

*I will
give you
rest*

MATTHEW 11:28



6th Sunday after Pentecost and
US Semiquincentennial

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, source of hope in every nation, rest for the weary, glory and peace to the ends of the earth.
Amen.

Let us bring every burden to God.

Silence is kept for reflection.

God of all mercy, **we have sinned against you, our neighbors, and your creation. Within ourselves and our communities, our desire to do what is good is at war with the evil that dwells in us. We lament the evil that holds us captive. We repent of the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Rescue us, forgive us, and restore us for lives of compassion and courage through our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.**

All-merciful, Almighty God forgive you all your sins through the grace of ✝ Jesus Christ, and by the Spirit's power strengthen you in doing what is good. **Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN *"What a Friend We Have in Jesus" Hymn #742*

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. **Lord of all the worlds, guide this nation by your Spirit to go forward in justice and freedom. Give to all living in these lands the blessings of well-being and harmony, but above all things give us faith in you, that our nation may bring glory to your name and blessings to all peoples, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

Please be seated.

WORD

FIRST READING Zechariah 9:9-12

The coming messianic king will inaugurate an era of disarmament and prosperity. Because of God's covenant with Israel, the people are designated as "prisoners of hope."

⁹ Rejoice greatly, O daughter Zion!

 Shout aloud, O daughter Jerusalem!

See, your king comes to you;

 triumphant and victorious is he,

humble and riding on a donkey,

 on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

¹⁰ He will cut off the chariot from Ephraim

 and the war horse from Jerusalem;

and the battle bow shall be cut off,

 and he shall command peace to the nations;

his dominion shall be from sea to sea

 and from the River to the ends of the earth.

¹¹ As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you,

 I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit.

¹² Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope;

 today I declare that I will restore to you double.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Psalm 145:8-14

The LORD is gra - cious and full of com - pas - sion, the
LORD is full of com - pas - sion.

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp). The first staff contains the melody for the first line of text, and the second staff contains the melody for the second line. The lyrics are written below the notes.

⁸ The Lord is gracious and full of compassion,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

⁹ Lord, you are good to all,
and your compassion is over all your works.

¹⁰ All your works shall praise you, O Lord,
and your faithful ones shall bless you.

Refrain

¹¹ They shall tell of the glory of your kingdom
and speak of your power,

¹² that all people may know of your power
and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.

¹³ Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom; your dominion endures
throughout all ages.

You, Lord, are faithful in all your words, and loving in all your
works.

¹⁴ The Lord upholds all those who fall
and lifts up those who are bowed down.

Refrain

SECOND READING

Romans 7:15-25a

Life captive to sin is a catch-22 existence in which we know good but do not do it and do things we know to be wrong. Through Jesus Christ, God has set us free from such a futile existence.

¹⁵ I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want,

but I do the very thing I hate. ¹⁶ Now if I do what I do not want, I agree that the law is good. ¹⁷ But in fact it is no longer I who do it but sin that dwells within me. ¹⁸ For I know that the good does not dwell within me, that is, in my flesh. For the desire to do the good lies close at hand, but not the ability. ¹⁹ For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do. ²⁰ Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I who do it but sin that dwells within me.

²¹ So I find it to be a law that, when I want to do what is good, evil lies close at hand. ²² For I delight in the law of God in my inmost self, ²³ but I see in my members another law at war with the law of my mind, making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. ²⁴ Wretched person that I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? ^{25a} Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Ken Kleid

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 11:16-19, 25-30

The holy gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus chides people who find fault with both his ministry and that of John the Baptist. He thanks God that wisdom and intelligence are not needed to receive what God has to offer.

[Jesus spoke to the crowd saying:] ¹⁶“To what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to one another,

¹⁷‘We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we wailed, and you did not mourn.’

¹⁸“For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, ‘He has a demon’; ¹⁹the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, ‘Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!’ Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds.”

²⁵At that time Jesus said, “I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; ²⁶yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. ²⁷All things have been handed over to me by my Father, and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

²⁸“Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. ²⁹Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Pastor Chris Markert

HYMN OF THE DAY *“All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name!” Hymn #634*

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.**

Please be seated.

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 “O Beautiful For Spacious Skies” Choir Anthem

The congregation is invited to stand and join in singing the third verse as the offering is brought forward.

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray. **Blessed are you, O God, for waves of grain and harvesters, fruitful vines and winepresses, for our labor and our rest, for the gifts of your hand in this land. Transform us and what we offer into the banquet of your compassion, serving your love without limits through Jesus Christ, our Savior. 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.

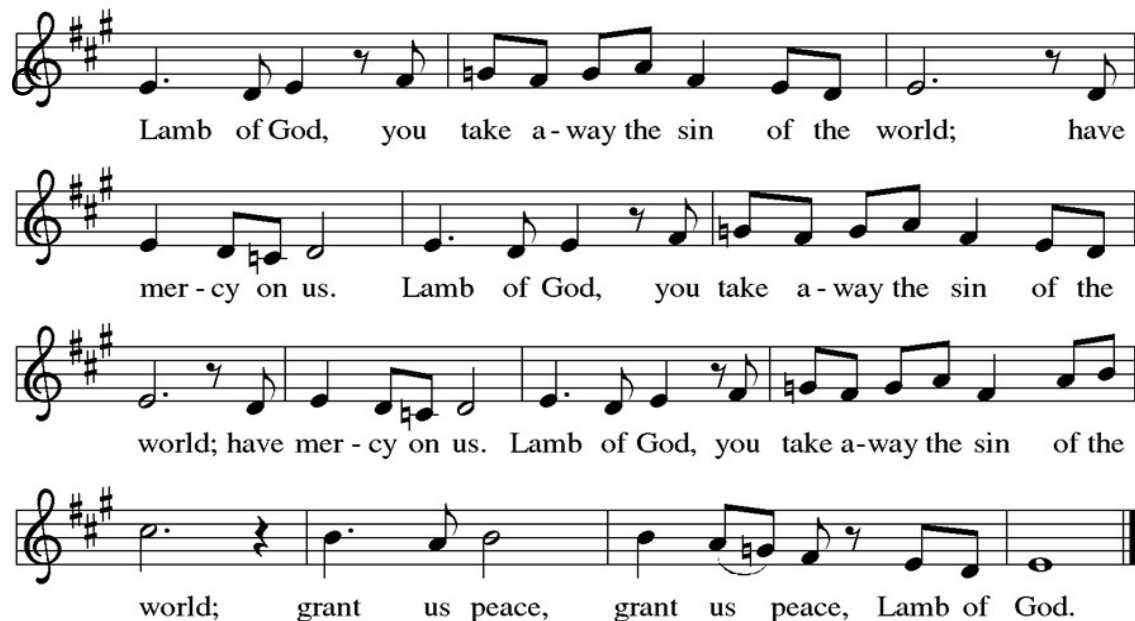
Remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray...

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

Citizens of the commonwealth of heaven: Taste and know that God is good to all.

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.



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have
mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
world; grant us peace, grant us peace, Lamb of God.

Communion Hymns

Hymn #779 "Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound"

Hymn #608 "Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling"

Hymn #496 "One Bread, One Body"

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

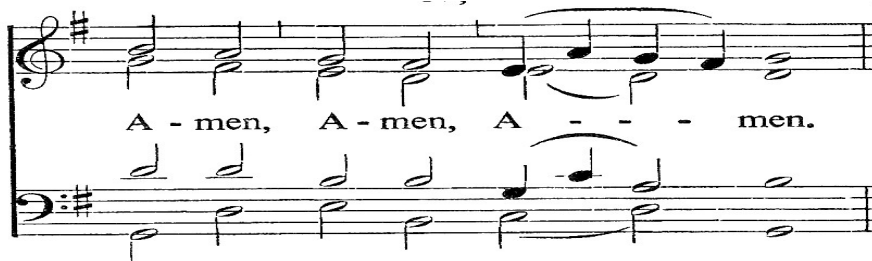
Please stand as you are able.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray. **We thank you, God of heaven and earth, that you fill our deepest need with the very gift of Jesus Christ, broken and poured out for us. Pour us out into a broken world. Channel our common life toward the common good, following the way our Savior leads us now and forever. Amen.**

BENEDICTION

The Author of life, the Word of salvation, the Breath of new birth, ✝ one God, bless you and equip you for living and serving, today and every day. Amen.



SENDING HYMN *"Before You, Lord, We Bow"* Hymn #893

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Seek liberty and justice for all. **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

ABOUT BROTHER CHRIS MARKERT

Brother Chris Markert was born and raised in Houston, Texas. He graduated from Concordia University in Austin, Texas before attending graduate school in Berkeley, California. As a pastor, he has served congregations in Philadelphia, New Orleans, and Houston. Brother Chris also served as the Bishop's Associate for Mission in the Gulf Coast Synod for nine years before coming to the Southwestern Texas Synod. The reason he is called "Brother" is because he is a friar in the Order of Lutheran Franciscans, the first officially recognized religious order of the ELCA.



Hey St. Andrew community! Our Youth Group is stepping up for a fantastic cause on July 17th, and we need your help to make it a success. We are participating in the Sole Shoe Building project, turning recycled denim into shoes for those in need!

Here is how you can get involved and support our youth:



1. Donate Denim—We are looking for Adult Non-Stretch Jeans. If you have any pairs in good condition that you no longer wear, we would love to take them off your hands!



2. Sponsor a Pair Along with your jean donation, or if you don't have jeans to donate, you can sponsor a pair! Cost: \$35 covers the cost of making one full pair of shoes. Any donation amount towards this project is greatly appreciated and makes a huge difference!



How to Give (Cash or Check)-Checks: Please make checks payable to the church, but be sure to add a note in the memo line for "Sole Youth Project."

Cash: Drop-offs are welcome too!



Where to Leave Donations—Jeans can be left in the fellowship hall bin labeled "Sole Donation Bin." You can drop off your monetary donations in the mail slot at the church office door.

Thank you so much for always supporting our youth and helping us put our best foot forward for this meaningful project!

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!!!

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

**11:10 AM—Fun & Faith Fridays VBS Volunteer mandatory Training, after
worship in the library**

Calendar This Week

**July 8th—Fun & Faith Fridays VBS Volunteer mandatory Training, 6:30PM
in the library**

July 10th—First Day of Fun & Faith Fridays!

Church Staff and today’s worship leaders:

Today’s Preacher and Presider—Rev. Chris Markert

Pastor—Rev. Chris Steubing

Visitation Pastor—Rev. Judi Miller

Our Reader—John Lenhardt

Our Liturgist—Ken Kleid

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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