



**“...so that
they may be
one...”**

John 17:11

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Service for the Lord's Day

Seventh Sunday of Easter

May 21, 2023

10:00 a.m.

In preparation for worship, please turn off all cell phones and electronic devices.

ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

Gathering Music

Words of Welcome

Prelude

“Jig Fugue”

Dietrich Buxtehude

Call to Worship

Psalm 68:3-4

Let the righteous be joyful;

Let them exult before God! Let them be jubilant with joy!

Sing to God, sing praises to his name;

Lift up a song to the Lord who rides upon the clouds.

* Hymn 1

“Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty”

Ushers will collect prayer request cards from the center aisle.

* Call to Confession

* Prayer of Confession

Lord Jesus, through the power of the Holy Spirit

we have been raised to share in your glorious resurrection.

Yet we have not lived as Easter people.

***We are unsure of your promise, confused about your will,
and afraid in the face of danger.***

Like Mary, we weep at the tomb,

but do not recognize your presence.

Call us by name, risen Lord,

that we may know you with confidence.

Whenever we are tempted to fear death,

give us courage to confess your Easter victory.

Whenever we are overwhelmed by the power of evil,

reveal to us your triumph over every destructive power.

Set us free from our sin and open the way to abundant life.

In your holy name, we pray.

* Silent Confession

* Assurance of Pardon and Passing of the Peace

* Response 240 (refrain only)

Alleluia! Alleluia! Give thanks to the Risen Lord.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Give praise to his name.

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Epistle Lesson: 1 Peter 4:12-14, 5:6-11 (NT, p. 235)

Psalter: Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35 (Hymnal 55)

A Time with Children

Anthem "Crown Him With Many Crowns" arr. David Angerman

Gospel Lesson: John 17:1-11 (NT, p. 111)

Sermon: "The Question That Nobody Asks"

Rev. Carter

Sermon Series: Lent and Easter in the Company of John

RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

* Hymn 2 "Come, Thou Almighty King"

* Litany of Gifts

There are varieties of gifts, but it is the same Spirit who gives them.

***There are different ways of serving God,
but it is the same Lord who is served.***

God works through each person in a unique way, but it is God's purpose that is accomplished.

***To each is given a gift of the Spirit
to be used for the common good.***

Together we are the body of Christ,
and individually members of it.

Statement on Ordination and Installation

Introduction of Officers Elect

Constitutional Questions

Ordination Prayer and the Laying on of Hands

Charge and Welcome

*As new elders and deacons are greeted, the congregation
is invited to sing hymn 69, "Here I Am, Lord."*

Minute for Pentecost Offering

Offering

Offertory

"Be Still My Soul"

arr. Bill Ingram

* Doxology 606

* Prayers of the People and the 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors;

and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

GO IN GOD'S NAME

* Hymn 268

"Crown Him with Many Crowns"

* Charge and Benediction

* Postlude

"Ode to Joy"

arr. Don Hustad

If you are leaving before the postlude is finished, please do so quietly.

* All who are able shall stand.

The flowers are given to the Glory of God in honor of Jeneane and Fred Adams in celebration of their 63rd wedding anniversary, by their daughter, Erika Adams.

PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Pastor	Rev. William G. Carter
Coordinator of Children and Youth	Jana Schillinger
Director of Music	Frank Jones
Director of Bell Choir	Richard Cochrane Organist
Kay Ten Eyck	
Liturgist	Chris Norton

Church Family Announcements

Our congregation worships God, equips God's people for ministry in the world, and serves God in ways that are faithful to the Gospel.

Thank you for joining us for Worship. We worship in two ways!

- **Join us in person at 10:00 a.m.**
- **Tune in online** for our service, which is broadcast live on [our video page on YouTube](#) and archived for later viewing on the same site.

Large-print bulletins can be found at the rear of the sanctuary.

The Nursery is open Sunday mornings from 9:40-11:10 a.m. for children ages 3 and younger in room 208. The nursery is staffed by Heather Lyons.

They are back! Next time you sit in one of our pews, look for **the red attendance pad**. After you see it, please fill out your name and pass it to the next person across the pew. We are trying to do a better job keeping track of those who come to worship.

Tell us your prayer concerns. Prayer Request Cards are in the pew racks. Pass them to the center aisle to be collected during the first hymn.

Please pray for: Hall, Kate, Leonard, Chuck, Jane, Rachel, Wayne, Alice, Cheryl, Kathy, Otto, Dawn, Colleen, Anne, Aria, Morse, Christian, Schimel-fenig family, Comerford family, Valerie, Gretchen, Jim, Christian, Megan, Margaret.

Today, new elders and deacons will be ordained and installed.

- Being ordained and installed to the office of Deacon is Susan Flynn; being installed to the office of Deacon Class of 2026 are Erika Adams, Judy Cutler, Betsy Ellis, Gwynne Gilbert, Christine Jeske, Debbie Miller and Barbara Norton. Being installed to the office of Deacon Class of 2024 is Bill Keller.
- Being installed to the office of Elder Class of 2026 are Kim Barrows, David Naeher, Jan Thyren and John Young.

Upcoming Adult Education: Our Mission & Justice committee continues an educational series called **The Challenges of Immigration Reform**. The Wednesday classes will meet at 6:00 p.m. in room 206.

- **May 24 - Immigration, A new Personal Perspective**
Facilitated by United Neighborhood Centers' case worker Audrey Golosky in conjunction with Catholic Social Services.
- **May 31 - Drafting a workable Comprehensive Reform Bill**
Is it really that difficult? facilitated by Tracey Hubbard

Mark your calendars

Alan Baker invites you to the final program of The Lyric Consort's 30th Season at 3:00 pm this afternoon at St. Luke's Episcopal Church. The program will range through prayers, chorale variations, Renaissance secular songs, spirituals, and even The Beatles, and include the premiere of a new Whitman setting by local composer, Richard Wargo. General admission is \$10.00, and a reception will follow.

Sunday, May 28, is the Birthday of the Church! Wear Red in celebration of this special day on the church calendar. We're asking children to carry streamers into the sanctuary during the prelude, and a festive gathering will follow in Fellowship Hall as we break bread and discuss the Church's birthday and the Holy Spirit.

On June 24 there is a bike ride on the Lehigh River Gorge Trail. The construction on the trail is complete, so we will enjoy an all-downhill ride along the Lehigh River from White Haven to Jim Thorpe with a shuttle back to White Haven. Contact Richard Cochrane at RNC803@gmail.com, or just show up at the trailhead in White Haven at 10:00 am.

Note: the church office will be closed on Monday, May 29, in observance of Memorial Day.

This Week at a Glance

Sunday, May 21

- **10 a.m.**, Worship in the sanctuary and online

Monday, May 22

- **5 p.m.**, Girl Scouts, Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, May 23

- **10 a.m.**, MBK Quilters, Fellowship Hall
- **7 p.m.**, Deacons, Room 206

Wednesday, May 24

- **10:30 a.m.**, Prayer and Share, Room 209
- **6 p.m.**, Adult Study, Room 206, **The Challenges of Immigration**
- **7:00 p.m.**, Adult Choir Rehearsal, Choir Loft
- **8 p.m.**, Adult Bell Choir Rehearsal, Fellowship Hall

Sunday, May 28 **Pentecost**

- **10 a.m.**, Worship in the sanctuary and online
- **11 a.m.**, Pentecost Celebration, Fellowship Hall



**Camp Lackawanna is
accepting registrations
for the Summer 2023 Season!**

Camp programs are scheduled between
June 23 through July 21.

Check out the options
www.camplackawanna.org

Camping scholarships are available from our
Christian Education Committee.
Check with Jana Schillinger for details.

Programs are planned for children
and young people in
grades 1 through 12.



We are grateful for the many ways that people support our church's ministry to the community and world. If you wish to contribute by cell phone, scan here.



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