

HOLY COMMUNION

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 15, 2019

8:00 am

INTRODUCTION TO THE DAY

The grumbling of the Pharisees and the scribes in today's gospel is actually our holy hope: This Jesus welcomes sinners and eats with them. That our God wills to seek and to save the lost is not only a holy hope, it is our only hope. As Paul's first letter to Timothy reminds us, "The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners." Thanks be to God.

SILENT PRAYER

PRELUDE: *When Morning Gilds the Skies*

Wood

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING (ENTRANCE RITE)

Stand

HYMN: *When Morning Gilds the Skies*

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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:
cleans 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)

A Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth.

C Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father:

We worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,

Lord God, Lamb of God:

You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

You are seated at the right hand of the Father;
receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,

Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father.

Amen

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray.

O God, you declare your almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity. Grant us the fullness of your grace, that, pursuing what you have promised, we may share your heavenly glory; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Sit

FIRST READING

Exodus 32:7-14

While Moses is on Mount Sinai, the people grow restless and make a golden calf to worship. Today's reading shows Moses as the mediator between an angry God and a sinful people. Moses reminds God that the Israelites are God's own people and boldly asks mercy for them.

A A reading from Exodus.

⁷The LORD said to Moses, "Go down at once! Your people, whom you brought up out of the land of Egypt, have acted perversely; ⁸they have been quick to turn aside from the way that I commanded them; they have cast for themselves an image of a calf, and have worshiped it and

sacrificed to it, and said, ‘These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!’ ”⁹The LORD said to Moses, “I have seen this people, how stiff-necked they are. ¹⁰Now let me alone, so that my wrath may burn hot against them and I may consume them; and of you I will make a great nation.”

¹¹But Moses implored the LORD his God, and said, “O LORD, why does your wrath burn hot against your people, whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with great power and with a mighty hand? ¹²Why should the Egyptians say, ‘It was with evil intent that he brought them out to kill them in the mountains, and to consume them from the face of the earth’? Turn from your fierce wrath; change your mind and do not bring disaster on your people. ¹³Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, your servants, how you swore to them by your own self, saying to them, ‘I will multiply your descendants like the stars of heaven, and all this land that I have promised I will give to your descendants, and they shall inherit it forever.’ ” ¹⁴And the LORD changed his mind about the disaster that he planned to bring on his people.

A The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

1 Timothy 1:12-17

The letters to Timothy are called the Pastoral Epistles because they contain advice especially intended for leaders in the church. Here the mercy shown to Paul, who once persecuted the church, is cited as evidence that even the most unworthy may become witnesses to the grace of God.

A A reading from First Timothy.

¹²I am grateful to Christ Jesus our Lord, who has strengthened me, because he judged me faithful and appointed me to his service, ¹³even though I was formerly a blasphemer, a persecutor, and a man of violence. But I received mercy because I had acted ignorantly in unbelief, ¹⁴and the grace of our Lord overflowed for me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. ¹⁵The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners—of whom I am the foremost. ¹⁶But for that very reason I received mercy, so that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display the utmost

patience, making me an example to those who would come to believe in him for eternal life. ¹⁷To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

A The word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Stand

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

C **Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?**

You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.

GOSPEL

Luke 15:1-10

Jesus tells two stories that suggest a curious connection between the lost being found and sinners repenting. God takes the initiative to find sinners, each of whom is so precious to God that his or her recovery brings joy in heaven.

P The holy gospel according to Luke.

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

¹Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to [Jesus.] ²And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, “This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them.”

³So he told them this parable: ⁴“Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it? ⁵When he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. ⁶And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbors, saying to them, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.’ ⁷Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance.

⁸“Or what woman having ten silver coins, if she loses one of them, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it? ⁹When she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.’ ¹⁰Just so, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents.”

- ☐ The gospel of the Lord.
- ☑ Praise to you, O Christ.

Sit

SERMON

Pastor Weleck

Stand

The Nicene Creed or the Apostles' Creed may be spoken. 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

- ☐ 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, seeker of the lost, fill us with the spirit of your love to search diligently for the lost until they are found, and with the angels of heaven to rejoice when they repent. Lord, in your mercy,
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

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.

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff on top and a bass clef staff on the bottom. The key signature has two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The melody is written in the treble clef, and the bass line is in the bass clef. The lyrics are written below the treble staff. The music features a mix of quarter, eighth, and sixteenth notes, with some rests and a final cadence.

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:

- P** The Lord be with you.
C And also with you.
- P** Lift up your hearts.
C We lift them to the Lord.
- P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
C 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 continues with the SANCTUS:

- C** Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might:
 Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
 Hosanna in the highest.
 Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

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

- ☐ You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God.
You are most holy,
and great is the majesty of your glory.

You so loved the world that you gave your only Son,
so that everyone who believes in him may not perish
but have eternal life.

We give you thanks for his coming into the world
to fulfill for us your holy will
and to accomplish all things for our salvation.

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.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup,
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

- ☑ **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

- ☐ Remembering, therefore, his salutary command,
his life-giving passion and death,
his glorious resurrection and ascension,
and the promise of his coming again,
we give thanks to you, O Lord God Almighty,
not as we ought but as we are able;

we ask you mercifully to accept our praise and thanksgiving
and with your Word and Holy Spirit to bless us, your servants,
and these your own gifts of bread and wine,
so that we and all who share in the body and blood of Christ
may be filled with heavenly blessing and grace,
and, receiving the forgiveness of sin,
may be formed to live as your holy people
and be given our inheritance with all your saints.

To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever.

C Amen.

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.**

LAMB OF GOD (AGNUS DEI)

☞ Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
grant us peace.

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

☞ 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. Communion will be distributed by Intinction. Receive the Body of Christ in the palm of your hand from the Pastor and then dip the host into the chalice containing the Blood of Christ held by the Communion Assistant. We welcome children and others who are not communing to come forward for a blessing.

Stand

SONG AFTER COMMUNION (NUNC DIMITTIS)

Now, Lord, you let your ser - vant go in peace: your word has
been ful - filled. My own eyes have seen the sal - va - tion
which you have pre - pared in the sight of ev - 'ry peo - ple:

a light to re-veal you to the na-tions and the glo-ry of your
 peo-ple Is - ra - el. Glo - ry to the Fa - ther, and to the Son,
 and to the Ho - ly Spir - it, as it was in the be - gin - ning,
 is now, and will be for - cv - cr. A - men.

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.

☒ Amen.

DISMISSAL

☒ Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

☒ Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE: *Dialogue*

Martin



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.

2019 Stewardship Campaign Update		
	Commitment Cards	Dollar Amount
Total Possible	274	\$235,000
Received as of 3/31/2019	70	\$116,140
Amount Outstanding	204	\$118,860

If you have not yet returned your Commitment Card for 2019, please return the completed card as soon as possible. A copy of the 2019 Commitment Card can be downloaded from the parish web site, www.augustrappe.org, under the “About Us” tab.

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Assisting in the Service:

Altar Servers: Griffin Crothers and Matthew Meeley

Ushers: Edward Funk, Pat O'Hara, Frank DePaul, and Dick Allebach

Lectors: 8:00 am: Earl Catagnus

10:30 am: Sherry Jessee and Alanna Jessee

Communion Assistants: 8:00 am: Debra Augustine

9:30 am: Sonya Sowards and Bob Rodenberger

Altar Guild: Jeanne Funk, Deb Scholl, and Sherry Jessee

Offering Tabulation: John Kochel, Brian O'Hara, and Frank DePaul

The Flowers that Adorn the Altar are given to the glory of God by Mr. and Mrs. Richard K. Allebach in loving memory of the Birthday Anniversary of Father, Harold T. Allebach.

The Sanctuary Candle is given to the glory of God by Jack Schatz in memory of parents, Mr. and Mrs. Warren Dieffenbach and Mr. and Mrs. J. Edgar Schatz.

The Worship Bulletins are given to the glory of God by David and Barbara Cornish in memory of loved ones.

Choir Starting! The fall season is starting, and here is your opportunity to join a choir. The Senior Choir rehearses on Thursday nights at 7 pm. The bell choir rehearses on Thursdays at 6 pm, starting Sept. 19. If you'd like to join us, speak to a choir member or to Laurie - or just come on Thursday night!

Altar Flower Donor Needed for Sunday, October 13, 2019. Please contact Sally Lorah at lorahsal@aol.com.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS			
Sunday	9/15	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 Brick Church Nave
Monday	9/16	6:45 pm	Cubs
		7:00 pm	Scouts
		7:30 pm	Book Club
Tuesday	9/17	7:00 pm	Scout Committee Meeting
Wednesday	9/18	2:00 pm	Staff Meeting
		6:00 pm	3-in-1
Thursday	9/19	7:00 pm	Scouts
		6:00 pm	Bell Choir
		7:00 pm	Adult Vocal Choir
Friday	9/20	7:00 pm	Cubs Pack Meeting
Saturday	9/21		
Sunday	9/22	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 Brick Church Nave

EARLY WITH EARL SUNDAY MORNINGS

A MULTI-MEDIA VIEW OF RELIGION FROM A SCHOLARLY AND HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVE

WITH EARL CATAGNUS

9:00 AM SUNDAY

STARTS SEPTEMBER 15, 2019

LIGHT REFRESHMENTS WITH LIGHT CONVERSATION

NOT JUST A CLASS... ITS A COMMUNITY !!!

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Augustus Book Club

The next “official” meeting of the Augustus Book Club will be held on September 16 at 7:00 pm.

We'll discuss

Pachinko by Min Jin Lee

New members are always welcome. Come to discuss the book and get to know some new folks! Refreshments are always served.

Questions? Contact Karen McClain

610-489-9625 or office@augustustrappe.org

Craft-Vendor Show and Flea Market



Only a Few Spaces Left! Reserve today!

Fellowship Hall

Saturday, October 19, 2019

8:00 am until 1:00 pm

Crafters/vendors/flea marketers needed.

Email schollde@aol.com for registration form.

Table and two chairs provided
for \$20



SOUTHEASTERN PENNSYLVANIA WOMEN OF THE ELCA

FIRST TUESDAY GATHER BIBLE STUDIES

FALL 2019

Coffee and treats at 9:30 am

Bible study 10:00 to 11:30 am



Fall 2019: POETRY OF THE OLD TESTAMENT

Drawing from the experiences of these ancient writers, we will learn to look for God in times of deep emotions, such as joy, anger, celebration, depression, misunderstanding and contentment, finding hope and grace along the way.

Tuesday, September 3

Bible study from the *Gather* September issue

Session one: The Angst of Anger
Old Testament poetry from the Psalms
Melinda Mace, Study Leader

St. James Lutheran Church
1101 High Street
Pottstown

Tuesday, October 1

Bible study from the *Gather* October issue

Session two: The Ache of Grief
Old Testament poetry from Job
Pat Leberman, Study Leader

St. Peter Lutheran Church
564 Glasgow Street
Stowe

Tuesday, November 5

Bible study from the *Gather* November issue

Session three: The Peace of Joy
Old Testament poetry from Lamentations
Elaine Strimple, Study Leader

St. Mark Lutheran Church
81 Main Street
Pennsburg

Tuesday, December 3

Bible Study and Lunch

Meet at 10:30 for devotional, then lunch on our own

Advent/Christmas Devotional from the *Gather* December issue

Walking through the wilderness of Advent:
A creative retreat with Isaiah

Presenter to be announced

Pizza Como/PC Pub
Weis Shopping Center
500 Pottstown Ave., Rt. 663
Pennsburg

FALL GATHERING

Saturday, October 26

THEME: Proverbs 22.6 – Being Family
Presenter: Rev. Martha Kriebel

Augustus Lutheran Church
717 W. Main Street
Trappe

ALL WOMEN ARE INVITED TO ATTEND AND BRING FRIENDS.

Study materials are found in the *Gather* magazine; subscriptions are available by calling 1-800-328-4648.

OCTOBER 6, 2019 \$30

Dinner & Show

IMPERIAL MUSIC HALL

40 EAST 1ST AVENUE

COLLEGEVILLE, PA 19426

PROUDLY PRESENTS:

BOB E HAMEL

'ELVIS'

RICH DeSIMONE

'FRANK SINATRA'



\$30.00 PP INCLUDES SHOW & DINNER (BYOB)

DOORS OPEN 4:00PM - DINNER 4:30PM

(ITALIAN STYLE) - SHOW TIME 5PM-7PM

**For questions about this event or to place your reservations,
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AUGUSTUS LUTHERAN CHURCH

Sunday Services: 8:00 AM Communion ~ 9:00 AM Sunday School ~ 10:30 AM Worship