### Third Sunday in Lent

#### HOLY COMMUNION Third Sunday in Lent

#### March 3, 2024

#### **INTRODUCTION TO THE DAY**

The third covenant in this year's Lenten readings is the central one of Israel's history: the gift of the law to those God freed from slavery. The commandments begin with the statement that because God alone has freed us from the powers that oppressed us, we are to let nothing else claim first place in our lives. When Jesus throws the merchants out of the temple, he is defending the worship of God alone and rejecting the ways commerce and profit-making can become our gods. The Ten Commandments are essential to our baptismal call: centered first in God's liberating love, we strive to live out justice and mercy in our communities and the world.

#### SILENT PRAYER

**PRELUDE:** Be Thou My Vision

8:00 am: Keyboard Solo 10:30 am: Ali Backlund, Flute

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

Stand

#### **GATHERING (ENTRANCE RITE)**

**HYMN:** In the Cross of Christ I Glory Printed on the next page. 8:00 am and 10:30 am

arr. Fritchie



### **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.

#### **KYRIE**



#### PRAYER OF THE DAY

**P** Let us pray.

Eternal Lord, your kingdom has broken into our troubled world through the life, death, and resurrection of your Son. Help us to hear your Word and obey it, so that we become instruments of your redeeming love; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**G** Amen.

*Sit* Later service only: CHILDREN'S SERMON

#### LITURGY OF THE WORD

#### FIRST READING

Exodus 20:1-17

After escaping from slavery, the Israelites come to Mount Sinai, where God teaches them how to live in community. The Ten Commandments proclaim that God alone is worthy of worship. Flowing from God, the life of the community flourishes when based on honesty, trust, fidelity, and respect for life, family, and property.

**A** reading from Exodus.

God spoke all these words:

<sup>2</sup>I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; <sup>3</sup>you shall have no other gods before me.

<sup>4</sup>You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. <sup>5</sup>You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I the LORD your God am a jealous God, punishing children for the iniquity of parents, to the third and the fourth generation of those who reject me, <sup>6</sup>but showing steadfast love to the thousandth generation of those who love me and keep my commandments.

<sup>7</sup>You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the LORD your God, for the LORD will not acquit anyone who misuses his name.

<sup>8</sup>Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy. <sup>9</sup>Six days you shall labor and do all your work. <sup>10</sup>But the seventh day is a sabbath to the LORD your God; you shall not do any work—you, your son or your daughter, your male or female slave, your livestock, or the alien resident in your towns. <sup>11</sup>For in six days the LORD made

heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but rested the seventh day; therefore the LORD blessed the sabbath day and consecrated it.

<sup>12</sup>Honor your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you.

<sup>13</sup>You shall not murder.

<sup>14</sup>You shall not commit adultery.

<sup>15</sup>You shall not steal.

<sup>16</sup>You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

<sup>17</sup>You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

A The word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

### Later service only:

PSALM 19 (The congregation's verses are in bold face type.)

<sup>1</sup>The heavens declare the glo-<sup>1</sup>ry of God,

and the firmament | shows his handiwork.

- <sup>2</sup>One day tells its tale <sup>1</sup> to another,
  - and one night imparts knowledge | to another.

<sup>3</sup>Although they have no <sup>1</sup> words or language,

and their voices | are not heard,

<sup>4</sup>their sound has gone out in-<sup>1</sup> to all lands,

#### and their message to the ends | of the world.

<sup>5</sup>In the deep has he set a pavilion <sup>1</sup> for the sun;

it comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber; it rejoices like a champion to run its course.

<sup>6</sup>It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens and runs about to the end of <sup>1</sup> it again;

### nothing is hidden from its | burning heat.

<sup>7</sup>The law of the LORD is perfect and re-<sup>1</sup> vives the soul;

the testimony of the LORD is sure and gives wisdom to the innocent.

<sup>8</sup>The statutes of the LORD are just and re-1 joice the heart;

### the commandment of the LORD is clear and gives light to the eyes.

<sup>9</sup>The fear of the LORD is clean and en-<sup>1</sup> dures forever;

the judgments of the LORD are true and righteous | altogether.

<sup>10</sup>More to be desired are they than gold, more than | much fine gold, sweeter far than honey, than honey | in the comb.

<sup>11</sup>By them also is your ser- <sup>1</sup> vant enlightened,

and in keeping them there is | great reward.

<sup>12</sup>Who can tell how often | he offends?

Cleanse me from my | secret faults.

<sup>13</sup>Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins; let them not get dominion | over me;

then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of a great offense.

<sup>14</sup>Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable <sup>1</sup> in your sight,

O LORD, my strength and | my redeemer.

### SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 1:18-25

The word of the cross is pure foolishness and nonsense to the world because it claims that God is mostly revealed in weakness, humiliation, and death. But through such divine foolishness and weakness, God is working to save us. The center of Paul's preaching is Christ crucified.

**A** reading from First Corinthians.

<sup>18</sup>The message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. <sup>19</sup>For it is written,

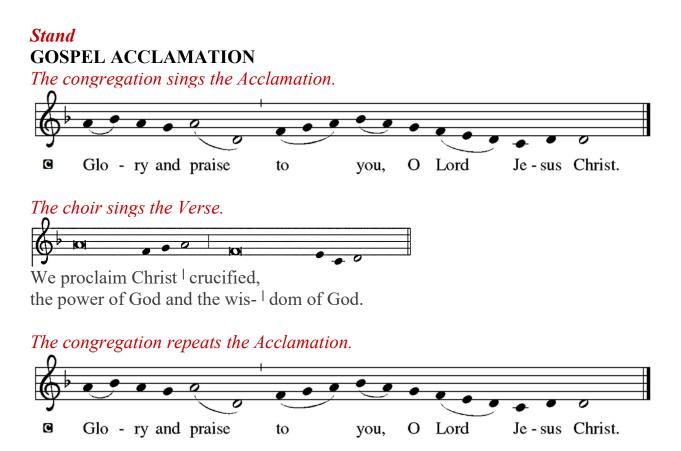
"I will destroy the wisdom of the wise,

and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart."

<sup>20</sup>Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? <sup>21</sup>For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. <sup>22</sup>For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, <sup>23</sup>but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, <sup>24</sup>but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. <sup>25</sup>For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

A The word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.



### GOSPEL

John 2:13-22

Jesus attacks the commercialization of religion by driving merchants out of the temple. When challenged, he responds mysteriously, with the first prediction of his own death and resurrection. In the midst of a seemingly stable religious center, Jesus suggests that the center itself has changed.

**P** The holy gospel according to John.

### Glory to you, O Lord.

<sup>13</sup>The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. <sup>14</sup>In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and the money changers seated at their tables. <sup>15</sup>Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, both the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables. <sup>16</sup>He told those who were selling the doves, "Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father's house a marketplace!" <sup>17</sup>His disciples remembered that it was written, "Zeal for your house will consume me." <sup>18</sup>The Jews then said to him, "What sign can you show us for doing this?" <sup>19</sup>Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up." <sup>20</sup>The Jews then said, "This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?" <sup>21</sup>But he was speaking of the temple of his

body. <sup>22</sup>After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this; and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

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

*Sit* SERMON

Pastor Weleck

Stand Later service only: HYMN OF THE DAY: When I Survey the Wonderous Cross Printed on the next page.



## When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

### 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.
- **C** Amen.

#### PEACE

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

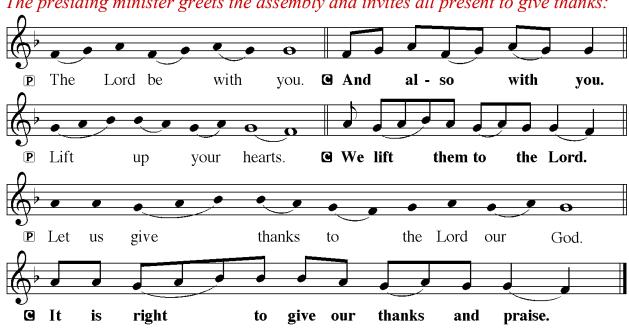
Worshippers do not greet one another. The service continues with the Offertory.

#### LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT OF THE ALTAR

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



#### **GREAT THANKSGIVING**

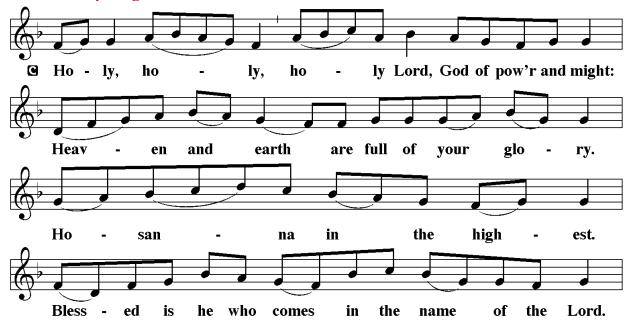


The presiding minister greets the assembly and invites all present to give thanks:

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:

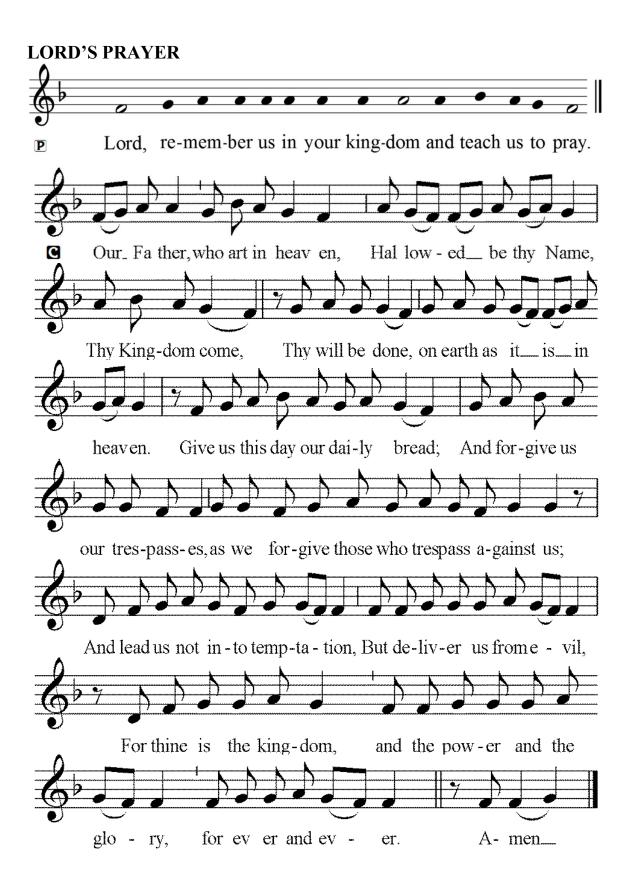




The WORDS OF INSTITUTION are sung to the music Blessed Martin Luther himself composed specifically for this purpose.

 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.



#### **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.
- С Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

### Sit

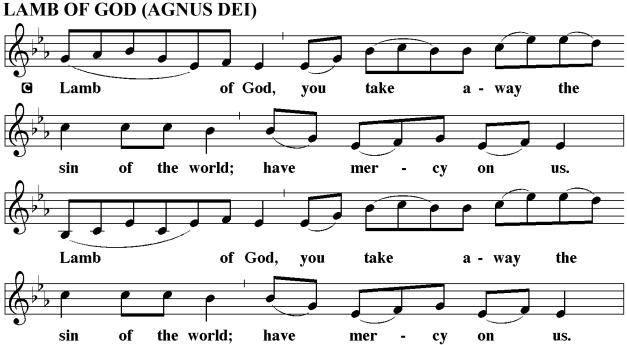
#### **COMMUNION**

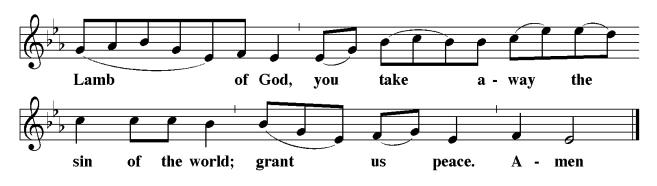
When giving the bread and cup, the communion ministers say The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you. and each person may respond

R Amen.

Music during Communion:

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.





**ANTHEM:** Come Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy

arr. Christopher

Come, ye sinners, poor and needy, weak and wounded, sick and sore; Jesus ready, stands to save you, full of pity, love and power. I will arise and go to Jesus; He will embrace me in His arms. In the arms of my dear Savior, Oh, there are ten thousand charms. I will arise and go.

Come, ye thirsty, come and welcome, God's free bounty glorify; True belief and true repentance, every grace that brings you nigh. Come, ye weary, heavy-laden, lost and ruined by the fall; If you tarry 'til you're better, you will never come at all. I will arise and go to Jesus; He will embrace me in His arms. In the arms of my dear Savior, Oh, there are ten thousand charms. I will arise.

### Stand

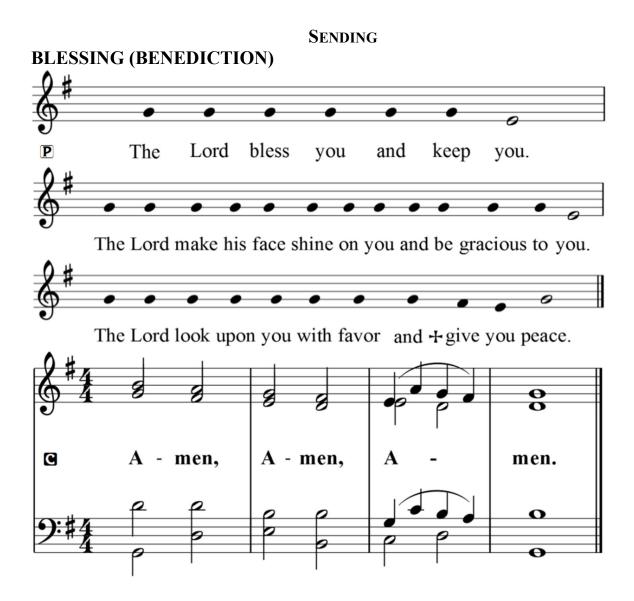
### **BLESSING AFTER COMMUNION**

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

### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

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    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.
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### **G** Amen

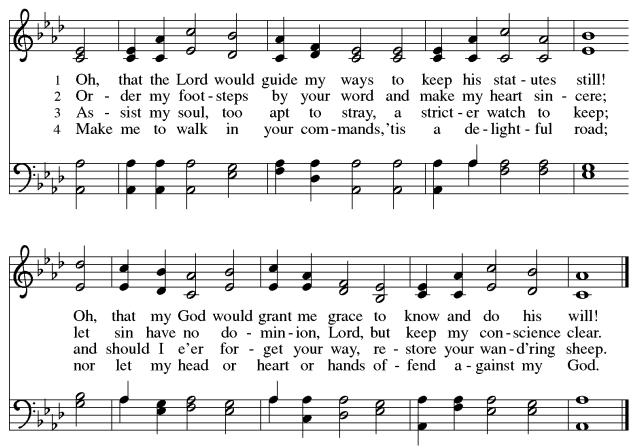


#### DISMISSAL

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

**HYMN:** *Oh, That the Lord Would Guide My Ways Printed on the next page.* 

Oh, That the Lord Would Guide My Ways



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

**POSTLUDE:** Poco Vivace

Schroeder

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**The Easter Cycle** celebrates the events surrounding our Lord's passion, death, and resurrection. Beginning with Ash Wednesday, the Easter Cycle includes the Lenten season, Holy Week, and the Easter Season. This cycle concludes with the Day of Pentecost, as the culmination of the resurrection through the coming of the Holy Spirit to Christ's followers.

**During Lent,** a Hymn of Praise is not appropriate because of the preparatory and penitential nature of this time.

**The liturgical color purple,** symbolic of our penitence and Jesus' royalty, is used in Lent.

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Worship AssistantsUshers: Dick Allebach, Scott Halteman, David Halteman, and Gary HaltemanElevator Attendant: Mike TaylorLectors: Jennifer Wentworth and Alice BacklundCommunion Assistant: Sonya SowardsAcolyte: Lilly NorthCrucifer: Devyn ParkerAltar Guild: Mike Van Blaricum and Marie ConverOffering Tabulation: Gary Wessner, Matthew Vera, and Frank DePaul

<u>The Flowers that Adorn the Altar</u> are given to the glory of God by the Jessee Family in loving memory of Sherry's mother, Belva Thornhill.

<u>The Sanctuary Candle</u> is given to the glory of God by Jane Whitman in memory of loved ones.

<u>The Worship Bulletins</u> are given to the glory of God by Mr. and Mrs. Edward Funk and Family.

On Wednesday, March 20th at 7:30 pm, the 35-voice Collegeville Trappe Ministerium Choir directed by Laurie Mueller will sing a collection of anthems and readings titled, "Come to Me, A Lenten Invitation" here at Augustus. The themes are: An Invitation to Come, Come and See the Triumph (Palm Sunday), Come and Serve (Jesus washes the disciples' feet), Come and Remember (the Last Supper), Come to the Way of Grief and Pain (Jesus' journey to the cross), Come and be Forgiven (Jesus dies on the cross), Come to Jesus (an invitation). Lauren Exley (from St. James Episcopal) will accompany us on the piano, and flute, oboe, and cello are also featured. To enhance our experience, Sherry Jessee has created a beautiful slideshow which will be shown during the singing of the anthems. It will be a very special service, reminding us that Jesus always invites us to come to him, just as we are. Please tell your friends and come!

	Augustus Lutheran Senior Youth Group					
Easter Fundraiser Homemade Peanut Butter Eggs, Coconut Crème Eggs and Thin Mints						
Orders due by Wednesday, March 20 <sup>th</sup>						
	Order Pick up on Su	nday, March 24 <sup>th</sup>				
Name:						
Thin Mints	Peanut Butter	Coconut				
Thin Mints \$5.00/dozen	Peanut Butter Eggs	Coconut Crème Eggs				



2023 Easter Flowers

Flowers can now be ordered for Easter!

Please include payment with your order. Make checks payable to: Augustus Flower Fund Orders can be left in the church office or mailed to: Karen Lachenmayer, 412 Dartmoor Road, Schwenksville, PA 19473

Phone: 610-715-4850

E-Mail: karenlachenmayer@gmail.com

#### ORDER DEADLINE: March 17, 2024

Name:		Phone:	
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		QTY	
Lily	@ \$15.50 =	Check One:	
Daffodil	@ \$11.00 =	I will take my flowers AFTER the Easter Service	
Tulip	@ \$5.50 =		
-	Order Total	Please distribute my flowers to others	

I would like the bulletin acknowledgement to read: (PLEASE PRINT)

#### 2024 Mid-Week Lenten Services 7:30 p.m.

3/6/2024 at Trinity UCC

Theme: "Come and Remember" The readings will be around the Last Supper (Do this in remembrance of me.)

#### 3/13/2024 at Thomas Paine UU Fellowship

Theme: "Come to the Way of Grief and Pain" The readings are Jesus' journey to the crucifixion.

#### 3/20/2024 at Augustus Lutheran Church

Theme: Combined CTM Choir Cantata "An Invitation to Come"



# Pancake Lunch

Sunday, April 7<sup>th</sup> After the Late Service **Free** (your donation benefits youth ministry)

All are Welcome!



Augustus Lutheran Church, 717 West Main Street, Trappe, PA



Third Sunday in Lent





# 2024 Historic Trappe Free Lecture Series

	St. Luke's Church, 200 W. Main Street, Trappe, PA	
	7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Refreshments Following Lecture	
F	or more information, please visit the Historic Trappe Facebook Page	
March 12	Lisa Minardi, "A Labor of Love: Restoring the Daniel Hiester House"	
April 23	Don Fennimore, lecture on Rittenhouse clocks + book signing + a special pop-up display of several Rittenhouse clock movements and surveying instruments	
May 21	Lisa Minardi, "Native Son: The Life and Art of David Ellinger" + book signing + pop up display of additional Ellinger artworks and drawings	
September 17	Emily Sneff on Declaration of Independence and its translation into German + preview of our 2026-27 special exhibition plans for the America 250	
October 22	Trevor Brandt on fraktur + Americana Insights book signing	
November 19	Chris Malone on paintings by Charles Hofmann + Americana Insights book signing	