HOLY COMMUNION Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 28, 2025

8:00 am and 10:30 am

INTRODUCTION TO THE DAY

Consideration of and care for those in need (especially those "at our gate," visible to us, of whom we are aware) is an essential component of good stewardship. It is in the sharing of wealth that we avoid the snare of wealth. It is the one whom death could not hold—who comes to us risen from the dead—who can free us from the death grip of greed.

SILENT PRAYER

PRELUDE: "Sonata No. 5 in C Major: Allegro" BWV 529 J. S. Bach

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING (ENTRANCE RITE)

Stand

HYMN: When Morning Gilds the Skies

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When Morning Gilds the Skies



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.
- **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.

- 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.
- **And also with you.**

CANTICLE OF PRAISE (GLORIA IN EXCELSIS DEO) Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth. C Lord God, al-might-y God and heav - en - ly king, 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 sin of the world; have mer take a-way the us. You are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther; re-ceive our you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord, For you a-lone are the Most Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it, High,

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray.

God of love, you know our frailties and failings. Give us your grace to overcome them; keep us from those things that harm us; and guide us in the way of salvation; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen.

Sit

Later service only:

CHILDREN'S SERMON

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

Amos 6:1a, 4-7

The prophet Amos announces that Israel's great wealth is a cause not for rejoicing but rather sorrow, because God's people have forgotten how to share their wealth with the poor. The wealthy will be the first to go into exile when judgment comes.

- **A** reading from Amos.
 - ^{1a} Woe to those who are at ease in Zion and for those who feel secure on Mount Samaria.
 - ⁴ Woe to those who lie on beds of ivory and lounge on their couches and eat lambs from the flock and calves from the stall,
 - ⁵ who sing idle songs to the sound of the harp and like David improvise on instruments of music,
 - ⁶ who drink wine from bowls and anoint themselves with the finest oils but are not grieved over the ruin of Joseph!
 - ⁷ Therefore they shall now be the first to go into exile, and the revelry of the loungers shall pass away.
- **A** The word of the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

Later service only:

PSALM 146 (The congregation's verses are in bold face type.)

- ¹ Hallelujah! Praise the LORD, [|] O my soul!
- I will praise the LORD as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.
 - ² Put not your trust in rulers, nor in any | child of earth, for there is no | help in them.
 - ³ When they breathe their last, they re- | turn to earth, and in that day | their thoughts perish.
 - ⁴ Happy are they who have the God of Jacob | for their help, whose hope is in the | LORD their God;
 - ⁵ who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that | is in them; who keeps his prom- | ise forever;
 - ⁶ who gives justice to those who | are oppressed, and food to | those who hunger.
 - ⁷ The LORD sets the prisoners free; the LORD opens the eyes | of the blind; the LORD lifts up those who | are bowed down;
 - ⁸ the LORD loves the righteous; the LORD cares | for the stranger; he sustains the orphan and widow, but frustrates the way | of the wicked.
 - ⁹ The LORD shall | reign forever, your God, O Zion, throughout all generations. | Hallelujah!

SECOND READING

1 Timothy 6:6-19

Timothy is reminded of the confession he made at his baptism and of its implications for daily life. His priorities will be different from those of people who merely want to be rich.

A A reading from First Timothy.

- ⁶ Of course, there is great gain in godliness combined with contentment, ⁷ for we brought nothing into the world, so that we can take nothing out of it, ⁸ but if we have food and clothing, we will be content with these. ⁹ But those who want to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. ¹⁰ For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, and in their eagerness to be rich some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pains.
- ¹¹ But as for you, man of God, shun all this; pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, gentleness. ¹² Fight the good fight of the faith; take hold of the eternal life to which you were called and for which you made the good

confession in the presence of many witnesses. ¹³ In the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, I charge you ¹⁴ to keep the commandment without spot or blame until the manifestation of our Lord Jesus Christ, ¹⁵ which he will bring about at the right time—he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords. ¹⁶ It is he alone who has immortality and dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see; to him be honor and eternal dominion. Amen.

¹⁷ As for those who in the present age are rich, command them not to be haughty or to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches but rather on God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. ¹⁸ They are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share, ¹⁹ thus storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of the life that really is life.

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

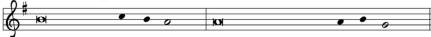
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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

The congregation sings the Acclamation.



The choir sings the Verse.



You know the generous act of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sakes he | became poor, so that by his poverty you might | become rich.

The congregation repeats the Acclamation.



GOSPEL Luke 16:19-31

Jesus tells a parable in which the poor one is "lifted up" and the rich one is "sent away empty." Jesus makes it clear that this ethic of merciful reversal is not new but is as old as Moses and the prophets.

P The holy gospel according to Luke.

G Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said:] 19 "There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. ²⁰ And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, ²¹ who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man's table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. ²² The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. ²³ In Hades, where he was being tormented, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. ²⁴ He called out, 'Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am in agony in these flames.' ²⁵ But Abraham said, 'Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things and Lazarus in like manner evil things, but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony. ²⁶ Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us.' ²⁷ He said, 'Then I beg you, father, to send him to my father's house ²⁸ for I have five brothers—that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment.' ²⁹ Abraham replied, 'They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them.' 30 He said, 'No, father Abraham, but if someone from the dead goes to them, they will repent.' ³¹ He said to him, 'If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead."

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

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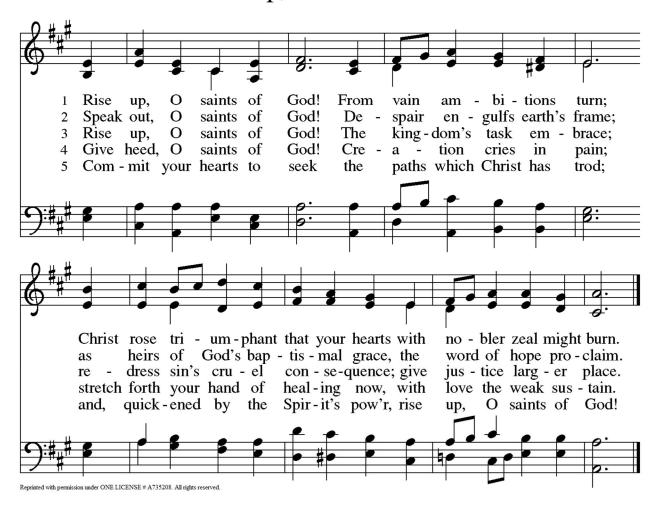
SERMON Pastor Weleck

Stand

Later service only:

HYMN OF THE DAY: Rise Up, O Saints of God! Printed on the next page.

Rise Up, O Saints of God!



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.

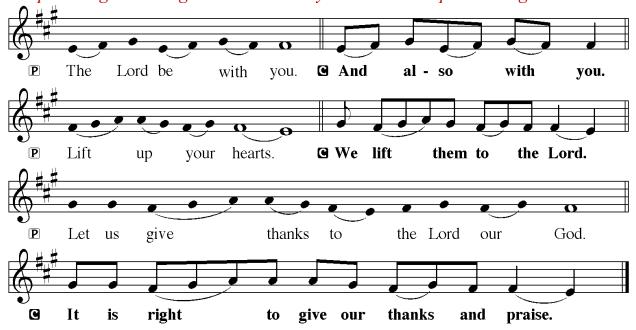
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GREAT THANKSGIVING

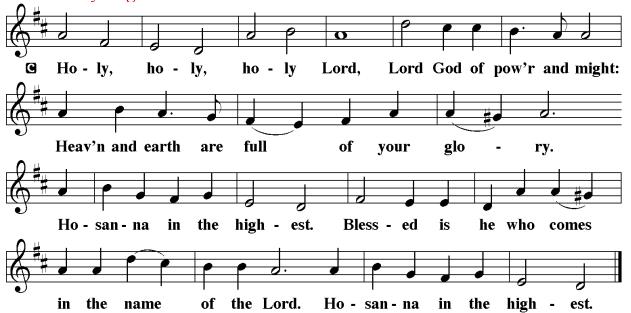
The presiding minister greets the assembly and invites all present to give thanks:



The minister continues with the PROPER PREFACE:

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 sings the SANCTUS:



The WORDS OF INSTITUTION are sung to the music Blessed Martin Luther himself composed specifically for this purpose.

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

C

- P Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray.
- 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,

Our Father, who art in heaven,

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.

and the power, and the glory,

forever and ever. Amen.

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)



Later service only:

COMMUNION ANTHEM: "Fight the Good Fight"

Kenneth Long

Fight the good fight with all thy might, Christ is thy strength, and Christ thy right; Lay hold on life, and it shall be Thy joy and crown eternally.

Run the straight race through God's good grace,
Lift up thine eyes, and seek his face;
Life with its way before us lies, Christ is the path, and Christ the prize.
Cast care aside, upon thy guide Lean, and his mercy will provide;
Lean, and the trusting soul shall prove Christ is its life, and Christ its love.
Faint not, nor fear, his arms are near; He changeth not, and thou art dear;
Only believe, and thou shalt see That Christ is all in all to Thee.

COMMUNION VOLUNTARY:

"Jesus, All My Gladness" BWV 610 and 1105

J. S. Bach

Jesus, all my gladness, my repose in sadness,
Jesus, heaven to me; ah, my heart long plaineth,
ah, my spirit straineth, longeth after thee!
Thine I am, O holy Lamb; only where thou art is pleasure,
thee alone I treasure.

Hence with earthly treasure: thou art all my pleasure,
Jesus, my desire! Hence, for pomps I care not,
e'en as though they were not rank and fortune's hire.
Want and gloom, cross, death, and tomb; nought that I may suffer ever shall from Jesus sever.

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

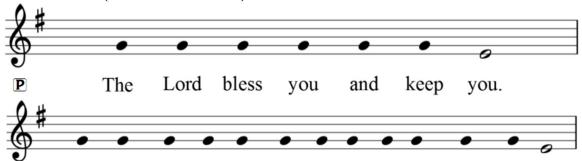
A Let us pray.

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.



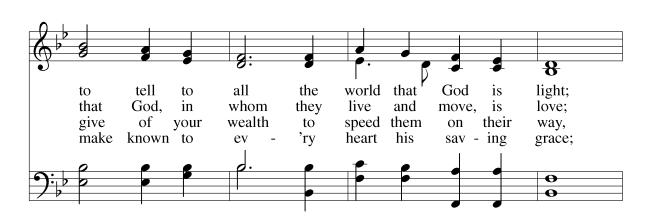
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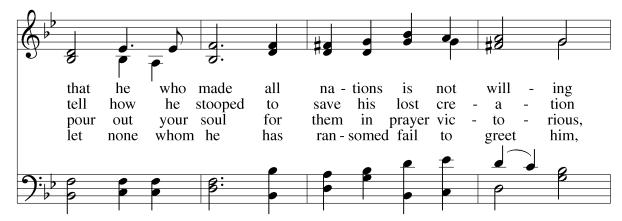
- **A** Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
- **G** Thanks be to God.

HYMN: O Zion, Haste

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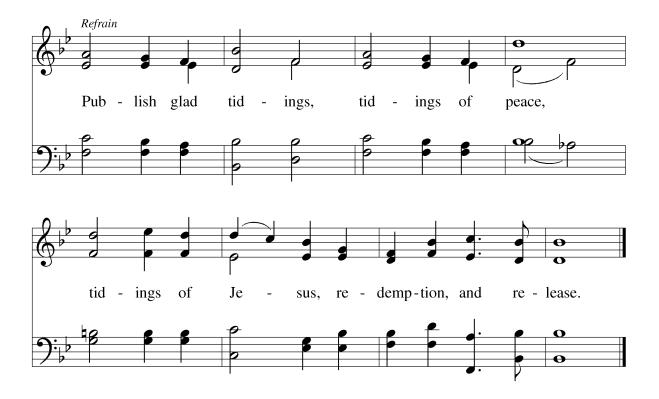
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OFFERING

The offering will be collected as you leave the Church.

POSTLUDE: "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise" Percy Whitlock

Immortal, invisible, God only wise, in light inaccessible hid from our eyes, most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days, almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.



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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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Altar Guild: Debra Augustine, Sally Sweeney, Deb Scholl, and Linda Romano

Offering Tabulation: Gary Wessner, Matthew Vera, and Karl Stefan

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

<u>The Flowers that Adorn the Altar</u> are given to the glory of God in observance of God Star Mother's Day and their heroes remembered.

<u>The Sanctuary Candle</u> is given to the glory of God by Richard and Dot Opperman in memory of loved ones.

<u>The Worship Bulletins</u> are given to the glory of God by Mr. William Kelly in honor of my daughter Nola's birthday.

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

Girls' Night Out

Please join us on Friday, Oct. 3, 7:30 pm to see Harvey at Ursinus College. Purchase your ticket online (general admission \$9.16, seniors \$5.49) and then let Deb Scholl know by Sept. 28th that you are coming (schollde@aol.com). Those who are interested will also meet for dinner before the show (details tbd). Sponsored by WELCA and open to all.

For more info about Harvey:

https://www.collegevilledevelopment.org/dinner-show-theater-harvey/ To purchase your ticket:

https://www.ticketleap.events/events/ursinus







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 call inviting you to participate.
- \bullet 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.



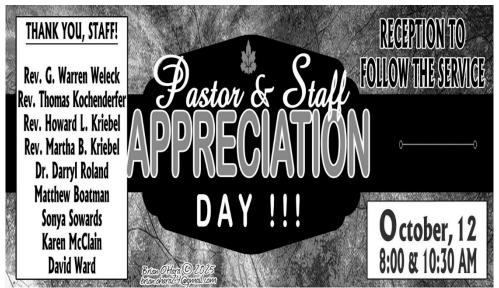
<u>90th Birthday Celebration</u>: Dorothy Rieger, a longtime member of Augustus Lutheran Church and a very active member of Augustus' Women of the ELCA, will be turning 90 years young on October 21. Among her many talents that she contributed to Augustus' culture, her legacy consists of being the first co-chair of our Annual Turkey Dinner when this event started 29 years ago!!! Although she has since moved away to Florida, she still is a member of Augustus. Let's help her celebrate this milestone birthday by showering her with cards & photos to show her that we still remember and appreciate her in a way that only Augustus can provide. Her daughter Sharon is asking that all cards and photos be sent to Sharon so that she can bundle & present them all together. Sharon Rieger Winterton's address is as follows:

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

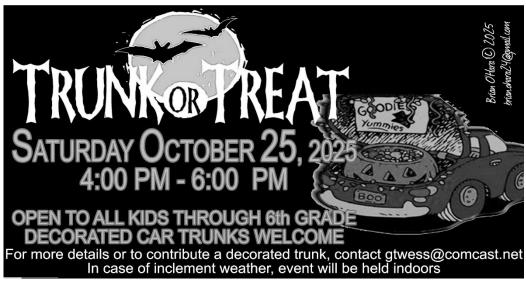
We hope that you will prayerfully consider sending her thoughtful birthday wishes for this monumental achievement on behalf of the Augustus Family.



Feast of St. Francis / Blessing of the Animals –Join us as we give thanks for our pets, celebrate creation, and remember the ministry of St. Francis. Bring your pet, favorite stuffed animal, or picture for a special blessing.



Pastor & Staff Appreciation Day —October 12th, is Pastor and Staff Appreciation Day. At Augustus, we are blessed to have a fantastic and talented staff of four dedicated pastors, a Director of Music, Organist, Director of Christian Education, a Parish Administrator, and a Sexton. In honor of our pastors and staff, and in celebration of this national event, WELCA and the Outreach committee will host a coffee hour after the 8:00 AM and 10:30 AM services. Please stop by for a quick bite and for this opportunity to express to them your appreciation for all they do, both at Augustus and as community leaders.



Augustus Youth Group Trunk or Treat: Whether you are looking for a family fun activity for the kids or having inspiration to make your car trunk a Halloween paradise, this event is for you. Children and community car-decorating volunteers are invited to join the Augustus Senior High Youth Group sponsored event. In case of inclement weather, the event will be held indoors and decorators should be prepared to set up on a table. If you can contribute a decorated car trunk, please contact gtwess@comcast.net. Costumes are encouraged!