same Spirit has given them to each person for the common good.

John 20:19-23

The risen Jesus appears to his disciples, offering them a benediction, a commission, and the gift of the Holy Spirit.