

HOLY COMMUNION
All Saints Sunday

November 3, 2024

8:00 am and 10:30 am

INTRODUCTION TO THE DAY

Of all three years of the lectionary cycle, this year's All Saints readings have the most tears. Isaiah and Revelation look forward to the day when God will wipe away all tears; in John's gospel, Jesus weeps along with Mary and all the gathered mourners before he demonstrates his power over death. On All Saints Day we celebrate the victory won for all the faithful dead, but we grieve for our beloved dead as well, knowing that God honors our tears. We bring our grief to the table and find there a foretaste of Isaiah's feast to come.

SILENT PRAYER

PRELUDE: *Shall We Gather at the River*

Hobby

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING (ENTRANCE RITE)

Stand

HYMN: *For All the Saints*

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1 For all the saints who from their la - bors rest, who
2 Thou wast their rock, their for - tress, and their might; thou,
Stanzas 3-5 on facing page.
6 But then there breaks a yet more glo - rious day: the
7 From earth's wide bounds, from o - cean's far - thest coast, through



thee by faith be - fore the world con - fessed, thy
Lord, their cap - tain in the well - fought fight; . . .

saints tri - um - phant rise in bright ar - ray; the
gates of pearl streams in the count - less host, . . .



name, O Je - sus, be for - ev - er blest.
thou, in the dark - ness drear, their one true light.

King of glo - ry pass - es on his way.
sing - ing to Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost:



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

3 Oh, blest com - mu - nion, fel - low - ship di - vine,
 4 And when the strife is fierce, the war - fare long,
 5 The gold - en eve - ning bright - ens in the west;

we fee - bly strug - gle, they in glo - ry shine; yet
 steals on the ear the dis - tant tri - umph song, and
 soon, soon to faith - ful ser - vants com - eth rest; . . .

all are one in thee, for all are thine.
 hearts are brave a - gain and arms are strong.
 sweet is the calm of par - a - dise the blest.

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

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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,

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

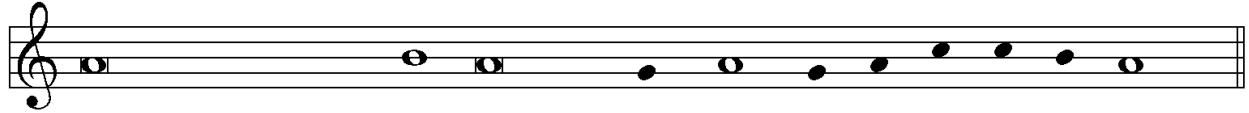
GREETING

- 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.

KYRIE



A In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **C** Lord, have mer - cy.



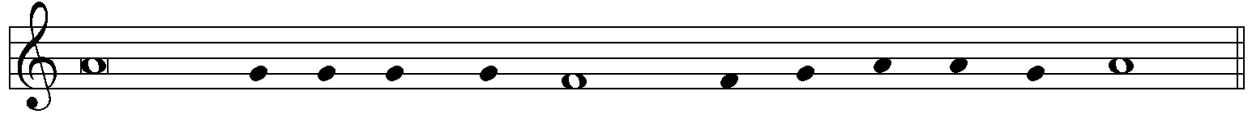
A For the peace from a - bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



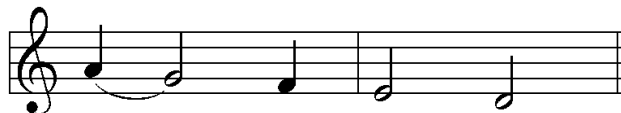
C Lord, have mer - cy.



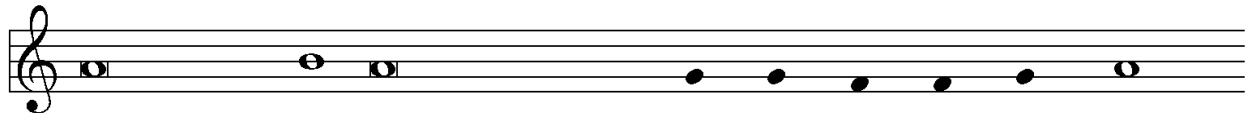
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



and for the u - ni - ty of all, let us pray to the Lord.



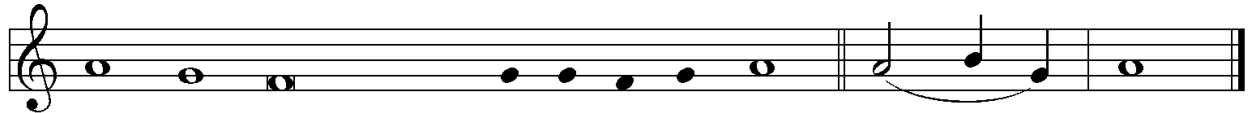
C Lord, have mer - cy.



A For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor - ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. **C** Lord, have mer - cy.



A Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord. **C** A - men

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.

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

Wisdom 3:1-9

A A reading from Wisdom.

¹But the souls of the righteous are in the hand of God,
and no torment will ever touch them.

²In the eyes of the foolish they seemed to have died,
and their departure was thought to be a disaster,
³and their going from us to be their destruction;
but they are at peace.

⁴For though in the sight of others they were punished,
their hope is full of immortality.

⁵Having been disciplined a little, they will receive great good,
because God tested them and found them worthy of himself;

⁶like gold in the furnace he tried them,
and like a sacrificial burnt offering he accepted them.

⁷In the time of their visitation they will shine forth,
and will run like sparks through the stubble.

⁸They will govern nations and rule over peoples,
and the Lord will reign over them forever.

⁹Those who trust in him will understand truth,
and the faithful will abide with him in love,
because grace and mercy are upon his holy ones,
and he watches over his elect.

A The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Later service only:

PSALM 24 *(The congregation's verses are printed in bold font.)*

¹The earth is the LORD's and all that is in it,
the world and all who dwell therein.

²**For it is he who founded it up- on the seas
and made it firm upon the rivers of the deep.**

³"Who can ascend the hill of the LORD
and who can stand in his holy place?"

⁴**"Those who have clean hands and a pure heart,
who have not pledged themselves to falsehood, nor sworn by what is a
fraud.**

⁵They shall receive a blessing from the LORD
and a just reward from the God of their salvation."

⁶**Such is the generation of those who seek him,
of those who seek your face, O God of Jacob.**

⁷Lift up your heads, O gates; lift them high, O ever-lasting doors;
and the King of glory shall come in.

⁸**"Who is this King of glory?"**

"The LORD, strong and mighty, the LORD, mighty in battle."

⁹Lift up your heads, O gates; lift them high, O ever-lasting doors;
and the King of glory shall come in.

¹⁰**"Who is he, this King of glory?"**

"The LORD of hosts, he is the King of glory."

SECOND READING

Revelation 21:1-6a

Here is a vision of the new heaven and new earth in which God resides fully with God's people so that mourning, despair, and pain have been eradicated. These renewing words from the God who spans all of time are trustworthy and true.

A A reading from Revelation.

¹I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. ²And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. ³And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,

"See, the home of God is among mortals.

He will dwell with them;

they will be his peoples,

and God himself will be with them;

⁴he will wipe every tear from their eyes.

Death will be no more;

mourning and crying and pain will be no more,
for the first things have passed away.”

⁵And the one who was seated on the throne said, “See, I am making all things new.” Also he said, “Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.” ^{6a}Then he said to me, “It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end.”

A The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

The congregation sings the Acclamation.



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

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.



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

GOSPEL

John 11:32-44

Through the raising of Lazarus, Jesus offers the world a vision of the life to come, when death and weeping will be no more.

P The holy gospel according to John.

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

³²When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.” ³³When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. ³⁴He said, “Where have you laid him?” They said to him, “Lord, come and see.” ³⁵Jesus began to weep. ³⁶So the Jews said, “See how he loved him!” ³⁷But some of them said, “Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?”

³⁸Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. ³⁹Jesus said, “Take away the stone.” Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, “Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days.” ⁴⁰Jesus said to her, “Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?” ⁴¹So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, “Father, I thank you for having heard me. ⁴²I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me.” ⁴³When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, “Lazarus, come out!” ⁴⁴The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, “Unbind him, and let him go.”

P The gospel of the Lord.

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

Sit

SERMON

Pastor Weleck

Stand

Later service only:

HYMN OF THE DAY: *Jerusalem the Golden*

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Jerusalem the Golden

1 Je - ru - sa - lem the gold - en, with milk and hon - ey blest—
2 They stand, those halls of Zi - on, all ju - bi - lant with song
3 There is the throne of Da - vid, and there, from care re - leased,
4 O sweet and bless - ed coun - try, the home of God's e - lect!

the sight of it re - fresh - es the wea - ry and op - pressed.
and bright with man - y an an - gel and all the mar - tyr throng.
the shout of them that tri - umph, the song of them that feast.
O sweet and bless - ed coun - try that ea - ger hearts ex - pect!

I know not, oh, I know not what joys a - wait us there,
The Prince is ev - er in them, the day - light is se - rene;
And they who with their lead - er have con - quered in the fight
In mer - cy, Je - sus, bring us to that dear land of rest;

what ra - dian - cy of glo - ry, what bliss be - yond com - pare.
the pas - tures of the bless - ed are ev - er rich and green.
for - ev - er and for - ev - er are clad in robes of white.
you are with God the Fa - ther and Spir - it ev - er blest.

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

☐ 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

- A** With the whole people of God in Christ Jesus,
let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.
- A** We pray for the church, for its pastors and other ministers, for the newly
baptized, for all the faithful, for this congregation here gathered, and for our
growth in grace.
Lord, in your mercy,
C **hear our prayer.**
- A** We pray for all nations, for all rulers, legislators, and judges, for an increase
of justice in our lands, and for all who work for peace among nations and
among peoples.
Lord, in your mercy,
C **hear our prayer.**
- A** We pray for all in any need, for the hungry and the homeless, for victims of
war and injustice, for prisoners, for all who suffer in mind, body, or spirit,
for the sick and infirm, for all with incurable illness, and for all who this day
will die. We pray especially for those we name in the silence of our hearts...
Lord, in your mercy,
C **hear our prayer.**
- A** We pray for the members of our armed forces wherever they serve, and
especially when they serve in harm's way, that they might speedily complete
their mission and be safely reunited with their loved ones.
Lord, in your mercy,
C **hear our prayer.**
- P** Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray,
trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.
C **Amen.**

PEACE

- P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.
C **And also with you.**

Worshippers do not greet one another. The service continues with the Offertory.

LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT OF THE ALTAR

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

OFFERTORY



Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right

spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your

pres-ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re -

store un - to me the joy of your sal - va - tion,

and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

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

P The Lord be with you. **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 continues with 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.

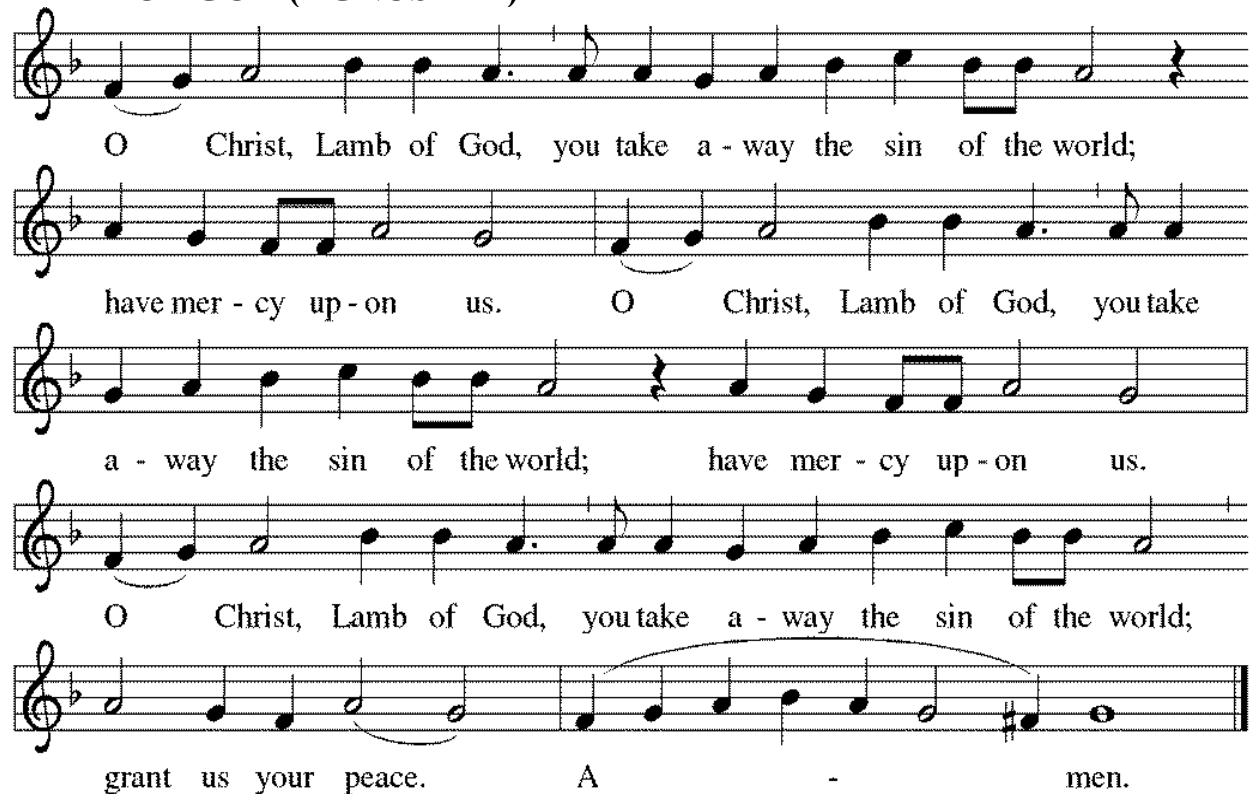
and each person may respond

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: *I'm Gonna Rise*

Marsena

Chorus: I'm gonna rise when the Son comes down
and the saints go marchin' in.

I'm gonna rise when the Son comes down,

I'm gonna sing with the heavenly crowd.

I'm gonna rise when the Son comes down, evermore to be with Him.

There'll be singing and shouting and praising the Lord,

Hallelu, hallelu, hallelu!

There is comin' a mornin', afternoon or night,

when the King of Kings will break through the sky!

O praise the Lord! His coming is sure—could be any moment now!

So I will not fear the battle, I'll not fear the storms,

'cause He's building me a home.

So I'm waiting and watching, looking and working

until that glorious hour. *Chorus*

We sing glory and honor, power to the Lamb,

Who is worthy to receive all the praise!

And He shall reign forevermore, He who was and is to come,

So I will stand and be counted, I'll fight to the end,

'Cause with Jesus, I have won.

So I'm waiting and watching, looking and working

until that glorious hour. *Chorus*

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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)



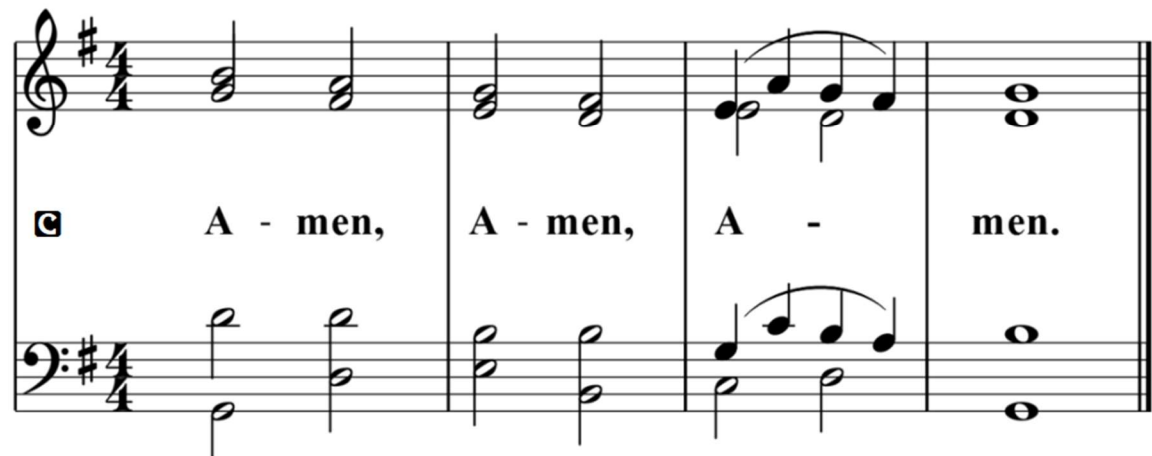
P The Lord bless you and keep you.



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: *Shall We Gather at the River*

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Shall We Gather at the River

1 Shall we gath - er at the riv - er, where bright an - gel feet have trod,
 2 On the mar - gin of the riv - er, wash - ing up its sil - ver spray,
 3 Ere we reach the shin - ing riv - er, lay we ev - 'ry bur - den down;
 4 Soon we'll reach the shin - ing riv - er, soon our pil - grim - age will cease;

with its crys - tal tide for - ev - er flow - ing by the throne of God?
 we will walk and wor - ship ev - er, all the hap - py gold - en day.
 grace our spir - its will de - liv - er, and pro - vide a robe and crown.
 soon our hap - py hearts will quiv - er with the mel - o - dy of peace.

Refrain

Yes, we'll gath - er at the riv - er, the beau - ti - ful, the beau - ti - ful riv - er;

gath - er with the saints at the riv - er that flows by the throne of God.

OFFERING

The offering will be collected as you leave the Church.

POSTLUDE: *For All the Saints*

Lehenbauer



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



Worship Assistants

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Acolyte: Grace Einsla Crucifer: Russell Einsla

Altar Guild: Becky Quirk

Offering Tabulation: Gary Wessner, Matthew Vera, and Frank DePaul

The Flowers that Adorn the Altar are given to the glory of God by Susan Snow and Barry Amole in honor of our grandchildren.

The Sanctuary Candle is given to the glory of God by Cathy Menendez in loving memory of her father, Robert Engel, Sr.

The Worship Bulletins are given to the glory of God by Mr. and Mrs. Kevin Millheim in loving memory of Ryan Peck.

Congregational Meeting Part II: All members of Augustus are invited and encouraged to attend the Annual Meeting on November 10th following the 10:30 service. The purpose of this meeting is to hold elections for vestry members for the coming year and to approve the 2025 budget for the church. WELCA will provide a light lunch during the meeting. Please plan to attend.

All Saints Sunday

“... 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

Richard Meeley	Ronald Wessner	Priscilla Wessner	Ric Case
Bonnie Bosarth	Sandra Trauger	Al Stagliano	Shirley Latshaw

Augustus Lutheran Church will be holding their annual **Thankoffering/Quilt & Afghan Sunday** on November 24, 2024, at both the 8:00am & 10:30am church worship services. The Rev. Maggie Spring Ainslie, Director of Pastoral Care at Doylestown Hospital & ELCA Pulpit Supply Rostered Minister, will be our guest preacher. Please mark your calendars & plan to attend. You won't want to miss this service!! 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!

Augustus Women of the ELCA

**Thankoffering
Quilt & Afghan
Sunday**

“...gifts from individuals in gratitude for blessings”

NOVEMBER 24, 2024

guest preacher: **The Rev. Maggie Spring Ainslie**
Director of Pastoral Care at Doylestown Hospital & ELCA Pulpit Supply Rostered Minister

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Hearts & Hands Committee: Quilting, Knitting & Crochet

Quilting: We now have quilting packs available in the Muhlenberg Center. The pack each 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.

Knitting & Crochet: 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: **For Laurel House, a shelter in Norristown for abused women and children:** · Knitted and crocheted 7” x 9” inch blocks that are sewn together · Completed full-sized Afghans about 49” X 56” (about the same size as the top of a double bed). **For Genesis House:** · Baby Afghans about 36” X 36” or 36” X 45” in pastel colors. **For Doylestown Hospital:** · Knitted/crocheted/quilted blankets -- 2’-3’ wide by 3’-4’ long. Blankets are distributed to end of life patients, both hospice and non-hospice. Blue is the most requested color but any color is okay. **For Holy Redeemer Hospital’s Maternity Ward:** Knitted/crocheted/quilted blankets -- 60” x 50” – Pastel colors. Blankets are distributed to mothers who lost their babies. Place blocks and Afghans in the basket in the Muhlenberg Center. Please contact me if you need any yarn at jandmstuffle@verizon.net.

OUTREACH COMMITTEE – ADVENT REMEMBRANCE DOVES: A Pair of Doves spiritually represent love, friendship, and peace. When two doves couple together, they enter into partnership for a lifetime. A pair of doves can signify a union of two or more people or entities with a positive outlook for the future. At Christmas, people tend to remember those that have gone before them. If you are thinking of someone special this Christmas Season, we will be offering you two free remembrance doves in memory of that person. One to keep to adorn your Christmas Tree reminding you of their presence throughout the season, and one to leave at Augustus adorning the Christmas Tree in the nave to remind you that they are with Jesus, the one we are celebrating at Christmas. The doves will be made available on the first Sunday of Advent on December 01, 2024. Be present to receive yours!



12th Annual Thanksgiving Apple Pie Sale

Sponsored by the Senior Youth Group

Pies can be picked up on Nov. 24th after both services or delivered after the late service. Pies will be frozen.

Baking instructions will be provided.

Cost: \$12.00 per pie.

Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

Number of Pies: _____

Pick up on 24-Nov-2024 (check one)

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

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

Address for delivery: _____

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

For questions about this event or to place your reservations,
contact: brian.ohara24@gmail.com

**PREPARE AUGUSTUS LUTHERAN CHURCH FOR
CHRISTMAS**

*Annual Christmas
Decorating Party*



**14
DECEMBER
SATURDAY**

at **9:30
am**

A social outing for all congregants, family, & friends of Augustus

Christmas Poinsettias: The Outreach Committee is once again hard at work preparing the church for Christmas. We have an opportunity for every member of the congregation to join in this church-wide endeavor. Every year, the Worship & Music Committee provides a vehicle for every congregant to facilitate the decorating of the church for Christmas. We are asking that you prayerfully consider buying at least one poinsettia this year to entrench the sanctuary in red and white. If you can do multiple poinsettias, that would be even more fantastic and appreciated. These embellishments can also be seen by those patrons who are watching our Christmas services at home. Additionally, if you do not wish to take your poinsettia home with you after the Christmas Day service, please let us know on your form. The Outreach Committee will tag any donated plants with the Augustus Logo and a message of hope. The plants are then taken to assisted living homes and distributed to let the residents know that Augustus cares about them. So, every donation is greatly appreciated and nothing goes to waste. We hope that you will join us in this endeavor.

2024 Christmas Poinsettia Order Form

Mail to: Karen Lachenmayer Phone: 610-715-4850
 412 Dartmoor Road E-mail: karenlachenmayer@gmail.com
 Schwenksville, Pa. 19473

ORDER DEADLINE: December 8, 2024

NAME _____

CONTACT INFO: _____

COLOR	QUANTITY		TOTAL \$
RED	_____	@ \$11.00 ea	_____
WHITE	_____	@ \$11.00 ea	_____



Check One:
 _____ I will take my plants after the 9:00 P.M. Service 12/24.
 _____ Please distribute my plants to others.

I would like the bulletin acknowledgement to read:

WELCA's Annual Toy Drive for Silver Springs/Martin Luther School begins today! Donations will be accepted in the box in the Muhlenberg Center through December 7.



2024 Gift Wish List

Toys

- Large and medium-sized stuffed animals
- Small and medium-sized Squishmallow stuffed animals
- Weighted stuffed animals
- Board games – Battleship, Candyland, checkers, chess, Chutes & Ladders, Hedbanz, and Scrabble Jr. are favorites
- LEGO sets
- Pokémon cards and toys
- Superhero action figures
- LOL dolls and Rainbow High dolls
- Remote controlled vehicles
- Beyblades and Beyblades arenas
- Playing cards and card games – Uno, Dos, Phase 10, Skip-bo, and Spot it! are favorites
- Rubik's cubes
- 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
- Play-Doh
- Hairstyling mannequin heads

Clothing & Personal Care

- Pajama sets for boys and girls – youth sizes M-XL and adult sizes S-L
- Hooded sweatshirts for girls and boys – youth sizes 12-18 and adult sizes S-L. Nike, Adidas, Champion, and Fila are favorite brands
- Adidas or Nike slide style sandals – youth and adult sizes
- Crocs and Crocs-style sandals – youth and adult sizes
- Jibbitz or charms for Crocs-style sandals
- Adjustable baseball hats – Nike and Philly sports teams are favorites
- Athletic socks – Nike, Adidas, Champion, and Fila are favorites
- Athletic tights – youth sizes L-XL and adult sizes S-L
- Hairbrushes and combs
- Nail polish, lip gloss, lip balm, and makeup
- Toiletry gift sets with body wash, shampoo, conditioner, & deodorant. Dove, Axe, and Bath and Body Works are favorites. Plastic bottles only, please!
- Plastic water bottles – Contigo and Camelback brands are favorites
- Winter coats – youth & adult sizes
- Children's weighted blankets

Arts & Crafts

- Craft kits
- Crayola art kits
- Diamond or crystal art kits
- Paint by number
- Gel pen sets
- Crayons, markers, and colored pencils
- Velvet posters to color
- 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!
- Origami kits and origami paper
- Small and medium art canvases

Sports

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

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