

## HOLY COMMUNION

**The Righteous Shall Live by Faith: Justification by Faith**

**January 14, 2018**

**10:30 AM**

*“Faith is a living, daring confidence in God’s grace, so sure and certain that a man would stake his life on it a thousand times.”*

*(Martin Luther, Preface to Romans, 1522)*

### INTRODUCTION TO THE DAY

In honor of the 500th anniversary of the Reformation, welcome to this special worship series on St. Paul’s Letter to the Romans, highlighting major themes of Martin Luther’s theology found there. This first service focuses on justification by faith as revealed in Romans 1:16-17. Let the Scripture readings, sermon, hymns, and prayers in this service help you see, as Luther did, that we are justified by faith, not by works.

### SILENT PRAYER

**PRELUDE:** *My Faith Looks Up to Thee*

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### ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### GATHERING (ENTRANCE RITE)

*Stand*

**HYMN:** *Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound*

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### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS (ABSOLUTION)

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism.*

**P** In the name of the Father, and of the ✝ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

**P** Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for,

**C** the conviction of things not seen. (*Heb. 11:1*)

- P** By faith we understand that the universe was created by the word of God,
- C** **so that what is seen was not made out of things that are visible.** (*Heb. 11:3*)
- P** The word [of faith] is near you,
- C** **in your mouth and in your heart.** (*Romans 10:8*)
- P** Because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord
- C** **and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.** (*Romans 10:9*)
- P** For with the heart one believes and is justified,
- C** **and with the mouth one confesses and is saved.** (*Romans 10:10*)
- P** For the Scripture says,
- C** **“Everyone who believes in him will not be put to shame.”** (*Romans 10:11*)
- P** For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek;
- C** **for the same Lord is Lord of all, bestowing his riches on all who call on him. For “everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.”** (*Romans 10:12-13*)
- P** Martin Luther once defined faith as “a living, bold trust in God’s grace, so certain of God’s favor that it would risk death a thousand times trusting in it.” Yet at the same time we are by nature sinful and unclean. So we confess our weak and wavering faith to God, our Father.
- C** **Most merciful Father, we have sinned against You because our faith in Your grace has not always been living and bold. Our trust has not altogether been in Jesus. Our belief in Your favor has not been as certain as You desire from us. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment, but we ask, help us when we fail to risk all for Your grace. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew our faith and lead us**

so that we may trust in Your will and faithfully walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

**P** Martin Luther also said, “Faith is God’s work in us, that changes us and gives new birth from God.” Listen to how God does that work in us: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the **+** Son and of the Holy Spirit. This forgiveness is the power of God for salvation for all who believe.

**C** Lord, increase our faith. Amen.

### GREETING

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

**C** And also with you.

### CANTICLE OF PRAISE (GLORIA IN EXCELSIS DEO)

We wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo-ry.

Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God:

You take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.

You are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther; re-ceive our prayer.

For you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,  
 you a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it,  
 in the glo-ry of God the Fa-ther. A - men

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

**P** Let us pray. Faithful Father, You kept Your promises for all people through Jesus, our Savior. He is Your Son, brought back from the grave in power to give us salvation. From Your faithfulness, grant us that power that makes us righteous in Your sight so that we may always and only live by faith in Him, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

*Sit*

## CHILDREN'S SERMON

### LITURGY OF THE WORD

#### FIRST READING

Habakkuk 2:1-4

**A** A reading from Habakkuk.

I will take my stand at my watch post and station myself on the tower, and look out to see what he will say to me, and what I will answer concerning my complaint. And the Lord answered me: "Write the vision; make it plain on tablets, so he may run who reads it. For still the vision awaits its appointed time; it hastens to the end—it will not lie. If it seems slow, wait for it; it will surely come; it will not delay. "Behold, his soul is puffed up; it is not upright within him, but the righteous shall live by his faith.

**A** The word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

**PSALM 139:1-5, 12-17** *(The congregation sings the verses in bold face)*

type.)

<sup>1</sup>Lord, you have searched me | out and known me;  
you know my sitting down and my rising up;  
you discern my thoughts | from afar.

**<sup>2</sup>You trace my journeys and my | resting-places  
and are acquainted with | all my ways.**

<sup>3</sup>Indeed, there is not a word | on my lips,  
but you, O Lord, know it | altogether.

**<sup>4</sup>You press upon me behind | and before  
and lay your | hand upon me.**

<sup>5</sup>Such knowledge is too wonder- | ful for me;  
it is so high that I cannot at- | tain to it.

**<sup>12</sup>For you yourself created my | inmost parts;  
you knit me together in my | mother's womb.**

<sup>13</sup>I will thank you because I am mar- | velously made;  
your works are wonderful, and I | know it well.

**<sup>14</sup>My body was not hid- | den from you,  
while I was being made in secret and woven in the depths | of the  
earth.**

<sup>15</sup>Your eyes beheld my limbs, yet unfinished in the womb;  
all of them were written | in your book;  
they were fashioned day by day,  
when as yet there was | none of them.

**<sup>16</sup>How deep I find your | thoughts, O God!  
How great is the | sum of them!**

<sup>17</sup>If I were to count them, they would be more in number | than the sand;  
to count them all, my life span would need to | be like yours.

## SECOND READING

Romans 1:16-17

**A** A reading from Romans.

For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith for faith, as it is written, "The righteous shall live by faith."

**A** The word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

*Stand*

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*The congregation sings the Acclamation.*



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

*The choir sings the Verse.*



The LORD | said to me:

You are my servant in whom I will be | glorified.

*The congregation repeats the Acclamation.*

## GOSPEL

John 5:21-24

**P** The holy gospel according to John.

**G** **Glory to you, O Lord.**

For as the Father raises the dead and gives them life, so also the Son gives life to whom he will. For the Father judges no one, but has given all judgment to the Son, that all may honor the Son, just as they honor the Father. Whoever does not honor the Son does not honor the Father who sent him. Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life. He does not come into judgment, but has passed from death to life.

**P** The gospel of the Lord.

**G** **Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Sit*

## SERMON

Pastor Weleck



## *Stand*

**HYMN OF THE DAY:** *Salvation unto Us Has Come*

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*The Nicene Creed is appropriate during Advent, Christmas, Easter, and on festival days; the Apostles' Creed during Lent and at other times.*

## **APOSTLES CREED**

- ☐** With the whole church, let us confess our faith.
- ☑** **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.**

## **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

**A** Father God, we trust that You are faithful to Your Word which says: We know that a person is not justified by works of the law but through faith in Jesus Christ, so we also have believed in Christ Jesus, in order to be justified by faith in Christ (Galatians 2:16). We ask that you strengthen our faith so that we trust in Jesus alone and also that You grant that same faith to those who are not yet justified in Your sight. Lord, as we are the righteous who live by faith,

**C Hear our prayer.**

**A** Father God, we trust that You are faithful to Your Word which says: “I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me” (Galatians 2:20). We ask that you strengthen our faith so that we live bold lives in obedience to You and are not ashamed of You in our witness to others. Lord, as we are the righteous who live by faith,

**C Hear our prayer.**

**A** Father God, we trust that You are faithful to Your Word which says: “Now for a little while, if necessary, you have been grieved by various trials, so that the tested genuineness of your faith—more precious than gold that perishes though it is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ” (1 Peter 1:6-7). We ask that You strengthen the faith of those who are undergoing trials in their lives, so that they praise and glorify You even in the midst of their struggles. Lord, as we are the righteous who live by faith,



**☩ Hear our prayer.**

**A** Father God, we trust that You are faithful to Your Word which says: “For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them” (Ephesians 2:8-10). We ask that You strengthen our faith so that each day of our lives we do those works that are good in Your sight. Lord, as we are the righteous who live by faith,

**☩ Hear our prayer.**

**A** Father God, we trust that You are faithful to Your Word which says: Jesus was foreknown before the foundation of the world but was made manifest in the last times for the sake of you who through him are believers in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God (1 Peter 1:20-21). We ask that You strengthen our faith so that, just as You brought Jesus out of the grave by Your mighty power, our hope is in our future resurrection from the dead by that same man. Lord, as we are the righteous who live by faith,

**☩ Hear our prayer.**

**P** Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

**☩ Amen.**

**PEACE**

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

**☩ And also with you.**

*The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ’s peace, and may say Peace be with you or similar words.*

**LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT OF THE ALTAR**

*Sit*

**OFFERING**

*Stand*

**OFFERTORY**

Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of  
 bless-ing. Gath-er a har-vest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be  
 fed with the bread of life. Gath-er the hopes and dreams of all; u -  
 nite them with the prayers we of - fer. Grace our ta - ble with your  
 pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

**OFFERING PRAYER**

- A** Let us pray...Merciful Father,
- C** we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us—ourselves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**GREAT THANKSGIVING**

*The presiding minister greets the assembly and invites all present to give thanks:*

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.  
 Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

*The minister continues with the PROPER PREFACE:*

☐ It is indeed right, our duty and our joy... *Here the minister continues with the preface for the day, concluding:* ...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

*The assembly sings the SANCTUS:*

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,  
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.  
Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes  
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

*The WORDS OF INSTITUTION are sung to the music Blessed Martin Luther himself composed specifically for this purpose.*

☐ 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.

## LORD'S PRAYER

**P** Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray.

**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** Behold the Lamb of God,  
behold him who takes away the sins of the world.  
Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

**C** **Lord, I am not worthy  
that you should enter under my roof,  
but only say the word  
and my soul shall be healed.**

*Sit*

## COMMUNION

*When giving the bread and cup, the communion ministers say*

The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you.  
*and each person may respond*

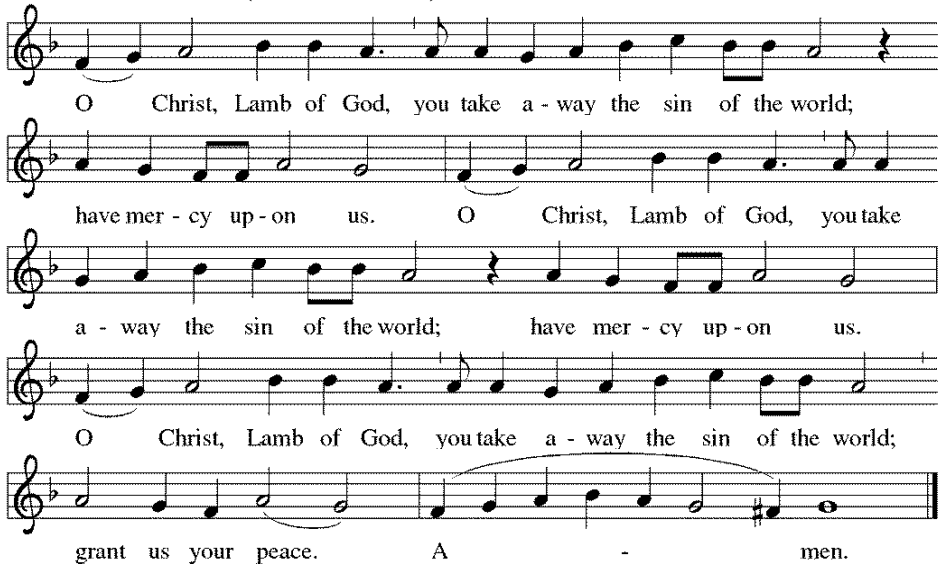
**R** Amen.

*We Lutherans believe that the Body and Blood of Christ are “truly and substantially” present “in, with, and under” the forms of bread and*

wine. We invite to the communion all who are baptized and communing in this or another Christian denomination. We welcome children and others who are not communing to kneel at the altar rail for a blessing. The Body of Christ is received in the palm of the hand. The Blood of Christ is poured into a small glass which should be picked up on the way to the altar rail.

*Music during Communion:*

### LAMB OF GOD (AGNUS DEI)



O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;  
have mer - cy up - on us. O Christ, Lamb of God, you take  
a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy up - on us.  
O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;  
grant us your peace. A - - - men.

### HYMNS DURING COMMUNION

**HYMN:** *My Faith Looks up to Thee*

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*Stand*

### BLESSING AFTER COMMUNION

**P** The Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

**C** Amen.

### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

**A** Let us pray.  
We give you thanks, almighty God,  
that you have refreshed us

through the healing power of this gift of life.  
In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift,  
in faith toward you  
and in fervent love toward one another;  
for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C Amen.**

### SENDING

### BLESSING (BENEDICTION)



The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

### DISMISSAL

**A** Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

**HYMN:** *My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less*

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**POSTLUDE:** *Amazing Grace*

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2018 Stewardship Campaign Update		
	Commitment Cards	Dollar Amount
Total Possible	272	\$235,000
Received as of 1/7/18	91	\$141,087
<b>Amount Outstanding</b>	<b>181</b>	<b>\$93,913</b>

If you have not yet returned your Commitment Card for 2018, please return the completed card as soon as possible. A copy of the 2018 Commitment Card can be downloaded from the parish web site, [www.augustustrappe.org](http://www.augustustrappe.org), under the "About Us" tab.

**The Christmas Cycle** celebrates the events surrounding Christ's coming — the prophecies, his birth, his manifestation (epiphany) to the Gentiles, and his baptism — through the Advent season, the Christmas season, and the Epiphany season.

**On Sundays for which the color is green**, it is appropriate to omit either the Kyrie or the Hymn of Praise, reserving both together for festival seasons.

**The liturgical color green**, symbolic of growth, is used for the season after Epiphany and after Pentecost.

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### **Assisting in the Service:**

Acolyte: Madeline Kring      Crucifer: Ethan DePaul

Lectors: 8:00 am: Mike Van Blaricum

10:30 am: John Kochel and James Lorah

Greeters: Jean Brunswick and Helen Newton

Ushers: 8:00 am: The Usher Team

10:30 am: Ed Funk, Joe Cooney, Jack Schatz, and Dick Allebach

Communion Assistants: 8:00 am: Debra Augustine

10:30 am: Janice Reiff and Sonya Sowards

Altar Guild: 8:00 am: Sally Sweeney

10:30 am: Jim Lien and Linda Romano

Offering Tabulation: Janet Stokes, Sherry Jessee, and Gary Wessner

The Worship Bulletins are given to the glory of God by the McClain family in memory of the January birthday of grandmother, Margaret Ithen Van Hee.

The Altar Flowers are given to the glory of God in loving memory of Brothers and Uncles, David. D. Shuler and Henry W. Shuler, Jr. from Gail, Fred, and Fred, Jr. Bischoff.

The Sanctuary Candle is given to the glory of God by Jason and Tammy Griggs in honor of daughters, Jenna and Allison's birthdays.



We love our children at Augustus! Our wonderful parents bring their children to Sunday school every week to hear about Jesus where many dedicated teachers make sure they know the great stories of faith from the Bible and the traditions of the Church. And every Lent we ask for help from those of you who are not teachers or currently parents of young children. Here's your chance to personally connect with some of our children by volunteering to be a prayer partner. You will be invited to meet the kids in a designated class on February 18<sup>th</sup>, pray for them throughout Lent, and then celebrate with them on Palm Sunday, March 25<sup>th</sup>. This is a great way to fulfil the vows you have made to our children at their baptisms to “support and pray for them in their new life in Christ.” (ELW p. 228) Teams of couples are very welcome! If you are willing to be a prayer partner for one of our children's classes please let Sonya Sowards know at [education@augustrappe.org](mailto:education@augustrappe.org) or (904) 476-4409. You will be blessed!

Soup Sales Are Back! We are trying something new this year – a “Suggestion Box”! Have a favorite? A soup from previous years you would like to see again? Maybe an idea we could pass along to our cooks? Look for the Suggestion Box on the table in the Welcome center and let us know! No guarantees, but we will try! P.S. – We are always looking for soup makers! Let us know if you would like to contribute a pot of your specialty!

Soup Sale Dates: This winter's Soup Sales will be January 21, February 18, and March 18. Consider Sunday Lunch DONE on those days and support our Youth Group!

Church Book Club: The next meeting of the Book Club will be January 29, 2018 at 7:30 pm in the Vestry Lounge. We will be discussing Lilac Girls by Martha Hall Kelly. There's still plenty of time to read the book if you're interested in joining us! Refreshments always provided! Contact the church office at [office@augustrappe.org](mailto:office@augustrappe.org) for more info.

Senior Youth Group Sock Donations: Through mid-February, the SYG will be collecting socks for the homeless. There is a donation box in the breezeway. The socks will be handed out at the soup kitchen in February. Your donations are much appreciated.

**Hats and Gloves Collection Extended!** Please consider donating new hats and gloves through January 21<sup>st</sup>! Sizes child through adult – for boys, girls, young men, and young ladies. Donations will be given to the students at Silver Spring/Martin Luther School.

**Notice from your Cemetery Committee:** In order to keep pace with inflation, anticipate increased maintenance costs, and provide for the future care of our cemetery, please know that effective January 1, 2018, the cost of graves spaces will be \$620 each for members and \$1,550 each for non-members.”

**Adult Bible Study** is held at 9:15 am in the Church Library each Sunday. ALL ARE WELCOME! Refreshments will be served! Questions? Contact Janice Reiff at [janicetreiff@gmail.com](mailto:janicetreiff@gmail.com).

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR!!** We will dedicate the new meeting space and Elevator on April 15, 2018. Details to come, but mark your calendar now to make sure you join us!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS			
Sunday	1/14	8:00 am	Holy Communion in the Chapel
		9:00 am	Sunday School
		9:15 am	Adult Bible Study
		10:30 am	Holy Communion in the Upper Nave
Monday	1/15		MLK Day of Service
Tuesday	1/16	9:30 am	Quilting Group
		7:00 pm	Boy Scouts
		7:15 pm	Boy Scout District Meeting
		8:00 pm	Moms of Trappe Set Up
Wednesday	1/17	8:30 am	Moms of Trappe
		4:00 pm	Staff Meeting
		6:00 pm	3-in-1 Confirmation Classes
Thursday	1/18	7:00 pm	Adult Choir Rehearsal
Friday	1/19		
Saturday	1/20		
Sunday	1/21	8:00 am	Holy Communion in the Chapel
		8:30 am	Soup Sale
		9:00 am	Sunday School
		9:15 am	Adult Bible Study
		10:30 am	Holy Communion in the Upper Nave
		11:30 am	Soup Sale
		2:30 pm	Christian Unity Service @ Augustus