# HOLY COMMUNION The Holy Trinity

May 26, 2024 8:00 am and 10:30 am

### INTRODUCTION TO THE DAY

When we say God is the triune God, we are saying something about who God is beyond, before, and after the universe: that there is community within God. Our experience of this is reflected in Paul's words today. When we pray to God as Jesus prayed to his Abba (an everyday, intimate parental address), the Spirit prays within us, creating between us and God the same relationship Jesus has with the one who sent him.

### SILENT PRAYER

PRELUDE: Alla Marcia Archer

**ANNOUNCEMENTS** 

GATHERING (ENTRANCE RITE)

Stand

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

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# 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.
- **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.
  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.
- **And also with you.**

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### **KYRIE**



# HYMN OF PRAISE (GLORIA IN EXCELSIS DEO)



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### PRAYER OF THE DAY

**P** Let us pray.

Almighty and ever-living God, you have given us grace, by the confession of the true faith, to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity and, in the power of your divine majesty, to worship the unity. Keep us steadfast in this faith and worship, and bring us at last to see you in your eternal glory, one God, now and forever.

**G** Amen.

Sit

#### LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING Isaiah 6:1-8

This reading narrates Isaiah's vision of the Lord surrounded by angels. They sing "Holy, holy," a song the church sings at the beginning of the great thanksgiving. This liturgical text invites the church and all creation to sing in praise of God's glory. That glory is God's mercy toward sinners.

## A reading from Isaiah.

<sup>1</sup>In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple. <sup>2</sup>Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. <sup>3</sup>And one called to another and said:

"Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts;

the whole earth is full of his glory."

<sup>4</sup>The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. <sup>5</sup>And I said: "Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!"

<sup>6</sup>Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. <sup>7</sup>The seraph touched my mouth with it and said: "Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out." <sup>8</sup>Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" And I said, "Here am I; send me!"

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

## Later service only:

# **PSALM 29** (The congregation's verses are in bold face type.)

<sup>1</sup>Ascribe to the <sup>|</sup>LORD, you gods,

ascribe to the LORD glo- ry and strength.

<sup>2</sup>Ascribe to the LORD the glory | due his name; worship the LORD in the beau- | ty of holiness.

<sup>3</sup>The voice of the LORD is upon the waters; the God of | glory thunders; the LORD is upon the | mighty waters.

<sup>4</sup>The voice of the LORD is a pow- | erful voice; the voice of the LORD is a | voice of splendor.

<sup>5</sup>The voice of the LORD breaks the | cedar trees; the LORD breaks the ce-| dars of Lebanon;

<sup>6</sup>he makes Lebanon skip | like a calf, and Mount Hermon like a | young wild ox.

<sup>7</sup>The voice of the LORD splits the flames of fire; the voice of the LORD | shakes the wilderness;

the LORD shakes the wilder- ness of Kadesh.

<sup>8</sup>The voice of the LORD makes the | oak trees writhe and strips the | forests bare.

<sup>9</sup>And in the temple | of the LORD all are | crying, "Glory!"

<sup>10</sup>The LORD sits enthroned a- | bove the flood; the LORD sits enthroned as | king forevermore.

<sup>11</sup>The LORD shall give strength | to his people; the LORD shall give his people the bless- | ing of peace.

### SECOND READING

Romans 8:12-17

In describing the new life of faith, Paul refers to all three persons of the Trinity: the Spirit leads us to recognize that we are children of God the Father and joint heirs with Christ the Son.

# **A** reading from Romans.

<sup>12</sup>Brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh—<sup>13</sup> for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. <sup>14</sup>For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. <sup>15</sup>For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, "Abba! Father!" <sup>16</sup>it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God,

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<sup>17</sup>and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ—if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

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

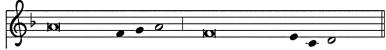
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### **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

The congregation sings the Acclamation.



The choir sings the Verse.



Holy, holy is the | Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full | of his glory.

The congregation repeats the Acclamation.



GOSPEL John 3:1-17

Jesus' miracles prompt Nicodemus to visit him in secrecy. Jesus tells him about being born of the Spirit and about the Son who has been sent by God to save.

P The holy gospel according to John.

# **G** Glory to you, O Lord.

<sup>1</sup>Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. <sup>2</sup>He came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God." <sup>3</sup>Jesus answered him, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above." <sup>4</sup>Nicodemus said to him, "How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?" <sup>5</sup>Jesus answered, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. <sup>6</sup>What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. <sup>7</sup>Do not be astonished that

I said to you, 'You must be born from above.' <sup>8</sup>The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit." <sup>9</sup>Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?" <sup>10</sup>Jesus answered him, "Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?

<sup>11</sup>"Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. <sup>12</sup>If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? <sup>13</sup>No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. <sup>14</sup>And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, <sup>15</sup>that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

<sup>16</sup>"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

<sup>17</sup>"Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him."

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

Sit

**SERMON** Pastor Weleck

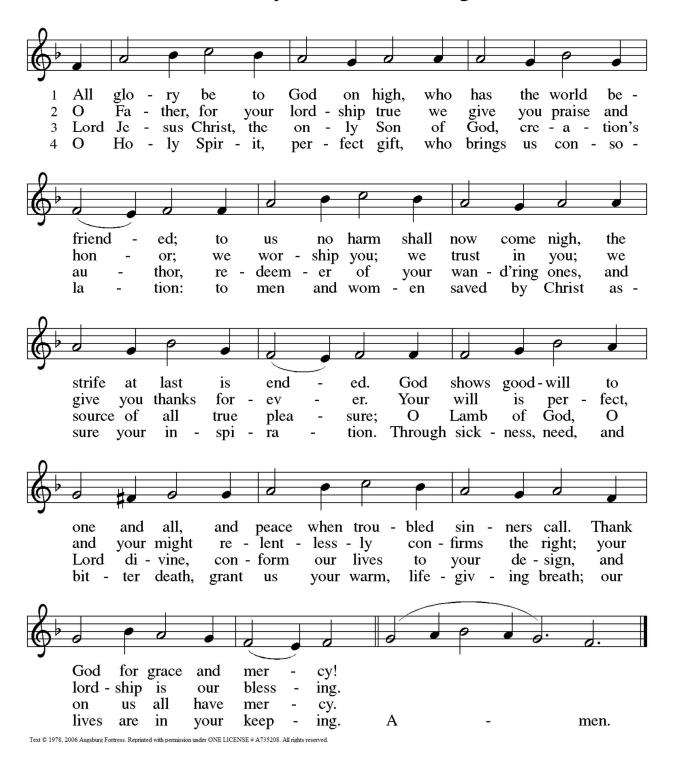
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Later service only:

**HYMN OF THE DAY:** All Glory Be to God on High Printed on the next page.

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# All Glory Be to God on High



### Stand

## ATHANASIAN CREED (read responsively)

Whoever wants to be saved should above all cling to the catholic faith.

# Whoever does not guard it whole and inviolable will doubtless perish eternally.

Now this is the catholic faith:

We worship one God in trinity and the Trinity in unity, neither confusing the persons nor dividing the divine being.

# For the Father is one person, the Son is another, and the Spirit is still another.

But the deity of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit is one, equal in glory, coeternal in majesty.

# What the Father is, the Son is, and so is the Holy Spirit.

Uncreated is the Father; uncreated is the Son; uncreated is the Spirit.

# The Father is infinite; the Son is infinite; the Holy Spirit is infinite.

Eternal is the Father; eternal is the Son; eternal is the Spirit:

# And yet there are not three eternal beings,

but one who is eternal;

as there are not

three uncreated and unlimited beings, but one who is uncreated and unlimited.

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# Almighty is the Father;

almighty is the Son; almighty is the Spirit:

And yet there are not

three almighty beings, but one who is almighty.

### Thus the Father is God;

the Son is God;

the Holy Spirit is God:

And yet there are not three gods, but one God.

### Thus the Father is Lord;

the Son is Lord;

the Holy Spirit is Lord:

And yet there are not three lords, but one Lord.

# As Christian truth compels us

to acknowledge each distinct person as God and Lord, so catholic religion forbids us to say that there are three gods or lords.

The Father was neither made nor created nor begotten;

# the Son was neither made nor created,

but was alone begotten of the Father;

the Spirit was neither made nor created, but is proceeding from the Father and the Son.

# Thus there is one Father,

not three fathers; one Son, not three sons; one Holy Spirit, not three spirits.

And in this Trinity,

no one is before or after, greater or less than the other;

but all three persons are in themselves, coeternal and coequal; and so we must worship the Trinity in unity and the one God in three persons.

Whoever wants to be saved should think thus about the Trinity.

It is necessary for eternal salvation that one also faithfully believe that our Lord Jesus became flesh.

For this is the true faith
that we believe and confess:
That our Lord Jesus Christ,
God's Son, is both God and man.

# He is God, begotten before all worlds from the being of the Father,

and he is man, born in the world from the being of his mother—

existing fully as God, and fully as man with a rational soul and a human body;

equal to the Father in divinity, subordinate to the Father in humanity.

# Although he is God and man, he is not divided, but is one Christ.

He is united because God has taken humanity into himself; he does not transform deity into humanity.

# He is completely one in the unity of his person, without confusing his natures.

For as the rational soul and body are one person, so the one Christ is God and man.

He suffered death for our salvation.

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He descended into hell and rose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

At his coming all people shall rise bodily to give an account of their own deeds.

Those who have done good will enter eternal life,

those who have done evil will enter eternal fire.

This is the catholic faith.

One cannot be saved without believing this firmly and faithfully.

#### PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

- With the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.
- 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.
- 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,
- **C** hear our prayer.
- 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.
- 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.

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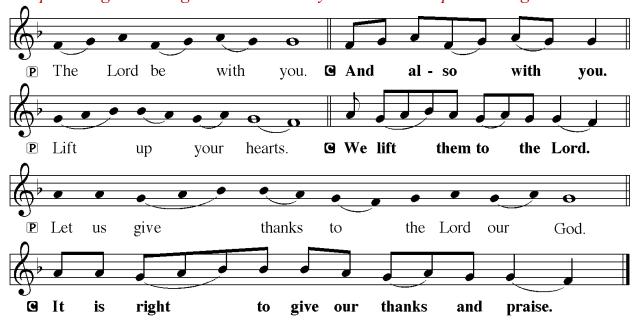
# LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT OF THE ALTAR

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### **GREAT THANKSGIVING**

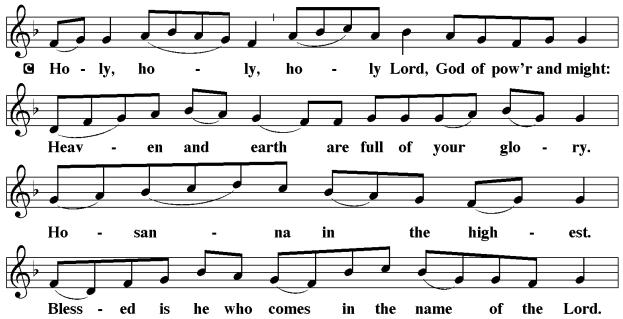
The presiding minister greets the assembly and invites all present to give thanks:



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:



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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.

**Q** 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.

### 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.

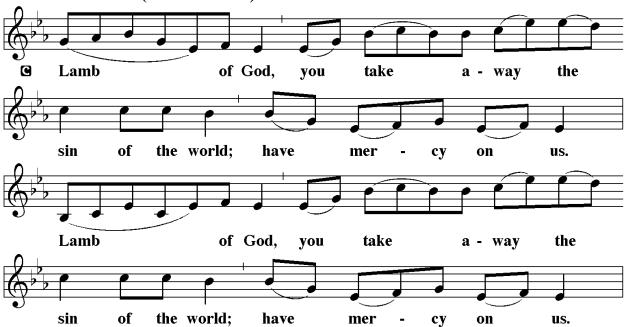
and each person may respond

Amen.

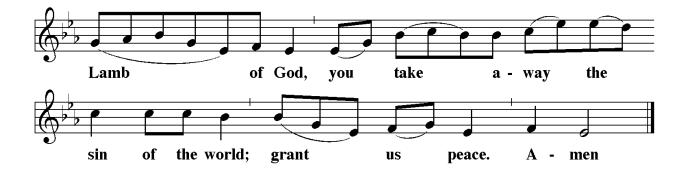
We Lutherans believe that the Body and Blood of Christ are "truly and substantially" present "in, with, and under" the forms of bread and wine. We invite to the communion all who are baptized and communing in this or another Christian denomination. We welcome children and others who are not communing to come forward for a blessing.

Music during Communion:

# LAMB OF GOD (AGNUS DEI)



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### Later service only:

**ANTHEM:** God So Loved the World

Stainer

God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son
That whoso believeth in him should not perish but have everlasting life.
For God sent not his son into the world to condemn the world,
But that the world through him might be saved.
God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son
That whoso believeth in him should not perish but have everlasting life.
God so loved the world.

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#### BLESSING AFTER COMMUNION

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

### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

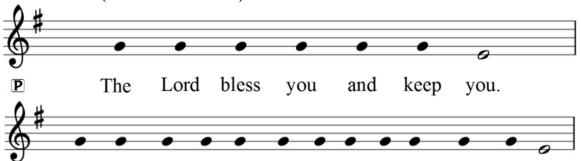
**A** Let us pray.

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)**



The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.



The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.



# **DISMISSAL**

**A** Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

**HYMN:** Holy God, We Praise Your Name
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# Holy God, We Praise Your Name



### **OFFERING**

The offering will be collected as you leave the Church.

**POSTLUDE:** *God of Our Fathers* 

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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.

The Athanasian Creed is one of the three ecumenical creeds contained in the Book of Concord. (The Book of Concord is the collection of foundational theological documents that governs the Lutheran Church.) The other two, the Nicene and the Apostles' creeds, lend themselves more readily to liturgical use. Custom does suggest the liturgical use of the Athanasian Creed on the festival of The Holy Trinity.

The Athanasian Creed is named after St. Athanasius, a staunch defender of the Christian faith who lived in the 4th century. It was prepared to assist the Church in combating two errors that undermined Biblical teaching about God. One error denied that God's Son and the Holy Spirit are of one being or Godhead with the Father. The second error denied that Jesus is true God and true man in one person. The Athanasian Creed continues to serve the Christian Church as a standard of the truth. It declares that whoever rejects the doctrine of the Trinity and the doctrine of Christ is without saving faith.

**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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<u>The Flowers that Adorn the Altar</u> are given to the glory of God with love from the Holcombe family in memory of Mary Adams.

<u>The Centervase Flowers that Adorn the Altar</u> are given by Judy Bubeck and Family in loving memory of SGT John T. Bubeck and remembering all who gave their lives for our freedom.

<u>The Sanctuary Candle</u> is given to the glory of God by Laurie Mueller in memory of past choir members who have joined god's Heavenly Chorus.

<u>The Worship Bulletins</u> are given to the glory of God by Scott and Andrea Halteman and Danielle and Matt Michniewicz in honor of Anita Halteman's birthday.

Our Annual "Old Church Sunday" service will be on Sunday, June 9, 2024 at 9:30 am in the Old Church. Our good friend, the Rev. Dr. Karl Krueger will inspire us with his sermon. Following the service there will be a sit-down luncheon and presentation in Fellowship Hall. The Rev. Dr. Karl Krueger will delight us with his presentation on "Muhlenberg and Anglicans in the Delaware Valley".

We hope to see you at the one service on Old Church Sunday, June 9<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 am and for the presentation afterwards. Feel free to invite friends and neighbors to join you for this wonderful event.

### SENIOR YOUTH GROUP NEWS

The Senior Youth Group would like to congratulate Graham, Gavin, Arianna, Wesley, Grace, Emily, Julianne, Kathryn, Devyn and Andrew on their rite of confirmation. We hope they'll consider joining the Senior Youth Group to continue on with their faith journeys.

The SYG meets on the first Wednesday and the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of each month (September thru May), as well as various other days for activities and fund raisers. All youth in 9<sup>th</sup> -12<sup>th</sup> grades can take part in the SYG. The leaders will be sending more information on the group in the near future.

The SYG is looking for a couple of new leaders to help us in the fall. Please let us know if you are interested. It's a very rewarding experience and we'd like to pass on our knowledge to a new group of leaders. New people bring new ideas and that is always a good thing.

The SYG thanks the congregation for your support throughout the year.

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**Tea On The Lawn:** Augustus Lutheran is looking for volunteers (families or organizations) to host Tea on the Lawn this summer. There will be a signup sheet in the Muhlenberg Center to sponsor these events. Each week after both services, you would provide lemonade, iced tea and snacks for the congregation. This a great fellowship opportunity for Augustus. If you're interested, please signup. Augustus will provide the table, plates, napkins and cups. Your consideration is much appreciated.

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# Vacation Bible School

June 24-27, 2024, 9a-12p ages 3 through 6<sup>th</sup> grade

This year's VBS is based on games and will be lots of fun! Scan this code to register.

Questions? Contact Sonya Sowards, DCE.

# Vacation Bible School is coming and we're looking for volunteers!

Set-up day is June 23<sup>rd</sup> after church and we need some strong backs to help with that. VBS is 9-12, June 24-27 and the number of volunteers we have determines the number of children we can welcome. Adults will need all three state clearances, but they are easily obtained, and Sonya Sowards can help you. We always have a lot of fun at Vacation Bible School so please let Sonya know (education@augustustrappe.org or 904-476-4409) if you or your teen can help.

Thank you!