

HOLY COMMUNION
All Saints Sunday

November 5, 2023

8:00 am and 10:30 am

INTRODUCTION TO THE DAY

All Saints celebrates the baptized people of God, living and dead, who are the body of Christ. As November heralds the dying of the landscape in many northern regions, the readings and liturgy call us to remember all who have died in Christ and whose baptism is complete. At the Lord's table we gather with the faithful of every time and place, trusting that the promises of God will be fulfilled and that all tears will be wiped away in the new Jerusalem.

SILENT PRAYER

PRELUDE: *Shall We Gather at the River*

Hobby

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING (ENTRANCE RITE)

Stand

HYMN: *For All the Saints*

Printed on the next pages.



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



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



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CONFSSION 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.

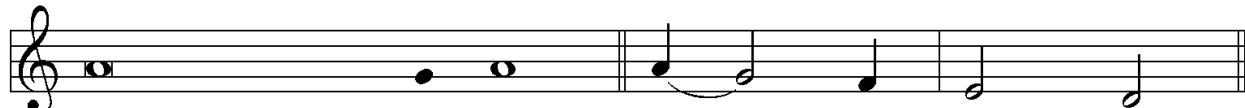
C **Amen.**

Stand

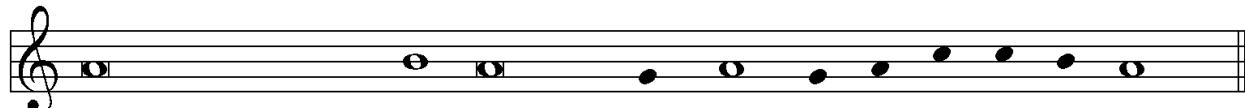
GREETING

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.**

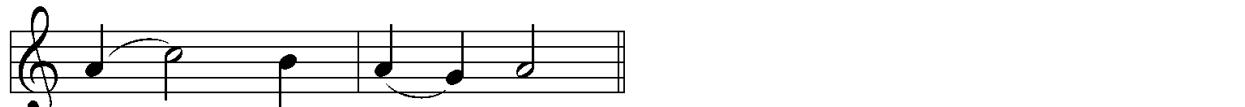
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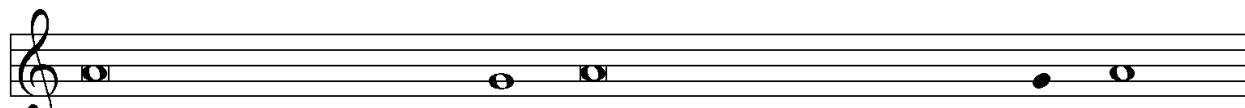
A In peace, let us pray to the Lord. C Lord, have mer - cy.



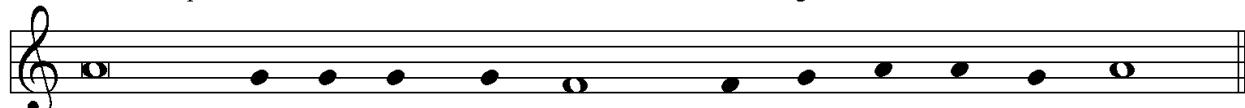
A For the peace from a- bove, and for our sal- vation, let us pray to the Lord.



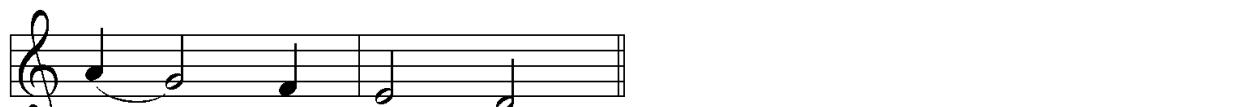
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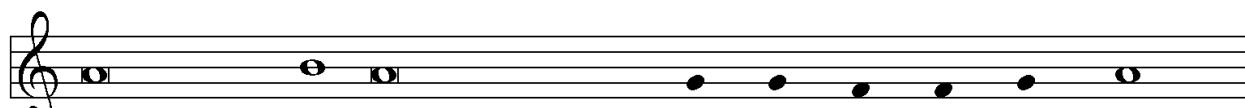
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



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



C Lord, have mer - cy.

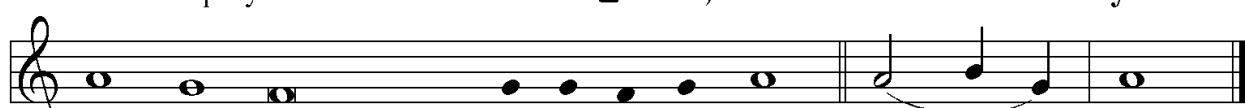


A For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor - ship and praise,



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.



C 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

Revelation 7:9-17

The book of Revelation is written to seven churches in western Asia Minor during a time of great oppression. Today's reading is a response to the question asked in 6:17: "Who is able to stand?" The writer gives the faithful the assurance of God's protection and a vision of victory.

A A reading from Revelation.

⁹After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. ¹⁰They cried out in a loud voice, saying,

“Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!”

¹¹And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, ¹²singing,

“Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom
and thanksgiving and honor
and power and might
be to our God forever and ever! Amen.”

¹³Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, “Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?” ¹⁴I said to him, “Sir, you are the one that knows.” Then he said to me, “These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

¹⁵For this reason they are before the throne of God,

and worship him day and night within his temple,
and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.

¹⁶They will hunger no more, and thirst no more;
the sun will not strike them,
nor any scorching heat;

¹⁷for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd,
and he will guide them to springs of the water of life,
and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.”

A The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Later service only:

PSALM 34:1-10, 22 (*The congregation's verses are printed in bold font.*)

¹I will bless the LORD^l at all times;
his praise shall ever be^l in my mouth.

**²I will glory^l in the LORD;
let the humble hear^l and rejoice.**

³Proclaim with me the greatness^l of the LORD;
let us exalt his^l name together.

**⁴I sought the LORD, and he^l answered me
and delivered me out of^l all my terror.**

⁵Look upon him^l and be radiant,
and let not your faces^l be ashamed.

**⁶I called in my affliction, and^l the LORD heard me
and saved me from^l all my troubles.**

⁷The angel of the LORD encompasses^l those who fear him,
and he will de-^l liver them.

**⁸Taste and see that the^l LORD is good;
happy are they who^l trust in him!**

⁹Fear the LORD, you that^l are his saints,
for those who fear^l him lack nothing.

**¹⁰The young lions lack and^l suffer hunger,
but those who seek the LORD lack nothing^l that is good.**

²²The LORD ransoms the life^l of his servants,
and none will be punished who^l trust in him.

SECOND READING

1 John 3:1-3

A saint is one who has been set apart by God for God's purposes. God, out of divine love, set us apart to be the children of God. Our holy hope is that we shall see God as God really is.

A A reading from First John.

¹See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. ²Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. ³And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

A The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

The congregation sings the Acclamation.

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

The choir sings the Verse.

They are before the | throne of God,
and the one seated on the throne will | shelter them.

The congregation repeats the Acclamation.

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

GOSPEL

Matthew 5:1-12

In the Beatitudes, Jesus provides a unique description of those who are blessed with God's favor. His teaching is surprising and shocking to those who seek wealth, fame, and control over others.

P The holy gospel according to Matthew.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

¹When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. ²Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

³“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

⁴“Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

⁵“Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

⁶“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

⁷“Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

⁸“Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

⁹“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

¹⁰“Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

¹¹“Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. ¹²Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.”

P The gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

Sit

SERMON

Pastor Weleck

Stand

Later service only:

HYMN OF THE DAY: Who Are These Like Stars Appearing
Printed on the next page.

1 Who are these like stars ap - pear - ing, these, be - fore God's
 2 Who are these of dazzling bright - ness, clothed in God's own
 3 These are they who have con - ten - ded for their Sav - ior's

throne who stand? Each a gol - den crown is wear - ing;
 righ - teous - ness These, in robes of pur - est white - ness,
 hon - or long, wrestl - ing on till life was end - ed,

who are all this glo - rious band? Al - le - lu - ia!
 shall their lus - ter still pos - sess, still un - touched by
 fol - l'wing not the sin - ful - throng, these who well the

Hark, they sing, prais - ing loud their heaven - ly King.
 time's rude hand? Whence came all this glor - ious band?
 fight sus - tained, tri - umph through the Lamb have gained.

4 These are they whose hearts were riven,
 sore with woe and anguish tried,
 who in prayer full oft have striven
 with the God they glorified;
 now, their painful conflict o'er,
 God has bid them weep no more.

5 These, the Almighty contemplating,
 did as priests before him stand,
 soul and body always waiting
 day and night at his command:
 now in God's most holy place
 blest they stand before his face.

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

P With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

C 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

A musical score for a hymn, likely for a church organ or choir. The score consists of eight staves of music, each with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (F#). The music is in common time. The lyrics are integrated into the musical lines, with each line of text corresponding to a staff. The lyrics are:

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

℟ 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: *Angels Visit When We Sing*

Scott

Angels visit when we sing, and the morning stars rejoice. We can hear them echoing in each faithful heart and voice: Alleluia!

Angels visit when we sing as they did at Jesus' birth and the music that they bring links the heavens and the earth: Alleluia!

Angels visit when we sing and remind us with their praise: sin and death have lost their sting, for the Crucified is raised: Alleluia!

Angels visit when we sing, and our hearts are touched by fire as our hymns and anthems ring with the sound of heaven's choir: Alleluia!

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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)

A single-line musical staff in G major (one sharp) with a common time signature. It consists of seven quarter notes followed by a half note.

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

A single-line musical staff in G major (one sharp) with a common time signature. It consists of nine quarter notes followed by a half note.

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

A single-line musical staff in G major (one sharp) with a common time signature. It consists of eleven quarter notes followed by a half note.

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

A two-line musical staff in G major (one sharp) with a common time signature. The top line shows a soprano vocal line with four eighth-note chords: G, B, D, G. The bottom line shows a basso continuo line with sustained notes. The lyrics "A - men," are repeated three times, followed by a final "men." The bass line features eighth-note patterns corresponding to the chords above.

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

Musical notation for the first stanza, featuring a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp, and common time. The melody consists of eighth and sixteenth notes.

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;

Musical notation for the second stanza, continuing the melody from the first stanza.

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.

Musical notation for the third stanza, continuing the melody from the previous stanzas.

Musical notation for the fourth stanza, starting with a *Refrain* section.

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

Musical notation for the fifth stanza, continuing the melody from the previous stanza.

Musical notation for the sixth stanza, continuing the melody from the previous stanza.

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

Musical notation for the seventh stanza, concluding the hymn.

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.



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

10:30 am: Becky Quirk

Offering Tabulation: Jennifer Wentworth, Brian O'Hara, and Chilly Lyaro

Congregational Meeting Part II: All members of Augustus are invited and encouraged to attend the Annual Meeting on November 12th 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 2024 budget for the church. WELCA will provide a light lunch during the meeting. Please plan to attend.

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

The Sanctuary Candle is given to the glory of God by Elizabeth Rutter in memory of Son-in-law Alan M. Paige.

The Worship Bulletins are given to the glory of God by Kathleen Wilkins and Ethelyn Perkins in honor of all veterans, past and present.

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

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Dorothy Luft

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WOMEN OF ELCA REMEMBRANCE - Following a tradition established by the Women of the ELCA, on “All Saints' Sunday” a special remembrance is made to the Memorial Fund of Augustus Lutheran Church to honor the memory of departed members during the past year who were active in Augustus Women/ELCA. This year Augustus Women/ELCA honors Dorothy Waltz and Diane Mills.

New Newsletter Delivery Coming! Beginning over the winter of 2024, our Monthly Church newsletter will be delivered via e-mail. If you don't think we have your e-mail address, please drop a line to 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.

Muriel is 100! On Thursday, November 16th, long-time member of our Augustus family, Muriel Ludwig, will celebrate her 100th birthday! Muriel's friends from WELCA invite all of her church family to "shower" her with cards in the week leading up to her big day. Please consider sending Muriel a card: Muriel Ludwig, 800 Maple Avenue, 143 Westview Court, Harleysville, PA 19438. All are invited to help Muriel celebrate on her birthday by attending a cake and coffee party on November 16th from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm at the Peter Becker Community in Harleysville.



11th Annual Thanksgiving Apple Pie Sale

Sponsored by the Senior Youth Group

Pies can be picked up on Nov. 19th after both services or delivered after the late service. Pies will be frozen.

Baking instructions will be provided.

Cost: \$10.00 per pie.

Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

Number of Pies: _____

Pick up on 19-Nov-2023 (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.



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!



2023 Christmas Poinsettia Order Form

Mail to: Karen Lachenmayer
412 Dartmoor Road
Schwenksville, Pa. 19473

Phone: 610-715-4850
E-mail: karenlachenmayer@gmail.com

ORDER DEADLINE: **Sunday, December 3, 2023**

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:

Master Calendar 2023/2024

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

Annual Toy Drive: WELCA will host their annual Toy Drive for the children of Silver Springs Martin Luther School during the month of November. There will be a box in the Muhlenberg Center for your donations all month. See below and the following page for how you can help a child have a Merry Christmas!



September 2023



Dear friend,

The holidays are a magical time at Gemma. "Wow! It looks like a fairy tale!" exclaimed a child in residence as they entered the gym last year, which had been transformed into a winter wonderland for the annual holiday party. "This is the best night of my life!" shared another child as they received their gifts. Whether by creating a magical experience or handing the children a stack of presents generously donated by caring friends, we do everything we can to show kids and families that they matter, during the holiday season and throughout the year. Thank you for helping us to create this magic!

With friends like you, Gemma was able to create a special holiday season last year for hundreds of youth and families. **Will you help Gemma once again create a memorable holiday season?**

Please consider these ways you can help us reach this goal:

- * **Make a generous financial gift** in the spirit of the holidays to support children and families this year.
- * **Suggest friends or family members make a charitable gift** to Gemma in your honor.
- * **Donate a gift card** to help Gemma's children and families. The most useful are \$25 gift cards to Amazon, Giant, ShopRite, Target, Visa, & Walmart.
- * **Provide a present for a child.** A wish list of gifts can be found on the back of this letter or on Amazon at <https://bit.ly/GemmaNeeds>. We ask that all gifts be new and unwrapped, please.

Gift delivery is by appointment only from Monday, November 27th to Wednesday, December 6th.

Please contact Amanda Bryant at (610) 825-4440 x3307 or abryant@gemmaservices.org or Betty Wu at (610) 519-1615 or efwu@gemmaservices.org to **schedule an appointment**.

Your kind generosity will bring joy to the children and families of Gemma this year. Thank you for helping them know they matter this holiday season!

With appreciation,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Amanda Bryant".
Amanda Bryant
Senior Development Officer

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Betty Wu".
Betty Wu
Development Officer



2023 Gift Wish List

Toys

- Large and medium-sized stuffed animals
- Small and medium-sized Squishmallow stuffed animals
- Games – Checkers, Chess, Jenga, Connect 4, UNO, Monopoly, Scrabble, Trouble, and Sorry are favorites
- LEGO sets
- Pokémon cards and toys
- Minecraft toys
- Superhero action figures
- LOL dolls and Rainbow High dolls
- Barbie dolls
- Remote controlled vehicles
- Beyblades and Beyblades arenas
- Playing cards and card games
- Rubik's cubes
- Fidget toys – spinners, tangles, cubes, stress balls
- 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

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
- Gel pen sets
- Crayons, markers, and colored pencils
- Velvet posters to color
- Coloring books and large coloring pages
- Sketch books and drawing paper – non-spiral bound, please!
- Journals- no locks, non-spiral bound, please!
- Origami kits and origami paper

Sports

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

For more information about Gemma Services or to make a gift online to support our mission, please visit www.gemmaservices.org.