

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

October 15, 2023

8:00 am and 10:30 am

INTRODUCTION TO THE DAY

In Isaiah we are given a vision of the great feast to come, when God will wipe away death forever. In Jesus' parable about a great banquet, those invited do not come, so the invitation is extended to others. In our liturgy God spreads a table before us. Even amid anxiety and hardship we rejoice in the peace of God which surpasses all understanding. With great joy we feast at the table of the Lord, and we go forth to share the wonderful invitation with others hungering and thirsting for the abundant life of God.

SILENT PRAYER

PRELUDE: *Sweet Hour of Prayer*

arr. Lamb

8:00 am: Piano Solo

10:30 am: Augustus Bell Choir

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING (ENTRANCE RITE)

Stand

HYMN: *Rejoice, the Lord Is King*

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Rejoice, the Lord Is King!

1 Re - jice, the Lord is king! Your Lord and king a - dore;
2 Our Sav - ior Je - sus reigns, the God of truth and love;
3 His king - dom can - not fail; he rules o'er earth and heav'n;
4 He sits at God's right hand till all his foes sub - mit

re - jice, give thanks, and sing, and tri - umph ev - er - more:
when he had purged our stains, he took his seat a - bove:
the keys of death and hell are to our Je - sus giv'n:
and bow to his com - mand and fall be - neath his feet:

Refrain

Lift up your heart, lift up your voice; re -

joice, a - gain I say, re - jice!

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.
- 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.
- G** And also with you.

CANTICLE OF PRAISE (GLORIA IN EXCELSIS DEO)



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



B 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, source of every blessing, your generous goodness comes to us anew every day. By the work of your Spirit lead us to acknowledge your goodness, give thanks for your benefits, and serve you in willing obedience; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen.

Sit

Later service only:

CHILDREN'S SERMON

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

Isaiah 25:1-9

After a hymn of praise acknowledging God as a shelter for the poor, the prophet portrays a wonderful victory banquet at which death—which in ancient Canaan was depicted as a monster swallowing up everyone—will be swallowed up forever. The prophet urges celebration of this victory of salvation.

A A reading from Isaiah.

¹O LORD, you are my God;

I will exalt you, I will praise your name;
for you have done wonderful things,
plans formed of old, faithful and sure.

²For you have made the city a heap,
the fortified city a ruin;

the palace of aliens is a city no more,
it will never be rebuilt.

³Therefore strong peoples will glorify you;
cities of ruthless nations will fear you.

⁴For you have been a refuge to the poor,
a refuge to the needy in their distress,
a shelter from the rainstorm and a shade from the heat.

When the blast of the ruthless was like a winter rainstorm,

⁵the noise of aliens like heat in a dry place,
you subdued the heat with the shade of clouds;
the song of the ruthless was stilled.

⁶On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples
a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines,
of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear.

⁷And he will destroy on this mountain
the shroud that is cast over all peoples,
the sheet that is spread over all nations;
⁸he will swallow up death forever.

Then the Lord GOD will wipe away the tears from all faces,
and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth,
for the LORD has spoken.

⁹It will be said on that day,
Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us.
This is the LORD for whom we have waited;
let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

A The word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Later service only:

PSALM 23 *(The congregation's verses are in bold face type.)*

¹The LORD¹ is my shepherd;
I shall not¹ be in want.

²**He makes me lie down¹ in green pastures
and leads me be-¹side still waters.**

³He re-¹vives my soul
and guides me along right pathways¹ for his name's sake.

⁴**Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall¹ fear no
evil;**

for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they¹ comfort me.

⁵You spread a table before me in the presence of those who¹ trouble me;
you have anointed my head with oil, and my cup is¹ running over.

⁶**Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days¹ of my life,
and I will dwell in the house of the¹ LORD forever.**

SECOND READING

Philippians 4:1-9

*Though writing from prison and facing an uncertain future, Paul calls on the
Philippians to rejoice and give thanks to God no matter what the circumstance.
God's peace is with us and binds together our hearts and minds in Jesus Christ,
especially when things around us do not seem peaceful.*

A A reading from Philippians.

¹My brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

²I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. ³Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life.

⁴Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. ⁵Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. ⁶Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

⁸Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things.

⁹Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

A The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

The congregation sings the Acclamation.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

The choir sings the Verse.



This is the LORD for whom ¹ we have waited;
let us be glad and rejoice in ¹ God's salvation.

The congregation repeats the Acclamation.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

GOSPEL

Matthew 22:1-14

Jesus tells a parable indicating that the blessings of God's kingdom are available to all, but the invitation is not to be taken lightly.

P The holy gospel according to Matthew.

C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

¹Once more Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying: ²“The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. ³He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. ⁴Again he sent other slaves, saying, ‘Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.’ ⁵But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, ⁶while the rest seized his slaves, mistreated them, and killed them. ⁷The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. ⁸Then he said to his slaves, ‘The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. ⁹Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.’

¹⁰Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests.

¹¹“But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, ¹²and he said to him, ‘Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?’ And he was speechless. ¹³Then the king said to the attendants, ‘Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’ ¹⁴For many are called, but few are chosen.”

P The gospel of the Lord.

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

Sit

SERMON

Pastor Weleck

Stand

Later service only:

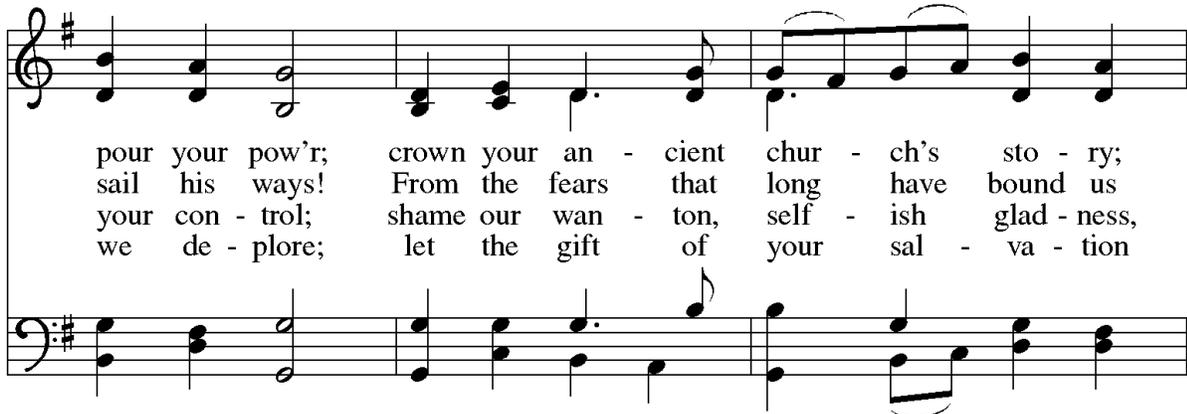
HYMN OF THE DAY: *God of Grace and God of Glory*

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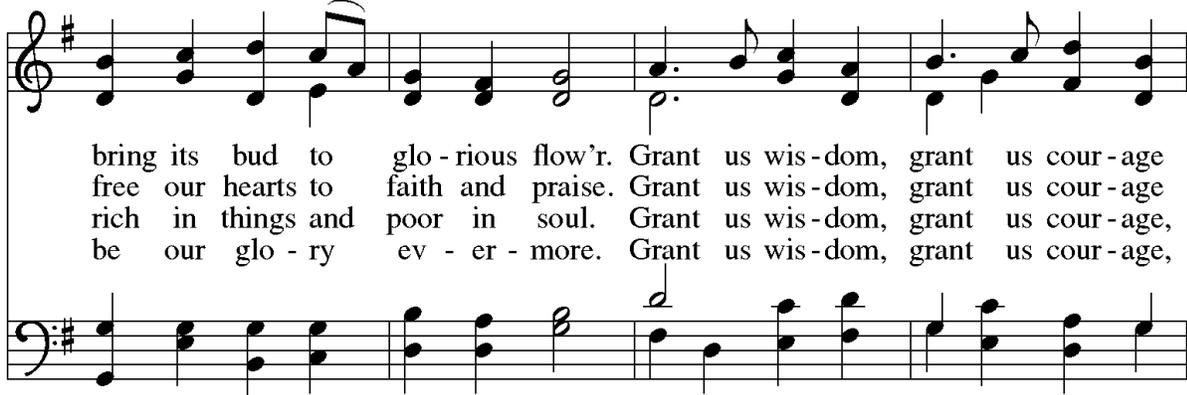
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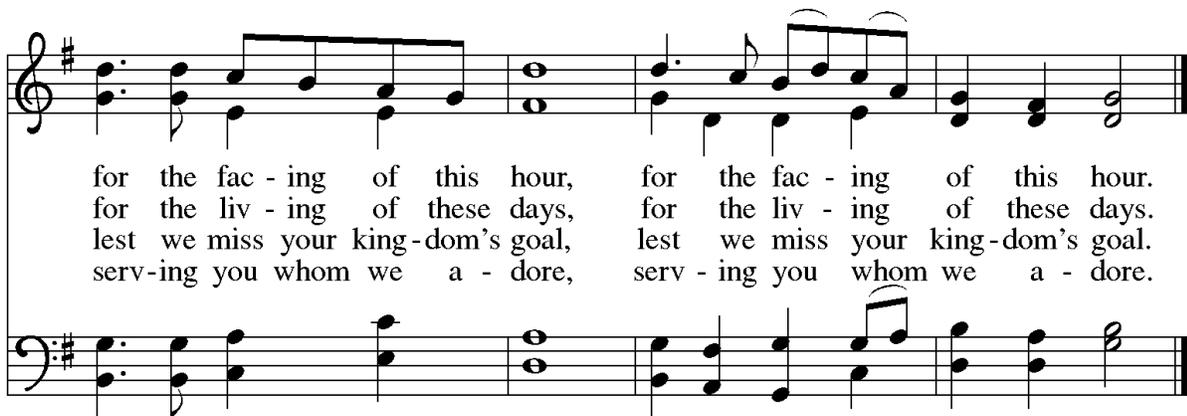
1 God of grace and God of glo - ry, on your peo - ple
 2 Lo! The hosts of e - vil round us scorn the Christ, as -
 3 Cure your chil - dren's war - ring mad - ness; bend our pride to
 4 Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion to the e - vils



pour your pow'r; crown your an - cient chur - ch's sto - ry;
 sail his ways! From the fears that long have bound us
 your con - trol; shame our wan - ton, self - ish glad - ness,
 we de - plore; let the gift of your sal - va - tion



bring its bud to glo - rious flow'r. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age
 free our hearts to faith and praise. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age
 rich in things and poor in soul. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
 be our glo - ry ev - er - more. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,



for the fac - ing of this hour, for the fac - ing of this hour.
 for the liv - ing of these days, for the liv - ing of these days.
 lest we miss your king - dom's goal, lest we miss your king - dom's goal.
 serv - ing you whom we a - dore, serv - ing you whom we a - dore.

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.**
- 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.**

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

LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT OF THE ALTAR

OFFERTORY



Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right

spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your

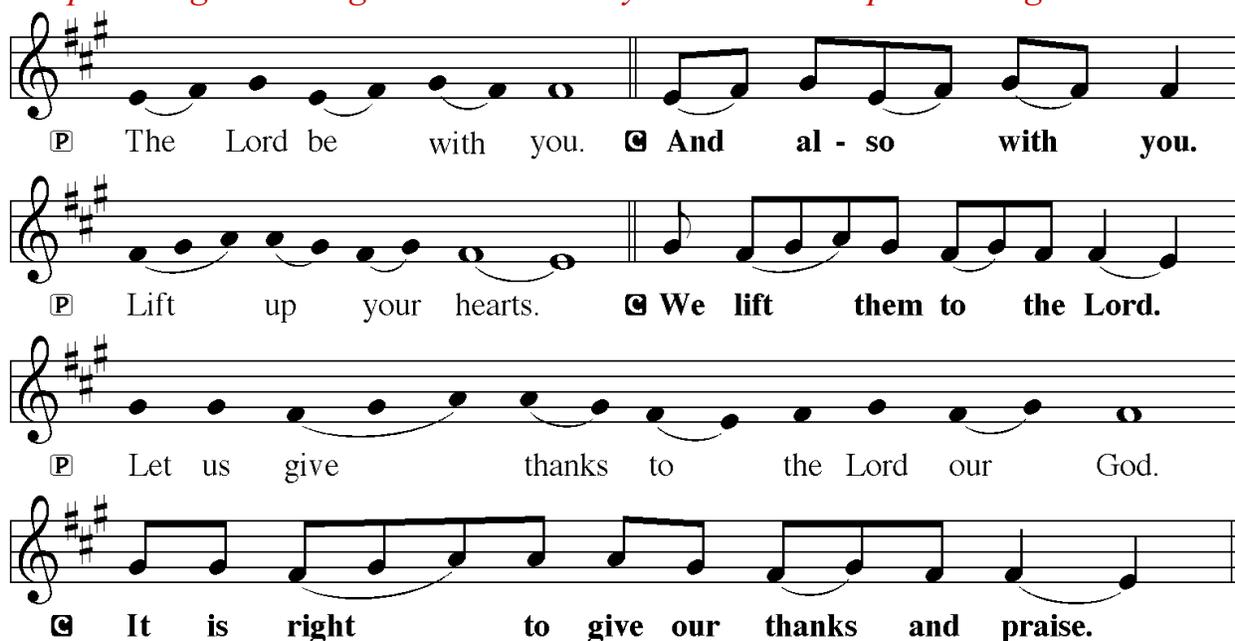
pres-ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re -

store un - to me the joy of your sal - va - tion,

and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

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



P The Lord be with you. **C** And al - so with you.

P Lift up your hearts. **C** We lift them to the Lord.

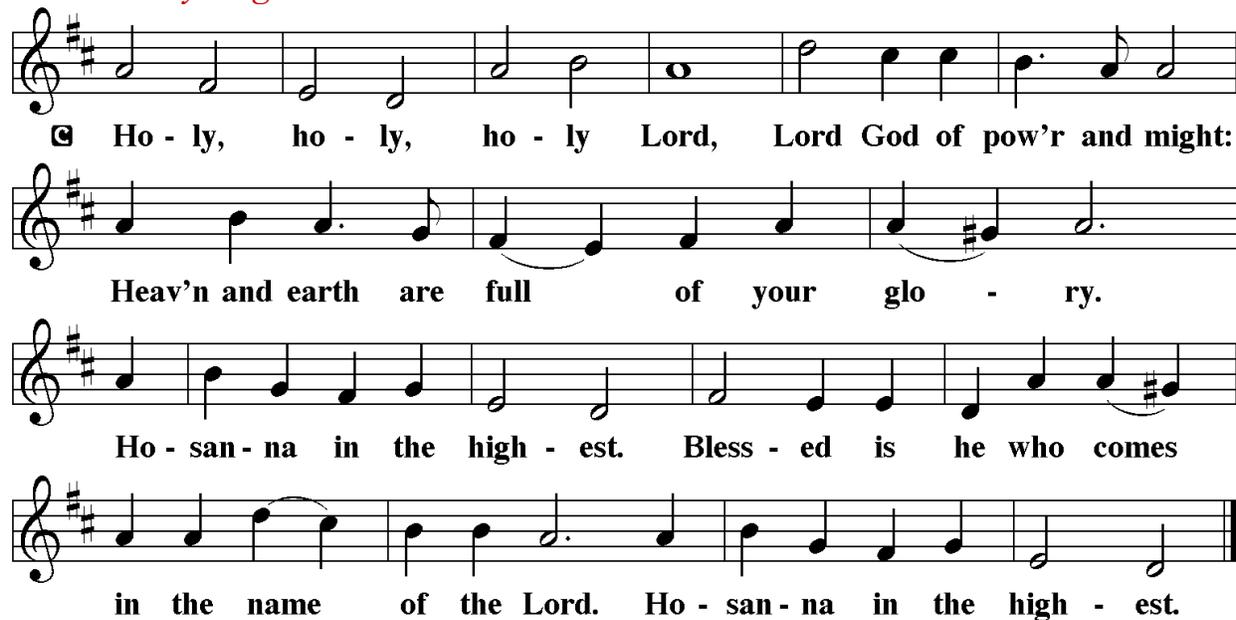
P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C 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:



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

P IN THE NIGHT IN WHICH HE WAS BETRAYED,
OUR LORD JESUS TOOK BREAD, AND GAVE THANKS;
BROKE IT, AND GAVE IT TO HIS DISCIPLES, SAYING:
TAKE AND EAT; THIS IS MY ✝ BODY, GIVEN FOR YOU.
DO THIS FOR THE REMEMBRANCE OF ME.

AGAIN, AFTER SUPPER, HE TOOK THE CUP, GAVE THANKS,
AND GAVE IT FOR ALL TO DRINK, SAYING:
THIS CUP IS THE NEW COVENANT IN MY ✝ BLOOD,
SHED FOR YOU AND FOR ALL PEOPLE FOR THE FORGIVENESS OF SIN.
DO THIS FOR THE REMEMBRANCE OF ME.

LORD'S PRAYER

P Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray.

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

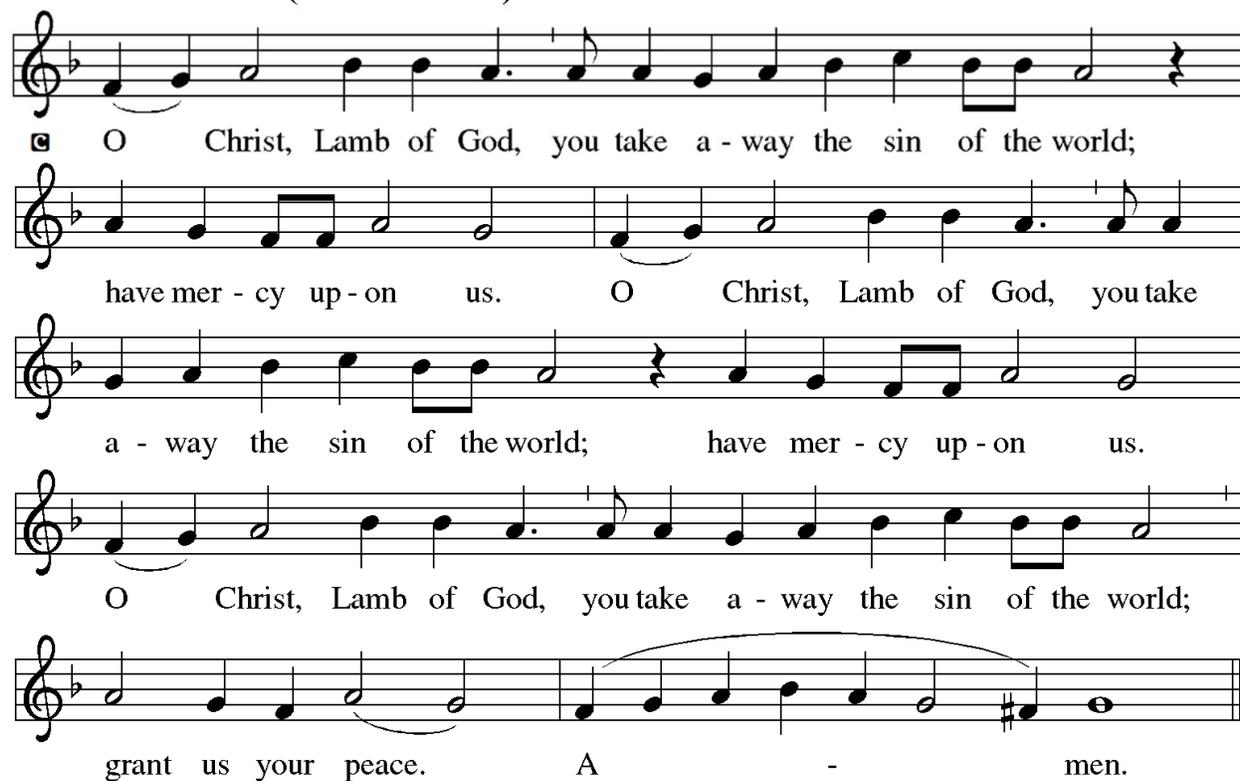
The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you.
and each person may respond

 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 come forward for a blessing.

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.

Later service only:

ANTHEM: *Canon of Thanks*

arr. Moore

Thank the Lord, O thank the Lord. Let all the world rejoice as one.
O come, you thankful people, come. Alleluia. Alleluia.
Count your blessings one by one and praise the work that God has done.
Rejoice and sing forevermore. Alleluia. Alleluia.

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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

A Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

HYMN: *Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart*

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Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart!

1 Re - joice, ye pure in heart! Re - joice, give thanks, and sing;
 2 With voice as full and strong as o - cean's surg - ing praise,
 3 With all the an - gel choirs, with all the saints on earth
 4 Still lift your stan - dard high, still march in firm ar - ray,

your fes - tal ban - ner wave on high, the cross of Christ your king.
 send forth the stur - dy hymns of old, the psalms of an - cient days.
 pour out the strains of joy and bliss, true rap - ture, no - blest mirth.
 as pil - grims through the dark - ness wend till dawns the gol - den day.

Refrain

Re - joice! Re - joice! Re - joice, give thanks, and sing!

Re - joice! Re - joice!

5 At last the march shall end;
 the wearied ones shall rest;
 the pilgrims find their home at last,
 Jerusalem the blest. *Refrain*

6 Praise God who reigns on high,
 the Lord whom we adore:
 the Father, Son, and Spirit blest,
 one God forevermore. *Refrain*

OFFERING

The offering will be collected as you leave the Church.

POSTLUDE: *Fanfare Postlude on “Marion”*

arr. G. Martin



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The Time of the Church is the season after Pentecost, beginning with The Holy Trinity and ending with Christ the King. These weeks focus on Christ’s ministry and teaching.

On Sundays for which the color is green, it is appropriate to omit either the Kyrie or the Hymn of Praise, reserving both together for festival seasons.

The liturgical color green, symbolic of growth, is used for the season after Epiphany and after Pentecost.



Worship Assistants

Ushers: Dick Allebach, Karl Stefan, Mike Beattie, and Scott Halteman

Elevator Attendant: Mike Taylor

Lectors: Lessons: Sherry Jessee Prayers: Sonya Sowards

Communion Assistant: Janice Reiff

Acolyte: Liam DePaul Crucifer: Gavin Elison

Altar Guild: 8:00 am: Debra Augustine and Sally Sweeney

10:30 am: Jim Lien and Mike Van Blaricum

Offering Tabulation: John Kochel, Sherry Jessee, and Shane Elison

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The Flowers that Adorn the Altar are given to the glory of God by Fred and Gail Bischoff in loving memory of Parents Mr. Henry and Mrs. Marion Shuler, Sr. and brothers Henry Jr, and David Shuler.

The Sanctuary Candle is given to the glory of God by Karen McClain in honor of Sonya Sowards, our Director of Christian Education.

The Worship Bulletins are given to the glory of God by Gary and Tracy Wessner and family in memory of loved ones.

Pastor & Staff Appreciation Day –Today, October 15th, is Pastor Appreciation Day! At Augustus, we are blessed to have a fantastic and talented staff of four dedicated pastors (Pastor Weleck, Pastor Kochenderfer, Pastor Martha Kriebel, and Pastor Howard Kriebel), a Director of Music, Director of Christian Education, a Parish Administrator, and a sexton on staff. In honor of our pastors and staff, and in celebration of this national event, WELCA and the Outreach committee will be hosting a coffee hour after the 8:00 AM and 10:30 AM services. On behalf of Augustus, each of our staff has received a personal invitation to invite them to the reception. Please be sure to stop by for a quick bite and the opportunity to express your appreciation for all they do, both at Augustus and as community leaders.

All Saints Sunday is November 5: If you have a family member or friend that you would like to have remembered during All Saints Sunday, please contact the church office to add them to our list.

ENJOY TRICK OR TREATING IN A SAFE ENVIRONMENT
AT OUR ANNUAL

TRUNK OR TREAT



Augustus Lutheran Church

Sat. October 28th, 2023 4 – 6 pm

Rain (inside) or Shine

Our youth group and their families will decorate their cars for
your entertainment.

**We invite and encourage our church family to decorate their cars
and participate in this great community event!**

Augustus Youth Group Trunk or Treat: Whether you are looking for a family fun activity for the kids or having inspiration to make your car trunk a Halloween paradise, this event is for you. Children and community car-decorating volunteers are invited to join the Augustus Senior High Youth Group sponsored rain or shine event. In case of inclement weather, the event will be held indoors and decorators should be prepared to set up on a table. If you can contribute a decorated car trunk, please contact gtwess@comcast.net. Costumes are encouraged!

New Newsletter Delivery Coming! Beginning over the winter of 2024, our Church newsletter will be delivered via e-mail. If you don't think we have your e-mail address, please drop a line to office@augustustrappe.org to get on the list! If you don't use e-mail, please call the church office to let Karen know that you would like to continue receiving your newsletter via regular mail. Please note that this change will not begin until after the first of the year.

Master Calendar 2023/2024

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| October 28 | Trunk or Treat 4-6:30p |
| October 29 | Reformation Sunday |
| November 5 | All Saints Sunday |
| | Sunday school begins collections for Martin Luther school |
| November 19 | Thank Offering Sunday |
| December 10 | Christmas Concert @4p |
| December 17 | Children's Nativity Program at 10:30a service |
| December 24 | No Sunday School |
| | Christmas Eve at 5 (w/Living Nativity), 7 & 9p |
| January 7 | Baby Shower for Jesus |
| February 10 | Soup Kitchen Spaghetti Dinner |
| February 13 | Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner |
| February 14 | Ash Wednesday service @7p |
| March 24 | Palm Sunday |
| March 28 | Maundy Thursday service @7p |
| March 29 | Good Friday Stations of the Cross @7p |
| March 31 | Easter services at 8 & 10:30a — first communion |
| | Easter egg hunt in Sunday school |
| April 27 | Turkey Dinner |
| May 19 | Pentecost with confirmation |
| | Last Christian Education classes |
| June 9 | Old Church Sunday (summer schedule begins) |
| June 24 | Vacation Bible School begins |
| July 21 | Mission Trip |



Augustus' Women of the ELCA Thankoffering/Quilt & Afghan Sunday



Augustus' Thankoffering/Quilt & Afghan Sunday will be held on November 19, 2023, at both the 8:00am & 10:30am church worship services. The Reverend Betty Wright-Riggins, Ursinus' Chaplain Director of Religion & Spiritual Life, will be our guest preacher. She is an outstanding leader in our community. Please mark your calendars & plan to attend. You won't want to miss this service!!

Also, on this day handcrafted quilts and afghans by Augustus' Women of the ELCA Hearts & Hands Committee will be on display. The quilts and afghans were produced under the direction of Mildred Stuffle. The quilts will be given to Lutheran World Relief for distribution to the less fortunate in countries all over the world. The full-sized afghans will be taken to Laurel House, a shelter for abused women and children, in Norristown, and the baby afghans will be taken to the Genesis Pregnancy Care Center in Pottstown. The prayer blankets will be given to Doylestown Hospital for end of life patients and to St. Mary's Medical Center for mothers who lost their babies. Producing and distributing quilts and afghans to those in need is a tangible way to express love to our neighbors in need.

In honor of Thankoffering, envelopes will be distributed for your donation which support the life-changing ministries of Women of the ELCA by covering the costs for 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! 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!