

HOLY COMMUNION
Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

August 28, 2016

9:30 am

INTRODUCTION TO THE DAY

Invited and inviting—that is the nature of the church. By God’s grace in holy baptism we have a place at the banquet table of the Lord. When, by the power of that same Spirit, humility and mutual love continue among us, the church can be more inviting still.

SILENT PRAYER

PRELUDE: *Für Elise*

Beethoven

Bob Reichner, piano

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING (ENTRANCE RITE)

Stand

HYMN: *O Living Bread from Heaven*

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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 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.

C Amen.

P Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Kneel/Stand

P Most merciful God,

C 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.

P 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.

C **Amen.**

Stand

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)

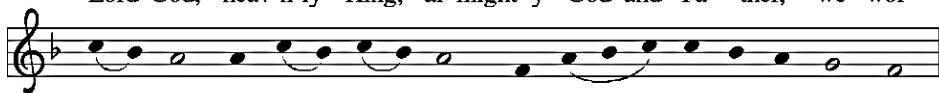
Assisting minister



Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.
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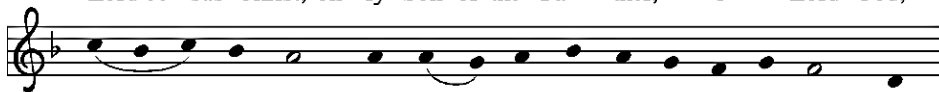
Lord God, heav'n-ly King, al-might-y God and Fa - ther, we wor -



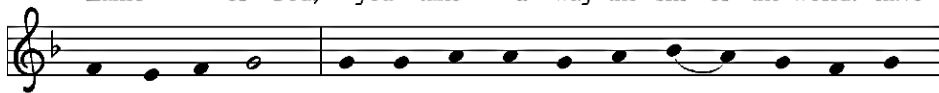
ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.



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



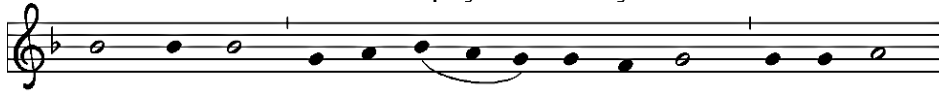
Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world: have



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

☞ Let us pray.

O God, you resist those who are proud and give grace to those who are humble. Give us the humility of your Son, that we may embody the generosity of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

☞ Amen.

Sit

CHILDREN'S SERMON

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

Proverbs 25:6-7

The book of Proverbs is part of a collection of writings known as wisdom literature. Wisdom literature gave directions to Israel's leaders and people for the conduct of daily life. Today's reading is about humility.

☞ A reading from Proverbs.

⁶Do not put yourself forward in the king's presence
or stand in the place of the great;

⁷for it is better to be told, "Come up here,"
than to be put lower in the presence of a noble.

☞ The word of the Lord.

☞ Thanks be to God.

PSALM 112 (*The congregation sings the verses in bold face type.*)

¹Hallelujah! Happy are they who | fear the Lord
and have great delight in | his commandments!

²**Their descendants will be mighty | in the land;**
the generation of the upright | will be blessed.

³Wealth and riches will be | in their house,
and their righteousness will | last forever.

⁴**Light shines in the darkness | for the upright;**
the righteous are merciful and full | of compassion.

⁵It is good for them to be gener- | ous in lending

and to manage their af- | fairs with justice.

⁶For they will nev- | er be shaken;

the righteous will be kept in everlast- | ing remembrance.

⁷They will not be afraid of any | evil rumors;

their heart is right; they put their trust | in the LORD.

⁸Their heart is established and | will not shrink,

until they see their desire up- | on their enemies.

⁹They have given freely | to the poor,

and their righteousness stands fast forever; they will hold up their | head with honor.

**¹⁰The wicked will see it and be angry; they will gnash their teeth
and | pine away;**

the desires of the wick- | ed will perish.

SECOND READING

Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16

The conclusion of the letter to the Hebrews contains suggestions for the conduct of a holy life, all of which are shaped by God's love toward us in Jesus Christ.

[A] A reading from Hebrews.

¹Let mutual love continue. ²Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. ³Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them; those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured. ⁴Let marriage be held in honor by all, and let the marriage bed be kept undefiled; for God will judge fornicators and adulterers. ⁵Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have; for he has said, "I will never leave you or forsake you." ⁶So we can say with confidence,

"The Lord is my helper;

I will not be afraid.

What can anyone do to me?"

⁷Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. ⁸Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. ¹⁵Through him, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name. ¹⁶Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

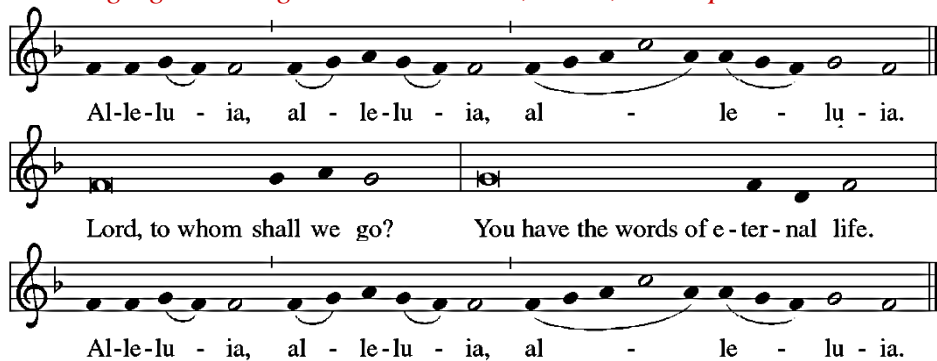
A The word of the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.

Stand

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

The congregation sings the Acclamation, Verse, and repeats the Alleluia.



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

Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

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

GOSPEL

Luke 14:1, 7-14

Jesus observes guests jockeying for position at the table. He uses the opportunity to teach his hearers to choose humility rather than self-exaltation. Jesus also makes an appeal for hosts to mimic God's gracious hospitality to the poor and the broken.

P The holy gospel according to Luke.

G Glory to you, O Lord.

¹On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the sabbath, they were watching him closely.

⁷When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honor, he told them a parable. ⁸“When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honor, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host; ⁹and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, ‘Give this person your place,’ and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place.

¹⁰But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, ‘Friend, move up higher’; then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. ¹¹For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.”

¹²He said also to the one who had invited him, “When you give a

luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbors, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. ¹³But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. ¹⁴And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.”

P The gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

Sit

SERMON

Pastor Weleck

Stand

HYMN OF THE DAY: *As We Gather at Your Table*

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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

P With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

C 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** With the whole people of God in Christ Jesus,
let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.
- A** Lord Jesus Christ, the Kingdom is like a great banquet to which we
all may come as we are. Help us to come without pride and pretense
and to welcome others in the way you have welcomed us.
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- A** We pray for the church, for its pastors and bishops, for the newly
baptized, for all the faithful, for this congregation here gathered, and
for our growth in grace. Lord, in your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- A** We pray for all nations, for all rulers, legislators, and judges, for an
increase of justice in our lands, and for all who work for peace
among nations and among peoples. Lord, in your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- A** We pray for all in any need, for the hungry and the homeless, for
victims of war and injustice, for prisoners, for all who suffer in mind,
body, or spirit, for the sick and infirm, for all with incurable illness,
and for all who this day will die. We pray especially for those we
name in the silence of our hearts... Lord, in your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- A** We pray for the members of our armed forces wherever they serve,
and especially when they serve in harm's way, that they might
speedily complete their mission and be safely reunited with their
loved ones. Lord, in your mercy,
- C** **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.

C Amen.

PEACE

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C 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

ANTHEM: *Somebody Bigger than You and I*

Bob Reichner, Tenor

Stand

OFFERTORY

Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right

spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your

pres-ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re -

store un - to me the joy of your sal - va - tion,

and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

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.

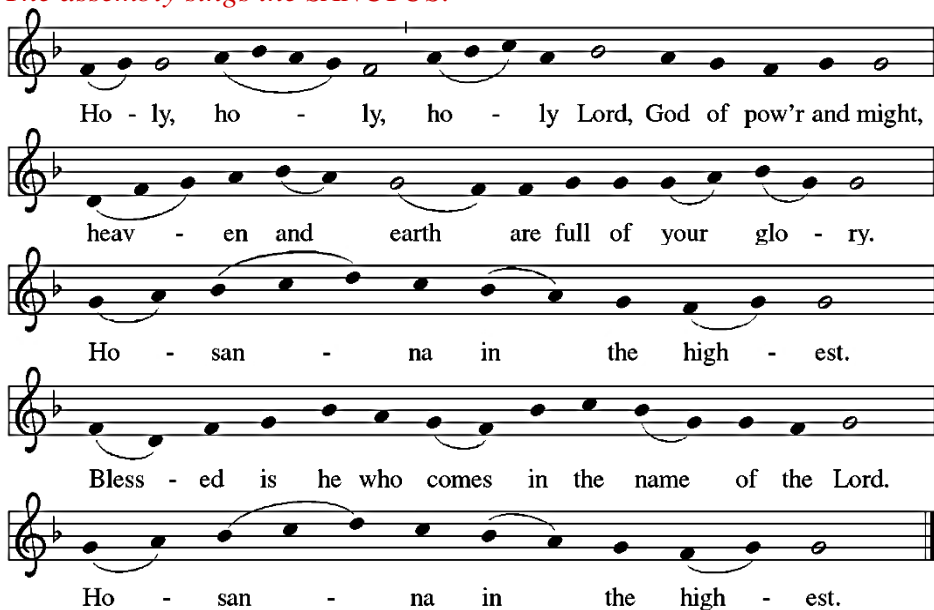
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The minister continues with the PROPER PREFACE:

P 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, God of pow'r and might,
heav - en 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.

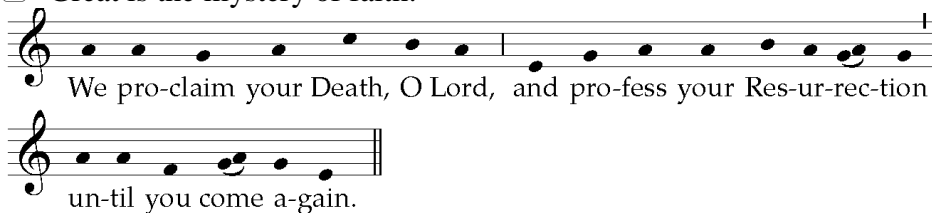
The minister continues with the WORDS OF INSTITUTION, usually included in a Eucharistic Prayer.

P We praise you, Lord of heaven and earth,
that you showed your creatures mercy,
and that you have sent your only Son in our flesh.
We thank you for the salvation you have prepared for us
through the holy and all-sufficient sacrifice
of his body and blood on the tree of the cross.
Gathered in his name and for his remembrance,
we pray:
Lord, send down upon us the Holy Spirit,
sanctify and renew us in body and soul,
and grant that under this bread and wine
we receive in true faith
the very Body and Blood of your Son to our salvation,
since even now we make use of Christ's own testament

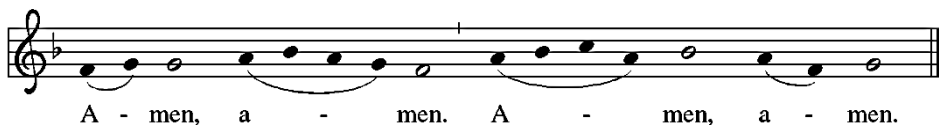
according to his command.

- 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** Great is the mystery of faith:



- P** Therefore we remember, Lord, heavenly Father,
the saving passion and death of your dear Son Jesus Christ.
We praise his victorious resurrection from the dead
and are comforted by his ascension into your heavenly sanctuary
where he, our High Priest, continually intercedes for us.
And as all of us are one body in Christ
through the fellowship of his Body and Blood,
so gather your faithful people from the ends of the earth,
that together with all the faithful
we may celebrate in his kingdom
the marriage feast of the Lamb.
Through him be praise and honor, glory and adoration,
almighty God, in the Holy Spirit,
now and forever, and to the ages of ages.



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)

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. A - men.

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.

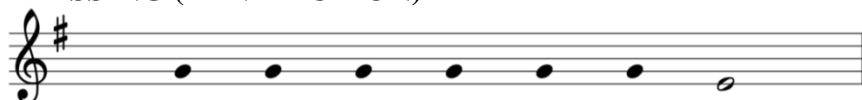
We give you thanks, almighty God,

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.

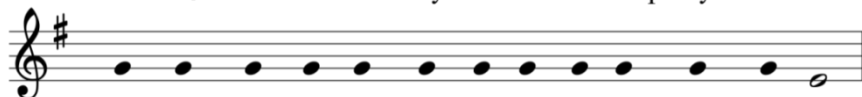
C Amen.

SENDING

BLESSING (BENEDICTION)



P The Lord bless you and keep you.



The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.



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

C A - men, A - men, A - men.

DISMISSAL

A Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

HYMN: *On Our Way Rejoicing*

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**Please welcome The Reverend Richard Miller
as our guest organist today.**

The Time of the Church is the season after Pentecost, beginning with The Holy Trinity and ending with Christ the King. These weeks focus on Christ’s ministry and teaching.

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.

The Eucharistic Prayer (which includes the Words of Institution) that we use in the Summer is an English translation of the Eucharistic Prayer currently used by Lutherans in Germany.

The green chasuble worn in the Old Church has an unusual shape. It is called a “fiddle back” chasuble because it has the same shape as a violin. This is the shape of chasubles in the 1700s, so it is historically accurate for the period of the founding of the Old Church. And with so much material removed from the sides, it is much cooler to wear in hot temperatures.

Assisting in the Service

Acolyte: Dylan Firth

Ushers: 8:00 am: Members of the 8:00 am Usher Team

9:30 am: Dick Allebach and John Moorehead

Lectors: 8:00 am: Sandy Trauger

9:30 am: Chris Dogonniuck and Barbara Burch

Communion Assistants: 8:00 am: Debra Augustine

9:30 am: Jeanne Funk and Brian Funk

Offering Tabulation: Janet Stokes, Jack Schatz, and Ron Hess

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The Sanctuary Candle is given to the glory of God by Kenneth and Stacie Missimer in loving memory of Sherry Missimer and Harold and Mary Missimer.

The Flowers on the Altar are given to the glory of God by Anita Halteman in loving memory of husband, Galen.

The Altar Flowers in the Old Trappe Church are given to the glory of God and in Memory of Samuel C. Augustine and Virginia L. Weicheld.

SUNDAY SCHOOL COMING SOON! The first Sunday in our Sunday School year is September 11th! Meet in the Fellowship Hall at 9:00 am to see old friends and make some new ones! Mrs. Sowards, our new Coordinator of Faith Development has met some of our students at VBS, and is really looking forward to seeing the rest on the 11th!

Holy Communion and Confirmation Students: Getting your schedules ready for the fall? The Orientation meeting for Holy Communion and Confirmation Students and parents will take place on Sunday, September 25th. Communion families meet at 6:00 pm and Confirmation families meet at 6:30 pm in Fellowship Hall. You'll get the schedule for the year and learn what the classes are all about.

The Carnival Committee would like to thank everyone who attended this year's carnival. A special thanks goes to all the volunteers, the sponsors and those who made donations. The carnival could not happen if it weren't for the time and effort by all who were involved.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS			
Sunday	8/28	8:00 am	Holy Communion in the Old Trappe Church
		9:30 am	Holy Communion in the Brick Church Nave
Monday	8/29		
Tuesday	8/30		
Wednesday	8/31		
Thursday	9/1		
Friday	9/2		
Saturday	9/3		
Sunday	9/4	8:00 am	Holy Communion in the Old Trappe Church
		9:30 am	Holy Communion in the Brick Church Nave

Returning to Our Regular Worship Schedule September 11: Please note that services will take place at 8:00 and 10:30 am IN THE OLD CHURCH on September 11th. This Sunday signals the return to our regular worship schedule.