

**HOLY COMMUNION**  
**Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost**  
**RALLY DAY**

**September 18, 2022**

**8:00 am and 10:30 am**

**INTRODUCTION TO THE DAY**

As we are invited today to consider what it means to be managers (rather than owners) of all that we have, it is crucial to recognize that we are bought with a price. “Christ Jesus, himself human, . . . gave himself a ransom for all.” Apart from the generosity of God we have nothing—we are nothing. By God’s gracious favor we have everything we need.

**SILENT PRAYER**

**PRELUDE:**

8:00 am: *Praise to the Lord*

10:30 am: *Encore*

Walther

Hillard

Ali Backlund, Flute

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**GATHERING (ENTRANCE RITE)**

***Stand***

**HYMN:** *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*

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# Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

1 Praise to the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre - a - tion!  
 2 Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things is won-drous-ly reign - ing  
 3 Praise to the Lord, who will pros - per your work and de - fend you;  
 4 Praise to the Lord! Oh, let all that is in me a - dore him!

O my soul, praise him, for he is your health and sal - va - tion!  
 and, as on wings of an ea - gle, up - lift - ing, sus - tain - ing.  
 sure - ly his good - ness and mer - cy shall dai - ly at - tend you.  
 All that has life and breath, come now with prais - es be - fore him!

Let all who hear now to his tem - ple draw near,  
 Have you not seen all that is need - ful has been  
 Pon - der a - new what the Al - might - y can do  
 Let the a - men sound from his peo - ple a - gain.

join - ing in glad ad - o - ra - tion!  
 sent by his gra - cious or - dain - ing?  
 if with his love he be - friend you.  
 Glad - ly for - ev - er a - dore him!

## 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.
- G** Amen.

*Stand*

**GREETING**

- P** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- G** And also with you.

**CANTICLE OF PRAISE (GLORIA IN EXCELSIS DEO)**

*Printed on the next two (2) pages.*

Leader:



Glory be to God on high!

Congregation:

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, heaven - ly King, God the Father Al - mighty.

O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je - sus 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, re - ceive our prayer.

You sit at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy on us.

For you are holy; you on - ly are the Lord; You only, O Christ, with the

Ho - ly Spirit, are most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

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

**G** Amen.

*Sit*

**SUNDAY SCHOOL SONG:** *This is the Day*

## LITURGY OF THE WORD

### FIRST READING

Amos 8:4-7

*Amos was called by God to prophesy in the Northern Kingdom of Israel. Peace and prosperity in Israel led to corrupt business practices and oppression of the poor. The prophet declares that God will not tolerate such a situation.*

**A** A reading from Amos.

<sup>4</sup>Hear this, you that trample on the needy,  
and bring to ruin the poor of the land,

<sup>5</sup>saying, “When will the new moon be over  
so that we may sell grain;

and the sabbath,

so that we may offer wheat for sale?

We will make the ephah small and the shekel great,  
and practice deceit with false balances,

<sup>6</sup>buying the poor for silver

and the needy for a pair of sandals,

and selling the sweepings of the wheat.”

<sup>7</sup>The LORD has sworn by the pride of Jacob:  
Surely I will never forget any of their deeds.

**A** The word of the Lord.

**G** Thanks be to God.

*Later service only:*

**PSALM 113** *(The congregation's verses are in bold face type.)*

<sup>1</sup>Hallelujah! Give praise, you servants <sup>1</sup> of the LORD;  
praise the name <sup>1</sup> of the LORD.

<sup>2</sup>**Let the name of the <sup>1</sup> LORD be blessed,  
from this time forth for- <sup>1</sup> evermore.**

<sup>3</sup>From the rising of the sun to its <sup>1</sup> going down  
let the name of the <sup>1</sup> LORD be praised.

<sup>4</sup>**The LORD is high a- <sup>1</sup> bove all nations,  
and his glory a- <sup>1</sup> bove the heavens.**

<sup>5</sup>Who is like the LORD our God, who sits en- <sup>1</sup> throned on high,  
but stoops to behold the heavens <sup>1</sup> and the earth?

<sup>6</sup>**He takes up the weak out <sup>1</sup> of the dust  
and lifts up the poor <sup>1</sup> from the ashes.**

<sup>7</sup>He sets them <sup>1</sup> with the princes,  
with the princes <sup>1</sup> of his people.

<sup>8</sup>**He makes the woman of a <sup>1</sup> childless house  
to be a joyful moth- <sup>1</sup> er of children.**

## SECOND READING

1 Timothy 2:1-7

*The pastoral epistles offer insight into how early Christians understood many practical matters, such as church administration and worship. The church's focused prayer for others is an expression of the single-minded passion God has toward us in Jesus.*

**A** A reading from First Timothy.

<sup>1</sup>First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone, <sup>2</sup>for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity. <sup>3</sup>This is right and is acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, <sup>4</sup>who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. <sup>5</sup>For

there is one God;

there is also one mediator between God and humankind,  
Christ Jesus, himself human,

<sup>6</sup>who gave himself a ransom for all

—this was attested at the right time. <sup>7</sup>For this I was appointed a herald and an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

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

**Stand**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

*The congregation sings the Acclamation.*

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

*The choir sings the Verse.*

Live your life in a manner worthy of the gos-<sup>1</sup>pel of Christ;  
strive side by side for the faith<sup>1</sup> of the gospel.

*The congregation repeats the Acclamation.*

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

**GOSPEL**

Luke 16:1-13

*Jesus tells the curious story of a dishonest manager who cheats his employer and then is commended by him for having acted so shrewdly. Jesus wonders why his own followers are less creative and diligent in their stewardship given that they are managers of a far more valuable household.*

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

<sup>1</sup>Then Jesus said to the disciples, “There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was squandering his property. <sup>2</sup>So he summoned him and said to him, ‘What is this that I hear about you? Give me an accounting of your management, because you cannot be my manager any longer.’ <sup>3</sup>Then the manager said to himself, ‘What will I do, now that my master is taking the position away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. <sup>4</sup>I have decided what to do so that, when I am dismissed as manager, people may welcome me into their homes.’ <sup>5</sup>So, summoning his master’s debtors one by one, he asked the first, ‘How much do you owe my master?’ <sup>6</sup>He answered, ‘A

hundred jugs of olive oil.’ He said to him, ‘Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it fifty.’ <sup>7</sup>Then he asked another, ‘And how much do you owe?’ He replied, ‘A hundred containers of wheat.’ He said to him, ‘Take your bill and make it eighty.’ <sup>8</sup>And his master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly; for the children of this age are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light. <sup>9</sup>And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of dishonest wealth so that when it is gone, they may welcome you into the eternal homes.

<sup>10</sup>“Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much; and whoever is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much. <sup>11</sup>If then you have not been faithful with the dishonest wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? <sup>12</sup>And if you have not been faithful with what belongs to another, who will give you what is your own? <sup>13</sup>No slave can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth.”

- ☐ The gospel of the Lord.
- ☑ **Praise to you, O Christ.**

### *Sit*

#### **SERMON**

Augustus Youth

##### *I. Bear Creek Camp Recap*

Ethan DePaul  
Dylan Funk

##### *II. Mission Trip Recap*

Remarks by Gary Wessner  
Nathan Kerr  
Ethan DePaul  
Dylan Funk  
Liz Wentworth

##### *III. Giving of Mission Trip Awards*

### *Stand*

*Later service only:*

**HYMN OF THE DAY:** *Here I Am, Lord*

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# Here I Am, Lord



1 "I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my peo - ple cry.  
2 "I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my peo - ple's pain.  
3 "I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.



All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save.  
I have wept for love of them. They turn a - way.  
I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.



I, who made the stars of night, I will make their dark-ness bright.  
I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love a - lone.  
Fin-est bread I will pro-vide till their hearts be sat - is - fied.



Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?"  
I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?"  
I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?"

## *Refrain*



Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you



call-ing in the night. I will go, Lord, if you



lead me. I will hold your peo - ple in my heart.

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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** We pray for the church, for its pastors and other ministers, 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.**

*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

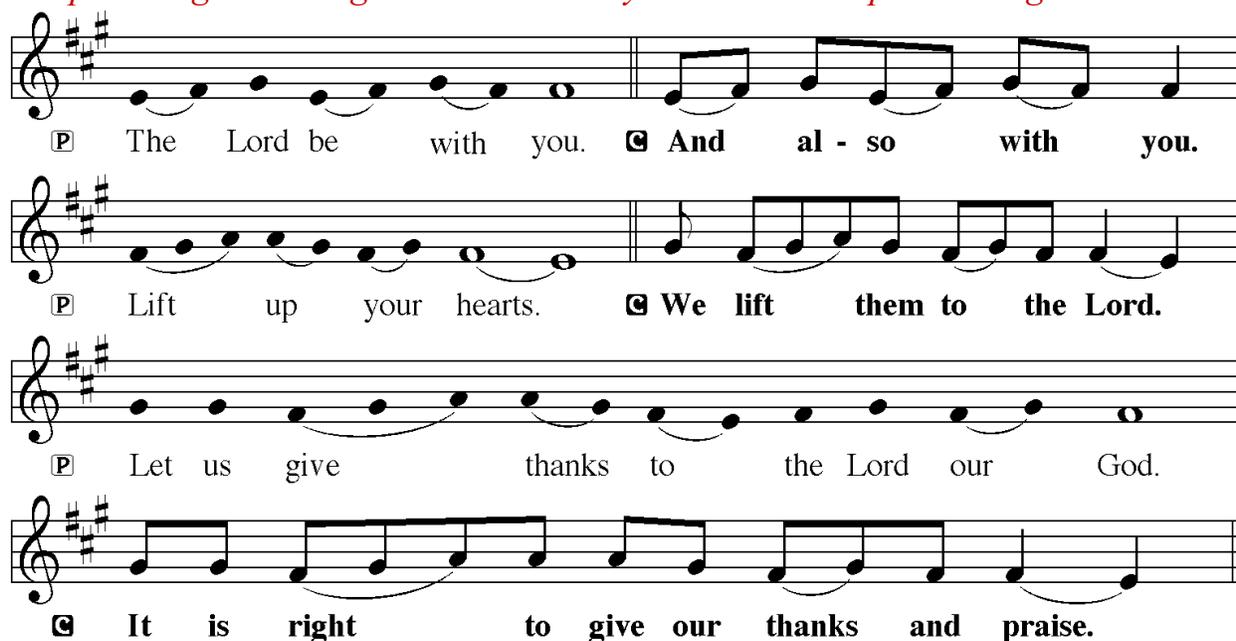
pres-ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re -

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. **C** And al - so with you.

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

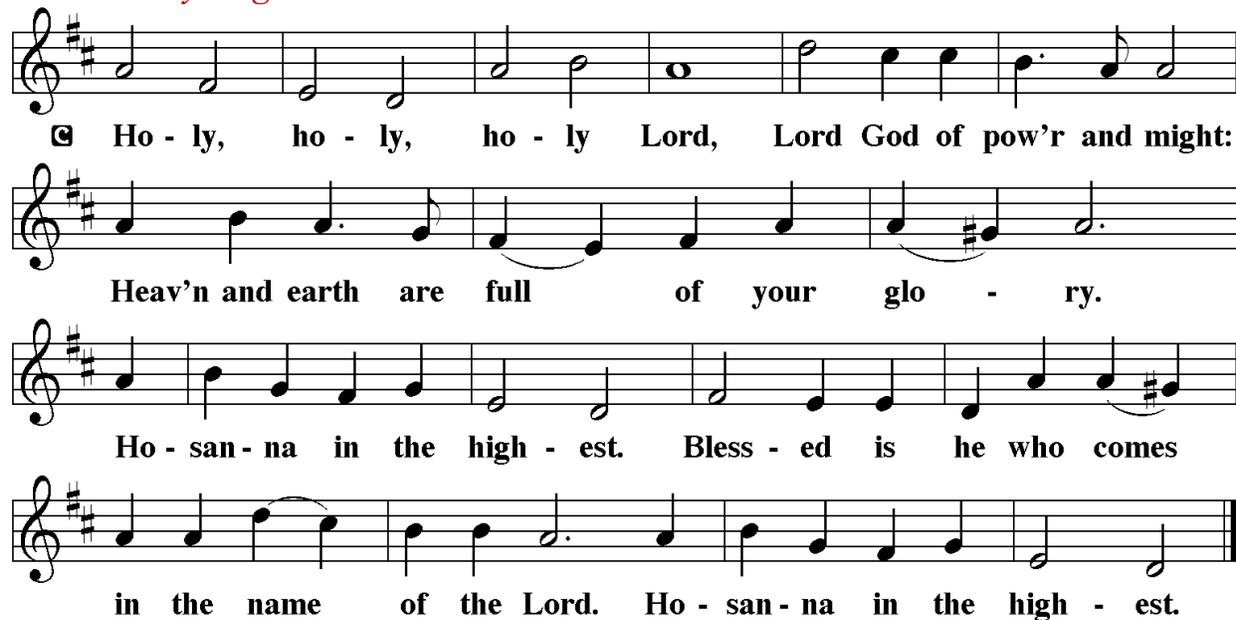
**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C** 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:*



**C** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might:  
Heav'n 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. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

*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)**

O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;  
have mer - cy up - on us. O Christ, Lamb of God, you take  
a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy up - on us.  
O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;  
grant us your peace. A - men.

*Later service only:*

**ANTHEM:** *As A Little Child*

Martin

Youth singers: Julianne Fishell, Arianna Judisch, Katie Kerr

Cellist: Nathan Kerr

Bell Trees: Gavin Elison

O you must become as a little child, as a little child and come unto Him.  
Yes, you must become as a little child to share in the kingdom of God.

Come unto Jesus, run into His arms. Come unto Jesus and you can share the  
kingdom of God.

O Jesus loves me! This I know, for the Bible tells me so;  
Little ones to Him belong. They are weak but He is strong.

||: Yes, Jesus loves me! :|| Now I can share the kingdom of God.  
O you can share the kingdom of God. Yes, Jesus loves me.

***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:** *Rise Up, O Saints of God*

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# Rise Up, O Saints of God!

1 Rise up, O saints of God! From vain am - bi - tions turn;  
2 Speak out, O saints of God! De - spair en - gulf's earth's frame;  
3 Rise up, O saints of God! The king - dom's task em - brace;  
4 Give heed, O saints of God! Cre - a - tion cries in pain;  
5 Com - mit your hearts to seek the paths which Christ has trod;

Christ rose tri - um - phant that your hearts with no - bler zeal might burn.  
as heirs of God's bap - tis - mal grace, the word of hope pro - claim.  
re - dress sin's cru - el con - se - quence; give jus - tice larg - er place.  
stretch forth your hand of heal - ing now, with love the weak sus - tain.  
and, quick - ened by the Spir - it's pow'r, rise up, O saints of God!

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## OFFERING

*The offering will be collected as you leave the Church.*

**POSTLUDE:** *Trumpet Voluntary*

Stanley



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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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10:30 am lessons and Prayers: Matthew Vera

Communion Assistant: John Kochel

Altar Guild: 8:00 am: Debra Augustine 10:30 am: Linda Romano

Offering Tabulation: Debra Augustine, Brian O'Hara, and Chilly Lyaro

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

The Flowers that Adorn the Altar are given to the glory of God by Richard K. Allebach in loving memory of the Birthday Anniversary of Father, Harold T. Allebach.

The Sanctuary Candle is given to the glory of God by Mr. and Mrs. John Schatz, Jr in memory of parents, Mr. and Mrs. Warren Dieffenbach and Mr. and Mrs. J. Edgar Schatz.

The Worship Bulletins are given to the glory of God by Mr. Charles Hallman in loving memory of wife, Carole Hallman.

Today's Anthem will feature

***New Bell Trees***

Today at our 10:30 am service, the choir anthem will include a new "instrument." Thanks to memorial money from the Lachenmayer family, we purchased bell trees. These beautiful, handcrafted wooden stands hold several handbells so that one person can play many bells. We remember the witness of Tom and Anne's many years in the choir as we hear these bells in a new way.

**Ready to get back to Church?  
Our September program year has begun!**

Adult Vocal Choir has just begun! If you're a tuneful singer, come join us! Contact Laurie Mueller for more info at [music@augustrappe.org](mailto:music@augustrappe.org).

Sunday School is underway! See you at 9:00 am each Sunday! Let's get this party started!

Bell Choir has just begun! Contact Laurie Mueller for more information at [music@augustrappe.org](mailto:music@augustrappe.org).

Adult Bible Study has begun! We meet at 9:00 am on Sundays in the church library. Join this dedicated group of folks led by Pr. Howard Kriebel. Coffee available!

**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***

**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@augustrappe.org](mailto:office@augustrappe.org) with any questions. Didn't finish the book? No problem! Come anyway!