### HOLY COMMUNION **Christ the King**

**November 21, 2021** 

8:00 am and 10:30 am

### INTRODUCTION TO THE DAY

Even after Israel had experienced the vagaries of kings, the people still longed for a true king to set things right. He would have the king's title of Anointed One (Messiah); he would be the "one like a human being" (Son of Man) given dominion in Daniel's vision. Jesus is given these titles, even though he is nothing like an earthly king. His authority comes from the truth to which he bears witness, and those who recognize the truth voluntarily listen to him. We look forward to the day he is given dominion, knowing his victory will be the nonviolent victory of love.

### SILENT PRAYER

**PRELUDE:** 8:00 AM: Te Deum

Charpentier 10:30 AM: How Can I Keep from Singing Tucker

Augustus Bell Choir

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

A sincere Thank You to all our members who came to the regularly scheduled Congregational Meeting last Sunday. Your commitment and faithfulness is much appreciated.

Unfortunately, only 48 out of the 560 confirmed members eligible to vote at a Congregational Meeting were present. Since the quorum for holding a Congregational Meeting is 50 confirmed members, the meeting could not take place. The 2022 Budget was not passed nor were the four (4) persons nominated to fill vacancies on Vestry elected.

The Fall Congregational Meeting is essential for keeping the ministry of Augustus going. The Vestry has no legal authority to spend money in 2022 unless the congregation grants that authorization by passing a budget at a Congregational Meeting. If no budget has been passed, all the ministries of Augustus cease. The Vestry will set a date for new Congregational Meeting hopefully to prevent that from occurring.

## GATHERING (ENTRANCE RITE)

### Stand

**HYMN:** Lo, He Comes with Clouds Descending Printed on the next page.

# Lo! He Comes with Clouds Descending



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### **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS (ABSOLUTION)**

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism.

- **P** In the name of the Father, and of the **+** Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.
- P Almighty God,
  to whom all hearts are open,
  all desires known,
  and from whom no secrets are hid:
  cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
  by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
  that we may perfectly love you
  and worthily magnify your holy name,
  through Jesus Christ our Lord.
- C Amen.
- **P** Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

### Kneel/Stand

- P Most merciful God,
- 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.

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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**

- 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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### PRAYER OF THE DAY

**P** Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, whose will it is to restore all things to your beloved Son, whom you anointed priest forever and king of all creation: Grant that all the people of the earth, now divided by the power of sin, may be united under the glorious and gentle rule of your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

### LITURGY OF THE WORD

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### FIRST READING

Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14

To the community for whom this passage was written, it seemed as though the oppression they were experiencing would never end. Daniel's message is: It shall end. The Ancient One, who is judge, will call all nations to account and will give dominion to "one like a human being," the Messiah.

**A** A reading from Daniel.

<sup>9</sup>As I watched,

thrones were set in place,

and an Ancient One took his throne,

his clothing was white as snow,

and the hair of his head like pure wool;

his throne was fiery flames,

and its wheels were burning fire.

<sup>10</sup>A stream of fire issued

and flowed out from his presence.

A thousand thousands served him,

and ten thousand times ten thousand stood attending him.

The court sat in judgment,

and the books were opened.

<sup>13</sup>As I watched in the night visions,

I saw one like a human being

coming with the clouds of heaven.

And he came to the Ancient One

and was presented before him.

<sup>14</sup>To him was given dominion and glory and kingship,

that all peoples, nations, and languages

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should serve him.

His dominion is an everlasting dominion that shall not pass away, and his kingship is one that shall never be destroyed.

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

### Later service only:

**PSALM 93** (*The congregation's verses are printed in in bold font.*)

<sup>1</sup>The LORD is king; he has put on splen- | did apparel; the LORD has put on his apparel and girded him- | self with strength.

<sup>2</sup>He has made the whole world so sure that it can-not be moved;

<sup>3</sup>ever since the world began, your throne has | been established; you are from | everlasting.

<sup>4</sup>The waters have lifted up, O LORD, the waters have lifted | up their voice; the waters have lifted up their | pounding waves.

<sup>5</sup>Mightier than the sound of many waters, mightier than the breakers | of the sea, mightier is the LORD who | dwells on high.

<sup>6</sup>Your testimonies are | very sure, and holiness adorns your house, O LORD, forever and for- | evermore.

The book of Revelation begins by celebrating the Almighty God, who spans all of time. Similarly, Jesus is celebrated as the firstborn from the dead who rules over the world's rulers. He is the one whose return we eagerly await.

### **A** A reading from Revelation.

<sup>4b</sup>Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, <sup>5</sup>and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, <sup>6</sup>and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

<sup>7</sup>Look! He is coming with the clouds;

every eye will see him,

even those who pierced him;

and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail.

So it is to be. Amen.

<sup>8</sup>"I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

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

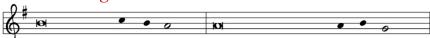
### Stand

### **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

The congregation sings the Acclamation.



The choir sings the Verse.



I am the Alpha and | the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning | and the end.

The congregation repeats the Acclamation.



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GOSPEL John 18:33-37

In John's gospel, the story of Jesus and Pilate presents two different ways of exercising power: through force or with love.

P The holy gospel according to John.

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

<sup>33</sup>Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" <sup>34</sup>Jesus answered, "Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?" <sup>35</sup>Pilate replied, "I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?" <sup>36</sup>Jesus answered, "My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here." <sup>37</sup>Pilate asked him, "So you are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice."

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

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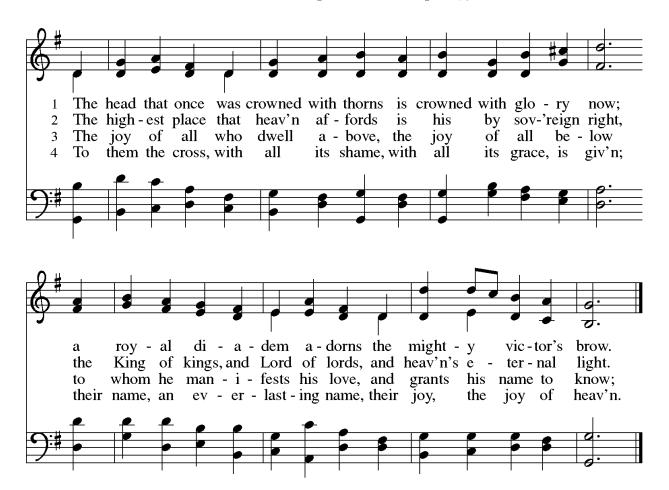
**SERMON** Pastor Weleck

### Stand

Later service only:

**HYMN OF THE DAY:** The Head that Once Was Crowned with Thorns Printed on the next page.

# The Head That Once Was Crowned



- 5 They suffer with their Lord below; they reign with him above; their profit and their joy to know the myst'ry of his love.
- 6 The cross he bore is life and health, though shame and death to him; his people's hope, his people's wealth, their everlasting theme!

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### 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.
- 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

- With the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.
- 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,
- **e** hear our prayer.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.
- C Amen.

### LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT OF THE ALTAR

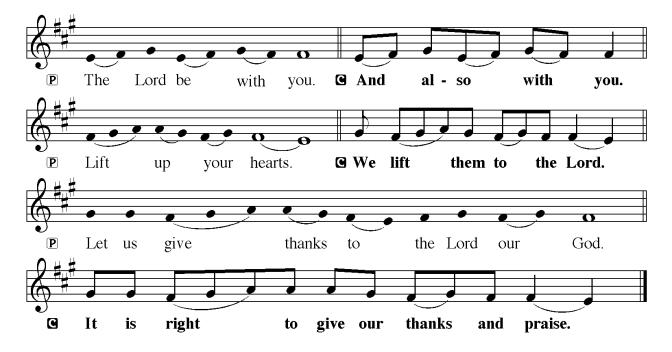
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### **GREAT THANKSGIVING**

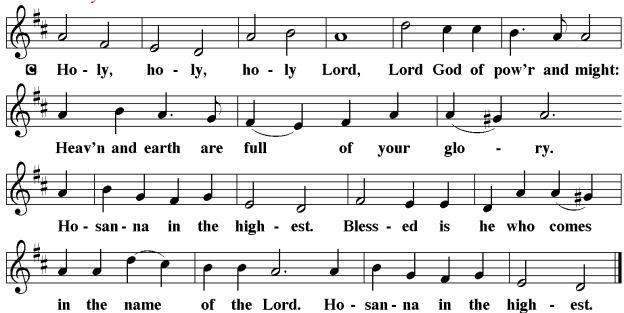
The presiding minister greets the assembly and invites all present to give thanks:



The minister continues with the PROPER PREFACE:

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:



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,

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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.
- 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

- 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.
- Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

#### Sit

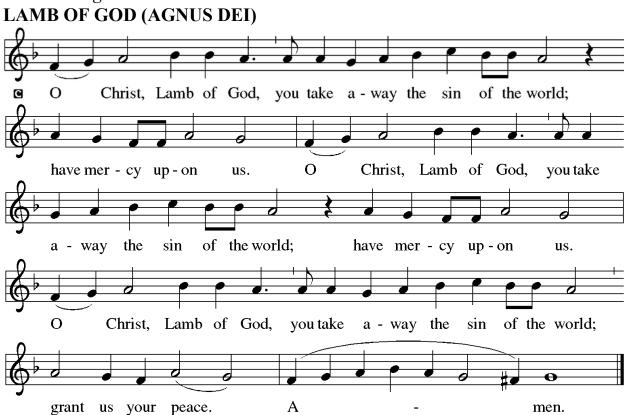
### **COMMUNION**

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:



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All My Hope on God is Founded

All my hope on God is founded who will all my trust renew, who through change and chance will guide me, only good and only true.

God unknown, from thy throne, call my heart to be thine own.

Mortal pride and earthly glory, sword and crown betray our trust; what with care and toil we fashion, tow'r and temple, fall to dust. But thy pow'r, hour by hour, is my temple and my tow'r.

Great thy goodness, e'er enduring; deep thy wisdom, passing thought; splendor, light, and life attend thee, beauty springing out of naught. Evermore from God's store new-born worlds rise and adore.

Still from earth to God eternal sacrifice of praise be done, high above all praises praising for the gift of God's own Son. Christ shall call one and all: You that follow shall not fall.

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### Stand

### **BLESSING AFTER COMMUNION**

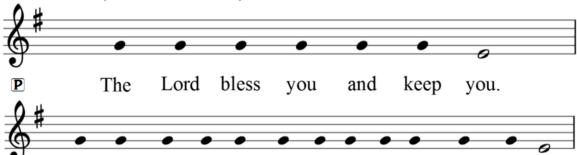
- P The Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.
- C Amen.

### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

- 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)**

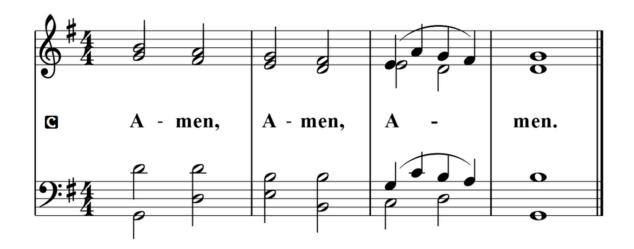


The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.



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

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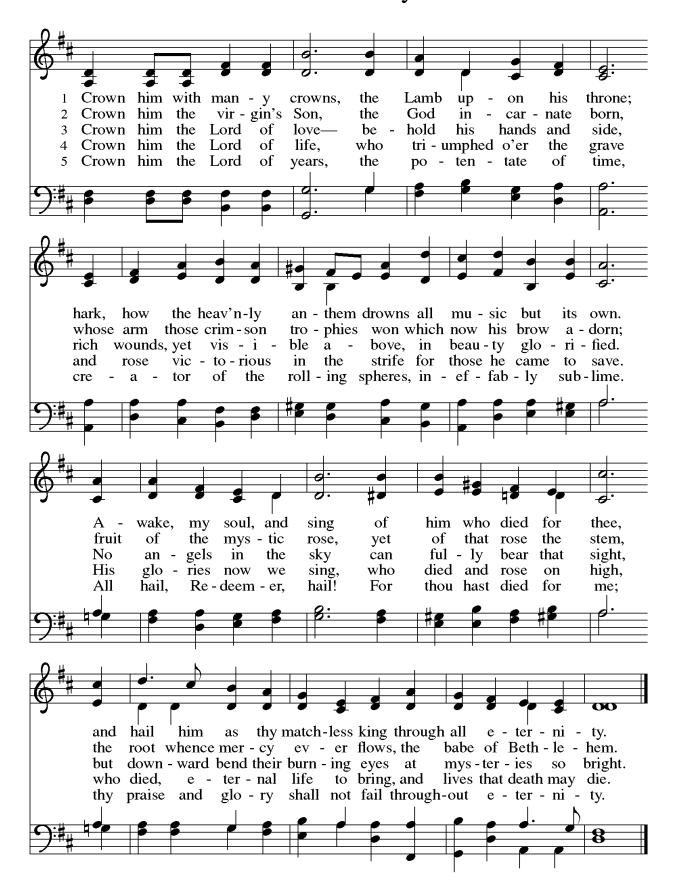
**A** Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

HYMN: Crown Him with Many Crowns

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# Crown Him with Many Crowns



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### **OFFERING**

The offering will be collected as you leave the Church.

POSTLUDE: Crown Him with Many Crowns



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Vestry Greeters: Gary Wessner and Shane Elison

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Lectors: 8:00 am: Laurie Mueller 10:30 am: Sonya Sowards

Altar Guild: Becky Quirk and Sally Sweeney

Offering Tabulation: Debra Augustine, Brian O'Hara and Chilly Lyaro

Video Production: Jim Lien, Jeannie Funk, or Jonathan Mueller.

<u>The Flowers that Adorn the Altar</u> are given to the glory of God by John and Charlotte Wentworth in memory of loved ones.

<u>The Centervase Flowers that Adorn the</u> Altar are given to the glory of God by the Jessee Family in memory of Sherry's Father, Jim Thornhill.

<u>The Sanctuary Candle</u> is given to the glory of God by David and Jeanne Halteman in honor of their anniversary.

<u>The Worship Bulletins</u> are given to the glory of God by the Hernandez family in loving memory of family friend, Joyce Kirlin.

<u>Altar Guild Help Wanted:</u> Altar Guild members attend to the altar on Sundays. They change the paraments, prepare Holy Communion, place the flowers, and a host of other small jobs that are so important to our weekly worship. No experience required! We will train you! Contact Deb Scholl at Schollde@aol.com.

<u>Prayer Chain Volunteers Needed:</u> Did you know Augustus's WELCA has a prayer group? People are invited to call the leader of the group, Carol Oelschlager, or the church office with prayer requests and a group of folks will say special prayers based on these requests. This group is now seeking additional people to pray for our congregants and friends. If you are interested in participating, please call Carol Oelschlager at 610-489-3109.

Tuesday Noon Recital Series Presented by the Philadelphia Chapter of the American Guild of Organists Every Tuesday in November at 12pm St. John's UCC 500 West Main St. Lansdale, PA 19446 Recitals last 45-50 minutes and feature a different organist each week performing on the newly renovated 2017 Reuter organ at St. John's. This month's organists are Jeffrey B. Fowler (11-2), Vincent M. Ryan with Melissa Freilich (11-9), Kevin Freaney (11-16), Mary Campbell (11-23), and Michael E. Krentz (11-30). All recitals are free and open to all. Contact Minister of Music Andrew Paulson at andrew@st-johns-ucc.org for more information. It is recommended that all wear a mask regardless of vaccination status while indoors.

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#### Toys

- Large and medium-sized stuffed animals.
- Games Checkers, Chess, Mancala, Connect 4, UNO Attack, Monopoly, Scrabble, Simon, and Bop-It are favorities
- LLGO sets
- Pokémon cards and toys
- Minecraft toys
- Superhero action figures
- Barbie dolls, L.O.L. Surprise. OMG dolls, and Rainbow High dolls
- · Our Generation and Journey Girls dolls
- · Remote controlled vehicles and robots
- ech Deck miniature skateboard toys
- · Beyblades and Beyblades arenas
- Playing cards and card games UNO and Phase 10 are favorites
- Light-up bouncy balls
- Rubikis cubes
- Fidget toys silicone push pops, spinners, tangles, and cubes
- · Dream Lites or other soft night lights
- · Books for children and teens
- Wireless headphones/earbuds
- · Small Bluetooth speakers

#### Clothing & Personal Care

- Pajama sets for boys and girls youth sizes M-XL and adult sizes S-XL
- Hooded sweatshirts for girls and boys youth sizes 12-18 and adult sizes S-XXL. Nike, Adidas, and Champion are favorite brands
- · Slide style sandals youth and adult sizes
- Adjustable baseball hats Nike and Philly sports teams are favorities
- Socks for boys and girls adult sizes 6-11.

- Crossbody bags, wallets, wristlets, and fanny packs
- · Hairbrushes and combs
- Nail polish, press on nails, lip gloss, lip balm, and makeup
- oiletry gift sets with body wash, shampoo, conditioner, & deodorant, Dove, AXL, 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
- · win sized fleece blankets

#### Arts & Crafts

- Craft kits
- Crayola art kits
- Gel pen sets
- · Crayons, markers, and colored pencils
- · Fuzzy 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, basketballs, soccer balls, and kickballs/playground balls
- · Football gloves youth and adult sizes
- · Basketball shooting sleeves youth and adult sizes
- Football, basketball, and baseball cards and binders/books for collecting cards
- · Basketball tights youth and adult sizes

WELCA will accept donations of Christmas gifts for GEMMA services October 24<sup>th</sup> through November 21<sup>st</sup>. Look for a donation box in the Muhlenberg Center.

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# **Christmas Poinsettias**

Due to the pandemic, Christmases at Augustus have looked a little different over the last few years. The **Outreach Committee**, working with various church committees, organizations, and community businesses, is working on a few 'surprises' that are above and beyond what the congregation knew even before the pandemic. We have an opportunity for every member of the congregation to join in this church-wide endeavor by participating in the **Worship and Music Committee**'s annual Poinsettia Sale.

Please prayerfully consider purchasing at least one poinsettia this year. If you can do multiple poinsettias, that would be even more fantastic and appreciated. These embellishments are tokens that patrons who are watching our Christmas services at home can even enjoy. Many people have been working behind the scenes for the past three months to create a united vision to enhance your worship experience. These 'surprises' will be seen internally and externally around our campus. We hope that you will join us in this endeavor.

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