HOLY COMMUNION All Saints Sunday

November 6, 2022 8:00 am and 10:30 am

INTRODUCTION TO THE DAY

In holy baptism God makes saints out of sinners. In holy communion God forgives the sins of all the saints. In worship today we give thanks for all the saints "who from their labors rest." In the same breath we petition our God for the strength to hear and to heed the admonitions of Jesus in today's gospel. Sealed by the Spirit and sustained by the Savior's body and blood, we live with joy as God gives us breath, to the praise of God's glory.

SILENT PRAYER

PRELUDE: *Shall We Gather at the River* Hobby

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING (ENTRANCE RITE)

Stand

HYMN: For All the Saints

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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.
- 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,

Amen.

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.

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

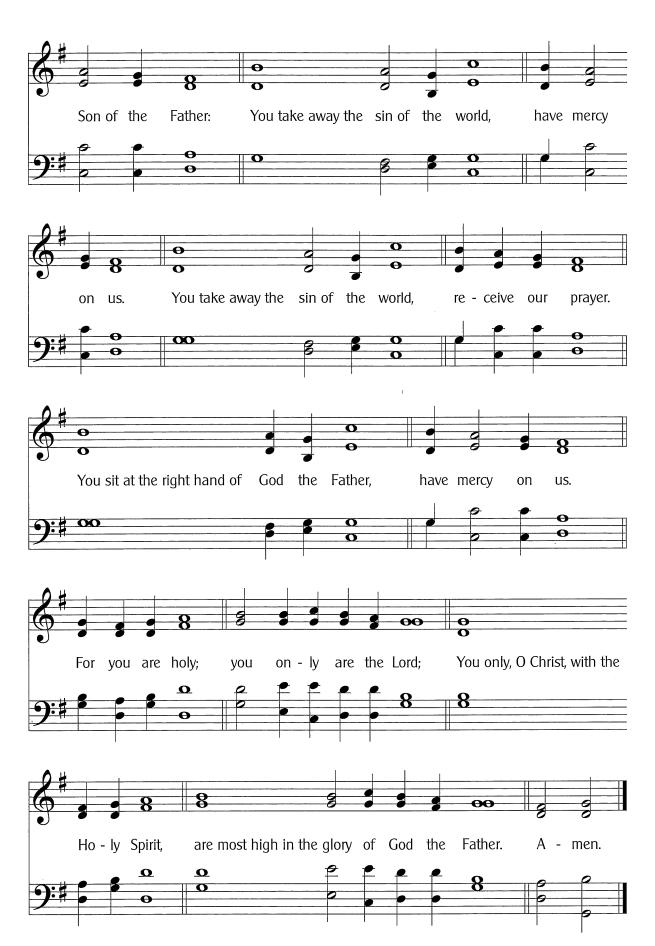
- P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- **C** And also with you.



CANTICLE OF PRAISE (GLORIA IN EXCELSIS DEO)

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray.

Almighty God, whose people are knit together in one holy Church, the body of Christ our Lord: Grant us grace to follow your blessed saints in lives of faith and commitment, and to know the inexpressible joys you have prepared for those who love you; 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 Daniel 7:1-3, 15-18

The book of Daniel was written in the second century BCE, when the Syrian king Antiochus Epiphanes was severely persecuting the Jews. Daniel's vision of the four beasts proclaims that human kings will come and go, but the kingdom will ultimately belong to God and to God's people.

A reading from Daniel.

¹In the first year of King Belshazzar of Babylon, Daniel had a dream and visions of his head as he lay in bed. Then he wrote down the dream: ²I, Daniel, saw in my vision by night the four winds of heaven stirring up the great sea, ³and four great beasts came up out of the sea, different from one another.

¹⁵As for me, Daniel, my spirit was troubled within me, and the visions of my head terrified me. ¹⁶I approached one of the attendants to ask him the truth concerning all this. So he said that he would disclose to me the interpretation of the matter: ¹⁷"As for these four great beasts, four kings shall arise out of the earth. ¹⁸But the holy ones of the Most High shall receive the kingdom and possess the kingdom forever—forever and ever."

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

Later service only:

PSALM 149 (The congregation's verses are printed in bold font.)

¹Hallelujah! Sing to the LORD a new song;

sing his praise in the congregation | of the faithful.

²Let Israel rejoice | in his maker;

let the children of Zion be joyful in their king.

³Let them praise his name in the dance;

let them sing praise to him with tim- | brel and harp.

⁴For the LORD takes pleasure | in his people and adorns the | poor with victory.

⁵Let the faithful | rejoice in triumph; let them be joyful | on their beds.

⁶Let the praises of God be | in their throat and a two-edged sword | in their hand;

7to wreak vengeance | on the nations and punishment | on the peoples;

8to bind their | kings in chains and their nobles with | links of iron;

9to inflict on them the judg- | ment decreed;

this is glory for all his faithful people. Hallelujah!

SECOND READING

Ephesians 1:11-23

After giving thanks for the faith of the Ephesians, the writer of this letter prays that they might understand the wisdom, hope, and power of God that is embodied in Jesus Christ.

A A reading from Ephesians.

¹¹In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, ¹²so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. ¹³In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; ¹⁴this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

¹⁵I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason ¹⁶I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. ¹⁷I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, ¹⁸so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which

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he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, ¹⁹ and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. ²⁰God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, ²¹ far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. ²² And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, ²³ which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

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

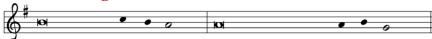
Stand

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

The congregation sings the Acclamation.



The choir sings the Verse.



They are before the | throne of God, and the one seated on the throne will | shelter them.

The congregation repeats the Acclamation.



GOSPEL Luke 6:20-31

In echoes of the prophet Isaiah and Mary's song of praise, Jesus reveals surprising things about who enjoys blessing and who endures woe. He invites his disciples to shower radical love, blessing, forgiveness, generosity, and trust even on enemies and outsiders.

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

²⁰Then [Jesus] looked up at his disciples and said:

"Blessed are you who are poor,

for yours is the kingdom of God.

²¹"Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you will be filled.

"Blessed are you who weep now,

for you will laugh.

²²"Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. ²³Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets.

²⁴"But woe to you who are rich,

for you have received your consolation.

²⁵"Woe to you who are full now,

for you will be hungry.

"Woe to you who are laughing now,

for you will mourn and weep.

²⁶"Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets.

²⁷"But I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, ²⁸bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. ²⁹If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. ³⁰Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. ³¹Do to others as you would have them do to you."

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

Sit

SERMON Pastor Kriebel

Stand

Later service only:

HYMN OF THE DAY: Rejoice in God's Saints

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Rejoice in God's Saints



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,
- **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.

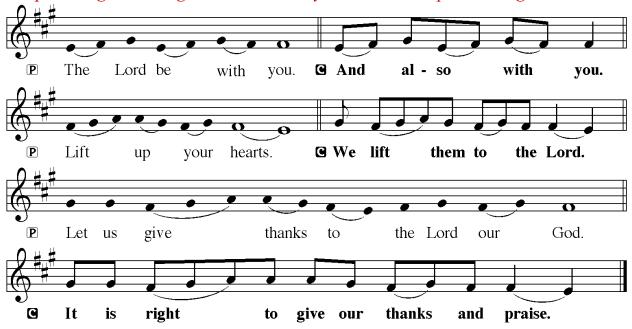
LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT OF THE ALTAR

The Offering will be collected in the Narthex as you leave the church.



GREAT THANKSGIVING

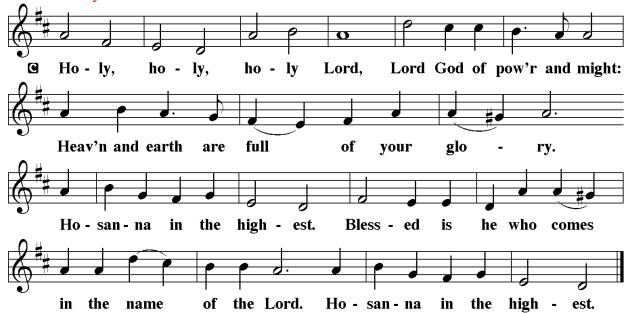
The presiding minister greets the assembly and invites all present to give thanks:



The minister continues with the PROPER PREFACE:

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy... *Here the minister continues with the preface for the day, concluding:* ...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

The assembly continues with the SANCTUS:



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.

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.

LORD'S PRAYER

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

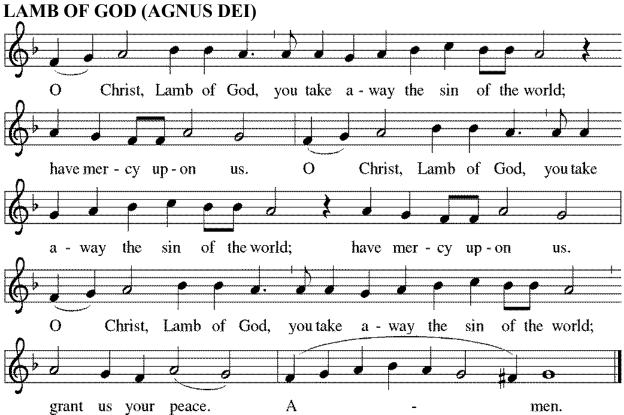
COMMUNION

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

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:



Later service only:

ANTHEM: Goin' Home

arr. Langford

Goin' home, goin' home, I'm just' goin' home.

Quiet like, some still day, I'm just' goin' home.

It's not far, just close by, through an open door.

Work all done, care laid by, goin' to fear no more.

Mother's there, expecting me, father's waiting, too.

Lots of folk gathered there, all the friends I knew.

Morning star lights the way, restless dream all done.

Shadows gone, break of day, real life's just begun.

There's no break, there's no end, just a living on,

Wide awake with a smile, going on and on.

It's not far, just close by, through an open door.

I'm just goin' home.

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

Let us pray.

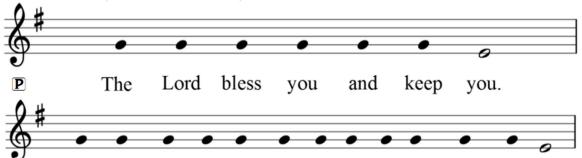
We give you thanks, almighty God,
that you have refreshed us
through the healing power of this gift of life.
In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift,
in faith toward you
and in fervent love toward one another;
for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen.

SENDING

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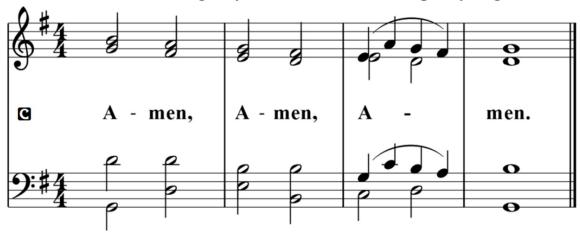
BLESSING (BENEDICTION)



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.

C Thanks be to God.

HYMN: Shall We Gather at the River Printed on the next page.

Shall We Gather at the River



OFFERING

The offering will be collected as you leave the Church.

POSTLUDE: For All the Saints

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

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"... and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

--Revelation 7:17

John Moorehead Ruth C. Fisher Robert Oelschlager Alan Shunk Saranne Gorski Duane Clark Thomas Putera Cathy Engel

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Ushers: Dick Allebach, Frank De Paul, Mike Beattie, and Scott Halteman

Elevator Attendant: Mike Taylor Lectors: 8:00 am: Laurie Mueller

10:30 am lessons: Ruth Taylor 10:30 am prayers: Connor Elison

Communion Assistant: Janice Reiff

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

10:30 am: Linda Romano

Offering Tabulation: John Kochel, Sherry Jessee, and Shane Elison Video Production: Jim Lien, Jeannie Funk, or Jonathan Mueller

<u>The Flowers that Adorn the Altar</u> are given to the glory of God by Mrs. William Clelland and family in loving memory of Sara and Gunnar Rambo.

<u>The Sanctuary Candle</u> is given to the glory of God by Liz Rutter in memory of Son-in-law Alan M. Paige.

<u>The Worship Bulletins</u> are given to the glory of God by Rich and Dot Opperman in thanks for blessings received.

Volunteer Appreciation Sunday! Next Sunday, November 13, we will recognize and thank all our volunteers at each worship service. Please come to help us thank these wonderful folks, and then stay for lunch and our annual meeting after the 10:30 service.

SAVE THE DATE: *Our Community Christmas Concert* will be held on December 11th at 4:00 pm in the brick church. The choir will be accompanied by the Blue Line String quartet, flute, "Harp", and percussion. If you'd like to sing in the concert, please contact Laurie Mueller at Music@augustustrappe.org.

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Congregational Meeting Part II

November 13 11:30 am

Join us in Fellowship Hall for lunch and our Annual Meeting. This meeting includes Vestry Elections as well as our Annual Budget presentation and approval. As members of Augustus, it is important that we attend these meetings—the topics are of vital importance to our Congregation.

And there's lunch! Please plan to attend this meeting!



A Music Ministry of Word FM on radio 1370 AM, 103.5 FM & 97.1 FM

Invites you to a performance of the Great Songs of the Faith Choir singing Seasonal Holiday songs & Hymns

Followed by a Traditional Hymn Sing Sunday November 20th 2022 4:00 PM @ St. John's Ev. Lutheran Church 3104 Main St, Green Lane PA 18054



OUTREACH COMMITTEE! Back by popular demand, the Outreach Committee is re-releasing boxed Christmas Cards by the famed local artist, Julia Longacre. The re-release has been remastered, enhanced, and printed on archival paper suitable for framing. The inside verse of the cards have "'Unto Us a Child is Born, Unto Us a Son is Given' Isaiah 9:6" annotated on them. A box of 8 cards will be on sale for only \$ 20.00. The cards are anticipated to sell quickly. To obtain yours, contact Brian at brian.ohara24@gmail.com.

The Annual Thanksgiving Apple Pie Sale

Sponsored by the Senior Youth Group

Pies can be picked up on **Nov**. 20 after either service or delivered by a member of the Senior Youth Group after the late service.

Pies will be frozen and baking instructions will be provided.

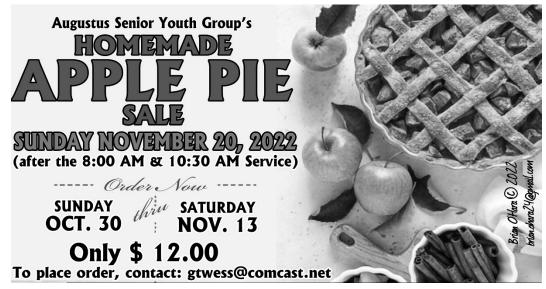
Orders must be placed by Nov. 13th

Cost: \$12.00 per pie.

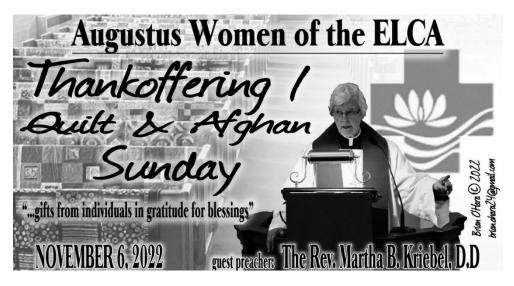
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| Phone Number: | |
| Number of Pies: Select One | |
| After the early Service (8:00 am) After the late Service (10:30 am) Delivery (address) | Curry. |

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

<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 gtwss@comcast.net.



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<u>Thankoffering Sunday</u>— Today is our annual Thankoffering/Quilt & Afghan Sunday at both the 8:00am & 10:30am church worship services. The Rev. Martha B. Kriebel, D.D., Honorary Assistant at Augustus, will be our guest preacher.

In honor of Thankoffering, envelopes will be distributed for your donation in support of the life-changing ministries of Women of the ELCA 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!

Antique Quilt Displayed in the Muhlenberg Center

Information from the Historical Society of Montgomery County (HSMC) Facebook page: The Historical Society of Montgomery County recently acquired a quilt that once belonged to Paul Luther Yount. He was a pastor at Trinity Lutheran Church on DeKalb St. in Norristown in the early 1800s. He was also affiliated with Augustus Lutheran Church in Trappe.

The quilt is signed by many people, with some people signing "Trappe 1842" underneath their name. These types of signature quilts were popular in the 19th century. They were often made for fundraisers or gifts for people who were moving out of the area. It is believed that this quilt was made by people living in Trappe and who may have been members of Augustus Lutheran Church.

HSMC has agreed to loan us the quilt for the morning and it is a wonderful opportunity to see a piece of Augustus history up close!

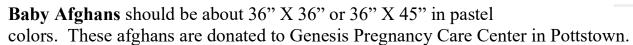
Quilting, Knitting, and Crochet

We now have **quilting packs** available in the Muhlenberg Center. The each pack has 48 squares in it and makes a 60" X 80" quilt top.

- Pick a pack out of the Basket on the table.
- Sew the squares into a Quilt top.
- Return the pack to the bin under the table.
- Each quilt top will then be used to make a quilt for Lutheran World Relief.
- Each pack has instructions, and a contact email address if you have any questions.

Do you like to Knit or Crochet? You don't need any more Afghans or sweaters? The Hearts and Hands Committee of Augustus Women of the ELCA collects knitted and crocheted 7" x 9" inch blocks that are sewn together into Afghans for Laurel House, a shelter in Norristown for abused women and children.

We also collect completed **Afghans**. The completed full-sized Afghans should about 49" X 56" (about the same size as the top of a double bed). These afghans are also donated to Laurel House.

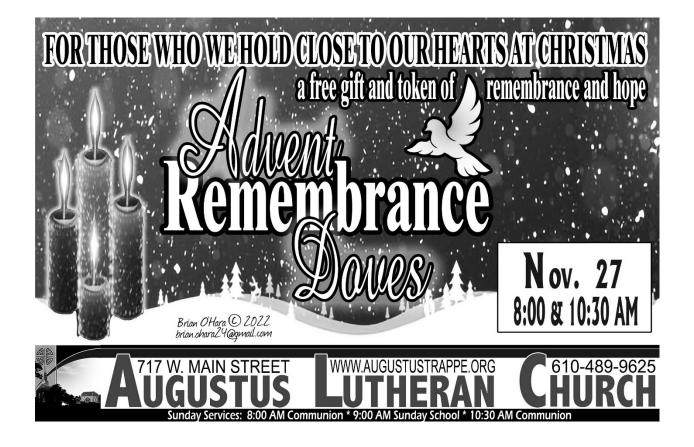


Place blocks and Afghans in the basket in the Muhlenberg Center. Please contact me if you need any yarn at <u>jandmstuffle@verizon.net</u>.

We are adding two more organizations that we will be making **prayer blankets** for. The completed prayer blankets can also be placed in the basket in the Muhlenberg Center.

- a) Doylestown Hospital: Knitted/crocheted/quilted blankets -- 2'-3' wide by 3'-4' long. The blankets will be distributed to end of life patients, both hospice and non-hospice. Blue is the most requested color but any color is okay.
- b) Holy Redeemer Hospital's Maternity Ward: Knitted/crocheted/quilted blankets -- 60" x 50" Pastel colors. The blankets will be distributed to mothers who lost their babies.





NEW FROM THE OUTREACH COMMITTEE! 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 27, 2022. Be present to receive yours!



NEW TRAPPE "PANDORA STYLE" **CHARM** - Anticipated Release Date: Sport your local pride with monuments of the local landmarks. The charms are made from sterling silver and are designed by a local artist. A new charm is currently in the design process. The charm will be the second parsonage and current parsonage of Augustus. The charms are made of sterling silver and they make a great gift. We are anticipating it to be released around Thanksgiving weekend and in time for the Christmas season. Look for additional details to come. Additional charms will be released in the future. However, you can still get any one of the charms we released in the past, such as the famous Old Trappe Church charm or the Augustus Brick Church Charm. We also have several charms designed for the Augustus Women's Ministry. A limited supply of charms is on hand at any giving time.

If you are interested in

purchasing a charm, please reach out to Brian O'Hara at brian.ohara24@gmail.com or stop by Augustus Lutheran Church on Sundays for the 10:30 and ask for Brian. Proceeds benefit Augustus Outreach Ministries.

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WELCA will accept donations in the box in the Muhlenberg Center through December 4. Thank you for your support of this wonderful ministry!



2022 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 tovs
- · Minecraft toys
- · Superhero action figures
- LOL dolls and Rainbow High dolls
- · Remote controlled vehicles
- Beyblades and Beyblades arenas
- Playing cards and card games
- · Rubik's cubes
- Fidget toys spinners, pop-its, tangles
- Dream Lites or other soft night lights
- · Books for children and teens
- · Wireless headphones/earbuds
- Small Bluetooth speakers
- Puzzles

Arts & Crafts

- Craft kits
- · Cravola art kits
- Gel pen sets
- · Crayons, markers, and colored pencils
- Fuzzy posters to color
- Coloring books and large coloring pages
- Sketch books and drawing paper non-spiral bound
- Journals no locks and non-spiral bound
- · Origami kits and origami paper

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
- 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, press on nails, 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
- Plastic water bottles Contigo and Camelback brands are favorites
- Winter coats youth & adult sizes
- · Children's weighted blankets

Sports

- Footballs, basketballs, and kickballs/playground balls
- Football gloves youth and adult sizes
- Basketball shooting sleeves youth and adult sizes
- Football, basketball, and baseball cards and binders/books for collecting cards
- Fitness watches

During the holiday season, as well as all year long, Gemma strives to grant as many wishes as possible. Even if some of the children's wishes are not simple to fill, we work to ensure that each child feels valued, cared for, and heard. Last year, with the help of friends like you, we were able to fulfill the holiday wishes of more than 400 children and 180 families! Will you help Gemma fulfill gift requests from "our" youth and families this holiday season?

Please consider these ways you might help:

- Make a generous financial gift in the spirit of the holidays to support deserving children and families.
- Suggest to friends or family members that they make a charitable gift to Gemma in your honor.
- Donate a gift card to help Gemma's children and families have a bright holiday, and to also provide support throughout the year. The most useful are \$25 gift cards to ShopRite, Walmart, Amazon, Target, Five Below, Marshalls/TJ Maxx, and Wawa.
- Provide a gift for a child. A wish list of gifts can be found on the back of this letter or on Amazon (https://bit.ly/GemmaNeeds). We ask that all gifts are new and unwrapped, please.