HOLY COMMUNION

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost September 23, 2018

8:00 am

INTRODUCTION TO THE DAY

Today we hear James warn against selfish ambition, while the disciples quarrel over which one of them is the greatest. Jesus tells them the way to be great is to serve. Then, to make it concrete, he puts in front of them an actual flesh-and-blood child. We are called to welcome the particular children God puts in front of us, to make room for them in daily interaction, and to give them a place of honor in the assembly.

SILENT PRAYER

PRELUDE: Jesus Loves Me Hobby

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING (ENTRANCE RITE)

Stand

HYMN: Jesus Loves Me # 595

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,
- 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.

C Amen.

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.
- **G** 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.
- **☑** 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.

Lord God, you call us to work in your vineyard and leave no one standing idle. Set us to our tasks in the work of your kingdom, and help us to order our lives by your wisdom; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Sit

FIRST READING

Jeremiah 11:18-20

Today's reading tells of the suffering of the prophet Jeremiah, who announced God's word to Judah but was met with intense opposition and persecution. Jeremiah continues to trust in God in the midst of his suffering.

A A reading from Jeremiah.

¹⁸It was the LORD who made it known to me, and I knew; then you showed me their evil deeds.

¹⁹But I was like a gentle lamb led to the slaughter.

And I did not know it was against me that they devised schemes, saying,

"Let us destroy the tree with its fruit,
let us cut him off from the land of the living,
so that his name will no longer be remembered!"

20 But you, O LORD of hosts, who judge righteously,
who try the heart and the mind,
let me see your retribution upon them,
for to you I have committed my cause.

- A The word of the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

James 3:13 - 4:3, 7-8a

The wisdom God gives unites our hearts and minds. Instead of living to satisfy our own wants and desires, we manifest this wisdom in peace, gentleness, mercy, and impartiality toward others.

A reading from James.

¹³Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom. ¹⁴But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be boastful and false to the truth. ¹⁵Such wisdom does not come down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish. ¹⁶For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind. ¹⁷But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. ¹⁸And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace. ⁴:

¹Those conflicts and disputes among you, where do they come from? Do they not come from your cravings that are at war within you? ²You want something and do not have it; so you commit murder. And you covet something and cannot obtain it; so you engage in disputes and conflicts. You do not have, because you do not ask. ³You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, in order to spend what you get on your pleasures. ⁷Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. ^{8a}Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you.

- A The word of the Lord.
- **☑** Thanks be to God.

Stand

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?
You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.

GOSPEL Mark 9:30-37

Jesus' teaching and action in this text are directed to the church whenever it is seduced by the world's definition of greatness: prestige, power, influence, and money. The antidote to such a concern for greatness is servanthood.

- **P** The holy gospel according to Mark.
- Glory to you, O Lord.

³⁰[Jesus and the disciples went on] and passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it;³¹ for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, "The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again." ³²But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him.

³³Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, "What were you arguing about on the way?" ³⁴But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest. ³⁵He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, "Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all." ³⁶Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, ³⁷"Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me."

- **P** 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

- P 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 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 Our Lord Jesus Christ, you have received us as your children in Holy Baptism. By your Spirit, turn us from self-seeking ambition and self-aggrandizement, and direct us to live instead for those who can neither repay us nor enhance our lives in return. Lord, in your mercy,
- hear our prayer.
- Me 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.

- Me 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,
- **©** hear our prayer.
- Me 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.
- 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



OFFERING PRAYER

- **A** Let us pray...Merciful Father,
- **©** 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.
- **G** And also with you.
- P Lift up your hearts.
- **Q** We lift them to the Lord.
- **P** 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 continues with the SANCTUS:

9 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.

P 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.
- 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,

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forever and ever. Amen.

- 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.
- 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)

Q 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.

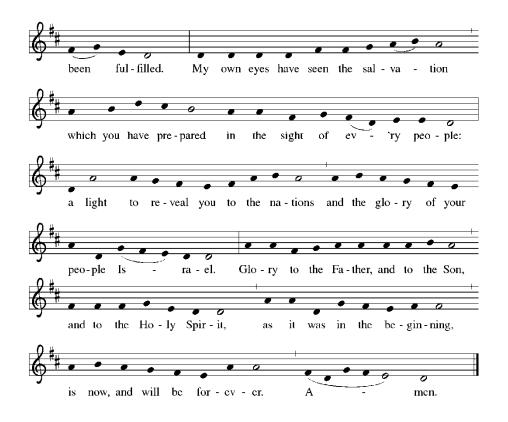
The blood of Christ, shed for you.

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)



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 Amen.

DISMISSAL

- **A** Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE: *Holy, Holy, Holy*

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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.

| 2018 Stewardship Campaign Update | | | | |
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| | Commitment Cards | Dollar Amount | | |
| Total Possible | 272 | \$235,000 | | |
| Received as of 9/17/18 | 105 | \$154,657 | | |
| Amount Outstanding | 167 | \$80,343 | | |

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, under the "About Us" tab.

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Assisting in the Service:

Altar Servers: Cole Leigl and Carson Leigl

Lectors: 8:00 am: Mildred Stuffle

10:30 am: Jennifer Wentworth and Chris Dogonniuck

Ushers: Members of the Usher Team

Communion Assistants: 8:00 am: Debra Augustine

10:30 am: Jeannie Funk and Gary Wessner

Greeters: Pat and Dale O'Hara

Altar Guild: 8:00 am: Sally Sweeney

10:30 am: Deb Scholl and Sherry Jessee

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

<u>The Altar Flowers</u> are given to the glory of God by Judy and Dave Buck in loving memory of Miss Alma Fegely, The Rev. Dr. and Mrs. W. O. Fegely, and Mr. and Mrs. Paul Davenport.

<u>The Sanctuary Candle</u> is given to the glory of God by Anita Halteman in honor of my children and grandchildren.

<u>The Worship Bulletins</u> are given to the glory of God by Mr. and Mrs. Richard Camuso in honor of daughter Kristin's birthday.

The Tuesday, October 2nd SOUTHEASTERN PENNSYLVANIA WOMEN OF THE ELCA, UPPER MONTGOMERY CONFERENCE, BIBLE STUDY will be held at St. Peter's Lutheran Church, Walnut & Glassgow Sts. in (Stowe) Pottstown at 10:00 a.m. (Coffee and treats at 9:30 a.m.) The study theme is *Turn, turn, turn: A time for faithful repentance. "If I could turn back time: Turning to others"* Session One of the September 2018 issue of the *Gather* Magazine. We will explore how Jesus' call to repentance is a call to turn back to the ways of God's reign on earth: justice, peace and mercy for the neighbor and community. The Study Leader is Jane Luyben. Please bring your Bible and the September issue of your *Gather* magazine. Thank you for your faithful attendance. Please call Fran Ivarson if you need a ride or have any questions. Thank you.

| CALENDAR OF EVENTS | | | | |
|--------------------|------|----------|---|--|
| Sunday | 9/23 | 8:00 am | Holy Communion in the Chapel | |
| | | 8:45 am | Children's Music | |
| | | 9:00 am | Sunday School | |
| | | 9:15 am | Adult Bible Study | |
| | | 10:30 am | Holy Communion in the Brick Church Nave | |
| Monday | 9/24 | 6:45 pm | Webelos Meeting | |
| | | 7:00 pm | Boy Scouts | |
| | | 7:00 pm | Knitting Group | |
| Tuesday | 9/25 | 7:00 pm | Bear Den Meeting | |
| | | 7:00 pm | Committee Night | |
| Wednesday | 9/26 | 6:00 pm | 3-in-1 Confirmation Class | |
| Thursday | 9/27 | 6:00 pm | Handbell Choir Rehearsal | |
| | | 7:00 pm | Adult Choir Rehearsal | |
| Friday | 9/28 | | | |
| Saturday | 9/29 | 1:00 pm | Anne Lachenmayer's Birthday Party | |
| Sunday | 9/30 | 8:00 am | Holy Communion in the Chapel | |
| | | 8:45 am | Children's Music | |
| | | 9:00 am | Sunday School | |
| | | 9:00 am | Preschool/Infant Parents' Gathering | |
| | | 9:15 am | Adult Bible Study | |
| | | 10:30 am | Holy Communion in the Brick Church Nave | |

WANTED: STUDENTS IN GRADES 9-12

COME JOIN THE SENIOR YOUTH GROUP FOR A YEAR OF SERVICE, FUN AND FELLOWSHIP

WE MEET THE 1ST WEDNESDAY AND 3RD SUNDAY EACH MONTH, AS WELL AS OTHER DATES FOR FUNDRAISERS/ACTIVITIES

PHILLIES SOUP SALES

MINI GOLF CARE PACKAGES ESCAPE ROOM TRUNK OR TREAT

BOWLING PIE MAKING MOVIES ICE CREAM

BOX CITY EGG/MINT COOKIES\

EASTER BASKETS MISSION TRIP

AND MUCH MORE



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October 27, 2018

Craft Show and Flea Market

Augustus Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall Time: 8 am to 12 noon Sponsored by WELCA

Table spaces-\$20
Call Deb Scholl –610-409-1950 or
Ann Walker-484-273-8388

Bake Sale and snacks for sale
All profits go to WELCA Missionary Fund

Birthday Party! You're Invited!

Our Augustus Church family is cordially invited to an Open House to celebrate

Anne Lachenmayer's 90th Birthday!

On Saturday, September 29th 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm in the Augustus Church Fellowship Hall.

Come when you can, leave when you must!

No gifts, please.

The gift of your presence is the best gift of all!

Questions? Contact Karen Lachenmayer at karenlachenmayer@gmail.com or Ellen Wallace at 610-781-7429

Hosted by Karen, Diane, Gail, Greg, Ellen, and Anne

Unable to attend? Send a card instead!
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