

ASH WEDNESDAY LITURGY AND HOLY COMMUNION
March 2, 2022

7:00 PM

INTRODUCTION TO THE DAY

In this service for Ash Wednesday in our *In View of God's Mercy* series, we look at our lives through the lens of God's love toward us in the sacrifice of his Son, Jesus. In this service, we consider the ashes placed on our foreheads as a sign of our sins and remember that God lifts us from our ashes to new life in Christ.

SILENT PRAYER

PRELUDE: *God's Time Is Best*

Bach

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Return to the Lord, your God, for he is gracious and merciful,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. (Joel 2:13)*

GATHERING (ENTRANCE RITE)

Stand

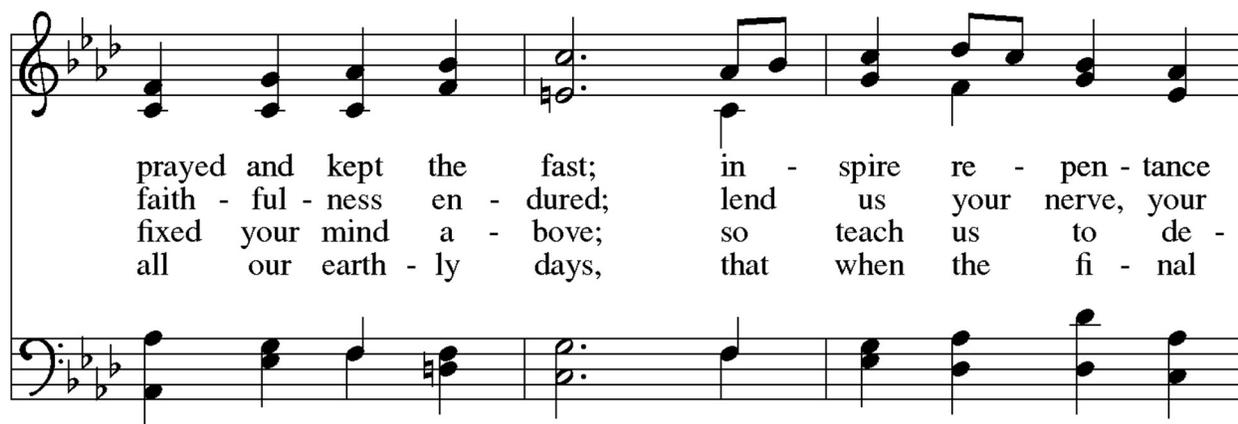
HYMN: *O Lord, throughout These Forty Days*

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O Lord, throughout These Forty Days



1 O Lord, through - out these for - ty days you
2 You strove with Sa - tan, and you won; your
3 Though parched and hun - gry, yet you prayed and
4 Be with us through this sea - son, Lord, and



prayed and kept the fast; in - spire re - pen - tance
faith - ful - ness en - dured; lend us your nerve, your
fixed your mind a - bove; so teach us to de -
all our earth - ly days, that when the fi - nal



for our sin, and free us from our past.
skill and trust in God's e - ter - nal word.
ny our - selves that we may know God's love.
Eas - ter dawns, we join in heav - en's praise.

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GREETING & PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, as we begin our Lenten pilgrimage, we do so in a spirit of repentance. We are sinful and depend completely upon your mercy. Strengthen us by your Holy Spirit so that we might follow you in paths of righteousness. We pray through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Sit

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

Joel 2:1-2, 12-17

A A reading from Joel.

Blow the trumpet in Zion;

 sound the alarm on my holy mountain!

Let all the inhabitants of the land tremble,

 for the day of the LORD is coming, it is near—

²a day of darkness and gloom,

 a day of clouds and thick darkness!

Like blackness spread upon the mountains

 a great and powerful army comes;

their like has never been from of old,

 nor will be again after them in ages to come.

¹²Yet even now, says the LORD,

 return to me with all your heart,

with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning;

¹³rend your hearts and not your clothing.

Return to the LORD, your God,

 for he is gracious and merciful,

slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love,

 and relents from punishing.

¹⁴Who knows whether he will not turn and relent,

 and leave a blessing behind him,

a grain offering and a drink offering

 for the LORD, your God?

¹⁵Blow the trumpet in Zion;
 sanctify a fast;
 call a solemn assembly;
¹⁶gather the people.
 Sanctify the congregation;
 assemble the aged;
 gather the children,
 even infants at the breast.
 Let the bridegroom leave his room,
 and the bride her canopy.
¹⁷Between the vestibule and the altar
 let the priests, the ministers of the LORD, weep.
 Let them say, "Spare your people, O LORD,
 and do not make your heritage a mockery,
 a byword among the nations.
 Why should it be said among the peoples,
 'Where is their God?'"

A The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM 51:1-18 (*The congregation's verses are in bold face type.*)

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your | lovingkindness;*
 in your great compassion blot out | my offenses.

**²Wash me through and through | from my wickedness,*
 and cleanse me | from my sin.**

³For I know | my transgressions,*
 and my sin is ev- | er before me.

**⁴Against you only | have I sinned*
 and done what is evil | in your sight.**

⁵And so you are justified | when you speak*
 and upright | in your judgment.

**⁶Indeed, I have been wicked | from my birth,*
 a sinner from my | mother's womb.**

⁷For behold, you look for truth | deep within me,*
 and will make me understand | wisdom secretly.

**⁸Purge me from my sin, and I | shall be pure;*
 wash me, and I shall be | clean indeed.**

⁹Make me hear of | joy and gladness,*
 that the body you have broken | may rejoice.

**¹⁰Hide your face | from my sins,*
and blot out all | my iniquities.**

¹¹Create in me a clean | heart, O God,*
and renew a right spir- | it within me.

**¹²Cast me not away | from your presence,*
and take not your Holy | Spirit from me.**

¹³Give me the joy of your saving | help again*
and sustain me with your boun- | tiful Spirit.

**¹⁴I shall teach your ways | to the wicked,*
and sinners shall re- | turn to you.**

¹⁵Deliver me from | death, O God,*
and my tongue shall sing of your righteousness, O God of | my salvation.

**¹⁶Open my | lips, O LORD,*
and my mouth shall pro- | claim your praise.**

¹⁷Had you desired it, I would have | offered sacrifice,*
but you take no delight | in burnt-offerings.

**¹⁸The sacrifice of God is a | troubled spirit;*
a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will | not despise.**

SECOND READING

1 John 1:8-9

A A reading from First John.

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

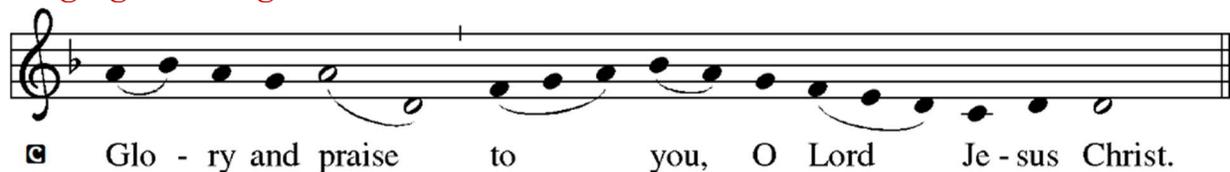
A The word of the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.

Stand

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Congregation sings Lenten Acclamation:



Choir sings the Verse:



Return to the | LORD, your God,*
who is gracious and merciful,
slow to anger, and abounding in | steadfast love.

Congregation repeats Lenten Acclamation.

GOSPEL

Matthew 6:16-18

P The holy gospel according to Matthew.

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

[Jesus said to the disciples:] ¹⁶“And whenever you fast, do not look dismal, like the hypocrites, for they disfigure their faces so as to show others that they are fasting. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. ¹⁷But when you fast, put oil on your head and wash your face, ¹⁸so that your fasting may be seen not by others but by your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

P The gospel of the Lord.

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

Sit

SERMON: *Mercy in Ashes*

- I. The Symbol of Repentance: Ashes
- II. The Reason for Repentance: Our Sin
- III. The Reason for Repentance: God’s Mercy
- IV. The Response of Repentance: Today and Continually

Stand

HYMN OF THE DAY: *Savior, When in Dust to You*
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Savior, When in Dust to You

1 Sav-ior, when in dust to you low we bow in hom-age due;
 2 By your help-less in-fant years, by your life of want and tears,
 3 By your hour of dire de-spair, by your ag-o-ny of prayer,
 4 By your deep ex-pir-ing groan, by the sad se-pul-chral stone,

when, re-pen-tant, to the skies scarce we lift our weep-ing eyes;
 by your days of deep dis-tress in the sav-age wil-der-ness,
 by the cross, the nail, the thorn, pierc-ing spear, and tor-tur-ing scorn,
 by the vault whose dark a-bode held in vain the ris-ing God,

oh, by all your pains and woe suf-fered once for us be-low,
 by the dread, mys-te-rious hour of the in-sult-ing tempt-er's pow'r,
 by the gloom that veiled the skies o'er the dread-ful sac-ri-fice,
 oh, from earth to heav'n re-stored, might-y, re-as-cend-ed Lord,

bend-ing from your throne on high, hear our pen-i-ten-tial cry!
 turn, oh, turn a fa-v'ring eye; hear our pen-i-ten-tial cry!
 lis-ten to our hum-ble sigh; hear our pen-i-ten-tial cry!
 bend-ing from your throne on high, hear our pen-i-ten-tial cry!

INVITATION TO LENT

- ☐ Friends in Christ, today with the whole church we enter the time of remembering Jesus' passover from death to life, and our life in Christ is renewed.

We begin this holy season by acknowledging our need for repentance and for God's mercy. We are created to experience joy in communion with God, to love one another, and to live in harmony with creation. But our sinful rebellion separates us from God, our neighbors, and creation, so that we do not enjoy the life our creator intended.

As disciples of Jesus, we are called to a discipline that contends against evil and resists whatever leads us away from love of God and neighbor. I invite you, therefore, to the discipline of Lent—self-examination and repentance, prayer and fasting, sacrificial giving and works of love—strengthened by the gifts of word and sacrament. Let us continue our journey through these forty days to the great Three Days of Jesus' death and resurrection.

CONFESSION OF SIN

- ☐ Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Kneel/Stand

- ☐ **I confess to God Almighty,
before the whole company of heaven,
and to you, my brothers and sisters,
that I have sinned in thought, word, and deed
by my fault,
by my own fault,
by my own most grievous fault;
wherefore I pray God Almighty to have mercy on me,
forgive me all my sins,
and bring me to everlasting life. Amen**

- ☐ The almighty and merciful Lord grant you
pardon, ✝ forgiveness, and remission of all your sins. Amen

Sit

IMPOSITION OF ASHES

People may come forward and kneel to receive the ashes.

Ministers mark the forehead of each person with a cross of ashes, saying:

Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return.

Stand

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

A Almighty and merciful God, we approach your throne of grace today as sinners who require your cleansing.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

A Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love, according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

A Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

A Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

A Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

A Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

A Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

A Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with a willing spirit.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

A Then I will teach transgressors your ways, and sinners will return to you.

C **Lord, grant me your grace both to will and to do what pleases you.**

P All these things we pray in the name of Jesus, who cleanses us from all unrighteousness.

C **Amen.**

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

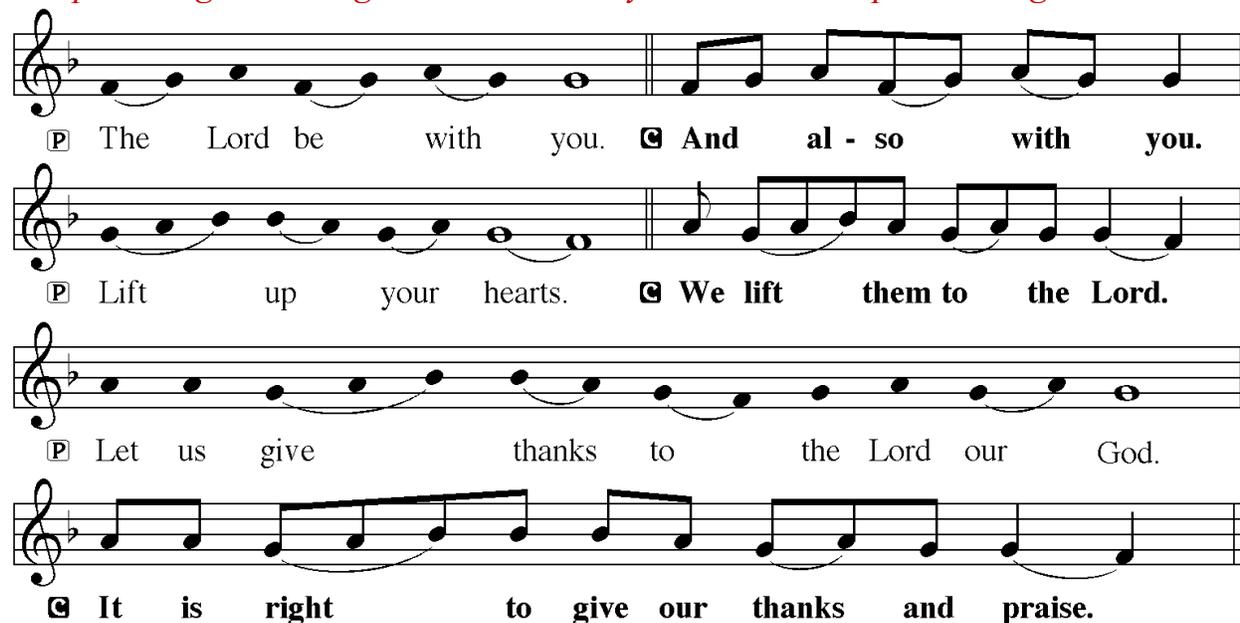
pres-ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re -

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:



Ⓟ The Lord be with you. ☩ And al - so with you.

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

Ⓟ Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

☩ It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The minister continues with the PROPER PREFACE:

Ⓟ 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:

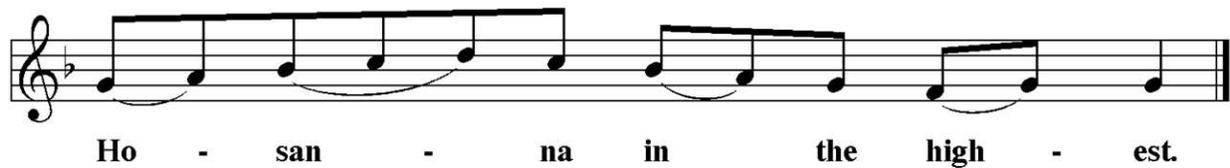


☩ Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:

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.

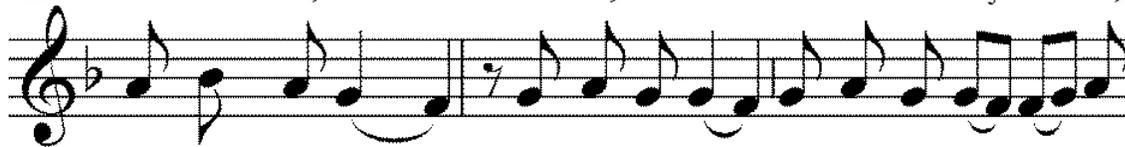
LORD'S PRAYER



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



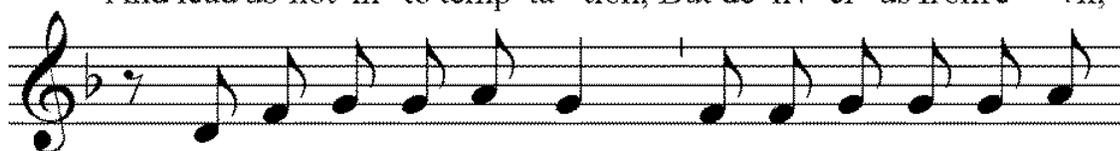
heaven. Give us this day our dai-ly bread; And for-give us



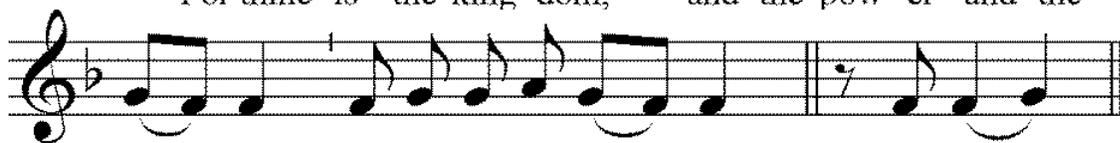
our tres-pass-es, as we for-give those who trespass a-against us;



And lead us not in-to temp-ta-tion, But de-liv-er us frome - 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

Kellianne Bonasera, clarinet

Create in me a clean heart, O Lord, Renew my spirit in the right;
Take not your Spirit from my life, nor cast me out Lord, from your sight.
With your free Spirit, strengthen me, Help me again my joy renew;
The wicked shall I teach Your ways, And sinners shall return to You.
Save me from death and I shall sing Your righteousness through all my days;
Open my lips, my Savior God, My mouth shall then proclaim Your praise.
If sacrifice were Your desire, Lord I would bring it for my part,
But what I bring You will not scorn: A troubled spirit, contrite heart.
Amazing grace – how sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found, Was blind, but now I see!

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Stand

BLESSING AFTER COMMUNION

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

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

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

SENDING

BLESSING (BENEDICTION)



P The Lord bless you and keep you.



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



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



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

DISMISSAL

A Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C 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: *Our Father Who Art in Heaven*

Bach



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Ash Wednesday is the first day of Lent, named for the ancient tradition of placing ashes on the forehead of penitents. Ash Wednesday is the most penitential day of the year.

The mood of this service is penitence and reflection upon the quality of one's faith and life; its goal is to enlist participation in the Lenten discipline which, by its focus upon the mystery of our redemption, should strengthen us by bringing us anew to the gift of our Baptism. The Ash Wednesday liturgy marks the beginning of a penitential discipline which climaxes in the absolution and the peace of the Maundy Thursday liturgy.

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

Worship Assistants:

Ushers: Dick Allebach, Shane Elison, Lila Olsen, Erick Lyaro, Gavin Elison

Greeters: David Judisch, Katie Kerr, and Julianne Fishell

Communion Assistants: Nate Long and Brett Schulz

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The 2022 Congregational Meeting Part 1, scheduled for February 13th will be postponed until April 3rd. Due to the high volume of COVID and the flu, the Vestry thought it was best to postpone the meeting.

The Flowers that Adorn the Altar are given to the glory of God by Phyllis Oehlert in loving memory of husband Paul Oehlert.

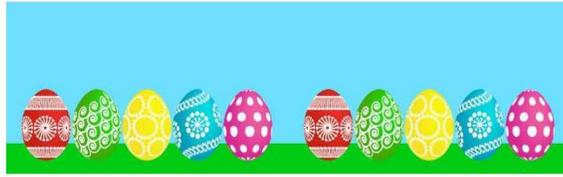
The Sanctuary Candle is given to the glory of God by Jane Whitman in memory of loved ones.

Candle Lamp and Flower Sponsors Needed: Each Sunday, a member or family from the congregation donates flowers for the altar at our worship services. This is a great way to remember or honor someone you love, as well as to honor your commitment to God and to Augustus. After the service, a volunteer delivers the flowers to shut ins or others who could use a lift. (\$45 per week)

Have you ever noticed the candle lamp that hangs over the altar in church? That candle burns constantly to remind us that God is with us. The candle is replaced each week so that we never forget. Thank you to our church family for making sure we are always "lit". (\$6 per week)

If you are interested in participating in the sponsorship of these important parts of our weekly worship, please contact the Parish Administrator at 610-489-9625 or office@augustustrappe.org.

Get Your Sweet Treats Here!!!



Thin mint cookies will be arranged and sold by the dozen.
Peanut butter and coconut creme eggs will be sold by the half pound
and full pound container.

Name: _____

I would like: 1 dz. Thin Mints \$4.00 _____
2 dz. Thin Mints \$8.00 _____

Chocolate PB Eggs _____ ½ pound \$5.00
_____ Pound \$10.00

Coconut Creme Eggs _____ ½ pound \$5.00
_____ Pound \$10.00



I will pick up after the 8 o'clock service _____

I will pick up after the 10 o'clock service _____

Thank you for supporting SHYG

SENIOR HIGH YOUTH GROUP EASTER SWEET TREAT FUNDRAISER

Sunday, April 10th is the delivery date.

Homemade peanut butter and coconut creme eggs.

We also have thin mints cookies.

Delicious!



QUILTING WORKSHOP

Upper Montgomery Conference

Spring Gathering

Southeastern Pennsylvania Synod
of
The Women of The Evangelical
Lutheran Church of America



SATURDAY, MARCH 19, 2022
at
Augustus Lutheran Church
717 West Main Street, Trappe, PA
(610) 489-9625



REGISTRATION AND REFRESHMENTS START AT 9:00 A.M.
PROGRAM BEGINS AT 9:30 A.M.

PROGRAM THEME: Women Serving

'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.' - Matthew 25:40.

We will be doing a brief devotional before a National Quilting Day quilting workshop. We will be tying and pinning quilts, led by the women of Augustus Lutheran Church. No experience is needed. If you can make a square knot, you can do this. Or just come for the fellowship. Upon completion, the quilts will be sent to Lutheran World Relief for the distribution to people less fortunate. All are welcome. Bring a friend!

Children are welcome to attend; however, anyone under the age of 18 must be accompanied by an adult.

WHAT TO BRING:

Each church group is asked to bring a baked good, fruit, or similar refreshment item to share, as well as non-perishable food donations for the Daily Bread Community Food Pantry in Collegeville. Coffee, tea & beverages will be served by the host church.

SAVE THE DATE - June 4, 2022

SOUTHEAST PA SYNOD WOMEN ON THE ELCA 2022 CONVENTION

More details available soon.

AUGUSTUS SPRING TURKEY DINNER / CRAFT & VENDOR FAIR:



As we commence a new calendar year, it is once again time to start looking into the feasibility of the Spring Turkey Dinner event and our commitment to global missionaries. As I am sure that everyone has endured many changes over the past few years, the Turkey Dinner is no exception. Since the success of the event greatly relies on the support of local businesses, the community, the general church congregation, and available resources, the committee is evaluating its feasibility for this year and beyond.

Unfortunately, there are many obstacles for the committee to overcome, which include obtaining cost effective products and supplies, food production with limited equipment, transporting food for 500 guests the day of, and confidence that we have the volunteer working staff to pull off the event. In the past, we have also piggy-backed off of a caterer to help with supplies, food prep, and resources. Unfortunately, this caterer's business did not survive the pandemic. That being said, the committee is currently looking to add 4-6 dedicated people who would be willing to help see this fundraiser through all of its stages, planning, production, the event day, and clean-up, with intense activity during the month of April. Maybe you have resources or connections to culinary expertise. Maybe you can dedicate substantial time during the week prior to the turkey dinner to prepare food. Maybe you have connections to local commercial kitchen resources. There are many complications and logistic issues that the committee feels they can work through, if they have a dedicated congregation, business, and volunteer support behind them. Please prayerfully consider joining the dedicated Turkey Dinner / Craft & Vendor Fair committee by reaching out to Dale O'Hara at oharadvd@aol.com or 610-489-0417 and showing your support. We will need to make a decision about the future of the Turkey Dinner by mid-March.