HOLY COMMUNION Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 9, 2021

8:00 am and 10:30 am

INTRODUCTION TO THE DAY

This Sunday's image of the life the risen Christ shares with us is the image of friendship. We are called to serve others as Jesus came to serve; but for John's gospel, the image of servanthood is too hierarchical, too distant, to capture the essence of life with Christ. Friendship captures the love, the joy, the deep mutuality of the relationship into which Christ invites us. The Greeks believed that true friends are willing to die for each other. This is the mutual love of Christian community commanded by Christ and enabled by the Spirit.

SILENT PRAYER

PRELUDE: *Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee*

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING (ENTRANCE RITE)

Stand

HYMN: *Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee Printed on the next page.*

Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee



CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS (ABSOLUTION)

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism.

- In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
- **G** 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.

G Amen.

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

Kneel/Stand

P Most merciful God,

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.

 In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

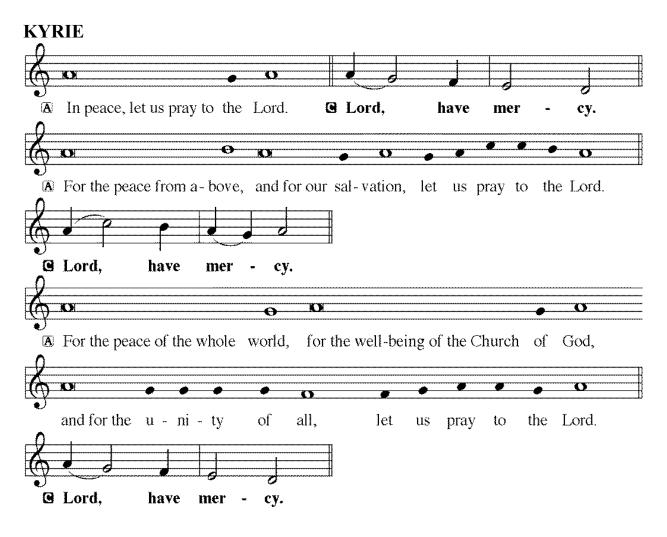
G Amen.

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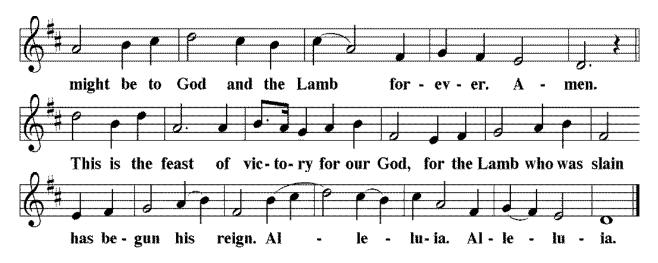
GREETING

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

G And also with you.







PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray.

O God, from whom all good things come: Lead us by the inspiration of your Spirit to think those things which are right, and by your goodness help us to do them; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

G Amen.

Sit

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING Acts 10:44-48 While Peter shares the good news of Jesus with a Gentile soldier and his family, the Holy Spirit comes upon them. Recognizing that the Spirit works inclusively in the lives of both Jews and Gentiles, Peter commands that these Gentiles also be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ.

A reading from Acts.

⁴⁴While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. ⁴⁵The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, ⁴⁶for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, ⁴⁷"Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?" ⁴⁸So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

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

Later service only.

PSALM 98 (The congregation's verses are printed in bold font.) ¹Sing to the LORD a new song, for he has done | marvelous things. ²With his right hand and his | holy arm has he won for him- | self the victory. ³The LORD has made | known his victory; his righteousness has he openly shown in the sight | of the nations. ⁴He remembers his mercy and faithfulness to the | house of Israel, and all the ends of the earth have seen the victory | of our God. ⁵Shout with joy to the LORD, | all you lands; lift up your voice, re- | joice, and sing. ⁶Sing to the LORD with the harp, with the harp and the | voice of song. ⁷With trumpets and the sound | of the horn shout with joy before the | king, the LORD. ⁸Let the sea make a noise and all | that is in it, the lands and those who | dwell therein. ⁹Let the rivers | clap their hands, and let the hills ring out with joy before the LORD, when he comes to judge the earth. ¹⁰In righteousness shall he | judge the world

and the peo- | ples with equity.

SECOND READING

1 John 5:1-6

God's children believe that Jesus is the Messiah and love God by keeping God's commandments. Thus the world is conquered not through military might but through love and faith.

A A reading from First John.

¹Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. ²By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. ³For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, ⁴for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. ⁵Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

⁶This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth.

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

Stand

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

The congregation sings the Acclamation.



The choir sings the First Verse.



Christ being raised from the dead will never | die again; death no longer has dominion | over him.

The congregation repeats the Acclamation.

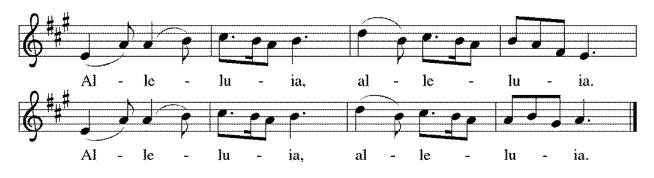


The choir sings the Second Verse.



Those who love me will | keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our | home with them.

The congregation repeats the Acclamation.



GOSPEL

John 15:9-17

On the night of his arrest, Jesus delivers a final testimony to his disciples to help them in the days ahead. Here, he repeats the most important of all his commands, that they love one another.

P The holy gospel according to John.

G Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said:] ⁹"As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. ¹⁰If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. ¹¹I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

¹²"This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. ¹³No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. ¹⁴You are my friends if you do what I command you. ¹⁵I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. ¹⁶You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. ¹⁷I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another."

P The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ. Sit

SERMON

Pastor Weleck

Stand **HYMN OF THE DAY:** *O Lord, We Praise You Printed on the next page.*

O Lord, We Praise You



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

NICENE CREED

- **P** With the whole church, let us confess our faith.
- **G** 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.

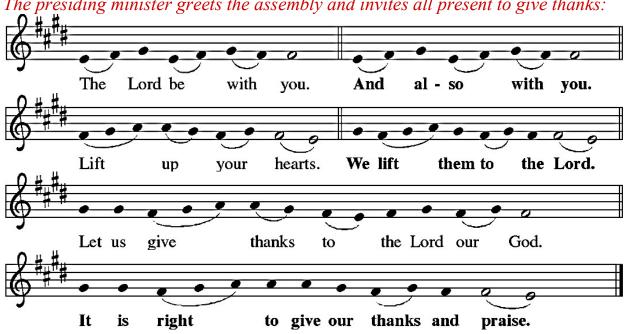
A We pray for the members of our armed forces wherever they serve, and especially when they serve in harm's way, that they might speedily complete their mission and be safely reunited with their loved ones. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

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

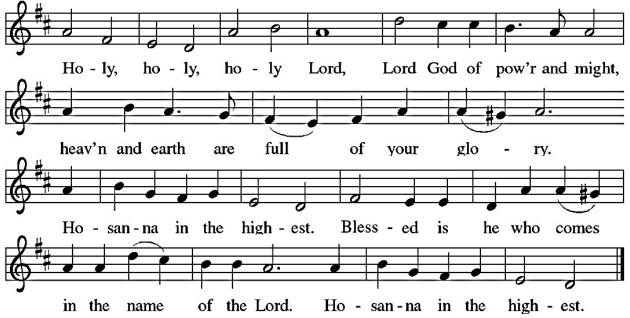
The Offering will be collected in the Narthex as you leave the church. The service continues with the Great Thanksgiving.

LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT OF THE ALTAR **GREAT THANKSGIVING**



The minister continues with the PROPER PREFACE:

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy... Here the minister continues with the P *preface for the day, concluding:* ... we praise your name and join their unending hymn: The assembly sings the SANCTUS:



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

P IN THE NIGHT IN WHICH HE WAS BETRAYED,

OUR LORD JESUS TOOK BREAD, AND GAVE THANKS; BROKE IT, AND GAVE IT TO HIS DISCIPLES, SAYING: TAKE AND EAT; THIS IS MY + BODY, GIVEN FOR YOU. DO THIS FOR THE REMEMBRANCE OF ME.

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

LORD'S PRAYER

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

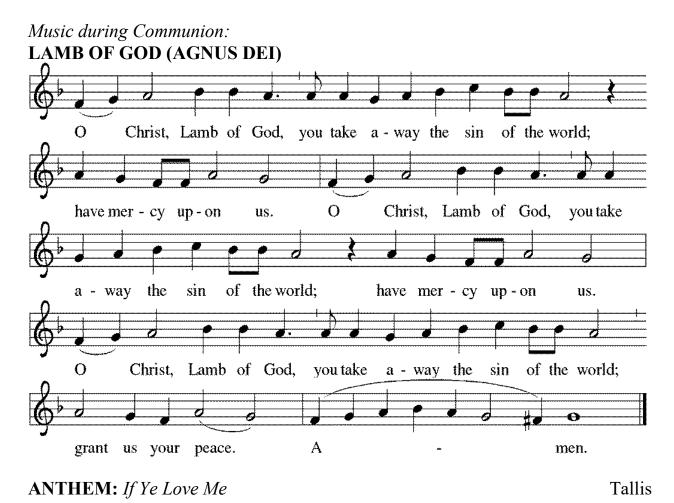
Behold the Lamb of God,
 behold him who takes away the sins of the world.
 Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

 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, the communion ministers say The body of Christ, given for you. and each person may respond Amen.

We Lutherans believe that the Body and Blood of Christ are "truly and substantially" present "in, with, and under" the forms of bread and wine. We invite to the communion all who are baptized and communing in this or another Christian denomination. We welcome children and others who are not communing to come forward for a blessing. At the direction of the ushers, approach the communion station, receive the host in your palm, move to the side and place the host in your mouth, and return to your seat.



Stand

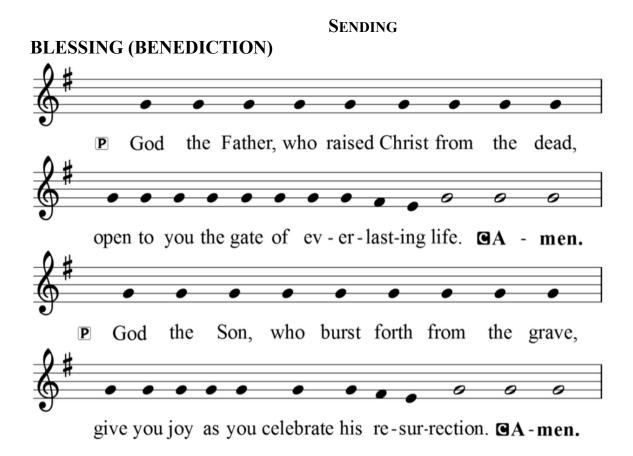
BLESSING AFTER COMMUNION

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

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

 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.

G Amen.





DISMISSAL

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

HYMN: Jesus Loves Me

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Jesus Loves Me!



OFFERING

The offering will be collected as you leave the Church.

POSTLUDE: *Psalm XIX*

Marcello

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The Easter Cycle celebrates the events surrounding our Lord's passion, death, and resurrection. Beginning with Ash Wednesday, the Easter Cycle includes the Lenten season, Holy Week, and the Easter Season. This cycle concludes with the Day of Pentecost, as the culmination of the resurrection through the coming of the Holy Spirit to Christ's followers.

The Paschal Candle, symbolic of our Lord's resurrection, is positioned on the Gospel side of the altar and is lighted at all services during the Easter season (up to and including the Day of Pentecost).

The liturgical color white, symbolic of purity, joy, and the light of Christ, is used on the festivals of Christ. Gold is a more festive version of white.

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We're so glad to see you today!

We hope you are as glad to be back at worship as we are! Please keep in mind that the church, like everywhere else during these careful times, has had to make changes in order to adhere to CDC guidelines. Some of these changes are inconvenient, but we must all do our part to protect ourselves and our church family. Your patience and cooperation are very much appreciated. If you have questions about new policies, please feel free to speak with one of the Vestry ushers.

We will continue to post videos of our services on our web site along with the complete bulletin for those who are unable to join us during this strange time in which we live.

<u>The Church office and all church buildings will remain closed.</u> Please check our web site for opening updates. The Parish Administrator is available during normal office hours via telephone or e-mail.

We are never alone during this stressful time. Jesus walks alongside us every step of the way.

Augustus Re-Opening Information for Parishioners:

- Please stay home if you are sick, feel ill, have a fever, or have been exposed to an individual diagnosed with Covid-19 (Coronavirus) within the last 14 days.
- Please stay home if you are at higher risk of severe illness with COVID19. If you are uncertain about your risk status, please consult your doctor.
- Worship will be held at the usual times: 8:00 AM and 10:30 AM.
- Before entering the Church, please put on your own facemask or cloth covering. (Facemasks will not be provided by Augustus.) Exceptions to wearing a facemask or other covering are "children younger than 2 years old, anyone who has trouble breathing ... and anyone who is incapacitated or otherwise unable to remove the cloth face covering without assistance" (CDC Guidelines).
- Please maintain social distancing guidelines with those people who are not members of your household.
- Due to current restrictions, you will probably not sit in your usual place at worship. Ushers will direct you to your seat, filling the church from the front to back to minimize contact. The only appropriate response to this temporary but necessary change is a patient and loving spirit.
- A complete large print worship bulletin will be given to you by an usher. No hymnals will be used. When leaving the church, please take the bulletin with you or place it in the recycle bin. It cannot be re-used.
- We will sing less than customary at this time. This is an added disappointment for Lutherans, but it is only a temporary restriction.
- Communion will be distributed to you as you come forward at the direction of the ushers. Only the host will be distributed. It will be placed in the palm of your hand. Please keep your mask on and move away from the Pastor. Then remove your mask, place the host in your mouth, and put your mask back on and return to your seat.
- The ushers will dismiss the congregation by rows starting in the back of the church. Please proceed immediately and directly to the exit of the church building.
- The offering will be received as you leave. Please place your offering in one of the receptacles at the door.

Worship Assistants

Vestry Greeters: Janet Stokes, Sherry Jessee, and Shane Elison Ushers: Dick Allebach, Scott Halteman, and Mike Taylor Lectors: 8:00 am: Laurie Mueller 10:30 am: Sonya Sowards Altar Guild: Linda Romano Offering Tabulation: Janet Stokes, Sherry Jessee, and Shane Elison Video Production: Jim Lien

<u>The Flowers that Adorn the Altar in the Brick Church Nave</u> are given to the glory of God by Jennifer, John, Sheri, and Michael in honor of our mother, and John V in honor of his Grammy, Charlotte Wentworth.

<u>The Sanctuary Candle</u> is given to the glory of God by Sara Gerhart in memory of Joyce Pennypacker.

<u>The Worship Bulletins</u> are given to the glory of God and are dedicated in honor of all of the wonderful Mothers of our Congregation. A Happy Mother's Day to all.

<u>Altar Guild Help Wanted:</u> Altar Guild members attend to the altar on Sundays. They change and adjust the paraments, prepare the Holy Communion elements, place and remove the flowers, and a host of other small jobs that are so important to our weekly worship. Are you interested in helping? No experience required! We'll train you! Contact Deb Scholl at <u>Schollde@aol.com</u>.

HELP WANTED

CUB SCOUT/BOY SCOUT CHARTERED ORGANIZATION REPRESENTATIVE (COR)

The Vestry of Augustus Lutheran is looking for an individual over the age of 18 to be a liaison between the Scouts and the Church. Augustus Lutheran is the sponsor for Troop/Pack 87. The responsibilities are as follows:

- 1. Sign forms when needed. This pertains to any leader applications, Pack & Troop Charters, etc.
- 2. Communicate with Pastor and/or the Vestry when there are questions or issues.
- 3. Attend committee and district meetings a couple of times throughout the year.
- 4. Work with Vestry / Pack / Troop regarding clearances and keys.

If you are interested, please contact Gary Wessner, <u>gtwess@comcast.net</u>, for more information. The COR must be a member of the Sponsors organization (Augustus Lutheran Church). Being a past member of the Scouts is not a prerequisite for this position.

Sunday School In-Person Party! On May 23rd join us for our end-of-the-year Pentecost party outside at 11:45 a.m. Again, lots of fun activities and a chance to see each other in person!

Also, don't forget to register for **Vacation Bible School** which begins on June 28th. This will also be an all outdoor event, which allows us

to have some messy fun! Please fill out a different registration for each child. I can't wait to see you all again!

<u>Our all-outdoor Vacation Bible School begins June 28th!</u> VBS will run from 9 a.m. until noon Monday through Thursday and all safety protocols will be followed. See our website for information and registration. Please contact our Director of Christian Education, Sonya Sowards, if you would like to help with VBS.

Geranium Sunday

Flowers can now be ordered for Pentecost!

All members of the Congregation are invited to order Red Geranium Plants as a memorial to or in honor of Loved Ones/Friends to decorate the Church Sanctuary in celebration of Pentecost, May 23, 2021. The Women of ELCA will take responsibility for their planting on church grounds. Please include payment with your order. *Make Checks payable to:* AUGUSTUS FLOWER FUND

Last day to order is May 16, 2021

Mail to: Karen Lachenmayer, 412 Dartmoor Rd., Schwenksville, PA 19473

Phone: 610–287–2827 *E-Mail:* <u>karenlachenmayer@gmail.com</u>

Name:___

<u>Quantity</u>

<u>\$5.00 each</u> <u>Total:</u>

I would like the bulletin acknowledgement to read:



The goal of our Mission Group is to help families improve their everyday lives by making needed improvements and modifi-cations to their homes. At the same time, teaching the teenagers in the group, valuable skills that they can use throughout their lives. The Mission Group includes teenagers, as young as 8th grade, and adults from three churches. We have come together as one group to share this dream with one group to share this dream with

families in need.

BEFORE



installed new metal roof AFTER







2019 Mission Group First United Church of Christ and Trinity Lutheran Church—Quakertown, PA Augustus Lutheran Church—Trappe, PA



2021 One Dream **Mission Team**

7th Annual Golf Outing

Friday June 4, 2021 1:00 P.M. Shot Gun Start

Butter Valley Golf Port 3243 Gehman Road Barto PA

One Dream Mission Team

First UCC & Trinity Lutheran (Quakertown, PA) Augustus Lutheran (Trappe, PA)