

HOLY COMMUNION
Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

June 17, 2018

9:30 am

INTRODUCTION TO THE DAY

The mustard seed becomes a great shrub that shelters the birds, recalling ancient images of the tree of life. We'd expect a cedar or a sequoia, but Jesus finds the power of God better imaged in a tiny, no-account seed. It's not the way we expect divine activity to look. Yet the tree of life is here, in the cross around which we gather, the tree into which we are grafted through baptism, the true vine that nourishes us with its fruit in the cup we share. It may not appear all that impressive, but while nobody's looking it grows with a power beyond our understanding.

SILENT PRAYER

PRELUDE: *For the Fruit of All Creation*

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING (ENTRANCE RITE)

Stand

HYMN: *Our Father, By Whose Name*

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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.

☩ Amen.

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

Kneel/Stand

☐ 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.**

Amen.

☐ 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.

☩ Amen.

Stand

GREETING

☐ The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

☩ And also with you.

CANTICLE OF PRAISE (GLORIA IN EXCELSIS DEO)

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.

God, our maker and redeemer, you have made us a new company of priests to bear witness to the Gospel. Enable us to be faithful to our calling to make known your promises to all the world; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

☞ Amen.

Sit

CHILDREN'S SERMON

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

Ezekiel 17:22-24

Tree imagery is used in a messianic prophecy to tell how the Lord will choose someone from Judah's royal family (the cedar tree) to reign over all creation. This tree will be planted on Mount Zion, the location of the holy temple.

☞ A reading from Ezekiel.

²²Thus says the Lord GOD:

I myself will take a sprig
from the lofty top of a cedar;
I will set it out.

I will break off a tender one
from the topmost of its young twigs;

I myself will plant it
on a high and lofty mountain.

²³On the mountain height of Israel
I will plant it,

in order that it may produce boughs and bear fruit,
and become a noble cedar.

Under it every kind of bird will live;
in the shade of its branches will nest
winged creatures of every kind.

²⁴All the trees of the field shall know
that I am the LORD.

I bring low the high tree,
I make high the low tree;

I dry up the green tree
and make the dry tree flourish.
I the LORD have spoken;
I will accomplish it.

A The word of the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.

PSALM 92:1-4, 12-15 (*The congregation sings the verses in bold face type.*)

¹It is a good thing to give thanks | to the LORD,
and to sing praises to your name, | O Most High;
²**to tell of your lovingkindness early | in the morning**
and of your faithfulness in | the night season;
³on the psaltery, and | on the lyre,
and to the melody | of the harp.
⁴**For you have made me glad by your | acts, O LORD;**
and I shout for joy because of the works | of your hands.
¹¹The righteous shall flourish | like a palm tree,
and shall spread abroad like a ce- | dar of Lebanon.
¹²**Those who are planted in the house | of the LORD**
shall flourish in the courts | of our God;
¹³they shall still bear fruit | in old age;
they shall be | green and succulent;
¹⁴**that they may show how up- | right the LORD is,**
my rock, in whom there | is no fault.

SECOND READING

2 Corinthians 5:6-10

Paul encourages believers to live by faith and not by sight. We do not consider Jesus from a human perspective but through the eyes of faith, believing he died for all and was raised. All who are in Christ are now in God's new creation.

A A reading from Second Corinthians.

⁶So we are always confident; even though we know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord—⁷for we walk by faith, not

by sight. ⁸Yes, we do have confidence, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. ⁹So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him. ¹⁰For all of us must appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each may receive recompense for what has been done in the body, whether good or evil.

A The word of the Lord.

C 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

Mark 4:26-34

Jesus frequently uses parables to teach ordinary people as they are able to hear and understand. Images of sowing and growing show the vitality of God's kingdom.

P The holy gospel according to Mark.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

²⁶[Jesus] said, "The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground,²⁷and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. ²⁸The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. ²⁹But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come."

³⁰He also said, "With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? ³¹It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; ³²yet

when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade.”

³³With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it; ³⁴he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples.

P The gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

Sit

SERMON

Pastor Weleck

Stand

HYMN OF THE DAY: *Almighty God, Your Word Is Cast*

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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, you foretold the inevitable growth of the Kingdom
would be beyond all our expectations. Help us to claim the promise,
and go forth trusting not in our own competence, but in the
unstoppable power of your Word to accomplish that for which you
sent it. Lord in your mercy
- G** **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,
- G** **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,
- G** **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,
- G** **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,
- G** **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.

☞ Amen.

PEACE

☞ The peace of the Lord be with you always.

☞ 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: *Amazing Grace*

arr. Hayes

Abby Gravel, contralto

Stand

OFFERTORY

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,

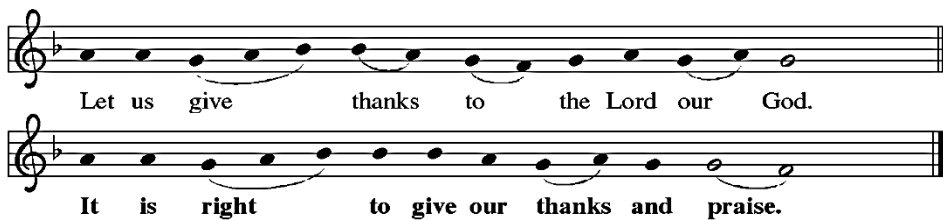
C we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us—ourselves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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.

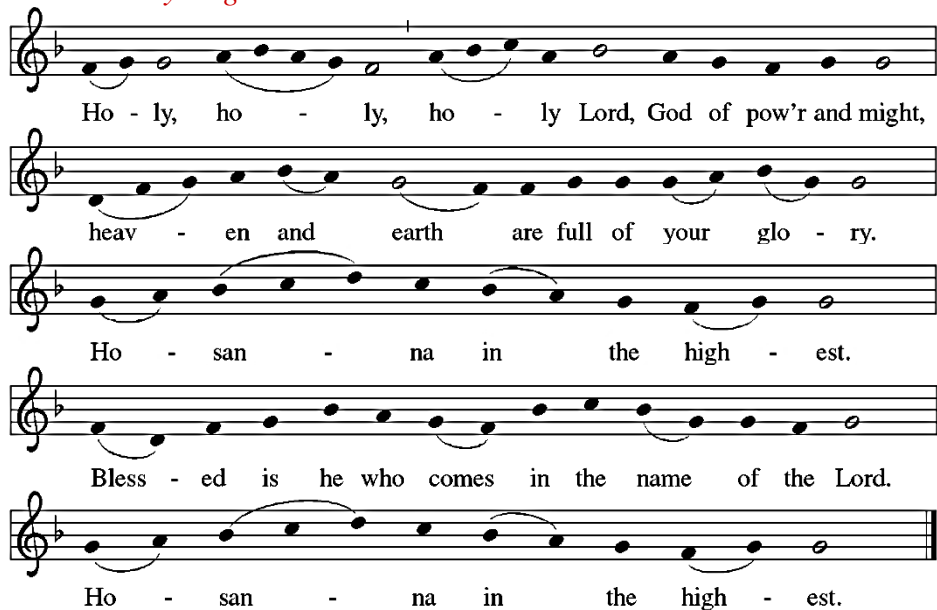
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.



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:



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:

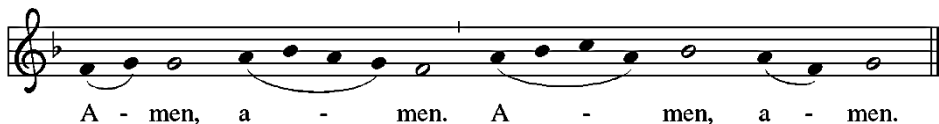
Lord, send down upon us the Holy Spirit,
sanctify and renew us in body and soul,
and grant that under this bread and wine
we receive in true faith
the very Body and Blood of your Son to our salvation,
since even now we make use of Christ's own testament
according to his command.

- ❏ 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.

- ❏ Great is the mystery of faith:

- ❏ 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)



DISMISSAL

Ⓐ Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

🕊 Thanks be to God.

HYMN: *For the Fruit of All Creation*

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POSTLUDE: *Psalm XIX*

Marcello



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.

2018 Stewardship Campaign Update		
	Commitment Cards	Dollar Amount
Total Possible	272	\$235,000
Received as of 3/12/18	102	\$152,129
Amount Outstanding	170	\$82,871
<p>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 "About Us".</p>		

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Assisting in the Service:

Altar Servers: Casey Demark

Lectors: 8:00 am: Mildred Stuffle

10:30 am: Jeannie Funk and Jim Lien

Greeters: Gary and Tracy Wessner

Ushers: The Usher Team

Communion Assistants: 8:00 am: Debra Augustine

10:30 am: Jennifer Wentworth and Bob Rodenberger

Altar Guild: 8:00 am: Sally Sweeney

10:30 am: Jim Lien and Linda Romano

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

The Altar Flowers are given to the glory of God in honor of David Waugh, Kenyon Waugh, Charles McClain, and Bryan McClain; our fathers, with love from the McClain family.

The Sanctuary Candle is given to the glory of God by Mr. and Mrs. Ron Oelschlager and family in loving memory of parents and grandparents.

The Worship Bulletins are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of his parents, by Pastor Weleck.

Tea on the Lawn is hosted today by members of the Cemetery Committee. Stop by for some refreshment and to see what this committee is doing at Augustus!

ANNOUNCING Graduations! Is someone in your family graduating from school? We'd love to know about it! Graduates will be announced in the July newsletter. To add your graduate to the list, contact the Parish Administrator at office@augustustrappe.org or 610-489-9625. Include name of graduate, where he/she is graduating from, and future plans.

Altar Flower Donors Needed: The flowers that adorn our altar each week are donated by members of our congregation. Donors are being sought for several weeks during the summer: July 1, July 15, July 22, and August 15th. If you are interested in contributing to our weekly worship in this way, contact Sally Lorah at 610-480-2872 or lorahsal@aol.com.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS			
Sunday	6/17	8:00 am	Holy Communion in the Old Trappe Church
		9:30 am	Holy Communion in the Brick Church Nave
Monday	6/18	7:00 pm	Boy Scout District Meeting
		7:30 pm	Augustus Book Club
Tuesday	6/19	9:30 am	Quilting Group
		7:00 pm	Boy Scouts
		7:15 pm	Boy Scout Committee Meeting
Wednesday	6/20		
Thursday	6/21		
Friday	6/22		
Saturday	6/23		
Sunday	6/24	8:00 am	Holy Communion in the Old Trappe Church
		9:30 am	Holy Communion in the Brick Church Nave

This Year's VBS is Hero Central! The dates are June 25 through the 28th. Registration forms are available at Sunday School, in the March Newsletter, on our Facebook Page and on our web site! **VOLUNTEERS ALWAYS NEEDED!** Can you give a few hours to help with this important event for our youth? Contact Sonya at education@augustustrappe.org