

**HOLY COMMUNION**  
**Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

**October 1, 2023**

**8:00 am and 10:30 am**

**INTRODUCTION TO THE DAY**

Jesus' parable about two sons who don't do what they say reveals surprises in the reign of God. In the reading from Ezekiel the people claim the ways of the Lord are unfair, while God offers repentance and new life. Paul urges us to look to Christ as a model of humility, putting the interests of others above our own. Nourished by the broken bread and shared cup, we offer our lives for the sake of our needy world.

**SILENT PRAYER**

**PRELUDE:** *Dearest Jesus, at Your Word*

Bach

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

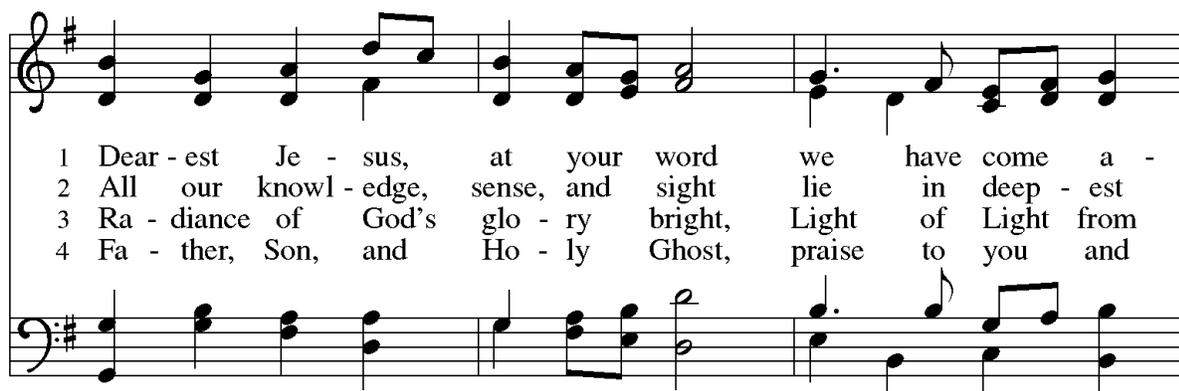
**GATHERING (ENTRANCE RITE)**

***Stand***

**HYMN:** *Dearest Jesus, at Your Word*

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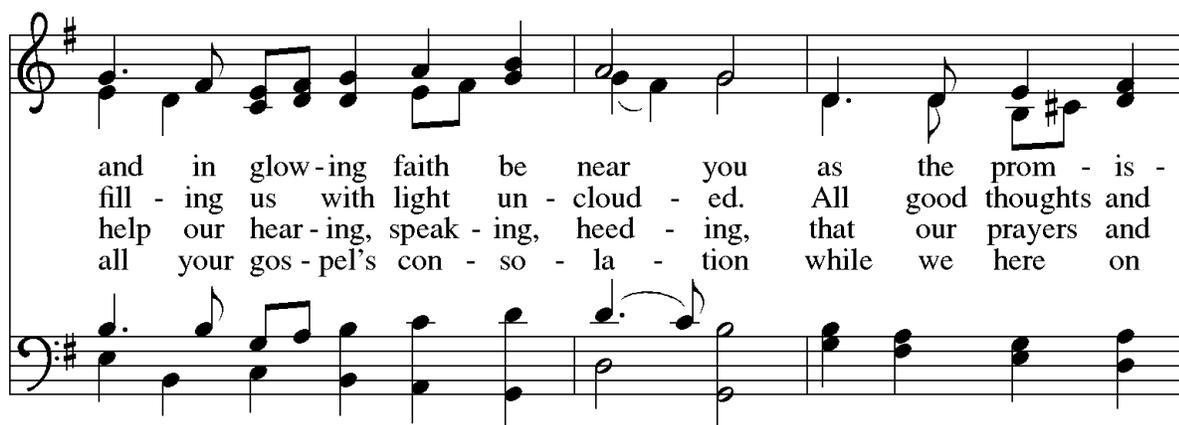
## Dearest Jesus, at Your Word



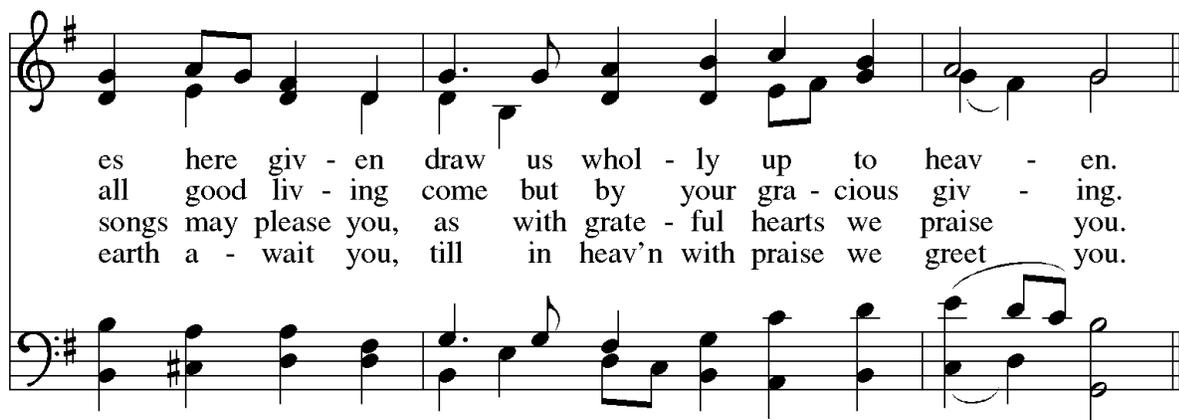
1 Dear - est Je - sus, at your word we have come a -  
 2 All our knowl - edge, sense, and sight lie in deep - est  
 3 Ra - diance of God's glo - ry bright, Light of Light from  
 4 Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost, praise to you and



gain to hear you; let our thoughts and hearts be stirred  
 dark - ness shroud - ed till your Spir - it breaks the night,  
 God pro - ceed - ing, Je - sus, send your bless - ed light;  
 ad - o - ra - tion! Grant us what we need the most:



and in glow - ing faith be near you as the prom - is -  
 fill - ing us with light un - cloud - ed. All good thoughts and  
 help our hear - ing, speak - ing, heed - ing, that our prayers and  
 all your gos - pel's con - so - la - tion while we here on



es here giv - en draw us whol - ly up to heav - en.  
 all good liv - ing come but by your gra - cious giv - ing.  
 songs may please you, as with grate - ful hearts we praise you.  
 earth a - wait you, till in heav'n with praise we greet you.

## 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.  
God of love, you know our frailties and failings. Give us your grace to overcome them; keep us from those things that harm us; and guide us in the way of salvation; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**G** Amen.

*Sit*

*Later service only:*

## PRESENTATION OF BIBLES

### LITURGY OF THE WORD

#### FIRST READING

Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32

*Ezekiel challenges those who think they cannot change because of what their parents were and did, or who think they cannot reverse their own previous behavior. God insistently invites people to turn and live.*

**A** A reading from Ezekiel.

<sup>1</sup>The word of the LORD came to me: <sup>2</sup>What do you mean by repeating this proverb concerning the land of Israel, “The parents have eaten sour grapes, and the children’s teeth are set on edge”? <sup>3</sup>As I live, says the Lord GOD, this proverb shall no more be used by you in Israel. <sup>4</sup>Know that all lives are mine; the life of the parent as well as the life of the child is mine: it is only the person who sins that shall die.

<sup>25</sup>Yet you say, “The way of the Lord is unfair.” Hear now, O house of Israel: Is my way unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair? <sup>26</sup>When the righteous turn away from their righteousness and commit iniquity, they shall die for it; for the iniquity that they have committed they shall die. <sup>27</sup>Again, when the wicked turn away from the wickedness they have committed and do what is lawful and right, they shall save their life. <sup>28</sup>Because they considered and turned away from all the transgressions that they had committed, they shall surely live; they shall not die.

<sup>29</sup>Yet the house of Israel says, “The way of the Lord is unfair.” O house of Israel, are my ways unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair?

<sup>30</sup>Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, all of you according to your ways, says the Lord GOD. Repent and turn from all your transgressions; otherwise iniquity will be your ruin. <sup>31</sup>Cast away from you all the transgressions that you have committed against me, and get yourselves a new heart and a new spirit! Why

will you die, O house of Israel? <sup>32</sup>For I have no pleasure in the death of anyone, says the Lord GOD. Turn, then, and live.

**A** The word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

*Later service only:*

**PSALM 25:1-9** (*The congregation's verses are in bold face type.*)

<sup>1</sup>To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul; my God, I put my | trust in you;  
let me not be humiliated, nor let my enemies triumph | over me.

<sup>2</sup>**Let none who look to you be | put to shame;  
let the treacherous be disappointed | in their schemes.**

<sup>3</sup>Show me your | ways, O LORD,  
and teach | me your paths.

<sup>4</sup>**Lead me in your | truth and teach me,  
for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all | the day  
long.**

<sup>5</sup>Remember, O LORD, your compas- | sion and love,  
for they are from | everlasting.

<sup>6</sup>**Remember not the sins of my youth and | my transgressions;  
remember me according to your love and for the sake of your good- |  
ness, O LORD.**

<sup>7</sup>Gracious and upright | is the LORD;  
therefore he teaches sinners | in his way.

<sup>8</sup>**He guides the humble in | doing right  
and teaches his way | to the lowly.**

## SECOND READING

Philippians 2:1-13

*As part of a call for harmony rather than self-seeking, Paul uses a very early Christian hymn that extols the selflessness of Christ in his obedient death on the cross. Christ's selfless perspective is to be the essential perspective we share as the foundation for Christian accord.*

**A** A reading from Philippians.

<sup>1</sup>If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, <sup>2</sup>make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. <sup>3</sup>Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. <sup>4</sup>Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests

of others. <sup>5</sup>Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,  
<sup>6</sup>who, though he was in the form of God,  
did not regard equality with God  
as something to be exploited,  
<sup>7</sup>but emptied himself,  
taking the form of a slave,  
being born in human likeness.  
And being found in human form,  
<sup>8</sup>he humbled himself  
and became obedient to the point of death—  
even death on a cross.

<sup>9</sup>Therefore God also highly exalted him  
and gave him the name  
that is above every name,  
<sup>10</sup>so that at the name of Jesus  
every knee should bend,  
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,  
<sup>11</sup>and every tongue should confess  
that Jesus Christ is Lord,  
to the glory of God the Father.

<sup>12</sup>Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my  
presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with  
fear and trembling; <sup>13</sup>for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will  
and to work for his good pleasure.

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

### *Stand*

#### **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

*The congregation sings the Acclamation.*



**Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.**

*The choir sings the Verse.*



My sheep hear my voice, | says the Lord;  
I know them and they | follow me.

*The congregation repeats the Acclamation.*



## GOSPEL

Matthew 21:23-32

*After driving the moneychangers out of the temple (21:12), Jesus begins teaching there. His authority is questioned by the religious leaders, who are supposed to be in charge of the temple.*

**P** The holy gospel according to Matthew.

**G** **Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>23</sup>When [Jesus] entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, “By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?” <sup>24</sup>Jesus said to them, “I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. <sup>25</sup>Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?” And they argued with one another, “If we say, ‘From heaven,’ he will say to us, ‘Why then did you not believe him?’ <sup>26</sup>But if we say, ‘Of human origin,’ we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet.” <sup>27</sup>So they answered Jesus, “We do not know.” And he said to them, “Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things.

<sup>28</sup>“What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, ‘Son, go and work in the vineyard today.’ <sup>29</sup>He answered, ‘I will not’; but later he changed his mind and went. <sup>30</sup>The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, ‘I go, sir’; but he did not go. <sup>31</sup>Which of the two did the will of his father?” They said, “The first.” Jesus said to them, “Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you.

<sup>32</sup>For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him.”

**P** The gospel of the Lord.

**G** **Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Stand*  
*Later service only:*

**HYMN OF THE DAY:** *At the Name of Jesus*

At the Name of Jesus



1 At the name of Je - sus ev - 'ry knee shall bow,  
2 At his voice cre - a - tion sprang at once to sight,  
3 Hum - bled for a sea - son, to re - ceive a name  
4 In your hearts en - throne him; there let him sub - due  
5 Chris - tians, this Lord Je - sus shall re - turn a - gain



ev - 'ry tongue con - fess him king of glo - ry now.  
all the an - gel fac - es, all the hosts of light,  
from the lips of sin - ners un - to whom he came,  
all that is not ho - ly, all that is not true.  
on the clouds of glo - ry, with his an - gel train;



It is God's good plea - sure we should call him Lord,  
thrones and dom - i - na - tions, stars up - on their way,  
faith - ful - ly he bore it spot - less to the last;  
Crown him as your cap - tain in temp - ta - tion's hour;  
for all wreaths of em - pire meet up - on his brow,



who from the be - gin - ning was the might - y Word.  
all the heav'n - ly or - ders in their great ar - ray.  
brought it back vic - to - rious when from death he passed.  
let his will en - fold you in its light and pow'r.  
and our hearts con - fess him king of glo - ry now.

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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

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. **C** And al - so with you.

**P** Lift up your hearts. **C** We lift them to the Lord.

**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C** 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:*

**C** 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:** *Forth in Thy Name O Lord I Go*

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Forth in thy name, O Lord, I go, my daily labor to pursue;  
thee, only thee, resolved to know in all I think or speak or do.  
The task thy wisdom has assigned, oh, let me cheerfully fulfill;  
in all my works thy presence find, and prove thy good and perfect will.

Preserve me from my calling's snare and hide my simple heart above.  
Above the thorns of choking care, the gilded baits of worldly love.  
Thee may I set at my right hand, whose eyes my inmost substance see,  
and labor on at thy command, and offer all my works to thee.

Give me to bear thine easy yoke, and ev'ry moment watch and pray,  
and still to things eternal look, and hasten to thy glorious day;  
For thee delightfully employ whate'er thy bounteous grace has giv'n,  
and run my course with even joy, and closely walk with thee to heav'n. Amen.

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### ***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)



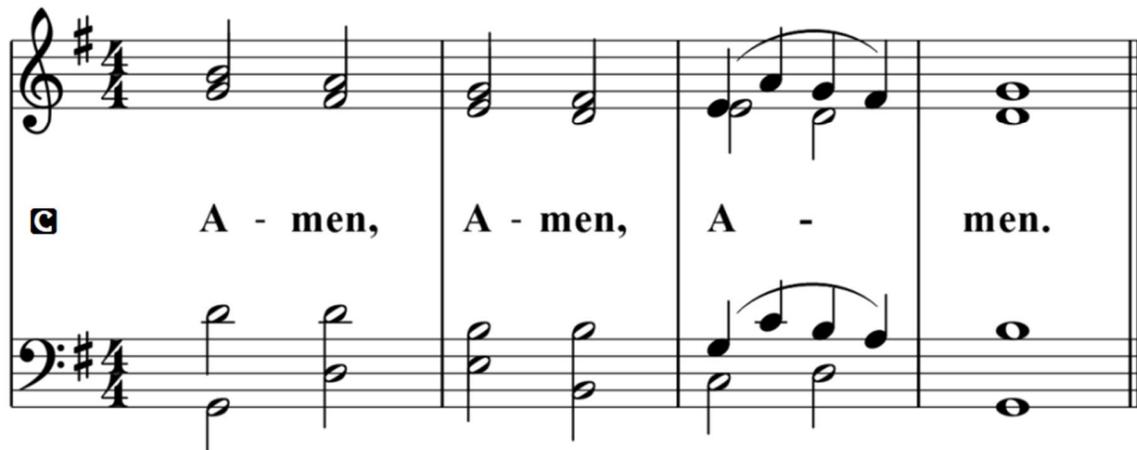
**P** The Lord bless you and keep you.



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



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



**C** A - men, A - men, A - men.

DISMISSAL

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

**HYMN:** *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name*

*Printed on the next page.*

# All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!

1 All hail the pow'r of Je - sus' name! Let an - gels pros - trate fall;  
 2 O seed of Is - rael's cho - sen race now ran - somed from the fall,  
 3 Hail him, you heirs of Da - vid's line, whom Da - vid Lord did call—  
 4 Sin - ners, whose love can ne'er for - get the worm - wood and the gall,

bring forth the roy - al di - a - dem and crown him Lord of all.  
 hail him who saves you by his grace and crown him Lord of all.  
 the God in - car - nate, man di - vine—and crown him Lord of all.  
 go spread your tro - phies at his feet and crown him Lord of all.

Bring forth the roy - al di - a - dem and crown him Lord of all.  
 Hail him who saves you by his grace and crown him Lord of all.  
 The God in - car - nate, man di - vine—and crown him Lord of all.  
 Go spread your tro - phies at his feet and crown him Lord of all.

5 Let ev'ry kindred, ev'ry tribe  
 on this terrestrial ball  
 to him all majesty ascribe  
 and crown him Lord of all.

6 Oh, that with yonder sacred throng  
 we at his feet may fall!  
 We'll join the everlasting song  
 and crown him Lord of all.

**OFFERING**

*The offering will be collected as you leave the Church.*

**POSTLUDE:** *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name*



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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.



First Holy Communion Students receive Bibles today during the 10:30 am service. May God bless them as they begin their studies toward this important milestone in their faith journey.

Wade Anderson	Abigail Catagnus
Myalynn Schiller	Corrine Schulz
Cayla Schulz	Gavin Strasinski
Cora Van Alstine	Landon Walker

Worship Assistants

Ushers: Dick Allebach, Scott Halteman, Mike Beattie, and Karl Stefan

Elevator Attendant: Mike Taylor

Lectors: Lessons: Matt Vera Prayers: Sherry Jessee

Communion Assistant: Gary Wessner

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

10:30 am: Jim Lien and Mike Van Blaricum

Offering Tabulation: John Kochel, Sherry Jessee and Shane Elison

The Flowers that Adorn the Altar are given to the glory of God by the Parents of First Communion Students in honor of our students receiving their Bibles today.

The Sanctuary Candle is given to the glory of God by LaVonne Johnson in loving memory of husband, Dennis L. Johnson.

The Worship Bulletins are given to the glory of God by John and Charlotte Wentworth in memory of loved ones.

New Newsletter Delivery Coming! Beginning over the winter of 2024, our Monthly Church newsletter will be delivered via e-mail. This change takes advantage of current technology to improve delivery times as well as to minimize paper use and mailing costs. If you don't think we have your e-mail address, please drop a line to [office@augustustrappe.org](mailto:office@augustustrappe.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.

Augustus Youth Group Trunk or Treat: Whether you are looking for a family fun activity for the kids or having inspiration to make your car trunk a Halloween paradise, this event is for you. Children and community car-decorating volunteers are invited to join the Augustus Senior High Youth Group sponsored rain or shine event. In case of inclement weather, the event will be held indoors and decorators should be prepared to set up on a table. If you can contribute a decorated car trunk, please contact [gtwess@comcast.net](mailto:gtwess@comcast.net). Costumes are encouraged!

Pastor & Staff Appreciation Day –October 15th, is Pastor and Staff Appreciation Day. At Augustus, we are blessed to have a fantastic and talented staff of four dedicated pastors (Pastor Weleck, Pastor Kochenderfer, Pastor Martha Kriebel, and Pastor Howard Kriebel), a Director of Music, Director of Christian Education, a Parish Administrator, and a sexton on staff. In honor of our pastors and staff, and in celebration of this national event, WELCA and the Outreach committee will be hosting a coffee hour after the 8:00 AM and 10:30 AM services. Please be sure to stop by for a quick bite and for this opportunity to express to them your appreciation for all they do, both at Augustus and as community leaders.

## Master Calendar 2023/2024

October 1	St. Francis Sunday—blessing of the animals @9a 6 <sup>th</sup> grade receives Bible
October 28	Trunk or Treat 4-6:30p
October 29	Reformation Sunday
November 5	All Saints Sunday Sunday school begins collections for Martin Luther school
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

## **Gather, Rest and Renew**



### **Women of the ELCA Day Retreat United Lutheran Seminary Campus Saturday, October 14 from 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.**

The Board of the Southeastern Pennsylvania Women of the ELCA is sponsoring a spiritual retreat at the campus of the United Lutheran Seminary in Mount Airy. Its aim is to give us the opportunity to become more aware of God's presence in our lives and in our world. The Retreat, "Gather, Rest and Renew", is open to all women over 15, not just members of WELCA. The Retreat will be held on Saturday October 14 from 9:00 a.m. to 4 p.m.

As women we know that everyday life can be overwhelmingly demanding. It is all too easy to run ourselves ragged and become depleted in body, mind, and spirit; or to believe that if we were to stop or slow down, we would no longer have any usefulness. We need that grace which reminds us that our identity is not in what we do, but in who we are. We are Daughters of the King of Kings. We breathe the Breath of God here and now in this life, no matter how full or empty our daily life may seem. The world in which we live is teeming with goodness and the graces of God, whether we realize it or not.

The Reverend Leslie Richard will lead us, as we come away for the day and enter a time of sharing, prayer, discussion, and contemplative exercise aimed at renewing our sense of self and our growing recognition of God's Self in our daily life.

The Rev. Leslie M. Richard, MA was ordained in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America in 1989. She has served in a variety of pastoral settings. She is a trained Spiritual Director with a Master of Arts in Holistic Spirituality.

Direct questions to Linda Garcia, President - email: [jagls@comcast.net](mailto:jagls@comcast.net) As the retreat is made possible by a Katie's Fund grant, information about the Women of the ELCA will be presented and available.

If you are interested in attending, we are requesting a \$20.00 donation to help defray expenses – this includes lunch.

The United Lutheran Seminary is located at 7301 Germantown Ave. in Philadelphia and is easily accessible by public transportation.

Please complete the following registration form by Friday, October 6th, and mail it along with a check to:

Carolyn Edwards  
35 Bliss BLVD.  
Shillington, PA 19607

Southeastern Pennsylvania Synodical Women's Organization



***Women of the ELCA Day Retreat Registration Form***

Attendee:

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**Registration and payment are due by Friday, October 6<sup>th</sup>. Please mail this form with your check made out to Women of the ELCA – SEPA to:**

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## **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!