

*You are of
more value
than many
sparrows*

MATTHEW 10:31



4th Sunday after Pentecost

WELCOME TO ST. ANDREW

Welcome to long-time Lutherans, Christians from every tradition, and people new to the faith.

Welcome to all who have no church home, want to follow Jesus, have doubts, or do not believe.

Welcome to new visitors and old friends.

Welcome especially to all who have ever felt unwelcome in the church.

Welcome to believers, questioners, and questioning believers. This is a place where you are welcome to celebrate and grieve, to rejoice and recover.

No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here. This is a place where lives are made new.

HOW WE WORSHIP

When we gather for worship, we rejoice in God's grace through songs, prayers, scriptures, and the sacraments. The history of Christian worship is rich with traditions and rituals formed by generations which help to connect our lives with Christ.

By its very nature, Lutheran worship is participatory. The Holy Spirit joins our hearts and voices through songs and prayers that are both ancient and modern, biblical and relevant. Worship leaders guide us through the service and our responses are printed in **bold type**.

We are sent from this gathering into the world where we live on mission for Christ in our daily lives, loving and serving our neighbors and sharing the good news of Jesus with a world in need.

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PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

RINGING OF THE BELL

Please stand as you are able.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God, whose compassion endures forever. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin to God.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Compassionate God, **we confess to you all our sins. Our burden is heavy, and we cannot free ourselves. In your mercy, call us back to you. Your yoke is easy and your burden is light. Restore us to dwell in your peace. In Christ's name we pray, Amen.**

Jesus says, "Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest." In the name of God, Father, ✝ Son, and Holy Spirit, your sins are forgiven. Rest in God's love. **Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN "*We Know that Christ Is Raised*" Hymn #449

GREETING

The grace of our Lord, Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. **Teach us, good Lord God, to serve you as you deserve, to give and not to count the cost, to fight and not to heed the wounds, to toil and not to seek for rest, to labor and not to ask for reward, except that of knowing that we do your will, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

Please be seated.

WORD

FIRST READING Jeremiah 20:7-13

Jeremiah accuses God of forcing him into a ministry that brings him only contempt and persecution. Yet Jeremiah is confident that God will be a strong protector against his enemies and commits his life into God's hands.

⁷ O Lord, you have enticed me,
and I was enticed;
you have overpowered me,
and you have prevailed.
I have become a laughingstock all day long;
everyone mocks me.
⁸ For whenever I speak, I must cry out;
I must shout, "Violence and destruction!"
For the word of the Lord has become for me
a reproach and derision all day long.
⁹ If I say, "I will not mention him
or speak any more in his name,"
then within me there is something like a burning fire
shut up in my bones;
I am weary with holding it in,
and I cannot.

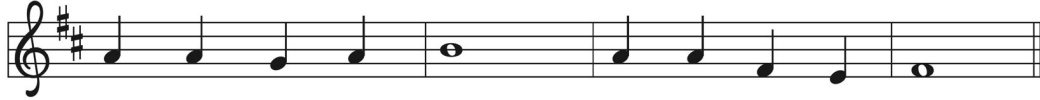
¹⁰ For I hear many whispering:
 “Terror is all around!
Denounce him! Let us denounce him!”
 All my close friends
 are watching for me to stumble.
 “Perhaps he can be enticed,
 and we can prevail against him
 and take our revenge on him.”
¹¹ But the Lord is with me like a terrifying warrior;
 therefore my persecutors will stumble,
 and they will not prevail.
They will be greatly shamed,
 for they will not succeed.
Their eternal dishonor
 will never be forgotten.
¹² O Lord of hosts, you test the righteous;
 you see the heart and the mind;
let me see your retribution upon them,
 for to you I have committed my cause.

¹³ Sing to the Lord;
 praise the Lord!
For he has delivered the life of the needy
 from the hands of evildoers.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM Psalm 69:7-10, 16-18



An - swer me, O LORD, for your love is kind.

⁷ Surely, for your sake I have suffered reproach,
and shame has covered my face.

⁸ I have become a stranger to my own kindred,
an alien to my mother's children.

⁹ Zeal for your house has eaten me up;
the scorn of those who scorn you has fallen upon me.

¹⁰ I humbled myself with fasting,
but that was turned to my reproach.

Refrain

¹⁶ Answer me, O LORD, for your love is kind;
in your great compassion, turn to me.

¹⁷ Hide not your face from your servant;
be swift and answer me, for I am in distress.

¹⁸ Draw near to me and redeem me;
because of my enemies deliver me.

Refrain

SECOND READING Romans 6:1b-11

In baptism we were incorporated into the reality of Christ's death and resurrection. We have been made new in Christ through his death and resurrection to live freed from sin.

^{1b} Should we continue in sin in order that grace may increase? ² By no means! How can we who died to sin go on living in it? ³ Do you not know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? ⁴ Therefore we were buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we also might walk in newness of life.

⁵ For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. ⁶ We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, so we might no longer be enslaved to sin. ⁷ For whoever has died is freed from sin. ⁸ But if we died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. ⁹ We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. ¹⁰ The death he died, he died to sin once for all, but the life he lives, he lives to God. ¹¹ So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Pastor Chris Steubing

Please stand as you are able for the gospel reading.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

GOSPEL

Matthew 10:24-39

The holy gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus warns his disciples that their ministry in his name will meet with opposition. However, he assures them that they need not fear for the truth will come to light. Life is found in Christ.

[Jesus said to the twelve:] ²⁴ “A disciple is not above the teacher nor a slave above the master; ²⁵ it is enough for the disciple to be like the teacher and the slave like the master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household!

²⁶ “So have no fear of them, for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered and nothing secret that will not become known. ²⁷ What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light, and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops.

²⁸ Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather, fear the one who can destroy both soul and body in hell. ²⁹ Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. ³⁰ And even the hairs of your head are all counted. ³¹ So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows.

³² “Everyone, therefore, who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven, ³³ but whoever denies me before others, I also will deny before my Father in heaven.

³⁴ “Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth; I have not come to bring peace but a sword.

³⁵ For I have come to set a man against his father,
and a daughter against her mother,
and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law,

³⁶ and one’s foes will be members of one’s own household.

³⁷ “Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me, and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me, ³⁸ and whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me. ³⁹ Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it.”

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Pastor Chris Steubing

HYMN OF THE DAY *“How Firm a Foundation”* *Hymn #796*

Please stand as you are able.

THE APOSTLES’ CREED

Together with the whole church, we 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 to the dead.
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.**

THE PRAYERS

...God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

SHARING THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

Let us share the peace with one another.

OFFERING

OFFERING MUSIC *"Now the Feast and Celebration"* Hymn #167

Please stand as you are able on the third verse as the offering is brought forward.

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray. **Loving God, we offer at your table the gifts of our hearts. Help us take heart in you and share freely of your love, so that all creation can taste your abundance. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit abiding with us now and forever. Amen.**

MEAL

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

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

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise. . . We praise your name and join their unending hymn.

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
 heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry, full of your glo - ry. Ho -
 san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high -
 est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
 san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, 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.

With this bread and cup we remember our Lord's Passover from death to life as we proclaim the mystery of faith;

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

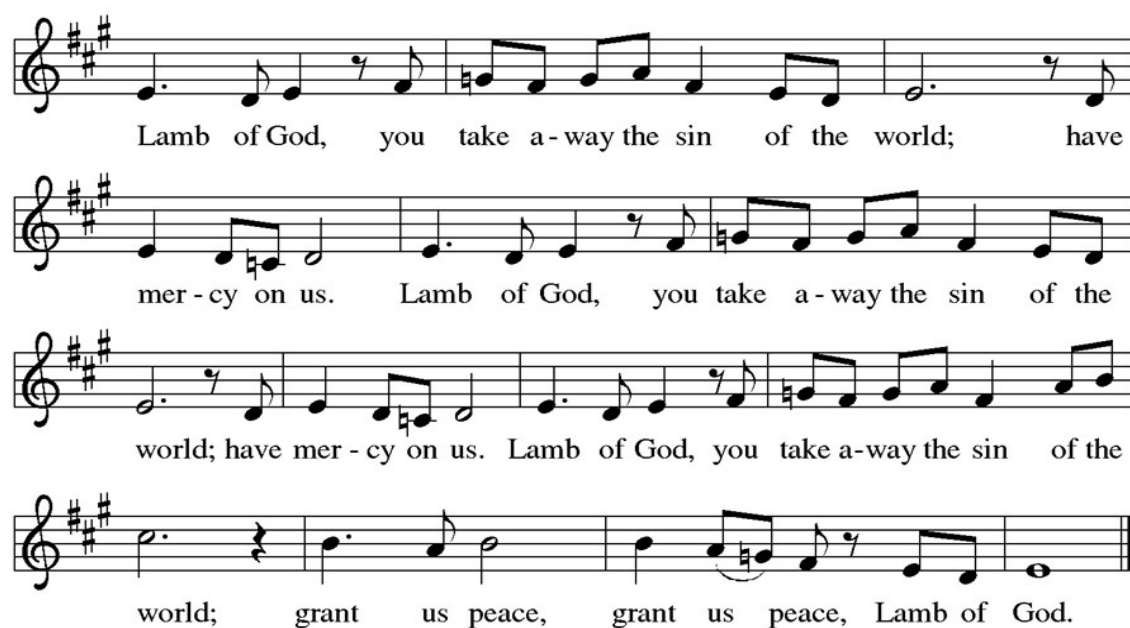
Remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray...

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

Heaven has come near. Come, share in the feast!

All are welcome to receive Holy Communion at the Lord's table. We practice a continuous communion distribution. You are invited to come forward at the direction of the ushers and kneel or stand at the altar rail, filling in spaces starting from the center as they become available. If you'd like to receive a blessing instead, you may simply come forward and cross your arms over your chest. If you are unable to come forward, please notify an usher and we will bring the sacrament to you. The communion cups contain wine (red) or grape juice (white). Gluten-free wafers are available upon request.



The image shows four staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a common time signature (C). The melody consists of quarter and eighth notes. The lyrics are: "Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have". The second staff continues the melody and lyrics: "mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the". The third staff continues: "world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the". The fourth staff concludes the phrase: "world; grant us peace, grant us peace, Lamb of God." The notation includes various note values, rests, and a final double bar line.

Communion Hymns

Hymn #494 "For the Bread Which You Have Broken"

Hymn #781 "Children of the Heavenly Father"

Hymn #764 "Have No Fear, Little Flock"

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

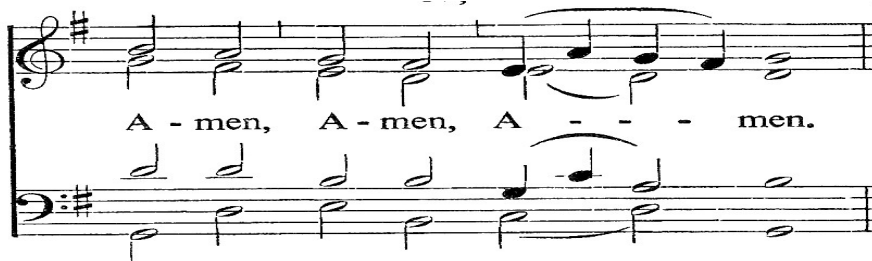
Please stand as you are able.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray. **Compassionate God, through the gifts of bread and wine our hearts are filled with the abundance of your love. Strengthen us that we, through this holy meal, may share your love freely, as you have shared with us. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit nourishing us now and forever. Amen.**

BENEDICTION

Almighty God, Father, ✚ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.



SENDING HYMN

"Ten Thousand Reasons"

Refrain



Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul;



wor-ship his ho - ly name. Sing like nev - er be-fore,



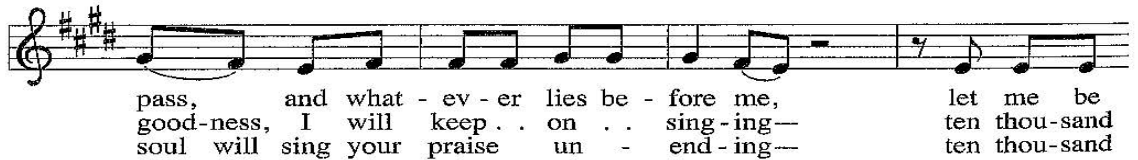
O my soul; I'll wor-ship your ho - ly name.



1 The sun comes up, it's a new day dawn-ing;
2 You're rich in love, and you're slow to an - ger. Your
3 And on that day when my strength is fail - ing, the



. . . it's time to sing your song a - gain. What - ev - er may
name . . is . . . great, and your heart is kind. For all . . your
end . . draws near, and my time has come; . . . still, my



pass, and what - ev - er lies be - fore me, let me be
good-ness, I will keep . . on . . sing-ing— ten thou-sand
soul will sing your praise un - end-ing— ten thou-sand



sing - ing when the eve - ning comes.
rea - sons for my heart to find.
years and then for - ev - er - more!

Refrain

DISMISSAL

Heaven has come near. Go, share the good news!
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

This morning

9:00 AM—Bible Study in the library

9:00 AM—Choir Practice in the music room

10:00 AM—Worship in the sanctuary

10:25 AM—Sunday School/Children’s Time in the fellowship hall

11:00 AM—Fellowship in the fellowship hall

Youth Devotion & Hangout time in the youth room

Calendar This Week

June 24th—11:00AM Memorial Service for Herb Plehn

June 24th—6:00PM New Member Dinner in the fellowship hall

June 25th—Newsletter Deadline

June 28th—11:00AM New Member Potluck Luncheon in the Youth Bldg.

Church Staff and today’s worship leaders:

Pastor—Rev. Chris Steubing

Visitation Pastor—Rev. Judi Miller

Our Reader—Cindy Riffe

Our Liturgist—Claire Roberts

Our Communion Assistants—Vicki Lee & Asher Steubing

Organist/Pianist—Jimmy Cheung

Choir and Hand Bell Director—Wendy Kuenemann

Children & Youth Ministry Intern—Ameya Steubing

Office Administrator—Trista Stubblefield

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Announcements/Reminders

For children and parents:

After the children's sermon, children are invited to go with Ms. Ameya to the fellowship hall for Sunday school children's time. Youth are invited to join for a devotion and hang out time after worship in the youth room. Ameya would like to extend a warm invitation to any adults who would like to assist her or simply observe on Sundays. Whether it's during worship or fellowship time, it's a beautiful opportunity to bond with and get to know the vibrant youth and children of our congregation. If interested, email her at ameyas-intern@standrewofcl.org.

There are "busy bags" at the sanctuary entrance to help keep children engaged during services.

There is a cry room in the back of the sanctuary with a changing table and a large nursery space down the hallway past the fellowship hall available for families with young children. Each of the spaces include access to listen to the worship service.

Please join us for fellowship time after worship in our fellowship hall!!!



Potluck Luncheon

Sunday, June 28th

Please join us for a Potluck Luncheon to welcome new members to St. Andrew on June 28th in the Youth Bldg. following morning worship.

Members are asked to bring food according to the first letter of you last name—

A—G Dessert

H—L Side Dish

M—R Main Dish

S—Z Salad



An unforgettable journey to discover what it means to follow Jesus and find life in God's kingdom.

Greetings from our Children, Youth, & Family Ministry Team!

Lots of volunteers are needed for our 2026 summer children's ministry programming, Fun & Faith Fridays! We're repeating the VBS-style program, similar to last summer, with an exciting new theme, "Kingdom Quest: An Epic Journey to Discover God's Kingdom," that we believe will help us create a meaningful, fun, and faith-filled experience for children. We'll be gathering on four consecutive Fridays (July 10, 17, 24, and 31), from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. for a VBS style children's program with worship, music, crafts, bible lessons, and snacks. There will be four activities (or rotations) for the children to attend and we need "Shepherds" to help the flock go from one rotation to the next. We also need volunteers to help with sign in/sign out, as well as the music, snack, craft and games activities.

All volunteers will receive a "leader" t-shirt with a new "Fun & Faith Friday" design, but please sign up before June 24 to ensure you will have a t-shirt, and indicate in the comments the size shirt you want.

Volunteers are asked to attend a one hour training session - July 5th, after worship and July 8th at 6:30PM. Training will be held in the library. ALSO, volunteers are asked to arrive no later than 8:30 AM each F&F Friday for a quick meeting before the participants begin to arrive at 8:45.

Please scan the QR code here to volunteer on our SignUpGenius page or sign up on the sheets in the fellowship hall.

