HOLY COMMUNION Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

October 18, 2020

8:00 am and 10:30 am

INTRODUCTION TO THE DAY

In today's first reading God uses the Gentile ruler Cyrus to accomplish divine purposes. When the Pharisees try to trap Jesus, he tells them to give the emperor what belongs to him and to God what belongs to God. To gather for worship reminds us that our ultimate allegiance is to God rather than to any earthly authority. Created in the image of God, we offer our entire selves in the service of God and for the sake of the world.

SILENT PRAYER

PRELUDE: *Trumpet Tune*

German

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING (ENTRANCE RITE)

Stand

HYMN: *Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty Printed on the next page.*

Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty



CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS (ABSOLUTION)

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

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

G Amen.

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

Kneel/Stand

P Most merciful God,

we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves.
We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us.
Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

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

G Amen.

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)

- **A** Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth.
- Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father: We worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.
 - Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
 - Lord God, Lamb of God:
 - You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
 - You are seated at the right hand of the Father;
 - receive our prayer.
 - For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High,

Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen

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.

G Amen.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Sit FIRST READING

The prophet announces that Cyrus the Persian emperor is the one the LORD has anointed to end Israel's exile. The LORD makes this choice so that the whole world will recognize this LORD as the only God. Persia had a god of light and a god of darkness; the LORD claims sovereignty over both light and darkness.

A reading from Isaiah. A ¹Thus says the LORD to his anointed, to Cyrus, whose right hand I have grasped to subdue nations before him and strip kings of their robes, to open doors before himand the gates shall not be closed: ²I will go before you and level the mountains, I will break in pieces the doors of bronze and cut through the bars of iron, ³I will give you the treasures of darkness and riches hidden in secret places, so that you may know that it is I, the LORD, the God of Israel, who call you by your name. ⁴For the sake of my servant Jacob, and Israel my chosen, I call you by your name, I surname you, though you do not know me. ⁵I am the LORD, and there is no other; besides me there is no god. I arm you, though you do not know me, ⁶so that they may know, from the rising of the sun and from the west, that there is no one besides me; I am the LORD, and there is no other. ⁷I form light and create darkness, I make weal and create woe; I the LORD do all these things.

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

Later service only:

Isaiah 45:1-7

PSALM 96:1-9 (The congregation reads the verses in bold face type.)

¹Sing to the LORD a new song;

sing to the LORD, all | the whole earth.

²Sing to the LORD and | bless his name; proclaim the good news of his salvation from | day to day.
³Declare his glory a- | mong the nations and his wonders a- | mong all peoples.
⁴For great is the LORD and greatly | to be praised; he is more to be feared | than all gods.
⁵As for all the gods of the nations, they | are but idols; but it is the LORD who | made the heavens.

- ⁶Oh, the majesty and magnificence | of his presence! Oh, the power and the splendor of his | sanctuary!
- ⁷Ascribe to the LORD, you families | of the peoples; ascribe to the LORD hon- | or and power.
- ⁸Ascribe to the LORD the honor | due his name; bring offerings and come in- | to his courts.
- ⁹Worship the LORD in the beau- | ty of holiness; let the whole earth trem- | ble before him.

SECOND READING

1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

Most likely this letter is the first written by Paul. Paul gives pastoral encouragement and reassurances to new Christians living in an antagonistic environment. Their commitment of faith, love, and hope makes them a model for other new Christian communities.

A reading from First Thessalonians.

¹Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy,

To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace to you and peace.

²We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly ³remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁴For we know, brothers and sisters beloved by God, that he has chosen you, ⁵because our message of the gospel came to you not in word only, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction; just as you know what kind of persons we proved to be among you for your sake. ⁶And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for in spite of persecution you received the word with joy inspired by the Holy Spirit, ⁷so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. ⁸For the word of the Lord has sounded forth from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia,

but in every place your faith in God has become known, so that we have no need to speak about it. ⁹For the people of those regions report about us what kind of welcome we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols, to serve a living and true God, ¹⁰and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead—Jesus, who rescues us from the wrath that is coming.

A The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.

GOSPEL

Matthew 22:15-22

After Jesus begins teaching in the temple, religious leaders try to trap him with questions. First they ask if God's people should pay taxes to an earthly tyrant like Caesar.

P The holy gospel according to Matthew.

G Glory to you, O Lord.

¹⁵Then the Pharisees went and plotted to entrap [Jesus] in what he said. ¹⁶So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality. ¹⁷Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?" ¹⁸But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, "Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? ¹⁹Show me the coin used for the tax." And they brought him a denarius. ²⁰Then he said to them, "Whose head is this, and whose title?" ²¹They answered, "The emperor's." Then he said to them, "Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor's, and to God the things that are God's." ²²When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away.

P The gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

<mark>Sit</mark> SERMON

Pastor Weleck

Stand

Later service only: HYMN OF THE DAY: Sing Praise to God, the Highest Good Printed on the following page.

Sing Praise to God, the Highest Good



Stand

The Nicene Creed or the Apostles' Creed may be spoken. 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.
- **G** 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 bishops, for the newly baptized, for all the faithful, for this congregation here gathered, and for our growth in grace.

Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A We pray for all nations, for all rulers, legislators, and judges, for an increase of justice in our lands, and for all who work for peace among nations and among peoples.

Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A We pray for all in any need, for the hungry and the homeless, for victims of war and injustice, for prisoners, for all who suffer in mind, body, or spirit, for the sick and infirm, for all with incurable illness, and for all who this day will die. We pray especially for those we name in the silence of our hearts... Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

- A We pray for the members of our armed forces wherever they serve, and especially when they serve in harm's way, that they might speedily complete their mission and be safely reunited with their loved ones. Lord, in your mercy,
- **C** hear our prayer.
- Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.
- **C** Amen.

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

LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT OF THE ALTAR GREAT THANKSGIVING

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

- **P** The Lord be with you.
- **G** And also with you.
- **P** Lift up your hearts.
- **G** We lift them to the Lord.

- **P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- **G** It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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 continues with the SANCTUS:

 Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might: Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.
 Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

The minister continues with the WORDS OF INSTITUTION.

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

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

LORD'S PRAYER

- **P** Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray.
- Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
 Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation,

but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

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

 C Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

LAMB OF GOD (AGNUS DEI)

C Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.

Sit COMMUNION

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

Amen.

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

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 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.
- **G** Amen.

DISMISSAL

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

HYMN: Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty

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Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty!

OFFERING

The offering will be collected as you leave the Church.

POSTLUDE: *Trumpet Tune*

Clarke

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

<u>The Flowers that Adorn the Altar in the Old Church Nave</u> are given to the glory of God by Sally Sweeney in memory of her mother, Virginia L. Weicheld, and Debra Augustine in loving memory of her son, Samuel Carlos Augustine.

<u>The Sanctuary Candle</u> is given to the glory of God by LaVonne Johnson in loving memory of husband Dennis.

<u>The Worship Bulletins</u> are given to the glory of God by John and Dorothy Moorehead in honor of our children and grandchildren.

We're so glad to see you today!

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

Please see a list of changes/requirements for worship on the following page.

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

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

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

Augustus Re-Opening Information for Parishioners: Green Phase

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

ENJOY TRICK OR TREATING IN A SAFE ENVIRONMENT AT OUR ANNUAL



Augustus Lutheran Church

717 WEST MAIN STREET, TRAPPE

October 24th, 2020

4-6pm

Our youth group and their families have decorated their cars for your entertainment.



Dear Friends of the Spring Turkey Dinner,

Despite the global pandemic, Stephen and Jodi Lynn Swanson and their family, missionaries whom we have supported for several years, have decided to stay in Tanzania and continue their roles as healthcare professionals. We would still like to support these missionaries and the wonderful work that they are doing to train Tanzanian health professionals, develop a neonatal intensive care unit and establish a feeding program for malnourished children.

Because of the cancellation of the 2020 Turkey Dinner and Craft show, we were unable to raise funds for missionary work. As a result, Augustus Women of the ELCA have initiated a Prayer and Pledge Drive to engage the local community to help missions on a global level. With your support, we can raise over \$3,000 to financially support our pediatric missionaries, and to foster health and wellness education in parts of the globe that are less fortunate than ours.

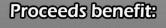
Would you consider contributing a faithful prayer, financial pledge, or both to help us work toward our mission? ALL DONATIONS RECEIVED BY 11/08/2020 WILL BE MATCHED by three generous gifts: a generous gift from the Augustus Women of the ELCA (up to \$1,000), a generous gift from Pastor Kochenderfer (up to \$1,000), and a generous gift from Pastor Martha and Pastor Howard Kriebel (up to \$1,000). So every dollar you contribute will be increased four-fold! And as an added bonus, you will be eligible to be entered in a drawing on November 22, 2020 for an afghan. The afghan is 48" x 54" and is crocheted with soft, bulky, polyester yarn.

On behalf of the Swansons, the Augustus Women of the ELCA, and the Christian community at Augustus Lutheran Church, we would like to thank you in advance for your support. For your convenience, you can make your contribution by one of the following two ways:

- 1. Donating online at <www.augustustrappe.org>. Just follow the "DONATE" prompts under the "GIVING" tab. Don't forget to add "WELCA-Turkey Dinner" and your phone number in the comments box so we can add you to the drawing.
- 2. By mailing-in your financial commitment. Checks and money orders can be made out to 'Augustus Women of the ELCA'. Additionally, please write "Turkey Dinner" on the memo line. Send your donation to the following address to ensure your donation is delivered to the applicable location:

Augustus Lutheran Church c/o Women of the ELCA 717 West Main Street Trappe, Pa, 19426

Thanks again for your support of the Augustus Women of the ELCA pledge drive, and for helping to ensure the long-term sustainable future of the children in Tanzania.



Dr. Stephen and Jodi Lynn Swanson Missionaries in Tanzania

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AFGHAN DRAWING

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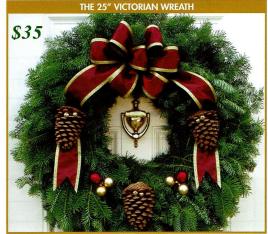
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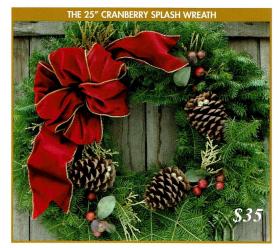
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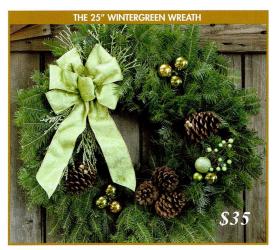
This popular Wreath is as traditional as Christmas itself. Decorated as pictured, the large white tipped/glittered cones laced with red jingle bells are the perfect complement to the gold-backed, red velveteen bow.



The exquisite Victorian Wreath is tastefully decorated as pictured. The generous bow features 6 loops with a 'button' and long tails tucked behind 2 of the 3 cones laced with gold jingle bells. The 2 sets of complementing bulbs add to the Seasonal Look of this most popular Wreath!



This elegant Wreath features a beautiful, 4" wide, wired fabric bow with tails - backed with a golden spray. The 3 jingle bell laced pine cones are backed with faux cranberry picks/glittered Juniper branches which adds to the stylish look of this impressive Wreath.



The soft green, wired bow featured on this uniquely designed Wreath creates a wonderful contrast with the forest green Balsam Fir boughs which is backed with a green, glittered faux Juniper spray. The green bulb sets finish off the striking artistic look of this wonderful Wreath design.



To place an order:

E-mail Tom Lesage at <u>tom.lesage@comcast.net</u> or Call Tom at 267-640-5135 or E-mail Vicki Detwiler at <u>scoutervicki@gmail.com</u> DELIVERY AVAILABLE!



Tenth Annual Thanksgiving Apple Pie Sale

Sponsored by the Senior Youth Group

Pies can be picked up on Nov. 22nd after both services or delivered after the late service. Pies will be frozen.

Baking instructions will be provided.

Cost: \$10.00 per pie.

Name:

Phone Number:

Number of Pies: _____

Pick up on 22-Nov-2019 (check one)

After the early Service (8:00 am): _____

After the late Service (10:30 am): _____

Address for delivery: _____

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

THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE September 23rd- October 31st

The Collegeville Borough Police Department is collecting non-perishable food items in support of Montgomery County Children & Youth Services for Thanksgiving Dinners for families in financial hardship.

Suggested items are:

Canned green beans Canned corn Canned sweet potatoes/yams Canned turkey gravy Canned cranberry sauce Boxed instant mashed potatoes Biscuit/corn bread mix Boxed or bagged stuffing mix Boxed dessert mixes

Also needed are Giant Gift cards from \$10 to \$15, to be used by the families to purchase a turkey.

Donations may be dropped off at the Collegeville Borough Municipal Building- 491 E. Main St., Collegeville, PA, Mon. – Fri. between 9 AM and 4:00 PM