

HOLY COMMUNION
Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

October 19, 2025

8:00 am and 10:30 am

INTRODUCTION TO THE DAY

Pray always. Do not lose heart. This is Christ's encouragement in the gospel today. Wrestle with the word. Remember your baptism again and again. Come regularly to Christ's table. Persistence in our every encounter with the divine will be blessed.

SILENT PRAYER

PRELUDE: *"Chorale"*

J. S. Bach

Augustus Handbell Choir

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING (ENTRANCE RITE)

Stand

HYMN: *Jesus Still Lead On*

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Jesus, Still Lead On

1 Je - sus, still lead on, Till our rest be won; And, al-though the
 2 If the way be drear, If the foe be near, Let no faith - less
 3 When we seek re - lief From a long - felt grief, When temp - ta - tions
 4 Je - sus, still lead on, Till our rest be won; Heav'n-ly lead - er,

way be cheer - less, We will fol - low, calm and fear - less;
 fears o'er - take us, Let not faith and hope for - sake us;
 come al - lur - ing Make us pa - tient and en - dur - ing;
 still di - rect us, Still sup - port, con - sole, pro - tect us,

Guide us by your hand To our Fa - ther's land.
 Safe - ly past the foe To our home we go.
 Show us that bright shore Where we weep no more.
 Till we safe - ly stand In our Fa - ther's land.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS (ABSOLUTION)

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

P In the name of the Father, and of the ✝ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen.

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

Kneel/Stand

P Most merciful God,

C we confess that we are captive to sin
and cannot free ourselves.

We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done
and by what we have left undone.

We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us.

Forgive us, renew us, and lead us,
so that we may delight in your will
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your holy name.

Amen.

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

C Amen.

Stand

GREETING

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

C And also with you.

CANTICLE OF PRAISE (GLORIA IN EXCELSIS DEO)



A Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



C Lord God, heav-en-ly king, al-might-y God and Fa-ther:



We wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo-ry.



Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God:



You take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



You are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther; re-ceive our prayer.



For you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,



you a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it,



in the glo-ry of God the Fa-ther. A-men

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray.
Almighty and everlasting God, in Christ you have revealed your glory among the nations. Preserve the works of your mercy, that your Church throughout the world may persevere with steadfast faith in the confession of your name; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen.

Sit

Later service only:

CHILDREN'S SERMON

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

Genesis 32:22-31

Returning to the home he had fled many years before after stealing his brother's birthright and his father's blessing, Jacob wrestles all night long with a divine adversary who ultimately blesses him and changes his name to "Israel," a name that means "he wrestles with God."

A A reading from Genesis.

²² The same night [Jacob] got up and took his two wives, his two maids, and his eleven children and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. ²³ He took them and sent them across the stream, and likewise everything that he had. ²⁴ Jacob was left alone, and a man wrestled with him until daybreak. ²⁵ When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he struck him on the hip socket, and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. ²⁶ Then he said, "Let me go, for the day is breaking." But Jacob said, "I will not let you go, unless you bless me." ²⁷ So he said to him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Jacob." ²⁸ Then the man said, "You shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with humans and have prevailed." ²⁹ Then Jacob asked him, "Please tell me your name." But he said, "Why is it that you ask my name?" And there he blessed him. ³⁰ So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, "For I have seen God face to face, yet my life is preserved." ³¹ The sun rose upon him as he passed Penuel, limping because of his hip.

A The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Later service only:

PSALM 121 (*The congregation's verses are in bold face type.*)

- ¹ I lift up my eyes | to the hills;
from where is my | help to come?
- ² **My help comes | from the LORD,**
the maker of heav- | en and earth.
- ³ He will not let your | foot be moved
and he who watches over you will not | fall asleep.
- ⁴ **Behold, he who keeps watch | over Israel**
shall neither slum- | ber nor sleep;
- ⁵ the LORD himself watches | over you;
the LORD is your shade at | your right hand,
- ⁶ **so that the sun shall not strike | you by day,**
nor the | moon by night.
- ⁷ The LORD shall preserve you | from all evil;
it is he who shall | keep you safe.
- ⁸ **The LORD shall watch over your going out and your | coming in,**
from this time forth for- | evermore.

SECOND READING

2 Timothy 3:14 - 4:5

The writer of this letter continues his instruction of Timothy, his younger colleague in ministry, by emphasizing the importance of faithful teaching despite opposition.

A A reading from Second Timothy.

¹⁴ But as for you, continue in what you have learned and firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it ¹⁵ and how from childhood you have known sacred writings that are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus.

¹⁶ All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, ¹⁷ so that the person of God may be proficient, equipped for every good work.

^{4:1} In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I solemnly urge you:

² proclaim the message; be persistent whether the time is favorable or unfavorable; convince, rebuke, and encourage with the utmost patience in teaching. ³ For the

time is coming when people will not put up with sound teaching, but, having their ears tickled, they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own desires

⁴ and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander away to myths. ⁵ As for

you, be sober in everything, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully.

A The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

The congregation sings the Acclamation.



The choir sings the Verse.



The word of God is liv-¹ing and active,
able to judge the thoughts and intentions¹ of the heart.

The congregation repeats the Acclamation.



GOSPEL

Luke 18:1-8

Jesus tells a parable of an unjust judge who is worn down by a widow's pleas. Jesus is calling God's people to cry out for justice and deliverance. For if an unethical judge will ultimately grant the plea of a persistent widow, how much more will God respond to those who call.

P The holy gospel according to Luke.

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

¹ Then Jesus told them a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart. ² He said, "In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor had respect for people. ³ In that city there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, 'Grant me justice against my accuser.' ⁴ For a while he refused, but later he said to himself, 'Though I have no fear of God and no respect for anyone, ⁵ yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice, so that she may not wear me out by continually coming.' " ⁶ And the Lord said, "Listen to what the unjust judge says. ⁷ And will not God grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long in helping them? ⁸ I tell you, he will quickly grant justice to them. And yet, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?"

P The gospel of the Lord.

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

Sit

SERMON

Pastor Weleck

Stand

Later service only:

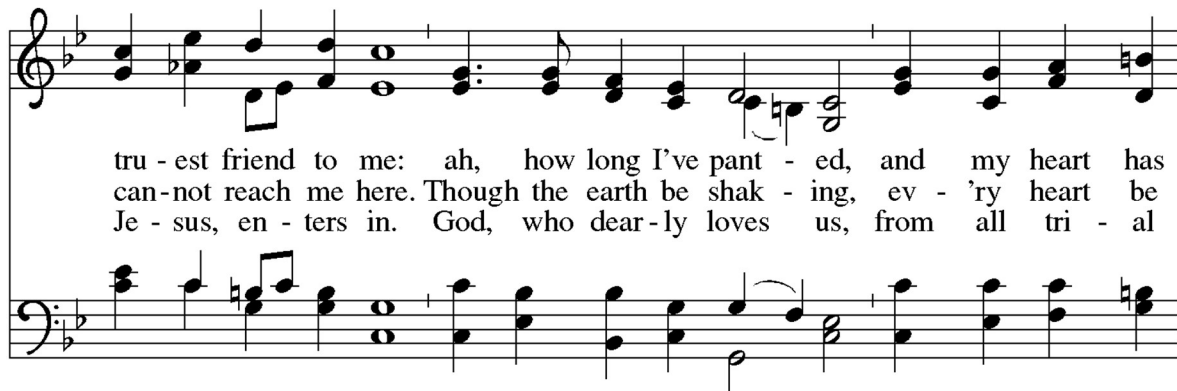
HYMN OF THE DAY: *Jesus, Priceless Treasure*

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Jesus, Priceless Treasure



1 Je - sus, price-less trea - sure, source of pur - est plea - sure,
2 In thine arm I rest me; foes who would mo - lest me
3 Hence, all fears and sad - ness, for the Lord of glad - ness,



tru - est friend to me: ah, how long I've pant - ed, and my heart has
can-not reach me here. Though the earth be shak - ing, ev - 'ry heart be
Je - sus, en - ters in. God, who dear-ly loves us, from all tri - al



faint - ed, thirst - ing, Lord, for thee! Thine I am, O spot - less Lamb;
quak - ing, Je - sus calms my fear. Light-nings flash and thun - ders crash;
saves us, gives sweet peace with-in. I have borne this world - ly scorn;



no - thing in this world can hide thee, naught I ask be-side thee.
yet, though sin and hell as - sail me, Je - sus will not fail me.
still in thee lies pur - est plea - sure: Je - sus, price-less trea - sure!

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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

☐ 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

- A** With the whole people of God in Christ Jesus,
let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.
- A** We pray for the church, for its pastors and other ministers, for the newly
baptized, for all the faithful, for this congregation here gathered, and for our
growth in grace.
Lord, in your mercy,
C **hear our prayer.**
- A** We pray for all nations, for all rulers, legislators, and judges, for an increase
of justice in our lands, and for all who work for peace among nations and
among peoples.
Lord, in your mercy,
C **hear our prayer.**
- A** We pray for all in any need, for the hungry and the homeless, for victims of
war and injustice, for prisoners, for all who suffer in mind, body, or spirit,
for the sick and infirm, for all with incurable illness, and for all who this day
will die. We pray especially for those we name in the silence of our hearts...
Lord, in your mercy,
C **hear our prayer.**
- A** We pray for the members of our armed forces wherever they serve, and
especially when they serve in harm's way, that they might speedily complete
their mission and be safely reunited with their loved ones.
Lord, in your mercy,
C **hear our prayer.**
- P** Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray,
trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.
C **Amen.**

PEACE

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

*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

The Offering will be collected in the Narthex as you leave the church.

OFFERTORY

Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right

spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your

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

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

and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

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

P The Lord be with you. **C** And al - so with you.

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

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The minister continues with the PROPER PREFACE, concluding:

...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

The assembly sings the SANCTUS:

C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might:
Heav'n 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. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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.

C **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.

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

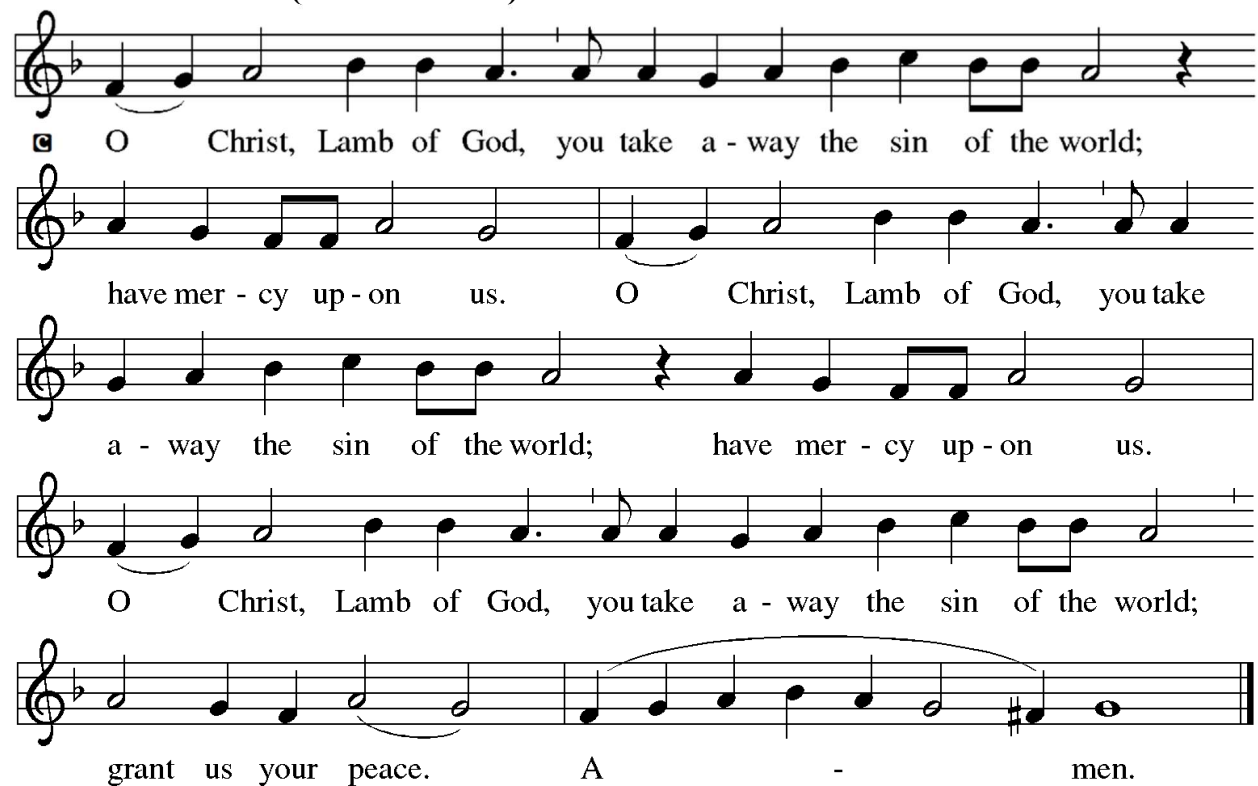
When giving the bread and cup, the communion ministers say

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



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

COMMUNION ANTHEM: “*Lord, You Have Searched Me Out and Known Me*”
David Hurd

Ali Backlund, flute

Refrain: *Lord, you have searched me out and known me.*

*You know my sitting down and my rising up; you discern my thoughts from afar.
You trace my journeys and my resting-places and are acquainted with all my ways.*

Refrain.

*Indeed, there is not a word on my lips, but you, O Lord, know it altogether.
You press upon me behind and before and lay your hand upon me.*

Refrain.

*Where can I go then from your Spirit? Where can I flee from your presence?
If I climb up to heaven, you are there; if I make the grave my bed, you are there
also.*

Refrain.

*If I take the wings of the morning and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea, even
there your hand will lead me and your right hand hold me fast.*

Refrain

COMMUNION VOLUNTARY: “*Jesus, Still Lead On*”
Paul Manz

*Jesus, still lead on, Till our rest be won;
And, although the way be cheerless, We will follow, calm and fearless;
Guide us by thy hand To our fatherland.*

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: *What a Friend We Have in Jesus*

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What a Friend We Have in Jesus



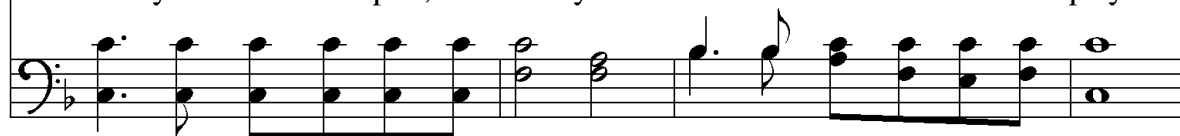
1 What a friend we have in Je - sus, all our sins and griefs to bear!
2 Have we tri - als and temp - ta - tions? Is there trou - ble an - y - where?
3 Are we weak and heav - y - lad - en, cum - bered with a load of care?



What a priv - i - lege to car - ry ev - 'ry - thing to God in prayer!
We should nev - er be dis - cour - aged— take it to the Lord in prayer.
Pre - cious Sav - ior, still our ref - uge— take it to the Lord in prayer.



Oh, what peace we of - ten for - feit; oh, what need - less pain we bear—
Can we find a friend so faith - ful who will all our sor - rows share?
Do your friends de - spise, for - sake you? Take it to the Lord in prayer.



all be - cause we do not car - ry ev - 'ry - thing to God in prayer!
Je - sus knows our ev - 'ry weak - ness— take it to the Lord in prayer.
In his arms he'll take and shield you; you will find a so - lace there.



OFFERING

The offering will be collected as you leave the Church.

POSTLUDE: “*What a Friend We Have in Jesus*”

William Bolcom

*What a friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry everything to God in prayer!
O what peace we often forfeit, O what needless pain we bear,
all because we do not carry everything to God in prayer!*



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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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Ushers: Scott Halteman, Dick Allebach, Joe Cooney, and Mike Beattie

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8:00 am: Debra Augustine

10:30 am: Lessons: Sherry Jessee Prayers: Cheryl Camuso

Communion Assistant: Gary Wessner

Acolyte and Crucifer: Gavin Strassinski and Cora Van Alstine

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

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

The Flowers that Adorn the Altar are given to the glory of God in loving memory of Norman Holcombe by the Holcombe family.

The Center Vase Flowers that Adorn the Altar are given to the glory of God by Marcia Erhart in loving memory of Joe Dildine.

The Sanctuary Candle is given to the glory of God by in honor of Charlotte Wentworth and Dot Opperman, our Sponsorship Coordinators.

The Worship Bulletins are given to the glory of God by Sally Weicheld Sweeney in honor of son, Douglas, and grandson Eri, and in memory of father, Richard Weicheld.

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:

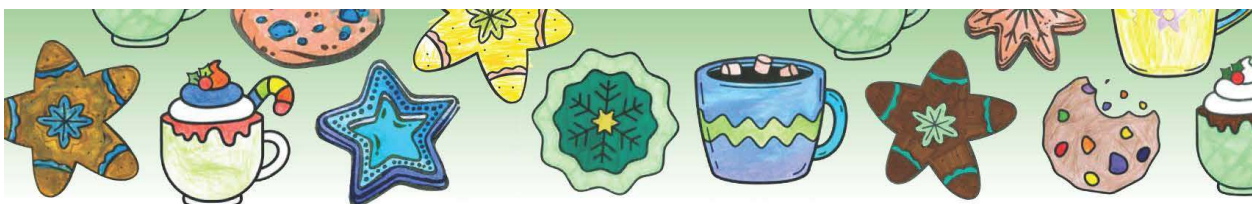
Dorothy Rieger
c/o Sharon Rieger Winterton
2051 Warwick Drive
Oldsmar, Florida 34677

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.***



ENJOY TRICK OR TREATING IN A SAFE ENVIRONMENT
AT OUR ANNUAL

TRUNK OR TREAT



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.**

2025 Augustus Lutheran Church Directory
(first since 2009)

Dates: November 10th and 11th, 2025 from 2:00 pm to 8:30 pm

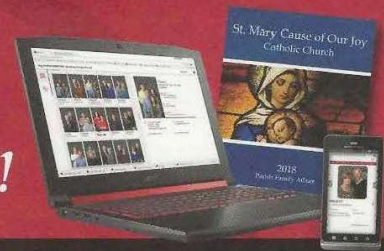
Sign Up: Beginning September 14th, after each service

If you are unable to sign up in person, please contact
Tracy Wessner (484-955-8059 / Tracyrinslandwessner@gmail.com)

Or

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

*Dear Church family,
It's time for a New Directory!*



*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.

