



9th 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 *"Shout to the Lord"* Hymn #821

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.

HYMN OF PRAISE *"Praise, Praise, Praise the Lord!"* Hymn #875

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. **Beloved and sovereign God, through the death and resurrection of your Son you bring us into your kingdom of justice and mercy. By your Spirit, give us your wisdom, that we may treasure the life that comes from Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

Please be seated.

WORD

FIRST READING 1 Kings 3:5-12

Because Solomon did not ask for long life, riches, or the defeat of his enemies, God gave him what he asked for: wisdom to govern the people well.

⁵ At Gibeon the Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream by night, and God said, "Ask what I should give you." ⁶ And Solomon said, "You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant my father David because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart toward you, and you have kept for him this great and steadfast love and have given him a son to sit on his throne today. ⁷ And now, O Lord my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David, although I am only a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in. ⁸ And your servant is in the midst of the people whom you have chosen, a great people so numerous they cannot be numbered or counted. ⁹ Give your servant, therefore, an understanding mind to govern your people, able to discern between good and evil, for who can govern this great people of yours?"

¹⁰ It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. ¹¹ God said to him, "Because you have asked this and have not asked for yourself long life or riches or for the life of your enemies but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right,

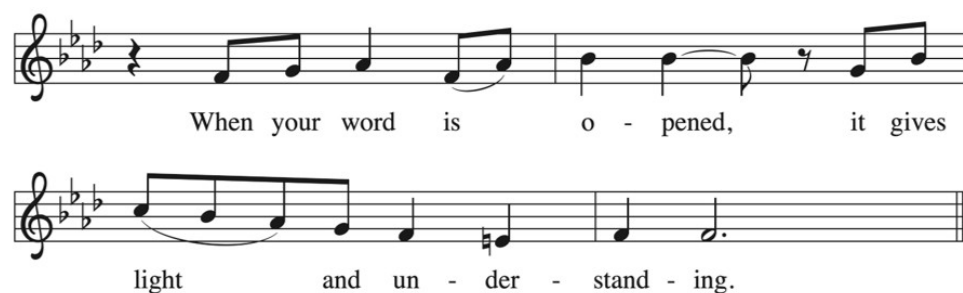
¹² I now do according to your word. Indeed, I give you a wise and discerning mind; no one like you has been before you, and no one like you shall arise after you."

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 119

Psalm 119:129-136



¹²⁹ Your decrees are wonderful;
therefore I obey them with all my heart.
¹³⁰ When your word is opened it gives light;
it gives understanding to the simple.
¹³¹ I open my mouth and pant
because I long for your commandments.
¹³² Turn to me and be gracious to me,
as you always do to those who love your name.

Refrain

¹³³ Order my footsteps in your word;
let no iniquity have dominion over me.
¹³⁴ Rescue me from those who oppress me,
and I will keep your commandments.
¹³⁵ Let your face shine upon your servant
and teach me your statutes.
¹³⁶ My eyes shed streams of tears,
because people do not keep your teaching.

Refrain

SECOND READING

Romans 8:26-39

These words celebrate the depth of God's actions for us. Through Christ's death for us and the activity of the Spirit praying for us, we are fused to God's love poured out in Jesus Christ. Nothing, not even death itself, is able to separate us from such incredible divine love.

²⁶ The Spirit helps us in our weakness, for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with groanings too deep for words. ²⁷ And God, who searches hearts, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

²⁸ We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. ²⁹ For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. ³⁰ And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified.

³¹ What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? ³² He who did not withhold his own Son but gave him up for all of us, how will he not with him also give us everything else? ³³ Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. ³⁴ Who is to condemn? It is Christ who died, or rather, who was raised, who is also at the right hand of God, who also intercedes for us. ³⁵ Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will affliction or distress or persecution or famine or nakedness or peril or sword? ³⁶ As it is written,

“For your sake we are being killed all day long;
we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered.”

³⁷ No, in all these things we are more than victorious through him who loved us. ³⁸ For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers,

³⁹ nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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 13:31-33, 44-52

The holy gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Throughout Matthew's gospel, Jesus and his disciples proclaim the good news that "the kingdom of heaven is near!" Here, Jesus offers several brief parables that explore the implications of this announcement for people's lives.

³¹ [Jesus] put before [the crowds] another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field;³² it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches."

³³ He told them another parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened.”

⁴⁴ “The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and reburied; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

⁴⁵ “Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; ⁴⁶ on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it.

⁴⁷ “Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; ⁴⁸ when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. ⁴⁹ So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous ⁵⁰ and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

⁵¹ “Have you understood all this?” They answered, “Yes.” ⁵² And he said to them, “Therefore every scribe who has become a disciple in the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.”

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ

SERMON

Pastor Chris Steubing

HYMN OF THE DAY *"The Reign of God, like Farmer's Field"*



1 The reign of God, like farm - er's field, bears
 2 The reign of God is like a pearl on
 3 Though hid - den now, the reign of God may,
 4 Like mus - tard tree, the reign of God from
 5 The reign of God is come in Christ; the



weeds a - long with wheat; the good and bad are
 bar - ren land con - cealed. If once you find that
 yet un - no - ticed, grow; from deep with - in it
 ti - ny seed will spread, till birds of ev - 'ry
 reign of God is near. A - blaze a - mong us,



in - ter - twined till har - vest is com - plete.
 pre - cious pearl, go out and buy that field.
 ris - es up, like yeast in swell - ing dough.
 feath - er come to nest, and there be fed.
 kin - dling hearts, the reign of God is here!

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

The Spirit in - ter - cedes for us with
sighs too deep for words to ex - press. Oh, oh.

The musical notation is written on two staves in G major (one sharp). The first staff contains the melody for 'The Spirit in - ter - cedes for us with'. The second staff continues with 'sighs too deep for words to ex - press. Oh, oh.' and ends with a double bar line and the word 'End' above it.

...God of grace, **(sung response, “The Spirit...”)**.

SHARING THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

Let us share the peace with one another.

OFFERING

CHOIR ANTHEM "Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God"

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

Descant

Al - le - lu - ia, al -

1 Seek ye . . . first the king - dom of God and its
2 Ask and it shall be giv - en un - to you; seek and
3 We do not live by bread . . . a - lone, but by

le - lu - ia, al - le -

righ - teous - ness, and all these things shall be
you shall find; knock and the door shall be
ev - 'ry word that pro - ceeds from the

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

add - ed un - to you. Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia.
o - pened un - to you. Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia.
mouth . . . of . . . God. Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia.

OFFERING PRAYER

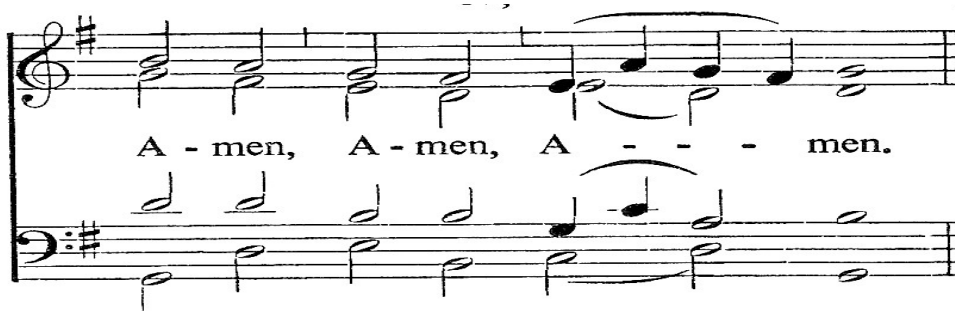
Let us pray. **Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: our selves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer (Sung)

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

BENEDICTION

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



SENDING HYMN "God of Grace and God of Glory" Hymn #705

DISMISSAL

Heaven has come near. Go, share the good news!

Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

POSTLUDE



Back to school

July School Supplies Donations Needed

Again this summer we will be gathering supplies for needy students in the three Canyon Lake Elementaries. We obtained a list of specific supplies needed. In July there will be boxes in the narthex and Fellowship Hall to deposit the school supplies. If you prefer others to shop, cash donations are welcome.

Items include:

- Reusable water bottles. Kleenex
- Disinfectant wipes. Hand sanitizer
- Elmer glue sticks. Wide ruled composition books
- Plastic folders with brads and pockets
- Dry erase markers. Headphones
- Sensory fidget items (emotional support)
- Zipper pencil pouches. Plastic supply boxes
- Crayola washable markers
- Crayola colored pencils
- Clothing for boys and girls XS thru large

For questions, see Carol Borchelt. Thanks to all who are able to help!

Thanks to all who have donated!
Anyone who wishes to contribute please do so
NO LATER THAN **SUNDAY, AUGUST 2.**
Much appreciated!!

Carol Borchelt

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

Calendar This Week

July 30th—9:00 AM Fun & Faith Friday

Calendar In July

July 27th—Church office closes at 12:30 PM on Monday
July 31st— 9:00 AM Last Day of Fun & Faith Fridays!

Church Staff and today's worship leaders:

Pastor—Rev. Chris Steubing
Visitation Pastor—Rev. Judi Miller
Our Reader—Wendy Kuenemann
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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SAVE THE DATE

Fall FESTIVAL

Saturday / 24 / from 9 am to 2pm
OCTOBER

*Join us for a fun filled day to raise
money for charities in our area!*

ST. ANDREW LUTHERAN CHURCH

Hello St. Andrew family!

I am looking toward the Fall Festival for this year, which will be held on Saturday, October 24, 2026. I have planned it for many years, along with a GREAT group of volunteers - it's a special community outreach, and a fun and fulfilling event. My preference would be to take a lesser role, so if anyone is interested in being the festival organizer, please let me know.

This brings me to highlight "gaps" in the 2026 event that I hope you will consider filling or helping to fill. I will support all of these areas. These are the areas that need an organizer and/or a couple of team members:

- Raffle Sales - make raffle tickets available to members, organize a few days at local businesses or events for volunteers to sell raffle tickets
- Road Signs - place event signs on roadways about Sept 13-19; may use current signs or purchase new ones (this requires a team)
- Entertainment - schedule a few talented folks to engage or amuse our guests and add to the ambience of the day (Pastor Chris is willing to help)
- Bake Sale - invite members to make goodies to sell on Oct 24; accept and organize them for sale
- Volunteers & Sponsorships - use Sign Up Genius to convey where help is needed; update as needed
- Logistics - setting up outdoor area for games, community groups, the raffle and silent auction (this requires a team)

On **Sunday, August 9**, I will be available both before AND after church service (starting at 9 AM) in the Fellowship Hall to answer any questions or provide information about the list above and all things "Fall Festival". If you prefer to call, text, or meet at another time, please let me know, and I will be happy to accommodate.

Thanks for your attention and consideration!

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