HOLY COMMUNION Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 21, 2017 10:30 am

INTRODUCTION TO THE DAY

Jesus does not leave his followers orphaned. Through the Holy Spirit Jesus comes to abide with his disciples of every generation. As Pentecost draws near, we are reminded that the risen Christ dwells in us as the Spirit of truth. We receive this Spirit in baptism and pray that in our gathering around the Lord's table the Spirit will transform us to be the body of the risen Christ in the world.

SILENT PRAYER

PRELUDE: Morning Has Broken

arr. Lamb

Handbell Choir

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING (ENTRANCE RITE)

Stand

HYMN: The Day of Resurrection! # 361

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.

G Amen.

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

Kneel/Stand

- P 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.

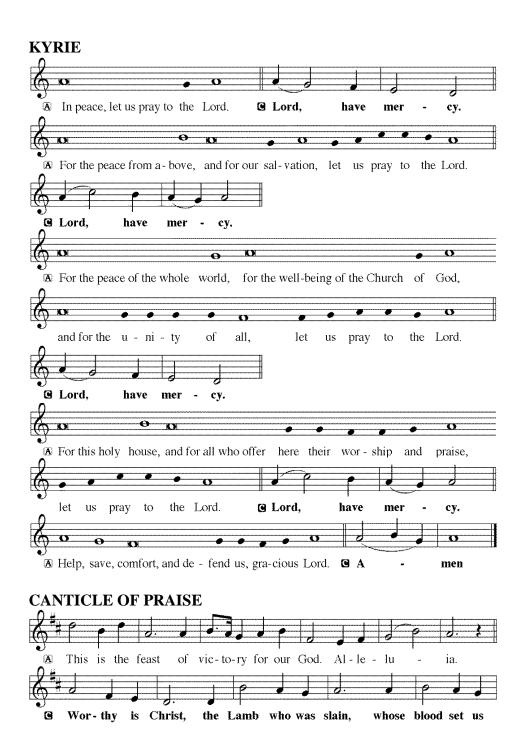
G Amen.

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.





PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray.

O God, from whom all good things come: Lead us by the inspiration of your Spirit to think those things which are right, and by your goodness help us to do them; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Sit

CHILDREN'S SERMON

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

Acts 17:22-31

In Athens, Paul faces the challenge of proclaiming the gospel to Greeks who know nothing of either Jewish or Christian tradition. He proclaims that the "unknown god" whom they worship is the true Lord of heaven and earth who will judge the world with justice through Jesus, whom God has raised from the dead.

A A reading from Acts.

²²Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, "Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. ²³For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, 'To an unknown god.' What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. ²⁴The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, ²⁵nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. ²⁶From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, ²⁷so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. ²⁸For 'In him we live and move and have our being'; as even some of your own poets have said,

'For we too are his offspring.'

²⁹Since we are God's offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. ³⁰While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, ³¹because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead."

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

PSALM 66:8-20 (The congregation sings the verses in bold face type.)

⁷Bless our | God, you peoples; make the voice of his praise | to be heard,

8who holds our | souls in life, and will not allow our | feet to slip.

⁹For you, O | God, have proved us; you have tried us just as sil- | ver is tried.

¹⁰You brought us in- | to the snare; you laid heavy burdens up- | on our backs.

¹¹You let enemies ride over our heads; we went through | fire and water,

but you brought us out into a place | of refreshment.

 $^{12}\boldsymbol{I}$ will enter your house with burnt-offerings and will pay | you my vows,

which I promised with my lips and spoke with my mouth when I was in trouble.

¹³I will offer you sacrifices of fat beasts with the | smoke of rams; I will give you ox- | en and goats.

¹⁴Come and listen, all you | who fear God, and I will tell you what he has | done for me.

¹⁵I called out to him | with my mouth, and his praise was | on my tongue.

16 If I had found evil | in my heart, the Lord would | not have heard me;

¹⁷but in truth | God has heard me; he has attended to the voice | of my prayer.

¹⁸Blessed be God, who has not reject- | ed my prayer, nor withheld his | love from me.

SECOND READING

1 Peter 3:13-22

Christians have a zeal for doing what is right in God's eyes no matter what the circumstances because in baptism we are saved and made alive. Thus our Christian beliefs and behavior are to be a matter of public record just as our baptism is.

A A reading from First Peter.

¹³Who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? ¹⁴But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, ¹⁵but in your hearts sanctify Christ

as Lord. Always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you; 16yet do it with gentleness and reverence. Keep your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. ¹⁷For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. 18For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, ¹⁹in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, ²⁰who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. 21 And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you—not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, ²²who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

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

Stand

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

The congregation sings the Acclamation.



The choir sings the First Verse.



Christ being raised from the dead will never | die again; death no longer has dominion | over him.

The congregation repeats the Acclamation.



The choir sings the Second Verse.



Those who love me will | keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our | home with them.

The congregation repeats the Acclamation.



GOSPEL John 14:15-21

In final words to his disciples on the night of his arrest, Jesus encourages obedience to his commandments and speaks of the Spirit, who will be with them forever.

P The holy gospel according to John.

☑ Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said to the disciples:] ¹⁵"If you love me, you will keep my commandments. ¹⁶And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. ¹⁷This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

¹⁸ I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. ¹⁹In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. ²⁰On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. ²¹They who have my commandments

and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them."

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

Sit

SERMON Pastor Weleck

Stand

HYMN OF THE DAY: Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice #594

The Nicene Creed is appropriate during Advent, Christmas, Easter, and on festival days; the Apostles' Creed during Lent and at other times.

NICENE CREED

- P With the whole church, let us confess our faith.
- We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. 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, your love of the Father was lived out by obedience to his commandments, and by obedience to your commandments we live out our love for you. Renew in us always such loving obedience to your Word that, as you have promised, we may readily receive another Counselor, the promised Holy Spirit, who will be your Spirit in us, now and forever. Lord in your mercy,
- 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,
- **©** hear our prayer.
- ⚠ 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,
- **©** 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.
- Me 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,
- **9** 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

- **P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- **G** 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: The Lord Is Ris'n Indeed

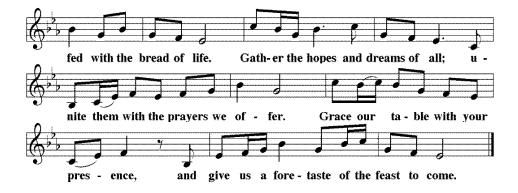
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OFFERTORY



bless-ing. Gath-er a har-vest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be

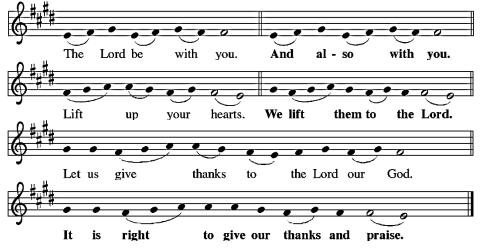


OFFERING PRAYER

- 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

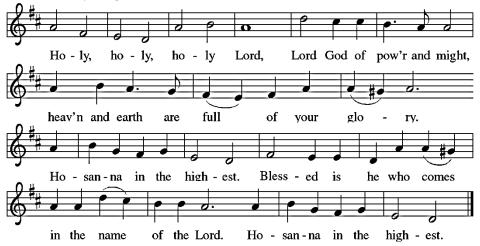
The presiding minister greets the assembly and invites all present to give thanks:



The minister continues with the PROPER PREFACE:

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

The assembly sings the SANCTUS:



The WORDS OF INSTITUTION are sung to the music Blessed Martin Luther himself composed specifically for this purpose.

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.
- 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.
- 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.

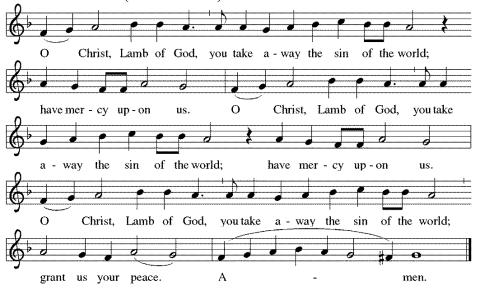
and each person may respond

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)



HYMNS DURING COMMUNION

HYMN: Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness

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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

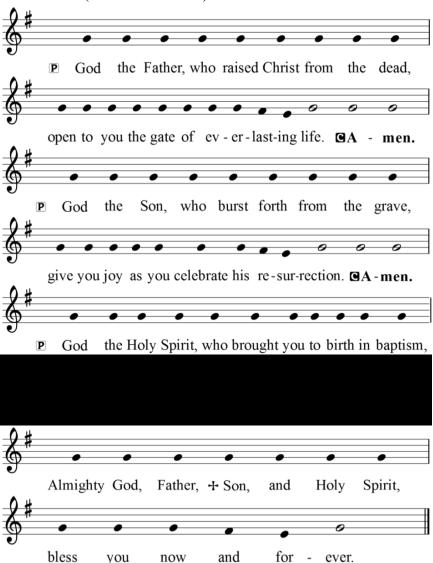
A Let us pray.

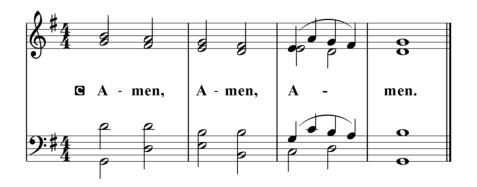
We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life. In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen.

SENDING

BLESSING (BENEDICTION)





DISMISSAL

A Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.

HYMN: Now Thank We All Our God # 840

POSTLUDE: Chaconne Couperin



The Easter Cycle celebrates the events surrounding our Lord's passion, death, and resurrection. Beginning with Ash Wednesday, the Easter Cycle includes the Lenten season, Holy Week, and the Easter Season. This cycle concludes with the Day of Pentecost, as the culmination of the resurrection through the coming of the Holy Spirit to Christ's followers.

The Paschal Candle, symbolic of our Lord's resurrection, is positioned on the Gospel side of the altar and is lighted at all services during the Easter season (up to and including the Day of Pentecost).

The liturgical color white, symbolic of purity, joy, and the light of Christ, is used on the festivals of Christ. Gold is a more festive version of white.

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Ushers: Dave Schweitzer, Ed Funk, Pat O'Hara, and Dick Allebach

Lectors: 8:00 am: Ron Hess

10:30 am: Jeannie Funk and James Lorah Communion Assistants: 8:00 am: Debra Augustine

10:30 am: Barbara Birch and Janice Reiff

Altar Guild: 8:00 am: Sally Sweeney 10:30 am: Mike VanBlaricum

Offering Tabulation: Janet Stokes, Jack Schatz, and Gary Wessner

<u>The Altar Flowers in the Upper Nave</u> are given to the glory of God by Renata and Dieter Markert in loving memory of our parents Hedy and Max Reimer and Friedchen and Willi Markert.

<u>The Worship Bulletins</u> are given to the glory of God by Jeannie and Ed Funk, in honor of our son Brian and all the graduation seniors in the Youth Group: Skylar Althouse, Ben Dogonniuck, Riley Schmidt, and Ashley Smith.

<u>The Sanctuary Candle</u> is given to the glory of God by Leon Linsenbigler in loving memory of wife, Leona Linsenbigler.

<u>Bulletin Sponsors Sought:</u> Donors are needed to sponsor our weekly bulletins. This is a great way to remember or honor someone special or

to commemorate a life milestone! Contact Dot Opperman for more information at 610-489-4514.

Parents of children aged three through sixth grade: Please feel free to relax in the Fellowship Hall with coffee and other parents while your children are in Sunday school. Or, join the adult Bible study class that meets during the Sunday school hour. Take-home activity pages are available at the registration desk so that you can reinforce the story with your children at home, and the Spark Bible, with all our Sunday school stories, is available for purchase at https://www.augsburgfortress.org/store/product/8122/Spark-Story-Bible-Sunday-School-Edition.

<u>Prayer Chain:</u> Did you know we have a Prayer Chain at Augustus? Well, we do! If you would like our Prayer Chain ladies to pray for you or a family member, please call Carol Oelschlager to have their name added to the list. Carol can be reached at 610-489-3109.

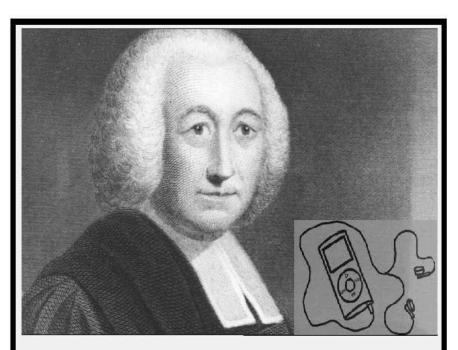
Altar Guild Needs Your Assistance!! No experience necessary. We fill the candles with oil, the pitchers with wine, and put flowers in the vases. We work in partners and serve two or three times in a year. Please call Donna Beishl at 610-350-0238 to have any questions about this function answered.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS				
Sunday	5/21	8:00 am	Holy Communion in the Chapel	
		9:00 am	Sunday School CARNIVAL	
		10:30 am	Holy Communion in the Upper Nave	
		4:00 pm	Choir Spring Concert – Muhlenberg's Playlist	
Monday	5/22	2:00 pm	Staff Meeting	
		7:00 pm	Scouts	
Tuesday	5/23	9:00 am	Upper Montgomery Pastors' Meeting	
		7:00 pm	Boy Scouts	
Wednesday	5/24	6:00 pm	3-in-1	
Thursday	5/25	11:00 am	Happy Days T-TH Awards Ceremony	
		7:00 pm	Adult Choir	
Friday	5/26	2:00 pm	Happy Days M-W-F Graduation	
Saturday	5/27			
Sunday	5/28	8:00 am	Holy Communion in the Chapel	
		10:30 am	Holy Communion in the Upper Nave	

<u>Communion Assistants Needed:</u> Please consider becoming a communion assistant and serve our congregation during Sunday services.

You may serve as often or infrequently as meets your schedule. Training will be provided. Contact the church office or Karen Lachenmayer at 610-715-489-4850 or karenlachenmayer@gmail.com.





If Muhlenberg had an ipod, what would be on it?

Muhlenberg's Ipod Playlist Concert and Sing-In

Laurie Mueller, Organist and Director Augustus Lutheran Church 717 W. Main St., Trappe

Sunday, May 21, 2017 4:00 PM

A free-will offering will be received



Geranium Sunday

Flowers can now be ordered for Pentecost!

All members of the Congregation are invited to order Geranium Plants as a memorial to or in honor of Loved Ones/Friends to decorate the Church Sanctuary in celebration of Pentecost, May 15, 2016. The Women of ELCA will take responsibility for their planting on church grounds. The Geranium project has always been a huge success. Please include payment with your order.

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E-Mail:	
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Total Cost:	







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