# **HOLY COMMUNION Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

September 7, 2025

8:00 am and 9:30 am

#### INTRODUCTION TO THE DAY

Called to contemplate the cost of discipleship, we might be helped by translating Paul's request to Philemon into our prayer of the day: Refresh my heart in Christ. Strengthened by the company and forgiveness of Christ in holy communion and recalling God's grace in remembrance of baptism, we can be strengthened in this hour to "choose life"—to choose life in God as our own.

#### SILENT PRAYER

**PRELUDE:** "These Are the Holy Ten Commandments" BWV 678 J. S. Bach

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**GATHERING (ENTRANCE RITE)** 

Stand

**HYMN:** Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven Printed on the next page.

# Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven



### **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS (ABSOLUTION)**

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism.

- **P** In the name of the Father, and of the **+** Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.
- P Almighty God,
  to whom all hearts are open,
  all desires known,
  and from whom no secrets are hid:
  cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
  by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
  that we may perfectly love you
  and worthily magnify your holy name,
  through Jesus Christ our Lord.
- **G** Amen.
- **P** Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

#### Kneel/Stand

P Most merciful God,

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.

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**

- 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.**

# **KYRIE** Lord, have Christ, have mer - cy. mer cy. Lord, have O Lord. have mer - cy; mer cy, Music © 1987 GIA Publications, Inc. Reprinted with permission under ONE LICENSE # A735208. All rights reserved.

#### PRAYER OF THE DAY

**P** Let us pray.

Almighty and eternal God, you know our problems and our weaknesses better than we ourselves. In your love and by your power help us in our confusion and, in spite of our weakness, make us firm in faith; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen.

Sit

#### LITURGY OF THE WORD

#### FIRST READING

Deuteronomy 30:15-20

Moses speaks to the Israelites, who are about to enter the land promised to their ancestors. In this passage, he lays out the stark choice before them: choose life by loving and obeying the LORD; or choose death by following other gods.

**A** reading from Deuteronomy.

<sup>15</sup> See, I have set before you today life and prosperity, death and adversity. <sup>16</sup> If you obey the commandments of the LORD your God that I am commanding you today, by loving the LORD your God, walking in his ways, and observing his commandments, decrees, and ordinances, then you shall live and become numerous, and the LORD your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to possess. <sup>17</sup> But if your heart turns away and you do not hear, but are led astray to bow down to other gods and serve them, <sup>18</sup> I declare to you today that you shall perish; you shall not live long in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess. <sup>19</sup> I call heaven and earth to witness against you today that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Choose life so that you and your descendants may live, <sup>20</sup> loving the LORD your God, obeying him, and holding fast to him; for that means life to you and length of days, so that you may live in the land that the LORD swore to give to your ancestors, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob.

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

*Later service only:* 

**PSALM 1** (*The congregation's verses are in bold face type.*)

- <sup>1</sup> Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel | of the wicked, nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the seats | of the scornful!
- <sup>2</sup> Their delight is in the law | of the LORD, and they meditate on his law | day and night.
- <sup>3</sup> They are like trees planted by streams of water, bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that | do not wither; everything they | do shall prosper.
- <sup>4</sup> It is not so | with the wicked;

they are like chaff which the wind | blows away.

- <sup>5</sup> Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when | judgment comes, nor the sinner in the council | of the righteous.
- <sup>6</sup> For the LORD knows the way | of the righteous, but the way of the wick- | ed is doomed.

#### **SECOND READING**

Philemon 1-21

Onesimus, a new Christian and a man enslaved by Philemon, has helped Paul, who is in prison. Paul writes this letter to his friend Philemon to encourage him to receive Onesimus, upon his return, as a sibling in Christ.

### **A** reading from Philemon.

<sup>1</sup> Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother,

To Philemon our dear friend and co-worker, <sup>2</sup> to Apphia our sister, to Archippus our fellow soldier, and to the church in your house:

<sup>3</sup> Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

<sup>4</sup> When I remember you in my prayers, I always thank my God <sup>5</sup> because I hear of your love for all the saints and your faith toward the Lord Jesus. <sup>6</sup> I pray that the sharing of your faith may become effective when you perceive all the good that we may do for Christ. <sup>7</sup> I have indeed received much joy and encouragement from your love, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you, my brother.

<sup>8</sup> For this reason, though I am bold enough in Christ to command you to do your duty, <sup>9</sup> yet I would rather appeal to you on the basis of love—and I, Paul, do this as an old man, and now also as a prisoner of Christ Jesus. <sup>10</sup> I am appealing to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I have become during my imprisonment.

<sup>11</sup> Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed useful both to you and to me. <sup>12</sup> I am sending him, that is, my own heart, back to you. <sup>13</sup> I wanted to keep him with me, so that he might be of service to me in your place during my

imprisonment for the gospel; <sup>14</sup> but I preferred to do nothing without your consent, in order that your good deed might be voluntary and not something forced. <sup>15</sup> Perhaps this is the reason he was separated from you for a while, so that you might have him back forever, <sup>16</sup> no longer as a slave but more than a slave, a beloved brother—especially to me but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord.

<sup>17</sup> So if you consider me your partner, welcome him as you would welcome me. <sup>18</sup> If he has wronged you in any way, or owes you anything, charge that to my account. <sup>19</sup> I, Paul, am writing this with my own hand: I will repay it. I say nothing about your owing me even your own self. <sup>20</sup> Yes, brother, let me have this benefit from you in the Lord! Refresh my heart in Christ. <sup>21</sup> Confident of your obedience, I am writing to you, knowing that you will do even more than I say.

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

#### Stand

#### **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**



Al - le-lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav - ing word.



Let it burn like fire with -in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

GOSPEL Luke 14:25-33

Jesus speaks frankly about the costs of discipleship. Those who follow him should know from the outset that completing the course of discipleship will finally mean renouncing all other allegiances.

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

<sup>25</sup> Now large crowds were traveling with [Jesus;] and he turned and said to them, <sup>26</sup> "Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. <sup>27</sup> Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. <sup>28</sup> For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? <sup>29</sup> Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, <sup>30</sup> saying, 'This fellow began to build and was not able to finish.' <sup>31</sup> Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? <sup>32</sup> If he cannot, then, while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. <sup>33</sup> So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions."

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

Sit

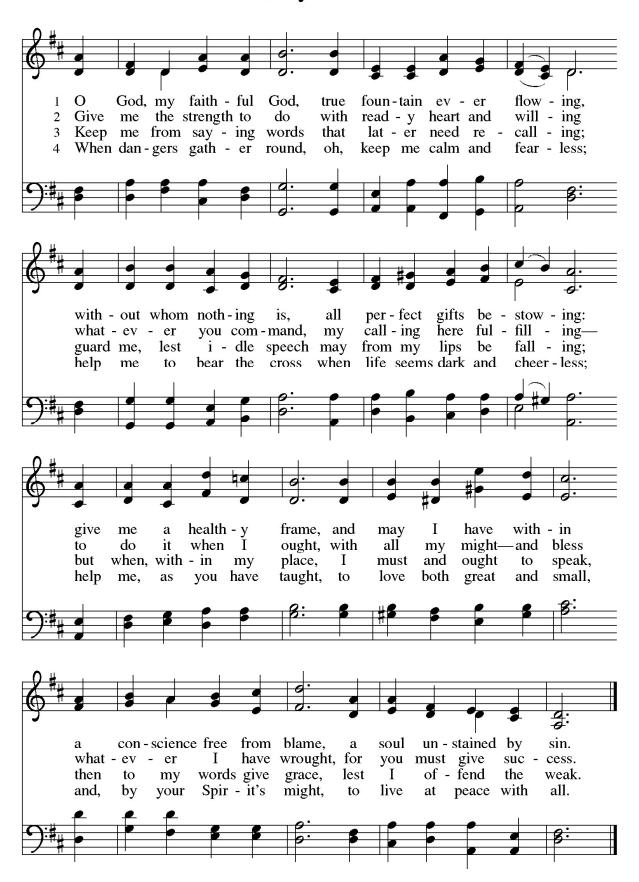
**SERMON** Pastor Weleck

Stand

*Later service only:* 

**HYMN OF THE DAY:** O God, My Faithful God Printed on the next page.

# O God, My Faithful God



#### Stand

The Nicene Creed is appropriate during Advent, Christmas, Easter, and on festival days; the Apostles' Creed during Lent and at other times.

#### APOSTLES CREED

- **P** With the whole church, let us confess our faith.
- I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended into hell.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

#### PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

- With the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.
- We pray for the church, for its pastors and other ministers, for the newly baptized, for all the faithful, for this congregation here gathered, and for our growth in grace.

  Lord, in your mercy,
- **C** hear our prayer.
- We pray for all nations, for all rulers, legislators, and judges, for an increase of justice in our lands, and for all who work for peace among nations and among peoples.

  Lord, in your mercy,
- **C** 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.

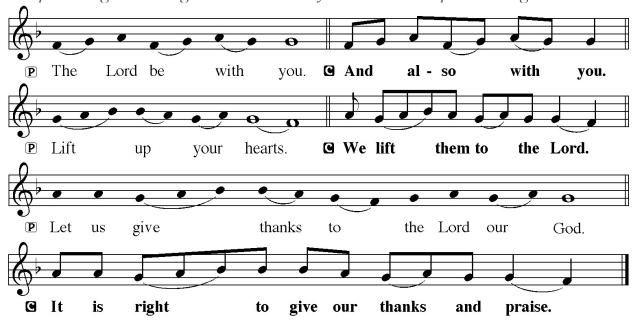
# LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT OF THE ALTAR

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#### **GREAT THANKSGIVING**

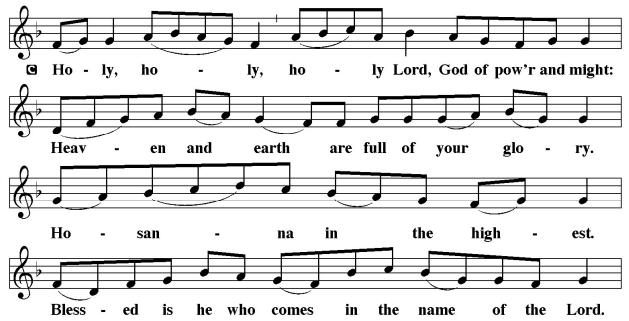
The presiding minister greets the assembly and invites all present to give thanks:



*The minister continues with the PROPER PREFACE:* 

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.

**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.

**Q** 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

- 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.

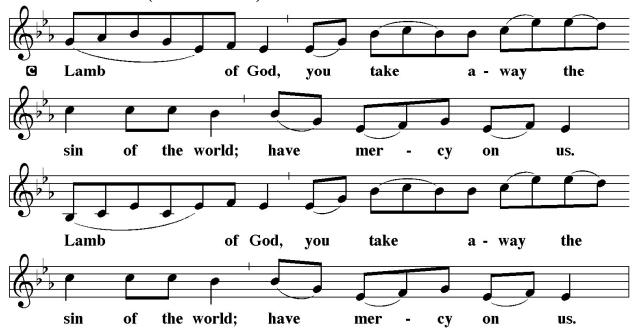
and each person may respond

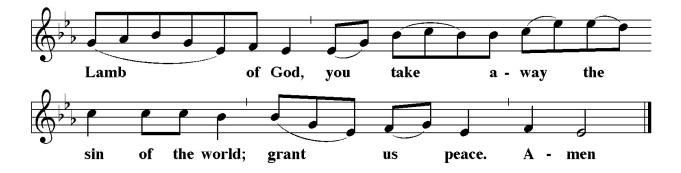
Amen.

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)**





#### **MUSIC DURING COMMUNION:**

Tarry No Longer; Toward Thine Heritage

William H. Harris

Tarry no longer; t'ward thine heritage.

Haste on thy way, and be of right good cheer.

Go each day onward on thy pilgrimage;

Think how short time thou shalt abide here.

Thy place is bigg'd above the starres clear,

None earthly palace wrought in so stately wise.

Come on, my friend, my brother most entere!

For thee I offer'd my blood in sacrifice.

"O God, My Faithful God"

Kristina Rizzotto

#### Stand

#### **BLESSING AFTER COMMUNION**

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

#### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

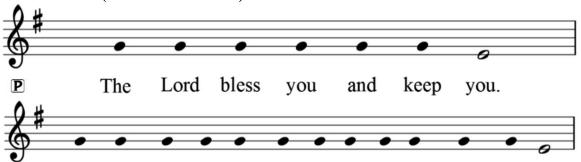
**A** Let us pray.

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

C Amen.

#### **SENDING**

# **BLESSING (BENEDICTION)**



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



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



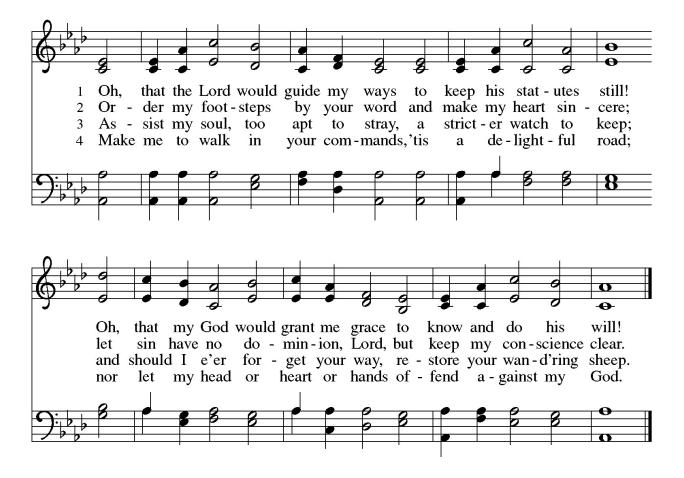
### **DISMISSAL**

**A** Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

**HYMN:** Oh, That the Lord Would Guide My Ways Printed on the next page.

# Oh, That the Lord Would Guide My Ways



#### **OFFERING**

The offering will be collected as you leave the Church.

POSTLUDE: "Sun Dance" Bob Chilcott

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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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<u>The Flowers that Adorn the Altar</u> are given to the glory of God in loving memory of parents Frank and Shirley Latshaw by their family.

<u>The Sanctuary Candle</u> is given to the glory of God by the Menendez family in loving memory of dear friend Kathy Lentini

<u>The Worship Bulletins</u> are given to the glory of God by Jim Lien in loving memory of Judi Lien and in honor of their 35<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.



We're looking forward to the start of our Sunday school year *on September 14th at 9 a.m.*! If your family is in Augustus' database, your children are already registered for Sunday school; however, if you're not sure and would like to make sure we have all the correct information, please scan this QR code and fill out the registration form. We hope to see all Augustus children aged 3 through 6th grade in Sunday school this year!

We can't do Sunday school without teachers, and we'd love to add some new teachers when our Sunday school resumes in the fall. Augustus requires two teachers in each classroom so the more teachers we have, the more we can cater to the needs of each age group. You can teach every single Sunday or just sometimes. You can prepare lesson plans and activities like crafts or science projects or just be an extra pair of hands in the room. We welcome anyone who has a lot or a little time to give to our children—and the free snacks are a bonus! Please let Sonya Sowards know ASAP if you would like to be a part of our Sunday school team (education@augustustrappe.org or call/text 904-476-4409). Clearances are required but Sonya can help you obtain them.





### 2025 Augustus Lutheran Church Directory

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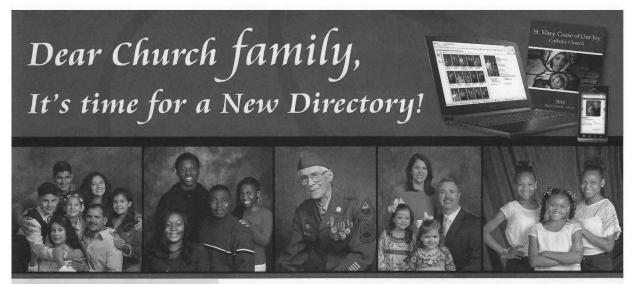
Dates: November 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>, 2025 from 2:00 pm to 8:30 pm

Sign Up: Beginning September 14th, after each service

If you are unable to sign up in person, please contact
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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.
- 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.



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

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

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

