

HOLY COMMUNION
Twenty-sixth Sunday after Pentecost
Thankoffering Sunday

November 18, 2018

8:00 am

INTRODUCTION TO THE DAY

November begins with All Saints Day and ends in or near Advent, when we anticipate Christ's coming again. So the readings today tell of the final resurrection and the end time. In the turmoil of hope, fear, and disbelief that these predictions provoke in us, Hebrews sounds a note of confident trust. Christ makes a way for us where there is no way, and we walk it confidently, our hearts and bodies washed in baptismal water, trusting the one who has promised. The more we see the last day approaching, the more important it is to meet together to provoke one another to love.

SILENT PRAYER

PRELUDE: *Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus*

Keveren

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING (ENTRANCE RITE)

Stand

HYMN: *When Peace Like a River*

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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

☐ The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

☑ And also with you.

CANTICLE OF PRAISE (GLORIA IN EXCELSIS)

☐ Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth.

☑ Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father:

We worship you, we give you thanks,

we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,

Lord God, Lamb of God:

You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

You are seated at the right hand of the Father;

receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,

you alone are the Most High,

Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father.

Amen

PRAYER OF THE DAY

☐ Let us pray.

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

☑ Amen.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Sit

FIRST READING

Daniel 12:1-3

The book of Daniel is an example of apocalyptic literature, which is full of strange visions and symbolism. Arising during times of great persecution, apocalyptic literature is concerned with God's revelation

about the end time and the coming kingdom of God, when God will vindicate the righteous who have been persecuted.

A A reading from Daniel.

¹“At that time Michael, the great prince, the protector of your people, shall arise. There shall be a time of anguish, such as has never occurred since nations first came into existence. But at that time your people shall be delivered, everyone who is found written in the book. ²Many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt. ³Those who are wise shall shine like the brightness of the sky, and those who lead many to righteousness, like the stars forever and ever.”

A The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

Hebrews 10:11-14 [15-18] 19-25

Images of worship and sacrifice are used throughout Hebrews to highlight what Christ has uniquely accomplished through his death. Because we have received forgiveness through Christ's death, we live with sincere hearts by trusting in God's promises and encouraging love and good works from each other.

A A reading from Hebrews.

¹¹Every priest stands day after day at his service, offering again and again the same sacrifices that can never take away sins. ¹²But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, “he sat down at the right hand of God,” ¹³and since then has been waiting “until his enemies would be made a footstool for his feet.” ¹⁴For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are sanctified.

¹⁹Therefore, my friends, since we have confidence to enter the sanctuary by the blood of Jesus, ²⁰by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain (that is, through his flesh), ²¹and since we have a great priest over the house of God, ²²let us approach with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. ²³Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who has promised is faithful. ²⁴And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, ²⁵not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of

some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

A The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

C Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.

GOSPEL

Mark 13:1-8

In the last week of his life, Jesus warned his disciples concerning trials that were to come upon them and upon the world. He exhorts the listener: Do not be alarmed.

P The holy gospel according to Mark.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

¹As [Jesus] came out of the temple, one of his disciples said to him, “Look, Teacher, what large stones and what large buildings!” ²Then Jesus asked him, “Do you see these great buildings? Not one stone will be left here upon another; all will be thrown down.”

³When he was sitting on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter, James, John, and Andrew asked him privately, ⁴“Tell us, when will this be, and what will be the sign that all these things are about to be accomplished?” ⁵Then Jesus began to say to them, “Beware that no one leads you astray. ⁶Many will come in my name and say, ‘I am he!’ and they will lead many astray. ⁷When you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be alarmed; this must take place, but the end is still to come. ⁸For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be earthquakes in various places; there will be famines. This is but the beginning of the birth pangs.”

P The gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

Sit

SERMON

Pastor Martha Kriebel

Stand

The Nicene Creed or the Apostles' Creed may be spoken. 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 Lord Jesus Christ, keep us, with your whole church, in such
solidarity with you and your Word, that we remain ever vigilant of
false teachers who, professing to come in your name, easily deceive
and divide us. O Lord, how are we to stand, and withstand, when the
final suffering begins, unless we abide in you and you in us? Lord, in
your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

A We pray for the church, for its pastors and bishops, for the newly baptized, for all the faithful, for this congregation here gathered, and for our growth in grace. Lord, in your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

A We pray for all nations, for all rulers, legislators, and judges, for an increase of justice in our lands, and for all who work for peace among nations and among peoples. Lord, in your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

A We pray for all in any need, for the hungry and the homeless, for victims of war and injustice, for prisoners, for all who suffer in mind, body, or spirit, for the sick and infirm, for all with incurable illness, and for all who this day will die. We pray especially for those we name in the silence of our hearts... Lord, in your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

A We pray for the members of our armed forces wherever they serve, and especially when they serve in harm's way, that they might speedily complete their mission and be safely reunited with their loved ones. Lord, in your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

C **Amen.**

PEACE

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **And also with you.**

*The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace, and may say **Peace be with you** or similar words.*

LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT OF THE ALTAR

Sit

OFFERING

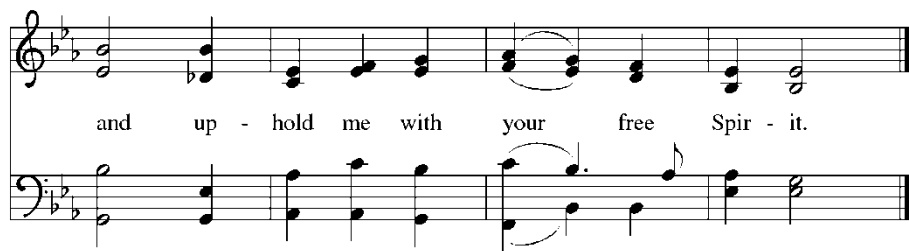
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OFFERTORY

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

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

The musical score is written for two voices (Soprano and Bass) in a B-flat major key (two flats). It consists of two systems of staves. The first system contains the lyrics 'pres-ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re -' and the second system contains 'store un - to me the joy of your sal - va - tion,'. The melody is primarily composed of eighth and quarter notes, with some rests and a final half note in the first system. The bass line provides a steady accompaniment with chords and single notes.



OFFERING PRAYER

- A** Let us pray...Merciful Father,
C we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us—ourselves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

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

- P** The Lord be with you.
C And also 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** Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might:
 Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
 Hosanna in the highest.
 Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
 Hosanna in the highest.

The minister continues with the WORDS OF INSTITUTION, usually included in a Eucharistic Prayer.

P You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God.
You are most holy,
and great is the majesty of your glory.

You so loved the world that you gave your only Son,
so that everyone who believes in him may not perish
but have eternal life.

We give you thanks for his coming into the world
to fulfill for us your holy will
and to accomplish all things for our salvation.

In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup,
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

C **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

P Remembering, therefore, his salutary command,
his life-giving passion and death,
his glorious resurrection and ascension,
and the promise of his coming again,
we give thanks to you, O Lord God Almighty,
not as we ought but as we are able;
we ask you mercifully to accept our praise and thanksgiving

and with your Word and Holy Spirit to bless us, your servants,
and these your own gifts of bread and wine,
so that we and all who share in the body and blood of Christ
may be filled with heavenly blessing and grace,
and, receiving the forgiveness of sin,
may be formed to live as your holy people
and be given our inheritance with all your saints.
To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever.

☩ Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

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

**☩ 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

℟ 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.

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

LAMB OF GOD (AGNUS DEI)

**☞ Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
grant us peace.**

Sit

COMMUNION

When giving the bread and cup, the communion ministers say

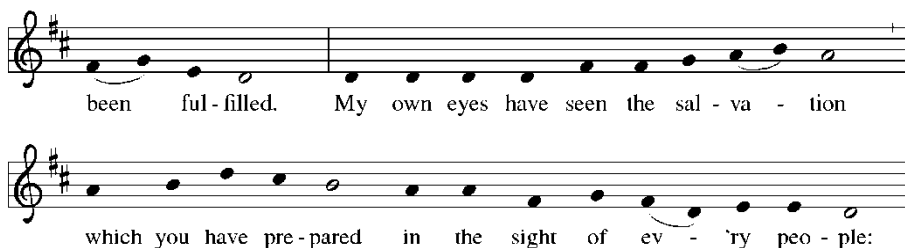
The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you.
and each person may respond

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. Communion will be distributed by Intinction. Receive the Body of Christ in the palm of your hand from the Pastor and then dip the host into the chalice containing the Blood of Christ held by the Communion Assistant. We welcome children and others who are not communing to come forward for a blessing.

Stand

SONG AFTER COMMUNION (NUNC DIMITTIS)



a light to re-veal you to the na-tions and the glo-ry of your
 peo-ple Is - ra-el. Glo-ry to the Fa-ther, and to the Son,
 and to the Ho-ly Spir-it, as it was in the be-gin-ning,
 is now, and will be for-ev-er. A - men.

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 Amen.

DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE: *Tuba Tune* Lang



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.

We Love Your Children!

Children are very welcome in all services at Augustus. Our 10:30 a.m. service includes a children’s sermon. Activity bags, crayons and children’s bulletins are available from our ushers. If you feel that you need to step out of the service with your child, please enjoy the rocking chair and books provided in the upper Muhlenberg Center (near the elevator), which also has a convenient bathroom with a baby changing table. There is a speaker in this area so you will still be able to hear the service. Children three years and older are also invited to our Sunday school from 9:00-10:15 a.m. on Sunday mornings from September to May. If you have any questions, please contact our Coordinator of Faith Development, Sonya Sowards, at education@augustustrappe.org.

2018 Stewardship Campaign Update		
	Commitment Cards	Dollar Amount

Total Possible	272	\$235,000
Received as of 9/17/18	105	\$154,657
Amount Outstanding	167	\$80,343

If you have not yet returned your Commitment Card for 2018, please return the completed card as soon as possible. A copy of the 2018 Commitment Card can be downloaded from the parish web site, www.augustustrappe.org, under "About Us" tab.

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Assisting in the Service:

Altar Servers: Connor Elison and Ethan DePaul

Lectors: 8:00 am: Mildred Stuffle

10:30 am: James Lorah and Chris Dogonniuck

Ushers: Karl Stefan, Dick Allebach, Ed Funk, and Chily Lyaro

Communion Assistants: 8:00 am: Debra Augustine

10:30 am: Jennifer Wentworth and Bob Rodenberger

Greeters: Members of the Sr. Youth Group

Altar Guild: 8:00 am: Sally Sweeney

10:30 am: Jeannie Funk

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

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

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

The Worship Bulletins are given to the glory of God by Rich and Cheryl Holcombe in loving memory of Mother, Mary Adams.

Cemetery Clean Up for Winter: Please remove all fall flowers and

fixtures in the Cemetery by the end of November. The Cemetery Committee will be having their last work day of the year on December 1st to clean the cemetery for the Holiday season. If you would like to be a member of the Cemetery Committee, please contact Gary Wessner (gtwess@comcast.net).

Hats & Gloves Donations: Through TODAY, November 18th, Augustus Sunday school is collecting donations of new hats and gloves for Silver Springs Martin Luther school, an ELCA-affiliated organization that ministers to children and their families facing emotional and behavioral difficulties. All of our Sunday school offerings during this time will also be used to purchase hats and gloves for the children of SSML to use this winter. Please be generous with your gifts! To learn more about the school, please go to <https://www.silver-springs.org/about/>.

Muhlenberg Center Dedication Plaque: Take a look at the large poster next to the elevator that lists the donors to the Capital Campaign. Did you contribute? Is your name on the list? Is everything spelled correctly? Please contact the church office NO LATER THAN DECEMBER 2 with any changes that need to be made to the plaque in the Muhlenberg Center. The committee plans to order the permanent brass plaque in December.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS			
Sunday	11/18	8:00 am	Holy Communion in the Chapel
		8:45 am	Children’s Music
		9:00 am	Sunday School
		9:15 am	Adult Bible Study
		10:30 am	Holy Communion in the Brick Church Nave
		11:30 am	Sr. Youth Pie Sale Pick Up
		1:30 pm	Speaker’s House Annual Meeting
Monday	11/19	7:00 pm	Cub Scouts & Boy Scouts
Tuesday	11/20	7:00 pm	Boy Scout Committee Meeting
Wednesday	11/21		NO 3-in-1
Thursday	11/22		Happy Thanksgiving! Office Closed
			Private Event
Friday	11/23		Office Closed
Saturday	11/24		
Sunday	11/25	8:00 am	Holy Communion in the Chapel
		10:30 am	Holy Communion in the Brick Church Nave

Senior High Youth Group
Is having their 7th Annual Cookie Sale



What: Homemade Christmas Cookies

When: December 9th

Where: Cookies will be available for pick up after each service on the 9th.

How much:

\$4.00 1 Dozen

\$8.00 2 Dozen

\$12.00 for 3 Dozen

Senior High Youth Group is selling Christmas Cookies again this year. The cookies will be assorted and arranged in a container. Please preorder to ensure you get a tray of these freshly baked homemade cookies.

Name: _____

Phone # or E-mail Address: _____

I would like:

1 dozen (\$4) _____

2 dozen (\$8) _____

3 dozen (\$12) _____

I will pick up after the 8:00 service _____

I will pick up after the 10:30 service _____



If you have any questions, please contact:
Cathy Meeley at tcmeeley@verizon.net

Silver Spring Martin Luther School Christmas Gift Donation List

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

WISH GIFTS

- Basketballs, footballs, and playground balls
- Scented body wash, shampoo, conditioner, deodorant, and lotion. Bath and Body Works and Dove for Men are favorites. Plastic bottles only; no spray bottles, please
- Dream Lites
- Large and medium stuffed animals
- Adidas or Nike slide style sandals — adult sizes 6-11
- Adjustable baseball hats. Nike and Philly sports teams are favorites
- Fuzzy posters to color with washable markers and children's paint by number sets
- Art and craft sets, Sketch books and drawing paper
- Super hero action figures
- Remote controlled vehicles and robots
- Matchbox or Hot wheels cars and race track sets
- Pokémon toys
- Football gloves and basketball shooting sleeves — youth and adult sizes \
- K'Nex building sets
- Baby dolls of all ethnicities (African American, Latino, and Caucasian). Baby Alive or American girl-type dolls are popular and baby doll clothes and accessories
- Portable Radio/CD players — with detachable cords only please
- Games — Mancala, Connect 4, Jenga, UNO, Bop-it, Skip-it, Simon, Monopoly Jr., Life Jr., Battleship, Guess Who, Trouble, and Hungry Hungry Hippos
- LEGO & LEGO Friends sets
- Pajama sets for boys and girls — youth sizes M-XL and adult sizes S-XL
- Shopkins toys and Mr. Potato Head toys
- Hardback children's books
- Hooded sweatshirts for girls and boys — youth sizes 12-18 and adult sizes S-XL
Nike, Under Armour, and Adidas are favorites



STOCKING STUFFERS

- Journals, crayons, colored pencils, coloring books and washable markers, gel pens •
- Novelty socks for girls/sports socks for boys and girls— adult sizes 6-11
- Playing cards and card games
- Pretty headbands and hair accessories, hair brushes and combs
- Batteries — AAA, AA, C, D, and 9-volt
- Children's DVDs rated G or PG
- Football cards & Pokémon cards
- Water bottles
- Novelty toothbrushes and toothpaste
- Light-up bouncy balls
- Rubik's cubes



Donation boxes of items for these children may be placed in the Muhlenberg Center beginning in November. Donations must be received by November 28 to be delivered in time for Christmas.



Today is Thankoffering Quilt & Afghan Sunday

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

We are honored today to have the Reverend Dr. Martha Kriebel – former Pastor of Trinity United Church of Christ in Collegeville, and currently serving as Honorary Assistant of Augustus Lutheran Church - as our guest speaker. Check out Pastor Martha's biography! She is very dynamic and bold - someone greatly admired for her many contributions to the community. We are honored to have her speak today.

In honor of Thankoffering, a special offering will be collected which will benefit the life-changing ministries of the Church-wide Women's Organization of the ELCA. All proceeds will go in support of programs, resources, leadership training, and operational expenses. All the money collected will be sent directly to the church-wide organization of the 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! There is so much to be thankful. Please make checks payable to Augustus Women of the ELCA. If you wish to have your contribution recorded on your quarterly statement from Augustus Lutheran Church, please include your congregational # on your envelope.

Thankofferings date back to the 1800's when Christian women formed "mite" or "cent" societies to support the mission of the church. When others in the church said there was not enough money to carry out projects, the women believed otherwise and acted together. In these societies, each woman collected offerings at home. On occasion, they would gather as we do today to worship and make their offerings with thanks and praise.

When Women of the ELCA was formed over 30 years ago, we committed to continue the tradition of giving in gratitude for blessings. Together, we can do more than we could ever do alone.

While you are at Augustus today please take notice of all the quilts and afghans that adorn the church sanctuary. They were made by the Hearts and Hands Committee of Augustus' Women of the ELCA under the direction of Mildred Stuffle. The quilts will be given to Lutheran World Relief to be distributed to countries all over the world to help those people less fortunate. The afghans will be taken to Laurel House, a shelter for abused women and children, in Norristown. Many thanks to everyone who has helped with this ministry in 2018: Delores Allebach, Nancy Berg, Judy Bubeck, Sherry Jesse, LaVonne Johnson, Karen Lachenmayer, Heather Lilienthal, Irene Markert, Megan Moser, Carol Oelschlager, Dale O'Hara, Gemma Patton, Ethelyn Perkins, Janice Reiff, Mildred Stuffle (Chair), Anna Bell Thiemann, Ann Walker, Jennifer Wentworth, Kathleen Wilkins, and Terri Yetter.





ABOUT US

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

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

OUR MISSION

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

OUR PURPOSE

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

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Biography of: REV. DR. MARTHA B. KRIEBEL

Pastor Emerita of Trinity UCC of Collegeville
Honorary Assistant of Augustus Lutheran Church

Dr. Kriebel is a summa cum laude graduate of the Philadelphia High School for Girls, a cum laude graduate of Ursinus College with a B.S. degree (pre-med), an honor graduate of the Lancaster Theological Seminary, with a B.D., and an S.T.M. (Masters in Sacred Theology) from the Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia. Ursinus College conferred the Doctor of Divinity degree in 1984.

Following ordination to the Christian Ministry, Pastor Kriebel served from 1959 to 1972 the Palm Schwenkfelder Church, which voted to affiliate with the United Church of Christ in 1959. During the 13-year pastorate the 635 member congregation dedicated a new Christian Education building, opened a weekday nursery school, Palm Country Day School, and joined in creating an inter-faith fellowship of area churches. She also initiated pre-marital counseling and family life seminars.

From 1972-1979, Rev. Kriebel served as Assistant to the Conference Minister, Pa. SE Conference, United Church of Christ with responsibilities in Evangelism, Social Action, Church Extension, Health and Welfare, all groups under the Division of the Church in Society.

Two research projects of Dr. Kriebel have been published: “Schwenkfelders and the Sacraments” and “Retracing Our Roots,” plus numerous research books for study and action, especially in the field of Evangelism, a multi-media pageant, “The Years Between, 1725-1975” presented at Ursinus College as a part of the Pennsylvania Southeast Conference celebration of the first German Reformed Communion, a 1988 Pilgrim Press Award publication, “A Stole is a Towel,” and recent PowerPoint presentations including “When Collegeville was Freeland,” and “The Grass is Greener.”

Rev. Kriebel served on the Executive Board of the Mercersburg Society, Lancaster Theological Seminary’s Field Education Pastoral Supervisor Program, PaSE Conference, UCC, Ecumenical Relations Committee, and the Ursinus Association’s Periodic Review Committee, as chair for pastor’s every three-year evaluation. (*continued on the following page*)

Community activities included being a member of the Advisory Council of the Montgomery County Office on Aging and Adult Services, Perkiomen Valley Healthy Community Partnership, Trappe Historical Society, Collegeville Fire Company, and chair of the Collegeville-Trappe Ministerium.

The Reverend Dr. Martha Kriebel Biography *(continued)*

Some highlights of pastoring Trinity's congregation were the 150th anniversary of the church's founding in 1854 and the 150th anniversary of the Church School. The congregation is home to many community groups, and is involved in mission work in Haiti and Japan, the Appalachia Service Project, Grace Bean's Soup kitchen and the Patrician Society in Norristown, and a Service and Project Group that provides caps and mittens, blankets, place mats, wheelchair bags for area institutions and Head Start. each year for the past ten years. In 2005 the congregation became a partner parish with St. Peter's Church in the former East zone of Törten, Dessau, Germany.

The term "Pastor Emerita" (female) is used by the church to honor a person whose lengthy ministry in that church as been one of distinguished service. On May 25, 2018, Trinity Reformed Church honored Pastor Kriebel by bestowing upon her the title of Pastor Emerita, to honor her long and successful service to the church.

You can read more about Rev. Kriebel on the 150th Anniversary Website of the Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia (LTSP). Rev. Dr. Kriebel was the first woman to earn a degree from LTSP in 1965.

