

**HOLY COMMUNION**  
**Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

**October 8, 2023**

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

**INTRODUCTION TO THE DAY**

In today's gospel reading, Jesus tells a vineyard parable, which serves as an image of Israel, the prophets' mission, and Christ's death. For Christians, the vineyard also speaks of God's love poured out in the blood of Christ, given to us for the forgiveness of sin. Grafted onto Christ the vine at baptism, we are nourished with wine and bread so that we may share Christ's sufferings and know the power of his resurrection.

**SILENT PRAYER**

**PRELUDE:** *I Come, O Savior, to Your Table*

arr. Gehrke

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**GATHERING (ENTRANCE RITE)**

***Stand***

**HYMN:** *I Come, O Savior, to Your Table*

*Printed on the next page.*

1 I come, O Sav - ior, to your ta - ble, For weak and wea - ry  
 2 Your bod - y, giv'n for me, O Sav - ior; Your blood, which once for  
 3 With you, Lord, I am now u - nit - ed; You live in me and  
 4 My heart has now be - come your dwell - ing, O bless - ed, ho - ly

is my soul; You, Bread of life, a - lone are a - ble  
 me was shed: These are my life and strength for - ev - er,  
 I in you. No sor - row fills my soul; de - light - ed  
 Trin - i - ty. With an - gels I, your prais - es tell - ing,

*Refrain*

To sat - is - fy and make me whole.  
 By them my hun - gry soul is fed. Lord, may your  
 It finds its deep - est joy in you.  
 Shall live in joy e - ter - nal - ly.

bod - y and your blood Be for my soul the high - est good!

## 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.
- G** Amen.

*Stand*

**GREETING**

- P** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- G** 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.  
Our Lord Jesus, you have endured the doubts and foolish questions of every generation. Forgive us for trying to be judge over you, and grant us the confident faith to acknowledge you as Lord.

**G** Amen.

*Sit*

*Later service only:*

## CHILDREN'S SERMON

### LITURGY OF THE WORD

#### FIRST READING

Isaiah 5:1-7

*The prophet sings a sad, parable-like love song about the relationship between God and Israel. In this song Israel is compared to a promising vineyard. Despite God's loving care, the vineyard that is Israel has brought forth "wild grapes" of injustice and distress, when fine grapes of justice and righteousness were expected.*

**A** A reading from Isaiah.

<sup>1</sup>Let me sing for my beloved  
my love-song concerning his vineyard:

My beloved had a vineyard  
on a very fertile hill.

<sup>2</sup>He dug it and cleared it of stones,  
and planted it with choice vines;  
he built a watchtower in the midst of it,  
and hewed out a wine vat in it;

he expected it to yield grapes,  
but it yielded wild grapes.

<sup>3</sup>And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem  
and people of Judah,  
judge between me  
and my vineyard.

<sup>4</sup>What more was there to do for my vineyard  
that I have not done in it?

When I expected it to yield grapes,  
why did it yield wild grapes?

<sup>5</sup>And now I will tell you  
what I will do to my vineyard.

I will remove its hedge,  
and it shall be devoured;

I will break down its wall,  
and it shall be trampled down.

<sup>6</sup>I will make it a waste;  
it shall not be pruned or hoed,  
and it shall be overgrown with briars and thorns;

I will also command the clouds  
that they rain no rain upon it.

<sup>7</sup>For the vineyard of the LORD of hosts  
is the house of Israel,  
and the people of Judah  
are his pleasant planting;  
he expected justice,  
but saw bloodshed;  
righteousness,  
but heard a cry!

**A** The word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

*Later service only:*

**PSALM 80:7-15** *(The congregation's verses are in bold face type.)*

<sup>7</sup>Restore us, O | God of hosts;  
show the light of your countenance, and we | shall be saved.

<sup>8</sup>**You have brought a vine | out of Egypt;**  
**you cast out the nations and | planted it.**

<sup>9</sup>You prepared the | ground for it;  
it took root and | filled the land.

<sup>10</sup>**The mountains were covered | by its shadow**  
**and the towering cedar trees | by its boughs.**

<sup>11</sup>You stretched out its tendrils | to the sea  
and its branches | to the river.

<sup>12</sup>**Why have you broken | down its wall,  
so that all who pass by pluck | off its grapes?**

<sup>13</sup>The wild boar of the forest has | ravaged it,  
and the beasts of the field have | grazed upon it.

<sup>14</sup>**Turn now, O God of hosts, look down from heaven; behold and | tend this  
vine;  
preserve what your right | hand has planted.**

## SECOND READING

Philippians 3:4b-14

*Paul reviews some of his supposed credentials, which no longer have any bearing in comparison to the right relationship he has been given through the death of Christ. The power of Christ's resurrection motivates him to press on toward the ultimate goal, eternal life with Christ.*

**A** A reading from Philippians.

[Paul writes:] <sup>4b</sup>If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: <sup>5</sup>circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; <sup>6</sup>as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.

<sup>7</sup>Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. <sup>8</sup>More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ <sup>9</sup>and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. <sup>10</sup>I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, <sup>11</sup>if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

<sup>12</sup>Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. <sup>13</sup>Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, <sup>14</sup>I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

**A** The word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

*Stand*

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*The congregation sings the Acclamation.*



*The choir sings the Verse.*



Jesus says, I chose you and ap- | pointed you  
to go and bear fruit | that will last.

*The congregation repeats the Acclamation.*



## GOSPEL

Matthew 21:33-46

*Jesus tells a parable to the religious leaders who are plotting his death, revealing that their plans will, ironically, bring about the fulfillment of scripture.*

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

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

[Jesus said to the people:] <sup>33</sup>“Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a watchtower. Then he leased it to tenants and went to another country. <sup>34</sup>When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce.

<sup>35</sup>But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another.

<sup>36</sup>Again he sent other slaves, more than the first; and they treated them in the same way. <sup>37</sup>Finally he sent his son to them, saying, ‘They will respect my son.’ <sup>38</sup>But

when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, ‘This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance.’ <sup>39</sup>So they seized him, threw him out of the

vineyard, and killed him. <sup>40</sup>Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will

he do to those tenants?” <sup>41</sup>They said to him, “He will put those wretches to a miserable death, and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time.”

<sup>42</sup>Jesus said to them, “Have you never read in the scriptures:

‘The stone that the builders rejected  
has become the cornerstone;

this was the Lord's doing,  
and it is amazing in our eyes'?

<sup>43</sup>Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces the fruits of the kingdom. <sup>44</sup>The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and it will crush anyone on whom it falls."

<sup>45</sup>When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them. <sup>46</sup>They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.

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

*Sit*

**SERMON**

Pastor Weleck

*Stand*

*Later service only:*

**HYMN OF THE DAY:** *By Grace I'm Saved*

*Printed on the next page.*

1 By grace I'm saved, grace free and bound-less; My soul, be-lieve and  
 2 By grace! None dare lay claim to mer - it; Our works and con - duct  
 3 By grace God's Son, our on - ly Sav - ior, Came down to earth to  
 4 By grace! This ground of faith is cer - tain; As long as God is

doubt it not. Why stag - ger at this word of prom - ise?  
 have no worth. God in His love sent our Re - deem - er,  
 bear our sin. Was it be - cause of your own mer - it  
 true, it stands. What saints have penned by in - spi - ra - tion,

Has Scrip-ture ev - er false-hood taught? No! Then this word must  
 Christ Je - sus, to this sin - ful earth; His death did for our  
 That Je - sus died your soul to win? No, it was grace, and  
 What in His Word our God com - mands, Our faith in what our

true re - main: By grace you too will life ob - tain.  
 sins a - tone, And we are saved by grace a - lone.  
 grace a - lone, That brought Him from His heav'n - ly throne.  
 God has done De - pends on grace— grace through His Son.

*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

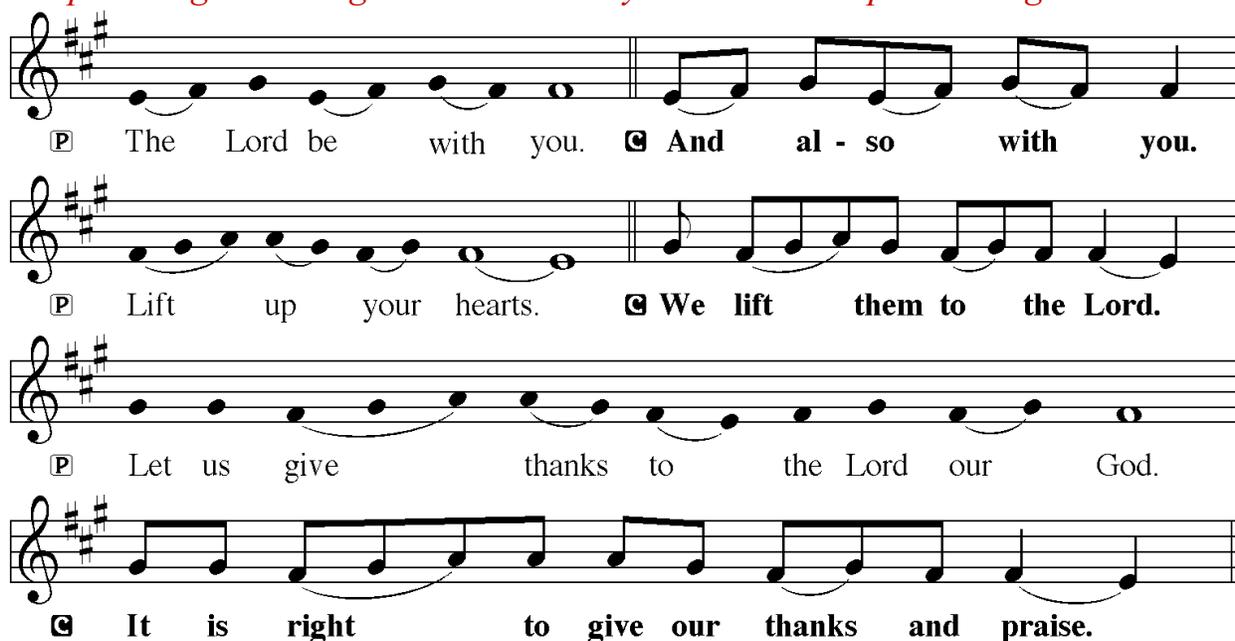
OFFERTORY



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.

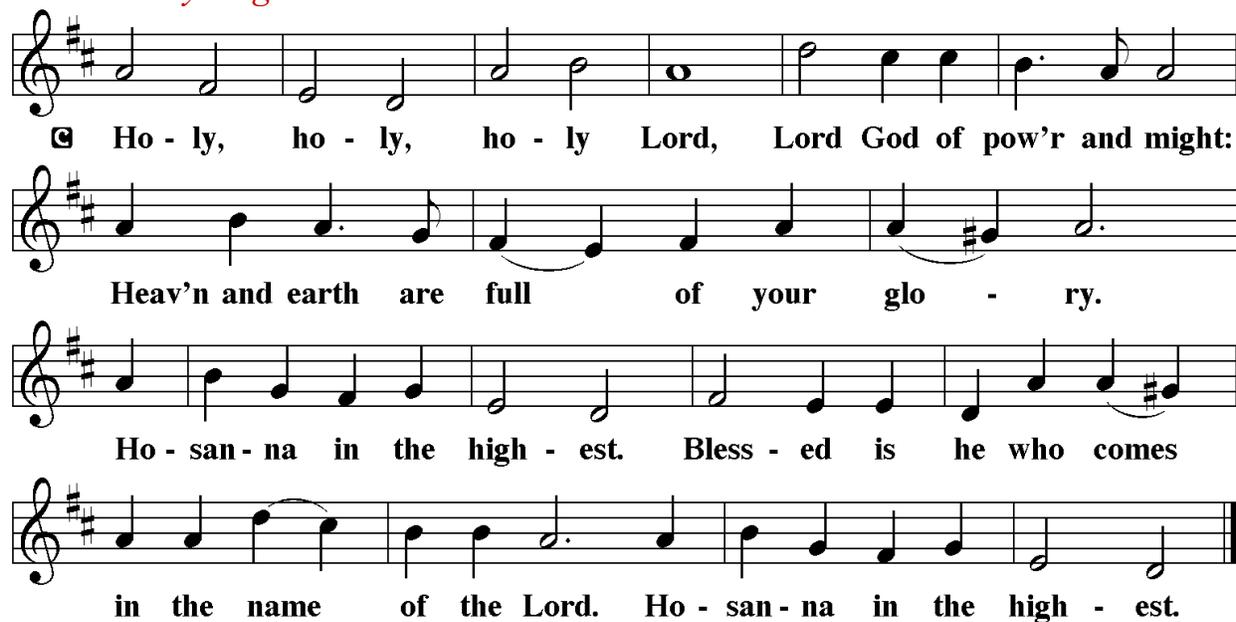
**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**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:** *Softly and Tenderly*

Jennie Lien, soloist

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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.

**G** Amen.

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

**A** Let us pray.

We give you thanks, almighty God,

that you have refreshed us

through the healing power of this gift of life.

In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift,

in faith toward you

and in fervent love toward one another;

for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

**G** Amen.

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: *O Zion, Haste*

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## O Zion, Haste

1 O Zi - on, haste, your mis - sion high ful - fill - ing,  
 2 Pub - lish to ev - 'ry peo - ple, tongue, and na - tion  
 3 Give of your own to bear the mes - sage glo - rious,  
 4 He comes a - gain! O Zi - on, ere you meet him,

to tell to all the world that God is light;  
 that God, in whom they live and move, is love;  
 give of your wealth to speed them on their way,  
 make known to ev - 'ry heart his sav - ing grace;

that he who made all na - tions is not will - ing  
 tell how he stooped to save his lost cre - a - tion  
 pour out your soul for them in prayer vic - to - rious,  
 let none whom he has ran - somed fail to greet him,

one soul should per - ish, lost in shades of night.  
 and died on earth that we might live a - bove.  
 and haste the com - ing of the glo - rious day.  
 through your ne - glect, un - fit to see his face.

*Refrain*

Pub - lish glad tid - ings, tid - ings of peace,  
 tid - ings of Je - sus, re - demp-tion, and re - lease.

**OFFERING**

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

**POSTLUDE:** *O Zion, Haste*

arr. Sedio



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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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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 John and Lois Duffield Robinson in loving memory of parents William Conard and Hilda Duffield.

The Sanctuary Candle is given to the glory of God by Jean Brunswick in memory of loved ones.

The Worship Bulletins are given to the glory of God by Mr. and Mrs. Charles Yetter 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 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***

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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!