

**HOLY COMMUNION**  
**Fifth Sunday after Epiphany**

**February 9, 2020**

**10:30 am**

**INTRODUCTION TO THE DAY**

Light shines in the darkness for the upright, the psalmist sings. Isaiah declares that when we loose the bonds of injustice and share our bread with the hungry, the light breaks forth like the dawn. In another passage from the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus, the light of the world, calls his followers to let the light of their good works shine before others. Through baptism we are sent into the world to shine with the light of Christ.

**SILENT PRAYER**

**PRELUDE:** *Still, Still with Thee*

Tracey Richvalsky, piano

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**GATHERING (ENTRANCE RITE)**

*Stand*

**HYMN:** *Thy Strong Word*

# 511

**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.

## CANTICLE OF PRAISE (GLORIA IN EXCELSIS DEO)

Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

Lord God, heav-en-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

**P** Let us pray.

Almighty God, you sent your only Son as the Word of life for our eyes to see and our ears to hear. Help us to believe with joy what the Scriptures proclaim, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**☞ Amen.**

*Sit*

## CHILDREN'S SERMON

### LITURGY OF THE WORD

#### FIRST READING

Isaiah 58:1-9a

*Shortly after the return of Israel from exile in Babylon, the people were troubled by the ineffectiveness of their fasts. God reminds them that outward observance is no substitute for genuine fasting that results in acts of justice, such as feeding the hungry, sheltering the homeless, and clothing the naked.*

**Ⓐ** A reading from Isaiah.

<sup>1</sup>Shout out, do not hold back!

Lift up your voice like a trumpet!

Announce to my people their rebellion,  
to the house of Jacob their sins.

<sup>2</sup>Yet day after day they seek me

and delight to know my ways,

as if they were a nation that practiced righteousness  
and did not forsake the ordinance of their God;

they ask of me righteous judgments,  
they delight to draw near to God.

<sup>3</sup>“Why do we fast, but you do not see?

Why humble ourselves, but you do not notice?”

Look, you serve your own interest on your fast day,  
and oppress all your workers.

<sup>4</sup>Look, you fast only to quarrel and to fight  
and to strike with a wicked fist.

Such fasting as you do today

will not make your voice heard on high.

<sup>5</sup>Is such the fast that I choose,  
a day to humble oneself?

Is it to bow down the head like a bulrush,  
and to lie in sackcloth and ashes?

Will you call this a fast,  
 a day acceptable to the LORD?  
<sup>6</sup>Is not this the fast that I choose:  
 to loose the bonds of injustice,  
 to undo the thongs of the yoke,  
 to let the oppressed go free,  
 and to break every yoke?  
<sup>7</sup>Is it not to share your bread with the hungry,  
 and bring the homeless poor into your house;  
 when you see the naked, to cover them,  
 and not to hide yourself from your own kin?  
<sup>8</sup>Then your light shall break forth like the dawn,  
 and your healing shall spring up quickly;  
 your vindicator shall go before you,  
 the glory of the LORD shall be your rear guard.  
<sup>9a</sup>Then you shall call, and the LORD will answer;  
 you shall cry for help, and he will say, Here I am.

**A** The word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

**PSALM 112:1-9** (*The congregation sings the verses in bold face type.*)

<sup>1</sup>Hallelujah! Happy are they who | fear the Lord  
 and have great delight in | his commandments!  
<sup>2</sup>**Their descendants will be mighty | in the land;**  
**the generation of the upright | will be blessed.**  
<sup>3</sup>Wealth and riches will be | in their house,  
 and their righteousness will | last forever.  
<sup>4</sup>**Light shines in the darkness | for the upright;**  
**the righteous are merciful and full | of compassion.**  
<sup>5</sup>It is good for them to be gener- | ous in lending  
 and to manage their af- | fairs with justice.  
<sup>6</sup>**For they will nev- | er be shaken;**  
**the righteous will be kept in everlast- | ing remembrance.**  
<sup>7</sup>They will not be afraid of any | evil rumors;  
 their heart is right; they put their trust | in the LORD.

<sup>8</sup>**Their heart is established and | will not shrink,  
until they see their desire up- | on their enemies.**

<sup>9</sup>They have given freely | to the poor,  
and their righteousness stands fast forever; they will hold up their |  
head with honor.

## SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 2:1-12

*Though people such as the Corinthians are enamored with human philosophy and wisdom, Paul continuously presents God's hidden wisdom which is Jesus Christ crucified. True spiritual maturity involves judging ourselves and others in light of God's revelation in the cross.*

**A** A reading from First Corinthians.

<sup>1</sup>When I came to you, brothers and sisters, I did not come proclaiming the mystery of God to you in lofty words or wisdom. <sup>2</sup>For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ, and him crucified. <sup>3</sup>And I came to you in weakness and in fear and in much trembling. <sup>4</sup>My speech and my proclamation were not with plausible words of wisdom, but with a demonstration of the Spirit and of power, <sup>5</sup>so that your faith might rest not on human wisdom but on the power of God.

<sup>6</sup>Yet among the mature we do speak wisdom, though it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to perish.

<sup>7</sup>But we speak God's wisdom, secret and hidden, which God decreed before the ages for our glory. <sup>8</sup>None of the rulers of this age understood this; for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory.

<sup>9</sup>But, as it is written,

“What no eye has seen, nor ear heard,  
nor the human heart conceived,  
what God has prepared for those who love him”—

<sup>10</sup>these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit; for the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. <sup>11</sup>For what human being knows what is truly human except the human spirit that is within? So also no one comprehends what is truly God's except the Spirit of God.

<sup>12</sup>Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit that is from God, so that we may understand the gifts bestowed on us by God

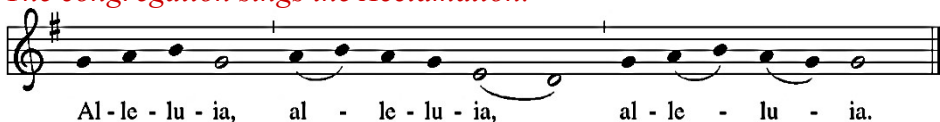
**A** The word of the Lord.

**☞ Thanks be to God.**

*Stand*

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*The congregation sings the Acclamation.*



*The choir sings the Verse.*



Jesus says, I am the light | of the world;  
whoever follows me will have the | light of life.

*The congregation repeats the Acclamation.*

## GOSPEL

Matthew 5:13-20

*In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus encourages his followers to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world, doing good works and keeping God's commandments.*

**☐** The holy gospel according to Matthew.

**☞ Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus said:] <sup>13</sup>“You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled under foot.

<sup>14</sup>“You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid.

<sup>15</sup>No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. <sup>16</sup>In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

<sup>17</sup>“Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. <sup>18</sup>For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. <sup>19</sup>Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches others to do the same, will be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. <sup>20</sup>For I

tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.”

**P** The gospel of the Lord.

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

*Sit*

**SERMON**

Pastor Weleck

*Stand*

**HYMN OF THE DAY:** *God, Whose Almighty Word*

# 673

*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** Lord Jesus Christ, help us to be heralds of your Epiphany, to be as salt in the world's decadence, as light in its darkness, and as conspicuous as a city set on a hill, so that all may see and glorify your holy name. 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,
- 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.

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

## LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT OF THE ALTAR

*Sit*

### OFFERING

**ANTHEM:** *Let Your Light Shine*

Courtney

with Connor Ellison, piano

You are the light of the world.

Let your light shine before all people.

Let your light shine in all the earth.

Let your light shine before all people,

That they might see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

You are the salt of the earth,

but if salt loses its flavor it is good for nothing.

You are the light of the world.

A city built on a hill cannot be hidden.

A lamp cannot be covered,

but shines for all to see.

Let your light shine before all people.

Let your light shine in all the earth.

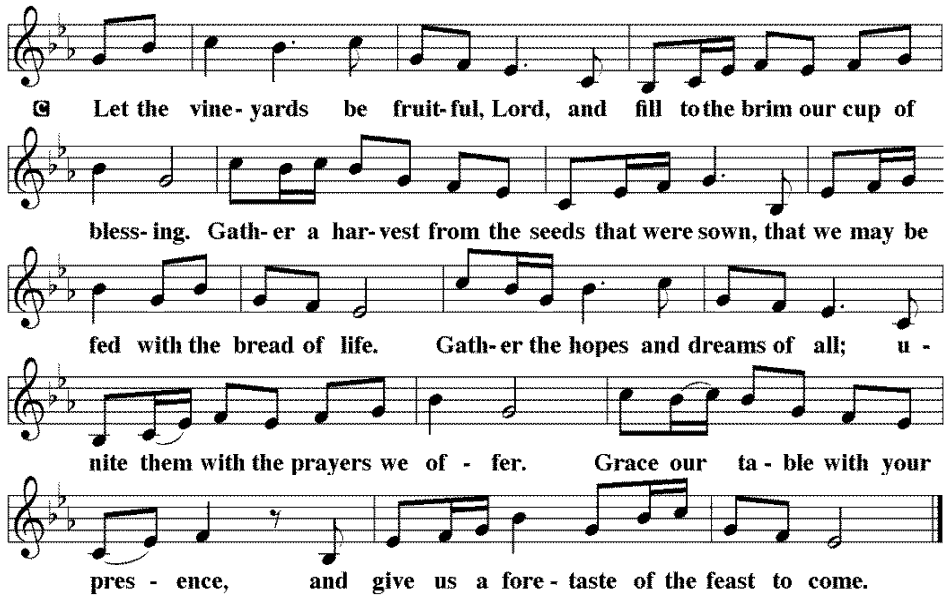
Let your light shine before all people,

That they might see your good works and glorify your father in heaven.

You are the light of the world.

*Stand*

## OFFERTORY



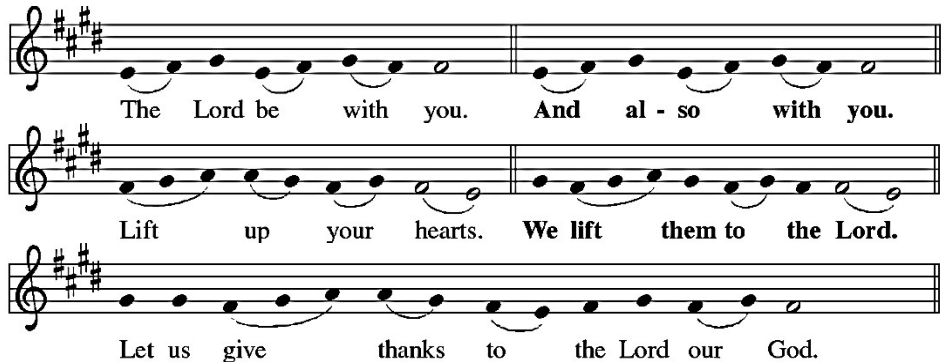
Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of  
bless-ing. Gath-er a har-vest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be  
fed with the bread of life. Gath-er the hopes and dreams of all; u -  
nite them with the prayers we of - fer. Grace our ta - ble with your  
pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

## OFFERING PRAYER

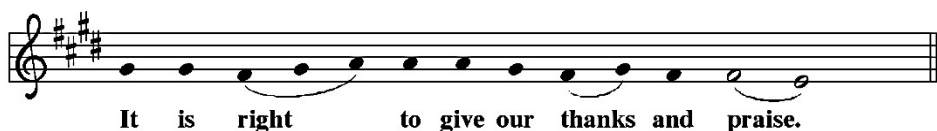
- A** Let us pray...Merciful Father,  
**C** we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us—ourselves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## GREAT THANKSGIVING

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



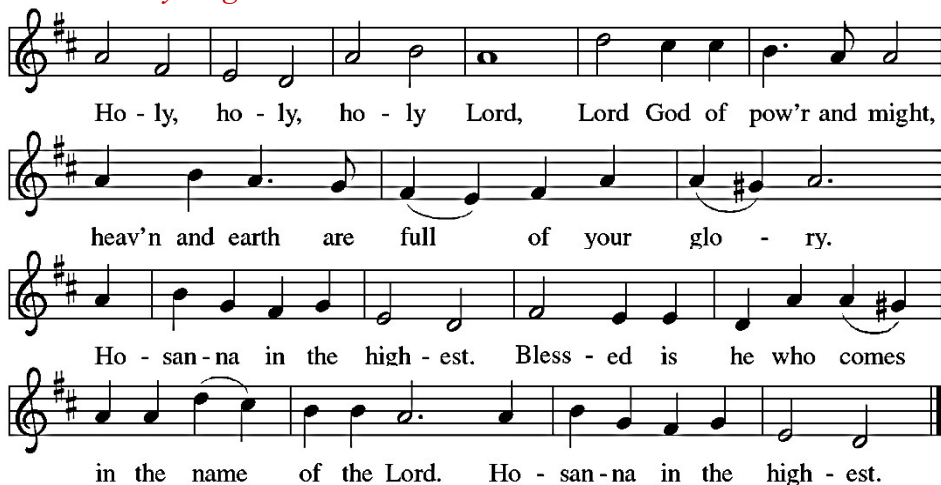
The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.  
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



*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 minister continues with the WORDS OF INSTITUTION, usually included in a Eucharistic Prayer.*

☐ You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God.  
You are most holy,  
and great is the majesty of your glory.

You so loved the world that you gave your only Son,  
so that everyone who believes in him may not perish  
but have eternal life.

We give you thanks for his coming into the world  
to fulfill for us your holy will  
and to accomplish all things for our salvation.

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.

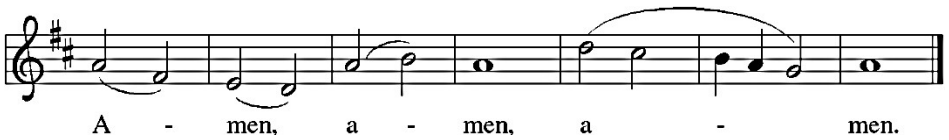
Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,  
and gave it for all to drink, saying:  
This cup is the new covenant in my ✝ blood,  
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup,  
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.



- P** Remembering, therefore, his salutary command,  
his life-giving passion and death,  
his glorious resurrection and ascension,  
and the promise of his coming again,  
we give thanks to you, O Lord God Almighty,  
not as we ought but as we are able;  
we ask you mercifully to accept our praise and thanksgiving  
and with your Word and Holy Spirit to bless us, your servants,  
and these your own gifts of bread and wine,  
so that we and all who share in the body and blood of Christ  
may be filled with heavenly blessing and grace,  
and, receiving the forgiveness of sin,  
may be formed to live as your holy people  
and be given our inheritance with all your saints.

To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,  
be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever.



## 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 kneel at the altar rail for a blessing. The Body of Christ is received in the palm of the hand. The Blood of Christ is poured into a small glass which should be picked up on the way to the altar rail.*

*Music during Communion:*

### **LAMB OF GOD (AGNUS DEI)**

O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;  
have mer - cy up - on us. O Christ, Lamb of God, you take  
a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy up - on us.  
O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;  
grant us your peace. A - men.

### **MUSIC DURING COMMUNION**

**MUSIC:** *Ode to Joy*

Charlie Richvalsky, cello

**HYMN:** *Christ, Be Our Light*

# 715

**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.

**DISMISSAL**

**A** Go in peace. Serve the Lord.



**☒ Thanks be to God.**

**HYMN:** *God Be with You Till We Meet Again* # 536

**POSTLUDE:** *Menuet Gothique* Boellmann



**The Christmas Cycle** celebrates the events surrounding Christ’s coming — the prophecies, his birth, his manifestation (epiphany) to the Gentiles, and his baptism — through the Advent season, the Christmas season, and the Epiphany season.

**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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2020 Stewardship Campaign Update		
	Commitment Cards	Dollar Amount
Total Possible	274	\$275,000
Received as of 1/19/2020	78	\$131,406
<b>Amount Outstanding</b>	<b>196</b>	<b>\$143,594</b>
<p>If you have not yet returned your Commitment Card for 2020, please return the completed card as soon as possible. A copy of the 2020 Commitment Card can be downloaded from the parish web site, <a href="http://www.augustustrappe.org">www.augustustrappe.org</a>, under the "About Us" tab.</p>		

### Worship Assistants

Altar Servers: Connor Elison and Lauren Fishell

Ushers: Karl Stefan, Ed Funk, Pat O'Hara, and Dick Allebach

Lectors: 8:00 am: Sandy Trauger

10:30 am: John Kochel and Gary Wessner

Communion Assistants: Pastor Martha and Sonya Sowards

Altar Guild: Jim Richvalsky

Offering Tabulation: Debra Augustine, Karl Stefan and Chilly Lyaro

The Flowers that Adorn the Altar this morning are given to the glory of God by Mr. and Mrs. Robert Rodenberger in loving memory of Parents, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Erb and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Rodenberger

The Center Vase Flowers on the Altar are given to the glory of God from Renata and Dieter Markert in honor of our Great Grandson Dante on his February Birthday.

The Sanctuary Candle is given to the glory of God by Karen McClain in memory of Grandmother Margaret Ithen Van Hee.

The Worship Bulletins are given to the Glory of God by Gary and Dawn Halteman and family in honor of all our Service members.

Annual Meeting of the Congregation – The February Annual Meeting will take place following the 10:30 am service TODAY. Committee and staff reports will be presented. All members of Augustus are encouraged to attend.

The Quilting Group will meet in February on the 5<sup>th</sup> and the 18<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 am.

The Knitting Group will meet in February on the 10<sup>th</sup> and the 24<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm.

The Augustus Book Club will meet next on Monday, February 17<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm in the Vestry Room. We will be discussing London: A Novel by Edward Rutherfurd.

Girls' Night Out: Dinner and a Show on Friday, February 28, 7:30 pm  
 9 to 5 *The Musical* at Ursinus College's Kaleidoscope Lenfest Theater  
 Tickets: \$10, \$7 seniors Contact Deb Scholl (610 409-1950  
 or [schollde@aol.com](mailto:schollde@aol.com)) by Feb. 16th. Dinner details tbd. Sponsored by  
 WELCA and all are Welcome!

<https://www.collegevilledevelopment.org/events/9-to-5-the-musical/>

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday	2/9	8:00 am	Holy Communion in the Chapel
		9:00 am	Sunday School
		9:15 am	Adult Bible Study
		10:30 am	Holy Communion in the Upper Nave
		11:30 am	Congregational Meeting
Monday	2/10	7:00 pm	Scouts
		7:00 pm	Knitters
		7:00 pm	Cubs
Tuesday	2/11	6:45 pm	Cubs
		7:00 pm	Community Club
Wednesday	2/12	6:00 pm	3-in-1 Confirmation Classes
Thursday	2/13	6:00 pm	Bells
		7:00 pm	Choir
		7:00 pm	Scouts
Friday	2/14		
Saturday	2/15	6:00 pm	Sr. Youth Lock In
Sunday	2/16	8:00 am	Holy Communion in the Chapel
		8:45 am	Soup Sale
		9:00 am	Sunday School
		9:15 am	Adult Bible Study
		10:30 am	Holy Communion in the Upper Nave
		11:30 am	Soup Sale



## UPPER MONTGOMERY CONFERENCE OF THE SE PA SYNOD WOMEN OF THE ELCA



### FIRST TUESDAY GATHER BIBLE STUDIES WINTER/SPRING 2020

Coffee and treats at 9:30 am

Bible study 10:00 to 11:30 am

ALL WOMEN ARE INVITED TO ATTEND AND BRING FRIENDS.

JANUARY – FEBRUARY Mid-winter break; SAVE GATHER ISSUES FOR USE IN MARCH AND APRIL.

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#### GATHER magazine Winter/Spring 2020 Bible Study: **WE ARE CALLED!** by Kathryn A. Kleinhans

Reformer Martin Luther used the word "vocation" or "calling" to refer to all aspects of human life. We are called to respond to God not just in our personal relationship with God but in our relationships with family and friends, in our work, and in our communities. This four-part Bible study will explore stories from both the Old and New Testament. As we reflect on how our biblical forebears heard and responded to God's call, we will gain insight into how God is calling us—and how God may be calling others through us.

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**Tuesday, March 3** Bible study from the **January** issue of *Gather*  
**Session 1: Hearing God's Call**

Janet Luyben, Presenter

Focus is on men and women in the Old Testament. Some of them heard and recognized God's call clearly. Others struggled to realize that it was God who was calling them or exactly what God was calling them to do.

**Where:** St. John's Lutheran Church, 3104 Main Street, Sumneytown

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**Tuesday, April 7** Bible Study from the **February** issue of *Gather*  
**Session 2: The Call of Jesus**

Kitty Pell, Presenter

This session focuses on Jesus' calling of the disciples, on Jesus' call to Saul (Paul) on the road to Damascus, and on Jesus' call to all Christians to take up the cross and follow.

**Where:** St. James Lutheran Church, High & Price Streets, Pottstown

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**Tuesday, May 5** Bible study from the **March** issue of *Gather*  
**Session 3: Called to Serve**

Bobbie Hoffman, Presenter

Jesus is clear that one of the central ways we respond to God's call is by serving others. When we serve others, we are recognizing Christ present in their need. When we serve others, they see Christ visible in our loving service.

**Where:** St. James Lutheran Church, Kugler Rd. & Swamp Pike, Limerick

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**Tuesday, June 2** Bible study from the **April** issue of *Gather*  
**Session 4: Calling Networks**

Pat Leberman, Presenter

The title of this Bible study, "We Are Called!" reminds us that calling is not something private or individualistic but are always interwoven with our relationships and our communities. This session focuses on how we support others in hearing and responding to God's call.

**Where:** Augustus Lutheran Church, 717 W. Main Street, Trappe

Study materials are found in the *Gather* magazine; subscriptions are available by calling 1-800-328-4648.

SEE FOLLOWING PAGE FOR NEWS OF OUR SPRING GATHERING AND  
THE SYNOD'S WELCA 2020 CONVENTION

**FEBRUARY 9, 2020 \$35**

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IMPERIAL MUSIC HALL  
40 EAST 1<sup>ST</sup> AVE  
TRAPPE, PA 19426

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DINNER SHOW FEATURING  
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DOORS OPEN...4:00PM  
DINNER.....4:30PM  
SHOW TIME...5-7PM

**4:00 PM**

For questions about this event or to place your reservations,  
contact: [brian.ohara24@gmail.com](mailto:brian.ohara24@gmail.com)

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717 W. MAIN STREET  
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Sunday Services: 8:00 AM Communion ~ 9:00 AM Sunday School ~ 10:30 AM Worship

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# Spring Gathering

of the  
UPPER MONTGOMERY CONFERENCE

of the  
Southeastern Pennsylvania Synod

of  
The Women of The Evangelical  
Lutheran Church of America

SATURDAY, MARCH 21, 2020

at  
Augustus Lutheran Church  
717 West Main Street, Trappe, PA  
(610) 489-9625



REGISTRATION AND REFRESHMENTS START AT 9:00 A.M.

PROGRAM BEGINS AT 9:30 A.M.

PROGRAM THEME: Women Serving

*'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.'* - Matthew 25:40.

The Rev. Dr. Martha Kriebel, currently on staff at Augustus Lutheran Church in Trappe serving as an Honorary Assistant, will be doing a brief devotional before a National Quilting Day quilting workshop. We will be tying and pinning quilts, led by the women of Augustus Lutheran Church. No experience is needed. If you can make a square knot, you can do this. Or just come for the fellowship.

Children are welcome to attend; however, anyone under the age of 18 must be accompanied by an adult.

#### WHAT TO BRING:

Each church group is asked to bring a baked good, fruit, or similar refreshment item to share, as well as non-perishable food donations for the Daily Bread Community Food Pantry in Collegeville. Coffee, tea & beverages will be served by our host church.

REMINDER TO SAVE THE DATE - June 6, 2020  
SOUTHEAST PA SYNOD WOMEN ON THE ELCA 2020 CONVENTION

Keynote speaker: SE PA Synod Bishop Patricia Davenport

Where: St. Matthews Lutheran Church  
400 Lynbrooke Road, Springfield, Delaware Co., PA 19064

More details available soon.