## HOLY COMMUNION Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

#### September 8, 2024

#### 8:00 am and 10:30 am

#### INTRODUCTION TO THE DAY

James tells us to stop showing favoritism in the assembly, treating the rich visitor with more honor than the poor one. Jesus himself seems to show partiality in his first response to the Syrophoenician woman in today's gospel. Was he testing her faith in saying Gentiles don't deserve the goods meant for God's children? Or was he speaking out of his human worldview, but transcended those limits when she took him by surprise with her reply? Either way, the story tells us that God shows no partiality. Everyone who brings a need to Jesus is received with equal honor as a child and heir.

#### SILENT PRAYER

**PRELUDE:** *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty* 

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Stand

GATHERING (ENTRANCE RITE)

**HYMN:** *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty Printed on the next page.*  Praise to the Lord, the Almighty



## **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.



#### PRAYER OF THE DAY

**P** Let us pray.

Almighty and eternal God, you know our problems and our weaknesses better than we ourselves. In your love and by your power help us in our confusion and, in spite of our weakness, make us firm in faith; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**G** Amen.

*Sit Later service only:* CHILDREN'S SERMON

## LITURGY OF THE WORD

## FIRST READING

Isaiah 35:4-7a

These verses are a word of hope to the exiles in Babylon. Isaiah 34 portrays God's vengeance on Edom, Israel's age-old enemy, which makes the path from Babylon to Zion safe for the exiles' return. The desert itself will flow with water to give drink to the returning exiles.

 A reading from Isaiah.
 <sup>4</sup>Say to those who are of a fearful heart, "Be strong, do not fear!
 Here is your God. He will come with vengeance, with terrible recompense. He will come and save you."

<sup>5</sup>Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped;
<sup>6</sup>then the lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy.
For waters shall break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert;
<sup>7a</sup>the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water.

A The word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

#### Later service only:

**PSALM 146** (*The congregation's verses are in bold face type.*)

<sup>1</sup> Hallelujah! Praise the LORD, <sup>1</sup> O my soul!		
I will praise the LORD as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God while I		
have my being.		
<sup>2</sup> Put not your trust in rulers, nor in any <sup>1</sup> child of earth,		
for there is no help in them.		
<sup>3</sup> When they breathe their last, they re- <sup>1</sup> turn to earth,		
and in that day their thoughts perish.		
<sup>4</sup> Happy are they who have the God of Jacob <sup>1</sup> for their help,		
whose hope is in the   LORD their God;		
<sup>5</sup> who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that <sup>1</sup> is in them;		
who keeps his prom- <sup> </sup> ise forever;		
<sup>6</sup> who gives justice to those who <sup>1</sup> are oppressed,		
and food to those who hunger.		
<sup>7</sup> The LORD sets the prisoners free; the LORD opens the eyes <sup> </sup> of the blind;		
the LORD lifts up those who   are bowed down;		
<sup>8</sup> the LORD loves the righteous; the LORD cares   for the stranger;		
he sustains the orphan and widow, but frustrates the way of the wicked.		
<sup>9</sup> The LORD shall   reign forever,		
your God, O Zion, throughout all generations. Hallelujah!		

## **SECOND READING**

James 2:1-10

Faithful Christians do not show partiality to the rich and powerful of the world, especially at the expense of the poor and weak. Likewise, faith does not pay mere lip service to God's will. Instead, a living Christian faith expresses itself in acts of compassion and mercy for those in need.

**A** reading from James.

<sup>1</sup>My brothers and sisters, do you with your acts of favoritism really believe in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ? <sup>2</sup>For if a person with gold rings and in fine clothes comes into your assembly, and if a poor person in dirty clothes also comes in, <sup>3</sup>and if you take notice of the one wearing the fine clothes and say, "Have a seat here, please," while to the one who is poor you say, "Stand there," or, "Sit at my feet," <sup>4</sup>have you not made distinctions among yourselves, and become judges with evil thoughts? <sup>5</sup>Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters. Has not God chosen the poor in the world to be rich in faith and to be heirs of the kingdom that he has promised to those who love him? <sup>6</sup>But you have dishonored the poor. Is it not the rich who

oppress you? Is it not they who drag you into court? <sup>7</sup>Is it not they who blaspheme the excellent name that was invoked over you?

<sup>8</sup>You do well if you really fulfill the royal law according to the scripture, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." <sup>9</sup>But if you show partiality, you commit sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. <sup>10</sup>For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it.

<sup>14</sup>What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you? <sup>15</sup>If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, <sup>16</sup>and one of you says to them, "Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill," and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? <sup>17</sup>So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.

**A** The word of the Lord.

**G** Thanks be to God.

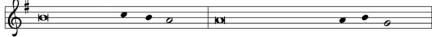
## Stand



The congregation sings the Acclamation.



The choir sings the Verse.



Rejoice in the <sup>|</sup> Lord always; again I will <sup>|</sup> say, Rejoice.

The congregation repeats the Acclamation.



#### GOSPEL

Mark 7:24-37

In Mark's gospel, encounters with women usually signify turning points in Jesus' ministry. Here, a conversation with a Syrophoenician woman marks the beginning of his mission to the Gentiles.

#### **P** The holy gospel according to Mark.

#### **G** Glory to you, O Lord.

<sup>24</sup>[Jesus] set out and went away to the region of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there. Yet he could not escape notice,<sup>25</sup>but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet. <sup>26</sup>Now the woman was a Gentile, of Syrophoenician origin. She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. <sup>27</sup>He said to her, "Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." <sup>28</sup>But she answered him, "Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs." <sup>29</sup>Then he said to her, "For saying that, you may go—the demon has left your daughter." <sup>30</sup>So she went home, found the child lying on the bed, and the demon gone.

<sup>31</sup>Then he returned from the region of Tyre, and went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. <sup>32</sup>They brought to him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they begged him to lay his hand on him. <sup>33</sup>He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue. <sup>34</sup>Then looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, "Ephphatha," that is, "Be opened." <sup>35</sup>And immediately his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. <sup>36</sup>Then Jesus ordered them to tell no one; but the more he ordered them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. <sup>37</sup>They were astounded beyond measure, saying, "He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak."

**P** The gospel of the Lord.

**G** Praise to you, O Christ.

## *Sit* SERMON

Pastor Weleck

#### **Stand** Later service only: **HYMN OF THE DAY:** With the Lord Begin Your Task Printed on the next page.

## With the Lord Begin Your Task



## 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.

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

#### PEACE

- **P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- **C** And also with you.

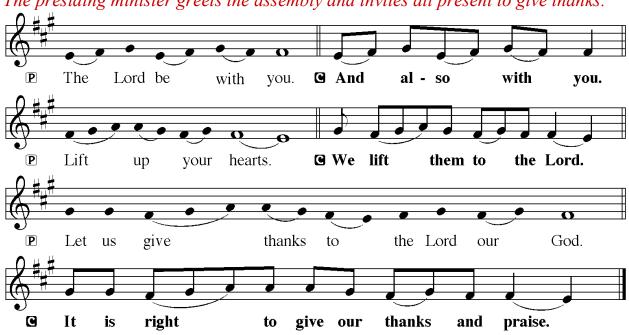
Worshippers do not greet one another. The service continues with the Offertory.

#### LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT OF THE ALTAR

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



#### **GREAT THANKSGIVING**

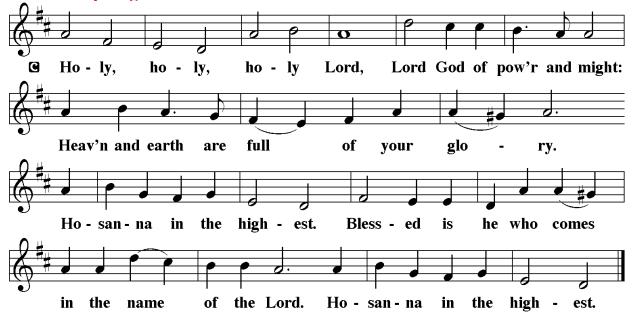


The presiding minister greets the assembly and invites all present to give thanks:

The minister continues with the PROPER PREFACE:

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy... Here the minister continues with **P** 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

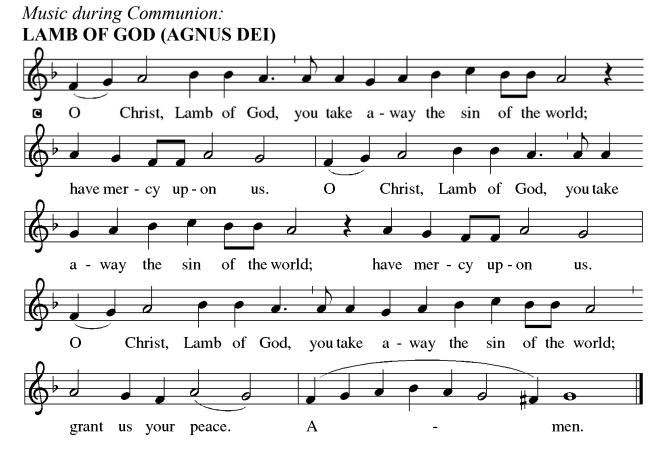
- Behold the Lamb of God,
   behold him who takes away the sins of the world.
   Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.
- C Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

#### *Sit* COMMUNION

When giving the bread and cup, the communion ministers sayThe body of Christ, given for you.The blood of Christ, shed for you.and each person may respondThe blood of Christ, shed for you.

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.



*Later service only:* **ANTHEM:** *Arise and Rejoice* 

Patterson

Stand

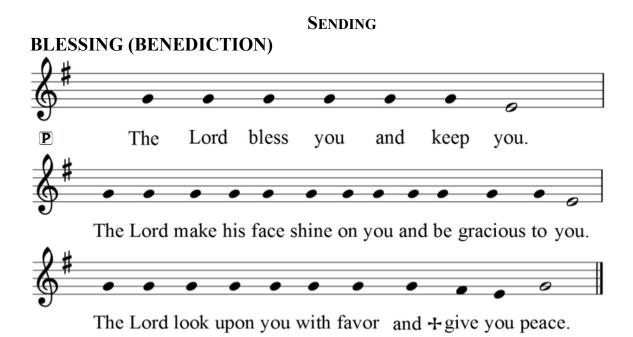
## **BLESSING AFTER COMMUNION**

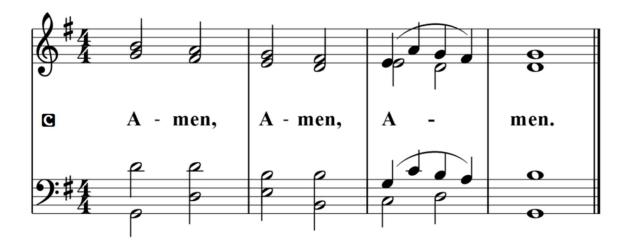
- P The Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.
- **G** Amen.

#### 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.





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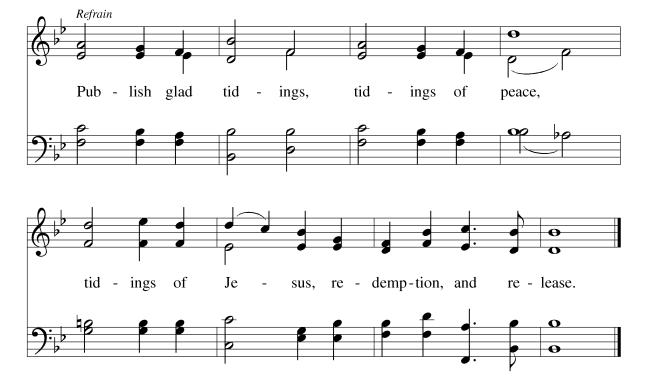
- **A** Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

HYMN: O Zion, Haste

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

**POSTLUDE:** O Zion, Haste

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Sedio

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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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<u>The Flowers that Adorn the Altar</u> are given to the glory of God by the Augustus Choir for Leesa Shunk, remembering Alan for his September 7<sup>th</sup> birthday.

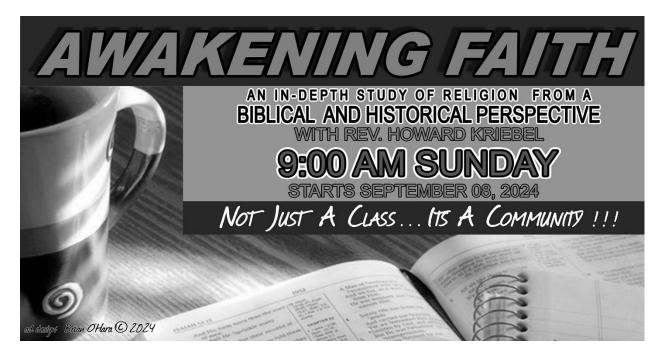
<u>The Sanctuary Candle</u> is given to the glory of God by the Menendez family in loving memory of dear friend Kathy Lentini.

The Worship Bulletins are given to the glory of God

**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 <u>qadirector5@aol.com</u> or call him (484) 919-2527. Training will begin in the fall of the year.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL STARTS TODAY!** Adult Bible Study and Sunday School for students aged 3 through 6<sup>th</sup> grade begin their year today 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 <u>education@augustustrappe.org</u> with questions. See you there!





<u>Augustus WELCA and Outreach Committee</u> – 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 90<sup>th</sup> 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.

