

HOLY COMMUNION

Twenty Third Sunday after Pentecost

November 17, 2019

10:30 am

INTRODUCTION TO THE DAY

The end is near. There is no doubt about it. The warnings are dire. The tone of today's texts is ominous. But the baptized know how to live in the "meantimes." The baptized are strengthened for the living of these days in word and sacrament. The baptized rally around the invitation of the apostle: "Brothers and sisters, do not be weary in doing what is right."

SILENT PRAYER

PRELUDE: *If You But Trust in God to Guide You*

Bach

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING (ENTRANCE RITE)

Stand

HYMN: *Abide with Me*

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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.

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,

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:



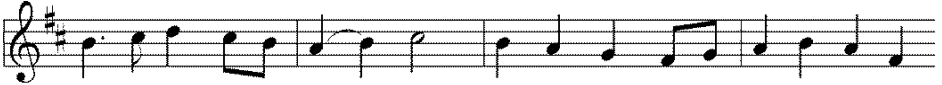
You take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



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

Ⓟ Let us pray.

Lord God, so rule and govern our hearts and minds by your Holy Spirit that, always keeping in mind the end of all things and the day of judgment, we may be stirred up to holiness of life here and may live with you forever in the world to come, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

☞ Amen.

Sit

CHILDREN'S SERMON

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

Malachi 4:1-2a

Malachi, whose name means "my messenger," warns that the day of the Lord is coming. On that day, the evil will be destroyed like stubble in a fire, but the "sun of righteousness" will shine on those who fear God.

☞ A reading from Malachi.

¹See, the day is coming, burning like an oven, when all the arrogant and all evildoers will be stubble; the day that comes shall burn them up, says the LORD of hosts, so that it will leave them neither root nor branch. ^{2a}But for you who revere my name the sun of righteousness shall rise, with healing in its wings.

☞ The word of the Lord.

☞ Thanks be to God.

PSALM 98 *(The congregation sings the verses in bold face type.)*

¹Sing to the LORD | a new song,
for he has done | marvelous things.

²**With his right hand and his | holy arm
has he won for him- | self the victory.**

³The LORD has made | known his victory;
his righteousness has he openly shown in the sight | of the nations.

⁴**He remembers his mercy and faithfulness to the | house of Israel,
and all the ends of the earth have seen the victory | of our God.**

⁵Shout with joy to the LORD, | all you lands;
lift up your voice, re- | joice, and sing.

⁶**Sing to the LORD | with the harp,
with the harp and the | voice of song.**

⁷With trumpets and the sound | of the horn
shout with joy before the | king, the LORD.

**⁸Let the sea make a noise and all | that is in it,
the lands and those who | dwell therein.**

⁹Let the rivers | clap their hands,
and let the hills ring out with joy before the LORD, when he comes
to | judge the earth.

**¹⁰In righteousness shall he | judge the world
and the peo- | ples with equity.**

SECOND READING

2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17

Some members of the Thessalonian community, because of their belief in the nearness of Christ's return, had ceased to work, living off the generosity of other members of the community. Paul warns them bluntly that if they want to eat, they need to work.

A A reading from Second Thessalonians.

⁶Now we command you, beloved, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to keep away from believers who are living in idleness and not according to the tradition that they received from us. ⁷For you yourselves know how you ought to imitate us; we were not idle when we were with you, ⁸and we did not eat anyone's bread without paying for it; but with toil and labor we worked night and day, so that we might not burden any of you. ⁹This was not because we do not have that right, but in order to give you an example to imitate. ¹⁰For even when we were with you, we gave you this command: Anyone unwilling to work should not eat. ¹¹For we hear that some of you are living in idleness, mere busybodies, not doing any work. ¹²Now such persons we command and exhort in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living. ¹³Brothers and sisters, do not be weary in doing what is right.

A The word of the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.

Stand

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

The congregation sings the Acclamation.



The choir sings the Verse.



Stand up and | raise your heads,
because your redemption is | drawing near.
The congregation repeats the Acclamation.

GOSPEL

Luke 21:5-19

As history moves toward God's fulfillment there will be frightening signs and events. Before the end, believers will draw strength from their relationship to God and shall be given the words they need to testify and to endure without fear.

📖 The holy gospel according to Luke.

🎵 Glory to you, O Lord.

⁵When some were speaking about the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God, [Jesus] said, ⁶“As for these things that you see, the days will come when not one stone will be left upon another; all will be thrown down.”

⁷They asked him, “Teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign that this is about to take place?” ⁸And he said, “Beware that you are not led astray; for many will come in my name and say, ‘I am he!’ and, ‘The time is near!’ Do not go after them.

⁹“When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified; for these things must take place first, but the end will not follow immediately.” ¹⁰Then he said to them, “Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; ¹¹there will be great earthquakes, and in various places famines and plagues; and there will be dreadful portents and great signs from heaven.

¹²“But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute you; they will hand you over to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors because of my name. ¹³This will give you an opportunity to testify. ¹⁴So make up your minds not to prepare your defense in advance; ¹⁵for I will give you words and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict. ¹⁶You

will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, by relatives and friends; and they will put some of you to death. ¹⁷You will be hated by all because of my name. ¹⁸But not a hair of your head will perish. ¹⁹By your endurance you will gain your souls.”

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

Sit
SERMON The Reverend David Wangaard

Stand
HYMN OF THE DAY: *If You But Trust in God to Guide You* # 769

The Nicene Creed is appropriate during Advent, Christmas, Easter, and on festival days; the Apostles' Creed during Lent and at other times.

APOSTLES CREED

- ☐ With the whole church, let us confess our faith.
- ☑ **I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended into hell.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

- 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, we thank you for the assurance that whenever tribulations, trials, persecutions threaten us in this world of rage and barbarism, we will never have to face them alone, but with the sufficiency that you supply, and with the newborn hope that "in my Father's keeping not a hair on my head can be harmed." 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.

☩ Amen.

PEACE

☐ The peace of the Lord 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.

LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT OF THE ALTAR

Sit

OFFERING

ANTHEM: *Look at the World*

Rutter

Look at the world: Everything all around us,
Look at the world and marvel every day.
Look at the world: So many joys and wonders,
So many miracles along our way.

Chorus: Praise to thee o Lord for all creation.
Give us thankful hearts that we may see,
All the gifts we share and every blessing,
All things come of thee.

Look at the earth: Bringing forth fruit and flower,
Look at the sky: The sunshine and the rain,
Look at the hills, look at the trees and mountains,
Valley and flowing river field and plain. (Chorus)

Think of the spring, Think of the warmth of summer,
Bringing the harvest before the winter's cold.
Everything grows, everything has a season,
Till it is gathered to the Father's fold. (Chorus)

Every good gift, all that we need and cherish
Comes from the Lord in token of his love.
We are his hands, stewards of all his bounty,
His is the earth and his the heavens above. (Chorus)

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,
- G** 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.

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:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,
 heav'n 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 minister continues with the WORDS OF INSTITUTION, usually included in a Eucharistic Prayer.

P 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.



Christ has died. Christ is ris - en. Christ will come a - gain.

- ☐ 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

☒ 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.

HYMNS DURING COMMUNION

HYMN: *O God, Our Help in Ages Past*

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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.

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

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

HYMN: *When Peace like a River*

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POSTLUDE: *O God, Our Help in Ages Past*

Young



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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Altar Servers: Lauren Fishell and Nathan Kerr

Ushers: Dick Allebach, Chilly Lyaro, Pat O'Hara, and Dennis Ludwig

Lectors: 8:00 am: Mildred Stuffle

10:30 am: James Lorah and Chris Dogonniuck

Communion Assistants: 8:00 am: Debra Augustine

10:30 am: Bob Rodenberger

Altar Guild: Mike Van Blaricum

Offering Tabulation: Debra Augustine, Karl Stefan, and Jeannie Funk

The Flowers that Adorn the Altar are given to the glory of God by John and Charlotte Wentworth in memory of loved ones.

The Sanctuary Candle is given to the glory of God by David and Jeanne Halteman in honor of our anniversary.

The Worship Bulletins are given to the glory of God by Paul and Victoria Gallagher in loving memory of Paul and Helen Gallagher and John and Mary Alice Moss.

Notice from your Cemetery Committee—In order to keep pace with inflation, anticipate increased maintenance costs, and provide for the future care of our cemetery, please know that effective January 1, 2020, the cost of graves spaces will be \$660.00 each for members and \$1,640.00 each for non-members.”

Today is Thankoffering/Quilt & Afghan Sunday Pastor David Wangaard, our guest speaker and Senior Advisor for Church and Congregational Relations from Lutheran World Relief, has invited the Augustus congregation to join him between the two church services for **“COFFEE & CONVERSATION”** at 9:15 am. Rev. Wangaard will lead a slide presentation on what they do at Lutheran World Relief, why they do what they do and most importantly, why you have an important role to play in addressing global poverty. The presentation will be held in the Muhlenberg Center. We hope you will welcome him to the Augustus family and support his special program. Refreshments will be provided by WELCA.

Thankoffering envelopes will be distributed for your donation in support of the life-changing ministries of Women of the ELCA programs, resources, leadership training, and operational expenses. All the money collected will be sent directly to the churchwide organization of the Women of the ELCA. Make checks payable to “Augustus Women of the ELCA”. Please be generous!

All of the quilts for LWR and afghans for Laurel House, a shelter in Norristown for abused women and children, are made by the Women of the Church and will be on display. All are welcome! Bring a friend!!

Trappe Charms Orders for Christmas- We are now taking orders for the Old Church and WELCA charms. These charms are made from sterling silver and fit Pandora-like charm bracelets. Our supplier does not require us to purchase a minimum quantity of the charms. As a result, they will be made available primarily by order. Since we can order them at will, we will have minimum inventory on hand at any given point. In order to ensure and guarantee you receive your charm in time for Christmas, make sure you order your charm by Sunday November 17, 2019 to guarantee delivery by Christmas. To order your charm, please speak to Brian O’Hara or send him an email at brian.ohara24@gmail.com.

Need a Prayer? The Augustus Prayer chain welcomes your calls with prayer requests. If you need a prayer or know someone in need of a prayer, please contact Carol Oelschlager at 610-489-3109. If no one is available to take your call, please leave a message and Carol will call you back.

Bring your family and friends to this year's Community Christmas Concert on Saturday December 14, beginning at 3 o'clock in the Old Trappe Church. There are singers from several area churches, and all ages will enjoy singing Silent Night in the marvelous acoustic of the Old Church. After the first portion of the concert, we will warm up with refreshments in the fellowship hall. The second portion of the concert will begin at 4 o'clock in the Brick Church sanctuary. Two bell choirs will perform, and the whole audience will join in carols of the season. All proceeds from the free will offering will be donated to the Colledgeville-Trappe Ministerium them for their emergency fund to help neighbors in need. Come for part or all of the afternoon. It will put you in the Christmas spirit!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday	11/17	8:00 am	Holy Communion in the Chapel Guest Preacher for Thankoffering
		9:00 am	Sunday School
		9:15 am	Adult Bible Study
		9:15 am	"Coffee & Conversation" Reception
		10:30 am	Holy Communion in the Brick Church Nave Guest Preacher for Thankoffering
		5:00 pm	Speaker's House Annual Meeting
Monday	11/18	6:45 pm	Cubs
		7:00 pm	Scouts
		7:00 pm	Scouts District Meeting
		7:30 pm	Book Club
Tuesday	11/19	9:00 am	Quilters
		6:45 pm	Cubs
		7:00 pm	Cubs
		7:00 pm	Scouts Committee Meeting
Wednesday	11/20	2:00 pm	Staff Meeting
		6:00 pm	3-in-1
Thursday	11/21	6:00 pm	Bell Choir
		7:00 pm	Scouts
		7:00 pm	Adult Vocal Choir
Friday	11/22		
Saturday	11/23	5:00 pm	Cubs Spaghetti Dinner
Sunday	11/24	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 Brick Church Nave



Ninth Annual Thanksgiving Apple Pie Sale

Sponsored by the Senior Youth Group

Pies can be picked up on 24-Nov-2019 after both the early and late Services.

Pies will be frozen.

Baking instructions will be provided.

Cost: \$10.00 per pie.

Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

Number of Pies: _____

Pick up on 24-Nov-2019 (check one)

After the early Service (8:00 am): _____

After the late Service (10:30 am): _____





Today is Thankoffering/ Quilt & Afghan Sunday

A day to show gratitude for God's blessings and God's countless gifts to us. During both significant and ordinary moments, we should say "Thank You" to God.

We are honored today to have the Reverend David Wangaard, Senior Advisor for Church and Congregational Relations for Lutheran World Relief, as our guest speaker at both the 8:00am and 10:30am church worship services. He has also invited Augustus' congregation to join him between the two church worship services for "COFFEE & CONVERSATION" at 9:15 am. Rev. Wangaard will lead a slide presentation on what they do at Lutheran World Relief, why they do what they do and most importantly, why you have an important role to play in addressing global poverty. There will be a time for questions and conversation. The presentation will be held in the Muhlenberg Center. Please welcome Pastor Wangaard to Augustus' family. Refreshments will be provided by WELCA.

Rev. David Wangaard was born in Bloomington, Minnesota, attended St. Olaf College in Northfield, Minnesota and in 1983 graduated from Luther Theological Seminary in St. Paul, Minnesota. Rev. Wangaard has served parishes in Teller and Brevig Mission in Arkansas, and Baudette, Moorhead, and St. Paul in Minnesota. From 2001 to 2011, Rev. Wangaard served as Bishop's Associate for Urban and Multicultural Ministry in the Minneapolis Area Synod of the ELCA. In 2012, David moved to Baltimore to serve as interim Senior Pastor at First Lutheran Church in Ellicott City. In 2014, David began his call at Lutheran World Relief. Rev. Wangaard is married to the Rev. Susan Tjornehoj who serves as Senior Pastor of Christ Lutheran in the Inner Harbor of Baltimore. They have one daughter, Ingrid who is a third grade school teacher in St. Paul, Minnesota.

In honor of Thankoffering, a special offering will be collected which will benefit the life-changing ministries of the Churchwide Women's Organization of the ELCA. All proceeds collected will be sent directly

to the churchwide organization of the Women of the ELCA in support of programs, resources, leadership training, and operational expenses. Please be generous! Thankofferings show gratitude for God's blessings and hope for all that is to come. They give us an important and tangible way to express that gratitude and hope. When significant or ordinary moments happen, it is our way of saying "thank you" to God! There is so much to be thankful for. **Please make checks payable to Augustus Women of the ELCA. If you wish to have your contribution recorded on your quarterly statement from Augustus Lutheran Church, please include your congregational # on your envelope.**

Thankofferings date back to the 1800's when Christian women formed "mite" or "cent" societies to support the mission of the church. When others in the church said there was not enough money to carry out projects, the women believed otherwise and acted together. In these societies, each woman collected offerings at home. On occasion, they would gather as we do today to worship and make their offerings with thanks and praise. When Women of the ELCA was formed over 30 years ago, we committed to continue this tradition of giving in gratitude for blessings. Together, we can do more than we could ever do alone.

While you are at Augustus today please take notice of all the quilts and afghans that adorn the church sanctuary. They were made by the Hearts and Hands Committee of Augustus' Women of the ELCA under the direction of Mildred Stuffle. The quilts will be given to Lutheran World Relief to be distributed to countries all over the world to help those people less fortunate. The afghans will be taken to Laurel House, a shelter for abused women and children, in Norristown. Many thanks to everyone who have contributed to this ministry in 2019: Delores Allebach, Nancy Berg, Judy Bubeck, Rebecca Catagnus, Sherry Jesse,



LaVonne Johnson, Karen Lachenmayer, The Estate of June Lash, Heather Liliethal, Irene Markert, Josephine Moran, Megan Moser, Carol Oelschlager, Dale O'Hara, Gemma Patton, Ethelyn Perkins, Janice Reiff,

Mildred Stuffle (Chair), Annabell Thiemann, Margaret Vinci, Ann Walker, Jennifer Wentworth, Kathleen Wilkins, and Terri Yetter. If you would like to get involved with and be connected to this global Christian family, you are always welcome to join the quilters, knitters, and crocheters of Augustus. **NEW THIS YEAR:** We are offering a convenient way for you to support this mission in the comfort of your own home! We now have quilting packs available in the Muhlenberg Center. Each pack contains forty-eight individual quilting squares which are in need of attachment. Simply sew the squares together at your own pace and convenience, and return the completed quilt-top to the Muhlenberg center. The Augustus quilters will then sew together your quilt-top with a backing and filler. The Hearts and Hands Quilting group meets the first Wednesday and the third Tuesday of each month in room 24 from 9:30 AM to 11:30 AM.



Do you like to sew? Would you like to participate in our quilting group, but can't attend our meetings?

- Pick a pack out of the Lutheran World Relief Basket.
 - Sew the squares into a top.
 - Return the pack to the basket.
- Each quilt top will then be used to make a quilt for Lutheran World Relief.
 - Each pack has instructions, and a contact email address if you have any questions.

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ABOUT US

What is WELCA? It's an easy way to say Women of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

Our organization includes Lutheran women who gather in more than 6,000 locations in the U.S. and the Caribbean, for service, study, advocacy, fellowship and more! WELCA embraces ministries that support our mission of mobilizing women to act boldly on their faith in Jesus Christ. We have a place for you in Women of the ELCA.

OUR MISSION

Mobilizing women to act boldly on their faith in Jesus Christ.

OUR PURPOSE

As a community of women created in the image of God, called to discipleship in Jesus Christ, and empowered by the Holy Spirit, we commit ourselves to grow in faith, affirm our gifts, support one another in our callings, engage in ministry and action, and promote healing and wholeness in the church, the society, and the world.

FIND US ONLINE

Visit womenoftheelca.org to learn how we respond to the world's needs through ministry and action, our free resources, daily devotionals, blogs and publications, like *Gather* magazine, *Cafe* e-zine, *Interchange*, *Bold Connections*, and with a community of women just like you.

DO YOU HAVE QUESTIONS?

You can contact us anytime through our website or directly.
Call: 800-638-3522 Ext. 2730
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Community Christmas Concert

to benefit Collegeville Trappe Ministerium Emergency Fund



*Featuring local choirs and
instrumentalists,
and audience sing-along*

*Sounds
of the
Season*

Saturday, December 14

3:00 PM

Augustus Lutheran Church

717 W. Main Street, Trappe

handicapped accessible ~ no tickets required

Silver Spring Martin Luther School Christmas Gift Donation List

WELCA collects and transports these gifts to Silver Spring each year.

WISH GIFTS

- Scented body wash, shampoo, conditioner, deodorant, and lotion. Bath and Body Works and Dove for Men are favorites. Plastic bottles only; no spray bottles, please
- Dream Lites
- Large and medium stuffed animals
- Adidas or Nike slide style sandals — youth and adult sizes
- Adjustable baseball hats. Nike and Philly sports teams are favorites
- Fuzzy posters to color with washable markers and children's paint by number sets
- Art and craft sets, Sketch books and drawing paper (non-spiral bound)
- Super hero action figures
- Remote controlled vehicles and robots
- Matchbox or Hot wheels cars and race track sets
- Pokémon and Minecraft toys
- Football gloves and basketball shooting sleeves — youth and adult sizes
- K'Nex building sets
- Baby dolls of all ethnicities (African American, Latino, and Caucasian). Baby Alive or American girl-type dolls are popular and baby doll clothes and accessories
- Portable Radio/CD players — with detachable cords only please
- Games — Mancala, Connect 4, Jenga, UNO, Bop-it, Simon, Monopoly Jr., Life Jr., Battleship, Trouble, checkers, chess, and Hungry Hungry Hippos
- LEGO & LEGO Friends sets
- Beyblades
- Pajama sets for boys and girls — youth sizes M-XL and adult sizes S-L
- Shopkins toys and Mr. Potato Head toys
- Hardback children's books
- Hooded sweatshirts for girls and boys — youth sizes 12-18 and adult sizes S-L
Nike, Under Armour, and Adidas are favorites



STOCKING STUFFERS

- Journals, crayons, colored pencils, coloring books and washable markers, gel pens •
- Novelty socks for girls/sports socks for boys and girls— adult sizes 6-11
- Sports socks for boys and girls
- Playing cards and card games
- Pretty headbands and hair accessories, hair brushes and combs
- Batteries — AAA, AA, C, D, and 9-volt
- Football cards & Pokémon cards
- Water bottles – Camelback and Contigo brands are favorites
(dishwasher safe)
- Novelty toothbrushes and toothpaste
- Light-up bouncy balls
- Rubik's cubes
- Fidget toys – spinners, cubes, tangles
- Lip gloss/lip balm

**For more information about
Silver Springs Martin Luther
School, visit
www.silver-springs.org**

Donation boxes of items for these children may be placed in the Muhlenberg Center beginning in November. Donations must be received by November 27 to be delivered in time for Christmas.



SOUTHEASTERN PENNSYLVANIA WOMEN OF THE ELCA

FIRST TUESDAY GATHER BIBLE STUDIES

FALL 2019

Coffee and treats at 9:30 am

Bible study 10:00 to 11:30 am



Fall 2019: POETRY OF THE OLD TESTAMENT

Drawing from the experiences of these ancient writers, we will learn to look for God in times of deep emotions, such as joy, anger, celebration, depression, misunderstanding and contentment, finding hope and grace along the way.

Tuesday, September 3

Bible study from the *Gather* September issue

Session one: The Angst of Anger
Old Testament poetry from the Psalms
Melinda Mace, Study Leader

St. James Lutheran Church
1101 High Street
Pottstown

Tuesday, October 1

Bible study from the *Gather* October issue

Session two: The Ache of Grief
Old Testament poetry from Job
Pat Leberman, Study Leader

St. Peter Lutheran Church
564 Glasgow Street
Stowe

Tuesday, November 5

Bible study from the *Gather* November issue

Session three: The Peace of Joy
Old Testament poetry from Lamentations
Elaine Strimple, Study Leader

St. Mark Lutheran Church
81 Main Street
Pennsburg

Tuesday, December 3

Bible Study and Lunch

Meet at 10:30 for devotional, then lunch on our own

Advent/Christmas Devotional from the *Gather* December issue

Walking through the wilderness of Advent:
A creative retreat with Isaiah

Presenter to be announced

Pizza Como/PC Pub
Weis Shopping Center
500 Pottstown Ave., Rt. 663
Pennsburg

FALL GATHERING

Saturday, October 26

THEME: Proverbs 22.6 – Being Family
Presenter: Rev. Martha Kriebel

Augustus Lutheran Church
717 W. Main Street
Trappe

ALL WOMEN ARE INVITED TO ATTEND AND BRING FRIENDS.

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

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