

HOLY COMMUNION
Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

10:30 AM

September 20, 2015

INTRODUCTION TO THE DAY

Today we hear James warn against selfish ambition, while the disciples quarrel over which one of them is the greatest. Jesus tells them the way to be great is to serve. Then, to make it concrete, he puts in front of them an actual flesh-and-blood child. We are called to welcome the particular children God puts in front of us, to make room for them in daily interaction, and to give them a place of honor in the assembly.

SILENT PRAYER

PRELUDE: *A Festive Trumpet Tune*

Martin

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING (ENTRANCE RITE)

Stand

HYMN: *Jesus Loves Me*

595

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.

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,

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.

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.

C **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray.

O God, our teacher and guide, you draw us to yourself and welcome us as beloved children. Help us to lay aside all envy and selfish ambition, that we may walk in your ways of wisdom and understanding as servants of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

G Amen.

INSTALLATION OF TEACHERS AND YOUTH LEADERS

Sit

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

Jeremiah 11:18-20

Today's reading tells of the suffering of the prophet Jeremiah, who announced God's word to Judah but was met with intense opposition and persecution. Jeremiah continues to trust in God in the midst of his suffering.

A A reading from Jeremiah.

¹⁸ It was the LORD who made it known to me, and I knew;
then you showed me their evil deeds.

¹⁹ But I was like a gentle lamb
led to the slaughter.

And I did not know it was against me
that they devised schemes, saying,

“Let us destroy the tree with its fruit,
let us cut him off from the land of the living,
so that his name will no longer be remembered!”

²⁰ But you, O LORD of hosts, who judge righteously,
who try the heart and the mind,

let me see your retribution upon them,
for to you I have committed my cause.

A The word of the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

James 3:13 - 4:3, 7-8a

The wisdom God gives unites our hearts and minds. Instead of living to satisfy our own wants and desires, we manifest this wisdom in peace, gentleness, mercy, and impartiality toward others.

A A reading from James.

¹³ Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom. ¹⁴ But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be boastful and false to the truth. ¹⁵ Such wisdom does not come down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish. ¹⁶ For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind. ¹⁷ But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. ¹⁸ And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace.^{4:}

¹ Those conflicts and disputes among you, where do they come from? Do they not come from your cravings that are at war within you? ² You want something and do not have it; so you commit murder. And you covet something and cannot obtain it; so you engage in disputes and conflicts. You do not have, because you do not ask. ³ You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, in order to spend what you get on your pleasures. ⁷ Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. ^{8a} Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you.

A The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

GOSPEL

Mark 9:30-37

Jesus' teaching and action in this text are directed to the church whenever it is seduced by the world's definition of greatness: prestige, power, influence, and money. The antidote to such a concern for greatness is servanthood.

P The holy gospel according to Mark.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

³⁰ [Jesus and the disciples went on] and passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it; ³¹ for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, “The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again.” ³² But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him.

³³ Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, “What were you arguing about on the way?” ³⁴ But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest. ³⁵ He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, “Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all.” ³⁶ Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, ³⁷ “Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.”

P The gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

Sit

CANTATA: *The Old Testament – Fast Forward*

OFFERING

Stand

OFFERTORY

The musical score is written for two staves, Treble and Bass clef, in a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The first system contains the lyrics: "Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right". The second system contains the lyrics: "spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your". The music consists of block chords and simple melodic lines, typical of a hymn or offertory setting.

pres-ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re -

store un - to me the joy of your sal - va - tion,

and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

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** Our Lord Jesus Christ, you have received us as your children in Holy Baptism. By your Spirit, turn us from self-seeking ambition and self-aggrandizement, and direct us to live instead for those who can neither repay us nor enhance our lives in return. Lord, in your mercy,
- C** **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,
- 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,

☞ 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,

☞ 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,

☞ hear our prayer.

A We pray for the pardon and forgiveness of our sins. Lord in your mercy,

☞ hear our prayer.

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

☞ Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

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

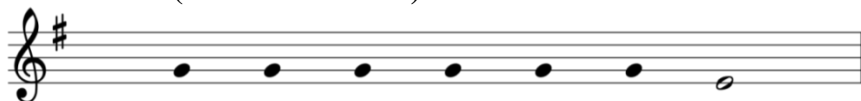
**☞ Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.**

**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,**

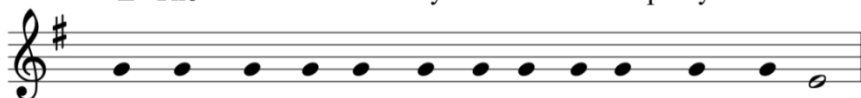
but deliver us from evil.
 For thine is the kingdom,
 and the power, and the glory,
 forever and ever. Amen.

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.

☐ A - men, A - men, A - men.

DISMISSAL

☐ Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

☐ Thanks be to God.

HYMN: *Here I Am, Lord*

574

POSTLUDE: *Dialogue*

Martin



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.

Assisting in the Service

Acolyte: Jonathan Brull Crucifer: Rachel Schaffer

Torch Bearers: Dylan Crothers and Jeremy Wenger

Ushers: 8:00 am: The Hess', the Stuffles, Karl Stefan, Sandy Trauger

10:30 am: John Moorehead and Dick Allebach, John Schwirian, and Karl Stefan

Lectors: at 8:00 am: Mildred Stuffle

10:30 am: Cynthia Snyder and Cheryl Camuso

Communion Assistants: 8:00 am: Debra Augustine

Altar Guild:

Offering Tabulation: Bob Rodenberger, Karl Stefan, and Jeanne Funk

Week of September 21, 2015 – September 26, 2015

Monday: 2 Kings 5:1-14, James 4:8-17, Psalm 139:1-18

Tuesday: 2 Kings 11:21 – 12:16, James 5:1-6, Psalm 139:1-18

Wednesday: Jeremiah 1:4-10, John 8:21-38, Psalm 139:1-18

Thursday: Exodus 18:13-27, Acts 4:13-31, Psalm 19:7-14

Friday: Deuteronomy 1:1-18, Acts 12:20-25, Psalm 19:7-14

Saturday: Deuteronomy 27:1-10, Matthew 5:13-20, Psalm 19:7-14

<i>Vestry Member</i>	<i>Office/Special Area</i>	<i>Phone</i>	<i>E-Mail</i>
Gary Wessner	President/Property	610-454-0106	gtwess@comcast.net
Richard Allebach	Vice President/ Mutual Ministry	610-948-3488	dallebach@verizon.net
Brian O'Hara	Secretary/Worship & Music	610-489-0417	brian.ohara24@gmail.com
Cynthia Snyder	Treasurer/Finance	610-409-8333	yosua@aol.com
Jeanne Funk	Communications & Tech.	610-792-3830	jfunk@kpinterface.com
Ron Hess	Stewardship	610-489-9427	rhess@ursinus.edu
John Kochel	Outreach/Mutual Ministry	484-945-0100	John.Kochel@thrivent.com
Judi Lien	Parish Life	610-970-9209	judilien@comcast.net
Jim Richvalsky	Christian Education	610-495-9203	richvalsky@gmail.com
Robert Rodenberger	Trust Fund Treasurer/Finance	610-489-3280	r.rodenberger7@gmail.com
Jack Schatz	Old Church	610-489-3176	
Karl Stefan	Cemetery	610-454-0373	kssurf@verizon.net

The Sanctuary Candle Lamp is given to the glory of God by Janet Saylor Rhoads in loving memory of parents, Clyde and Dorothy Miller.

The Flowers on the Altar today are given to the glory of God by Mr. and Mrs. Richard K. Allebach in loving memory of the birthday anniversary of father, Harold T. Allebach.

RALLY DAY PICNIC TODAY!

Join us on the lawn after the 10:30 am service today for a family picnic sponsored by the Christian Education Committee. Once you've eaten, find out about our Capital Campaign at the Capital Campaign Kick Off presentation! Big things are happening at Augustus!

First Holy Communion

and Confirmation Class Parent Orientation

On September 27th, there will be a mandatory Parent/Student orientation meeting for families of students interested in First Holy Communion and Confirmation instruction at Augustus.

Sept. 27, at 6:00 pm	Parent/Student Orientation for First Holy Communion instruction (6 th grade students)
----------------------	--

Sept. 27, at 6:30 pm	Parent/Student Orientation for First and Second Year Confirmation Instruction (7 th and 8 th grade students)
----------------------	--

Bring your calendar! Volunteer sign ups and mandatory dates will be discussed at this meeting!

Questions about First Holy Communion or Confirmation? Contact Mary Schlichter at mary_schlichter@yahoo.com

Food Pantry in Dire Need! The Food Pantry in Schwenksville – The Daily Bread Community Food Pantry – is in need of food for their clients! The shelves are almost bare! Non-perishable food items, as well as personal hygiene items are always welcome! As we all get back into our activity schedules with school, work, etc., it's important to remember to help others too! Donations to the food pantry can be taken to the pantry itself, or you can bring them to church and drop them in the Food Pantry Donation basket in the breezeway. Your help is greatly appreciated! For more information about this food pantry, see their web site <http://dailybreadcommunityfoodpantry.org/>

Keep an eye out for a special Sunday School Food Pantry campaign this fall for Harvest Home, too!

2nd Annual Walk to Live
Sunday, October 11, at Norristown Farm Park
In Loving Memory of Megan Lynn Swan

To raise awareness of suicide prevention and to celebrate Megan's life, a member of our own Augustus family, the 2nd Annual Walk to Live (5K Run/2 Mile Walk) will be held at the Norristown Farm Park on Sunday, October 11. Proceeds will be split between the Megan Lynn Swan Scholarship fund established in her memory at West Chester University and The American Foundation for Suicide Prevention. Registration and \$35 fee must be received prior to the event. Please contact Cheryl Camuso at cherylcamuso@comcast.net (cell 484 802 4828) for a registration form or to make a donation payable to Megan Lynn Swan Memorial Fund.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS			
Sunday	9/20	8:00 am	Holy Communion in the Old Trappe Church
		9:00 am	Sunday School!
		10:30 am	Rally Day Service
		11:30 am	Rally Day Picnic
			Capital Campaign Kick Off
Monday	9/21	6:30 pm	Cubs Den 3
Tuesday	9/22	6:30 pm	Cubs Den 2
		7:00 pm	Committee Night
		7:00 pm	Boy Scouts
Wednesday	9/23	6:30 pm	Cubs New Parent Meeting
Thursday	9/24	6:00 pm	Handbell Choir Rehearsal
		7:00 pm	Adult Choir rehearsal
Friday	6/25		
Saturday	6/26		
Sunday	6/27	8:00 am	Holy Communion in the Chapel
		9:00 am	Sunday School
		10:30 am	Holy Communion in the Brick Church Nave
		6:00 pm	First Holy Communion Class orientation
		6:30 pm	Confirmation Classes Orientation

Fall Gathering



of The
**UPPER MONTGOMERY CONFERENCE of the
Southeastern Pennsylvania Synod of
The Women of The Evangelical Lutheran Church of America**

Saturday, October 24, 2015

**Jerusalem Lutheran Church
311 2nd Street
Schwenksville, PA 19473
(610) 287-7104**

Theme: Give Thanks, 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18. Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.

PROGRAM BEGINS PROMPTLY AT 9:30 A.M.

REGISTRATION WILL START AT 9:00 A.M.

Coffee, tea & beverages served by Jerusalem. Thank You.

PROGRAM SPEAKER: Rev. Mary Etta Mest

Rev. Mary Etta Mest has been a wife, mother and homemaker, public school teacher, church secretary, business secretary, relocation administrator for a real estate company, kindergarten teacher in a Christian Day Care, and Director of Christian Education for a Lutheran Church. Alongside this wide variety of positions was the church music track as organist and choir director, mostly in Lutheran congregations. Finally, seminary came into the picture which resulted in graduation with the Master of Divinity degree in 2007. Ordination in the United Church of Christ followed in 2008. Currently, Mary Etta is serving as Associate Pastor of First Baptist Church in Pottstown, as Director of Music with Zion's United Church of Christ in Pottstown, doing visiting for another congregation, and volunteering in retirement communities as pianist and conducting worship services. God has been faithful and good!

WHAT TO BRING: One treat from each church. Thank you.

IN-KIND DONATIONS: Canned goods to be donated to the Daily Bread Community Food Pantry.

DIRECTIONS: Depart E High St toward Cedar St., From W Ridge Pike Turn left onto Neiffer Rd. Turn Right onto Game Farm Rd. Road name changes to Park Ave. Turn Right onto PA-29 / PA-73 / Main St. Turn Right onto Church St. Turn Right onto 2nd St. Arrive at 311 2nd St., Schwenksville, PA 19473. The last intersection is Church St. If you reach Centennial St., you've gone too far.

We hope to see you at this important event!