



WOMAN,
GREAT
IS YOUR
FAITH!

MATTHEW 15:28

12th 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 "*There's a Wideness in God's Mercy*" Hymn #588

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. **God of all peoples, your arms reach out to embrace all those who call upon you. Teach us as disciples of your Son to love the world with compassion and constancy, that your name may be known throughout the earth, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

Please be seated.

WORD

FIRST READING Isaiah 56:1, 6-8

The prophet calls upon Israel to do justice in view of God's imminent intervention to save. Righteousness and obedience define who belongs to the Israelite community—not race, nationality, or any other category.

¹ Thus says the Lord:

Maintain justice, and do what is right,
for soon my salvation will come
and my deliverance be revealed.

⁶ And the foreigners who join themselves to the Lord,
to minister to him, to love the name of the Lord,
and to be his servants,
all who keep the Sabbath and do not profane it
and hold fast my covenant—

⁷ these I will bring to my holy mountain
and make them joyful in my house of prayer;
their burnt offerings and their sacrifices
will be accepted on my altar,
for my house shall be called a house of prayer
for all peoples.

⁸ Thus says the Lord God,
 who gathers the outcasts of Israel:
I will gather others to them
 besides those already gathered.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32

God has not rejected Israel. Rather, the call and gifts of God are irrevocable so that, while all have been disobedient, God has mercy upon all.

[Paul writes:] ¹ I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. ^{2a} God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew.

²⁹ For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. ³⁰ Just as you were once disobedient to God but have now received mercy because of their disobedience, ³¹ so also they have now been disobedient in order that, by the mercy shown to you, they also may now receive mercy. ³² For God has imprisoned all in disobedience so that he may be merciful to all.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able for the gospel reading.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL Matthew 15:21-28

The holy gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus teaches his disciples that true purity is a matter of the heart rather than outward religious observances. Almost immediately, this teaching is tested when a woman considered to be a religious outsider approaches him for help.

²¹ Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. ²² Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, "Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon." ²³ But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, "Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us." ²⁴ He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." ²⁵ But she came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me." ²⁶ He answered, "It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." ²⁷ She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters'

table.”²⁸ Then Jesus answered her, “Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish.” And her daughter was healed from that moment.

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Pastor Chris Steubing

HYMN OF THE DAY “*Great Is Thy Faithfulness*” Hymn #733

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 "Jesus Makes Me New"

Je-sus makes me new He makes me new Je-sus makes me new He makes me new

He for-gives my sins and re- stores me from with-in Oh, Je-sus makes me new He makes me new

Je-sus makes me new He makes me new Je-sus makes me new He makes me new

He can change my heart and give me a brand-new start Oh, Je-sus makes me new He makes me new

The image shows a musical score for a song titled "Jesus Makes Me New". It consists of four staves of music, each with a corresponding line of lyrics. The music is written in a simple, accessible style, likely for a children's or youth choir. The lyrics are: "Je-sus makes me new He makes me new Je-sus makes me new He makes me new", "He for-gives my sins and re- stores me from with-in Oh, Je-sus makes me new He makes me new", "Je-sus makes me new He makes me new Je-sus makes me new He makes me new", and "He can change my heart and give me a brand-new start Oh, Je-sus makes me new He makes me new".

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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.

The musical score is written for a single voice part in treble clef, with a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#). The melody is composed of eighth and quarter notes, with some phrases using slurs. The lyrics are written below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across notes. The score consists of five lines of music.

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.

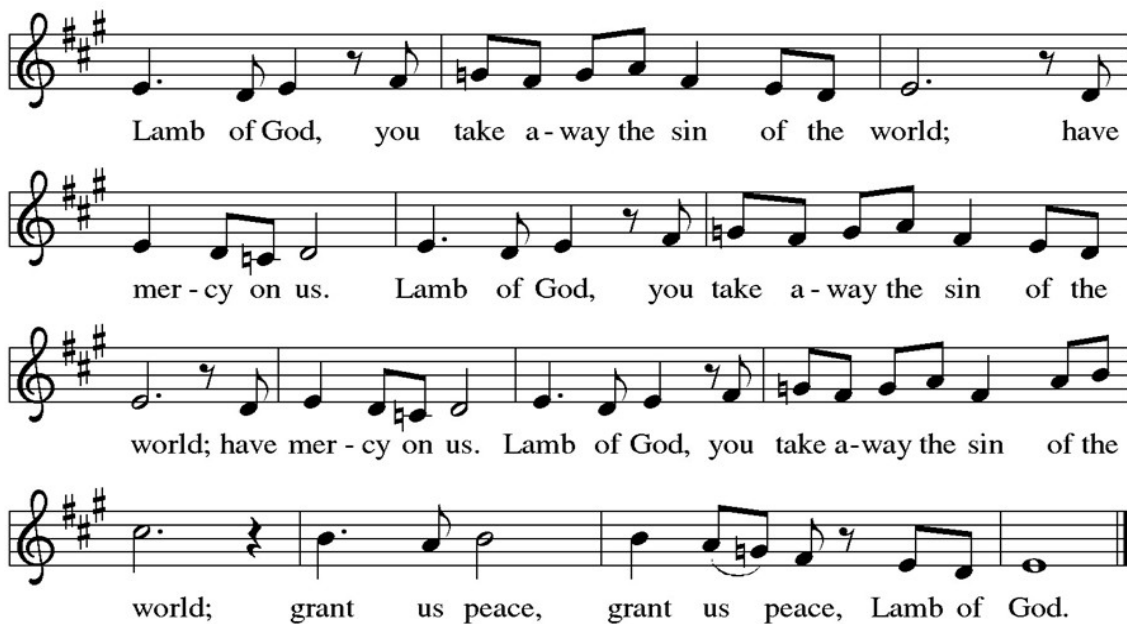
Remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray...

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.



Communion Hymns

Hymn #496

"One Bread, One Body"

Hymn #612

"Healer of Our Every Ill"

Hymn #608

"Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling"

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.

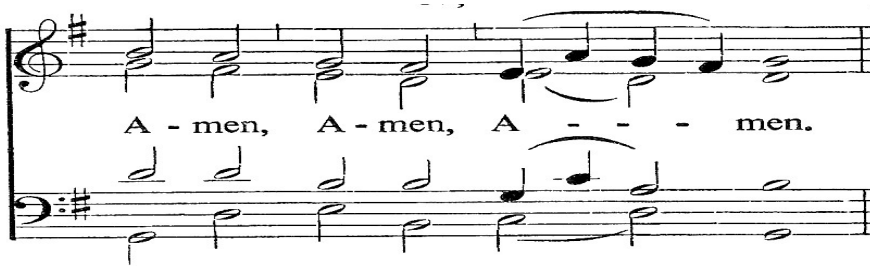


TABLE GRACE

SENDING HYMN *"I'm So Glad Jesus Lifted Me" Hymn #860*

DISMISSAL

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

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Join us TODAY after worship!



Come "C" what's Up!

**Fellowship and
light lunch**

**Sunday,
August 16,
after 10AM service**

Join us in the YAC after worship as we get closer to adopting the language of God's vision for our congregation. We will take a close, personal look at our mission, faith practices, and how we can best become a living community of faith.

Sincerely,
The Vision Team

Announcements/Reminders

For children and parents:

We will not have children's time and youth devotion today due to our Vision, Fellowship and lunch after service. All are invited to come.

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 Vision, Fellowship and lunch today
after worship in the YAC!!!*

This morning

9:00 AM—Bible Study in the library

9:30 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
in the library**

Calendar This Week

August 16—TODAY after worship—Vision, Fellowship & Lunch in the YAC

Church Staff and today's worship leaders:

Pastor—Rev. Chris Steubing

Visitation Pastor—Rev. Judi Miller

Our Reader—Allen Brzozowski

Our Liturgist—Don Gillett

Our Communion Assistants—Vicki Lee & Ed Clark

Organist/Pianist—Jimmy Cheung

Choir and Hand Bell Director—Wendy Kuenemann

Office Administrator—Trista Stubblefield

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