

**HOLY COMMUNION**  
**Christ the King/Thankoffering Sunday**

**November 24, 2024**

**8:00 am and 10:30 am**

**INTRODUCTION TO THE DAY**

Even after Israel had experienced the vagaries of kings, the people still longed for a true king to set things right. He would have the king's title of Anointed One (Messiah); he would be the "one like a human being" (Son of Man) given dominion in Daniel's vision. Jesus is given these titles, even though he is nothing like an earthly king. His authority comes from the truth to which he bears witness, and those who recognize the truth voluntarily listen to him. We look forward to the day he is given dominion, knowing his victory will be the nonviolent victory of love.

**SILENT PRAYER**

**PRELUDE:** 8:00 am: *We Plow the Fields and Scatter*

Archer

10:30 am: *This Is the Day the Lord Has Made*

Morris arr. Patch

Augustus Bell Choir

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**GATHERING (ENTRANCE RITE)**

***Stand***

**HYMN:** *We Plow the Fields and Scatter*

*Printed on the next page.*

# We Plow the Fields and Scatter

1 We plow the fields and scat - ter the good seed on the land,  
2 You on - ly are the mak - er of all things near and far.  
3 We thank you, our cre - a - tor, for all things bright and good,

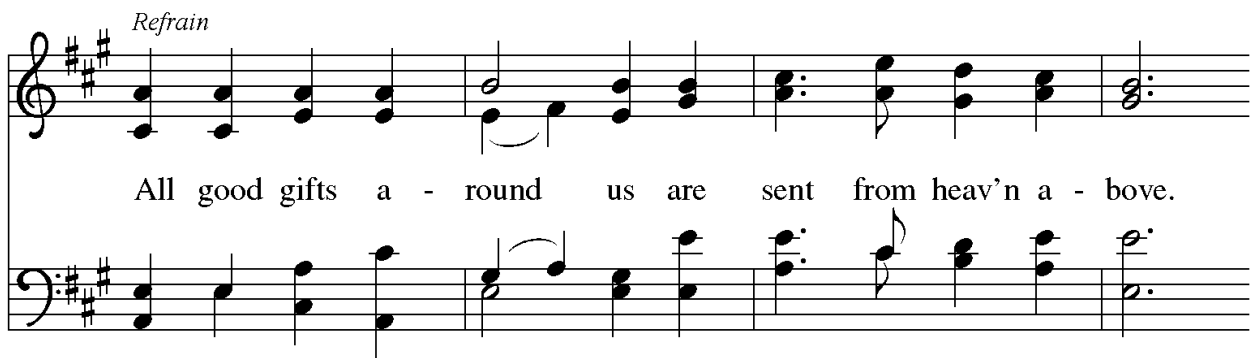
but it is fed and wa - tered by God's al - might - y hand,  
You paint the way - side flow - er, you light the eve - ning star.  
the seed - time and the har - vest, our life, our health, our food.

who sends the snow in win - ter, the warmth to swell the grain,  
The winds and waves o - bey you, by you the birds are fed;  
No gifts have we to of - fer for all your love im - parts,



the breez-es and the sun - shine, and soft re - fresh - ing rain.  
 much more to us, your chil - dren, you give our dai - ly bread.  
 but what you most would trea - sure—our hum - ble, thank - ful hearts.

*Refrain*



All good gifts a - round us are sent from heav'n a - bove.



We thank you, Lord, we thank you, Lord, for all your love.

### 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**

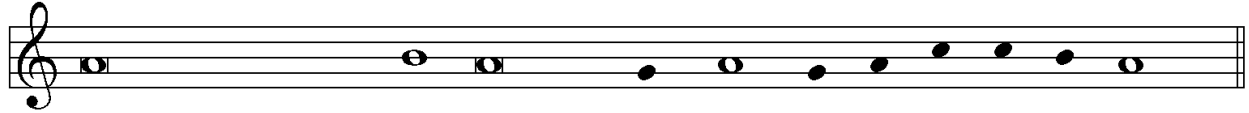
**P** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C** And also with you.

# KYRIE



**A** In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **C** Lord, have mer - cy.



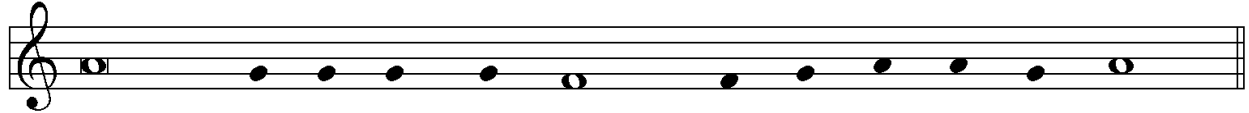
**A** For the peace from a - bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



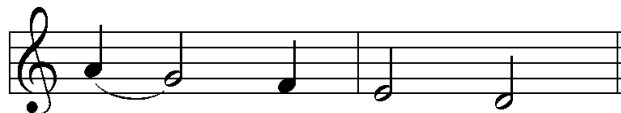
**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



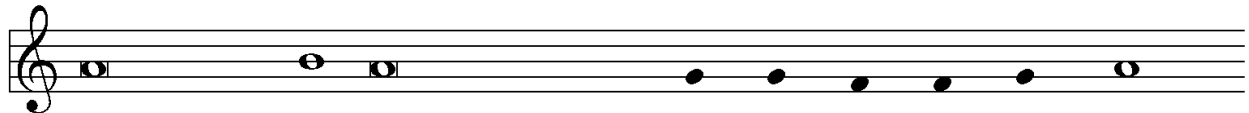
**A** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



and for the u - ni - ty of all, let us pray to the Lord.



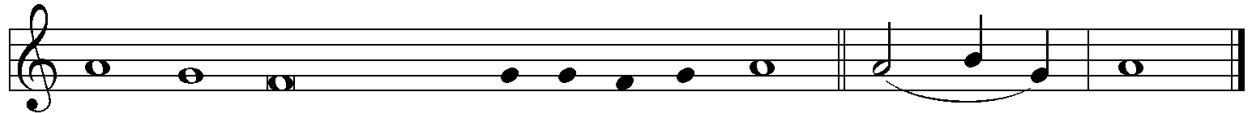
**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



**A** For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor - ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. **C** Lord, have mer - cy.



**A** Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord. **C** A - men

## 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.



**B** 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, whose will it is to restore all things to your beloved Son, whom you anointed priest forever and king of all creation: Grant that all the people of the earth, now divided by the power of sin, may be united under the glorious and gentle rule of your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** Amen.

*Sit*

## LITURGY OF THE WORD

### FIRST READING

Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14

*To the community for whom this passage was written, it seemed as though the oppression they were experiencing would never end. Daniel's message is: It shall end. The Ancient One, who is judge, will call all nations to account and will give dominion to "one like a human being," the Messiah.*

- A** A reading from Daniel.
- <sup>9</sup>As I watched,  
thrones were set in place,  
and an Ancient One took his throne,  
his clothing was white as snow,  
and the hair of his head like pure wool;  
his throne was fiery flames,  
and its wheels were burning fire.
- <sup>10</sup>A stream of fire issued  
and flowed out from his presence.  
A thousand thousands served him,  
and ten thousand times ten thousand stood attending him.  
The court sat in judgment,  
and the books were opened.
- <sup>13</sup>As I watched in the night visions,  
I saw one like a human being  
coming with the clouds of heaven.  
And he came to the Ancient One  
and was presented before him.
- <sup>14</sup>To him was given dominion  
and glory and kingship,

that all peoples, nations, and languages  
should serve him.  
His dominion is an everlasting dominion  
that shall not pass away,  
and his kingship is one  
that shall never be destroyed.

**A** The word of the Lord.

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

*Later service only:*

**PSALM 93** (*The congregation's verses are printed in bold font.*)

<sup>1</sup>The LORD is king; he has put on splen- | did apparel;  
the LORD has put on his apparel and girded him- | self with strength.

<sup>2</sup>**He has made the whole | world so sure  
that it can- | not be moved;**

<sup>3</sup>ever since the world began, your throne has | been established;  
you are from | everlasting.

<sup>4</sup>**The waters have lifted up, O LORD, the waters have lifted | up their voice;  
the waters have lifted up their | pounding waves.**

<sup>5</sup>Mightier than the sound of many waters, mightier than the breakers | of the sea,  
mightier is the LORD who | dwells on high.

<sup>6</sup>**Your testimonies are | very sure,  
and holiness adorns your house, O LORD, forever and for- | evermore.**

## SECOND READING

Revelation 1:4b-8

*The book of Revelation begins by celebrating the Almighty God, who spans all of time. Similarly, Jesus is celebrated as the firstborn from the dead who rules over the world's rulers. He is the one whose return we eagerly await.*

**A** A reading from Revelation.

<sup>4b</sup>Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, <sup>5</sup>and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, <sup>6</sup>and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

<sup>7</sup>Look! He is coming with the clouds;  
every eye will see him,  
even those who pierced him;



and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail.  
So it is to be. Amen.

<sup>8</sup>“I am the Alpha and the Omega,” says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

**A** The word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

**Stand**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

*The congregation sings the Acclamation.*



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

*The choir sings the Verse.*



I am the Alpha and | the Omega,  
the first and the last, the beginning | and the end.

*The congregation repeats the Acclamation.*



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

## GOSPEL

John 18:33-37

*In John's gospel, the story of Jesus and Pilate presents two different ways of exercising power: through force or with love.*

**P** The holy gospel according to John.

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

<sup>33</sup>Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" <sup>34</sup>Jesus answered, "Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?" <sup>35</sup>Pilate replied, "I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?" <sup>36</sup>Jesus answered, "My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here." <sup>37</sup>Pilate asked him, "So you are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice."

**P** The gospel of the Lord.

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

*Sit*

SERMON

The Reverend Maggie Spring Ainslie

*Stand*

*Later service only:*

**HYMN OF THE DAY:** *At the Name of Jesus*

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## At the Name of Jesus



1 At the name of Je - sus ev - 'ry knee shall bow,  
2 At his voice cre - a - tion sprang at once to sight,  
3 Hum - bled for a sea - son, to re - ceive a name  
4 In your hearts en - throne him; there let him sub - due  
5 Chris - tians, this Lord Je - sus shall re - turn a - gain



ev - 'ry tongue con - fess him king of glo - ry now.  
all the an - gel fac - es, all the hosts of light,  
from the lips of sin - ners un - to whom he came,  
all that is not ho - ly, all that is not true.  
on the clouds of glo - ry, with his an - gel train;



It is God's good plea - sure we should call him Lord,  
thrones and dom - i - na - tions, stars up - on their way,  
faith - ful - ly he bore it spot - less to the last;  
Crown him as your cap - tain in temp - ta - tion's hour;  
for all wreaths of em - pire meet up - on his brow,



who from the be - gin - ning was the might - y Word.  
all the heav'n - ly or - ders in their great ar - ray.  
brought it back vic - to - rious when from death he passed.  
let his will en - fold you in its light and pow'r.  
and our hearts con - fess him king of glo - ry now.

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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.*

**NICENE CREED**

**☐** With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

**☑** We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father;  
through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary  
and became truly human.  
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge  
the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. 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.**

*Worshippers do not greet one another. The service continues with the Offertory.*

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

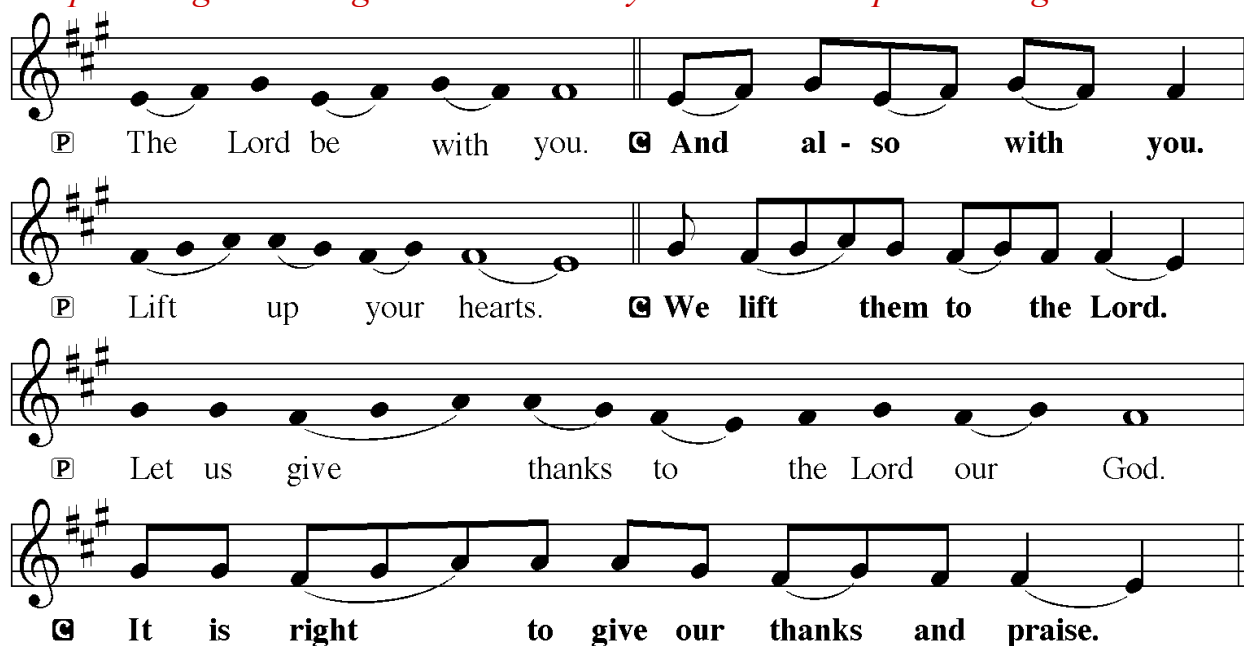
pres-ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re -

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. **G** And al - so with you.

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

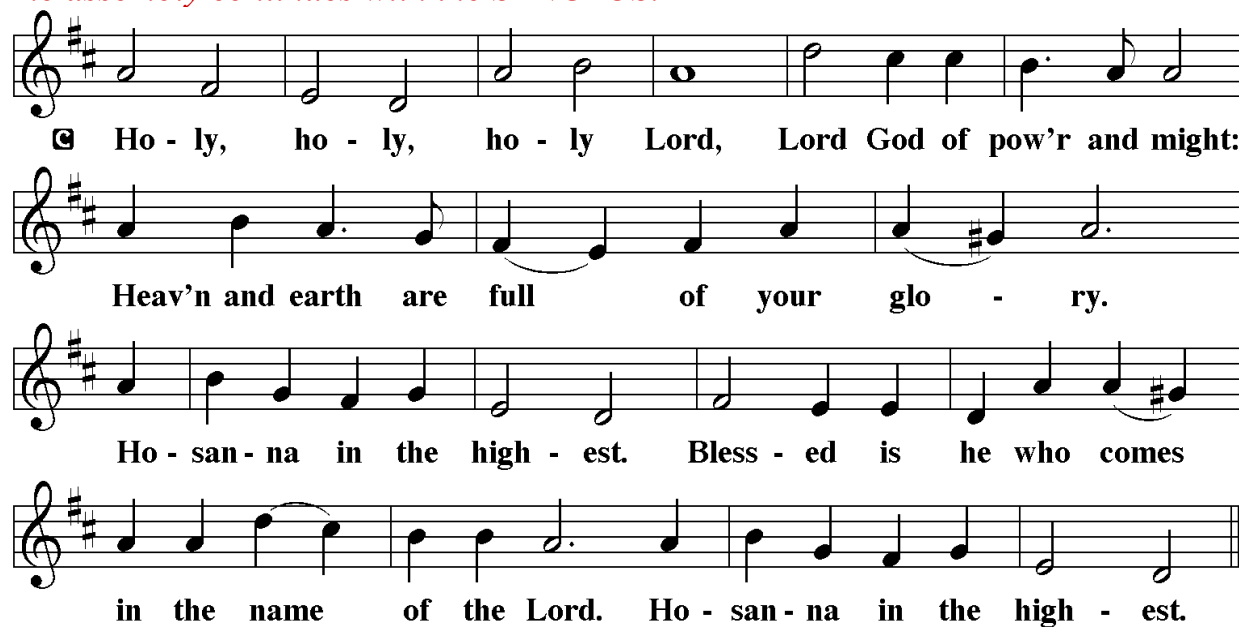
**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**G** It is right to give our thanks and praise.

*The minister continues with the PROPER PREFACE:*

**P** 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:*



**G** 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.

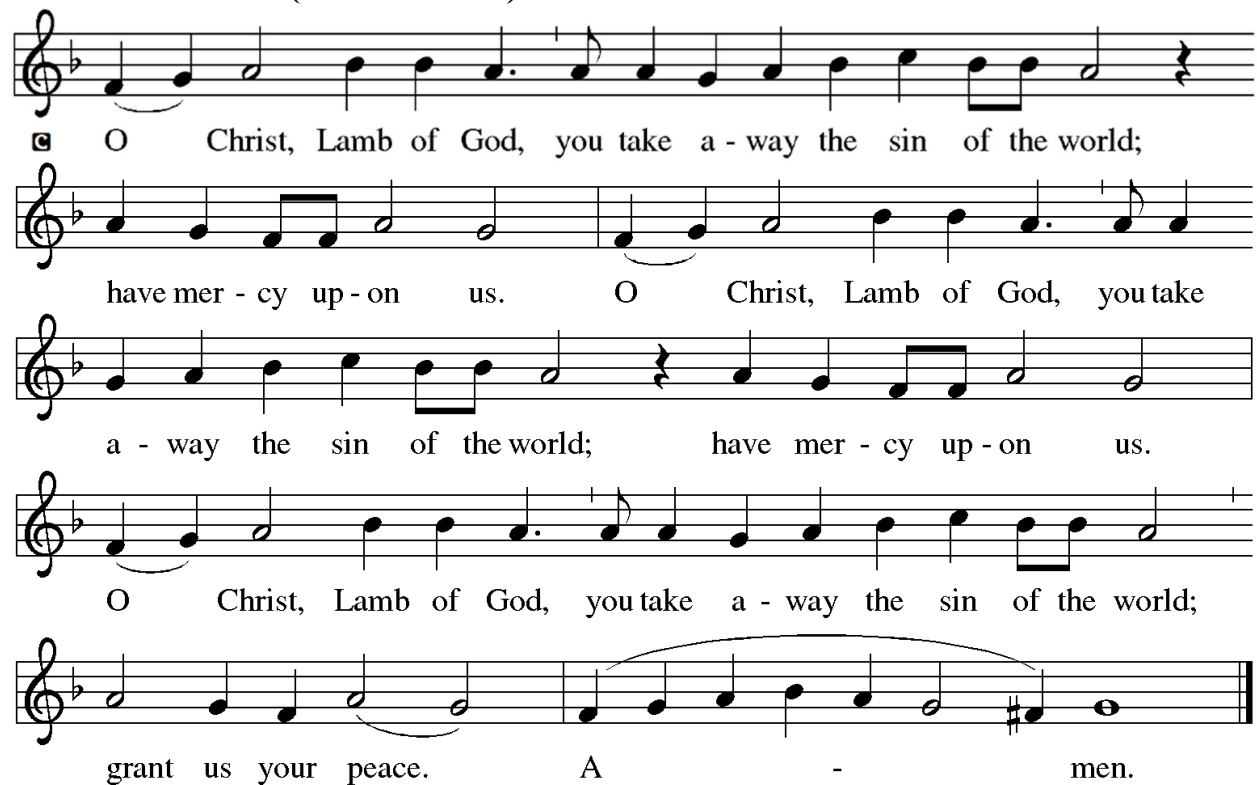
*and each person may respond*

**R** 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.

*Later service only:*

**ANTHEM:** *Autumn Carol*

Schulz

Sing to the Lord of harvest, sing songs of love and praise;  
with joyful hearts and voices your alleluias raise.  
In God the rolling seasons in steadfast order move;  
sing to the Lord of harvest a joyous song of love.  
The clouds break forth with raining, the deserts bloom and spring,  
the hills leap up in gladness, the valleys laugh and sing.  
God fills them with abundance and nature's gifts increase;  
The year is crowned with goodness, with plenty and with peace.

Bring to this sacred altar the gifts God's goodness gave,  
the golden sheaves of harvest, the souls Christ died to save.  
Your hearts lay down in offering as at his feet you fall.  
With holy lives adore him who gave his life for all.

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***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.

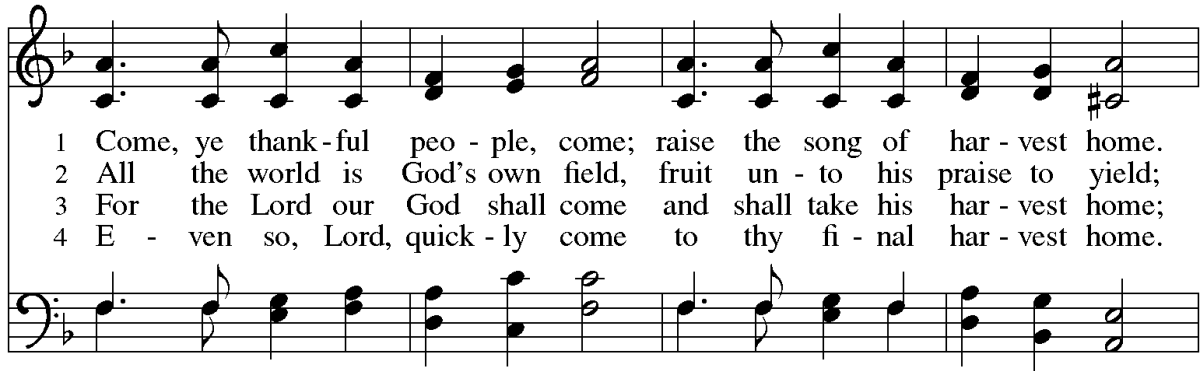
DISMISSAL

**A** Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

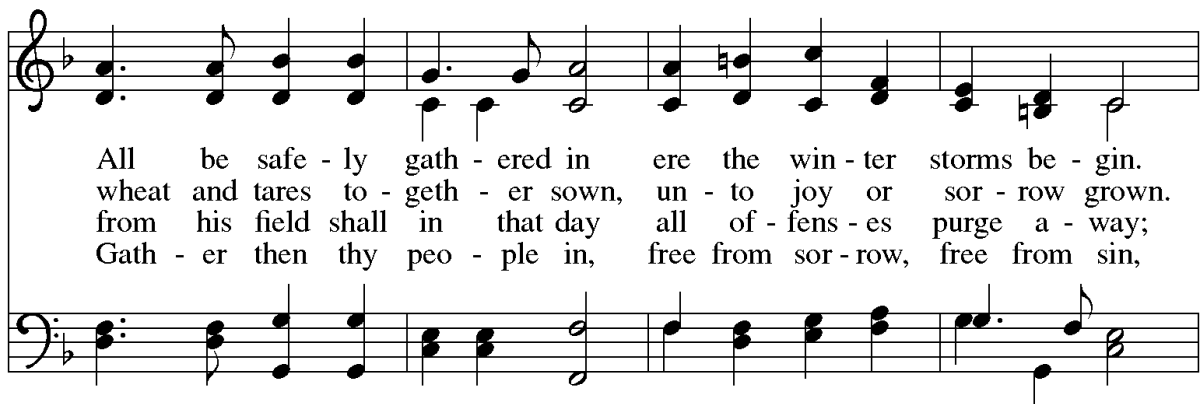
**C** Thanks be to God.

**HYMN:** *Come, Ye Thankful People, Come*  
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## Come, Ye Thankful People, Come



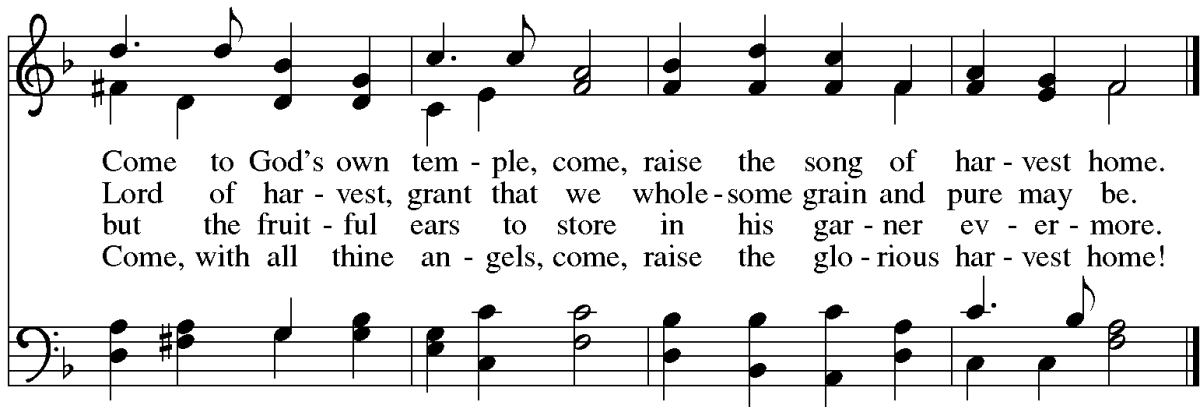
1 Come, ye thank-ful peo - ple, come; raise the song of har - vest home.  
 2 All the world is God's own field, fruit un - to his praise to yield;  
 3 For the Lord our God shall come and shall take his har - vest home;  
 4 E - ven so, Lord, quick - ly come to thy fi - nal har - vest home.



All be safe - ly gath - ered in ere the win - ter storms be - gin.  
 wheat and tares to - geth - er sown, un - to joy or sor - row grown.  
 from his field shall in that day all of - fens - es purge a - way;  
 Gath - er then thy peo - ple in, free from sor - row, free from sin,



God, our mak - er, doth pro - vide for our wants to be sup - plied.  
 First the blade, and then the ear, then the full corn shall ap - pear.  
 give his an - gels charge at last in the fire the tares to cast,  
 there, for - ev - er pu - ri - fied, in thy gar - ner to a - bide.



Come to God's own tem - ple, come, raise the song of har - vest home.  
 Lord of har - vest, grant that we whole - some grain and pure may be.  
 but the fruit - ful ears to store in his gar - ner ev - er - more.  
 Come, with all thine an - gels, come, raise the glo - rious har - vest home!

## OFFERING

*The offering will be collected as you leave the Church.*

**POSTLUDE:** *Postlude on “Come, Ye Thankful People, Come”*

Payne



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**The liturgical color white**, symbolic of purity, joy, and the light of Christ, is used on the festivals of Christ.



### Worship Assistants

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

Elevator Attendant: Mike Taylor

Lectors: Lessons: Karl Stefan Prayers: Vicki Gallagher

Communion Assistant: Sherry Jessee Altar Guild: Becky Quirk

Offering Tabulation: Gary Wessner, Matthew Vera, and Frank DePaul

Acolyte and Crucifer: Shealyn Frazier and Abigail Catagnus

The Flowers that Adorn the Altar are given to the glory of God by Cathy Menendez in loving memory of her mother, Catherine Engel.

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

The Worship Bulletins are given to the glory of God by Patrick, Dale, and Brian O’Hara in loving gratitude for the Augustus Women of the ELCA for their support, dedication, and services provided to the Augustus family, the local community, and the global Christian mission.

A Candle Sponsor is needed for December 29, 2024. This is a wonderful way to remember or honor friends and family members! Sponsorships for candles are \$6. Contact Charlotte Wentworth at [caw226@aol.com](mailto:caw226@aol.com) for more info.



## THANKOFFERING / QUILT & AFGHAN SUNDAY

a day to show gratitude for God's Blessings and  
God's Countless Gifts to Us

During both significant and ordinary moments, we should say  
"Thank You" to God

We are honored today to have the Rev. Maggie Spring-Ainslie, Director of Pastoral Care at Doylestown Hospital & ELCA Pulpit Supply Rostered Minister, as our guest preacher at both the 8:00am & 10:30am church worship services. A reception will be held in the Muhlenberg Center between the services and following the 10:30am worship service. All are welcome to attend! Please join us in welcoming the Reverend Maggie Spring-Ainslie to Augustus' family.

Thankofferings date back to the 1800's when Christian women formed "mite" or "cent" societies to support the mission of the church. When others in the church said there was not enough money to carry out projects, the women believed otherwise and acted together. In these societies, each woman collected offerings at home. On occasion, they would gather as we do today to worship and make their offerings with thanks and praise. When Women of the ELCA was formed over 30 years ago, we committed to continue this tradition of giving in gratitude for blessings. Together, we can do more than we could ever do alone.

While at Augustus today please take notice of all the quilts and afghans adorning the church sanctuary. They were made by the Hearts and Hands Committee of Augustus' Women of the ELCA under the direction of Mildred Stuffle. The quilts will be given to Lutheran World Relief to be distributed to countries all over the world to help those people less fortunate. The full-sized afghans will be taken to Laurel House, a shelter for abused women and children, in Norristown, and the baby afghans will be taken to the Genesis Pregnancy Care Center in Pottstown. The prayer blankets will be given to Doylestown Hospital for end-of-life patients and to St. Mary's Medical Center for mothers who lost their babies. Making quilts and afghans for those people less fortunate is a tangible way to express love to our neighbors in need. Quilts can be used as warm bedding, simple tents or floor coverings. The afghans provide a level of personal comfort and care. Each one reflects God's loving presence in a world with suffering. Many thanks to everyone who have contributed to this ministry over the past year. If you would like to get involved and be connected to this global Christian family, you are always welcome to join the quilters, knitters, and crocheters of Augustus.



The Hearts and Hands Quilting Group meets the first Wednesday and the third Tuesday of each month in room 24 from 9:30 AM to 11:30 AM, and the Hearts and Hands Knitting/Crocheting Group meets the second and fourth Monday night of each month in room 20 from 7:00 PM to 9:00PM. If you prefer to support the Quilting group in the comfort of your own home, we have quilting packs, each containing 48 squares, available in the Muhlenberg Center: Pick a pack out of the basket on the table, sew the squares into a quilt top, and return the pack to the bin under the table. Each quilt top will then be used to make a quilt for Lutheran World Relief. Each pack has instructions and a contact email address for questions. If you wish to help the Knitting/Crocheting group from the comfort of your own home, 7" x 9" blocks can be either crocheted or knitted and placed in the designated basket in the Muhlenberg Center. They are also collecting full-sized afghans 56" x 63", baby afghans 36" x 36" or 36" x 45" in pastel colors, lap prayer blankets 2' - 3' wide by 3' - 4' long in any color, and knitted/crocheted/quilted prayer blankets 50" x 60" in pastel colors. If you need yarn, please contact Mildred Stuffle at [jandmstuffle@verizon.net](mailto:jandmstuffle@verizon.net).

### Rev. Maggie Spring-Ainslie

Pastor Maggie Spring-Ainslie grew up in Minnesota and graduated from Carleton College before spending a year on a Watson Fellowship in England and France studying Benedictine Monasteries.

She is a Lutheran pastor by training, having served for 11 years as solo Pastor of Atonement Lutheran Church in the Fishtown section of Philadelphia. Throughout her time at Atonement she has also supervised field education students from the Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia, served on the candidacy committee of Southeastern Pennsylvania Synod, and worked with the Central Philadelphia Conference. She went on to Pastoral Care training in the Thomas Jefferson University Hospital system, first as a Resident Chaplain for two years and then entering Supervisory education as a trainer of chaplains.

Pastor Maggie Spring-Ainslie now serves as the Director of Pastoral Care at Doylestown Hospital where she supervises 45 Lay Chaplain volunteers in providing emotional and spiritual support to patients, families and staff. She also facilitates the Ethics committee and supports the Equity and Inclusion and Workplace Violence committees.

She and her husband reside in Swarthmore and have two young adult sons.

### Education

Masters of Divinity, Urban Ministry, Theological Seminary, Philadelphia PA.

Bachelor of Arts, History, Carleton College



In honor of Thankoffering, envelopes will be distributed for your donation in support of the life-changing ministries of the Women of the ELCA including programs, resources, leadership training, and operational expenses. All proceeds collected will be sent directly to the churchwide organization of the Women of the ELCA. Please be generous! Thankofferings show gratitude for God's blessings and hope for all that is to come. They give us an important and tangible way to express that gratitude and hope. When significant or ordinary moments happen, it is our way of saying "thank you" to God! Please make checks payable to Augustus Women of the ELCA. If you wish to have your contribution recorded on your quarterly statement from Augustus Lutheran Church, please include your congregational # on your envelope.



**OUTREACH COMMITTEE – ADVENT REMEMBRANCE DOVES:** A Pair of Doves spiritually represent love, friendship, and peace. When two doves couple together, they enter into partnership for a lifetime. 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 tend to 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 throughout the season, 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 December 01, 2024. Be present to receive yours!



**WELCA's Annual Toy Drive for Silver Springs/Martin Luther School** begins today! Donations will be accepted in the box in the Muhlenberg Center through December 7.



## 2024 Gift Wish List

### Toys

- Large and medium-sized stuffed animals
- Small and medium-sized Squishmallow stuffed animals
- Weighted stuffed animals
- Board games – Battleship, Candyland, checkers, chess, Chutes & Ladders, Hedbanz, and Scrabble Jr. are favorites
- LEGO sets
- Pokémon cards and toys
- Superhero action figures
- LOL dolls and Rainbow High dolls
- Remote controlled vehicles
- Beyblades and Beyblades arenas
- Playing cards and card games – Uno, Dos, Phase 10, Skip-bo, and Spot it! are favorites
- Rubik's cubes
- 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
- Play-Doh
- Hairstyling mannequin heads

### Clothing & Personal Care

- Pajama sets for boys and girls – youth sizes M-XL and adult sizes S-L
- Hooded sweatshirts for girls and boys – youth sizes 12-18 and adult sizes S-L. Nike, Adidas, Champion, and Fila are favorite brands
- Adidas or Nike slide style sandals – youth and adult sizes
- Crocs and Crocs-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
- Athletic tights – youth sizes L-XL and adult sizes S-L
- Hairbrushes and combs
- Nail polish, lip gloss, lip balm, and makeup
- Toiletry gift sets with body wash, shampoo, conditioner, & deodorant. Dove, Axe, and Bath and Body Works are favorites. Plastic bottles only, please!
- Plastic water bottles – Contigo and Camelback brands are favorites
- Winter coats – youth & adult sizes
- Children's weighted blankets

### Arts & Crafts

- Craft kits
- Crayola art kits
- Diamond or crystal art kits
- Paint by number
- Gel pen sets
- Crayons, markers, and colored pencils
- Velvet posters to color
- 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!
- Origami kits and origami paper
- Small and medium art canvases

### Sports

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

Email [Abryant@gemmaservices.org](mailto: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](http://www.gemmaservices.org).

**Christmas Poinsettias:** The Outreach Committee is once again hard at work preparing the church for Christmas. We have an opportunity for every member of the congregation to join in this church-wide endeavor. Every year, the Worship & Music Committee provides a vehicle for every congregant to facilitate the decorating of the church for Christmas. We are asking that you prayerfully consider buying at least one poinsettia this year to entrench the sanctuary in red and white. If you can do multiple poinsettias, that would be even more fantastic and appreciated. These embellishments can also be seen by those patrons who are watching our Christmas services at home. Additionally, if you do not wish to take your poinsettia home with you after the Christmas Day service, please let us know on your form. The Outreach Committee will tag any donated plants with the Augustus Logo and a message of hope. The plants are then taken to assisted living homes and distributed to let the residents know that Augustus cares about them. So, every donation is greatly appreciated and nothing goes to waste. We hope that you will join us in this endeavor.

## 2024 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 8, 2024

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

CONTACT INFO: \_\_\_\_\_

COLOR	QUANTITY		TOTAL \$
RED	_____	@ \$11.00 ea	_____
WHITE	_____	@ \$11.00 ea	_____



Check One:

\_\_\_\_\_ I will take my plants after the 9:00 P.M. Service 12/24.

\_\_\_\_\_ Please distribute my plants to others.

I would like the bulletin acknowledgement to read:

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**Annual Augustus Family Christmas Party!** Join the Augustus Family in preparing the House of the Lord for the Christmas Season. It takes many hands to get the church ready and we definitely need your help to make it happen! From decorating the tree in the nave, to hanging the garland and wreaths, there is lots to do in a short period of time. All of the holiday enhancements around our campus entice visitors that are looking for the ‘old fashioned family Christmas’. We will also be serving lunch and a light continental breakfast...because a party without food is just a meeting. Look for details in the near future and a sign-up sheet in the Muhlenberg Center. Contact Brian O’Hara or 610-489-0417 for more details. The event is sponsored by the **Outreach Committee** and is open to the entire Augustus Lutheran Church Family.

Join us for our annual **CHRISTMAS CONCERT**, **Sunday, December 15th at 4 pm.** Laurie Mueller will direct a choir of 30 singers, an orchestra of 10, and Augustus' bell choir to present John Leavitt's "Festival of Lessons and Carols." There are many familiar Christmas carols and opportunities to sing along. Join us for a light reception in Fellowship Hall following the concert. Bring your friends and get here early for a good parking spot and a good seat! There are no tickets and no charge to attend, but a free will offering will benefit Augustus' music program.

# SUNDAY SCHOOL NATIVITY PROGRAM

Participating youth attend  
Sunday School at 9:00 AM

December 15, 2024  
10:30 AM

FREE GIFT!!!  
One per Family



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# Christmas Eve Candlelight Services & Family Traditions



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**HISTORIC OLD TRAPPE CHURCH**  
December 24, 5:00 PM Candlelight Living Nativity  
Candlelit pathways, Lessons & Carols  
December 24, 7:00 PM Candlelight Family Service  
Candlelit pathways, Lessons & Carols

FREE GIFT!!!  
for all attendees

**HEATED BRICK CHURCH**  
December 24, 9:00 PM Candlelight, Lessons, Carols, & Communion  
Traditionally decorated main Sanctuary

Step back in time with our candlelit pathways, gas lamps wrapped in greens, and candlelight Christmas Eve Services in Historic Old Trappe Church! All services in Old Trappe Church are in a 1743 unheated and unelectrified Colonial Church.

Please dress accordingly and remember your flashlights!



Enjoy a traditional Christmas Eve Holy Communion Service in the heated Brick Church with lessons, carols, and special music

