

**HOLY COMMUNION**  
**Fourth Sunday after Epiphany**

**June 17, 2018**

**8:00 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.

**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.

**G** 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.

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.

**G** Amen.

## LITURGY OF THE WORD

*Sit*

### 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** A reading from Ezekiel.

<sup>22</sup>Thus 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.  
<sup>23</sup>On 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.  
<sup>24</sup>All 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.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## 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.

<sup>6</sup>So we are always confident; even though we know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord—<sup>7</sup>for we walk by faith, not by sight. <sup>8</sup>Yes, we do have confidence, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. <sup>9</sup>So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him. <sup>10</sup>For 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

**☩ Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?  
You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.**

## 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.*

**📖** The holy gospel according to Mark.

**☩ Glory to you, O Lord.**

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

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

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

**📖** The gospel of the Lord.

**☩ 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, 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,

**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** *Give Me Jesus*

arr. Fleming

Jennifer Wentworth, soprano

*Stand*

OFFERTORY

The musical score is written for two voices, Soprano and Alto, in a key of B-flat major (two flats) and 4/4 time. It consists of three systems of staves. The lyrics are: '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.' The melody is simple and hymn-like, with a focus on the lyrics. The Soprano part is on the top staff of each system, and the Alto part is on the bottom staff. The lyrics are placed below the staves, aligned with the notes.

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.

**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 continues with the SANCTUS:*

**C** 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.*

**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:

☑ **We proclaim your Death, O Lord,  
and profess your Resurrection until you come again.**

- ☐ 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.

**C Amen.**

## **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.**

## **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**

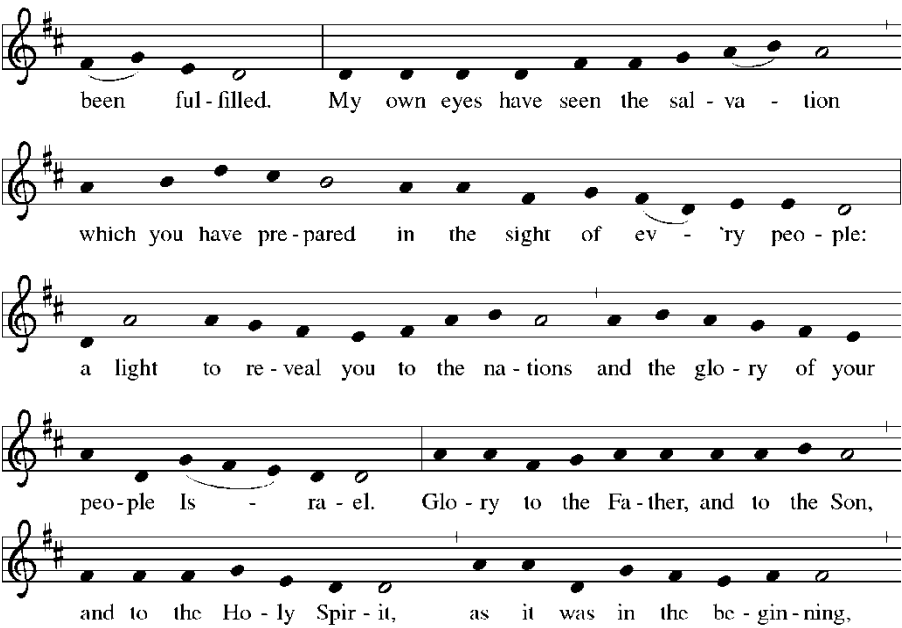
*When giving the bread and cup, the communion ministers say*  
The body of Christ, given for you.      The blood of Christ, shed for you.  
*and each person may respond*

 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. Communion will be distributed by Intinction. Receive the Body of Christ in the palm of your hand from the Pastor and then dip the host into the chalice containing the Blood of Christ held by the Communion Assistant. We welcome children and others who are not communing to come forward for a blessing.*

**Stand**

**SONG AFTER COMMUNION (NUNC DIMITTIS)**



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,



## 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** Amen.

## DISMISSAL

- A** Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
- C** Thanks be to God.

**HYMN:** *Almighty God, Your Word Is Cast*

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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
<b>Amount Outstanding</b>	<b>170</b>	<b>\$82,871</b>
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, <a href="http://www.augustustrappe.org">www.augustustrappe.org</a> , under "About Us".		

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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](mailto: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 15<sup>th</sup>. If you are interested in contributing to our weekly worship in this way, contact Sally Lorah at 610-480-2872 or [lorahsal@aol.com](mailto: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 28<sup>th</sup>. 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](mailto:education@augustustrappe.org)