INTRODUCTION TO THE DAY
God’s word is like the rain that waters the earth and brings forth vegetation. It is also like the sower who scatters seed indiscriminately. Our lives are like seeds sown in the earth. Even from what appears to be little, dormant, or dead, God promises a harvest. At the Lord’s table we are fed with the bread of life, that we may bear fruit in the world.

SILENT PRAYER

PRELUDE: O for the Wings of a Dove

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING (ENTRANCE RITE)

Stand

HYMN: Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty

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Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty

1 O- pen now thy gates of beau- ty, Zi- on, let me en- ter there,
where my soul in joy- ful du- ty waits for God who an- swers prayer,
Oh, how bless- ed is this place, filled with so- lace, light, and grace!

2 Gra- cious God, I come be- fore thee; come thou al- so un- to me;
where we find thee and a- dore thee, there a heav’n on earth must be,
To my heart, oh, en- ter thou, let it be thy tem- ple now!

3 Here thy praise is glad- ly chant- ed, here thy seed is du- ly sown;
let my soul, where it is plant- ed, bring forth pre- cious sheaves a- lone,
so that all I hear may be fruit- ful un- to life in me,
as my guid- ing star through life, as my com- fort in all strife.

4 Thou my faith in- crease and quick- en, let me keep thy gift di- vine;
how- so- e’er temp- ta- tions thick- en, may thy word still o’er me shine
Here of life the foun- tain flows; here is balm for all our woes.

5 Speak, O God, and I will hear thee, let thy will be done in- deed;
may I un- dis- turbed draw near thee while thou dost thy peo- ple feed.

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost
CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS (ABSOLUTION)

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

P In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
C Amen.

P Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.
C Amen.

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

Kneel/Stand

P Most merciful God,

C we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves.

We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone.

We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us.

Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.

Amen.

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

Amen.

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

CANTICLE OF PRAISE (GLORIA IN EXCELSIS DEO)

Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to God’s peo - ple on earth.

Lord God, heav’n-ly King, al-might-y God and Fa - ther, we wor -

ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.

Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, O Lord God,

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world: have  
mer-cy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the
PRAYER OF THE DAY
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.
Amen

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING   Isaiah 55:10-13
God’s word to Israel’s exiles is as sure and effective as never-failing precipitation. Their return to the Holy Land in a new exodus is cheered on by singing mountains and by trees that clap their hands.

A reading from Isaiah.

For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven,
and do not return there until they have watered the earth,
making it bring forth and sprout,
giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater,
so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth;
it shall not return to me empty,
but it shall accomplish that which I purpose,
and succeed in the thing for which I sent it.
For you shall go out in joy,  
and be led back in peace;  
the mountains and the hills before you  
shall burst into song,  
and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.  
Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress;  
instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle;  
and it shall be to the LORD for a memorial,  
for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.

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

PSALM 65:9-13 (The congregation sings the verses in bold face type.)

9 You visit the earth and water it abundantly; you make it | very plenteous;  
the river of God is | full of water.  
10 You pre- | pare the grain,  
for so you provide | for the earth.  
11 You drench the furrows and smooth | out the ridges;  
with heavy rain you soften the ground and | bless its increase.  
12 You crown the year | with your goodness,  
and your paths over- | flow with plenty.  
13 May the fields of the wilderness be | rich for grazing,  
and the hills be | clothed with joy.  
14 May the meadows cover themselves with flocks, and the valleys cloak  
them- | selves with grain;  
let them shout for | joy and sing.

SECOND READING Romans 8:1-11

There is no condemnation for those who live in Christ. God sent Christ to  
accomplish what the law was unable to do: condemn sin and free us from its death-  
dealing ways. The Spirit now empowers proper actions and values in our lives and  
gives us the promise of resurrected life.

A  A reading from Romans.
1 There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. 2 For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death. 3 For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do: by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and to deal with sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, 4 so that the just requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. 5 For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. 6 To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. 7 For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God’s law—indeed it cannot, 8 and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

8 But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. 9 But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. 10 If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

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

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

Al-le-lu - ia, al - le-lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

Al-le-lu - ia, al - le-lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Gospel Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23
In Matthew’s gospel, both Jesus and his disciples “sow the seed” of God’s word by proclaiming the good news that “the kingdom of heaven is near.” Now, in a
memorable parable, Jesus explains why this good news produces different results in those who hear.

P The holy gospel according to Matthew.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

1 That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. 2 Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. 3 And he told them many things in parables, saying: “Listen! A sower went out to sow. 4 And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. 5 Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. 6 But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. 7 Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. 8 Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. 9 Let anyone with ears listen!”

18 “Hear then the parable of the sower. 19 When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. 20 As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; 21 yet such a person has no root, but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. 22 As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. 23 But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty.”

P The gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

Sit

SERMON

Pastor Weleck

Stand

HYMN OF THE DAY: We Plow the Fields and Scatter

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We Plow the Fields and Scatter

1. We plow the fields and scatter the good seed on the land,
   but it is fed and watered by God's almighty hand,
   who sends the snow in winter, the warmth to swell the grain,
   the breezes and the sunshine, and soft refreshing rain.

2. You only are the maker of all things near and far.
   You paint the wayside flower, you light the evening star.
   The winds and waves obey you, by you the birds are fed;
   much more to us, your children, you give our daily bread.

3. We thank you, our creator, for all things bright and good,
   the seed-time and the harvest, our life, our health, our food.
   No gifts have we to offer for all your love imparts,
   but what you most would treasure—our humble, thankful hearts.
APOSTLES CREED

P With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

C I believe in God, the Father almighty,
    creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s only Son, our Lord,
   who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
   born of the virgin Mary,
   suffered under Pontius Pilate,
   was crucified, died, and was buried;
   he descended into hell.
   On the third day he rose again;
   he ascended into heaven,
   he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
   and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
   the holy catholic church,
   the communion of saints,
   the forgiveness of sins,
   the resurrection of the body,
   and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

A With the whole people of God in Christ Jesus,
    let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God’s creation.

A 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.

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,
    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,

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,

hear our prayer.

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

Amen.

Peace

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

No Sign of Peace is offered.

The offering will be collected in the Upper Narthex as you leave the church.

The service continues with the Great Thanksgiving.

Liturgy of the Sacrament of the Altar

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:

\[\text{It is right to give our thanks and praise.}\]

\[\text{Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might,} \]
\[\text{heaven and earth are full of your glory.} \]
\[\text{Hosanna in the highest.} \]
\[\text{Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.} \]
\[\text{Hosanna in the highest.} \]

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 \[\text{+}\] 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 \[\text{+}\] 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.

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

**INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

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

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

**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 Body of Christ in your palm, move to the side aisle, place the Body of Christ in your mouth, and return to your seat via the side aisle.

Music during Communion:

**LAMB OF GOD (AGNUS DEI)**

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. Amen.

**BLESSING AFTER COMMUNION**

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

* 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.

Amen.

SENDING

BLESSING (BENEDICTION)

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.

Amen, Amen, Amen.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

HYMN: On What Has Now Been Sown

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On What Has Now Been Sown

1. On what has now been sown your blessing Lord, bestow; the
pow'r is yours alone to make it sprout and grow. O Lord, in
cept what is your own and pardon what is ours. Our praises,
meet together thus when you and yours appear, and follow

2. To you our wants are known, from you are all our pow'rs; ac-
cept what is your own and pardon what is ours. Our prais-es,
meet together thus when you and yours appear, and follow

3. Oh, grant that each of us, now met before you here, may
pow'r is yours alone to make it sprout and grow. O Lord, in
cept what is your own and pardon what is ours. Our praises,
meet together thus when you and yours appear, and follow

grace the harvest raise, and yours alone shall be the praise!
Lord, and prayers receive and to your word a blessing give.
you to heav'n, our home. E'en so, A-men! Lord Je-sus, come!

OFFERING
The offering will be collected as you leave the Brick Church Nave.

POSTLUDE: Gavotte from Suite No. 3
Bach

† † †
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 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.

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Offering Tabulation: Frank DePaul and Chris Dogonniuck

The Flowers that Adorn the Altar in the Brick Church Nave are given to the glory of God by Richard and Cheryl Camuso on the occasion of their 33rd anniversary.

The Flowers that Adorn the Altar in the Old Church Nave are given to the glory of God by Sally Sweeney in memory of her mother, Virginia L. Weicheld, and Debra Augustine in loving memory of her son, Samuel Carlos Augustine.

The Sanctuary Candle is given to the glory of God by Mike Taylor in loving memory of wife, Helen Taylor.

The Worship Bulletins are given to the glory of God by LaVonne Johnson in honor of loved ones.

We’re so glad to see you today!

We hope you are as glad to be back at worship as we are! Please keep in mind that the church, like everywhere else during these careful times, has had to make changes in order to adhere to CDC guidelines. Some of these changes are inconvenient, but we must all do our part to protect ourselves and our church family. Your patience and cooperation are very much appreciated. If you have questions about new policies, please feel free to speak with one of the Vestry ushers.

Please see a list of changes/requirements for worship on the following page.

We will continue to post videos of our services on our web site along with the complete bulletin for those who are unable to join us during this strange time in which we live.

The Church office and all church buildings will remain closed through the summer. Please check our web site for opening updates. The Parish Administrator will be available during normal office hours via telephone or e-mail.

We are never alone during this stressful time.
Jesus walks alongside us every step of the way.
Augustus Re-Opening Information for Parishioners: Green Phase

- Please stay home if you are sick, feel ill, have a fever, or have been exposed to an individual diagnosed with Covid-19 (Coronavirus) within the last 14 days.
- Please stay home if you are at higher risk of severe illness with COVID19. If you are uncertain about your risk status, please consult your doctor.
- Worship will be held in the usual places and at the usual times during the summer: 8:00 AM in the Old Church and 9:30 AM in the air-conditioned Brick Church Nave.
- Before entering the Church, please put on your own facemask or cloth covering. (Facemasks will not be provided by Augustus.) Exceptions to wearing a facemask or other covering are “children younger than 2 years old, anyone who has trouble breathing … and anyone who is incapacitated or otherwise unable to remove the cloth face covering without assistance” (CDC Guidelines).
- Please maintain social distancing guidelines with those people who are not members of your household.
- Due to current restrictions, you will probably not sit in your usual place at worship. Ushers will direct you to your seat, filling the church from the front to back to minimize contact. The only appropriate response to this temporary but necessary change is a patient and loving spirit.
- A complete large print worship bulletin will be given to you by an usher. No hymnals will be used. When leaving the church, please take the bulletin with you or place it in the recycle bin. It cannot be re-used.
- We will sing less than customary during the Green Phase. This is an added disappointment for Lutherans, but it is only a temporary restriction.
- Communion will be distributed to you as you come forward at the direction of the ushers. Only the host will be distributed. It will be placed in the palm of your hand. Please keep your mask on and move away from the Pastor. Then remove your mask, place the host in your mouth, and put your mask back on and return to your seat.
- The ushers will dismiss the congregation by rows starting in the back of the church. Please proceed immediately and directly to the exit of the church building.
- The offering will be received as you leave. Please place your offering in one of the receptacles at the door.