

HOLY COMMUNION
Sixth Sunday after Epiphany

February 16, 2020

8:00 am

INTRODUCTION TO THE DAY

In today's reading from Deuteronomy we are called to choose life by loving and obeying God. Much of today's gospel reading echoes portions of the Ten Commandments. Jesus' instructions to the crowd reveal a pattern of behavior that honors both God and the neighbor, resulting in life and health for the whole community. We too are invited to embrace these commandments, not out of fear of retribution, but because God has promised that to do so means life for us.

SILENT PRAYER

PRELUDE: *Priere a Notre Dame*

Boellmann

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING (ENTRANCE RITE)

Stand

HYMN: *God, When Human Bonds Are Broken*

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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)

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.

Lord God, mercifully receive the prayers of your people. Help us to see and understand the things we ought to do, and give us grace and power to do them; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Sit

FIRST READING

Deuteronomy 30:15-20

The LORD sets before the people of God a clear choice. Life and prosperity will come to the faithful; loss of the land will be the consequence of disobedience. Choosing life entails loving and holding fast to the Lord. Life in God's presence presupposes the promise made to the ancestors.

A A reading from Deuteronomy.

[Moses said to the people:] ¹⁵See, I have set before you today life and prosperity, death and adversity. ¹⁶If you obey the commandments of the LORD your God that I am commanding you today, by loving the LORD

your God, walking in his ways, and observing his commandments, decrees, and ordinances, then you shall live and become numerous, and the LORD your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to possess. ¹⁷But if your heart turns away and you do not hear, but are led astray to bow down to other gods and serve them, ¹⁸I declare to you today that you shall perish; you shall not live long in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess. ¹⁹I call heaven and earth to witness against you today that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Choose life so that you and your descendants may live, ²⁰loving the LORD your God, obeying him, and holding fast to him; for that means life to you and length of days, so that you may live in the land that the LORD swore to give to your ancestors, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob.

A The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 3:1-9

Human leaders in the church are not the ones who control ministry. Rather they are coworkers who belong to God, the one who truly controls and continuously empowers the ministry of the church.

A A reading from First Corinthians.

¹Brothers and sisters, I could not speak to you as spiritual people, but rather as people of the flesh, as infants in Christ. ²I fed you with milk, not solid food, for you were not ready for solid food. Even now you are still not ready, ³for you are still of the flesh. For as long as there is jealousy and quarreling among you, are you not of the flesh, and behaving according to human inclinations? ⁴For when one says, "I belong to Paul," and another, "I belong to Apollos," are you not merely human?

⁵What then is Apollos? What is Paul? Servants through whom you came to believe, as the Lord assigned to each. ⁶I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth. ⁷So neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth. ⁸The one who plants and the one who waters have a common purpose, and each will receive wages according to the labor of each. ⁹For we are God's servants, working together; you are God's field, God's building.

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

Matthew 5:21-37

In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus exhorts his followers to embrace standards of righteousness that exceed legal requirements and traditional expectations.

P The holy gospel according to Matthew.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said to the disciples:] ²¹“You have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, ‘You shall not murder’; and ‘whoever murders shall be liable to judgment.’ ²²But I say to you that if you are angry with a brother or sister, you will be liable to judgment; and if you insult a brother or sister, you will be liable to the council; and if you say, ‘You fool,’ you will be liable to the hell of fire. ²³So when you are offering your gift at the altar, if you remember that your brother or sister has something against you, ²⁴leave your gift there before the altar and go; first be reconciled to your brother or sister, and then come and offer your gift. ²⁵Come to terms quickly with your accuser while you are on the way to court with him, or your accuser may hand you over to the judge, and the judge to the guard, and you will be thrown into prison. ²⁶Truly I tell you, you will never get out until you have paid the last penny.

²⁷“You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall not commit adultery.’ ²⁸But I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lust has already committed adultery with her in his heart. ²⁹If your right eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away; it is better for you to lose one of your members than for your whole body to be thrown into hell. ³⁰And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away; it is better for you to lose one of your members than for your whole body to go into hell.

³¹“It was also said, ‘Whoever divorces his wife, let him give her a certificate of divorce.’ ³²But I say to you that anyone who divorces his

wife, except on the ground of unchastity, causes her to commit adultery; and whoever marries a divorced woman commits adultery.

³³“Again, you have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, ‘You shall not swear falsely, but carry out the vows you have made to the Lord.’ ³⁴But I say to you, Do not swear at all, either by heaven, for it is the throne of God, ³⁵or by the earth, for it is his footstool, or by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the great King. ³⁶And do not swear by your head, for you cannot make one hair white or black. ³⁷Let your word be ‘Yes, Yes’ or ‘No, No’; anything more than this comes from the evil one.”

P The gospel of the Lord.

C 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.

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, in the light of your Epiphany we see the crushing weight of the Law and our impotence to live by it. May its righteous demands drive us to you and the grace and truth you bring. 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.

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.

- ⒫ 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 continues with the SANCTUS:

- Ⓖ **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.

☩ 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,
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)

C 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

R Amen.

We Lutherans believe that the Body and Blood of Christ are 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.

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 - ev - er. 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.

☩ **Amen.**

SENDING

BLESSING (BENEDICTION)

☩ 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: *Menuet*

Boellmann



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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2020 Stewardship Campaign Update

	Commitment Cards	Dollar Amount
Total Possible	274	\$275,000
Received as of 1/19/2020	78	\$131,406
Amount Outstanding	196	\$143,594

If you have not yet returned your Commitment Card for 2020, please return the completed card as soon as possible. A copy of the 2020 Commitment Card can be downloaded from the parish web site, www.augustrappe.org, under the "About Us" tab.

Worship Assistants

Altar Servers: Nathan Kerr and Brett Schultz

Ushers: Scott Halteman, Ed Funk, Pat O'Hara, and Dick Allebach

Lectors: 8:00 am: Kevin Dubeck

10:30 am: Alan Shunk and Mike Taylor

Communion Assistants: Janice Reiff and Bob Rodenberger

Altar Guild: Jim Richvalsky

Offering Tabulation: Debra Augustine, Karl Stefan and Chilly Lyaro

The Flowers that Adorn the Altar this morning are given to the glory of God in loving memory of Dr. Ivan and Key Hess from their family.

The Sanctuary Candle is given to the glory of God by Gail, Buddy, and Joshua Martin in loving memory of father and grandfather, Robert Heist

The Worship Bulletins are given to the Glory of God by Rich and Cheryl Holcombe and family in memory of loved ones.

The Quilting Group will meet next on February 18th at 9:30 am.

The Knitting Group will meet next on February 24th at 7:00 pm.

The Augustus Book Club will meet next on Monday, February 17th at 7:30 pm in the Vestry Room. We will be discussing London: A Novel by Edward Rutherfurd.

Girls' Night Out: Dinner and a Show on Friday, February 28, 7:30 pm 9 to 5 *The Musical* at Ursinus College's Kaleidoscope Lenfest Theater
 Tickets: \$10, \$7 seniors Contact Deb Scholl (610 409-1950 or schollde@aol.com) by Feb. 16th. Dinner details tbd. Sponsored by WELCA and all are Welcome!

<https://www.collegevilledevelopment.org/events/9-to-5-the-musical/>

CALENDAR OF EVENTS			
Sunday	2/16	8:00 am	Holy Communion in the Chapel
		8:45 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
Monday	2/17	7:00 pm	Scouts
		7:00 pm	Cubs
		7:00 pm	Scouts District Meeting
		7:30 pm	Book Club
Tuesday	2/18	9:30 am	Quilters
		6:45 pm	Cubs
		7:00 pm	Scout Committee Meeting
Wednesday	2/19	6:00 pm	3-in-1 Confirmation Classes
Thursday	2/20	6:00 pm	Bells
		7:00 pm	Choir
		7:00 pm	Scouts
Friday	2/21	7:00 pm	Cubs Pack Meeting
Saturday	2/22		
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		9:00 am	Sunday School
		9:15 am	Adult Bible Study
		10:30 am	Holy Communion in the Upper Nave



UPPER MONTGOMERY CONFERENCE
OF THE SE PA SYNOD WOMEN OF THE ELCA



FIRST TUESDAY *GATHER* BIBLE STUDIES

WINTER/SPRING 2020

Coffee and treats at 9:30 am

Bible study 10:00 to 11:30 am

ALL WOMEN ARE INVITED TO ATTEND AND BRING FRIENDS.

JANUARY – FEBRUARY Mid-winter break; SAVE *GATHER* ISSUES FOR USE IN MARCH AND APRIL.

***GATHER* magazine Winter/Spring 2020 Bible Study: WE ARE CALLED! by Kathryn A. Kleinhans**

Reformer Martin Luther used the word "vocation" or "calling" to refer to all aspects of human life. We are called to respond to God not just in our personal relationship with God but in our relationships with family and friends, in our work, and in our communities. This four-part Bible study will explore stories from both the Old and New Testament. As we reflect on how our biblical forebears heard and responded to God's call, we will gain insight into how God is calling us—and how God may be calling others through us.

Tuesday, March 3 Bible study from the **January** issue of *Gather*

Session 1: Hearing God's Call

Janet Luyben, Presenter

Focus is on men and women in the Old Testament. Some of them heard and recognized God's call clearly. Others struggled to realize that it was God who was calling them or exactly what God was calling them to do.

Where: St. John's Lutheran Church, 3104 Main Street, Sumneytown

Tuesday, April 7 Bible Study from the **February** issue of *Gather*

Session 2: The Call of Jesus

Kitty Pell, Presenter

This session focuses on Jesus' calling of the disciples, on Jesus' call to Saul (Paul) on the road to Damascus, and on Jesus' call to all Christians to take up the cross and follow.

Where: St. James Lutheran Church, High & Price Streets, Pottstown

Tuesday, May 5 Bible study from the **March** issue of *Gather*

Session 3: Called to Serve

Bobbie Hoffman, Presenter

Jesus is clear that one of the central ways we respond to God's call is by serving others. When we serve others, we are recognizing Christ present in their need. When we serve others, they see Christ visible in our loving service.

Where: St. James Lutheran Church, Kugler Rd. & Swamp Pike, Limerick

Tuesday, June 2 Bible study from the **April** issue of *Gather*

Session 4: Calling Networks

Pat Leberman, Presenter

The title of this Bible study, "We Are Called!" reminds us that calling is not something private or individualistic but are always interwoven with our relationships and our communities. This session focuses on how we support others in hearing and responding to God's call.

Where: Augustus Lutheran Church, 717 W. Main Street, Trappe

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

SEE FOLLOWING PAGE FOR NEWS OF OUR SPRING GATHERING AND
THE SYNOD'S WELCA 2020 CONVENTION

Spring Gathering

of the
UPPER MONTGOMERY CONFERENCE

of the
Southeastern Pennsylvania Synod

of
The Women of The Evangelical
Lutheran Church of America

SATURDAY, MARCH 21, 2020
at

Augustus Lutheran Church
717 West Main Street, Trappe, PA
(610) 489-9625



REGISTRATION AND REFRESHMENTS START AT 9:00 A.M.
PROGRAM BEGINS AT 9:30 A.M.

PROGRAM THEME: Women Serving

'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.' - Matthew 25:40.

The Rev. Dr. Martha Kriebel, currently on staff at Augustus Lutheran Church in Trappe serving as an Honorary Assistant, will be doing a brief devotional before a National Quilting Day quilting workshop. We will be tying and pinning quilts, led by the women of Augustus Lutheran Church. No experience is needed. If you can make a square knot, you can do this. Or just come for the fellowship.

Children are welcome to attend; however, anyone under the age of 18 must be accompanied by an adult.

WHAT TO BRING:

Each church group is asked to bring a baked good, fruit, or similar refreshment item to share, as well as non-perishable food donations for the Daily Bread Community Food Pantry in Collegeville. Coffee, tea & beverages will be served by our host church.

REMINDER TO SAVE THE DATE - June 6, 2020
SOUTHEAST PA SYNOD WOMEN ON THE ELCA 2020 CONVENTION

Keynote speaker: SE PA Synod Bishop Patricia Davenport

Where: St. Matthews Lutheran Church
400 Lynbrooke Road, Springfield, Delaware Co., PA 19064

More details available soon.