HOLY COMMUNION Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost Rally Day

September 12, 2021

8:00 am and 10:30 am

INTRODUCTION TO THE DAY

Three weeks ago we heard Peter's confession of faith as told in John's gospel. This week we hear Mark's version, when Peter says, "You are the Messiah." In John, the stumbling block is Jesus' invitation to eat his flesh, given for the life of the world. In Mark too the scandal has to do with Jesus' words about his own coming death, and here Peter himself stumbles over Jesus' words. But Jesus is anointed (the meaning of *messiah*) in Mark only on the way to the cross (14:3); so we are anointed in baptism with the sign of the cross.

SILENT PRAYER

PRELUDE: *Lift High The Cross* Groom te Velde

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING (ENTRANCE RITE)

Stand

HYMN: Lift High the Cross

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Lift High the Cross



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,

Amen.

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.

- 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.**

CANTICLE OF PRAISE (GLORIA IN EXCELSIS DEO) Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth. C Lord God, al-might-y God and heav - en - ly king, 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, Lord God, Lamb of God: You sin of the world; have mer take a-way the us. You are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther; re-ceive our prayer. you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord, For Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it, you a-lone are the Most High,

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray.

O God, you declare your almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity. Grant us the fullness of your grace, that, pursuing what you have promised, we may share your heavenly glory; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen.

Sit

INSTALLATION OF SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

The image of the servant of the Lord is one of the notable motifs in the book of Isaiah. Today's reading describes the mission of the servant, whom early Christians associated with Jesus. Like Jesus, the servant does not strike back at his detractors but trusts in God's steadfast love.

A reading from Isaiah.

⁴The Lord GOD has given me

the tongue of a teacher,

that I may know how to sustain

the weary with a word.

Morning by morning he wakens—

wakens my ear

to listen as those who are taught.

⁵The Lord GOD has opened my ear,

and I was not rebellious,

I did not turn backward.

⁶I gave my back to those who struck me,

and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard;

I did not hide my face

from insult and spitting.

⁷The Lord GoD helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame; Isaiah 50:4-9a

⁸he who vindicates me is near.

Who will contend with me?

Let us stand up together.

Who are my adversaries?

Let them confront me.

^{9a}It is the Lord GOD who helps me; who will declare me guilty?

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

Later service only:

PSALM 116:1-9 (The congregation's verses are in bold face type.)

¹I love the LORD, because he has heard the voice of my | supplication, because he has inclined his ear to me whenever I | called upon him.

²The cords of death entangled me; the grip of the grave took | hold of me; I came to | grief and sorrow.

³Then I called upon the name | of the LORD:

"O LORD, I pray you, | save my life."

⁴Gracious is the | LORD and righteous; our God is full | of compassion.

⁵The LORD watches o- | ver the innocent; I was brought very low, | and he helped me.

⁶Turn again to your rest, ¹O my soul.

for the LORD has treat- ed you well.

⁷For you have rescued my | life from death, my eyes from tears, and my | feet from stumbling.

⁸I will walk in the presence of the LORD in the land of the living.

SECOND READING

James 3:1-12

This text uses various images to illustrate how damaging and hurtful the way we speak to and about others can be. Not only are we to control our speech, but what we say and how we say it are to reflect our faith.

A reading from James.

¹Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers and sisters, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. ²For all of us make many mistakes. Anyone who makes no mistakes in speaking is perfect, able to keep the whole body in check with a bridle. ³If we put bits into the mouths of horses to

make them obey us, we guide their whole bodies. ⁴Or look at ships: though they are so large that it takes strong winds to drive them, yet they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. ⁵So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great exploits.

How great a forest is set ablaze by a small fire! ⁶And the tongue is a fire. The tongue is placed among our members as a world of iniquity; it stains the whole body, sets on fire the cycle of nature, and is itself set on fire by hell. ⁷For every species of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by the human species, ⁸but no one can tame the tongue—a restless evil, full of deadly poison. ⁹With it we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse those who are made in the likeness of God. ¹⁰From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this ought not to be so. ¹¹Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and brackish water? ¹²Can a fig tree, my brothers and sisters, yield olives, or a grapevine figs? No more can salt water yield fresh.

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

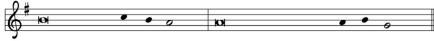
Stand

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

The congregation sings the Acclamation.



The choir sings the Verse.



Christ suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for | the unrighteous, in order to bring | you to God

The congregation repeats the Acclamation.



GOSPEL Mark 8:27-38

This story provides the turning point in Mark's gospel. Peter is the first human being in the narrative to acknowledge Jesus as the Messiah, but he cannot accept that as the Messiah Jesus will have to suffer. Moreover, Jesus issues a strong challenge to all by connecting discipleship and the cross.

P The holy gospel according to Mark.

G Glory to you, O Lord.

²⁷Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that I am?" ²⁸And they answered him, "John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets." ²⁹He asked them, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter answered him, "You are the Messiah." ³⁰And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him.

³¹Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. ³²He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. ³³But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

³⁴He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ³⁵For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. ³⁶For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? ³⁷Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? ³⁸Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

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

Sit

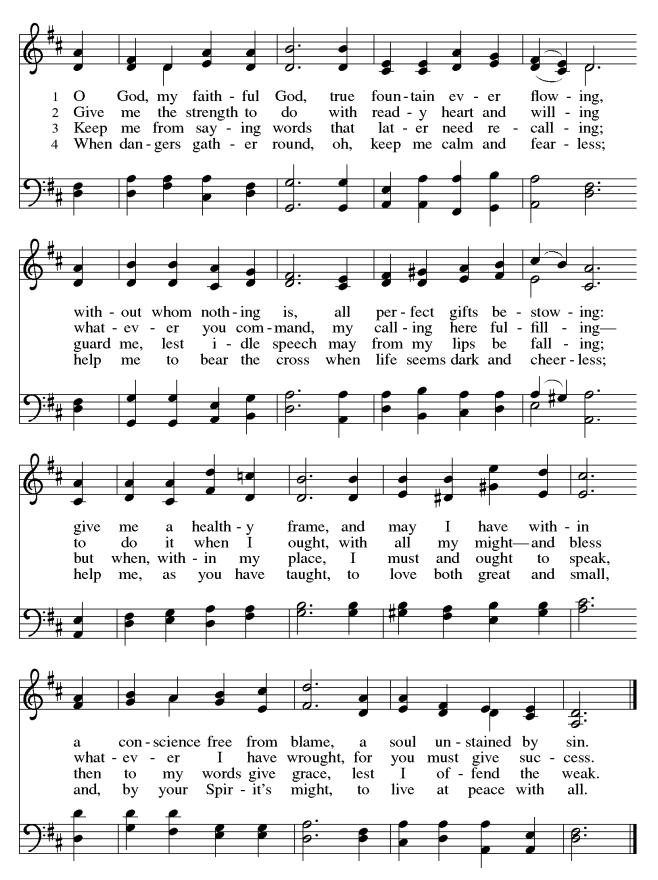
SERMON Pastor Weleck

Stand

Later service only:

HYMN OF THE DAY: O God, My Faithful God Printed on the next page.

O God, My Faithful God



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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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,
- **e** 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

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

OFFERTORY

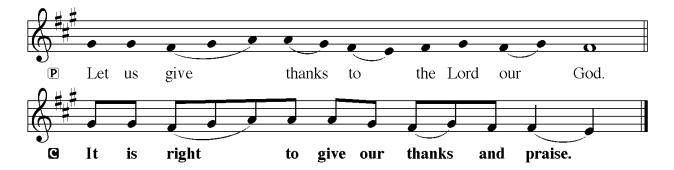




GREAT THANKSGIVING

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

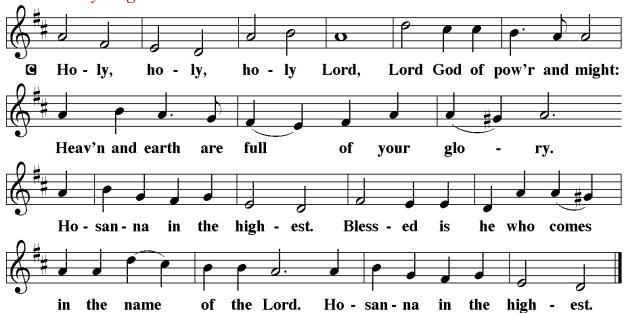




The minister continues with the PROPER PREFACE:

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.
- 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.

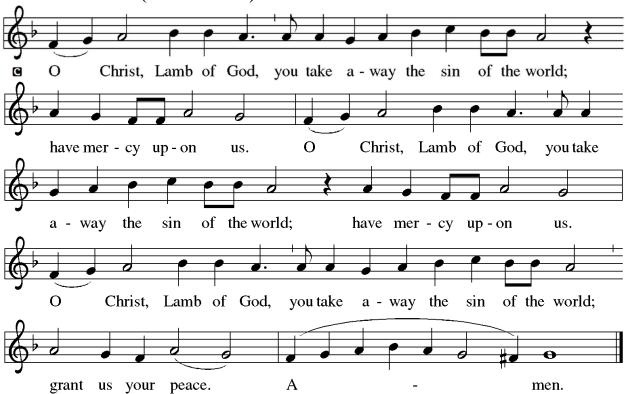
and each person may respond

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)



ANTHEM: Great Day Kern

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BLESSING AFTER COMMUNION

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

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

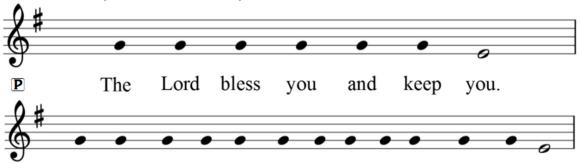
A Let us pray.
We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us

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.

G Amen.

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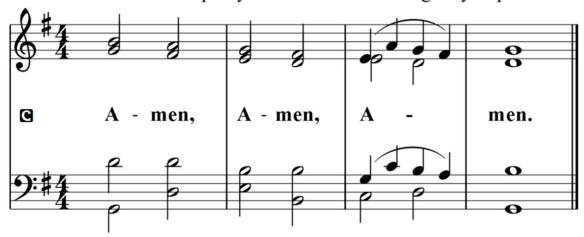
BLESSING (BENEDICTION)



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.

G Thanks be to God.

HYMN: What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine Printed on the next page.

What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine

Leaning on the Everlasting Arms



OFFERING

The offering will be collected as you leave the Church.

POSTLUDE: Leaning on the Everlasting Arms

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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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Offering Tabulation: Gary Wessner, Lois Robinson, and Frank DePaul

Video Production: Jim Lien, Jeannie Funk, or Jonathan Mueller.

<u>The Additional Flowers that Adorn the Altar</u> today are given to the glory of God by Jim Lien in honor of Jennie Lien's 25th trip around the sun. Happy Birthday!

<u>The Flowers that Adorn the Altar in the Old Church Nave</u> 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 Janet Rhoads in memory of parents Clyde and Dorothy Miller.

The Worship Bulletins are given to the glory of God by

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

Green Thumb Volunteers Needed: We are very proud of the Augustus campus and would like visitors to be left with a feeling that we 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 (qadirector5@aol.com) or Gary Wessner (gtwess@comcast.net). Any help would be greatly appreciated.

<u>Prayer Chain Volunteers Needed:</u> Did you know Augustus's WELCA has a prayer group? People are invited to call the leader of the group, Carol Oelschlager, or the church office with prayer requests and a group of folks will say special prayers based on these requests. This group is now seeking additional people to pray for our congregants and friends. Men and women who are interested in participating in this most important ministry, please call Carol Oelschlager at 610-489-3109.



Dear Friends of the Spring Turkey Dinner,

Miracles do happen with the help from all of you. For this second year of living with the challenges of the global pandemic our "Prayer and Pledge Drive", in lieu of the annual Augustus Lutheran Church Spring Turkey Dinner / Craft & Vendor Fair, is once again initiated for Dr. Stephen and Jodi Swanson and their family whom we have supported for several years as missionaries in the healthcare profession in Tanzania. We want to continue to help support them in their wonderful work to train Tanzanian health professionals, develop a neonatal care unit, and establish a feeding program for malnourished children. Through their tireless efforts they have successfully increased the infant survival rate to 93%, making it the highest in the underdeveloped areas of Africa. Another cause for rejoicing is that Dr. Evelyine Mushi, who has worked with Dr. Swanson for the past three years, received the ELCA International Leaders Program scholarship to study Pediatrics in South Africa for 4 years. The Swansons are not only working to save lives but also to nurture leadership which will ensure their legacy and the future of Tanzanians for many generations to come.

Because of the ongoing pandemic, we need to look to members and friends of our congregation and the community to support the ministry of our pediatric missionaries. Would you prayerfully consider being a part of a global Christian community with a financial contribution, a faithful prayer, or both? No contribution is too small, even praying goes a long way! ALL DONATIONS RECEIVED BY 10/31/2021 WILL BE MATCHED by two generous gifts: a generous gift from Pastor Kochenderfer (up to \$1,000), and a generous gift from Pastor Martha and Pastor Howard Kriebel (up to \$1,500). So, every dollar you contribute will be increased two and a half-fold!

On behalf of the Swansons, the Augustus Women of the ELCA, and the Christian community at Augustus Lutheran Church, we would like to thank you in advance for your support. For your convenience, you can make your contribution by one of the following two ways:

- Donating online at <www.augustustrappe.org>. Just follow the "DONATE" prompts under the "GIVING" tab. Don't forget to add
 "WELCA-Turkey Dinner" and your phone number in the comments box.
- By mailing-in your financial commitment. Checks and money orders can be made out to 'Augustus Women of the ELCA'.
 Additionally, please write "Turkey Dinner" on the memo line. Send your donation to the following address to ensure your donation is delivered to the applicable location:

