

HOLY COMMUNION
The Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

August 28, 2022

8:00 & 9:30 AM

INTRODUCTION TO THE DAY

*Welcome to the fourth in a series of four services in a series called **A Branch Raised Up**. Today we highlight Revelation 2:7—“To the one who conquers I will grant to eat of the tree of life, which is in the paradise of God”—and focus on the rich and fruitful life of heaven that awaits all who have been washed in the blood of the Lamb. Let the faithful words of God remind us that we have a Savior who is preparing a place for us to live with him forever.*

SILENT PRAYER

PRELUDE: *By Grace I'm Saved*

Schack

ANNOUNCEMENTS

“To the one who conquers I will grant to eat of the tree of life, which is in the paradise of God.” (Revelation 2:7)

GATHERING (ENTRANCE RITE)

Stand

HYMN: *I Come, O Savior, to Your Table*

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1 I come, O Sav - ior, to your ta - ble, For weak and wea - ry
 2 Your bod - y, giv'n for me, O Sav - ior; Your blood, which once for
 3 With you, Lord, I am now u - nit - ed; You live in me and
 4 My heart has now be - come your dwell - ing, O bless - ed, ho - ly

is my soul; You, Bread of life, a - lone are a - ble
 me was shed: These are my life and strength for - ev - er,
 I in you. No sor - row fills my soul; de - light - ed
 Trin - i - ty. With an - gels I, your prais - es tell - ing,

Refrain

To sat - is - fy and make me whole.
 By them my hun - gry soul is fed. Lord, may your
 It finds its deep - est joy in you.
 Shall live in joy e - ter - nal - ly.

bod - y and your blood Be for my soul the high - est good!

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.

HYMN OF PRAISE (GLORIA IN EXCELSIS DEO)

- A** Glory be to God on high!
- C** And on earth peace, good will toward all.
We praise you, we bless you, we worship you,
we glorify you, we give thanks to you for your great glory,
O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.

O Lord, the only begotten Son, Jesus Christ;
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father:
you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.
You take away the sin of the world, receive our prayer.
You sit at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy on us.

For you are holy;
you only are the Lord;
You only, O Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
are most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

- P** Let us pray.
O God, we thank you for your Son who chose the path of suffering for the sake of the world. Humble us by his example, point us to the path of obedience, and give us strength to follow his commands; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.
- G** Amen.

Sit

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

Genesis 3:20-24

- A** A reading from Genesis.
The man called his wife's name Eve, because she was the mother of all living. And the Lord God made for Adam and for his wife garments of skins and clothed them. Then the Lord God said, "Behold, the man has become like one of us in knowing good and evil. Now, lest he reach out his hand and take also of the tree of life and eat, and live forever—" therefore the Lord God sent him out from the garden of Eden to work the ground from which he was taken. He drove out the man, and at the east of the garden of Eden he placed the cherubim and a flaming sword that turned every way to guard the way to the tree of life.
- A** The word of the Lord.
- G** Thanks be to God.

Later service only.

PSALM 112 (*The congregation's verses are printed in bold font.*)

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.

⁶**For 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.

⁸**Their 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.

¹⁰**The 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

Revelation 22:1-5

A A reading from Revelation.

Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, as clear as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb down the middle of the great street of the city. On each side of the river stood the tree of life, bearing twelve crops of fruit, yielding its fruit every month. And the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. No longer will there be any curse. The throne of God and of the Lamb will be in the city, and his servants will serve him. They will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. There will be no more night. They will not need the light of a lamp or the light of the sun, for the Lord God will give them light. And they will reign for ever and ever.

A The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav - ing word.



Let it burn like fire with - in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

GOSPEL

Matthew 25:31-40

P The holy gospel according to Matthew.

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

When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on his glorious throne. Before him will be gathered all the nations, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. And he will place the sheep on his right, but the goats on the left. Then the King will say to those on his right, "Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me." Then the righteous will answer him, saying, "Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? And when did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you? And when did we see you sick or in prison and visit you?" And the King will answer them, "Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me."

P The gospel of the Lord.

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

Sit

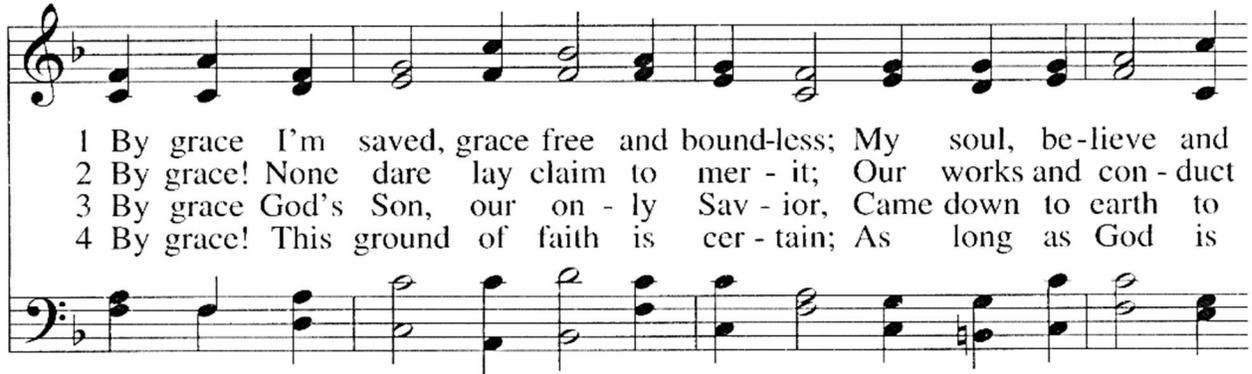
SERMON

Pastor Weleck

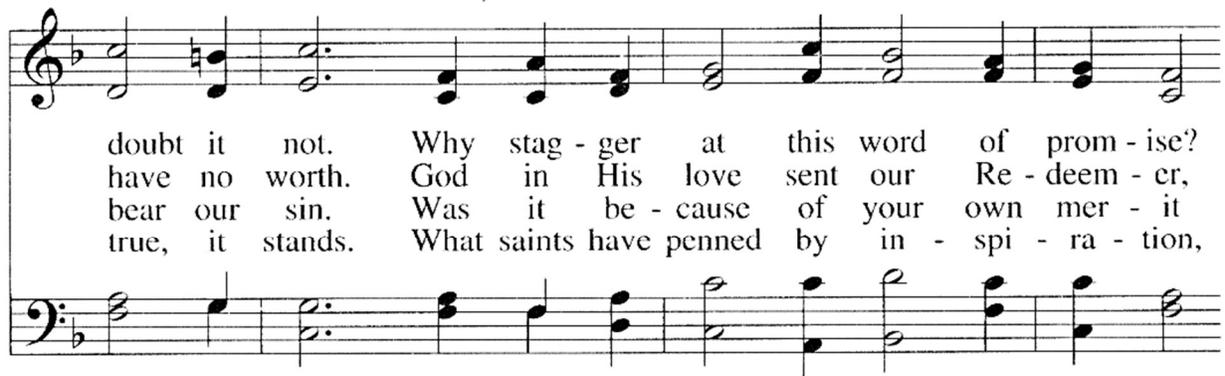
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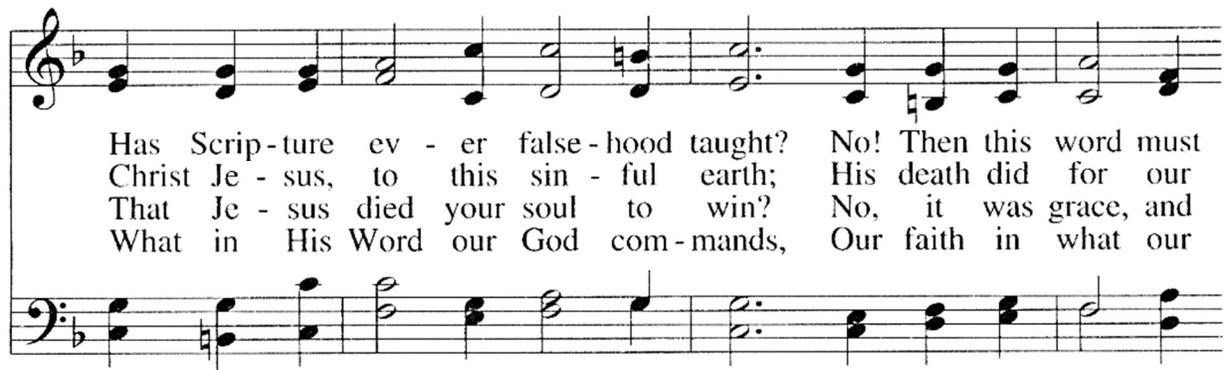
HYMN OF THE DAY: *By Grace I'm Saved*



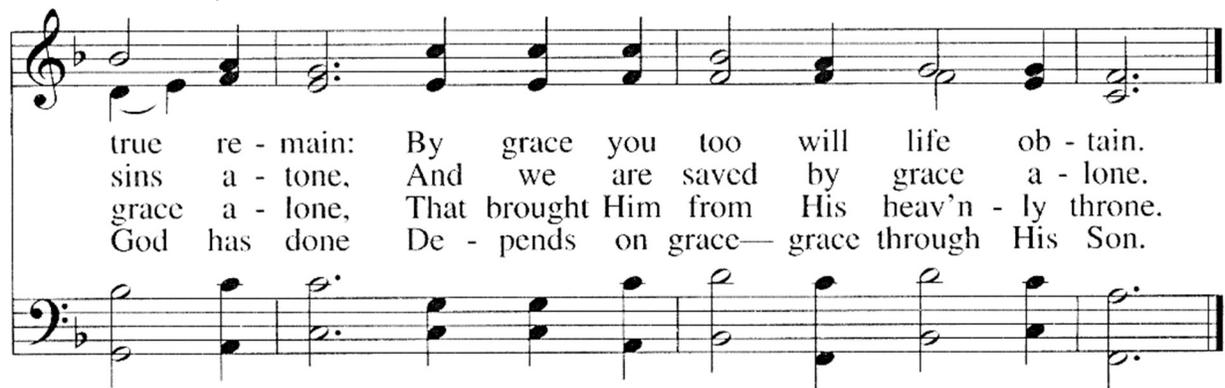
1 By grace I'm saved, grace free and bound-less; My soul, be-lieve and
2 By grace! None dare lay claim to mer - it; Our works and con - duct
3 By grace God's Son, our on - ly Sav - ior, Came down to earth to
4 By grace! This ground of faith is cer - tain; As long as God is



doubt it not. Why stag - ger at this word of prom - ise?
have no worth. God in His love sent our Re - deem - er,
bear our sin. Was it be - cause of your own mer - it
true, it stands. What saints have penned by in - spi - ra - tion,



Has Scrip-ture ev - er false-hood taught? No! Then this word must
Christ Je - sus, to this sin - ful earth; His death did for our
That Je - sus died your soul to win? No, it was grace, and
What in His Word our God com - mands, Our faith in what our



true re - main: By grace you too will life ob - tain.
sins a - tone, And we are saved by grace a - lone.
grace a - lone, That brought Him from His heav'n - ly throne.
God has done De - pends on grace— grace through His Son.

**5. By grace to timid hearts that tremble,
In tribulation's furnace tried,
By grace, in spite of fear and trouble,
The Father's heart is open wide.
Where could I help and strength secure
If grace were not my anchor sure?**

**6. By grace! On this I'll rest when dying;
In Jesus' promise I rejoice;
For though I know my heart's condition,
I also know my Savior's voice.
My heart is glad, all grief has flown
Since I am saved by grace alone.**

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 Jesus, righteous Branch of the house of David, your coming was first promised in Eden. You fulfilled that promise and sacrificed yourself for us on the tree of the cross.

Jesus our King, to those who conquer,

C **You give the right to eat from the tree of life.**

A Jesus, righteous Branch of the house of David, you are our true Vine. By the power of your Spirit, keep us united with you, that we might bear fruit to the Father's glory.

Jesus our King, to those who conquer,

C **You give the right to eat from the tree of life.**

A Jesus, righteous Branch of the house of David, we look forward to the day of your return, the day when we hear your invitation: "Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world."

Jesus our King, to those who conquer,

C **You give the right to eat from the tree of life.**

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.**

Worshippers do not greet one another. The service continues with the Offertory.

LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT OF THE ALTAR

The Offering will be collected in the Narthex as you leave the church.

OFFERTORY

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

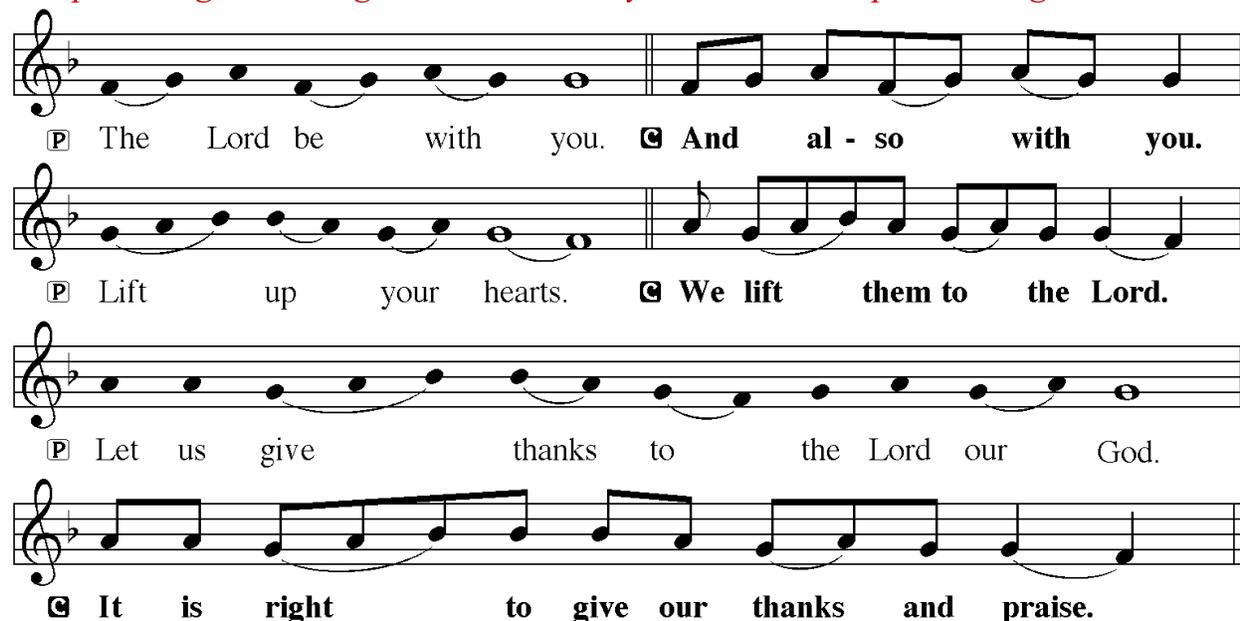
spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your pres - ence, and

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.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

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



P The Lord be with you. **G** And al - so with you.

P Lift up your hearts. **G** We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

G 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:



G 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.



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

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.

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 come forward for a blessing.

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

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION: *All Good Gifts*
Jennifer Wentworth, Soloist

Schwartz

We plow the fields and scatter the good seed on the land,
But it is fed and watered by God's almighty hand.
He sends the snow in winter, the warmth to swell the grain,
The breezes and the sunshine, and soft refreshing rain.
All good gifts around us are sent from Heaven above
So thank the Lord, oh thank the Lord for all his love.

We thank thee then, O Father, for all things bright and good,
The seedtime and the harvest, our life our health our food,
No gifts have we to offer for all thy love imparts
But that which thou desirest, our humble thankful hearts!
All good gifts around us are sent from Heaven above..
So thank the Lord, oh thank the Lord for all his love..
I really wanna thank you Lord!

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: *In Thee Is Gladness*

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In Thee Is Gladness



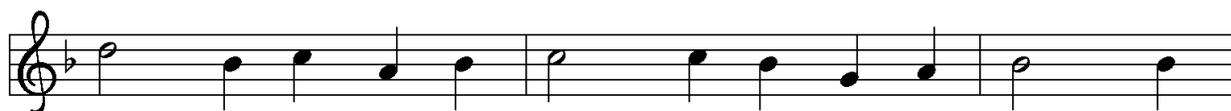
1 In thee is glad-ness a - mid all sad - ness, Je - sus, sun - shine of my
2 Je - sus is ours! . . . We fear no pow - ers, not of earth or sin or



heart. By thee are giv - en the gifts of heav - en, thou the
death. He sees and bless - es in worst dis - tress - es; he can



true re - deem - er art. Our souls thou wak - est; our bonds thou
change them with a breath. Where-fore the sto - ry tell of his



break - est. Who trusts thee sure - ly has built se - cure - ly
glo - ry with heart and voic - es; all heav'n re - joic - es



and stands for - ev - er: Al - le - lu - ia! Our hearts are
in him for - ev - er: Al - le - lu - ia! We shout for



pin - ing to see thy shin - ing, dy - ing or liv - ing,
glad - ness, tri - umph o'er sad - ness, love him and praise him



to thee are cleav - ing; naught can us sev - er: Al - le - lu - ia!
and still shall raise him glad hymns for - ev - er: Al - le - lu - ia!

OFFERING

The offering will be collected as you leave the Church.

POSTLUDE: *In Thee Is Gladness*

Bach



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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.



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Video Production: Jim Lien, Jeannie Funk, or Jonathan Mueller.

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

The Sanctuary Candle is given to the glory of God by James and Sally Lorah for the many blessings in our 65 years of marriage.

The Worship Bulletins are given to the glory of God by Mrs. Shirley Latshaw in loving memory of husband, Frank.

Ready to get back to Church?

Mark your calendars now for our September program year start!

Adult Vocal Choir begins on September 1 at 7:00 pm. If you're a tuneful singer, come join us!

Sunday School starts at 9:00 am on September 11th with a Sunday School Breakfast where we'll get to know each other, sing a little, and generally get this party started!

We return to our **regular worship times** on September 11th as well: 8:00 am and 10:30 am. On the 11th, both services will be in the Old Trappe Church.

First Holy Communion and Confirmation Class Orientation will take place on September 11th at 6:00 pm in Fellowship Hall. New and returning students and one parent per student are required to attend this meeting. Bring your calendar!

Questions? Contact Sonya Sowards at education@augustustrappe.org.

Bell Choir begins on September 15th at 6:00 pm. Contact Laurie Mueller for more information: music@augustustrappe.org.

Adult Bible Study begins at 9:00 am on September 18th in the church library. Join this dedicated group of folks led by Pr. Howard Kriebel. Coffee available!

Rally Day starts with church returning to the Brick Church Nave on September 18th. During both services, we'll hear from our youth about summer activities, and at the 10:30 service, we begin our Children's Sermons for the year with a song. After the 10:30 service, the Sr. High Youth Group will provide our annual picnic. Bring a blanket or some chairs to hang out with your church family!

Iced Tea on the Lawn: Please stay and visit with your church family over some iced tea and refreshments after either service. If you are interested in hosting this long-standing tradition during a Sunday over the summer, please sign up on the board in the Muhlenberg Center.

Pastor Fluck recently turned 90 years old! He has been very generous to Augustus over many years, and we would like to honor him by raising some money for one of his favorite charities in his honor. So please, if you can, help us support **United Lutheran Seminary** in his honor. You can make a check payable to Augustus Lutheran Church and put Pastor Fluck/Seminary on the memo line. We will write one check to the seminary as a gift from his Augustus friends. Please give your gift on or before **October 30**. This is a great way to honor Pastor Fluck and to support our seminary at a time when the church truly needs new pastoral leaders well-trained for ministry. Thank you!

Augustus Book Club Fall Picks

September 15 We'll discuss: Before We Were Yours by Lisa Wingate

October 17 We'll discuss: Glory over Everything by Kathleen Grissom

November 21 We'll discuss: The Sweetness of Water by Nathan Harris

All meetings take place in the Vestry Room (near the church office) at 7:00 pm on the "Third Monday" each month. Refreshments always served. You are welcome to join us! Contact Karen McClain 610-489-9625 or office@augustustrappe.org with any questions. Didn't finish the book? No problem! Come anyway!