MAUNDY THURSDAY LITURGY & HOLY COMMUNION April 17, 2025 7:00 pm

INTRODUCTION TO THE DAY

Maundy Thursday is the beginning of the Three Days—the ancient observance of the mystery of our salvation, which plunges the faithful into the death of Jesus and brings them with him to resurrection life. The Three Days are really one liturgy extending from Thursday evening through Easter Sunday evening.

The Maundy Thursday liturgy focuses on three significant actions. First, the confession of sins and announcement of forgiveness brings to a conclusion the Lenten discipline of repentance that began on Ash Wednesday. Second, the church obeys Jesus' command (in Latin, *mandatum*, from which this day receives its name) to follow his example and wash one another's feet. And third, we celebrate our meal of deliverance, taking our place at the supper Jesus shared with his disciples on this night.

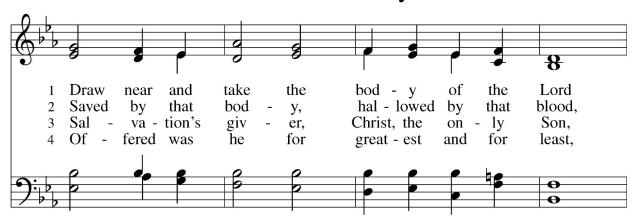
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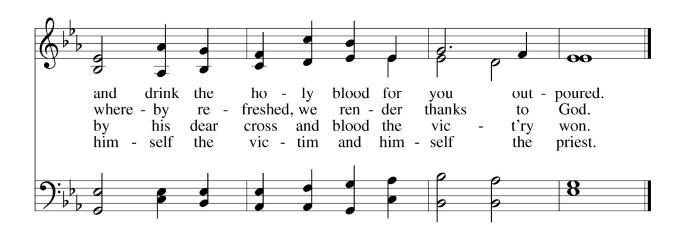
PRELUDE: Ubi Caritas - where true love and charity are found M. Biery (from Augsburg Organ Library Lent c.2000 All rights reserved)

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HYMN: Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord Printed on the next page.

Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord





- 5 Come forward then with faithful hearts sincere, and take the pledges of salvation here.
- 6 He who his saints in this world rules and shields, to all believers life eternal yields,
- 7 With heav'nly bread makes those who hunger whole, gives living waters to the thirsty soul.
- 8 The judge eternal, unto whom shall bow all nations at the last, is with us now.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Friends in Christ, in this Lenten season we have heard our Lord's call to struggle against sin, death, and the devil—all that keeps us from loving God and each other. This is the struggle to which we were called at baptism. [We have shared this discipline of Lent with new brothers and sisters in Christ who will be baptized at the Easter Vigil.]

Within the community of the church, God never wearies of forgiving sin and giving the peace of reconciliation. On this night let us confess our sin against God and our neighbor, and enter the celebration of the great Three Days reconciled with God and with 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.
- C 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.
- C Amen.

Sit

People may come forward and kneel for the laying on of hands. The minister, laying both hands on each person's head, addresses each in turn.

In obedience to the command of our Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins.

The person may respond

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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray.

Holy God, source of all love, on the night of his betrayal, Jesus gave us a new commandment, to love one another as he loves us.

Write this commandment in our hearts, and give us the will to serve others as he was the servant of all, your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Sit

FIRST READING Exodus 12:1-14

Israel celebrated its deliverance from slavery in Egypt by keeping the festival of Passover. This festival included the slaughter, preparation, and eating of the Passover lamb, whose blood was used to protect God's people from the threat of death. The early church described the Lord's supper using imagery from the Passover, especially in portraying Jesus as the lamb who delivers God's people from sin and death.

A reading from Exodus.

The LORD said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt: ²This month shall mark for you the beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year for you. ³Tell the whole congregation of Israel that on the tenth of this month they are to take a lamb for each family, a lamb for each household. ⁴If a household is too small for a whole lamb, it shall join its closest neighbor in obtaining one; the lamb shall be divided in proportion to the number of people who eat of it. ⁵Your lamb shall be without blemish, a year-old male; you may take it from the sheep or from the goats. ⁶You shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month; then the whole

assembled congregation of Israel shall slaughter it at twilight. ⁷They shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses in which they eat it. ⁸They shall eat the lamb that same night; they shall eat it roasted over the fire with unleavened bread and bitter herbs. ⁹Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water, but roasted over the fire, with its head, legs, and inner organs. ¹⁰You shall let none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains until the morning you shall burn. ¹¹This is how you shall eat it: your loins girded, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and you shall eat it hurriedly. It is the passover of the LORD. ¹²For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike down every firstborn in the land of Egypt, both human beings and animals; on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments: I am the LORD. ¹³The blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you live: when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague shall destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt.

¹⁴This day shall be a day of remembrance for you. You shall celebrate it as a festival to the LORD; throughout your generations you shall observe it as a perpetual ordinance.

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

PSALM 116:1, 10-17 (*The congregation's verses are in bold face type.*)

I love the LORD, because he has heard the voice of my | supplication,* because he has inclined his ear to me whenever I | called upon him.

¹⁰How shall I re- | pay the LORD*

for all the good things he has | done for me?

¹¹I will lift up the cup | of salvation* and call upon the name | of the LORD.

 $^{12}\mbox{I}$ will fulfill my vows | to the LORD*

in the presence of | all his people.

¹³Precious in the sight | of the LORD* is the death | of his servants.

¹⁴O LORD, I | am your servant;*

I am your servant and the child of your handmaid;

you have freed me | from my bonds.

¹⁵I will offer you the sacrifice | of thanksgiving* and call upon the name | of the LORD.

¹⁶I will fulfill my vows | to the LORD* in the presence of | all his people,

17 in the courts of | the LORD's house,*

in the midst of you, | O Jerusalem.

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 11:23-26

In all of Paul's letters, the only story from the life of Jesus that he recounts in detail is this report of the last supper. His words to the Christians at Corinth are reflected today in the liturgies of churches throughout the world.

A reading from First Corinthians.

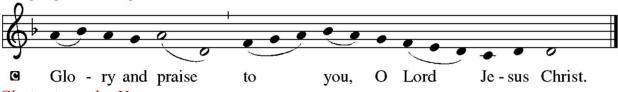
For I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took a loaf of bread, ²⁴and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, "This is my body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of me." ²⁵In the same way he took the cup also, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." ²⁶For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

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

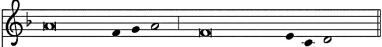
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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Congregation sings Lenten Acclamation:



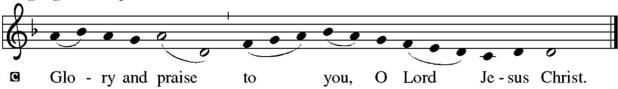
Choir sings the Verse:



I give you a | new commandment,*

that you love one another just as I | have loved you.

Congregation repeats Lenten Acclamation.



GOSPEL John 13:1-17, 31b-35

The story of the last supper in John's gospel presents a remarkable event not mentioned elsewhere. Jesus performs the duty of a slave, washing the feet of his disciples and urging them to do the same for each other.

P The holy gospel according to John.

G Glory to you, O Lord.

Now before the festival of the Passover, Jesus knew that his hour had come to depart from this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end. ²The devil had already put it into the heart of Judas son of Simon Iscariot to betray him. And during supper ³Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going to God, ⁴got up from the table, took off his outer robe, and tied a towel around himself. ⁵Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel that was tied around him. ⁶He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?" ⁷Jesus answered, "You do not know now what I am doing, but later you will understand." ⁸Peter said to him, "You will never wash my feet." Jesus answered, "Unless I wash you, you have no share with me." 9Simon Peter said to him, "Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!" ¹⁰Jesus said to him, "One who has bathed does not need to wash, except for the feet, but is entirely clean. And you are clean, though not all of you." ¹¹For he knew who was to betray him; for this reason he said, "Not all of you are clean."

¹²After he had washed their feet, had put on his robe, and had returned to the table, he said to them, "Do you know what I have done to you? ¹³You call me Teacher and Lord and you are right, for that is what I am. ¹⁴So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. ¹⁵For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you. ¹⁶Very truly, I tell you, servants are not greater than their master, nor are messengers greater than the one who sent them. ¹⁷If you know these things, you are blessed if you do them.

ANTHEM: Ubi Caritas V. Johnson

Ubi caritas et amor - where there is charity and love

Deus ibi est - God is there

Congregavit nos in unum Christi amor - the love of Christ has gathered us together Exultemus et in ipso jucundemur - let us rejoice and be glad in it

Et ex corde diligamus nos sincero - and from a sincere heart let us love one another

^{31b} "Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. ³²If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. ³³Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, 'Where I am going, you cannot come.' ³⁴I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. ³⁵By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

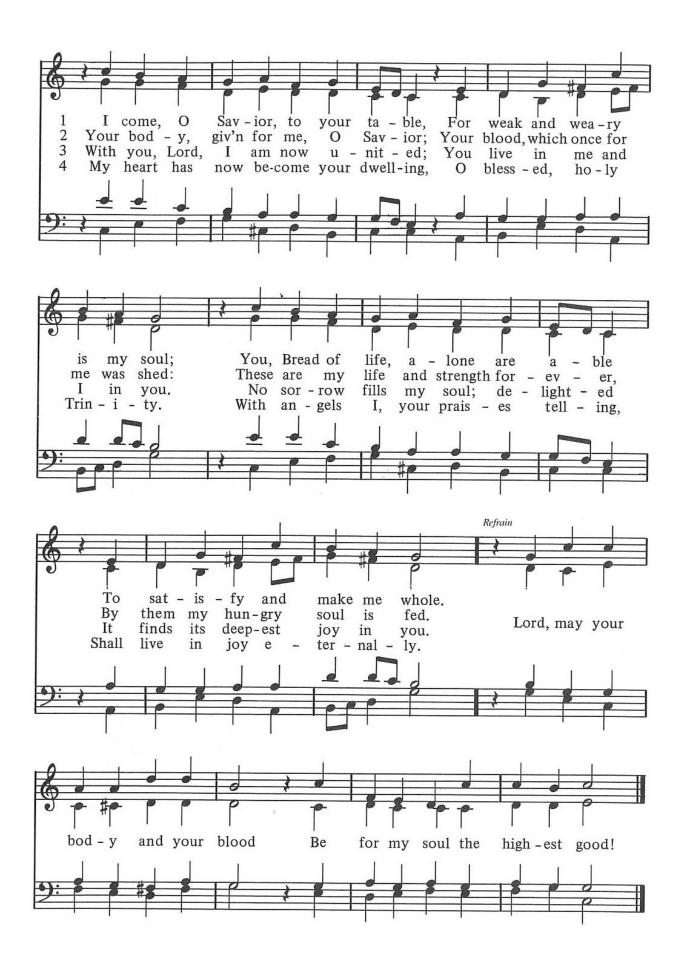
- **P** The gospel of the Lord.
- **©** Praise to you, O Christ.

Sit

SERMON Pastor Weleck

Stand

HYMN OF THE DAY: I Come, O Savior, to Your Table Printed on the next page.



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

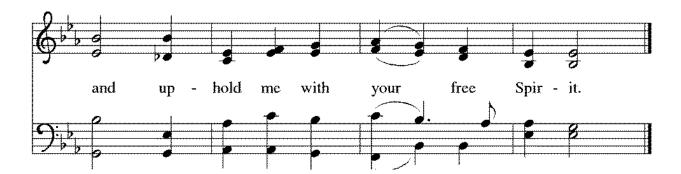
- P The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- **C** And also with you.

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

LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT OF THE ALTAR

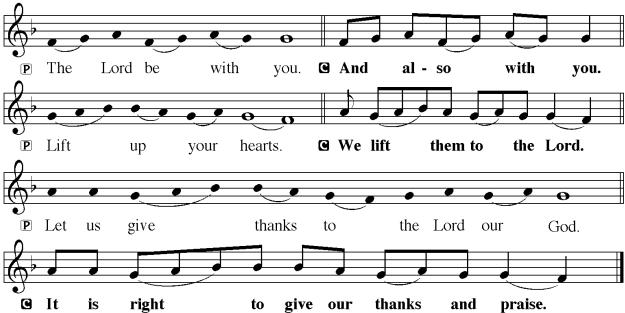
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GREAT THANKSGIVING

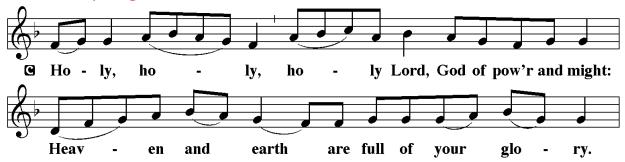
The presiding minister greets the assembly and invites all present to give thanks:

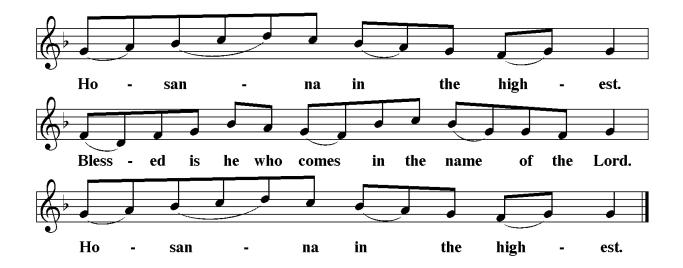


The minister continues with the PROPER PREFACE:

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



Lord, re-mem-ber us in your king-dom and teach us to pray.



Our_ Fa ther, who art in heav en, Hal low - ed_ be thy Name,



INVITATION TO COMMUNION

- Behold the Lamb of God,behold him who takes away the sins of the world.Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.
- Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

Sit

COMMUNION

When giving the bread and cup, the communion ministers say
The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you.

and each person may respond

Amen.

We Lutherans believe that the Body and Blood of Christ are "truly and substantially" present "in, with, and under" the forms of bread and wine. We invite to the communion all who are baptized and communing in this or another Christian denomination. We welcome children and others who are not communing to come forward for a blessing.

Music during Communion:

LAMB OF GOD (AGNUS DEI)



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.

Lord Jesus, in a wonderful sacrament you strengthen us with the saving power of your suffering, death, and resurrection. May this sacrament of your body and blood so work in us that the fruits of your redemption will show forth in the way we live, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Sit

STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR

The service may conclude with the stripping of the altar. The assembly sits. The sacramental elements and vessels, linens, paraments, banners, and books are removed from the worship space. Psalm 22 is said by a cantor. Lights may be dimmed as the worship space is stripped.

The blessing and dismissal are omitted. All depart in silence.

PSALM 22

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<sup>1</sup>My God, my God, why have you for- | saken me*
and are so far from my cry,
and from the words of | my distress?
       <sup>2</sup>O my God, I cry in the daytime, but you | do not answer;*
       by night as well, but I | find no rest.
<sup>3</sup>Yet you are the | Holy One,*
enthroned upon the prais- | es of Israel.
       <sup>4</sup>Our forefathers put their | trust in you;*
       they trusted, and you de- | livered them.
<sup>5</sup>They cried out to you and | were delivered;*
they trusted in you and were not | put to shame.
       <sup>6</sup>But as for me, I am a worm | and no man,*
       scorned by all and despised | by the people.
<sup>7</sup>All who see me laugh | me to scorn;*
they curl their lips and wag | their heads, saying,
       8"He trusted in the LORD; let him de- | liver him;*
       let him rescue him, if he de- | lights in him."
<sup>9</sup>Yet you are he who took me out | of the womb,*
and kept me safe upon my | mother's breast.
       <sup>10</sup>I have been entrusted to you ever since | I was born;*
       you were my God when I was still in my | mother's womb.
<sup>11</sup>Be not far from me, for trou- | ble is near,*
and there is | none to help.
       <sup>12</sup>Many young bulls en- | circle me;*
       strong bulls of Ba- | shan surround me.
<sup>13</sup>They open wide their | jaws at me,*
like a ravening and a | roaring lion.
       <sup>14</sup>I am poured out like water; all my bones are | out of joint;*
       my heart within my breast is | melting wax.
<sup>15</sup>My mouth is dried out like a potsherd;
my tongue sticks to the roof | of my mouth;*
and you have laid me in the dust | of the grave.
       <sup>16</sup>Packs of dogs close me in, and gangs of evildoers cir- | cle around me;*
       they pierce my hands and my feet, I can count | all my bones.
<sup>17</sup>They stare and gloat | over me;*
they divide my garments among them; they cast lots | for my clothing.
       <sup>18</sup>Be not far a- | way, O LORD;*
       you are my strength; hast- | en to help me.
<sup>19</sup>Save me | from the sword,*
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my life from the power | of the dog.

²⁰Save me from the | lion's mouth,*

my wretched body from the horns | of wild bulls.

²¹I will declare your name | to my brethren;*

in the midst of the congregation | I will praise you.

²²Praise the LORD, | you that fear him;* stand in awe of him, O offspring of Israel; all you of Jacob's | line, give glory.

²³For he does not despise nor abhor the poor in their poverty; neither does he hide his | face from them;* but when they cry to | him he hears them.

²⁴My praise is of him in the | great assembly;*

I will perform my vows in the presence of those who | worship him.

²⁵The poor shall eat and be satisfied,

and those who seek the | LORD shall praise him:*

"May your heart | live forever!"

²⁶All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn | to the LORD,* and all the families of the nations shall | bow before him.

²⁷For kingship belongs | to the LORD;*

he rules o- | ver the nations.

²⁸To him alone all who sleep in the earth bow | down in worship;* all who go down to the dust | fall before him.

²⁹My soul shall live for him; my descen- | dants shall serve him;* they shall be known as the | LORD's forever.

³⁰They shall come and make known to a people | yet unborn* the saving deeds that | he has done.

OFFERING

The offering will be collected as you leave the Church.



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Maundy is an English form of the Latin word for "commandment." The overarching theme of the day is Jesus' new commandment to "love one another even as I have loved you," a love sharply focused by the contrast of the betrayal which followed. Jesus' love is demonstrated both in his example of servanthood and in his gift of himself in Holy Communion.

The liturgical color scarlet, symbolic of Jesus' blood, is the preferred color for Maundy Thursday. The liturgical color white, symbolic of purity, joy, and the light of Christ, may be used as the alternate color on Maundy Thursday.

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<u>The Flowers that Adorn the Altar</u> are given to the glory of God by Renata Markert in loving memory of my husband, Dieter

<u>The Sanctuary Candle</u> is given to the glory of God by Scott, Andrea, Danielle, and Matt in honor of mother and grandmother, Anita.





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WANTED

Portrait Commitee Members



Augustus Lutheran would like to publish a Portrait Directory in 2025.

Commitee members are needed to organize this.

Please contact Gary Wessner at
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if you are interested.



"Just as you did it to one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did it to me."

Matthew 25:40 NRSV



Volunteer at the Turkey Supper Fundraiser

And

Help "the least of these"

At the Arusha Lutheran Medical Center in Tanzania.

Your help is still needed to make this year's event a success!

*Food Prep *Food Service *Set-up/Clean-up *Craft Fair & More

Visit the sign-up sheet in Muhlenberg Center

Or

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Vacation Bible School is coming!

June 23-26, 2025



Planning your child(ren)'s summer activities? Don't forget VBS at Augustus! Join us for Camp Firelight; a Summer Camp Adventure with God from June 23-26, 9a-12p. Scan the QR code to register or email Sonya at education@augustustrappe.org.

