

HOLY COMMUNION
Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

October 2, 2016

10:30 am

INTRODUCTION TO THE DAY

A little faith goes a long way is our Lord's point in the gospel. A mustard seed's-worth has miraculous potential. The patience, tenacity, and endurance required for the life of faith are the blessings received in water and the word (holy baptism), bread and wine (holy communion), the word read and proclaimed in this assembly. Anticipate them. Receive them with thanksgiving.

SILENT PRAYER

PRELUDE: *Holy, Holy, Holy*

Leavitt

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING (ENTRANCE RITE)

Stand

HYMN: *Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty*

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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 DEO)



Glo-ry to God in the high - est, and peace to God's peo - ple on
earth. Lord God, heav-en - ly King, al - might - y God and
Fa - ther, we wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your
glo-ry. Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther,
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.

Our Lord Jesus, you have endured the doubts and foolish questions of every generation. Forgive us for trying to be judge over you, and grant us the confident faith to acknowledge you as Lord.

☞ Amen.

Sit

CHILDREN'S SERMON

TEMPLE TALK: The Joy of Receiving and Giving

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

Habakkuk 1:1-4

Injustice and violence in the time leading up to the Babylonian exile move this prophet to lament: How can a good and all-powerful God see evil in the world and seemingly remain indifferent? God answers by proclaiming that the wicked will perish, but the righteous will live by faith.

☞ A reading from Habakkuk.

¹The oracle that the prophet Habakkuk saw.

²O LORD, how long shall I cry for help,
and you will not listen?

Or cry to you "Violence!"
and you will not save?

³Why do you make me see wrongdoing
and look at trouble?

Destruction and violence are before me;
strife and contention arise.

⁴So the law becomes slack
and justice never prevails.

The wicked surround the righteous—
therefore judgment comes forth perverted.

^{2:1}I will stand at my watchpost,
and station myself on the rampart;

I will keep watch to see what he will say to me,
and what he will answer concerning my complaint.

²Then the LORD answered me and said:

Write the vision;

make it plain on tablets,
so that a runner may read it.

³For there is still a vision for the appointed time;
it speaks of the end, and does not lie.

If it seems to tarry, wait for it;
it will surely come, it will not delay.

⁴Look at the proud!

Their spirit is not right in them,
but the righteous live by their faith.

A The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM 37:1-9 (*The congregation sings the verses in bold face type.*)

¹Do not fret yourself because of | evildoers;
do not be jealous of those | who do wrong.

²**For they shall soon wither | like the grass,**
and like the green grass | fade away.

³Put your trust in the LORD | and do good;
dwell in the land and feed | on its riches.

⁴**Take delight | in the LORD,**
and he shall give you your | heart's desire.

⁵Commit your way to the LORD and put your | trust in him,
and he will bring | it to pass.

⁶**He will make your righteousness as clear | as the light**
and your just dealing | as the noonday.

⁷Be still be- | fore the LORD
and wait patient- | ly for him.

⁸**Do not fret yourself over the | one who prospers,**
the one who succeeds in | evil schemes.

⁹Refrain from anger, leave | rage alone;
do not fret yourself; it leads on- | ly to evil.

¹⁰**For evildoers shall | be cut off,**
but those who wait upon the LORD shall pos- | sess the land.

SECOND READING

2 Timothy 1:1-14

This message written from Paul to Timothy is a personal message of encouragement. In the face of hardship and persecution, Timothy is reminded that his faith is a gift of God. He is encouraged to exercise that faith with the help of the Holy Spirit.

A A reading from Second Timothy.

¹Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, for the sake of the promise of life that is in Christ Jesus,

²To Timothy, my beloved child:

Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.

³I am grateful to God—whom I worship with a clear conscience, as my ancestors did—when I remember you constantly in my prayers night and day. ⁴Recalling your tears, I long to see you so that I may be filled with joy. ⁵I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that lived first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, lives in you. ⁶For this reason I remind you to rekindle the gift of God that is within you through the laying on of my hands; ⁷for God did not give us a spirit of cowardice, but rather a spirit of power and of love and of self-discipline.

⁸Do not be ashamed, then, of the testimony about our Lord or of me his prisoner, but join with me in suffering for the gospel, relying on the power of God, ⁹who saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works but according to his own purpose and grace. This grace was given to us in Christ Jesus before the ages began, ¹⁰but it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Savior Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. ¹¹For this gospel I was appointed a herald and an apostle and a teacher, ¹²and for this reason I suffer as I do. But I am not ashamed, for I know the one in whom I have put my trust, and I am sure that he is able to guard until that day what I have entrusted to him. ¹³Hold to the standard of sound teaching that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. ¹⁴Guard the good treasure entrusted to you, with the help of the Holy Spirit living in us.

A The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

The congregation sings the Acclamation.



The choir sings the Verse.



The congregation repeats the Acclamation.



GOSPEL

Luke 17:5-10

On the way to Jerusalem, Jesus instructs his followers about the power of faith and the duties of discipleship. He calls his disciples to adopt the attitude of servants whose actions are responses to their identity rather than works seeking reward.

☐ The holy gospel according to Luke.

☑ **Glory to you, O Lord.**

⁵The apostles said to the Lord, “Increase our faith!” ⁶The Lord replied, “If you had faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, ‘Be uprooted and planted in the sea,’ and it would obey you.

⁷”Who among you would say to your slave who has just come in from

plowing or tending sheep in the field, ‘Come here at once and take your place at the table’? ⁸Would you not rather say to him, ‘Prepare supper for me, put on your apron and serve me while I eat and drink; later you may eat and drink’? ⁹Do you thank the slave for doing what was commanded? ¹⁰So you also, when you have done all that you were ordered to do, say, ‘We are worthless slaves; we have done only what we ought to have done!’ ”

☞ The gospel of the Lord.

☞ Praise to you, O Christ.

Sit

SERMON

Pastor Weleck

Stand

HYMN OF THE DAY: *All Depends on Our Possessing*

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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

☞ 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** Lord Jesus Christ, by your Holy Spirit, grant us such confidence in you, and in your power, that things seemingly impossible are accomplished, when undertaken in the strength that you supply.
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

ANTHEM: *I Surrender All*

Arr. Johnson

Stand

OFFERTORY



C Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of
bless-ing. Gath-er a har-vest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be
fed with the bread of life. Gath-er the hopes and dreams of all; u -
nite them with the prayers we of - fer. Grace our ta - ble with your
pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

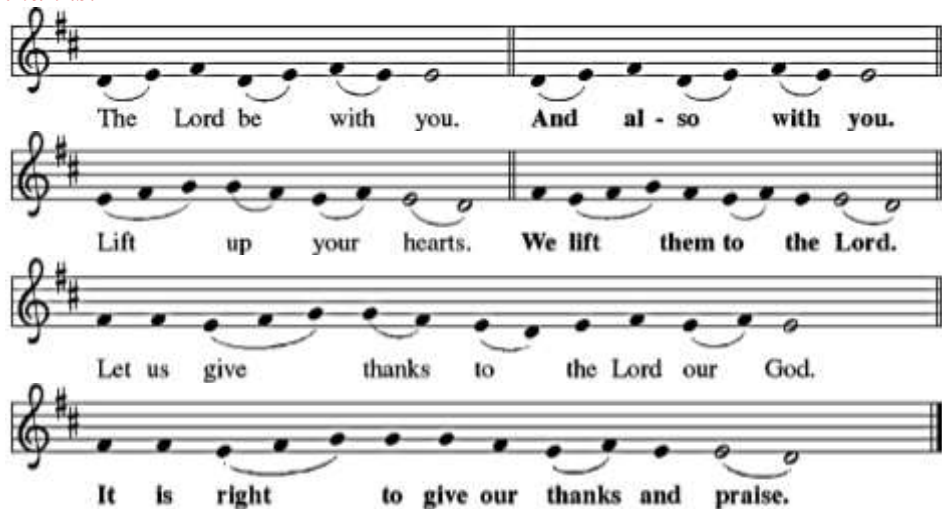
OFFERING PRAYER

A Let us pray...Merciful Father,

Q 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:

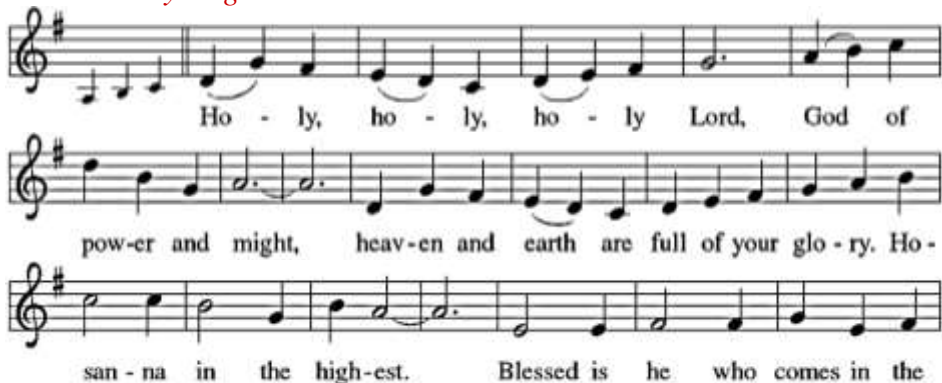


The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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 sings the SANCTUS:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of
pow-er and might, heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high-est. Blessed is he who comes in the



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

P 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.



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.



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)



The image shows three staves of musical notation for the hymn 'Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.' The melody is written in treble clef with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff contains the first two measures: 'Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have'. The second staff contains the next two measures: 'mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the'. The third staff contains the final two measures: 'world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a -'.

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 -



HYMNS DURING COMMUNION

HYMN: *We Give Thee But Thine Own*

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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

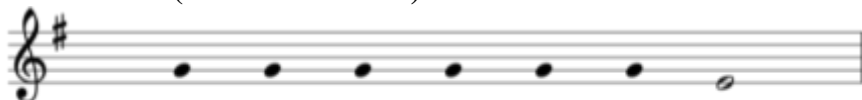
A Let us pray.

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.

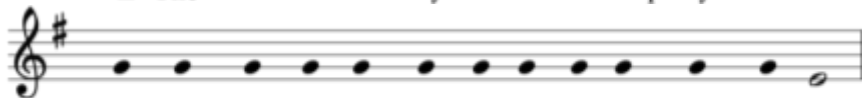
C Amen.

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.

A A - men, A - men, A - men.

DISMISSAL

A Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

HYMN: *Faith of Our Fathers*

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SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Motion from Vestry:

Resolved, that the Vestry of Augustus Lutheran Church approves the new Constitution, Bylaws, and Continuing Resolutions and submits them to the Voting Members of the Congregation for approval according to the procedures stipulated in the current Constitution, Bylaws, and Continuing Resolutions. The new Constitution, Bylaws, and Continuing Resolutions, to the extent the same are approved by the Congregation, will have an effective date of January 1, 2017.



GROUNDBREAKING

- P** Let us go forth in peace,
C in the name of Christ. Amen.

At the site of the groundbreaking, the presiding minister addresses the assembly with these or similar words.

- P** Sisters and brothers in Christ,
we are gathered to ask God's blessing
as we set apart this ground for the building of a church.

One or more of the following or other appropriate scripture passages may be read.

Genesis 28:10-17 *The house of God, the gate of heaven*

- P** A reading from Genesis.

¹⁰Jacob left Beer-sheba and went toward Haran. ¹¹He came to a certain place and stayed there for the night, because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones of the place, he put it under his head and lay down in that place. ¹²And he dreamed that there was a ladder set up on the earth, the top of it reaching to heaven; and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it. ¹³And the LORD stood beside him and said, "I am the LORD, the God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac; the land on which you lie I will give to you and to your offspring; ¹⁴and your offspring shall be like the dust of the earth, and you shall spread abroad to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south; and all the families of the earth shall be blessed in you and in your offspring. ¹⁵Know that I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land; for I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you." ¹⁶Then Jacob woke from his sleep and said, "Surely the LORD is in this place — and I did not know it!" ¹⁷And he was afraid, and said, "How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven."

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

Thanksgiving

The presiding minister leads the assembly in giving thanks.

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P We give you thanks, O God, creator of the universe,
for you laid the foundation of the earth,
you determined its measurements, and you stretched the line upon it,
when the morning stars sang together
and the heavenly beings shouted for joy.

You fill the whole world with your presence;
all the earth is holy ground.

We bless you for the good things of your creation
that will be shaped into a place of worship and witness,
and especially today for this land,
which we set apart for the building of a church.

You spin the stars around the heavens,
you are the dwelling place of light:
make this to be a place where your glory dwells
in the light of your word and sacraments.

You give birth to the rain, your waters break forth in the desert:
may your gracious blessing descend like dew from heaven upon all
whom you will gather here to worship and send from here to serve.

We praise you for the joy of beginning a work in your name
and for all whose gifts and labor have prepared for this day.

May we soon celebrate your presence in the house of your church,
and, in the time to come, praise you forever in our eternal home;
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God,
now and forever.

C Amen.

Groundbreaking

Designated representatives may each turn over the earth. The presiding minister says:

P With faith in Jesus Christ this work is begun
and this ground is broken
in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

The presiding minister leads the assembly in prayer.

P Let us pray.

O Lord our God, in you every good work has its beginning.
Grant that what we have undertaken this day
to the glory of your name
may be successfully completed to the good of all your people;
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

The Lord's Prayer is prayed by all.

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.

The service concludes:

P Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

A Thanks be to God.



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.

Assisting in the Service

Acolyte: Dylan Crothers

Ushers: 8:00 am: Members of the 8:00 am Usher Team

10:30 am: Frank DePaul, Joe Cooney, Chris Dogonniuck, and Dick Allebach

Lectors: 8:00 am: Jeff Stuffle

10:30 am: Jonathan Mueller and Dave Phillips

Communion Assistants: 8:00 am: Debra Augustine

10:30 am: John Kochel and Dave Schweitzer

Offering Tabulation: John Kochel, Brian O'Hara and Janice Reiff

Altar Guild: 8:00 am Sally Sweeney

10:30 am: Donna Beishl

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The Sanctuary Candle is given to the glory of God by Jeff Rhoads in honor of wife Janet's birthday.

The Altar Flowers in the Upper Nave are given to the glory of God by Mike Taylor in loving memory of Helen Taylor.

Congregational Meeting TODAY: There will be a meeting of the congregation on in the Main Sanctuary immediately following the 10:30 am service. The meeting is for the purpose of voting on the updated Church Constitution that was mailed with September's newsletter. Please plan to attend this important meeting.

Ground Breaking!! We have obtained the necessary Building Permit from the Borough of Trappe and are ready to begin the construction process. The Ground Breaking Ceremony will take place immediately after the Special Congregational Meeting.

Parents of children ages 6th Grade and below: You are invited to a parent forum during the Sunday school hour on October 2nd in the Fellowship Hall. Coffee and donuts will be served and Sonya Sowards, our Coordinator of Faith Development, will be available to answer any questions you may have.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS			
Sunday	10/2	8:00 am	Holy Communion in the Chapel
		9:00 am	Sunday School
		9:00 am	Sunday School Parent Q&A
		10:30 am	Holy Communion in the Upper Nave
		11:30 am	Congregational Meeting
		12:00 noon	Elevator/Breezeway Project Groundbreaking!
Monday	10/3	7:30 pm	Book Club
Tuesday	10/4	7:00 pm	Boy Scouts
		7:30 pm	Vestry Meeting
Wednesday	10/5	6:00 pm	3-in-1 and Sr. Youth Group
Thursday	10/6	6:00 pm	Bell Choir Rehearsal
		7:00 pm	Adult Choir Rehearsal
Friday	10/7	7:00 pm	Cub Scouts Committee Meeting
Saturday	10/8		Private Events (2)
Sunday	10/9	8:00 am	Holy Communion in the Chapel
		9:00 am	SUNDAY SCHOOL
		10:30 am	The Service in the Main Sanctuary

**STEWARDSHIP CAN BE DEFINED
AS “A GRATEFUL RESPONSE
TO GIFTEDNESS.”**

King David prayed: “But who am I, and what is my people, that we should be able thus to offer willingly? For all things come from you, and of your own have we given you” (1 Chronicles 29:14).



Experiencing the Joy of Generosity

The Joy in Receiving God's Blessings

Today is the start of our stewardship emphasis *Experiencing the Joy of Generosity*. Our theme for today is "The Joy in Receiving God's Blessings." In the words of Billy Graham, "God has given us two hands, one to give with and the other to receive with." Through the work of the Holy Spirit, we are able to appreciate how generously God gives to us. He provides for us physically and spiritually. God demonstrated his love for us by giving "*His only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life*" (John 3:16). First God loved, then he gave, and he keeps on giving. Forgiveness, salvation, and, in fact, all we are and everything we have or ever will have are gifts from God. May God help you experience the joy of receiving God's blessings?

We hope you will read and be blessed by the handout "The Joy in Receiving God's Blessings" that you received.

Next week, we will focus on the joy of managing God's blessings, and, on the third week, we will discuss the joy of sharing God's blessings. We hope you will join us in both worship and Bible study.



The Daily Bread Community Food Pantry in Schwenksville is facing a shortage of food as we head into fall! Please consider making donations to this outreach that serves our local community! Donations can be taken to the food pantry, or dropped off in the basket in the breezeway at Augustus!

Please join us for the Fall Gathering of the UPPER MONTGOMERY CONFERENCE of the Southeastern Pennsylvania Synod of The Women of The Evangelical Lutheran Church of America on Saturday, October 15, 2016, at Grace Lutheran Church, 660 N. Charlotte St., Pottstown, PA. (610) 323-9320. The *Theme* is from Matthew 4:17 — *From that time Jesus began to proclaim, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.”* This is in line with the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation: Since we’re preparing for the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation in 2017, we’re centering our Fall 2016 and Spring 2017 Conference events on the themes of Repentance and Salvation. The first two of Martin Luther’s 95 theses contained his central idea, that God intended believers to seek repentance and that faith alone, and not deeds, would lead to salvation. The program begins promptly at 9:30 A.M. The registration will start at 9:00 A.M. Coffee, tea & beverages will be served by our host, Grace Lutheran. The Program Speaker is Rev. Karen Sease, Pastor of Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church in Pottstown. One treat is asked from each church. Thank you. The In-Kind Donations will be given to the Pottstown Cluster of Religious Communities. We hope to see you at this fun and important event!