HOLY COMMUNION Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

August 31, 2025 9:30 am

INTRODUCTION TO THE DAY

Invited and inviting—that is the nature of the church. By God's grace in holy baptism we have a place at Christ's banquet table. When, by the power of that same Spirit, humility and mutual love continue among us, the church can be more inviting still.

SILENT PRAYER

PRELUDE: "Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness" BWV 654

J. S. Bach

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING (ENTRANCE RITE)

Stand

HYMN: Come, Let Us Join Our Cheerful Songs
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Come, Let Us Join Our Cheerful Songs



HOLY BAPTISM

PRESENTATION

In baptism our gracious heavenly Father frees us from sin and death by joining us to the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. We are born children of a fallen humanity; by water and the Holy Spirit we are reborn children of God and made members of the church, the body of Christ. Living with Christ and in the communion of saints, we grow in faith, love, and obedience to the will of God.

Sponsors for the candidate present the candidate:

I present Giovanni Joseph Branch for baptism.

The presiding minister addresses parents or others who bring for baptism children who are not able to answer for themselves:

P Called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have your child baptized into Christ?

Response:

I do.

The presiding minister continues:

As you bring your child to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities: to live with him among God's faithful people, bring him to the word of God and the holy supper, teach him the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments, place in his hands the holy scriptures, and nurture him in faith and prayer, so that your child may learn to trust God, proclaim Christ through word and deed, care for others and the world God made, and work for justice and peace.

Do you promise to help your child grow in the Christian faith and life?

Response:

I do.

The presiding minister addresses sponsors:

Sponsors, do you promise to nurture this person in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help him live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church?

Response:

I do.

The presiding minister addresses the assembly:

- People of God, do you promise to support Giovanni Joseph and pray for him in his new life in Christ?
- We do.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

The presiding minister addresses the candidate for baptism as well as the parents and sponsors of young children.

- I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.
- **P** Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God? *Response*:
- I renounce them.
- P Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

Response:

- I renounce them.
- Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

Response:

I renounce them.

The presiding minister addresses the candidate and the assembly.

- **P** Do you believe in God the Father?
- **G** I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.
- **P** Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?
- 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.

- **P** Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?
- 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.

THANKSGIVING AT THE FONT

Water may be poured into the font before or during the thanksgiving. At the font, the presiding minister begins the thanksgiving:

- **P** The Lord be with you.
- **And also with you.**
- P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- **G** It is right to give our thanks and praise.
- We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight. Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family, and through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection you set us free from the power of sin and death and raise us up to live in you.

Pour out your Holy Spirit, the power of your living Word, that those who are washed in the waters of baptism may be given new life. To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

C Amen.

BAPTISM

The presiding minister baptizes the candidate. The candidate is immersed into the water, or water is poured on the candidate's head, as the presiding minister says:

P Giovanni Joseph, I baptize you in the name of the Father,

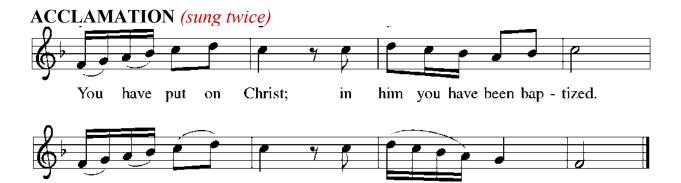
The candidate is immersed or water is poured on the candidate's head a second time:

and of the Son,

The candidate is immersed or water is poured on the candidate's head a third time:

and of the Holy Spirit.

G Amen.



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P Let us pray.

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We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your daughters and sons new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life.

Laying both hands on the head of the newly baptized, the minister prays for him:

Sustain Giovanni Joseph with the gift of your Holy Spirit:

the spirit of wisdom and understanding,

the spirit of counsel and might,

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the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord,

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the spirit of joy in your presence,

both now and forever.

C Amen.

The presiding minister marks the sign of the cross on the forehead of the baptized. Oil prepared for this purpose may be used. As the sign of the cross is made, the minister says:

- Giovanni Joseph, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.
- C Amen.

WELCOME

A lighted candle may be given to the newly baptized (to a sponsor of a young child) as a representative of the congregation says:

Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

The ministers and the baptismal group face the assembly. A representative of the congregation leads the assembly in the welcome.

- **A** Let us welcome the newly baptized.
- We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.

Those who have gathered at the font may return to their places.

The service continues with the prayers of intercession, or, if baptism has taken place in the gathering rite, with the greeting.

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.
 - O God, we thank you for your Son who chose the path of suffering for the sake of the world. Humble us by his example, point us to the path of obedience, and give us strength to follow his commands; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.
- **G** Amen.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING Proverbs 25:6-7

The book of Proverbs is part of a collection of writings known as wisdom literature. Wisdom literature gave directions to Israel's leaders and people for the conduct of daily life. Today's reading is about humility.

- **A** A reading from Proverbs.
 - ⁶ Do not put yourself forward in the king's presence or stand in the place of the great;
 - ^{7a} for it is better to be told, "Come up here," than to be put lower in the presence of a noble.
- **A** The word of the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

Later service only:

PSALM 112 (The congregation's verses are in bold face type.)

- ¹ Hallelujah! Happy are they who | fear the Lord and have great delight in | his commandments!
- ² Their descendants will be mighty | in the land; the generation of the upright | will be blessed.
- ³ Wealth and riches will be | in their house, and their righteousness will | last forever.
- ⁴ Light shines in the darkness | for the upright; the righteous are merciful and full | of compassion.
- ⁵ It is good for them to be gener- ous in lending and to manage their af- fairs with justice.
- ⁶ For they will nev- | er be shaken;

the righteous will be kept in everlast- ing remembrance.

- ⁷ They will not be afraid of any | evil rumors; their heart is right; they put their trust | in the LORD.
- ⁸ Their heart is established and | will not shrink, until they see their desire up- | on their enemies.
- ⁹ They have given freely | to the poor, and their righteousness stands fast forever; they will hold up their | head with honor.
- ¹⁰ The wicked will see it and be angry; they will gnash their teeth and | pine away;

the desires of the wick- | ed will perish.

The conclusion of the letter to the Hebrews contains suggestions for the conduct of a holy life, all of which are shaped by God's love toward us in Jesus Christ.

A reading from Hebrews.

¹ Let mutual love continue. ² Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. ³ Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them; those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured. ⁴ Let marriage be held in honor by all, and let the marriage bed be kept undefiled; for God will judge fornicators and adulterers. ⁵ Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have; for he has said, "I will never leave you or forsake you." ⁶ So we can say with confidence,

"The Lord is my helper;

I will not be afraid.

What can anyone do to me?"

⁷Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. ⁸ Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. ¹⁵ Through him, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name. ¹⁶ Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

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

Stand

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL Luke 14:1, 7-14

Jesus observes guests jockeying for position at the table. He uses the opportunity to teach his hearers to choose humility rather than self-exaltation. Jesus also makes an appeal for hosts to imitate God's gracious hospitality to those in need.

P The holy gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹ On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the sabbath, they were watching him closely.

⁷ When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honor, he told them a parable. ⁸ "When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honor, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host; ⁹ and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, 'Give this person your place,' and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. ¹⁰ But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, 'Friend, move up higher'; then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. ¹¹ For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted."

¹² He said also to the one who had invited him, "When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbors, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. ¹³ But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. ¹⁴ And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous."

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

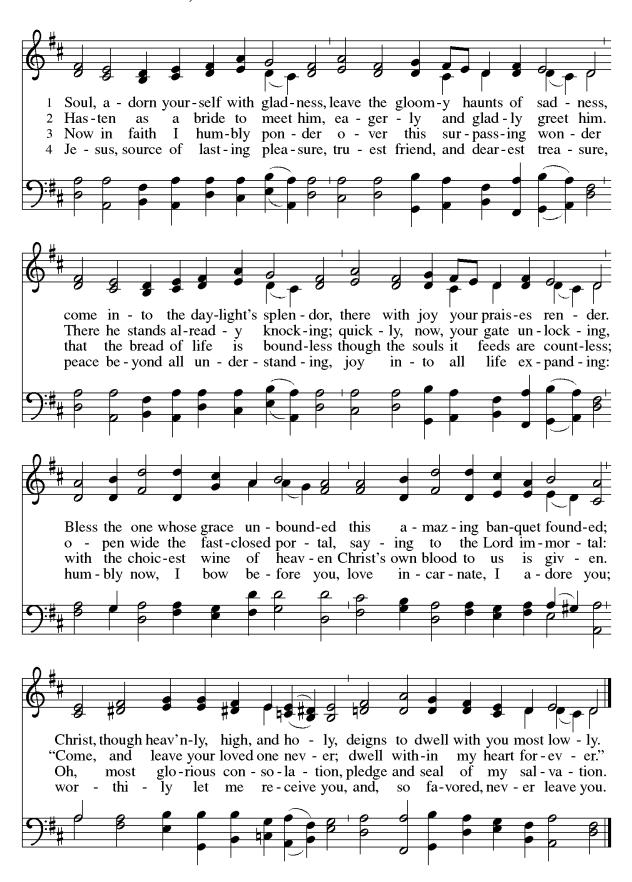
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SERMON Pastor Weleck

Stand

HYMN OF THE DAY: Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness Printed on the next page.

Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness



Stand

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,
- **C** 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

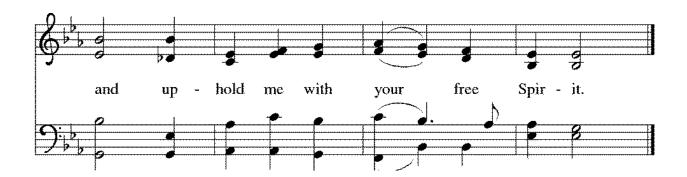
- P The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- **C** And also with you.

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

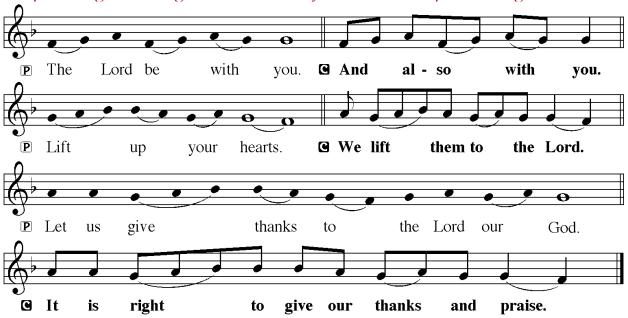
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GREAT THANKSGIVING

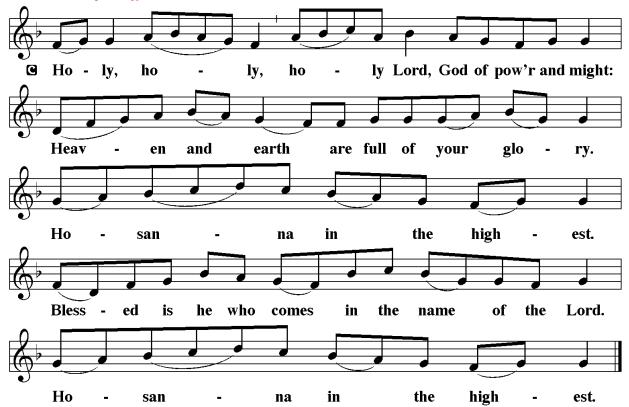
The presiding minister greets the assembly and invites all present to give thanks:



The minister continues with the PROPER PREFACE:

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:



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.
- 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.

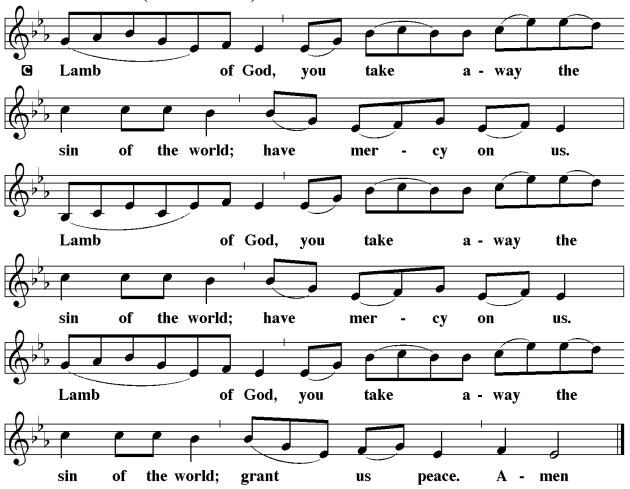
and each person may respond

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)



MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

"Dearest Jesus, We Are Here" BWV 731 "Dearest Jesus, We Are Here"

J. S. Bach Paul Manz

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

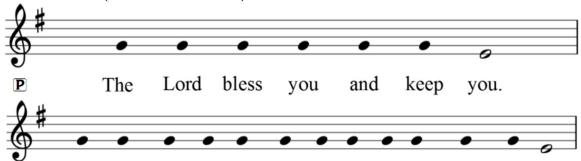
A Let us pray.

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.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

HYMN: Praise the Lord! O Heavens

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Praise the Lord! O Heavens



OFFERING

The offering will be collected as you leave the Church.

POSTLUDE: "Festal Flourish" Gordon Jacob

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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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Video Streaming: Jim Lien and Chilly Lyaro

The Flowers that Adorn the Altar are given to the glory of God by Jim Lien in honor of daughter Jenni's birthday.

<u>The Sanctuary Candle</u> is given to the glory of God by Jim and Sally Lorah for all the blessings in our 68 years of marriage.

<u>The Worship Bulletins</u> are given to the glory of God by Mrs. LaVonne Johnson in loving memory of her father, Elmer Stonefelt, on his birthday.



We're looking forward to the start of our Sunday school year *on September* 14th at 9 a.m.! If your family is in Augustus' database, your children are already registered for Sunday school; however, if you're not sure and would like to make sure we have all the correct information, please scan this QR code and fill out the registration form. We hope to see all Augustus children aged 3 through 6th grade in Sunday school this year!

We can't do Sunday school without teachers, and we'd love to add some new teachers when our Sunday school resumes in the fall. Augustus requires two teachers in each classroom so the more teachers we have, the more we can cater to the needs of each age group. You can teach every single Sunday or just sometimes. You can prepare lesson plans and activities like crafts or science projects or just be an extra pair of hands in the room. We welcome anyone who has a lot or a little time to give to our children—and the free snacks are a bonus! Please let Sonya Sowards know ASAP if you would like to be a part of our Sunday school team (education@augustustrappe.org or call/text 904-476-4409). Clearances are required but Sonya can help you obtain them.





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)

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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.



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 cochair 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.

