

**HOLY COMMUNION**  
**Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost**

**November 10, 2024**

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

**INTRODUCTION TO THE DAY**

Widows are visible everywhere in today's readings. Jesus denounces those scribes who pray impressive prayers but devour widows' houses. He commends the poor widow who in his view gave far more than the major donors. Jesus doesn't see her simply as an object of compassion or charity. She, like the widow of Zarephath who shares her last bit of food with Elijah, does something of great importance.

**SILENT PRAYER**

**PRELUDE:** 8:00 am: *It Is Well with My Soul*  
10:30 am: *Meditation on Eventide*

arr. Berry  
William Monk

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**GATHERING (ENTRANCE RITE)**

***Stand***

**HYMN:** *God Himself Is Present*

*Printed on the next page.*

# God Himself Is Present

1 God him-self is pres - ent; let us now a - dore him and with awe ap -  
2 God him-self is pres - ent; hear the harps re - sound - ing; see the hosts the  
3 Light of light e - ter - nal, all things pen - e - trat - ing, for your rays our  
4 Come, ce - les - tial Be - ing, make our hearts your dwell - ing, ev - 'ry car - nal

pear be - fore him! God is in his tem - ple; all with - in keep si - lence,  
throne sur - round - ing! "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly!" Hear the hymn as - cend - ing,  
soul is wait - ing. As the ten - der flow - ers, will - ing - ly un - fold - ing,  
thought dis - pel - ling. By your Ho - ly Spir - it sanc - ti - fy us tru - ly,

pros - trate lie with deep - est rev - 'rence. Him a - lone God we own,  
songs of saints and an - gels blend - ing. Bow your ear to us here:  
to the sun their fac - es hold - ing: e - ven so would we do,  
teach - ing us to love you on - ly. Where we go here be - low,

him, our God and Sav - ior; praise his name for - ev - er!  
hear, O Christ, the prais - es that your church now rais - es.  
light from you ob - tain - ing, strength to serve you gain - ing.  
let us bow be - fore you and in truth a - dore 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.  
Stir up, O Lord, the wills of your faithful people to seek more eagerly the help you offer, that, at the last, they may enjoy the fruit of salvation; through our Lord Jesus Christ.

**G** Amen.

*Sit*

*Later service only:*

## CHILDREN'S SERMON

### LITURGY OF THE WORD

#### FIRST READING

1 Kings 17:8-16

*This chapter begins the story of Elijah. God sends a drought on Israel because of the sins of King Ahab. This passage depicts God's saving acts not only on behalf of Elijah, but also on behalf of those who are associated with the prophet, even a foreigner, the widow of Zarephath.*

**A** A reading from First Kings.

<sup>8</sup>The word of the LORD came to [Elijah,] saying, <sup>9</sup>"Go now to Zarephath, which belongs to Sidon, and live there; for I have commanded a widow there to feed you." <sup>10</sup>So he set out and went to Zarephath. When he came to the gate of the town, a widow was there gathering sticks; he called to her and said, "Bring me a little water in a vessel, so that I may drink." <sup>11</sup>As she was going to bring it, he called to her and said, "Bring me a morsel of bread in your hand." <sup>12</sup>But she said, "As the LORD your God lives, I have nothing baked, only a handful of meal in a jar, and a little oil in a jug; I am now gathering a couple of sticks, so that I may go home and prepare it for myself and my son, that we may eat it, and die." <sup>13</sup>Elijah said to her, "Do not be afraid; go and do as you have said; but first make me a little cake of it and bring it to me, and afterwards make something for yourself and your son. <sup>14</sup>For thus says the LORD the God of Israel: The jar of meal will not be emptied and the jug of oil will not fail until the day that the LORD sends rain on the earth." <sup>15</sup>She went and did as Elijah said, so that she as well as he and her household ate for many days. <sup>16</sup>The jar of meal was not emptied, neither did the jug of oil fail, according to the word of the LORD that he spoke by Elijah.

**A** The word of the Lord.

**G** Thanks be to God.

*Later service only:*

**PSALM 146** (*The congregation's verses are in bold face type.*)

<sup>1</sup>Hallelujah! Praise the LORD, | O my soul!

I will praise the LORD as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God while I | have my being.

<sup>2</sup>**Put not your trust in rulers, nor in any | child of earth,  
for there is no | help in them.**

<sup>3</sup>When they breathe their last, they re- | turn to earth,  
and in that day | their thoughts perish.

<sup>4</sup>**Happy are they who have the God of Jacob | for their help,  
whose hope is in the | LORD their God;**

<sup>5</sup>who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that | is in them;  
who keeps his prom- | ise forever;

<sup>6</sup>**who gives justice to those who | are oppressed,  
and food to | those who hunger.**

<sup>7</sup>The LORD sets the prisoners free; the LORD opens the eyes | of the blind;  
the LORD lifts up those who | are bowed down;

<sup>8</sup>**the LORD loves the righteous; the LORD cares | for the stranger;  
he sustains the orphan and widow, but frustrates the way | of the wicked.**

<sup>9</sup>The LORD shall | reign forever,  
your God, O Zion, throughout all generations. | Hallelujah!

## SECOND READING

Hebrews 9:24-28

*The letter to the Hebrews describes Christ as a high priest who offers himself as a sacrifice for our sin. Christ does not die again and again each year. He died once, is alive with God, and will reveal himself on the last day.*

**A** A reading from Hebrews.

<sup>24</sup>Christ did not enter a sanctuary made by human hands, a mere copy of the true one, but he entered into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God on our behalf. <sup>25</sup>Nor was it to offer himself again and again, as the high priest enters the Holy Place year after year with blood that is not his own; <sup>26</sup>for then he would have had to suffer again and again since the foundation of the world. But as it is, he has appeared once for all at the end of the age to remove sin by the sacrifice of himself.

<sup>27</sup>And just as it is appointed for mortals to die once, and after that the judgment,

<sup>28</sup>so Christ, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, will appear a second time, not to deal with sin, but to save those who are eagerly waiting for him.

**A** The word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

**Stand**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

*The congregation sings the Acclamation.*



*The choir sings the Verse.*



*The congregation repeats the Acclamation.*



**GOSPEL**

Mark 12:38-44

*After engaging in a series of public arguments with religious leaders in the temple, Jesus contrasts the proud and oppressive ways of those leaders with the sacrificial humility and poverty of the widow.*

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

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

<sup>38</sup>As [Jesus] taught, he said, “Beware of the scribes, who like to walk around in long robes, and to be greeted with respect in the marketplaces, <sup>39</sup>and to have the best seats in the synagogues and places of honor at banquets! <sup>40</sup>They devour widows’ houses and for the sake of appearance say long prayers. They will receive the greater condemnation.”

<sup>41</sup>He sat down opposite the treasury, and watched the crowd putting money into the treasury. Many rich people put in large sums. <sup>42</sup>A poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which are worth a penny. <sup>43</sup>Then he called his disciples and said to them, “Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the treasury. <sup>44</sup>For all of them have contributed out of their abundance; but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on.”



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

**Sit**

SERMON

Pastor Weleck

**Stand**

*Later service only:*

**HYMN OF THE DAY:** *Take My Life, That I May Be*

## Take My Life, That I May Be

The musical score is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of two systems of music. Each system has a treble clef staff on top and a bass clef staff on the bottom. The lyrics are placed between the staves. The first system contains the first four lines of the hymn, and the second system contains the next four lines. The music is a simple harmonic setting, likely for a choir or organ.

1 Take my life, that I may be con - se - crat - ed, Lord, to thee;  
 2 Take my hands and let them move at the im - pulse of thy love;  
 3 Take my voice and let me sing al - ways, on - ly, for my King;  
 4 Take my sil - ver and my gold, not a mite would I with - hold;

take my mo - ments and my days; let them flow in cease - less praise.  
 take my feet and let them be swift and beau - ti - ful for thee.  
 take my lips and let them be filled with mes - sag - es from thee.  
 take my in - tel - lect, and use ev - 'ry pow'r as thou shalt choose.

5 Take my will and make it thine;  
 it shall be no longer mine.  
 Take my heart, it is thine own;  
 it shall be thy royal throne.

6 Take my love; my Lord, I pour  
 at thy feet its treasure store;  
 take myself, and I will be  
 ever, only, all for thee.

***Stand***

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

**APOSTLES CREED**

**☐** With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

**☑** **I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

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

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

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

- 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.*

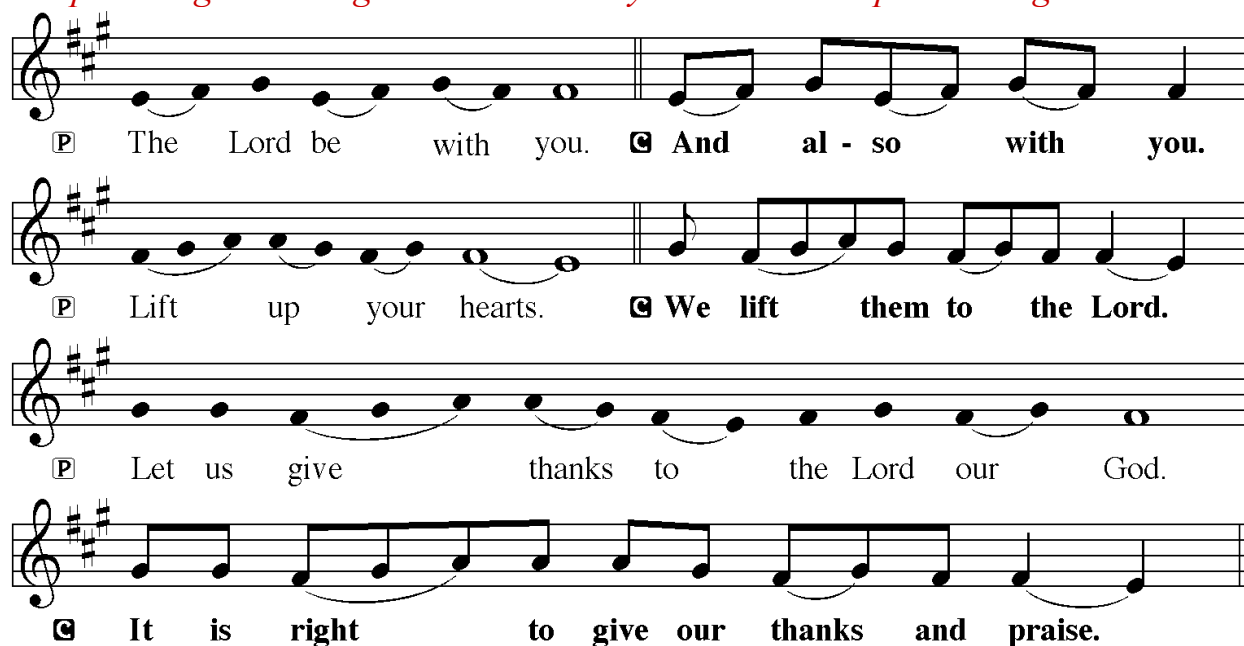
OFFERTORY



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

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

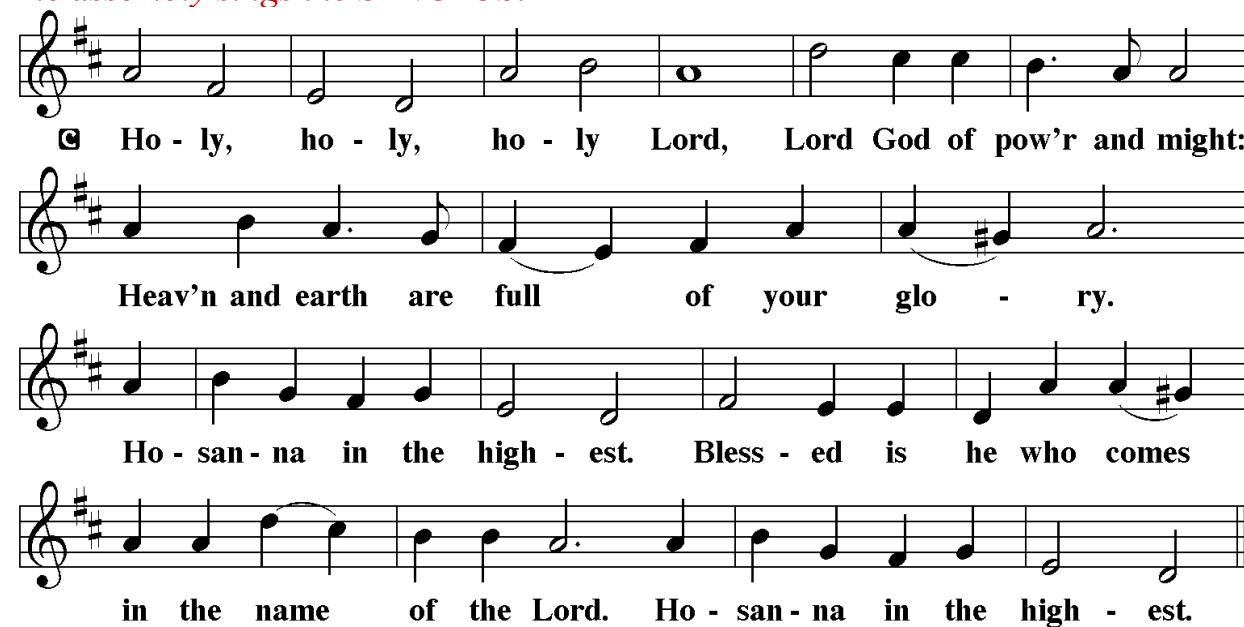
**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**G** 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:*



**G** 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.

**ANTHEM:** *You'll Never Walk Alone*

Rodgers and Hammerstein

Bob Reichner, Soloist

**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.



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

**DISMISSAL**

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

**G** Thanks be to God.

**HYMN: O God, Our Help in Ages Past**

1 O God, our help in a - ges past, our hope for years to come,  
 2 Un - der the shad - ow of your throne your saints have dwelt se - cure;  
 3 Be - fore the hills in or - der stood or earth re - ceived its frame,  
 4 A thou - sand a - ges in your sight are like an eve - ning gone,

our shel - ter from the storm - y blast, and our e - ter - nal home:  
 suf - fi - cient is your arm a - lone, and our de - fense is sure.  
 from ev - er - last - ing you are God, to end - less years the same.  
 short as the watch that ends the night be - fore the ris - ing sun.

5 Time, like an ever-rolling stream,  
 bears all our years away;  
 we fly forgotten, as a dream  
 dies at the op'ning day.

6 O God, our help in ages past,  
 our hope for years to come,  
 still be our guard while troubles last  
 and our eternal home!

## OFFERING

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

**POSTLUDE:** 8:00 am: *O God, Our Help in Ages Past*  
10:30 am: *Festive Trumpet Tune*

arr. Hobby  
David German



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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.



Thank you to Connor Elison, who is our organist at 10:30 this morning so Laurie can attend an anniversary service at St. Paul's Lutheran in Olney (Philadelphia). This is the church where Laurie met Bill Mueller, and where Pr. Weleck served as a seminary intern.

### Worship Assistants

Ushers: Mike Beattie, Joe Cooney, Dick Allebach, and Scott Halteman

Elevator Attendant: Mike Taylor

Lectors: Lessons: Alanna Jessee Prayers: Connor Elison

Communion Assistant: Sherry Jessee

Acolyte: Kaden Menendez Crucifer: Wade Anderson

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 Mr. and Mrs. John E. Schatz, Jr. and family in loving memory of sister and Aunt, Linda M. Dieffenbach Killen, brother Paul C (Hap) Schatz, and parents and grandparents Warren A. and Jacqueline Dieffenbach, and J. Edgar and Thelma Schatz.

The Sanctuary Candle is given to the glory of God by Joe and Donna Cooney.

The Worship Bulletins are given to the glory of God by Mr. and Mrs. Jeff and Janet (Saylor) Rhoads in loving memory of niece Cory Rider.



### **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: \_\_\_\_\_

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Please e-mail orders to [gtwess@comcast.net](mailto:gtwess@comcast.net), place orders in offering plates or drop them off in the church office.

**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!

### **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](mailto: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!

**FOR THOSE WHO WE HOLD CLOSE TO OUR HEARTS AT CHRISTMAS**  
 a free gift and token of remembrance and hope

*Advent*  
**Remembrance**  
*Doves*

Dec. 01  
 8:00 & 10:30 AM

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**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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**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. 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.



## 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:

\_\_\_\_\_  
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Join us for our annual **CHRISTMAS CONCERT, Sunday, December 15th at 4 pm.** Laurie Mueller will direct a choir of 30 singers, an orchestra of 10, and Augustus' bell choir to present John Leavitt's "Festival of Lessons and Carols." There are many familiar Christmas carols and opportunities to sing along. Join us for a light reception in Fellowship Hall following the concert. Bring your friends and get here early for a good parking spot and a good seat! There are no tickets and no charge to attend, but a free will offering will benefit Augustus' music program.

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

**SUNDAY SCHOOL  
NATIVITY PROGRAM**

Participating youth attend  
Sunday School at 9:00 AM

December 15, 2024  
10:30 AM

FREE GIFT!!!  
One per Family

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**Christmas Eve Candlelight Services  
& Family Traditions**

**HISTORIC OLD TRAPPE CHURCH**  
December 24, 5:00 PM Candlelight Living Nativity  
Candlelit pathways, Lessons & Carols  
December 24, 7:00 PM Candlelight Family Service  
Candlelit pathways, Lessons & Carols

**HEATED BRICK CHURCH**  
December 24, 9:00 PM Candlelight, Lessons, Carols, & Communion  
Traditionally decorated main Sanctuary

FREE GIFT!!!  
for all attendees

Step back in time with our candlelit pathways, gas lamps wrapped in greens, and candlelight Christmas Eve Services in Historic Old Trappe Church! All services in Old Trappe Church are in a 1743 unheated and un electrified Colonial Church.

Please dress accordingly and remember your flashlights!

Enjoy a traditional Christmas Eve Holy Communion Service in the heated Brick Church with lessons, carols, and special music

**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

Email [Abryant@gemmaservices.org](mailto:Abryant@gemmaservices.org) to arrange delivery. For more information about Gemma Services or to make a donation online to support our mission, please visit [www.gemmaservices.org](http://www.gemmaservices.org).