HOLY COMMUNION

Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost

November 9, 2025

8:00 am and 10:30 am

INTRODUCTION TO THE DAY

We worship on the first day of the week because Jesus was raised on that day. Every Sunday is a little Easter. This Sunday feels more like Easter than many as the appointed texts celebrate the reality of the resurrection. Live it up this Lord's day. Our God is the God of the living.

SILENT PRAYER

PRELUDE:

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.

Stir up, O Lord, the wills of your faithful people to seek more eagerly the help you offer, that, at the last, they may enjoy the fruit of salvation; through our Lord Jesus Christ.

C Amen.

Sit

Later service only:

CHILDREN'S SERMON

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING Job 19:23-27a

Job suffers the loss of children, wealth, and health. Accused by his companions of wrongdoing, he knows himself to be innocent. Here, in the midst of his suffering, Job clings to the radical hope that his vindicator, his redeemer, lives; and that one day he himself will see God.

- A reading from Job.
 - O that my words were written down!
 O that they were inscribed in a book!
 - ²⁴O that with an iron pen and with lead they were engraved on a rock forever!
 - ²⁵ For I know that my vindicator lives and that in the end he will stand upon the earth;
 - ²⁶ and after my skin has been destroyed, then in my flesh I shall see God,
 - ^{27a} whom I shall see on my side, and my eyes shall behold, and not another."
- A The word of the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

Later service only:

PSALM 17:1-9 (*The congregation's verses are in bold face type.*)

- ¹ Hear my plea of innocence, O LORD; give heed | to my cry; listen to my prayer, which does not come from | lying lips.
- ² Let my vindication come forth | from your presence; let your eyes be | fixed on justice.
- ³ Weigh my heart, summon | me by night, melt me down; you will find no impurit- | y in me.
- ⁴ I give no offense with my mouth as | others do; I have heeded the words | of your lips.
- ⁵ My footsteps hold fast to the ways | of your law; in your paths my feet | shall not stumble.
- ⁶ I call upon you, O God, for you will | answer me; incline your ear to me and | hear my words.
- ⁷ Show me your marvelous | lovingkindness,
 - O Savior of those who take refuge at your right hand from those who rise | up against them.
- ⁸ Keep me as the apple | of your eye; hide me under the shadow | of your wings,
- ⁹ from the wicked | who assault me, from my deadly enemies | who surround me.

SECOND READING

2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17

This portion of the letter provides encouragement for the church at Thessalonica during a time of confusion and opposition, as some allowed their concern over Jesus' imminent return to divert them from the central teachings of the gospel.

A reading from Second Thessalonians.

¹ As to the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our being gathered together to him, we beg you, brothers and sisters, ² not to be quickly shaken in mind or alarmed, either by spirit or by word or by letter, as though from us, to the effect that the day of the Lord is already here. ³ Let no one deceive you in any way, for that day will not come unless the rebellion comes first and the lawless one is revealed, the one destined for destruction. ⁴ He opposes and exalts himself above every so-called god or object of worship, so that he takes his seat in the temple of God, declaring himself to be God. ⁵ Do you not remember that I told you these things when I was still with you?

¹³ But we must always give thanks to God for you, brothers and sisters beloved by the Lord, because God chose you as the first fruits for salvation through sanctification by the Spirit and through belief in the truth. ¹⁴ For this purpose he called you through our gospel, so that you may obtain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. ¹⁵ So then, brothers and sisters, stand firm and hold fast to the traditions that you were taught by us, either by word of mouth or by our letter.

¹⁶ Now may our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and through grace gave us eternal comfort and good hope, ¹⁷ comfort your hearts and strengthen them in every good work and word.

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

Stand

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

The congregation sings the Acclamation.



The choir sings the Verse.



Jesus Christ is the firstborn | of the dead;* to him be glory and dominion forev- | er and ever.

The congregation repeats the Acclamation.



GOSPEL Luke 20:27-38

Some Sadducees, who do not believe in the resurrection of the dead, try to trap Jesus. They formulate the convoluted case of a serial widow who marries a succession of seven brothers. Jesus responds by teaching about God to whom all are alive and in whom all relationships are fulfilled.

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

²⁷ Some Sadducees, those who say there is no resurrection, came to [Jesus] ²⁸ and asked him a question: "Teacher, Moses wrote for us that if a man's brother dies leaving a wife but no children, the man shall marry the widow and raise up children for his brother. ²⁹ Now there were seven brothers; the first married a woman and died childless; ³⁰ then the second ³¹ and the third married her, and so in the same way all seven died childless. ³² Finally the woman also died. ³³ In the resurrection, therefore, whose wife will the woman be? For the seven had married her."

³⁴ Jesus said to them, "Those who belong to this age marry and are given in marriage, ³⁵ but those who are considered worthy of a place in that age and in the resurrection from the dead neither marry nor are given in marriage. ³⁶ Indeed, they cannot die anymore, because they are like angels and are children of God, being children of the resurrection. ³⁷ And the fact that the dead are raised Moses himself showed, in the story about the bush, where he speaks of the Lord as the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob. ³⁸ Now he is God not of the dead but of the living, for to him all of them are alive."

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

Sit

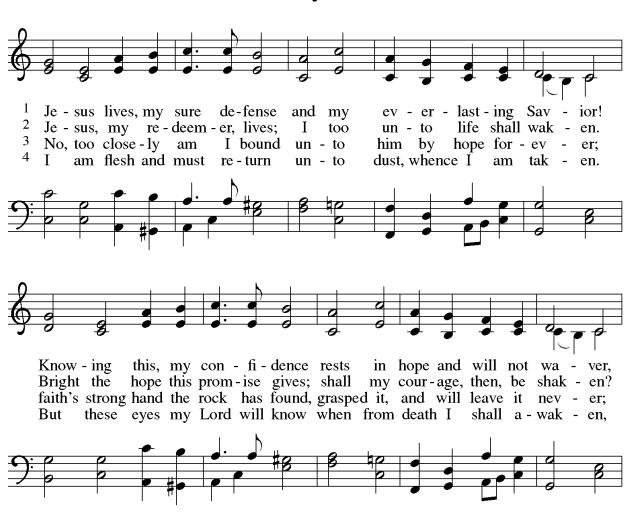
SERMON Pastor Weleck

Stand

Later service only:

HYMN OF THE DAY: Jesus Lives, My Sure Defense Printed on the next page.

Jesus Lives, My Sure Defense



though the night of death be fraught still with man-y an anx - ious thought. Shall fear then? Can the head rise and leave his mem-bers dead? from its Lord the trust-ing heart. ven death now can - not part a - bide glo - ry, with Sav - ior to in his his side.



- 5 Then take comfort and rejoice for his people Christ will cherish. Fear not, you will hear his voice; dying, you will never perish; for the very grave is stirred when the trumpet's blast is heard.
- 6 Here on earth, then, let your hearts rise from longings vain and hollow. Seek what Christ your Lord imparts while you in his footsteps follow. As you now still wait to rise, set your hearts beyond the skies!

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.
- **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.

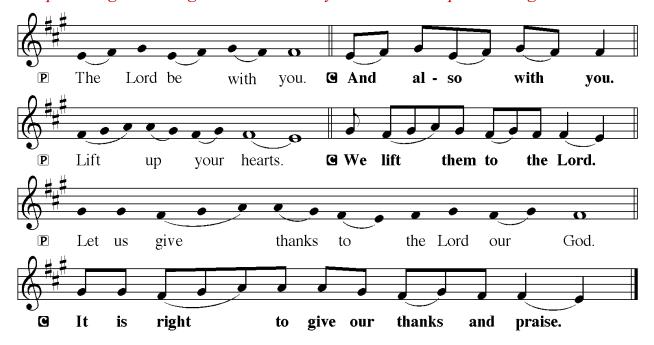
LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT OF THE ALTAR

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GREAT THANKSGIVING

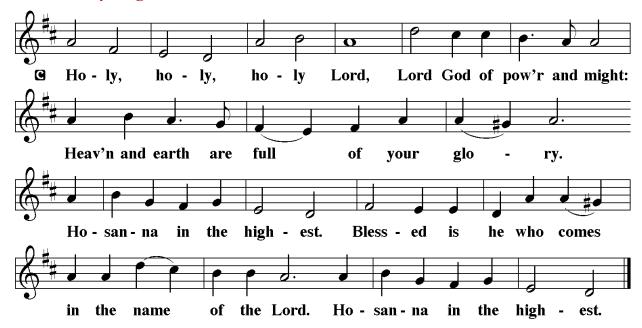
The presiding minister greets the assembly and invites all present to give thanks:



The minister continues with the PROPER PREFACE, 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

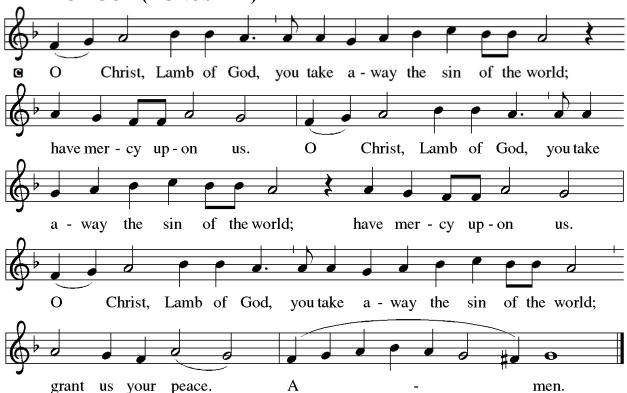
When giving the bread and cup, the communion ministers say

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)



ANTHEM:

Stand

BLESSING AFTER COMMUNION

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

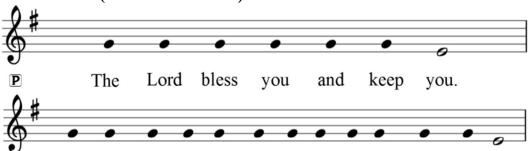
PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

- 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

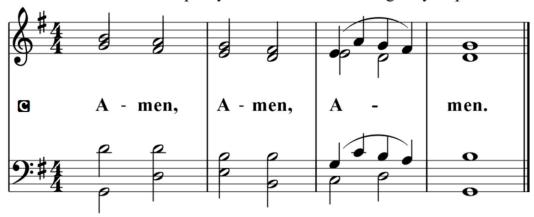
BLESSING (BENEDICTION)



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: Come, We That Love the Lord

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Come, We That Love the Lord

We're Marching to Zion





OFFERING

The offering will be collected as you leave the Church.

POSTLUDE:

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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: Scott Halteman, Dick Allebach, Brooke Rush, and Joe Cooney

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8:00 am: Debra Augustine

10:30 am: Lessons: Alanna Jessee Prayers: Ali Backlund

Communion Assistant: Sherry Jessee

Acolyte and Crucifer: Summer Allen and Shealyn Frazier

Altar Guild: Debra Augustine, Sally Sweeney, and Becky Quirk

Offering Tabulation: Jennifer Wentworth, Brian O'Hara, and Chilly Lyaro

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

<u>The Flowers that Adorn the Altar</u> are given to the glory of God by Mr. and Mrs. John E. Schatz, Jr. and family in loving memory of sister and Aunt, Linda M. Dieffenbach Killen, brother Paul C. (Hap) Schatz, and parents and grandparents Warren A. and Jacqueline Dieffenbach, and J. Edgar and Thelma Schatz.

The Sanctuary Candle is given by Joe and Donna Cooney to the glory of God.

<u>The Worship Bulletins</u> are given to the glory of God by Mr. and Mrs. Gary Halteman in honor of grandson Reid's first birthday.

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

Annual Meeting of the Congregation TODAY! Please plan to attend the Annual Meeting 11:30 am in the Fellowship Hall. The budget for 2026 will be reviewed and approved and Vestry Elections will take place. This is an important meeting and your attendance is needed! The WELCA Ladies will provide LUNCH! See you there!



13th Annual Thanksgiving Apple Pie Sale Sponsored by the Senior Youth Group

Pies can be picked up on Nov. 23rd after both services or delivered after the late service. Pies will be frozen.

Baking instructions will be provided.

Cost: \$12.00 per pie.

Name:	
Phone Number:	
Number of Pies:	
Pick up on 24-Nov-2024 (check one)	
After the early Service (8:00 am):	
After the late Service (10:30 am):	
Address for delivery:	

Please e-mail orders to gtwess@comcast.net, place orders in offering plates or drop them off in the church office.

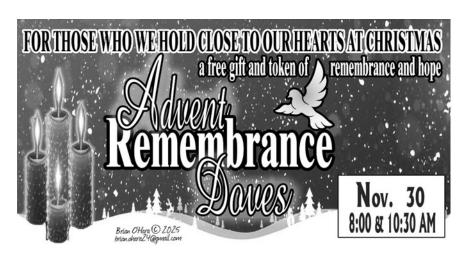


Top your Thanksgiving dinner off with a homemade apple pie! The pies come fully assembled and just require baking them.. The pies also freeze well, so you can buy an extra one for your Christmas dinner! Don't wait to order yours. They sell fast every year. Sales benefit Augustus' Senior Youth Group. To place your order, contact gtwess@comcast.net.



***SOMETHING NEW *** Outreach Social Activity

Grab your partner or come alone! The Outreach Committee is hosting a Square Dancing event on Friday, November 14th. The event is open to people of all ages, and no prior experience is necessary. Our instructor, Anna, will teach you everything. The Outreach Committee will provide light refreshments. It is a fantastic opportunity to socialize with fellow congregants!!!



of Doves represent love, friendship, and peace. When two doves couple, they enter into partnership for life. A pair of doves can signify a union of two or more people or entities with a positive outlook for the future. At Christmas, people often remember those that have gone before them. If you are thinking of someone special this Christmas Season, we will be offering you two free remembrance doves in memory of that person. One to keep to adorn your Christmas Tree reminding you of their presence, and one to leave at Augustus adorning the Christmas Tree in the nave to remind you that they are with Jesus, the one we are celebrating at Christmas. The doves will be made available on the first Sunday of Advent on November 30, 2025. Be present to receive yours!

2025 Christmas Poinsettia Order Form

Mail to: Karen Lachenmayer Phone: 610-715-4850

412 Dartmoor Road E-mail: karenlachenmayer@gmail.com

Schwenksville, Pa. 19473

ORDER DEADLINE: December 7, 2025

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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 Gift Wish List

Toys

- Large and medium-sized stuffed animals
- · Small and medium-sized Squishmallow stuffed animals
- · Weighted stuffed animals
- · Games Checkers, Chess, Jenga, Connect 4, UNO, Scrabble, Trouble, and Sorry are favorites
- LEGO sets
- Pokémon cards and toys
- · Superhero action figures
- LOL dolls and Rainbow High dolls
- · Remote controlled vehicles (battery operated, please)
- Playing cards and card games

- Rubik's cubes
- · Handheld electronic games (battery operated,
- Fidget toys spinners, tangles, cubes, stress balls, pop-its
- · Dream Lites or other soft night lights
- Books for children and teens
- · Wireless headphones/earbuds
- · Small Bluetooth speakers
- Matchbox or Hot Wheels cars & racetracks
- Puzzles
- Hairstyling mannequin heads

Clothing & Personal Care

- Pajama sets for boys and girls youth sizes M-XL
 Crocs and Crocs-style sandals youth and adult sizes and adult sizes S-L
- Toiletry gift sets for boys or girls. Dove, Axe, and Bath and Body Works are favorites.
- · Personal care items including body wash, shampoo, conditioner, deodorant, toothpaste, and toothbrushes. Plastic bottles only, please!
- · Plastic water bottles
- Hooded sweatshirts for girls and boys youth sizes 12-18 and adult sizes S-L. Nike, Adidas, Champion, and Under Armor are favorite brands
- · Adidas or Nike slide style sandals youth and adult sizes

- · Jibbitz or charms for Crocs-style sandals
- Adjustable baseball hats Nike and Philly sports teams are favorites
- Athletic socks Nike, Adidas, Champion, and Fila are favorites
- Hairbrushes and combs
- · Nail stickers, press-on nails, lip gloss, lip balm, and makeup
- · Winter coats youth & adult sizes
- Winter hats & gloves youth & adult sizes
- Children's weighted blankets

Arts & Crafts

- Craft kits (sand art, sun catchers, etc.)
- Crayola art kits
- Diamond or crystal art kits
- · Paint by number
- Gel pen sets
- · Stickers and sticker sheets
- · Crayons, markers, and colored pencils
- Coloring books and large coloring pages

- Sticker by number books
- Sketch books and drawing paper non-spiral bound, please!
- Journals no locks, non-spiral bound, please!
- Small and medium art canvases
- Air dry clay
- Light up drawing pads

Sports

- Footballs and basketballs
- Over-the-door basketball hoops
- Football gloves youth and adult sizes
- Basketball shooting sleeves youth and adult sizes

Email Abryant@gemmaservices.org to arrange delivery. For more information about Gemma Services or to make a donation online to support our mission, please visit www.gemmaservices.org

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)



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 ca
 - 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.







