

HOLY COMMUNION
Reformation Sunday

October 29, 2023

8:00 am and 10:30 am

INTRODUCTION TO THE DAY

Jesus' summary of the law in today's gospel echoes our first reading from Leviticus. We are called not only to love God with heart, soul, and mind, but also to love our neighbor as ourselves. It is out of such deep care that Paul shares the gospel with the Thessalonian community. In the confession of sins, we acknowledge that we have not loved God, neighbor, and self; yet we gather to hear the word of forgiveness and to be strengthened by word and meal to be signs of God's love and mercy in the world.

SILENT PRAYER

PRELUDE: *Fanfare on 'Ein Feste Burg'*

Lehenbauer

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING (ENTRANCE RITE)

Stand

HYMN: *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God*

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1 A might - y for - tress is our God, a sword and shield vic -
2 No strength of ours can match his might! We would be lost, re -
3 Though hordes of dev - ils fill the land all threat - 'ning to de -
4 God's Word for - ev - er shall a - bide, no thanks to foes, who

to - rious; he breaks the cruel op - pres - sor's rod and
ject - ed. But now a cham - pion comes to fight, whom
your us, we trem - ble not, un - moved we stand; they
fear it; for God him - self fights by our side with

wins sal - va - tion glo - rious. The old sa - tan - ic foe
God him - self e - lect - ed. You ask who this may be?
can - not o - ver - pow'r us. Let this world's ty - rant rage;
weap - ons of the Spir - it. Were they to take our house,

has sworn to work us woe! With craft and dread - ful might
The Lord of hosts is he! Christ Je - sus, might - y Lord,
in bat - tle we'll en - gage! His might is doomed to fail;
goods, hon - or, child, or spouse, though life be wrenched a - way,

he arms him - self to fight. On earth he has no e - qual.
 God's on - ly Son, a - dored. He holds the field vic - to - rious.
 God's judg - ment must pre - vai! One lit - tle word sub - dues him.
 they can - not win the day. The king - dom's ours for - ev - er!

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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.

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.**

KYRIE



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



A For the peace from a - bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



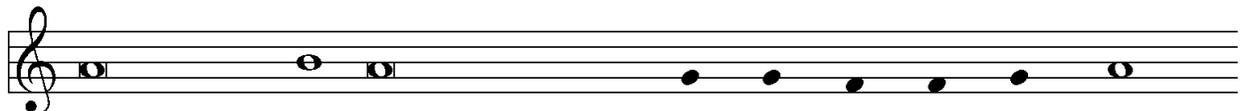
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



and for the u - ni - ty of all, let us pray to the Lord.



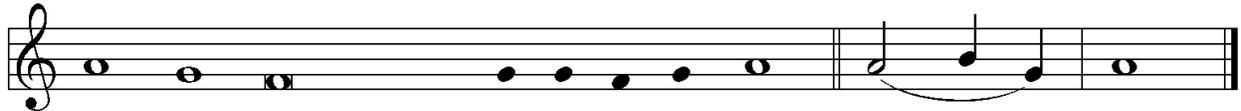
C Lord, have mer - cy.



A For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor - ship and praise,



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



A Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord. **C** A - men

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:



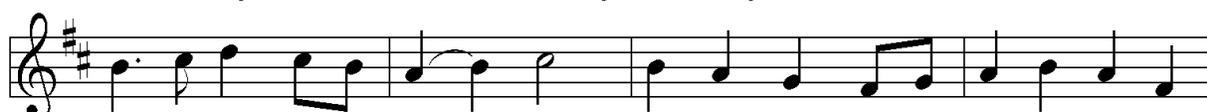
You take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



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, gracious Lord, pour out your Holy Spirit upon your faithful people. Keep them steadfast in your Word, protect and comfort them in all temptations, defend them against all their enemies, and bestow on the Church your saving peace; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** Amen.

Sit

Later service only:

CHILDREN'S SERMON

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

Jeremiah 31:31-34

The renewed covenant will not be breakable, but like the old covenant it will expect the people to live upright lives. To know the Lord means that one will defend the cause of the poor and needy (Jer. 22:16). The renewed covenant is possible only because the Lord will forgive iniquity and not remember sin. Our hope lies in a God who forgets.

- A** A reading from Jeremiah.

³¹The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. ³²It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the Lord. ³³But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. ³⁴No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, “Know the Lord,” for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

- A** The word of the Lord.
C Thanks be to God.

Later service only:

PSALM 46 *The Choir sings the Psalm.*

- ¹ God is our ref- | uge and strength,*
a very present | help in trouble.
- ² Therefore we will not fear, though the | earth be moved,*
and though the mountains be toppled into the depths | of the sea;
- ³ though its waters | rage and foam,*
and though the mountains tremble | at its tumult.
- ⁴ The Lord of | hosts is with us;*
the God of Jacob | is our stronghold.
- ⁵ There is a river whose streams make glad the cit- | y of God,*
the holy habitation of | the Most High.
- ⁶ God is in the midst of her; she shall not be | overthrown;*
God shall help her at the | break of day.
- ⁷ The nations make much ado, and the king- | doms are shaken;*
God has spoken, and the earth shall | melt away.
- ⁸ The Lord of | hosts is with us;*
the God of Jacob | is our stronghold.
- ⁹ Come now and look upon the works | of the Lord,*
what awesome things he has | done on earth.
- ¹⁰ It is he who makes war to cease in | all the world;*
he breaks the bow, and shatters the spear,
and burns the | shields with fire.
- ¹¹ “Be still, then, and know that | I am God;*
I will be exalted among the nations;
I will be exalted | in the earth.”
- ¹² The Lord of | hosts is with us;*
the God of Jacob | is our stronghold.

SECOND READING

Romans 3:19-28

Paul’s words stand at the heart of the preaching of Martin Luther and the other Reformation leaders. No human beings make themselves right with God through works of the law. We are brought into a right relationship with God through the divine activity centered in Christ’s death. This act is a gift of grace that liberates us from sin and empowers our faith in Jesus Christ.

A A reading from Romans.

¹⁹Now we know that whatever the law says, it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be silenced, and the whole world may be held accountable to God. ²⁰For “no human being will be justified in his sight” by deeds

prescribed by the law, for through the law comes the knowledge of sin.

²¹But now, apart from law, the righteousness of God has been disclosed, and is attested by the law and the prophets, ²²the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction, ²³since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; ²⁴they are now justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, ²⁵whom God put forward as a sacrifice of atonement by his blood, effective through faith. He did this to show his righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over the sins previously committed; ²⁶it was to prove at the present time that he himself is righteous and that he justifies the one who has faith in Jesus.

²⁷Then what becomes of boasting? It is excluded. By what law? By that of works? No, but by the law of faith. ²⁸For we hold that a person is justified by faith apart from works prescribed by the law.

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.



If you continue in my word, you are truly | my disciples,
and you will know the truth, and the truth will | make you free.

The congregation repeats the Acclamation.



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

GOSPEL

John 8:31-36

*Jesus speaks of truth and freedom as spiritual realities known through his word.
He reveals the truth that sets people free from sin.*

P The holy gospel according to John.

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

³¹Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, “If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples; ³²and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free.” ³³They answered him, “We are descendants of Abraham and have never been slaves to anyone. What do you mean by saying, ‘You will be made free’?”

³⁴Jesus answered them, “Very truly, I tell you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. ³⁵The slave does not have a permanent place in the household; the son has a place there forever. ³⁶So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed.”

P The gospel of the Lord.

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

Sit

SERMON

Pastor Weleck

Stand

Later service only:

HYMN OF THE DAY: *Salvation unto Us Has Come*

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Salvation unto Us Has Come



1 Sal - va - tion un - to us has come by God's free grace and fa - vor;
 2 What God did in the law de - mand no one could keep un - fail - ing;
 3 Since Christ has full a - tone-ment made and brought to us sal - va - tion,
 4 Faith clings to Je - sus' cross a - lone and rests in him un - ceas - ing;



good works can - not a - vert our doom, they help and save us
 great woe a - rose on ev - 'ry hand, and sin grew all - pre -
 we will re - joice, we will be glad and build on this foun -
 and by its fruits true faith is known, with love and hope in -



nev - er. Faith looks to Je - sus Christ a - lone, who did for
 vail - ing. Be - cause the law must be ful - filled, Christ came as
 da - tion. Your grace a - lone, dear Lord, I plead; bap - tized in -
 creas - ing. For faith a - lone can jus - ti - fy; works serve our



all the world a - tone, our on - ly me - di - a - tor.
 God in mer - cy willed, for us the law o - bey - ing.
 to your death, I'm freed; your life is mine for - ev - er.
 neigh - bor and sup - ply the proof that faith is liv - ing.

5 All blessing, honor, thanks, and praise to Father, Son, and Spirit!
 Lord, you have saved us by your grace;
 all glory to your merit!
 O triune God in heav'n above,
 you have revealed your saving love;
 your blessed name we hallow.

6 Your kingdom come, your will be done
 in this world as in heaven;
 give bread for each new day begun;
 our sins be all forgiven,
 as we forgive what others do;
 in ev'ry trial see us through;
 from evil save us. Amen.

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Stand

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

NICENE CREED

☐ With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

☑ We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge
the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. 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

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

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. **G** And al - so with you.

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

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

G 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:

G 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

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 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: *By Faith*

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By faith we see the hand of God in the light of creation's grand design,
In the lives of those who prove His faithfulness,
Who walk by faith and not by sight.

By faith our fathers roamed the earth with the pow'r of His promise in their hearts
Of a holy city built by God's own hand, a place where peace and justice reign.

Refrain: We will stand as children of the promise;
we will fix our eyes on Him our soul's reward
Till the race is finished and the work is done, we'll walk by faith and not by sight.

By faith the prophets saw a day when the longed-for Messiah would appear
With the pow'r to break the chains of sin and death
And rise triumphant from the grave.

By faith the church was called to go in the pow'r of the Spirit to the lost
To deliver captives and to preach good news in every corner of the earth. *Refrain*

By faith this mountain shall be moved and the pow'r of the gospel shall prevail
For we know in Christ all things are possible for all who call upon His name.
Refrain

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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.
- G** 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.

G Thanks be to God.

HYMN: *Jesus Loves Me*

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Jesus Loves Me!

1 Je - sus loves me! this I know, for the Bi - ble tells me so;
2 Je - sus loves me! he who died heav - en's gates to o - pen wide;
3 Je - sus loves me! he will stay close be - side me all the way;

lit - tle ones to him be - long, they are weak, but he is strong.
he will wash a - way my sin, let his lit - tle child come in.
when at last I come to die, he will take me home on high.

Refrain

Yes, Je - sus loves me, yes, Je - sus loves me,

yes, Je - sus loves me, the Bi - ble tells me so.

OFFERING

The offering will be collected as you leave the Church.

POSTLUDE: *A Mighty Fortress*

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The liturgical color red is symbolic of both the fire of the Holy Spirit (used on The Day of Pentecost) and the blood of the martyrs (used on Reformation Day and commemorations of saints who died for the faith).



Worship Assistants

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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

Congregational Meeting Part II: All members of Augustus are invited and encouraged to attend the Annual Meeting on November 12th following the 10:30 service. The purpose of this meeting is to hold elections for vestry members for the coming year and to approve the 2024 budget for the church. WELCA will provide a light lunch during the meeting. Please plan to attend.

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The Flowers that Adorn the Altar are given to the glory of God by LaVonne Johnson in loving memory of husband Dennis L. Johnson on the anniversary of his birthday.

The Sanctuary Candle is given to the glory of God by Cathy Menendez in loving memory of her father, Robert Engel, Sr.

The Worship Bulletins are given to the glory of God by Mr. and Mrs. Merrill Taylor in memory of loved ones.

New Newsletter Delivery Coming! Beginning over the winter of 2024, our Monthly Church newsletter will be delivered via e-mail. This change takes advantage of current technology to improve delivery times as well as to minimize paper use and mailing costs. 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.

Muriel is 100! On Thursday, November 16th, long-time member of our Augustus family, Muriel Ludwig, will celebrate her 100th birthday! Muriel's friends from WELCA invite all of her church family to "shower" her with cards in the week leading up to her big day. Please consider sending Muriel a card: Muriel Ludwig, 800 Maple Avenue, 143 Westview Court, Harleysville, PA 19438. All are invited to help Muriel celebrate on her birthday by attending a cake and coffee party on November 16th from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm at the Peter Becker Community in Harleysville.



11th Annual Thanksgiving Apple Pie Sale
Sponsored by the Senior Youth Group

Pies can be picked up on Nov. 19th after both services or delivered after the late service. Pies will be frozen.

Baking instructions will be provided.

Cost: \$10.00 per pie.

Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

Number of Pies: _____

Pick up on 19-Nov-2023 (check one)

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

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

Address for delivery: _____

Please e-mail orders to gtwess@comcast.net, place orders in offering plates or drop them off in the church office.

Master Calendar 2023/2024

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!