HOLY COMMUNION Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

July 15, 2018

INTRODUCTION TO THE DAY

When Amos told what he saw when God held up the plumb line of justice next to Israel—that the poor were being trampled—he was a threat to the power of priests and king. John the Baptist also spoke truth to power, and Herod had him beheaded. In Herod's fear that Jesus is John returned from the dead, we may hear hope for the oppressed: that all the prophets killed through the ages are alive in Jesus. We are called to witness to justice in company with them.

SILENT PRAYER

PRELUDE: Prelude and Fugue in E Minor

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING (ENTRANCE RITE)

Stand

HYMN: Faith of Our Fathers

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS (ABSOLUTION)

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism.

- **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.

8:00 am

500

J. S. Bach

▶ 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.

C 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.
- **G** And also with you.

CANTICLE OF PRAISE (GLORIA IN EXCELSIS)

A Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth.

C Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father:
We worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God:
You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
You are seated at the right hand of the Father; receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father.
Amen

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray.

Almighty God, we thank you for planting in us the seed of your word. By your Holy Spirit help us to receive it with joy, live according to it, and grow in faith and hope and love; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Sit

FIRST READING

Amos 7:7-15

Amos was not the kind of prophet attached to temples or royal courts. Rather, he was an ordinary farmer from Judah (the southern kingdom) called by God to speak to Israel (the northern kingdom). God's word of judgment through Amos conflicted with the king's court prophet Amaziah, whom Amos encountered at Bethel.

A reading from Amos.

⁷This is what [the Lord GOD] showed me: the Lord was standing beside a wall built with a plumb line, with a plumb line in his hand. ⁸And the LORD said to me, "Amos, what do you see?" And I said, "A plumb line." Then the Lord said,

"See, I am setting a plumb line

in the midst of my people Israel;

I will never again pass them by;

⁹the high places of Isaac shall be made desolate,

and the sanctuaries of Israel shall be laid waste.

and I will rise against the house of Jeroboam with the sword."

¹⁰Then Amaziah, the priest of Bethel, sent to King Jeroboam of Israel, saying, "Amos has conspired against you in the very center of the house of Israel; the land is not able to bear all his words. ¹¹For thus Amos has said.

'Jeroboam shall die by the sword,

and Israel must go into exile

away from his land.""

¹²And Amaziah said to Amos, "O seer, go, flee away to the land of Judah, earn your bread there, and prophesy there; ¹³but never again prophesy at Bethel, for it is the king's sanctuary, and it is a temple of the kingdom."

¹⁴Then Amos answered Amaziah, "I am no prophet, nor a prophet's son; but I am a herdsman, and a dresser of sycamore trees, ¹⁵ and the LORD took me from following the flock, and the LORD said to me, 'Go, prophesy to my people Israel."

A The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

Ephesians 1:3-14 In Jesus, all of God's plans and purposes have been made known as heaven and earth are united in Christ. Through Jesus, we have been chosen as God's children and have been promised eternal salvation.

A reading from Ephesians.

³Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, ⁴just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. ⁵He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, ⁶to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. ⁷In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace ⁸that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight ⁹he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, ¹⁰as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. ¹¹In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, ¹²so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. ¹³In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; ¹⁴this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

A The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION G Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.

GOSPEL

Mark 6:14-29

▶ The holy As Jesus and his disciples begin to attract attention, Mark recalls the story of John the Baptist's martyrdom. Like John, Jesus and his disciples will also suffer at the hands of those opposed to the gospel of salvation.

The gospel according to Mark.

G Glory to you, O Lord.

¹⁴King Herod heard of [the disciples' preaching,] for Jesus' name had become known. Some were saying, "John the baptizer has been raised from the dead; and for this reason these powers are at work in him." ¹⁵But others said, "It is Elijah." And others said, "It is a prophet, like one of the prophets of old." ¹⁶But when Herod heard of it, he said, "John, whom I beheaded, has been raised."

¹⁷For Herod himself had sent men who arrested John, bound him, and put him in prison on account of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, because Herod had married her. ¹⁸For John had been telling Herod, "It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife." ¹⁹And Herodias had a grudge against him, and wanted to kill him. But she could not, ²⁰for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and he protected him. When he heard him, he was greatly perplexed; and yet he liked to listen to him. ²¹But an opportunity came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his courtiers and officers and for the leaders of Galilee. ²²When his daughter Herodias came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his guests; and the king said to the girl, "Ask me for whatever you wish, and I will give it." ²³And he solemnly swore to her, "Whatever you ask me, I will give you, even half of my kingdom."²⁴She went out and said to her mother, "What should I ask for?" She replied, "The head of John the baptizer." ²⁵Immediately she rushed back to the king and requested, "I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptist on a platter." ²⁶The king was deeply grieved; yet out of regard for his oaths and for the guests, he did not want to refuse her. ²⁷Immediately the king sent a soldier of the guard with orders to bring John's head. He went and beheaded him in the prison, ²⁸brought his head on a platter, and gave it to the girl. Then the girl gave it to her mother. ²⁹When his disciples heard about it, they came and took his body, and laid it in a tomb.

P The gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

Sit SERMON

Pastor Kochenderfer

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

- **G** 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.

MISSION TRIP COMMISSIONING

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.
- ▲ Lord Jesus Christ, we thank you for the bold and courageous witness of John the Baptizer, who boldly announced your coming, and who courageously accepted death rather than a live a lie. Be with all today who are ready to endure suffering and death for love of your grace and truth. 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.

▲ 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,

C hear our prayer.

- Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.
- **G** Amen.

PEACE

- \mathbf{P} The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- **C** And also with you.

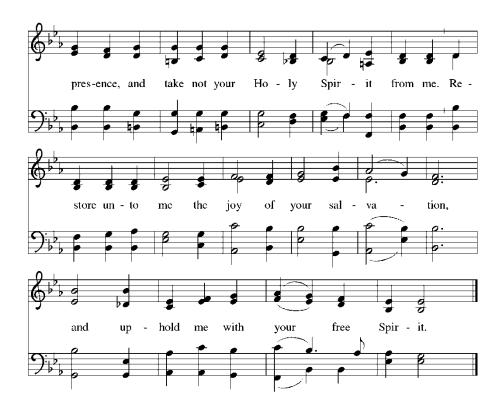
The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace, and may say **Peace be with you** or similar words.

LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT OF THE ALTAR

Sit OFFERING

Stand

OFFERTORY



OFFERING PRAYER

A Let us pray...Merciful Father,

• 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:

- \mathbf{P} The Lord be with you.
- **C** And also with you.
- **P** Lift up your hearts.
- **G** We lift them to the Lord.
- **P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- **G** It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The minister continues with the PROPER PREFACE:

■ It is indeed right, our duty and our joy... *Here the minister continues with the preface for the day, concluding:* ... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

The assembly continues with the SANCTUS:

 Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might: Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.
 Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

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

 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.

- **P** Great is the mystery of faith:
- **G** 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

▶ Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray.

 Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
 Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
 For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

 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.

 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)

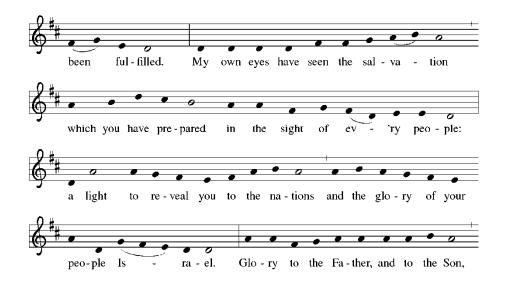
- **C** Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
 - Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
 - Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.

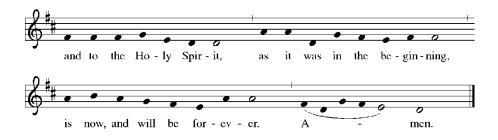
Sit COMMUNION

When giving the bread and cup, the communion ministers sayThe body of Christ, given for you.and each person may respondImage: 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)





BLESSING AFTER COMMUNION

- ▶ The Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.
- **C** Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

 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: Lead On, O King Eternal!

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Thank you to Matt Valent, who is substituting on the organ during July while Laurie Mueller is on vacation. Matt is also our tenor section leader, and a retired music teacher from PV Middle School.

Welcome, Matt!

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		

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Assisting in the Service:

- Altar Servers: Elizabeth Wentworth
- Lectors: 8:00 am: Earl Catagnus
 - 9:30 am: Chris Dogonniuck and Jim Lorah
- Ushers: The Usher Team
- Communion Assistants: 8:00 am: Debra Augustine
 - 9:30 am: Jennifer Wentworth
- Altar Guild: 8:00 am: Sally Sweeney
 - 9:30 am: Jeannie Funk

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

<u>The Altar Flowers</u> are given to the glory of God by Richard and Cheryl Camuso on the occasion of their 31st Wedding Anniversary.

<u>The Sanctuary Candle</u> is given to the glory of God by Samuel and Debra Augustine in loving memory of son, Samuel Carlos Augustine.

<u>The Worship Bulletins</u> are given to the glory of God by Mrs. Barbara Burch in thanks for blessings received.

<u>Tea on the Lawn</u> is hosted today by the Senior Youth Group. Stop by for some refreshments and see what these kids are up to!

<u>Capital Campaign Contributors</u> please check the spelling of your names on the picture of the proposed revised contributor list in the Muhlenberg Center. If there is an error, please report it to Karen McClain in the Parish Office. Thank you. 2018 Senior Youth Group Mission Trip Participants Camden, NY July 21-28, 2018

Olivia Brull	Brian Funk	Tyler Funk
Sean McClain	Liz Meeley	Joe Schaffer
Joey Schaffer	Rachel Schaffer	Anna Schweitzer
Jeremy Wentworth	Gary Wessner	Thomas Wessner

"Meet Our Missionaries" - Dr. Stephen and Jodi Lynn Swanson, who are currently serving in Tanzania and who are supported through Augustus' annual turkey dinner/craft and vendor fair, will be visiting Augustus Lutheran Church on Friday, July 27, 2018. A meet and greet, and a sharing of experiences will be held over dinner. Dinner will be at your own expense. Place & time are yet to be determined. Please sign up in the Muhlenberg Center or contact Dale O'Hara with any questions and/or your interest in attending at 610-489-0417/

<u>oharadvd@aol.com</u>. This visit will be the first for Dr. Stephen & Jodi Swanson. They have expressed their eagerness to meet the Augustus family. Please help us reciprocate mutual support and a warm welcome to our missionaries by joining us for this event. This activity is open to the entire congregation, friends, and family. Hope to see you there!

<u>PIANOS FOR FREE, Act Quickly!</u> We have two pianos that are no longer useable. One is the baby grand piano located in the fellowship hall. The second is a large upright located in the youth room. Neither piano is in good condition, and neither have been tuned in a while. If you are interested in either one, simply call the church office and come pick up one or both BY JULY 18. You will need a truck and several strong helpers; the church cannot supply people or vehicles to help you move them. They are free to the first person to remove them. However, the dolly on which the baby grand rests may not be taken. If they are not removed by July 18, they will be deposed of the 3rd week of July. As our music director is on vacation beginning July 16, serious inquiries may be directed to her before then at <u>music@augustustrappe.org</u>.

<u>Knitting 'N Crochet Group</u>: By popular request, the Augustus Lutheran Church Knitting 'n Crochet group will now meet the second and fourth Mondays of the month. Our July meetings will be the 9th and 23rd from 7 pm to 9:00 pm. The group is open to all skill levels. All are welcome.

- Don't know how to knit or crochet? We can teach you.
- You can knit but can't figure out how to add that crocheted border? We can show you.
- You love to knit/crochet but how many afghans do you need? We have service projects you can work on using donated yarns.
- You are currently working on a project? Please attend and bring it with you.

Enter through the Muhlenberg Center and take the steps or elevator down to basement. Turn right and then turn left at the first hall. The meeting room is at the end of the hall on the left (Room 20).

<u>Have you considered singing in the choir?</u> The choir is having a workshop day at Cunningham Piano Company, 198 Allendale Rd, King of Prussia on **Saturday, August 11**, from 9:00 am - 3:00 pm. Come, try us out! Let Laurie know you'll be there - we'll make lunch reservations. <u>music@augustustrappe.org</u> Hope you see you there!

<u>Altar Flower Donor</u> needed for September 2, 2018. Please contact Sally Lorah at lorahsal@aol.com.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS				
Sunday	7/15	8:00 am	Holy Communion in the Old Trappe Church	
		9:30 am	Holy Communion in the Brick Church Nave	
Monday	7/16			
Tuesday	7/17	9:30 am	Quilting Group	
		7:00 pm	Boy Scouts	
Wednesday	7/18			
Thursday	7/19			
Friday	7/20			
Saturday	7/21		Boy Scout Court of Honor	
Sunday	7/22	8:00 am	Holy Communion in the Old Trappe Church	
		9:30 am	Holy Communion in the Brick Church Nave	

