HOLY COMMUNION Third Sunday after Pentecost

Old Church Sunday

June 13, 2021

9:30 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: The Storm Is Passing Over

Baker/Tindley

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING (ENTRANCE RITE)

Stand

HYMN: In Our Day of Thanksgiving Printed on the next page.

In Our Day of Thanksgiving



CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS (ABSOLUTION)

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

- In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
- **G** 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. In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

G Amen.

Stand

GREETING

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

HYMN OF PRAISE (GLORIA IN EXCELSIS DEO)



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.

Sit

LITURGY OF THE WORD

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. ²²Thus 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. ²³On 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. ²⁴All 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.

PSALM 92:1-4, 12-15 (*The congregation's verses are in bold face type.*) ¹It is a good thing to give thanks | to the LORD, and to sing praises to your name, | O Most High; ²to tell of your lovingkindness early | in the morning and of your faithfulness in | the night season; ³on the psaltery, and | on the lyre, and to the melody | of the harp. ⁴For you have made me glad by your | acts, O LORD; and I shout for joy because of the works | of your hands. ¹¹The righteous shall flourish | like a palm tree, and shall spread abroad like a ce- | dar of Lebanon. ¹²Those who are planted in the house | of the LORD shall flourish in the courts | of our God; ¹³they shall still bear fruit in old age; they shall be green and succulent; ¹⁴that they may show how up- | right the LORD is, my rock, in whom there | is no fault.

SECOND READING

2 Corinthians 5:6-10, 14-17

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 reading from Second Corinthians.

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

¹⁴For the love of Christ urges us on, because we are convinced that one has died for all; therefore all have died. ¹⁵And he died for all, so that those who live might live no longer for themselves, but for him who died and was raised for them.

¹⁶From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. ¹⁷So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!

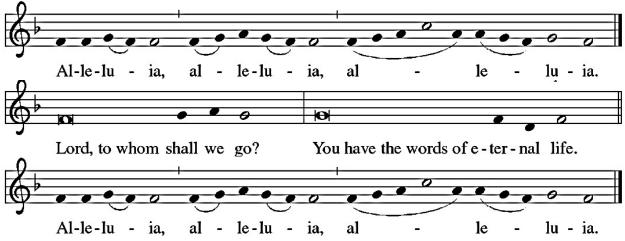
A The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

The congregation sings the Acclamation, Verse, and repeats the 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.

P The holy gospel according to Mark.

Glory to you, O Lord.

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

³⁰He also said, "With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? ³¹It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; ³²yet 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." ³³With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it; ³⁴he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples.

P The gospel of the Lord.

G Praise to you, O Christ.

<mark>Sit</mark> SERMON

Pastor Dr. Krueger

Stand

HYMN OF THE DAY: Almighty God, Your Word Is Cast

Almighty God, Your Word Is Cast Al - might - y God, your word is cast like seed in - to the

ground; 1 sa - tan - ic this ho - ly seed re - move, 2 Let not the sly foe ris - ing plant de - stroy, 3 Let not the world's de - ceit - ful cares the sown, life - giv - ing So when the pre-cious seed is 4 grace be - stow, of heav'n de-scend and righ-teous fruits a - bound. let the dew now ev - 'ry heart to bring forth fruits of love. give but it root in but let it yield hun-dred-fold the fruits of peace and joy. а all whose souls the truth re-ceive its that

that all whose souls the truth re-ceive its sav - ing pow'r may know.

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

- 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.

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.

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

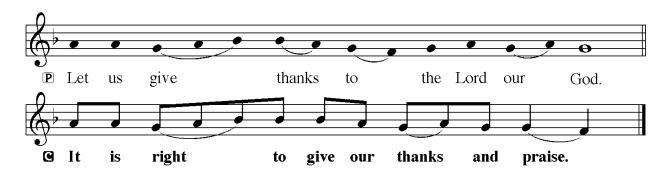
C Amen.

LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT OF THE ALTAR

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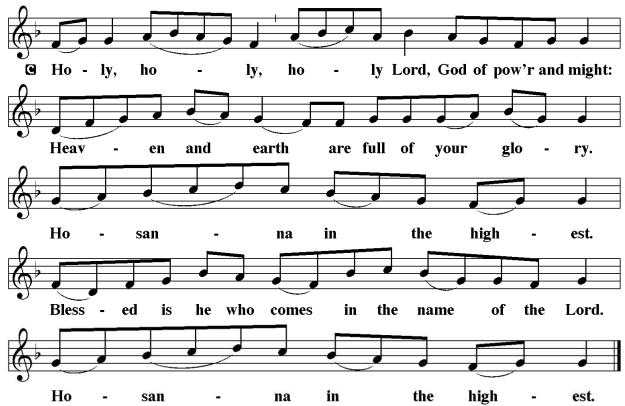




The minister continues with the PROPER PREFACE:

■ 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 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

Behold the Lamb of God,
 behold him who takes away the sins of the world.
 Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

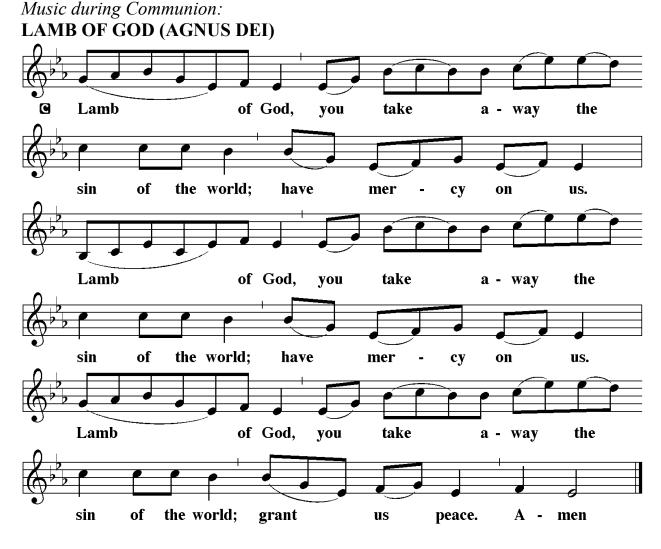
C Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

Sit COMMUNION

When giving the bread, the communion ministers say The body of Christ, given 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. At the direction of the ushers, approach the communion station, receive the host in your palm, move to the side and place the host in your mouth, and return to your seat.



ANTHEM: *Hark I Hear the Harps Eternal*

arr. Parker/Shaw

Stand

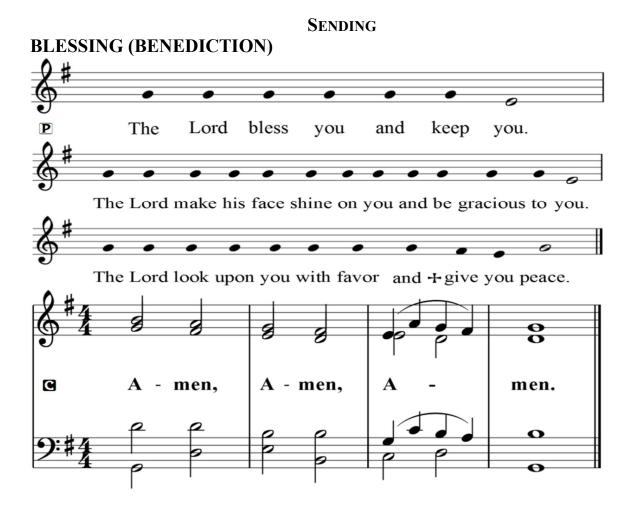
BLESSING AFTER COMMUNION

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

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

 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.

G Amen.



DISMISSAL

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

HYMN: Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty Printed on the next page.

Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty



OFFERING

The offering will be collected as you leave the Church.

POSTLUDE: *Fanfare for a New Day*

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The Time of the Church is the season after Pentecost, beginning with The Holy Trinity and ending with Christ the King. These weeks focus on Christ's ministry and teaching.

On Sundays for which the color is green, it is appropriate to omit either the Kyrie or the Hymn of Praise, reserving both together for festival seasons.

The liturgical color green, symbolic of growth, is used for the season after Epiphany and after Pentecost.

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We are happy to welcome the Reverend Dr. Karl Krueger back to the pulpit of the Old Church on Old Church Sunday. After his retirement as Librarian at our Seminary in Philadelphia, Pastor Krueger served as Interim Rector at George Washington Memorial Chapel, a parish of the Episcopal Diocese of Pennsylvania. Having completed that call, he is now available to be back with us. Thank You, Pr. Krueger.

We're so glad to see you today! Good News!

As of June 2, 2021, the Vestry approved the following changes as we begin to return to a more normal routine:

- Masks and social distancing are not required for those who are fully vaccinated,
- Singing may take place without any restriction,
- Cantors, quartets, and choirs may be employed without any restrictions,
- Hymnals and worship aids may be used without any restrictions,
- As of July 1, 2021, authorized groups may again use the campus.

Additional changes may follow as we approach September.

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Worship Assistants

Vestry Greeters: Debra Augustine, Brian O'Hara, and Chilly Lyaro Ushers: Dick Allebach, Scott Halteman, and Mike Taylor Lectors: 8:00 am: Laurie Mueller 10:30 am: Sonya Sowards Altar Guild: Jim Lien

Offering Tabulation: Debra Augustine, Brian O'Hara, and Chilly Lyaro Video Production: Jim Lien, Jeannie Funk, or Jonathan Mueller.

<u>The Flowers that Adorn the Altar in the Brick Church Nave</u> are given to the glory of God with thanks by Cathy and Mike Menendez.

<u>The Sanctuary Candle</u> is given to the glory of God by Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Oelschlager and Family in loving memory of parents and grandparents William and Irene Miller.

<u>The Worship Bulletins</u> are given to the glory of God by Mrs. Nancee Clelland in loving memory of husband, William.

<u>Altar Flower Sponsors Wanted:</u> Our weekly Altar flowers are a wonderful gift to God. Thank you to the many families who donate these flowers! If you are interested in taking part in this important ministry, contact the church office at 610-489-9625 or <u>office@augustustrappe.org</u>. A donor is needed for June 27, 2021.

We're looking for older youth (grades 7 and up) to volunteer at Vacation

Bible School this year. This year's program "God's Team" involves lots of games and outdoor fun! Bring your friends and help us teach our children that we're all working together on God's team. VBS runs June 28-July 1 from 9-12 a.m. with lots of fun, music and snacks. Helpers over 18 will need clearances. Please let Sonya Sowards know as soon as possible if you can join us!

CUB SCOUT/BOY SCOUT CHARTERED ORGANIZATION REPRESENTATIVE (COR)

The Vestry of Augustus Lutheran is looking for someone over the age of 18 to be a liaison between the Scouts and the Church. Augustus Lutheran is the sponsor for Troop/Pack 87. The responsibilities are as follows:

- 1. Sign forms when needed. This pertains to any leader applications, Pack & Troop Charters, etc.
- 2. Communicate with Pastor and/or the Vestry when there are questions or issues.
- 3. Attend committee and district meetings a couple of times throughout the year.
- 4. Work with Vestry / Pack / Troop regarding clearances and keys.

If you are interested, please contact Gary Wessner, <u>gtwess@comcast.net</u>. The COR must be a member of the Sponsors organization (Augustus Lutheran Church). Being a past member of the Scouts is not a prerequisite for this position.

<u>Green Thumb Volunteers Needed:</u> We are very proud of the Augustus campus and would like anyone who visits it to be left with a feeling that the congregants really care how it looks. As a result, the Property Committee is looking for a few individuals to maintain/weed various areas around the campus such as the Mother's Day Garden, the Bubeck memorial and the gardens around the Old Church throughout the summer months. If you have any interest please contact Pat O'Hara (<u>qadirector5@aol.com</u>) or Gary Wessner (<u>gtwess@comcast.net</u>). Any help would be greatly appreciated.

<u>Craft & Flea Market Chairperson Needed:</u> Two years ago, Augustus Women of the ELCA (WELCA) held a Fall Craft and Flea Market in support of mission work in Tanzania. This event did very well netting over \$1500, all of which was donated in support of our global Christian community. This year in 2021 Augustus WELCA would like to resume the event this upcoming autumn in support of the Irente Children's Home and the Sebastian Kolowa Memorial University (SEKOMU). Both of these missions are located in Tanzania. However, the Fall Craft and Flea Market needs a chairperson or co-chairperson for this activity to continue. The event comes with a team of support to facilitate your success. If you have a desire to help us out and support the children and youth of Tanzania or have a passion to be part of global Christian missions, please reach out to Dale O'Hara at 610-489-0417 for more information. Your efforts will be most appreciated and will not go unnoticed.

<u>Augustus Book Club:</u> Our Next Book Club meeting will be on June 21st at 7:00 pm at Manderach Park. Bring a chair if you have one. We'll discuss: <u>This Tender</u> <u>Land</u> by William Kent Krueger. New members are always welcome! Questions? Contact Karen McClain 610-489-9625 or office@augustustrappe.org.

<u>Altar Guild Help Wanted:</u> Altar Guild members attend to the altar on Sundays. They change and adjust the paraments, prepare the Holy Communion elements, place and remove the flowers, and a host of other small jobs that are so important to our weekly worship. Are you interested in helping? No experience required! We'll train you! Contact Deb Scholl at <u>Schollde@aol.com</u>.

Daily Bread Community Food Pantry will be collecting school supplies and backpacks for the children of our clients. Our biggest needs this year include:

- small backpacks with cartoon characters, Disney or similar
- medium and especially large backpacks
- 24 count packs of crayons
- Fiskar children's scissors
- boxes of 24 colored pencils
- plastic pencil boxes
- pencil cases with 3 holes for binders
- composition books
- red pens
- packs of 3x5 index cards
- packs of dividers for binders
- 1" three-ring binders

- folders with prongs
- loose leaf filler paper
- black dry erase markers
- packs of dry erase markers containing 4 different colors
- highlighters of any color
- mechanical pencils
- Sharpie markers
- small pencil sharpeners
- packs of Post-It notes
- flash drives.

We will be distributing backpacks and school supplies at the food pantry throughout the month of August and will gladly accept donations through mid-August. All donations can be delivered to the Daily Bread Community Food Pantry. There is someone there to receive donations Monday through Friday from 9 A.M. until Noon. Since we distribute food to clients on Wednesday mornings from 9 to 11 A.M. you might want to avoid those times. You can also drop off school supplies at any time in the beige bin near the garage doors on the side of the food pantry. This bin is checked each morning by our volunteers. Thank you so very much for your dedicated and generous support of this project! We sincerely appreciate it!



