HOLY COMMUNION

Reformation Sunday

October 26, 2025

8:00 am and 10:30 am

INTRODUCTION TO THE DAY

Rooted in the past and growing into the future, the church must always be reformed in order to live out the love of Christ in an ever-changing world. We celebrate the good news of God's grace, that Jesus Christ sets us free every day to do this life-transforming work. Trusting in the freedom given to us in baptism, we pray for the church, that Christians will unite more fully in worship and mission.

SILENT PRAYER

PRELUDE: "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" BWV 720 J. S. Bach

A mighty fortress is our God, a sword and shield victorious; he breaks the cruel oppressor's rod and wins salvation glorious.

The old satanic foe has sworn to work us woe!

With craft and dreadful might he arms himself to fight.

On earth he has no equal.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING (ENTRANCE RITE)

Stand

HYMN: A Mighty Fortress Is Our God
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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.
- 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.
- Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Kneel/Stand

- **P** Most merciful God,
- we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves.
 We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone.
 We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
 For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us.
 Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.
 Amen.
- In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
- **G** Amen.

Stand

GREETING

- P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- **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. 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 take a-way the sin of the world; have mer us. You are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther; re-ceive our prayer. 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, God the in the glo of Fa-ther. ry men

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray.

Almighty God, gracious Lord, pour out your Holy Spirit upon your faithful people. Keep them steadfast in your Word, protect and comfort them in all temptations, defend them against all their enemies, and bestow on the Church your saving peace; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Sit

Later service only:

CHILDREN'S SERMON

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

Jeremiah 31:31-34

The renewed covenant will not be breakable, but like the old covenant it will expect the people to live upright lives. To know the Lord means that one will defend the cause of the poor and needy (Jer. 22:16). The renewed covenant is possible only because the Lord will forgive iniquity and not remember sin. Our hope lies in a God who forgets.

- **A** reading from Jeremiah.
- ³¹The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. ³²It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the Lord. ³³But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. ³⁴No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, "Know the Lord," for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.
- **A** The word of the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

Later service only:

PSALM 46 (The congregation's verses are printed in bold font.)

- ¹ God is our ref- | uge and strength,*
 - a very present | help in trouble.
- ² Therefore we will not fear, though the | earth be moved,* and though the mountains be toppled into the depths | of the sea;
- ³ though its waters | rage and foam,*

and though the mountains tremble | at its tumult.

⁴ The Lord of | hosts is with us;*

the God of Jacob | is our stronghold.

- ⁵ There is a river whose streams make glad the cit- | y of God,* the holy habitation of | the Most High.
- ⁶ God is in the midst of her; she shall not be | overthrown;* God shall help her at the | break of day.
- ⁷ The nations make much ado, and the king- | doms are shaken;* God has spoken, and the earth shall | melt away.
- ⁸ The Lord of | hosts is with us;*

the God of Jacob | is our stronghold.

- ⁹ Come now and look upon the works | of the Lord,* what awesome things he has | done on earth.
- 10 It is he who makes war to cease in | all the world;*
 he breaks the bow, and shatters the spear,
 and burns the | shields with fire.
- I will be exalted among the nations;
 I will be exalted | in the earth."
- 12 The Lord of | hosts is with us;*

the God of Jacob | is our stronghold.

SECOND READING

Romans 3:19-28

Paul's words stand at the heart of the preaching of Martin Luther and the other Reformation leaders. No human beings make themselves right with God through works of the law. We are brought into a right relationship with God through the divine activity centered in Christ's death. This act is a gift of grace that liberates us from sin and empowers our faith in Jesus Christ.

A reading from Romans.

¹⁹Now we know that whatever the law says, it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be silenced, and the whole world may be held

accountable to God. ²⁰For "no human being will be justified in his sight" by deeds prescribed by the law, for through the law comes the knowledge of sin.

²¹But now, apart from law, the righteousness of God has been disclosed, and is attested by the law and the prophets, ²²the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction, ²³since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; ²⁴they are now justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, ²⁵whom God put forward as a sacrifice of atonement by his blood, effective through faith. He did this to show his righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over the sins previously committed; ²⁶it was to prove at the present time that he himself is righteous and that he justifies the one who has faith in Jesus.

²⁷Then what becomes of boasting? It is excluded. By what law? By that of works? No, but by the law of faith. ²⁸For we hold that a person is justified by faith apart from works prescribed by the law.

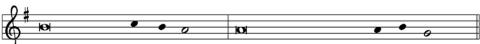
- **A** The word of the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

Stand

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

The congregation sings the Acclamation.





If you continue in my word, you are truly | my disciples, and you will know the truth, and the truth will | make you free.

The congregation repeats the Acclamation.



GOSPEL John 8:31-36

Jesus speaks of truth and freedom as spiritual realities known through his word. He reveals the truth that sets people free from sin.

- **P** The holy gospel according to John.
- **G** Glory to you, O Lord.

³¹Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, "If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples; ³²and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free." ³³They answered him, "We are descendants of Abraham and have never been slaves to anyone. What do you mean by saying, 'You will be made free'?"

³⁴Jesus answered them, "Very truly, I tell you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. ³⁵The slave does not have a permanent place in the household; the son has a place there forever. ³⁶So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed."

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

Sit

SERMON Pastor Weleck

Stand

Later service only:

HYMN OF THE DAY: Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation Printed on the next page.

Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation



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

- P 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

- 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,
- **e** 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.

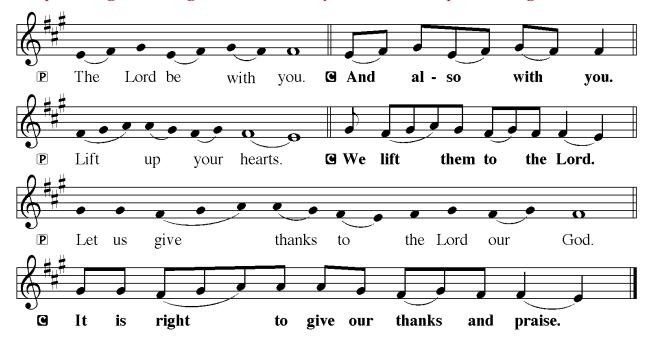
LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT OF THE ALTAR

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GREAT THANKSGIVING

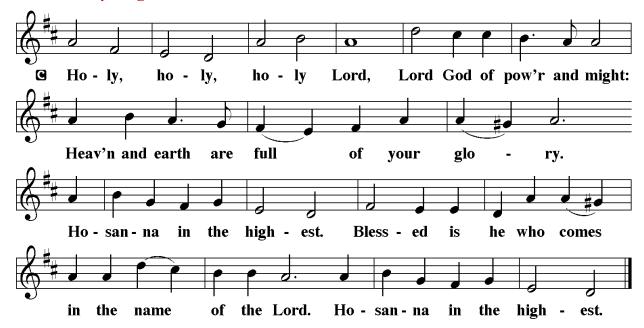
The presiding minister greets the assembly and invites all present to give thanks:



The minister continues with the PROPER PREFACE, 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

- P Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray.
- Our Father, who art in heaven,
 hallowed be thy name,
 thy kingdom come,
 thy will be done,
 on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

- 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.
- 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

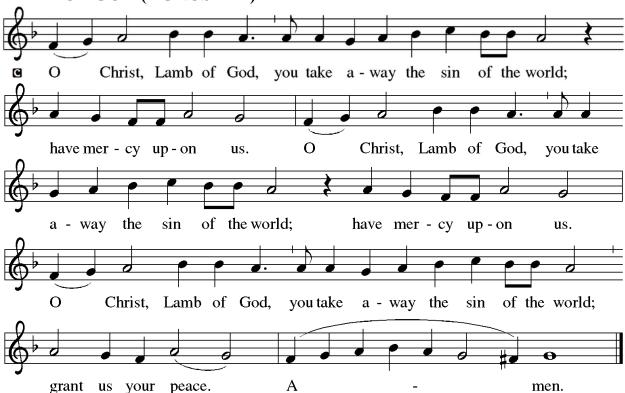
When giving the bread and cup, the communion ministers say

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)



COMMUNION ANTHEMS:

"All Praise to God, Who Reigns Above"

Ludwig Lenel

All praise to God, who reigns above, the God of all creation, the God of wonders, pow'r, and love, the God of our salvation! With healing balm my soul he fills, the God who every sorrow stills.

To God all praise and glory!

What God's almighty pow'r hath made his gracious mercy keepeth; by morning dawn or evening shade his watchful eye ne'er sleepeth; within the kingdom of his might, lo, all is just and all is right.

To God all praise and glory!

"Strengthen for Service"

Michael Sitton

Strengthen for service, Lord, the hands that holy things have taken; let ears that now have heard thy songs to clamour never waken. Lord, may the tongues which 'Holy' sang keep free from all deceiving; the eyes which saw thy love be bright, thy blessèd hope perceiving.

COMMUNION VOLUNTARY:

"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"

Johann Nicolaus Hanff

Stand

BLESSING AFTER COMMUNION

- P The Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.
- **G** Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

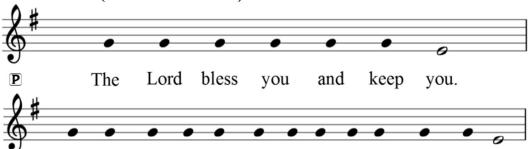
A Let us pray.

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.

G Amen.

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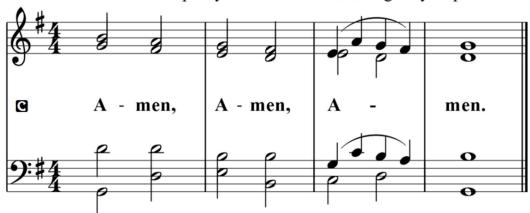
BLESSING (BENEDICTION)



The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.



The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.



DISMISSAL

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

HYMN: My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less
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My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less



OFFERING

The offering will be collected as you leave the Church.

POSTLUDE: "Festival Voluntary" Flor Peeters

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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.

The liturgical color red is symbolic of both the fire of the Holy Spirit (used on The Day of Pentecost) and the blood of the martyrs (used on Reformation Day and commemorations of saints who died for the faith).

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8:00 am: Debra Augustine

10:30 am: Lessons: Cheryl Camuso Prayers: Sonya Sowards

Communion Assistant: Sherry Jessee

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Altar Guild: Debra Augustine, Sally Sweeney, Deb Scholl and Marie Conver

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

<u>The Flowers that Adorn the Altar</u> are given to the glory of God by LaVonne Johnson in loving memory of husband Dennis L. Johnson on the anniversary of his birthday.

<u>The Sanctuary Candle</u> is given to the glory of God by Tammy Griggs in honor of son Evan's birthday.

The Worship Bulletins are given to the glory of God by

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

<u>The Bulletins</u> are given to the glory of God by Robert Hallman in loving memory of his wife, Wendy Yohn Hallman.



<u>Augustus Senior Youth Group:</u> Top your Thanksgiving dinner off with a homemade apple pie that will impress both your family and friends. The pies come fully assembled and just require baking them prior to serving. The pies also freeze well, so you can buy an extra one for your Christmas dinner! Don't wait to order yours. They sell fast every year. Sales benefit Augustus' Senior Youth Group. To place your order, contact gtwes@comcast.net.

WELCA will accept donations of toys and other items for Gemma Services again this year. Collection boxes will be located in the Muhlenberg Center from November 2 through December 7.

Each year, Gemma creates holiday joy by providing gifts and gift cards to children and families who they accompany across their programs and Martin Luther School. Thanks to the generosity of many friends like Augustus, they are able to help parents who work hard to provide their families with essentials but do not have extra money to buy holiday gifts. They are also able to help children who are residents of their treatment program with holiday gifts while they are away from their families.

You can help make special holiday memories possible! Any gift you provide means a child will have a new toy to unwrap with excitement on Christmas morning. A gift card you donate will help a family buy the perfect present for their child or provide their family with a holiday meal. Most importantly, your generous support is a tangible reminder that every child and every family matters.





2025 Gift Wish List

Toys

- Large and medium-sized stuffed animals
- Small and medium-sized Squishmallow stuffed animals
- · Weighted stuffed animals
- Games Checkers, Chess, Jenga, Connect 4, UNO, Scrabble, Trouble, and Sorry are favorites
- LEGO sets
- · Pokémon cards and toys
- · Superhero action figures
- · LOL dolls and Rainbow High dolls
- Remote controlled vehicles (battery operated, please)
- · Playing cards and card games

- · Rubik's cubes
- Handheld electronic games (battery operated, please)
- 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
- · Hairstyling mannequin heads

Clothing & Personal Care

- Pajama sets for boys and girls youth sizes M-XL and adult sizes S-L
- Toiletry gift sets for boys or girls. Dove, Axe, and Bath and Body Works are favorites.
- Personal care items including body wash, shampoo, conditioner, deodorant, toothpaste, and toothbrushes. Plastic bottles only, please!
- Plastic water bottles
- Hooded sweatshirts for girls and boys youth sizes 12–18 and adult sizes S-L. Nike, Adidas, Champion, and Under Armor 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
- Hairbrushes and combs
- Nail stickers, press-on nails, lip gloss, lip balm, and makeup
- Winter coats youth & adult sizes
- Winter hats & gloves youth & adult sizes
- Children's weighted blankets

Arts & Crafts

- Craft kits (sand art, sun catchers, etc.)
- Crayola art kits
- · Diamond or crystal art kits
- · Paint by number
- · Gel pen sets
- · Stickers and sticker sheets
- Crayons, markers, and colored pencils
- · 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!
- · Small and medium art canvases
- Air dry clay
- Light up drawing pads

Sports

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

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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)

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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.





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 November 30, 2025. Be present to receive yours!