

HOLY COMMUNION
Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 1, 2024

8:00 am and 9:30 am

INTRODUCTION TO THE DAY

Jesus protests against human customs being given the weight of divine law, while the essence of God's law is ignored. True uncleanness comes not from external things, but from the intentions of the human heart. Last week Jesus told us "the words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life" (John 6:63). Now James says God has given us birth by the word of truth. We who were washed in the word when we were born in the font return to it every Sunday to ask God to create in us clean hearts.

SILENT PRAYER

PRELUDE: *Prelude in C Major*

Bach

ANNOUNCEMENTS

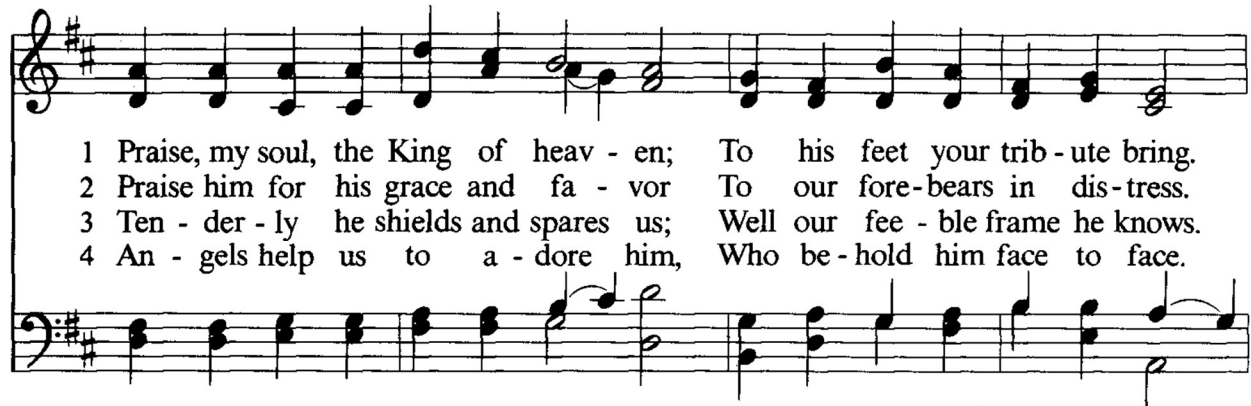
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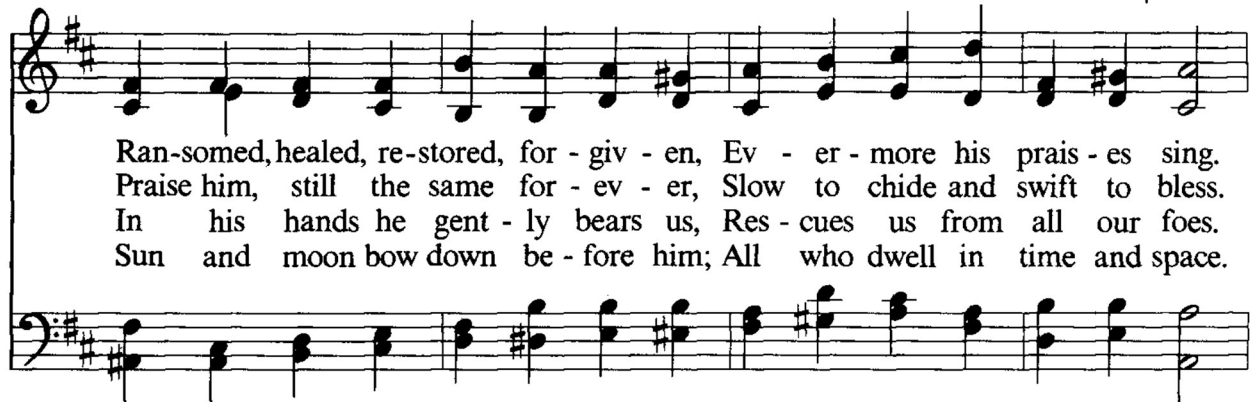
HYMN: *Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven*

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Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven



1 Praise, my soul, the King of heav - en; To his feet your trib - ute bring.
2 Praise him for his grace and fa - vor To our fore-bears in dis-tress.
3 Ten - der - ly he shields and spares us; Well our fee - ble frame he knows.
4 An - gels help us to a - dore him, Who be - hold him face to face.



Ran-somed, healed, re-stored, for - giv - en, Ev - er - more his prais - es sing.
Praise him, still the same for - ev - er, Slow to chide and swift to bless.
In his hands he gent - ly bears us, Res - cues us from all our foes.
Sun and moon bow down be - fore him; All who dwell in time and space.



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Praise the ev - er - last - ing King!
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Glo - rious in his faith - ful - ness!
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Wide - ly as his mer - cy flows.
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Praise with us the God of grace.

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.
- 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.

KYRIE

Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy.

Lord, have mer - cy; have mer - cy, O Lord.

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

- P** Let us pray.
O God, we thank you for your Son who chose the path of suffering for the sake of the world. Humble us by his example, point us to the path of obedience, and give us strength to follow his commands; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.
- C** Amen.

Sit

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9

The Israelites believed the law was a divine gift that provided guidelines for living out the covenant. Moses commands the people to obey the law and to neither add to nor subtract from it. The Israelites are also to teach the law to their children and their children's children.

A A reading from Deuteronomy.

¹So now, Israel, give heed to the statutes and ordinances that I am teaching you to observe, so that you may live to enter and occupy the land that the LORD, the God of your ancestors, is giving you. ²You must neither add anything to what I command you nor take away anything from it, but keep the commandments of the LORD your God with which I am charging you.

⁶You must observe them diligently, for this will show your wisdom and discernment to the peoples, who, when they hear all these statutes, will say, "Surely this great nation is a wise and discerning people!" ⁷For what other great nation has a god so near to it as the LORD our God is whenever we call to him?

⁸And what other great nation has statutes and ordinances as just as this entire law that I am setting before you today?

⁹But take care and watch yourselves closely, so as neither to forget the things that your eyes have seen nor to let them slip from your mind all the days of your life; make them known to your children and your children's children.

A The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Later service only:

PSALM 15 *(The congregation's verses are in bold face type.)*

¹LORD, who may dwell in your | tabernacle?

Who may abide upon your | holy hill?

²**Whoever leads a blameless life and does | what is right,
who speaks the truth | from his heart,**

³there is no guile upon his tongue; he does no evil | to his friend;
he does not heap contempt up- | on his neighbor.

⁴**In his sight the wicked | is rejected,
but he honors those who | fear the LORD.**

⁵He has sworn to | do no wrong
and does not take | back his word.

⁶**He does not give his money in | hope of gain,
nor does he take a bribe a- | gainst the innocent.**

⁷Whoever | does these things
shall never be | overthrown.

SECOND READING

James 1:17-27

The letter of James was intended to provide first-century Christians with instruction in godly behavior. Here Christians are encouraged to listen carefully and to act on what they hear, especially by caring for those least able to care for themselves.

A A reading from James.

¹⁷Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. ¹⁸In fulfillment of his own purpose he gave us birth by the word of truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of his creatures.

¹⁹You must understand this, my beloved: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger; ²⁰for your anger does not produce God's righteousness.

²¹Therefore rid yourselves of all sordidness and rank growth of wickedness, and welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save your souls.

²²But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves.

²³For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves in a mirror; ²⁴for they look at themselves and, on going away, immediately forget what they were like. ²⁵But those who look into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who act—they will be blessed in their doing.

²⁶If any think they are religious, and do not bridle their tongues but deceive their hearts, their religion is worthless. ²⁷Religion that is pure and undefiled before God,

the Father, is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

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

Stand

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Al - le - lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav - ing word.

Let it burn like fire with - in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.

Al - le - lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

GOSPEL

Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

Mark's gospel depicts Jesus as challenging traditional ways in which religious people determine what is pure or impure. For Jesus, the observance of religious practices cannot become a substitute for godly words or deeds that spring from a faithful heart.

- P** The holy gospel according to Mark.
- C** **Glory to you, O Lord.**

¹Now when the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around [Jesus], ²they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them. ³(For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders; ⁴and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash it; and there are also many other traditions that they observe, the washing of cups, pots, and bronze kettles.) ⁵So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, “Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?” ⁶He said to them, “Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written,

‘This people honors me with their lips,
but their hearts are far from me;
⁷in vain do they worship me,
teaching human precepts as doctrines.’

⁸You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition.”

¹⁴Then he called the crowd again and said to them, “Listen to me, all of you, and understand: ¹⁵there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile.

²¹“For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: fornication, theft, murder, ²²adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, folly. ²³All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person.”

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

Sit

SERMON

Pastor Weleck

Stand

Later service only:

HYMN OF THE DAY: *By Grace I'm Saved*

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1 By grace I'm saved, grace free and bound-less; My soul, be-lieve and
 2 By grace! None dare lay claim to mer - it; Our works and con - duct
 3 By grace God's Son, our on - ly Sav - ior, Came down to earth to
 4 By grace! This ground of faith is cer - tain; As long as God is

doubt it not. Why stag - ger at this word of prom - ise?
 have no worth. God in His love sent our Re - deem - er,
 bear our sin. Was it be - cause of your own mer - it
 true, it stands. What saints have penned by in - spi - ra - tion,

Has Scrip-ure ev - er false-hood taught? No! Then this word must
 Christ Je - sus, to this sin - ful earth; His death did for our
 That Je - sus died your soul to win? No, it was grace, and
 What in His Word our God com - mands, Our faith in what our

true re - main: By grace you too will life ob - tain.
 sins a - tone, And we are saved by grace a - lone.
 grace a - lone, That brought Him from His heav'n - ly throne.
 God has done De - pends on grace— grace through His Son.

5. By grace to timid hearts that tremble,
In tribulation's furnace tried,
By grace, in spite of fear and trouble,
The Father's heart is open wide.
Where could I help and strength secure
If grace were not my anchor sure?

6. By grace! On this I'll rest when dying;
In Jesus' promise I rejoice;
For though I know my heart's condition,
I also know my Savior's voice.
My heart is glad, all grief has flown
Since I am saved by grace alone.

Stand

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

- 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 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.**
- P** 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.

LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT OF THE ALTAR

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

OFFERTORY



Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right

spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your

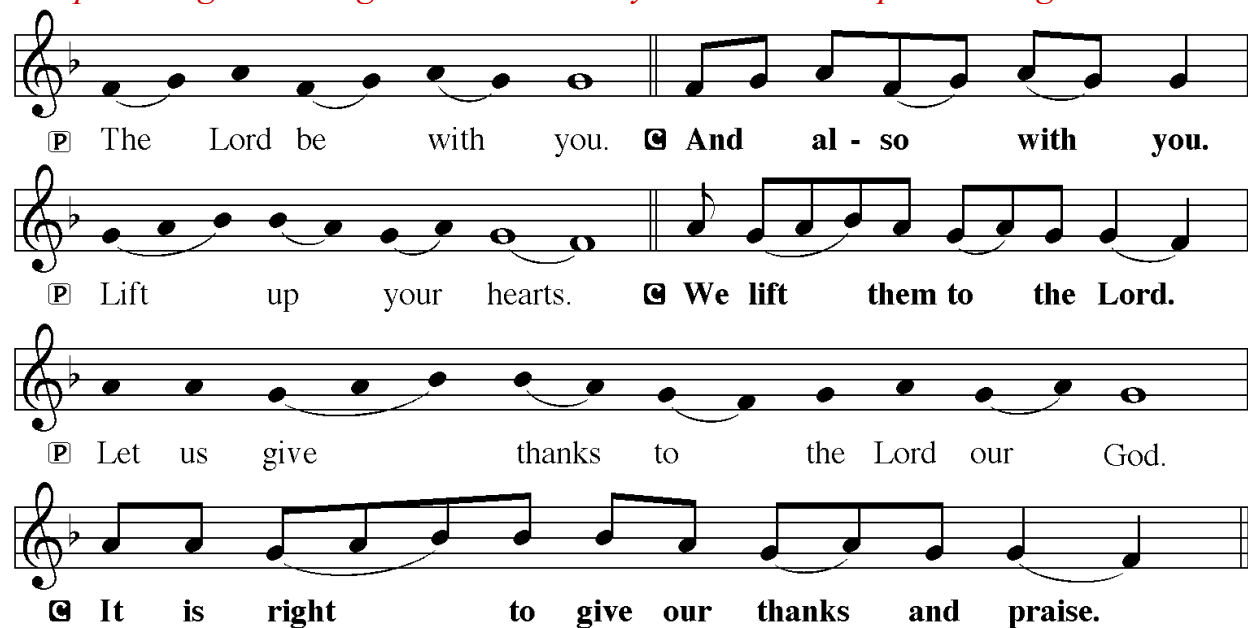
pres-ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re -

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

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

GREAT THANKSGIVING

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



P The Lord be with you. **G** And al - so with you.

P Lift up your hearts. **G** We lift them to the Lord.

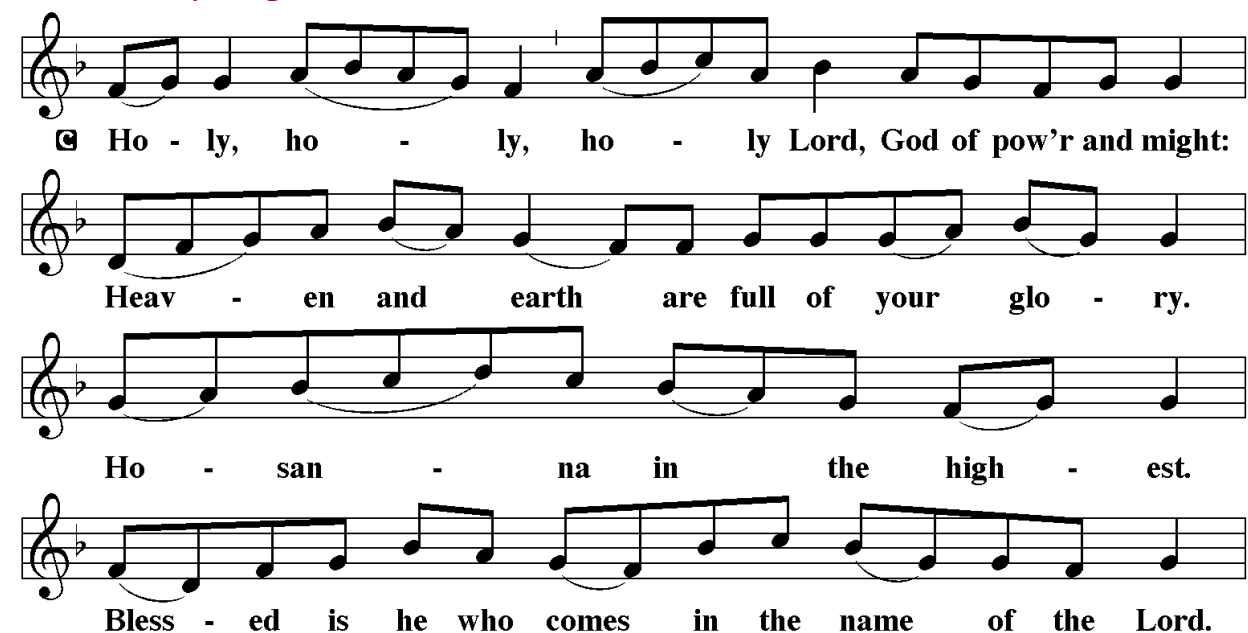
P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

G It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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:



G Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:

Heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry.

Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.



Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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.

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 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

R 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)

Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.
Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.

Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us peace. A - men

ANTHEM: *Almighty God*

arr. Moss

Jesse Shutt, soloist

Stand

BLESSING AFTER COMMUNION

- P** 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.
- C** Amen.

SENDING

BLESSING (BENEDICTION)



P 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.

C A - men, A - men, A - men.

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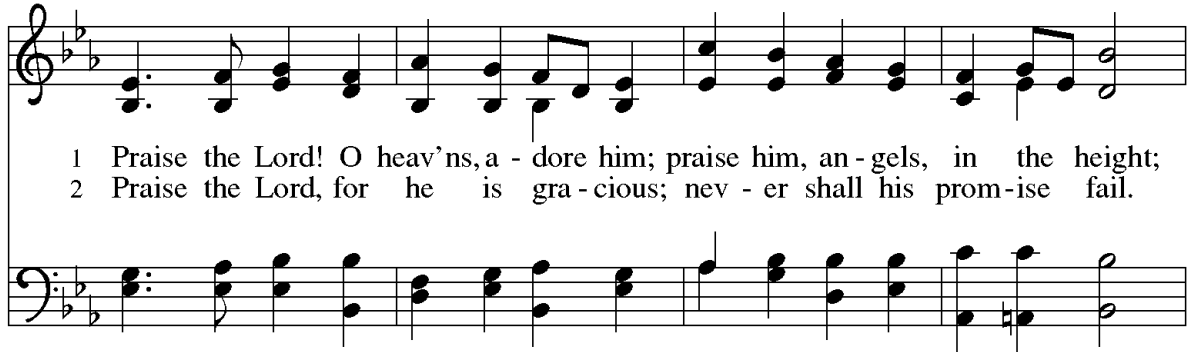
A Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

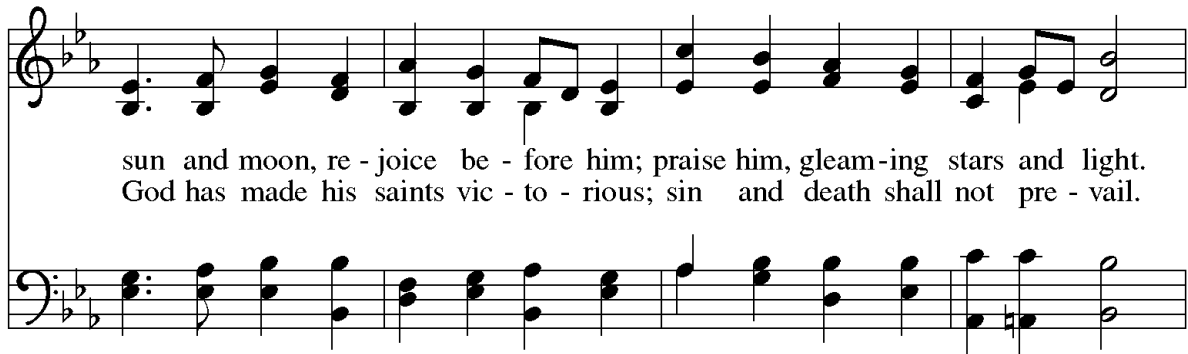
HYMN: *Praise the Lord! O Heavens*

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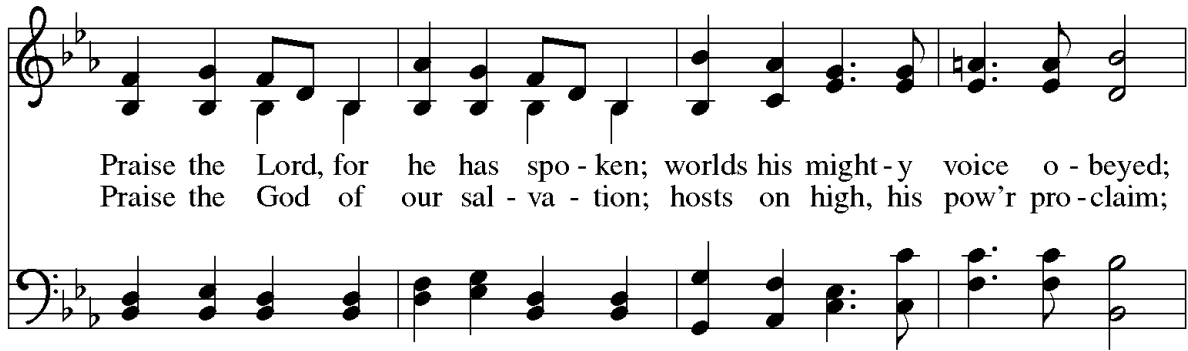
Praise the Lord! O Heavens



1 Praise the Lord! O heav'ns, a - dore him; praise him, an - gels, in the height;
2 Praise the Lord, for he is gra - cious; nev - er shall his prom - ise fail.



sun and moon, re - joice be - fore him; praise him, gleam - ing stars and light.
God has made his saints vic - to - rious; sin and death shall not pre - vail.



Praise the Lord, for he has spo - ken; worlds his might - y voice o - beyed;
Praise the God of our sal - va - tion; hosts on high, his pow'r pro - claim;



laws which nev - er shall be bro - ken for their guid - ance he has made.
heav'n and earth, and all cre - a - tion, laud and mag - ni - fy his name!

OFFERING

The offering will be collected as you leave the Church.

POSTLUDE: *Jubilant Psalm*

Lehenbauer



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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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The Flowers that Adorn the Altar are given to the glory of God by Jim Lien in honor of daughter Jennie's birthday.

The Sanctuary Candle is given to the glory of God by Sally and Jim Lorah for all the blessings in our 67 years of marriage.

The Worship Bulletins given to the glory of God by Robert Hallman in loving memory of wife Wendy Yohne Hallman.

SUNDAY SCHOOL STARTS NEXT WEEK! Adult Bible Study and Sunday School for students aged 3 through 6th grade begin their year on Sunday, September 8th at 9:00 am in the Fellowship Hall with a breakfast for students and parents. Come and meet your teachers and get to know your classmates! Contact Mrs. Sowards at education@augustustrappe.org with questions. See you there!

Docent? What is that? Google says, “a person who acts as a guide, typically on a voluntary basis, in a museum, art gallery, or zoo”, or an old church. The Augustus Old Church Committee is looking for a few people who love the history of the original church building and telling the story of what it meant to historic Trappe and Colonial America. If interested contact Pat O’Hara at qadirector5@aol.com or call him (484) 919-2527. Training will begin in the fall of the year.

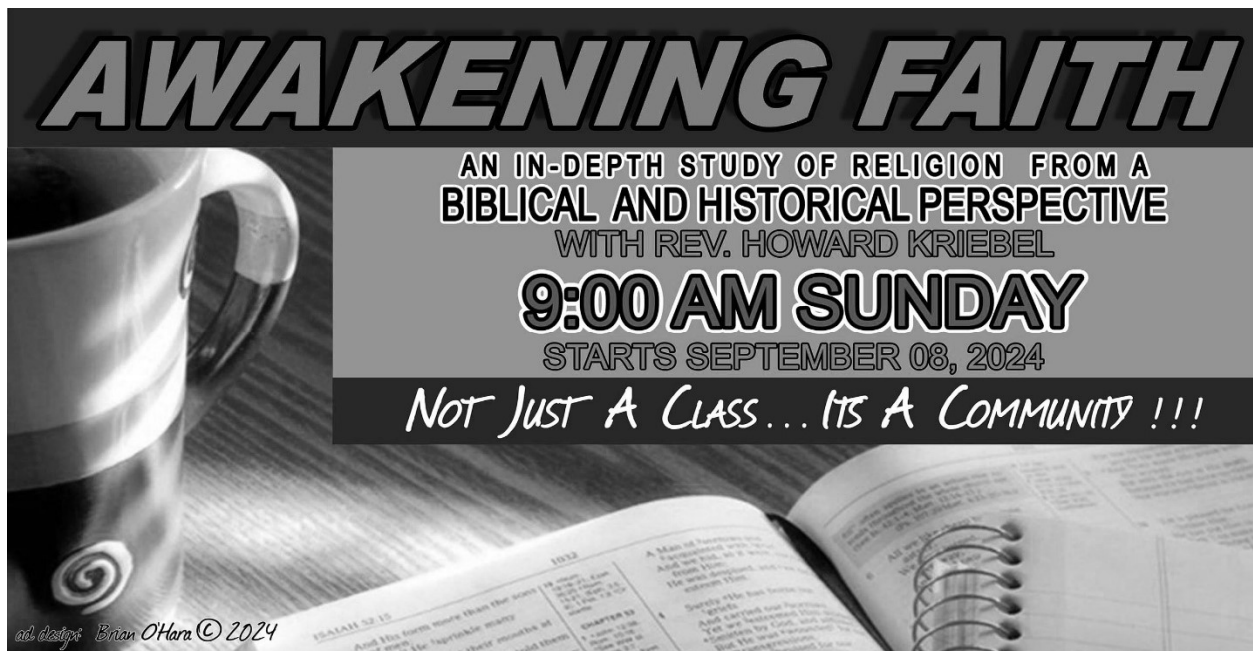


RALLY DAY
CHURCH PICNIC
Sept. 15, 2024 after the 10:30 service
ALL ARE WELCOME

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The poster features a background of a checkered picnic blanket and several white plastic water bottles. The text is in a bold, stylized font with drop shadows.



AWAKENING FAITH
AN IN-DEPTH STUDY OF RELIGION FROM A
BIBLICAL AND HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVE
WITH REV. HOWARD KRIEBEL
9:00 AM SUNDAY
STARTS SEPTEMBER 08, 2024
NOT JUST A CLASS... ITS A COMMUNITY !!!

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The poster features a background of a white mug and an open Bible. The text is in a bold, stylized font with drop shadows.

Augustus WELCA and Outreach Committee – On September 22, Augustus Lutheran Church cordially invites you to a reception following both the 8:00 AM and 10:30 AM church services to celebrate a Local Legend and Community Leader, **Howard Kriebel's 90th Birthday**. Join the Augustus Family and the Kriebel family as we celebrate all of his contributions and express our gratitude for his dedication to our local community. **Please make an appoint to attend and to bring a card with birthday wishes, messages, and hopes to overwhelm this icon with our gratitude. Please no gifts; Your presence is gift enough.**

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Local Legend
Rev. HOWARD KRIEBEL
turns 90
SEPTEMBER 22, 2024
8:00 AM & 10:30 AM
RECEPTION TO FOLLOW BOTH SERVICES
~ please bring a card with your birthday wishes, messages, & hopes ~
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