## **HOLY COMMUNION**

## **Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

October 12, 2025

8:00 am and 10:30 am

## INTRODUCTION TO THE DAY

It's a miracle! Multiple miracles! The waters of holy baptism have healed us. The body and blood of Jesus in holy communion have made us clean. We have died with Christ and been raised with him. For all this we have returned to offer thanks. From this place we are sent on our way rejoicing to share the good news.

## SILENT PRAYER

**PRELUDE:** "Now Thank We All Our God" BWV 657

J. S. Bach

Now thank we all our God with heart and hands and voices, who wondrous things has done, in whom his world rejoices; who from our mothers' arms has blessed us on our way with countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

GATHERING (ENTRANCE RITE)

Stand

**HYMN:** Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer

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## Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer



## **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.
- 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.
- 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.

#### 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.
- **And also with you.**





## PRAYER OF THE DAY

## **P** Let us pray.

Almighty God, source of every blessing, your generous goodness comes to us anew every day. By the work of your Spirit lead us to acknowledge your goodness, give thanks for your benefits, and serve you in willing obedience; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

#### C Amen.

## Sit

Later service only:

## **CHILDREN'S SERMON**

## LITURGY OF THE WORD

## FIRST READING

2 Kings 5:1-3, 7-15c

Naaman, a Syrian general, suffers from leprosy. In this passage Elisha miraculously cures his illness, but only after Naaman realizes, with the help of his servants, that he also needs healing for his pride. This foreign general then acknowledges the sovereignty of the God of Israel.

## A reading from Second Kings.

<sup>1</sup> Naaman, commander of the army of the king of Aram, was a great man and in high favor with his master because by him the LORD had given victory to Aram. The man, though a mighty warrior, suffered from a skin disease. <sup>2</sup> Now the Arameans on one of their raids had taken a young girl captive from the land of Israel, and she served Naaman's wife. <sup>3</sup> She said to her mistress, "If only my lord were with the prophet who is in Samaria! He would cure him of his skin disease."

<sup>7</sup> When the king of Israel read the letter, he tore his clothes and said, "Am I God, to give death or life, that this man sends word to me to cure a man of his skin disease? Just look and see how he is trying to pick a quarrel with me."

<sup>8</sup> But when Elisha the man of God heard that the king of Israel had torn his clothes, he sent a message to the king, "Why have you torn your clothes? Let him come to me, that he may learn that there is a prophet in Israel." <sup>9</sup> So Naaman came with his horses and chariots and halted at the entrance of Elisha's house. <sup>10</sup> Elisha sent a messenger to him, saying, "Go, wash in the Jordan seven times, and your flesh shall be restored, and you shall be clean." <sup>11</sup> But Naaman became angry and went away, saying, "I thought that for me he would surely come out and stand and call on the name of the LORD his God and would wave his hand over the spot and cure the skin disease! <sup>12</sup> Are not Abana and Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better

than all the waters of Israel? Could I not wash in them and be clean?" He turned and went away in a rage. <sup>13</sup> But his servants approached and said to him, "Father, if the prophet had commanded you to do something difficult, would you not have done it? How much more, when all he said to you was, 'Wash, and be clean'?" <sup>14</sup> So he went down and immersed himself seven times in the Jordan, according to the word of the man of God; his flesh was restored like the flesh of a young boy, and he was clean.

<sup>15a, b, c</sup> Then he returned to the man of God, he and all his company; he came and stood before him and said, "Now I know that there is no God in all the earth except in Israel."

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

Later service only:

**PSALM 111** (*The congregation's verses are in bold face type.*)

- <sup>1</sup> Hallelujah! I will give thanks to the LORD with | my whole heart, in the assembly of the upright, in the | congregation.
- <sup>2</sup> Great are the deeds | of the LORD!

They are studied by all who de- | light in them.

- <sup>3</sup> His work is full of majes- | ty and splendor, and his righteousness en- | dures forever.
- <sup>4</sup>He makes his marvelous works to | be remembered; the LORD is gracious and full | of compassion.
- <sup>5</sup> He gives food to | those who fear him; he is ever mindful | of his covenant.
- <sup>6</sup> He has shown his people the power | of his works in giving them the lands | of the nations.
- <sup>7</sup> The works of his hands are faithful- | ness and justice; all his command- | ments are sure.
- <sup>8</sup> They stand fast forev- | er and ever, because they are done in | truth and equity.
- <sup>9</sup> He sent redemption to his people; he commanded his cove- nant forever; holy and awesome is his name.
- <sup>10</sup> The fear of the LORD is the begin- | ning of wisdom; those who act accordingly have a good understanding. His praise endures forever.

Though Paul is chained as a prisoner, the word of God is never shackled or confined. Timothy is encouraged to proclaim that word of freedom in an honest and upright life as well as in his teaching and preaching.

## **A** reading from Second Timothy.

<sup>8</sup> Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, a descendant of David—that is my gospel, <sup>9</sup> for which I suffer hardship, even to the point of being chained like a criminal. But the word of God is not chained. <sup>10</sup> Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, so that they may also obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus, with eternal glory. <sup>11</sup> The saying is sure:

If we have died with him, we will also live with him;

<sup>12</sup> if we endure, we will also reign with him;

if we deny him, he will also deny us;

<sup>13</sup> if we are faithless, he remains faithful—he cannot deny himself.

- <sup>14</sup>Remind them of this, and warn them before the Lord that they are to avoid wrangling over words, which does no good but only ruins those who are listening. <sup>15</sup>Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved by him, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly explaining the word of truth.
- **A** The word of the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

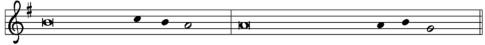
#### Stand

## **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

The congregation sings the Acclamation.



The choir sings the Verse.



Give thanks in all | circumstances;

for this is the will of God in Christ Je- | sus for you.

The congregation repeats the Acclamation.



GOSPEL Luke 17:11-19

Jesus' mission includes making people clean again. Unexpectedly, a Samaritan healed of leprosy becomes a model for those who would praise and worship God and give thanks for God's mercy.

- P The holy gospel according to Luke.
- Glory to you, O Lord.

and Galilee. <sup>12</sup> As he entered a village, ten men with a skin disease approached him. Keeping their distance, <sup>13</sup> they called out, saying, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!" <sup>14</sup> When he saw them, he said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went, they were made clean. <sup>15</sup> Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. <sup>16</sup> He prostrated himself at Jesus's feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. <sup>17</sup> Then Jesus asked, "Were not ten made clean? So where are the other nine? <sup>18</sup> Did none of them return to give glory to God except this foreigner?" <sup>19</sup> Then he said to him, "Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well."

- **P** The gospel of the Lord.
- Praise to you, O Christ.

Sit

**SERMON** Pastor Weleck

#### Stand

Later service only:

**HYMN OF THE DAY:** Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven Printed on the next page.

## Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven



#### Stand

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.
- 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

- With the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.
- 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.
- 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,
- **©** hear our prayer.
- 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.
- 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.

## **PEACE**

- P The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- **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.

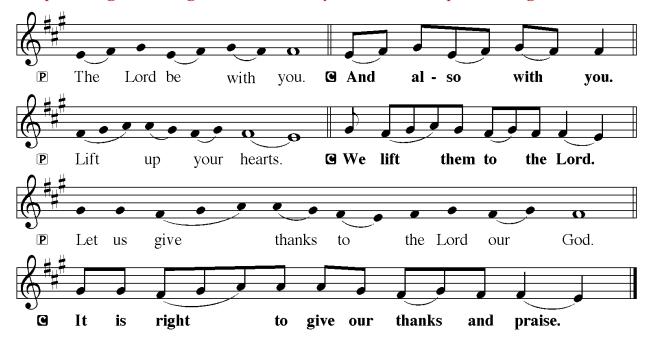
## LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT OF THE ALTAR

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## **GREAT THANKSGIVING**

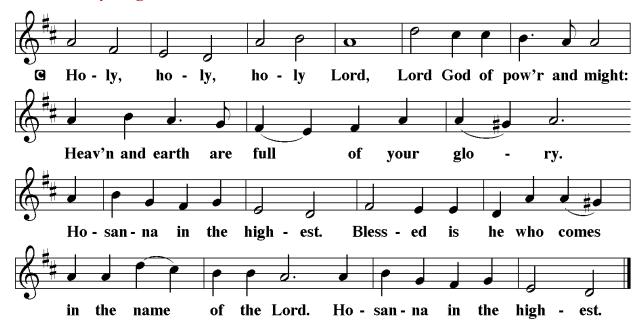
The presiding minister greets the assembly and invites all present to give thanks:



The minister continues with the PROPER PREFACE, 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

- 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.
- 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* 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)



## **COMMUNION ANTHEM:**

"Ten Lepers Facing Constant Scorn"

Thomas Pavlechko

Ten lepers facing constant scorn, Emboldened by their daily plight, Encountered One whose healing touch Was known to put disease to flight. The ten outsiders sought relief: "Have mercy, Master, hear our plea." "Seek out the priests," the Healer said. He knew the walk could set them free. A nameless junction in the road Became a holy turnabout. One awestruck convert spun around And, praising God, began to shout. God gave the space to turn around To all the others on the way, But only one resolved to seize The miracle of grace that day. Would we have stopped, retraced our steps, And then embraced the living Lord Whose word had banished all our sores? What kind of thanks would we afford? God, make of us your living tithes; The first fruits, fit to work for you. Let each be like that one in ten: Transformed and cleansed, restored, made new.

## **COMMUNION VOLUNTARY:**

"When In the Hour of Utmost Need" BWV 641

J. S. Bach

When in the hour of utmost need We know not where to look for aid, When days and nights of anxious thought Nor help or counsel yet have brought. And so we come, O God, today and all our woes before you lay; be with us in our anguish still, free us at last from ev'ry ill.

## 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

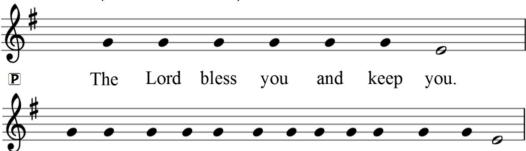
**A** Let us pray.

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)**



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



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



## **DISMISSAL**

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

**HYMN:** Now Thank We All Our God
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## Now Thank We All Our God



The offering will be collected as you leave the Church.

**POSTLUDE:** "Now Thank We All Our God" Op. 65, No. 59

Sigfrid Karg-Elert

All praise and thanks to God the Father now be given, the Son and Spirit blest, who reign in highest heaven the one eternal God, whom heaven and earth adore; for thus it was, is now, and shall be evermore.



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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.



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## Worship Assistants

Ushers: Dick Allebach, Scott Halteman, Shane Elison, and Mike Beattie

Lectors:

8:00 am: Debra Augustine

10:30 am: Lessons: Rebecca Catagnus Prayers: Alanna Jessee

Communion Assistant: Earl Catagnus

Acolyte and Crucifer: Summer Allen and Kaden Menendez

Altar Guild: Debra Augustine, Sally Sweeney, Deb Scholl and Marie Conver

Offering Tabulation: John Kochel, Alison Fishell, and Shane Elison

Video Streaming: Jim Lien, Chilly Lyaro, and Shane Elison

<u>The Choir Music</u> is given to the glory of God in loving memory of Gail Martin by her family and friends.

<u>The Flowers that Adorn the Altar</u> are given to the glory of God by Fred and Gail Bischoff in loving memory of Parents Mr. Henry and Mrs. Marion Shuler, Sr., and brothers Henry Jr. and David Shuler.

<u>The Sanctuary Candle</u> is given to the glory of God by Jean Brunswick in memory of loved ones.

<u>The Worship Bulletins</u> are given to the glory of God by Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Lilienthal and family in thanks for blessings received.

**90th Birthday Celebration**: Dorothy Rieger, a longtime member of Augustus Lutheran Church and a very active member of Augustus' Women of the ELCA, will be turning 90 years young on October 21. Among her many talents that she contributed to Augustus' culture, her legacy consists of being the first co-chair of our Annual Turkey Dinner when this event started 29 years ago!!! Although she has since moved away to Florida, she still is a member of Augustus. Let's help her celebrate this milestone birthday by showering her with cards & photos to show her that we still remember and appreciate her in a way that only Augustus can provide. Her daughter Sharon is asking that all cards and photos be sent to Sharon so that she can bundle & present them all together. Sharon Rieger Winterton's address is as follows:

Dorothy Rieger c/o Sharon Rieger Winterton 2051 Warwick Drive Oldsmar, Florida 34677

We hope that you will prayerfully consider sending her thoughtful birthday wishes for this monumental achievement on behalf of the Augustus Family.

WELCA will accept donations of toys and other items for Gemma Services again this year. Collection boxes will be located in the Muhlenberg Center from November 2 through December 7.

Each year, Gemma creates holiday joy by providing gifts and gift cards to children and families who they accompany across their programs and Martin Luther School. Thanks to the generosity of many friends like Augustus, they are able to help parents who work hard to provide their families with essentials but do not have extra money to buy holiday gifts. They are also able to help children who are residents of their treatment program with holiday gifts while they are away from their families.

You can help make special holiday memories possible! Any gift you provide means a child will have a new toy to unwrap with excitement on Christmas morning. A gift card you donate will help a family buy the perfect present for their child or provide their family with a holiday meal. Most importantly, your generous support is a tangible reminder that every child and every family matters.



## 2025 Augustus Lutheran Church Directory

(first since 2009)

**Dates:** November 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>, 2025 from 2:00 pm to 8:30 pm

Sign Up: Beginning September 14th, after each service

If you are unable to sign up in person, please contact

Tracy Wessner (484-955-8059 / Tracyrinslandwessner@gmail.com)

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Linda Romano (215-498-5600 / Linda.L.Romano@gmail.com)



# Celebrating faith. Connecting families. Sharing hope.

When people enter the doors of our church they are looking for a place to belong. Our directory brings us together to develop new relationships, connect with our own families, and reconnect with those we haven't seen in a while. Join us for this "Connections Event" and be part of what God is doing right here at our church!

**Directory Committee** 

## Connections Event

Our church directory will not be complete without you. Join us to celebrate faith and family with our new church family album.

- Schedule your professional photography session when you stop by the sign-up table at the church
  - If we don't see your name on our list of appointments, you will receive a phone call inviting you to participate.
- Everyone who is photographed by Universal will receive a complimentary 8 x 10 portrait and a directory!
- Universal provides a complete professional portrait studio right here at our church!
   You'll enjoy a variety of poses, backgrounds, portrait sizes, finish and framing options AND have the opportunity to purchase portraits to give to family and friends.



## **Pastor & Staff Appreciation Day**

Today, October 12th, is Pastor Appreciation Day! At Augustus, we are blessed to have a fantastic and talented staff of four dedicated pastors (Pastor Weleck, Pastor Kochenderfer, Pastor Martha Kriebel, and Pastor Howard Kriebel), a Director of Music, Organist, Director of Christian Education, a Parish Administrator, and a sexton on staff. In honor of our pastors and staff, and in celebration of this national event, WELCA and the Outreach committee will be hosting a coffee hour after the 8:00 AM and 10:30 AM services. On behalf of Augustus, each of our staff has received a personal invitation to invite them to the reception. Please be sure to stop by for a quick bite and the opportunity to express your appreciation for all they do, both at Augustus and as community leaders.



# ENJOY TRICK OR TREATING IN A SAFE ENVIRONMENT AT OUR ANNUAL



## **Augustus Lutheran Church**

717 WEST MAIN STREET, TRAPPE

Sat. October 25th, 4 - 6:30 pm

Rain (inside) or Shine

Our youth group and their families will decorate their cars for your entertainment.