

HOLY COMMUNION
Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost

November 12, 2023

8:00 am and 10:30 am

INTRODUCTION TO THE DAY

Today the prophet Amos calls for justice to roll down like waters. Paul urges us to encourage one another with the promised coming of the Lord. Jesus tells the parable of the wise and foolish bridesmaids. Surrounded by the faithful of every time and place, we celebrate Christ's coming in our midst in the word of life and the feast of victory—the marriage feast of the lamb.

SILENT PRAYER

PRELUDE: *Celebration*

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8:00 am: Piano Solo
10:30 am: Augustus Bell Choir

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING (ENTRANCE RITE)

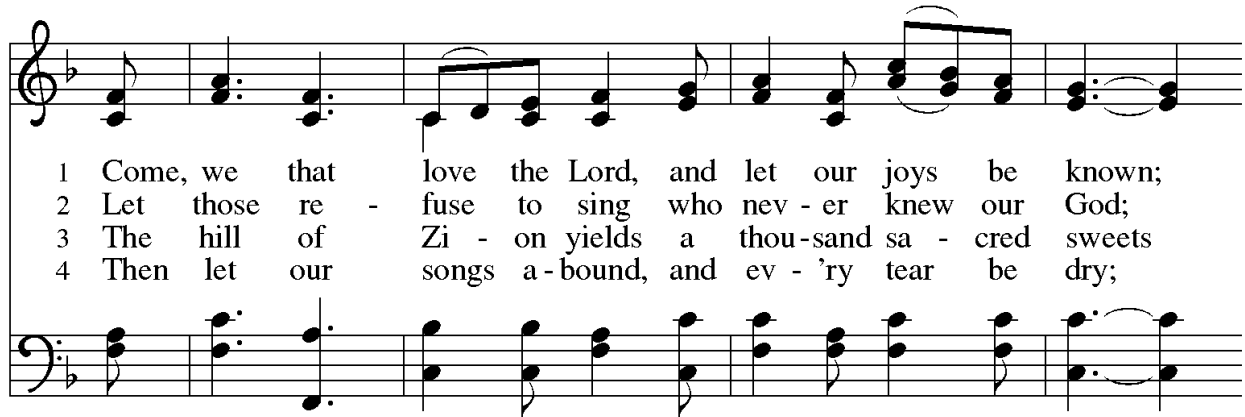
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HYMN: *Come, We That Love the Lord*

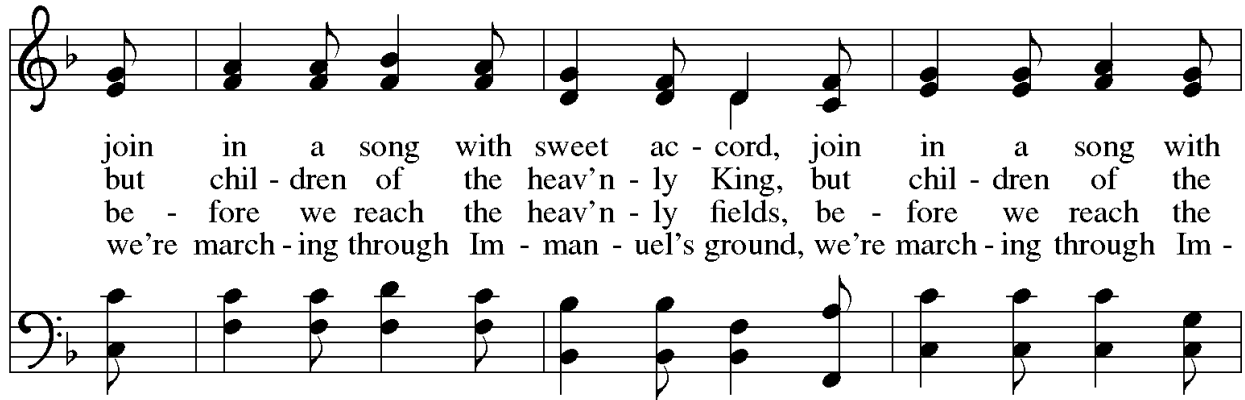
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Come, We That Love the Lord

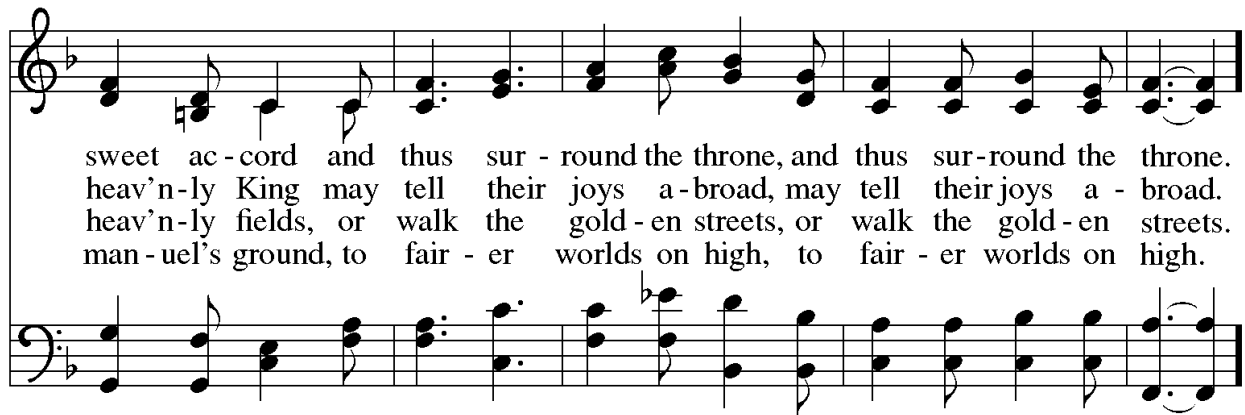
We're Marching to Zion



1 Come, we that love the Lord, and let our joys be known;
2 Let those re - fuse to sing who nev - er knew our God;
3 The hill of Zi - on yields a thou - sand sa - cred sweets
4 Then let our songs a - bound, and ev - 'ry tear be dry;



join in a song with sweet ac - cord, join in a song with
but chil - dren of the heav'n - ly King, but chil - dren of the
be - fore we reach the heav'n - ly fields, be - fore we reach the
we're march - ing through Im - man - uel's ground, we're march - ing through Im -



sweet ac - cord and thus sur - round the throne, and thus sur - round the throne.
heav'n - ly King may tell their joys a - broad, may tell their joys a - broad.
heav'n - ly fields, or walk the gold - en streets, or walk the gold - en streets.
man - uel's ground, to fair - er worlds on high, to fair - er worlds on high.

Refrain

We're march - ing to Zi - on, beau - ti - ful, beau - ti - ful Zi - on:

The first system of the refrain features a vocal line in the treble clef and piano accompaniment in the bass clef. The key signature has one flat (B-flat). The vocal line begins with a quarter note G4, followed by a dotted quarter note F4, and then a quarter note E4. The piano accompaniment consists of chords: G2-B2-D3, F2-A2-C3, and G2-B2-D3. The lyrics are: "We're march - ing to Zi - on, beau - ti - ful, beau - ti - ful Zi - on:".

we're march - ing up - ward to Zi - on, the beau - ti - ful cit - y of God.

The second system continues the refrain. The vocal line has a quarter note D5, a dotted quarter note C5, and a quarter note B4. The piano accompaniment has chords: G2-B2-D3, F2-A2-C3, and G2-B2-D3. The lyrics are: "we're march - ing up - ward to Zi - on, the beau - ti - ful cit - y of God.".

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.**

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.

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

C **Amen.**

Sit

Later service only:

CHILDREN'S SERMON

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

Amos 5:18-24

In the days of Amos, people thought that the day of the LORD would be a time of great victory, but Amos announced that it would be a day of darkness, not light. He said liturgy is no substitute for obedience. The LORD demands justice and righteousness in the community.

A A reading from Amos.

¹⁸Alas for you who desire the day of the LORD!

Why do you want the day of the LORD?

It is darkness, not light;

¹⁹as if someone fled from a lion,

and was met by a bear;

or went into the house and rested a hand against the wall,

and was bitten by a snake.

²⁰Is not the day of the LORD darkness, not light,

and gloom with no brightness in it?

²¹I hate, I despise your festivals,

and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies.

²²Even though you offer me your burnt offerings and grain offerings,

I will not accept them;

and the offerings of well-being of your fatted animals

I will not look upon.

²³Take away from me the noise of your songs;

I will not listen to the melody of your harps.

²⁴But let justice roll down like waters,

and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.

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

Later service only:

PSALM 70 *(The congregation's verses are in bold face type.)*

¹Be pleased, O God, to de-^liver me;
O LORD, make^l haste to help me.

²**Let those who seek my life be ashamed and altogeth-^ler dismayed;
let those who take pleasure in my misfortune draw back and be
disgraced.**

³Let those who say to me "Aha!" and gloat over^l me turn back,
because they^l are ashamed.

⁴**Let all who seek you rejoice and be^l glad in you;
let those who love your salvation say forever, "Great^l is the LORD!"**

⁵But as for me, I am^l poor and needy;
come to me speedi-^lly, O God.

⁶**You are my helper and^l my deliverer;
O LORD,^l do not tarry.**

SECOND READING

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

Some of the Thessalonians are worried that dead Christians will be excluded from the resurrection to eternal life when Christ comes again. Paul reassures them with the word of hope that all Christians, living or dead, will be raised into everlasting life with Christ.

A A reading from First Thessalonians.

¹³We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. ¹⁴For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. ¹⁵For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. ¹⁶For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. ¹⁷Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord forever. ¹⁸Therefore encourage one another with these words.

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

Stand

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

The congregation sings the Acclamation.



The choir sings the Verse.



They are before the ^l throne of God,
 and the one who is seated on the throne will ^l shelter them.

The congregation repeats the Acclamation.



GOSPEL

Matthew 25:1-13

Jesus tells a parable about his own second coming, emphasizing the need for readiness at all times.

- P The holy gospel according to Matthew.
 C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus said to the disciples:] ¹“Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. ²Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. ³When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; ⁴but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. ⁵As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. ⁶But at midnight there was a shout, ‘Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.’ ⁷Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. ⁸The foolish said to the wise, ‘Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.’ ⁹But the wise replied, ‘No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.’ ¹⁰And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was

shut. ¹¹Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, ‘Lord, lord, open to us.’
¹²But he replied, ‘Truly I tell you, I do not know you.’ ¹³Keep awake therefore, for
you know neither the day nor the hour.”

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

Sit

SERMON

Pastor Weleck

Stand

Later service only:

HYMN OF THE DAY: *Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying*

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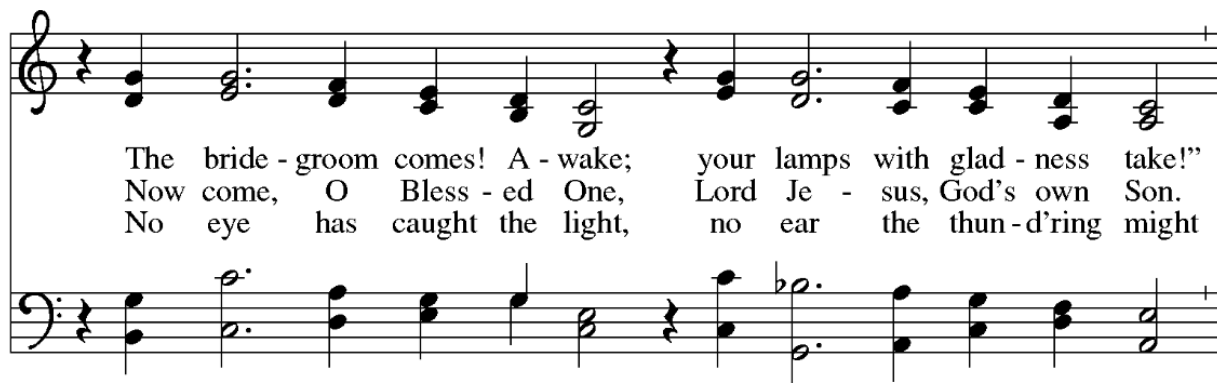
Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying

1 Wake, a - wake, for night is fly - ing, the watch-men
 2 Zi - on hears the watch-men sing - ing, and all her
 3 Glo - ri - a! Let heav'n a - dore you! Let saints and

on the heights are cry - ing; a - wake, Je - ru - sa - lem, at last.
 heart with joy is spring - ing. She wakes, she ris - es from her gloom.
 an - gels sing be - fore you, with harp and cym - bal's clear - est tone.

Mid - night hears the wel - come voice - es, and at the
 Her dear friend comes down, all glo - rious, the strong in
 Gates of pearl, twelve por - tals gleam - ing, lead us to

thrill - ing cry re - joic - es: "Come forth, you maid - ens! Night is past.
 grace, in truth vic - to - rious: her star is ris'n; her light is come.
 bliss be - yond all dream - ing, with an - gel choirs a - round your throne.



The bride - groom comes! A - wake; your lamps with glad - ness take!"
 Now come, O Bless - ed One, Lord Je - sus, God's own Son.
 No eye has caught the light, no ear the thun - d'ring might



Al - le - lu - ia! Rise and pre - pare the feast to share;
 Sing ho - san - na! Oh, hear the call! Come one, come all,
 of such glo - ry. There we will go: what joy we'll know!



go, meet the bride - groom, who draws near.
 and fol - low to the ban - quet hall.
 There sweet de - light will ev - er flow.

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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.

C **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 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 sings 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: *I Want to Be Ready*

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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.

♩ A - men, A - men, A - men.

DISMISSAL

A Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

HYMN: *Blessed Assurance*

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Blessed Assurance

1 Bless-ed as-sur-ance, Je-sus is mine! Oh, what a fore-taste of glo-ry di-vine!
 2 Per-fect sub-mis-sion, per-fect de-light, vi-sions of rap-ture now burst on my sight;
 3 Per-fect sub-mis-sion, all is at rest; I in my Sav-ior am hap-py and blest,

Heir of sal-va-tion, pur-chase of God, born of his Spir-it, washed in his blood.
 an-gels de-scend-ing bring from a-bove ech-oes of mer-cy, whis-pers of love.
 watch-ing and wait-ing, look-ing a-bove, filled with his good-ness, lost in his love.

Refrain

This is my sto-ry, this is my song, prais-ing my Sav-ior all the day long:

this is my sto-ry, this is my song, prais-ing my Sav-ior all the day long.

OFFERING

The offering will be collected as you leave the Church.

POSTLUDE: *Blessed Assurance*

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The Time of the Church is the season after Pentecost, beginning with The Holy Trinity and ending with Christ the King. These weeks focus on Christ's ministry and teaching.

On Sundays for which the color is green, it is appropriate to omit either the Kyrie or the Hymn of Praise, reserving both together for festival seasons.

The liturgical color green, symbolic of growth, is used for the season after Epiphany and after Pentecost.

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Worship Assistants

Ushers: Scott Halteman, Dick Allebach, Shane Elison, and Pat O'Hara

Elevator Attendant: Mike Taylor

Lectors: Lessons: Sonya Sowards Prayers: Matthew Vera

Communion Assistant: Sherry Jessee

Acolyte: Katie Kerr Crucifer: Emily Barndt

Altar Guild: 8:00 am: Debra Augustine and Sally Sweeney

10:30 am: Becky Quitk

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

The Flowers that Adorn the Altar are given to the glory of God by Mr. and Mrs. John E. Schatz, Jr. and family in loving memory of sister and Aunt, Linda M. Dieffenbach Killen, Parents and grandparents Warren A. and Jacqueline Dieffenbach, and J. Edgar and Thelma Schatz.

The Sanctuary Candle is given to the glory of God by Elizabeth Rutter in memory of parents, Florence and LeRoy Reed.

The Worship Bulletins are given to the glory of God by Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Tartar and family in loving memory of Jennifer Tartar.

Congregational Meeting Part II: All members of Augustus are invited and encouraged to attend the Annual Meeting TODAY following the 10:30 service. The purpose of this meeting is to hold elections for vestry members for the coming year and to approve the 2024 budget for the church. WELCA will provide a light lunch during the meeting. To hold the meeting, we must have as many members as possible at the meeting. Please join us!

New Newsletter Delivery Coming! Beginning over the winter of 2024, our Monthly Church newsletter will be delivered via e-mail. If you don't think we have your e-mail address, please drop a line to office@augustrappe.org to get on the list! If you don't use e-mail, please call the church office to let Karen know that you would like to continue receiving your newsletter via regular mail. Please note that this change will not begin until after the first of the year.

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. We will also be serving lunch...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.

Muriel is 100! On Thursday, November 16th, long-time member of our Augustus family, Muriel Ludwig, will celebrate her 100th birthday! Muriel's friends from WELCA invite all of her church family to "shower" her with cards in the week leading up to her big day. Please consider sending Muriel a card: Muriel Ludwig, 800 Maple Avenue, 143 Westview Court, Harleysville, PA 19438. All are invited to help Muriel celebrate on her birthday by attending a cake and coffee party on November 16th from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm at the Peter Becker Community in Harleysville.

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 03, 2023. Be present to receive yours!



FOR THOSE WHO WE HOLD CLOSE TO OUR HEARTS AT CHRISTMAS
a free gift and token of remembrance and hope

**Advent
Remembrance
Doves**

Dec. 03
8:00 & 10:30 AM

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11th Annual Thanksgiving Apple Pie Sale

Sponsored by the Senior Youth Group

Pies can be picked up on Nov. 19th 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 19-Nov-2023 (check one)

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

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

Address for delivery: _____

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



Augustus' Women of the ELCA Thankoffering/Quilt & Afghan Sunday



Augustus' Thankoffering/Quilt & Afghan Sunday will be held on November 19, 2023, at both the 8:00am & 10:30am church worship services. The Reverend Betty Wright-Riggins, Ursinus' Chaplain Director of Religion & Spiritual Life, will be our guest preacher. She is an outstanding leader in our community. Please mark your calendars & plan to attend. You won't want to miss this service!!

Also, on this day handcrafted quilts and afghans by Augustus' Women of the ELCA Hearts & Hands Committee will be on display. The quilts and afghans were produced under the direction of Mildred Stuffle. The quilts will be given to Lutheran World Relief for distribution to the less fortunate in countries all over the world. 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. Producing and distributing quilts and afghans to those in need is a tangible way to express love to our neighbors in need.

In honor of Thankoffering, envelopes will be distributed for your donation which support the life-changing ministries of Women of the ELCA by covering the costs for programs, resources, leadership training, and operational expenses. All the money collected will be sent directly to the churchwide organization of the Women of the ELCA. Make checks payable to "Augustus 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!



2023 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: Sunday, December 3, 2023

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:

Master Calendar 2023/2024

November 19	Thank Offering Sunday
December 10	Christmas Concert @4p
December 17	Children's Nativity Program at 10:30a service
December 24	No Sunday School
	Christmas Eve at 5 (w/Living Nativity), 7 & 9p
January 7	Baby Shower for Jesus
February 10	Soup Kitchen Spaghetti Dinner
February 13	Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner
February 14	Ash Wednesday service @7p
March 24	Palm Sunday
March 28	Maundy Thursday service @7p
March 29	Good Friday Stations of the Cross @7p
March 31	Easter services at 8 & 10:30a — first communion
	Easter egg hunt in Sunday school
April 27	Turkey Dinner
May 19	Pentecost with confirmation
	Last Christian Education classes
June 9	Old Church Sunday (summer schedule begins)
June 24	Vacation Bible School begins
July 21	Mission Trip

Christmas Eve Candlelight Services & Family Traditions

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, 8:00 AM Communion
Located in Chapel
 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

Sunday School Christmas Pageant! Nothing is more precious than watching a children's production at Christmas. You will not want to miss this event! The Augustus Lutheran Church Sunday School will perform their annual Christmas Pageant during the 10:30 AM service on Sunday December 17, 2023 in the Brick Church. This is a fantastic church service for both adults and children alike and enjoyed by all. Start your Christmas family tradition at Augustus!



SUNDAY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

Participating youth attend
Sunday School at 9:00 AM

December 17, 2023
10:30 AM

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AUGUSTUS LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Sunday Services: 8:00 AM Communion * 9:00 AM Sunday School * 10:30 AM Communion

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Annual Toy Drive: WELCA will host their annual Toy Drive for the children of Silver Springs Martin Luther School during the month of November. There will be a box in the Muhlenberg Center for your donations all month. See below and the following page for how you can help a child have a Merry Christmas!



2023 Gift Wish List

Toys

- Large and medium-sized stuffed animals
- Small and medium-sized Squishmallow stuffed animals
- Games – Checkers, Chess, Jenga, Connect 4, UNO, Monopoly, Scrabble, Trouble, and Sorry are favorites
- LEGO sets
- Pokémon cards and toys
- Minecraft toys
- Superhero action figures
- LOL dolls and Rainbow High dolls
- Barbie dolls
- Remote controlled vehicles
- Beyblades and Beyblades arenas
- Playing cards and card games
- Rubik's cubes
- Fidget toys – spinners, tangles, cubes, stress balls
- 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

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
- Gel pen sets
- Crayons, markers, and colored pencils
- Velvet posters to color
- Coloring books and large coloring pages
- Sketch books and drawing paper – non-spiral bound, please!
- Journals- no locks, non-spiral bound, please!
- Origami kits and origami paper

Sports

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