

HOLY COMMUNION
Second Sunday in Advent

December 4, 2022

8:00 am and 10:30 am

INTRODUCTION TO THE DAY

At the heart of our Advent preparation stands John the Baptist, who calls us to repent and make a new beginning. As the darkness increases we turn toward the approaching light of Christ. For Christians he is the root of Jesse, the righteous judge who welcomes all, especially the poor and meek of the earth. We wait with hope for that day when the wolf will dwell with the lamb, and there will be no more hurt or destruction. From the Lord's table we are sent in the spirit of John the Baptist to proclaim that in Christ the kingdom of God has come near.

SILENT PRAYER

PRELUDE: *Tone Poem in Conditor alme siderum*

Lowenberg

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING (ENTRANCE RITE)

Stand

HYMN: *Prepare the Royal Highway*

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Prepare the Royal Highway

1 Pre - pare the roy - al high - way; the King of kings is near!
 2 God's peo - ple, see him com - ing; your own e - ter - nal king!
 3 Then fling the gates wide o - pen to greet your prom - ised king!
 4 His is no earth - ly king - dom; it comes from heav'n a - bove.

Let ev - 'ry hill and val - ley a lev - el road ap - pear!
 Palm branch - es strew be - fore him! Spread gar - ments! Shout and sing!
 Your king, yet ev - 'ry na - tion its trib - ute too may bring.
 His rule is peace and free - dom and jus - tice, truth, and love.

Then greet the King of glo - ry, fore - told in sa - cred sto - ry:
 God's prom - ise will not fail you! No more shall doubt as - sail you!
 All lands will bow be - fore him; their voic - es join your sing - ing:
 So let your praise be sound - ing for kind - ness so a - bound - ing:

Refrain

Ho - san - na to the Lord, for he ful - fills God's word!

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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



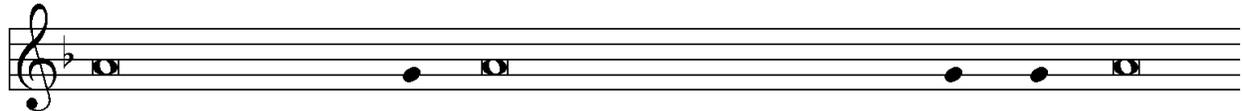
A In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **G** Lord, have mer - cy.



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



G Lord, have mer - cy.



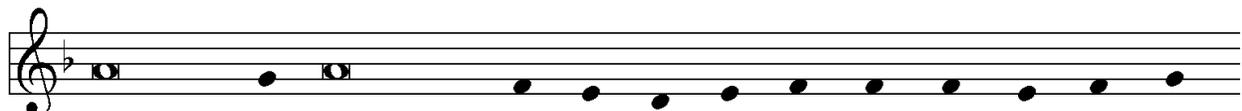
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



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



G Lord, have mer - cy.



A For this ho - ly house, and for all who of - fer here their wor - ship and praise,



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



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

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray.
Stir up our hearts, O Lord, to prepare the way for your only Son. By his coming give us strength in our conflicts and shed light on our path through the darkness of this world; 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

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

P Blessed are you, O Lord our God, ruler of the universe.
John the Baptist calls all people to prepare the Lord's way for the kingdom of heaven is near.
Bless us as we light the candles on this wreath.
Baptize us with the fire of your Spirit,
that we may be a light shining in the darkness
welcoming others as Christ has welcomed us,
for he is our light and our salvation.
Blessed be God forever.

C Amen.

HYMN: *Oh, Come, Oh, Come, Immanuel* (Stanza(s) 1, 2)
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1 Oh, come, oh, come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som cap - tive
 2 Oh, come, oh, come, great Lord of might, who to your tribes on
 3 Oh, come, strong Branch of Jes - se, free your own from Sa - tan's
 4 Oh, come, blest Day - spring, come and cheer our spir - its by your
 5 Oh, come, O Key of Da - vid, come, and o - pen wide our



Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile here
 Si - nai's height in an - cient times once gave the law
 tyr - an - ny; from depths of hell your peo - ple save
 ad - vent here; dis - perse the gloom - y clouds of night,
 heav'n - ly home; make safe the way that leads on high,



un - til the Son of God ap - pear.
 in cloud, and maj - es - ty, and awe.
 and give them vic - t'ry o'er the grave. Re - joice! Re - joice!
 and death's dark shad - ows put to flight.
 and close the path to mis - er - y.



Em - man - u - el shall come to you, O Is - ra - el.

Later service only:

CHILDREN'S SERMON

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Sit

FIRST READING

Isaiah 11:1-10

Isaiah describes the coming of a future, ideal ruler who will renew David's royal line (the stump of Jesse). Gifted by the spirit of God, this ruler will reign with perfect justice. Enmity and danger will be restored to harmony and peaceful coexistence.

A A reading from Isaiah.

¹A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse,
and a branch shall grow out of his roots.

²The spirit of the LORD shall rest on him,
the spirit of wisdom and understanding,
the spirit of counsel and might,
the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD.

³His delight shall be in the fear of the LORD.

He shall not judge by what his eyes see,
or decide by what his ears hear;

⁴but with righteousness he shall judge the poor,
and decide with equity for the meek of the earth;
he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth,
and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked.

⁵Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist,
and faithfulness the belt around his loins.

⁶The wolf shall live with the lamb,
the leopard shall lie down with the kid,
the calf and the lion and the fatling together,
and a little child shall lead them.

⁷The cow and the bear shall graze,
their young shall lie down together;
and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.

⁸The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp,
and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den.

⁹They will not hurt or destroy
on all my holy mountain;
for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the LORD
as the waters cover the sea.

¹⁰On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious.

A The word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Later service only:

PSALM 72:1-7, 18-19 *(The congregation's verses are printed in bold font.)*

- ¹Give the king your jus- | tice, O God,
and your righteousness to | the king's son;
²**that he may rule your | people righteously
and the | poor with justice;**
³that the mountains may bring prosperity | to the people,
and the little | hills bring righteousness.
⁴**He shall defend the needy a- | mong the people;
he shall rescue the poor and crush | the oppressor.**
⁵He shall live as long as the sun and | moon endure,
from one generation | to another.
⁶**He shall come down like rain upon | the mown field,
like showers that wa- | ter the earth.**
⁷In his time shall the | righteous flourish;
there shall be abundance of peace till the moon shall | be no more.
¹⁸**Blessed be the Lord GOD, the | God of Israel,
who alone does | wondrous deeds!**
¹⁹And blessed be his glorious | name forever,
and may all the earth be filled with his glory. A- | men. Amen.

SECOND READING

Romans 15:4-13

God's promise to include Gentiles within the circle of God's blessed people has been fulfilled in Jesus Christ. Christians live out their unity by welcoming and encouraging each other just as Christ has welcomed them into God's family.

A A reading from Romans.

⁴Whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope.

⁵May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, ⁶so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

⁷Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. ⁸For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the circumcised on behalf of the truth of God in order that he might confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, ⁹and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written,

“Therefore I will confess you among the Gentiles,
and sing praises to your name”;

¹⁰and again he says,

“Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people”;
¹¹and again,
 “Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles,
 and let all the peoples praise him”;
¹²and again Isaiah says,
 “The root of Jesse shall come,
 the one who rises to rule the Gentiles;
 in him the Gentiles shall hope.”
¹³May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may
 abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Stand

The congregation sings the Acclamation.

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

The choir sings the Verse.

Prepare the way^l of the Lord.
 All flesh shall see the salva-^ltion of God.

The congregation repeats the Acclamation.

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

GOSPEL

Matthew 3:1-12

Just before Jesus begins his public ministry, John the Baptist appears, calling people to mend their ways and speaking of a powerful one who is to come.

P The holy gospel according to Matthew.

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

¹In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming,
²“Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.” ³This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said,

“The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:

‘Prepare the way of the Lord,
make his paths straight.’”

⁴Now John wore clothing of camel’s hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. ⁵Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, ⁶and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.

⁷But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come?

⁸Bear fruit worthy of repentance. ⁹Do not presume to say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our ancestor’; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. ¹⁰Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.

¹¹“I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. ¹²His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.”

P The gospel of the Lord.

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

Sit

SERMON

Pastor Weleck

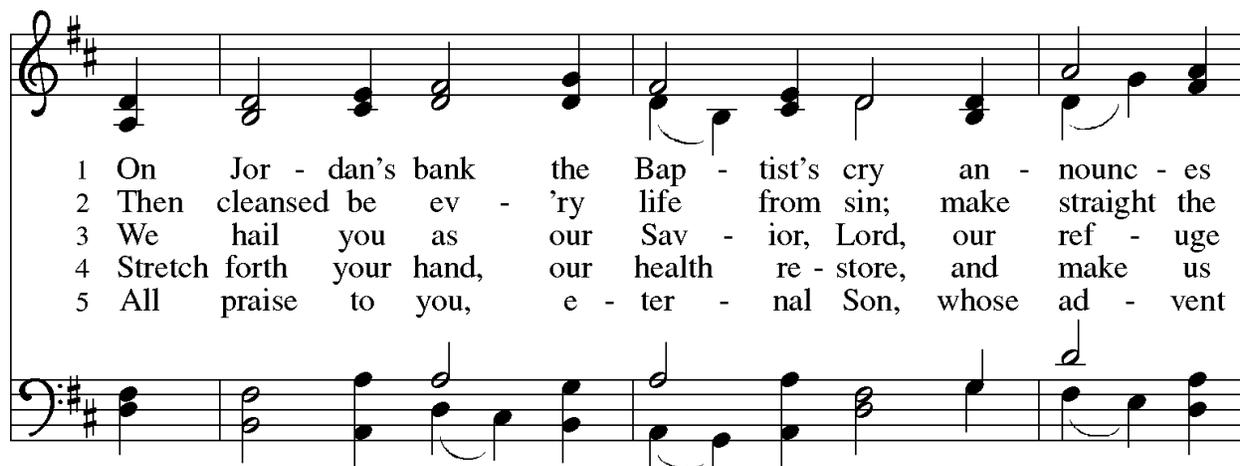
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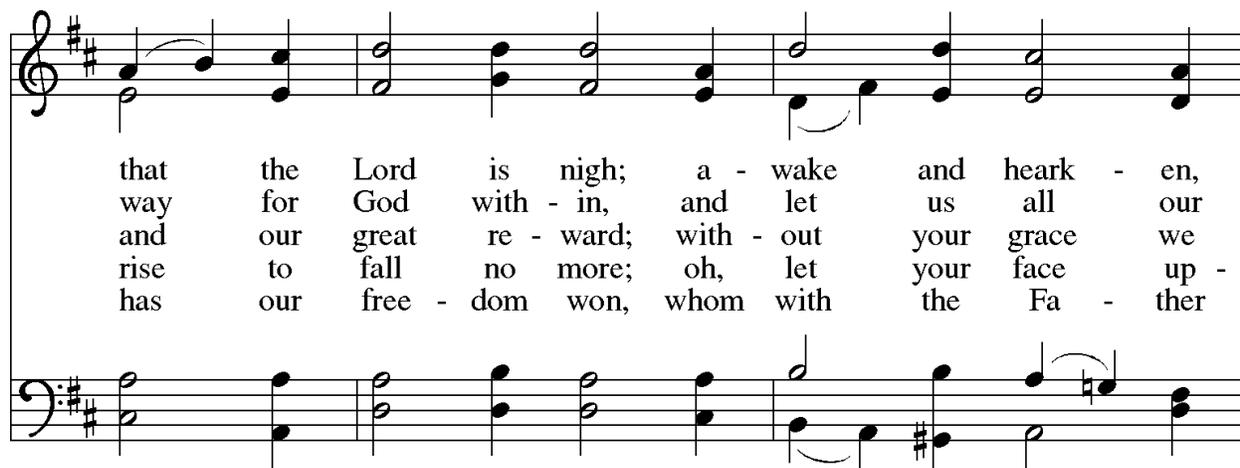
HYMN OF THE DAY: *On Jordan’s Bank the Baptist’s Cry*

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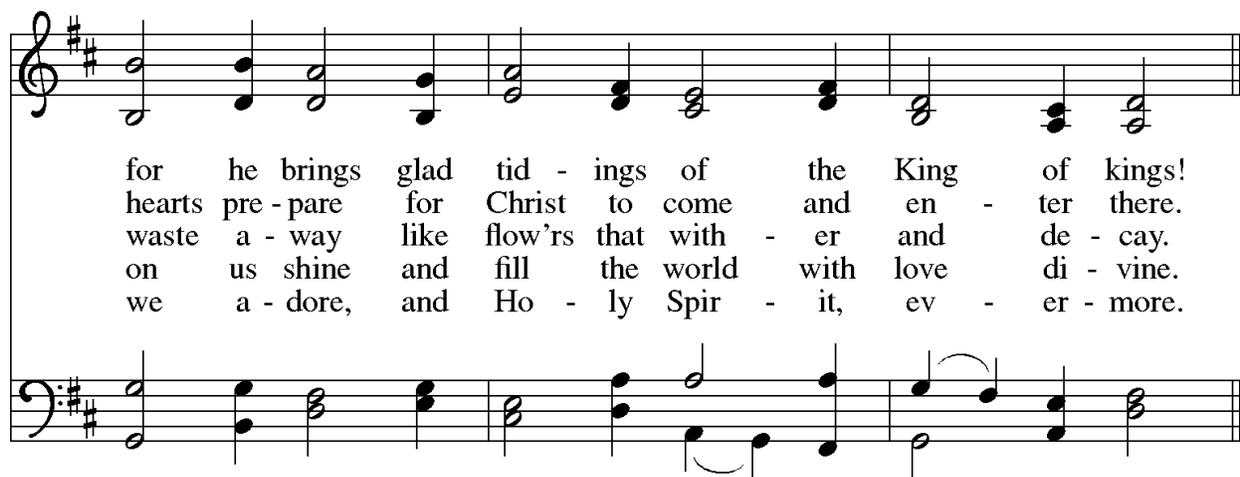
On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry



1 On Jor - dan's bank the Bap - tist's cry an - nounc - es
 2 Then cleansed be ev - 'ry life from sin; make straight the
 3 We hail you as our Sav - ior, Lord, our ref - uge
 4 Stretch forth your hand, our health re - store, and make us
 5 All praise to you, e - ter - nal Son, whose ad - vent



that the Lord is nigh; a - wake and heark - en,
 way for God with - in, and let us all our
 and our great re - ward; with - out your grace we
 rise to fall no more; oh, let your face up -
 has our free - dom won, whom with the Fa - ther



for he brings glad tid - ings of the King of kings!
 hearts pre - pare for Christ to come and en - ter there.
 waste a - way like flow'rs that with - er and de - cay.
 on us shine and fill the world with love di - vine.
 we a - dore, and Ho - ly Spir - it, ev - er - more.

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

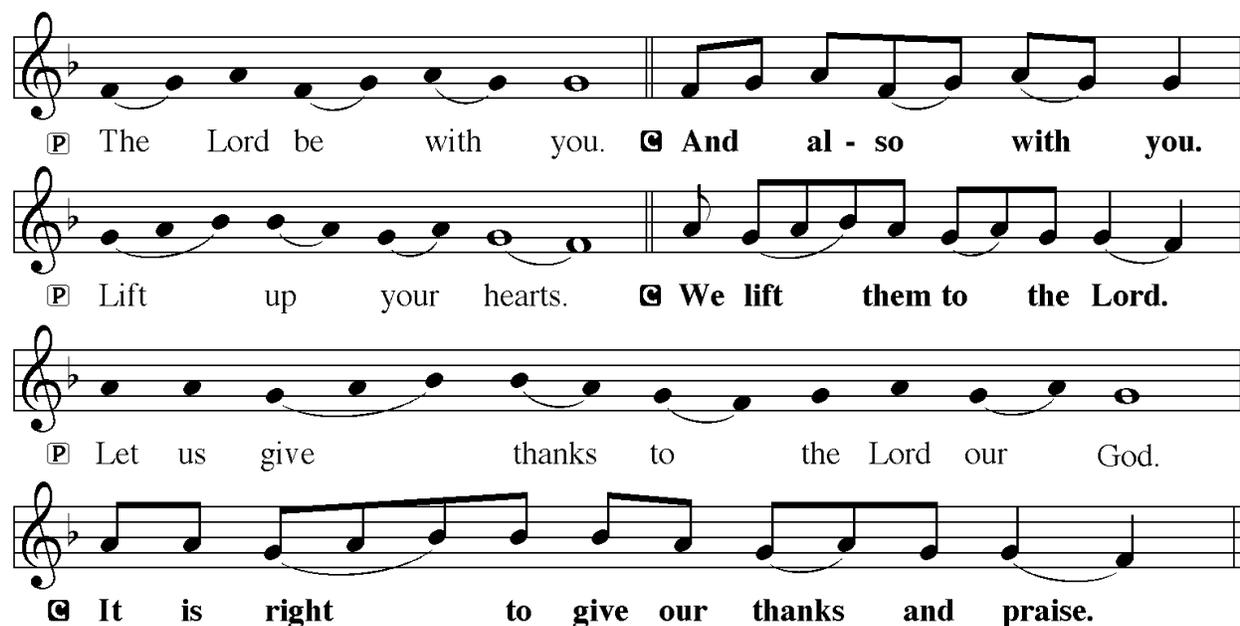
pres-ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re -

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

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

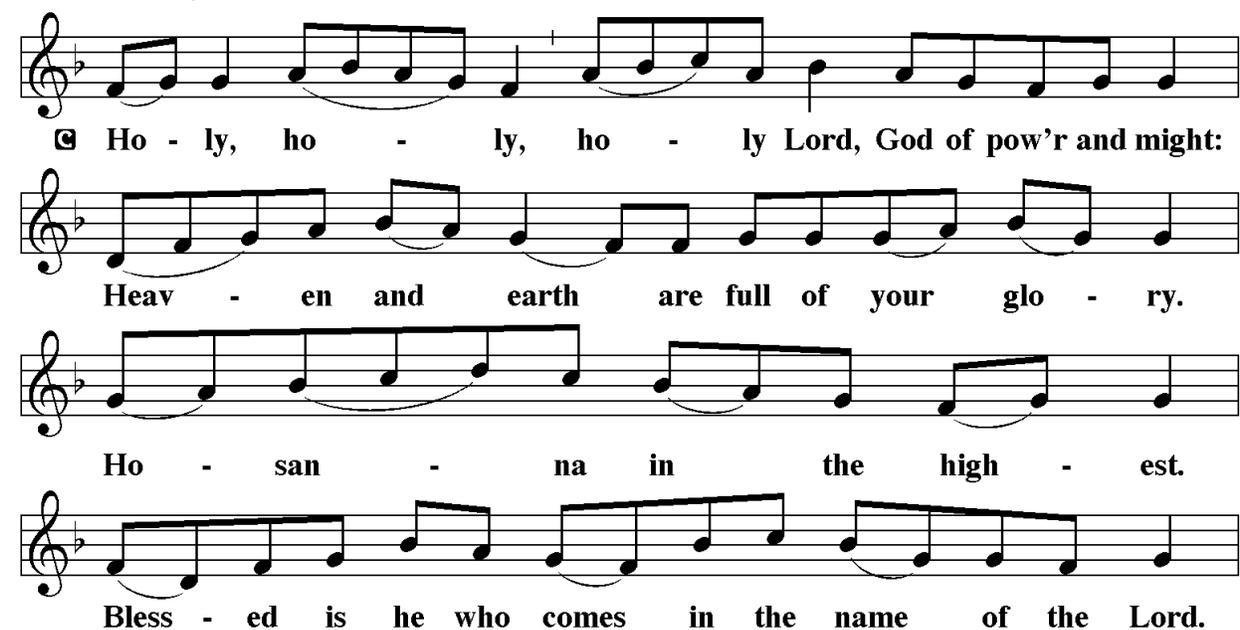
P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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 continues with the SANCTUS:

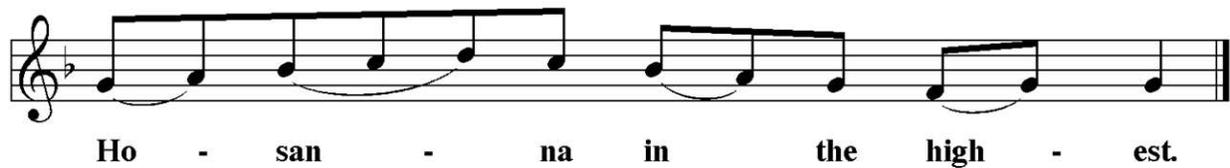


C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:

Heav - en 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.



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.

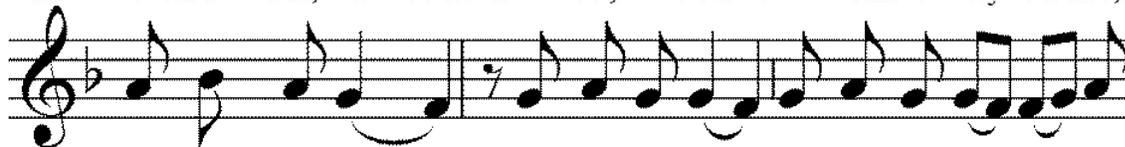
LORD'S PRAYER



P Lord, re-mem-ber us in your king-dom and teach us to pray.



C Our Fa ther, who art in heav en, Hal low - ed_ be thy Name,



Thy King-dom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it_ is_ in



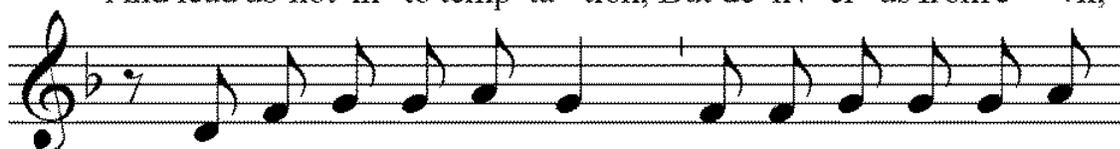
heaven. Give us this day our dai-ly bread; And for-give us



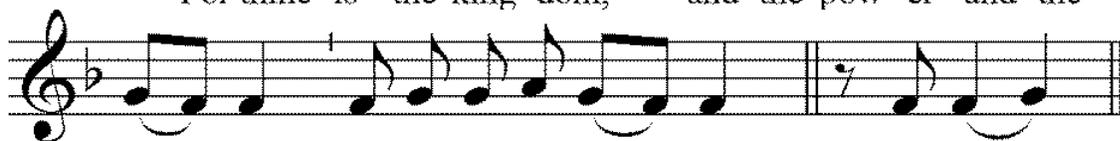
our tres-pass-es, as we for-give those who trespass a-gainst us;



And lead us not in-to temp-ta-tion, But de-liv-er us from e-vil,



For thine is the king-dom, and the pow-er and the



glo-ry, for ev-er and ev-er. A-men

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)

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

Later service only:

ANTHEM: *A Prayer for Advent*

Martin (from Cantata)

Veni, veni, Emmanuel. Come, Lord Jesus, come.
Deliver us from doubt and fear. Grant us joy and peace.
Restore our hope, redeem our hearts. Let our sorrows cease.
Let all our bitterness and hate surrender to Your loving way.
O veni, veni, come, Emmanuel.
Our longing hearts are waiting Lord, waiting in the night.
Let all the clouds of sin and shame give way to truth and light.
Bid envy, strife and quarrels cease. Fill all the world with joy and peace.
O veni, veni, come, Emmanuel.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.
Come, O come, Emmanuel.

Stand

BLESSING AFTER COMMUNION

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

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

- A** Let us pray.
We give you thanks, almighty God,
that you have refreshed us
through the healing power of this gift of life.
In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift,
in faith toward you
and in fervent love toward one another;
for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.
- C** Amen.

SENDING

BLESSING (BENEDICTION)



P The Lord bless you and keep you.



The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.



The Lord look upon you with favor and † give you peace.

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

DISMISSAL

A Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

HYMN: *Hark! A Thrilling Voice Is Sounding*

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Hark! A Thrilling Voice Is Sounding!

1 Hark! a thrill-ing voice is sound-ing! "Christ is near," we hear it say.
2 Wak-ened by the sol- emn warn- ing, from earth's bond-age let us rise;
3 See the Lamb, so long ex- pect- ed, come with par- don down from heav'n.
4 So, when next he comes in glo- ry and the world is wrapped in fear,
5 Hon- or, glo- ry, might, and bless- ing to the Fa- ther and the Son

"Cast a- way the works of dark-ness, all you chil- dren of the day!"
Christ, our sun, all sloth dis- pel- ling, shines up- on the morn- ing skies.
Let us haste, with tears of sor- row, one and all, to be for- giv'n;
he will shield us with his mer- cy and with words of love draw near.
with the ev- er- last- ing Spir- it while un- end- ing a- ges run!

OFFERING

The offering will be collected as you leave the Church.

POSTLUDE: *O Come, O Come Emmanuel*

Saxton



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

A Hymn of Praise is not appropriate during Advent because of the season’s preparatory nature.

The liturgical color blue, symbolic of hope, is used for the Advent season.



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Communion Assistant: Gary Wessner

Altar Guild: 8:00 am: Debra Augustine and Sally Sweeney 10:30 am: Becky Quirk

Offering Tabulation: Debra Augustine, Brian O’Hara, and Chilly Lyaro

Video Production: Jim Lien, Jeannie Funk, or Jonathan Mueller

The Rosebud on the Lectern is given to the glory of God in honor of the Baptism of Nathan Kutteroff by his grandparents.

The Flowers that Adorn the Altar are given to the glory of God by Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Cooney and family in loving memory of father and grandfather, Frederick E. Schubert.

The Sanctuary Candle is given to the glory of God by Elizabeth Rutter in memory of brother George John Reed.

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

The Wreaths that adorn the church doors are given to the glory of God by the Holcombe Family.

Holy Baptism will be administered today to Nathan Thomas Kutteroff. Nathan is the son of David and Dawn Kutteroff and the grandson of Joe and Donna Cooney. May God bless this little one as he begins his journey of faith.

SAVE THE DATE: *Our Community Christmas Concert* will be held on December 11th at 4:00 pm in the brick church. The choir will be accompanied by the Blue Line String quartet, flute, "Harp", and percussion. If you'd like to sing in the concert, please contact Laurie Mueller at Music@augustrappe.org.

OUTREACH COMMITTEE! Back by popular demand, the Outreach Committee is re-releasing boxed Christmas Cards by the famed local artist, Julia Longacre. The re-release has been remastered, enhanced, and printed on archival paper suitable for framing. The inside verse of the cards have "'Unto Us a Child is Born, Unto Us a Son is Given' Isaiah 9:6" annotated on them. A box of 8 cards will be on sale for only \$ 20.00. The cards are anticipated to sell quickly. To obtain yours, contact Brian at brian.ohara24@gmail.com.

OLD TRAPPE CHURCH CHRISTMAS CARDS
Featuring the watercolor by local artist Julia Longacre
Remastered & Enhanced for the 2022 Release!
Printed on archival paper suitable for framing
Verse Inside: "Unto Us a Child is Born, Unto Us a Son is Given" Isaiah 9:6
Available in the Muhlenberg Center in November 2022
or contact Brian O'Hara at brian.ohara24@gmail.com

COMING SOON!
WHILE SUPPLIES LAST!



\$ 20.00
per box of 8

A HOLIDAY FAMILY-FRIENDLY EVENT THAT YOU WON'T WANT TO MISS!



Christmas Concert

Directed by Laurie Mueller

Come, Ye Faithful

a cantata by Hal Hopson

featuring

*Blue Line Quartet, harp,
flute, handbells, percussion*

SUNDAY DECEMBER 11, 4:00 PM

AUGUSTUS LUTHERAN CHURCH
717 W. MAIN STREET, TRAPPE
610-489-9625

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**A SOCIAL RECEPTION WITH
LIGHT REFRESHMENTS TO FOLLOW**



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AUGUSTUS LUTHERAN CHURCH
Sunday Services: 8:00 AM Communion ~ 9:00 AM Sunday School ~ 10:30 AM Worship

Christmas Poinsettias: Building on last year's success, the **Outreach Committee** is hard at work planning more 'surprises' for your Christmas worship experience. Various church committees, organizations, and community businesses are working to unite us all in the Spirit of Christmas. We invite you to join us! Please prayerfully consider buying at least one poinsettia from the Worship & Music committee's annual sale (order form below!). If you can, consider purchasing more than one. These beautiful plants liven up our sanctuary both in person, and for those watching from home.

If you indicate that you would like your plants distributed to others, the Outreach Committee will tag them with a message of hope and distribute them at an assisted living home to let the residents know that Augustus cares about them. We appreciate every one of your donations, and nothing will go to waste. We hope you will join the many committees at Augustus in making this holiday season truly spectacular both within and outside our church home.



2022 Christmas Poinsettia Order Form

Mail to: Karen Lachenmayer
412 Dartmoor Road
Schwenksville, Pa. 19473

Phone: 610-715-4850
E-mail: karenlachenmayer@gmail.com

ORDER DEADLINE: Sunday, December 11, 2023

NAME _____

CONTACT INFO: _____

COLOR	QUANTITY		TOTAL \$
RED	_____	@ \$11.00 ea	_____
WHITE	_____	@ \$11.00 ea	_____

Check One:

- _____ I will take my plants after the 9:00 P.M. Service 12/24.
 _____ Please distribute my plants to others.

I would like the bulletin acknowledgement to read:

For questions about this event or to place your reservations,
contact: brian.ohara24@gmail.com

1st Annual Christmas Decorating Party

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Bring a Friend!!!

PREPARE AUGUSTUS LUTHERAN CHURCH FOR
CHRISTMAS

*  **17** *
* DECEMBER *
* SATURDAY *

*  at **9.30** *
* am *

* Help decorate the facilities of the church, both inside and outside *
* Lunch and Christmas Treats will be provided *
* Look for the sign-up sheet in the Muhlenberg Center *

A social outing for all congregants, family, & friends of Augustus

First Annual Augustus Family Christmas Party!: Join the Augustus Family in preparing the House of the Lord for the Christmas Season. It takes many hands to get the church ready and we definitely need your help to make it happen! From decorating the tree in the nave, to hanging the garland and wreaths, there is lots to do in a short period of time. Additionally, in building off of last year's success, we will have a few more 'surprises' that we will unveil for your worship experience at this special time of the year. All of the holiday enhancements around our campus entice visitors that are looking for the 'old fashioned family Christmas'. We will also be serving lunch...because a party without food is just a meeting. Look for details in the near future and a sign-up sheet in the Muhlenberg Center. Contact Brian O'Hara or 610-489-0417 for more details. The event is sponsored by the **Outreach Committee** and is open to the entire Augustus Lutheran Church Family.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

Participating youth attend
Sunday School at 9:00 AM

December 18, 2022
10:30 AM

SPECIAL GIFT
FOR ALL CHILDREN!!!



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CHURCH

Sunday Services: 8:00 AM Communion * 9:00 AM Sunday School * 10:30 AM Communion

Sunday School Christmas Pageant! Nothing is more precious than watching a children's production at Christmas. You will not want to miss this event! The Augustus Lutheran Church Sunday School will perform their annual Christmas Pageant during the 10:30 AM service on Sunday December 18, 2022 in the Brick Church. This is a fantastic church service for both adults and children alike and enjoyed by all. Start your Christmas family tradition at Augustus!

***ALL CHILDREN WILL RECEIVE A SPECIAL GIFT, COURTESY OF AUGUSTUS LUTHERAN CHURCH! ***

Christmas Day Services

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LESSONS & CAROLS

December 25, 2022 9:30 AM

been away from church?
RECONNECT!

Christmas Eve Candlelight Services

December 24th 5:00 PM, 7:00 PM, & 9:00 PM

OLD TRAPPE CHURCH

December 24, 5:00 PM **Candlelight Living Nativity**
Candlelit pathways, Lessons & Carols

December 24, 7:00 PM **Candlelight Family Service**
Candlelit pathways, Lessons & Carols

HEATED BRICK CHURCH

December 24, 9:00 PM **Candlelight, Lessons, Carols, & Communion**
Newly restored and enhanced Christmas embellishments adorning the nave

December 25, 9:30 AM **Lessons & Carols**

FREE GIFT!!!
for all attendees

Step back in time with our candlelit pathways, gas lamps wrapped in greens, and candlelight Christmas Eve Services in Historic Old Trappe Church! All services in Old Trappe Church are in a 1743 unheated and unelectrified Colonial Church.

Please dress accordingly and remember your flashlights!



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Start your Christmas Family Tradition at Augustus



Enjoy a traditional Christmas Eve Holy Communion Service in the heated Brick Church with lessons, carols, and special music

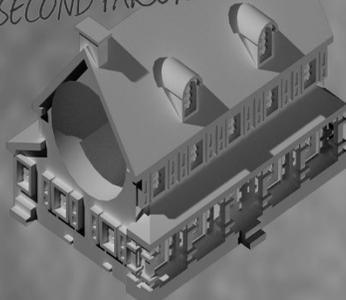
Christmas Eve Services: Start your Christmas family tradition at Augustus with our candlelit pathways, gas lamps wrapped in greens, and Candlelight Christmas Eve Services in Historic Old Trappe Church! A Living Nativity will be presented at the 5:00 PM service, a family service with carols and lessons at 7:00 PM, and a communion service in our heated Brick Church with newly restored and enhanced Christmas Embellishments adorning the nave at 9:00 PM. All services in Old Trappe Church are in a 1743 unheated and unelectrified Colonial Church. Please dress accordingly and remember your flashlights!

ATTENDEES TO THE CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES WILL RECEIVE A SPECIAL GIFT, COURTESY OF AUGUSTUS LUTHERAN CHURCH!

TRAPPE CHARMS

CHARMING CHARMS FROM THE TINY TOWN OF TRAPPE

NEW RELEASE!!!
 COMING SOON!
 SECOND PARSONAGE CHARM!!!

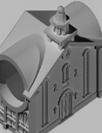


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- *STERLING SILVER
- *FITS "PANDORA" STYLE BRACELETS
- *IDENTIFICATION INSCRIBED
 (ON THE UNDERSIDE)
- *NOW TAKING ORDERS -
 (LIMITED QUANTITIES AVAILABLE ON HAND)
- *COLLECT THEM ALL!
 (ADDITIONAL CHARMS TO BE RELEASED AT FUTURE DATES)
- *MAKES A GREAT GIFT!
- *TO PLACE AN ORDER:
 CONTACT BRIAN O'HARA AT:
 BRIAN.OHARA24@GMAIL.COM

AUGUSTUS CHARMS

PROCEEDS BENEFIT CHURCH OUTREACH

 Old Trappe Church \$80	 Church Well	 First Schoolhouse	 First Parsonage	 First Muhlenberg House
 Brick Church \$80	 Carriagehouse	 Third Schoolhouse	 Second Parsonage \$80	 Third Muhlenberg House

WOMEN OF ELCA CHARMS

PROCEEDS BENEFIT AUGUSTUS WOMEN OF ELCA

 Women of ELCA Logo \$85	 Just Love Logo \$85			
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NEW TRAPPE "PANDORA STYLE" CHARM - Anticipated

Release Date: Sport your local pride with monuments of the local landmarks. The charms are made from sterling silver and are designed by a local artist. A new charm is currently in the design process. The charm will be the second parsonage and current parsonage of Augustus. The charms are made of sterling silver and they make a great gift. We are anticipating it to be released around

Thanksgiving weekend and in time for the Christmas season. Look for additional details to come. Additional charms will be released in the future. However, you can still get any one of the charms we released in the past, such as the famous Old Trappe Church charm or the Augustus Brick Church Charm. We also have several charms designed for the Augustus Women's Ministry. A limited supply of charms is on hand at any giving time. If you are interested in

purchasing a charm, please reach out to Brian O'Hara at brian.ohara24@gmail.com or stop by Augustus Lutheran Church on Sundays for the 10:30 and ask for Brian. Proceeds benefit Augustus Outreach Ministries.

WELCA will accept donations in the box in the Muhlenberg Center through December 4. Thank you for your support of this wonderful ministry!



2022 Gift Wish List

Toys

- Large and medium-sized stuffed animals
- Small and medium-sized Squishmallow stuffed animals
- Games – Checkers, Chess, Jenga, Connect 4, UNO, Monopoly, Scrabble, Trouble, and Sorry are favorites
- LEGO sets
- Pokémon cards and toys
- Minecraft toys
- Superhero action figures
- LOL dolls and Rainbow High dolls
- Remote controlled vehicles
- Beyblades and Beyblades arenas
- Playing cards and card games
- Rubik's cubes
- Fidget toys – spinners, pop-its, tangles
- Dream Lites or other soft night lights
- Books for children and teens
- Wireless headphones/earbuds
- Small Bluetooth speakers
- Puzzles

Arts & Crafts

- Craft kits
- Crayola art kits
- Gel pen sets
- Crayons, markers, and colored pencils
- Fuzzy posters to color
- Coloring books and large coloring pages
- Sketch books and drawing paper – non-spiral bound
- Journals – no locks and non-spiral bound
- Origami kits and origami paper

During the holiday season, as well as all year long, Gemma strives to grant as many wishes as possible. Even if some of the children's wishes are not simple to fill, we work to ensure that each child feels valued, cared for, and heard. Last year, with the help of friends like you, we were able to fulfill the holiday wishes of more than 400 children and 180 families! Will you help Gemma fulfill gift requests from "our" youth and families this holiday season?

Please consider these ways you might help:

- **Make a generous financial gift** in the spirit of the holidays to support deserving children and families.
- **Suggest to friends or family members** that they make a charitable gift to Gemma in your honor.
- **Donate a gift card** to help Gemma's children and families have a bright holiday, and to also provide support throughout the year. The most useful are \$25 gift cards to ShopRite, Walmart, Amazon, Target, Five Below, Marshalls/TJ Maxx, and Wawa.
- **Provide a gift for a child.** A wish list of gifts can be found on the back of this letter or on Amazon (<https://bit.ly/GemmaNeeds>). **We ask that all gifts are new and unwrapped, please.**

Clothing & Personal Care

- Pajama sets for boys and girls – youth sizes M-XL and adult sizes S-L
- Hooded sweatshirts for girls and boys – youth sizes 12-18 and adult sizes S-L. Nike, Adidas, Champion, and Fila are favorite brands
- Adidas or Nike slide style sandals – youth and adult sizes
- Crocs and Crocs-style sandals – youth and adult sizes
- Adjustable baseball hats – Nike and Philly sports teams are favorites
- Athletic socks – Nike, Adidas, Champion, and Fila are favorites
- Athletic tights – youth sizes L-XL and adult sizes S-L
- Hairbrushes and combs
- Nail polish, press on nails, lip gloss, lip balm, and makeup
- Toiletry gift sets with body wash, shampoo, conditioner, & deodorant. Dove, Axe, and Bath and Body Works are favorites. Plastic bottles only
- Plastic water bottles – Contigo and Camelback brands are favorites
- Winter coats – youth & adult sizes
- Children's weighted blankets

Sports

- Footballs, basketballs, and kickballs/playground balls
- Football gloves – youth and adult sizes
- Basketball shooting sleeves – youth and adult sizes
- Football, basketball, and baseball cards and binders/books for collecting cards
- Fitness watches