



But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come.  
Mark 4:29

## Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

June 17, 2018

8:30 A.M. and 11:00 A.M.

The mustard seed becomes a great shrub that shelters the birds, recalling ancient images of the tree of life. We'd expect a cedar or a sequoia, but Jesus finds the power of God better imaged in a tiny, no-account seed. It's not the way we expect divine activity to look. Yet the tree of life is here, in the cross around which we gather, the tree into which we are grafted through baptism, the true vine that nourishes us with its fruit in the cup we share. It may not appear all that impressive, but while nobody's looking it grows with a power beyond our understanding.

*The mission of Augsburg Evangelical Lutheran Church is to glorify God  
by proclaiming the gospel of Jesus Christ through  
worship, witness, education, service and fellowship.*

## **HOLY COMMUNION**

*Evangelical Lutheran Worship (ELW) Setting Three*

# **✠ GATHERING ✠**

## **ACCLAMATION**

William Stevens

Alleluia. Welcome with meekness the implanted word  
that has the power to save your souls. Alleluia.

## **OPENING VOLUNTARY** Variations on “Almighty God, Your Word Is Cast”

Healey Willan

*We stand.*

## **RINGING OF THE BELL**

## **ACCLAMATION**

## **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

In the name of the Father,  
and of the ✠ Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

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.

**Amen.**

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

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

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.

**Amen.**

*The assembly turns to face the cross as it enters the sanctuary, following the cross as we have followed Jesus into this holy place and time of corporate worship.*

**GATHERING HYMN 533 Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty**

**UNSER HERRSCHER**

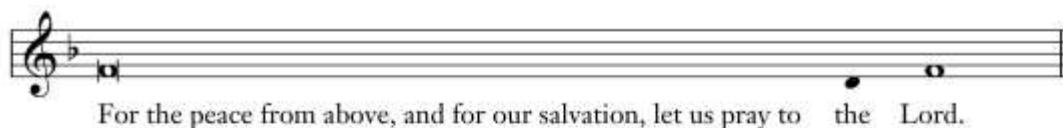
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**And also with you.**

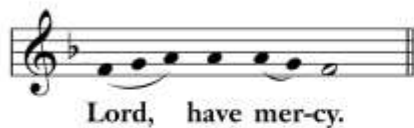
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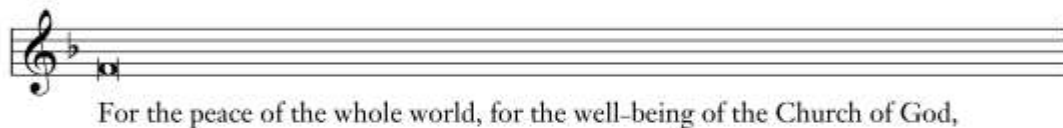
In peace, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.



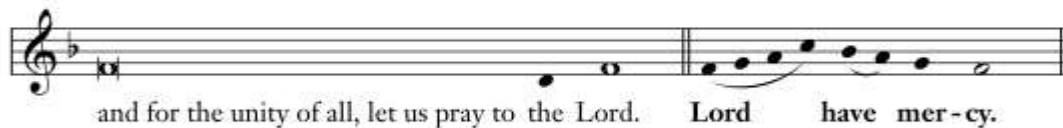
For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



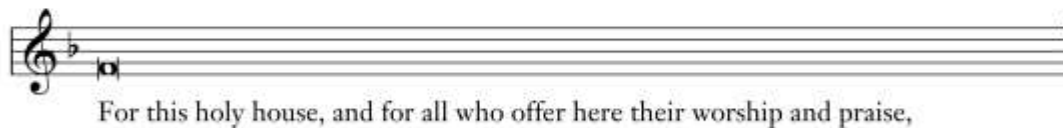
Lord, have mer-cy.



For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord. Lord have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort and defend us, gra - cious Lord. A - - - men.

## GLORIA



Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



Lord God, hea - ven - 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, Lord God, Lamb of God,



you take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;



you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.



For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,



you a - lone are the most high, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,



in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. *A brief silence is kept before the prayer.*

*After the prayer the assembly responds:* **Amen.**

*We sit.*

## WELCOME

### ✠ WORD ✠

#### **FIRST READING** Ezekiel 17:22-24

Thus says the Lord GOD: I myself will take a sprig from the lofty top of a cedar; I will set it out. I will break off a tender one from the topmost of its young twigs; I myself will plant it on a high and lofty mountain. On the mountain height of Israel I will plant it, in order that it may produce boughs and bear fruit, and become a noble cedar. Under it every kind of bird will live; in the shade of its branches will nest winged creatures of every kind. All the trees of the field shall know that I am the LORD. I bring low the high tree, I make high the low tree; I dry up the green tree and make the dry tree flourish. I the LORD have spoken; I will accomplish it.

The word of the Lord. *The assembly responds:* **Thanks be to God.**



## **SECOND READING** 2 Corinthians 5:6-17

So we are always confident; even though we know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord—for we walk by faith, not by sight. Yes, we do have confidence, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him. For all of us must appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each may receive recompense for what has been done in the body, whether good or evil. Therefore, knowing the fear of the Lord, we try to persuade others; but we ourselves are well known to God, and I hope that we are also well known to your consciences. We are not commending ourselves to you again, but giving you an opportunity to boast about us, so that you may be able to answer those who boast in outward appearance and not in the heart. For if we are beside ourselves, it is for God; if we are in our right mind, it is for you. For the love of Christ urges us on, because we are convinced that one has died for all; therefore all have died. And he died for all, so that those who live might live no longer for themselves, but for him who died and was raised for them. From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!

The word of the Lord. *The assembly responds:* **Thanks be to God.**

*We stand.*



## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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.

## GOSPEL Mark 4:26-34

The holy gospel according to Saint Mark.

Glo-ry to you, O Lord.

[Jesus] said, “The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground, and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come.” He also said, “With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade.” With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it; he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

*We sit.*

## CHILDREN'S SERMON

Pastor Wollner

## SERMON

Vicar Norris

*We stand.*

**HYMN OF THE DAY** 723 Canticle of the Turning

STAR OF COUNTY DOWN

## APOSTLES' CREED

**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 to the dead.  
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

Filled with the Holy Spirit, we join with the church in every place, praying for the world that God so loves.

*Each portion of the prayers conclude:*

Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

By the sure guidance of your Holy Spirit, O God, we lift up our prayers in trust and thanksgiving; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

## PEACE

*The presiding minister and the assembly greet each other in the peace of the risen Christ.*

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

*The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace, and may say Peace be with you or similar words.*

*We sit.*

## ✠ MEAL ✠

### OFFERING

**OFFERTORY ANTHEM** Teach Me, O Lord

Thomas Attwood

Teach me, O Lord, the way of thy statutes;

And I shall keep it unto the end.

*We stand.*

### OFFERTORY HYMN



Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right  
spi - rit with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your pre - sence, and  
take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re - store to me the  
joy of your sal - va - tion, and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

Let us pray.

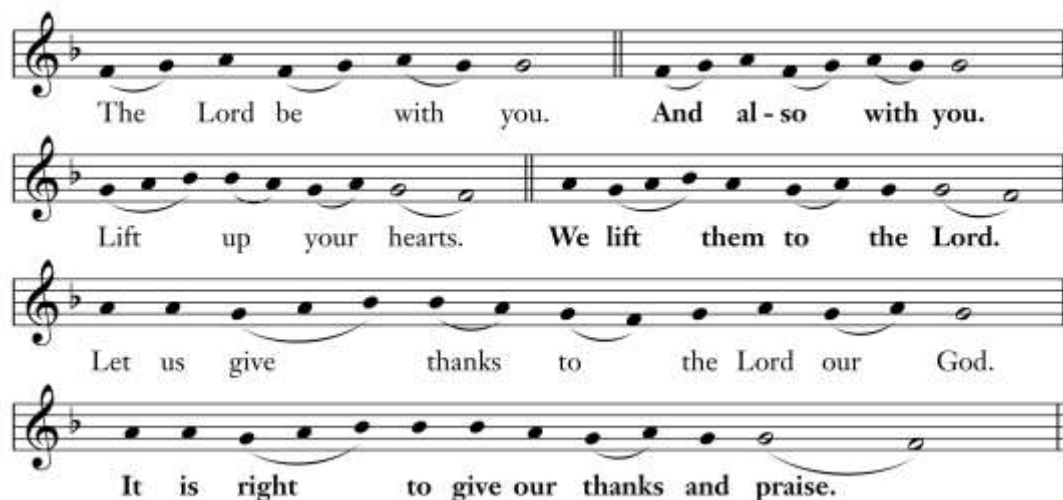
Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things.

Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts:  
our selves, our time, and our possessions.

Use us, and what we have gathered,  
in feeding the world with your love,  
through the one who gave himself for us,  
Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

## GREAT THANKSGIVING



The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

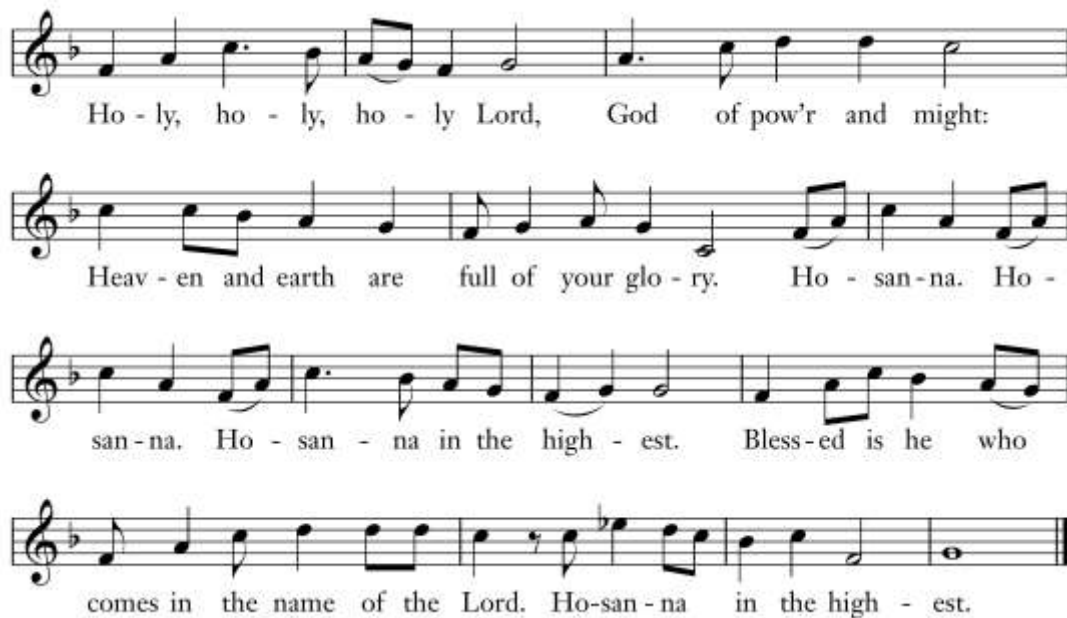
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The image shows four staves of musical notation in a single system. Each staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The notes are primarily quarter and eighth notes, often beamed together. The lyrics are printed below the notes, with some words hyphenated across lines. The first staff has a double bar line in the middle. The second staff also has a double bar line in the middle. The third and fourth staves do not have double bar lines. The system ends with a final double bar line.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy . . . we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

## SANCTUS



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. Ho -  
san - na. 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.

## EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son,  
who reached out to heal the sick and suffering,  
who preached good news to the poor,  
and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

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.

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension,  
we await his coming in glory.

Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord,  
and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food,  
the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord;  
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,  
be all honor and glory, now and forever.  
**Amen.**

### **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

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.**

*The presiding minister lifts the bread and cup and says*

When we eat this bread, we share the body of Christ. When we drink this cup, we share the blood of Christ.

*The assembly responds*

**Reveal yourself to us, O Lord, in the breaking of bread, as once you revealed yourself to your disciples.**

## 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.

*We sit.*

## COMMUNION

*Today we will be communing by intinction. Receive the bread and dip it in the wine. Gluten-free wafers are available on the organ side of the church. Visitors and children are welcome to receive communion. All who do not receive communion are welcomed forward to receive a blessing.*

*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.*

## MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

HYMN 516 Almighty God, Your Word Is Cast

ST. FLAVIAN


*We stand.*

## TABLE BLESSING

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

**Amen.**

## POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE



Lord God, You now have set Your ser - vant free to go in peace  
as prom-ised in Your word; my eyes have seen the Sav-ior, Christ the Lord,  
pre-pared by You for all the world to see, to shine on na-tions  
trapped in dark - est night, the glo - ry of Your peo - ple, and their light.

Let us pray.

**O God, we give you thanks  
that you have set before us this feast,  
the body and blood of your Son.  
By your Spirit strengthen us to serve all in need  
and to give ourselves away as bread for the hungry,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.**



# ✠ SENDING ✠

## BLESSING



## SENDING HYMN 550 On What Has Now Been Sown

DARWALL'S 148TH

*The assembly faces the cross as it leaves the sanctuary, following the cross as we follow Jesus into the world. All remain facing the cross for the dismissal.*

## DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord!

**Thanks be to God!**

## CLOSING VOLUNTARY Variation on "Almighty God, Your Word Is Cast"

Healey Willan

## *Soli Deo Gloria*

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Carl Davis, Substitute Sexton

*Augsburg Lutheran Church is a Stephen Ministry Congregation*

## Providing Service Today

### *Bulletin Cover Artist*

Keith Kooken

### *Acolytes*

8:30 Julia Grossnickle

11:00 Ethan Olsen

### *Crucifers*

8:30 Juliette Levine

11:00 Colleen Crozier

### *Offering Bearer*

Zachary Olsen

### *Liturgists*

8:30 Peggy Sturgis

11:00 William Stevens

### *Lay Readers*

8:30 Kris Andrews

11:00 Daniele Olsen

### *Communion Assistants*

8:30 John Bandle and Shari Dominguez

11:00 Art DeBaugh and Martha Claire Henzler

### *Nursery*

8:30 Jen Seeba

11:00 J. K. Curry

### *Usbers*

8:30 Dave Kinley, Neil Linnell and

Charlie Schoderbek

11:00 Clarence Dixon, Don Eppert,

Bruce Griffin and Frank Williams

### *Visitors Welcoming Table & Greeters*

8:30 Sheila Oppel

11:00 Michaele DeBaugh

### *Sunday Morning Fellowship*

Troutman/Waters/Hartman

### *Oblation Bearers*

8:30 Judy Mullane

11:00 Bobbie and Mark Galchutt

### *Assisting Ministers*

8:30 John Collins

11:00 Anna Rubino-Schneider

### *Preaching*

Vicar Emily Norris

### *Presiding*

Pastor Wollner

## Providing Service Next Sunday

### *Bulletin Cover Artist*

William Sanders

### *Acolytes*

8:30 Walker Pachold

11:00 Ethan Olsen

### *Crucifers*

8:30 Mason Paschold

11:00 Travis Pipes

### *Offering Bearer*

Faith Cashion

### *Lay Readers*

8:30 Charlie Schoderbek

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### *Visitors Welcoming Table & Greeters*

8:30 Effie Sue Utt

11:00 Kathy Carr

### *Sunday Morning Fellowship*

Joyce Sills

### *Oblation Bearers*

8:30 TBD

11:00 Bruce and Colette Griffin

### *Assisting Ministers*

8:30 Julia Grossnickle

11:00 Doug Nelson

### *Preaching & Presiding*

Pastor Wollner

## Announcements

**The altar flowers and the bulletins today are given to the glory of God** by the Troutman Family in loving memory of our parents, Reverend Dr. Edwin and Faye Troutman.

**Our Homebound Member** is Mrs. Ruth Helton, 3314 Bermuda Village, Advance, NC 27006. Please send Ruth a note.

**Pastor Paul's Summer Bible Study** meets Tuesday, June 19 at 10:30 A.M. in Sid Sowers Classroom. We'll be studying 1 Peter and 2 Peter.

**The next Wine and Word is June 20, from 6:30 to 8:00 P.M.** Child care will be provided. Our guest speaker for June 20 is Rev. Dr. Katherine Shaner, of Wake Forest University Divinity School. Dr. Shaner's topic of discussion is *It's the End of the World as We Know It? Understanding Apocalyptic Literature in our Time.*

**Attention ladies!** The Women's Ministry Team has organized a paint night at Posh Designs by April on Wednesday, June 27th at 6:30 P.M. We know summer is busy with vacations, but we hope this date will work for many of you! Please rsvp as soon as possible for this event. You can rsvp to the event that was created on the Women's Ministries Facebook group, or directly to Natalie Brown (336) 293-3905 or natalie\_h\_brown@yahoo.com. Average cost is \$45 but depends on the design you choose to paint. We are so excited about this event and hope this date works for you! Posh Designs by April is located in Clemmons. 3560 Clemmons Rd, Suite C, Clemmons, NC 27012

**The Efid L. and Maria F. Hine Fund** committee will meet for its Summer Quarter meeting on Tuesday July 30, 2018 at 7:00 pm. All requests for financial grants should be directed to The Hine Fund and should be in the church office no later than 12 noon on Friday, July 19th. Agendas will be ready for members to pick up in the Work Room on Sunday, July 21st. Please call or email the Hine Fund secretary if you are unable to attend the meeting. The general purpose and intent of the Hine Fund is to "put into effect a ministry of Christian mercy and concern in meeting human needs as the Church thinks Jesus Christ Himself would have them met."

**Our congregation's Stephen Ministry** equips disciples to provide confidential, one-to-one emotional and spiritual care to individuals in our congregation and community who are experiencing difficulties in their lives. If you—or someone you know—could benefit from the care of a Stephen Minister, please talk with one of our Pastors or Stephen Leaders.

**Readings for next week:** Malachi 3:1-4; Psalm 141; Acts 13:13-26; Luke 57-67 [68-80].

**Worship attendance for services last week:** **121** at 8:30; **140** at 11:00; **20** visitors.

### AUGSBURG BIBLE STUDY OPPORTUNITIES

**Continue in My Word** is an Adult Weekly Bible Study held Monday evenings at 6:00 P.M. in the Youth Area. We are studying Acts. Bring your Bible.

**Are you a Thrivent Financial Member?** Did you know that each year every member has TWO ACTION TEAMS that can be used to DO GOOD in the community? As part of an Action Team, you are given a \$250 Community Impact Card to use as seed money to assist with a service activity of educational event. This money is for the purpose of making an impact and doing good! If you are a Thrivent Member who has not yet used your Action Team(s), Vicar Emily needs your help! Thanks to the generosity of the Hine Fund, this summer when Augsburg is hosting Day Camp, there will also be a team of Counselors from Lutheridge leading camp at Christ's Beloved Community in Southside Winston-Salem. This camp will serve as an outreach program to many neighborhood students. As part of the program at Christ's Beloved Community, any student who participates will receive a lunch and afternoon snack. **This is where YOU come in!** If you would like to donate your Action Team to the children in Southside, Vicar Emily along with the counselors of Lutheridge would love to put your Action Team to good work by purchasing lunch/snack as well as other necessary supplies for camp. Please contact Vicar Emily if you would like to provide an Action Team for Christ's Beloved Community or make a contribution to this great outreach opportunity.

### Calendar for June 17–June 24

#### *17 Fourth Sunday after Pentecost*

8:30a Service of Holy Communion  
(Sanctuary)

9:30a Sunday Morning Fellowship  
(Family Life Center)

10:00a Sunday School

11:00a Service of Holy Communion  
(Sanctuary)

#### *18 Monday*

6:00p Continue in My Word  
(Youth Area)

6:30p Youth Ministry Team Meeting  
(Quiet Pint)

#### *19 Tuesday*

10:30a Pastor Paul's Summer Bible Study  
(Sid Sowers Classroom)

#### *20 Wednesday*

6:30p Wine and Word  
(Family Life Center)

#### *21 Thursday*

6:30p Summer Choir Rehearsal  
(Adult Choir Room)

#### *24 John the Baptist*

8:30a Service of Holy Communion  
(Sanctuary)

9:30a Sunday Morning Fellowship  
(Family Life Center)

10:00a Sunday School

11:00a Service of Holy Communion  
(Sanctuary)