



15th 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

TEMPLE TALK: Service and Witness Team, Anna Hudson

RINGING OF THE BELL

Please stand as you are able.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✙ one God, who pours love into our hearts and healing upon the earth. **Amen.**

Confident that God justifies us by grace through faith, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Compassionate God, **we confess that we struggle to embody your goodness in the world and in our own hearts. Creation groans from overuse. Jealousy and bitterness strain our relationships. Indifference keeps us from seeking justice. Divisions disrupt your call to show genuine love to others. Turn our hearts back to you. Restore our world and reconcile us to one another. Renew us to live as your holy people, following the way of Jesus Christ. Amen.**

Hear this good news: We have peace with God through ✙ Jesus Christ, in whom there is no condemnation, but only forgiveness and the promise of eternal life. Receive freely this healing gift of grace. **Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN

“Earth and All Stars”

Hymn #731

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. **O Lord God, enliven and preserve your church with your perpetual mercy. Without your help, we mortals will fail; remove far from us everything that is harmful, and lead us toward all that gives life and salvation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

Please be seated.

WORD

FIRST READING Ezekiel 33:7-11

God appointed Ezekiel as a sentinel for the house of Israel. Ezekiel must faithfully convey God's warnings to the people. Remarkably, God—who is about to attack Jerusalem—gives a warning with the hope that repentance will make the attack unnecessary.

⁷ So you, mortal, I have made a sentinel for the house of Israel; whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. ⁸ If I say to the wicked, "O wicked ones, you shall surely die," and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but their blood I will require at your hand. ⁹ But if you warn the wicked to turn from their ways and they do not turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but you will have saved your life.

¹⁰ Now you, mortal, say to the house of Israel: Thus you have said: "Our transgressions and our sins weigh upon us, and we waste away because of them; how then can we live?" ¹¹ Say to them: As I live, says the Lord GOD, I have no pleasure in the death of the

wicked but that the wicked turn from their ways and live; turn back, turn back from your evil ways, for why will you die, O house of Israel?

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 119

Psalms 119:33-40



³³ Teach me, O LORD, the way of your statutes,
and I shall keep it to the end.

³⁴ Give me understanding, and I shall keep your teaching;
I shall keep it with all my heart.

³⁵ Lead me in the path of your commandments,
for that is my desire.

³⁶ Incline my heart to your decrees
and not to unjust gain.

Refrain

³⁷ Turn my eyes from beholding falsehood;
give me life in your way.

³⁸ Fulfill your promise to your servant,
which is for those who fear you.

³⁹ Turn away the reproach that I dread,
because your judgments are good.

⁴⁰ Behold, I long for your commandments;
by your righteousness enliven me.

Refrain

SECOND READING

Romans 13:8-14

The obligation of Christians is to love one another and so fulfill the heart and goal of the law. Clothes make the person as we “put on the Lord Jesus Christ” and live today in light of the future God has in store for us.

⁸ Owe no one anything, except to love one another, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. ⁹ The commandments, “You shall not commit adultery; you shall not murder; you shall not steal; you shall not covet,” and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” ¹⁰ Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.

¹¹ Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is already the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; ¹² the night is far gone; the day is near. Let us then throw off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; ¹³ let us walk decently as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in illicit sex and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. ¹⁴ Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN’S SERMON

Pastor Chris Steubing

Please stand as you are able for the gospel reading.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL

Matthew 18:15-20

The holy gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus offers practical advice to his disciples on how individuals—and the church as a whole—should go about restoring relationships when one member has sinned against another.

[Jesus said to the disciples:] ¹⁵“If your brother or sister sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If you are listened to, you have regained that one. ¹⁶But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. ¹⁷If that person refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church, and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a gentile and a tax collector. ¹⁸Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. ¹⁹Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven.

²⁰ For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.”

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Pastor Chris Steubing

HYMN OF THE DAY “Come Now, O Prince of Peace” Hymn #247

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

...Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

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

“Forgiveness Waltz”

See insert

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray. **God of creation, you send rain and the earth springs forth abundantly. All blessings are from you; make us generous with what we have. Use our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts in service to you and in love to our neighbors, today and always. 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.

The musical score is written for a single melodic line on a treble clef staff. The key signature consists of three sharps (F#, C#, G#), indicating the key of D major. The time signature is not explicitly shown but is 4/4. The melody is composed of eighth and quarter notes, with some measures containing rests. The lyrics are written below the staff, aligned with the notes. The hymn concludes with a double bar line.

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

Christ invites you to this table. All who are thirsty, all who are hungry, come!

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 #522
See Insert
Hymn #466

“As We Gather at Your Table”
“Bind Us Together”
“In the Singing”

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

Please stand as you are able.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray. **Sustaining God, with this bread and cup, you nourish us with mercy and abundant life. By your Spirit, send us from this table to serve a needy world. Make us living signs of your liberation, healing, and love, following the way of Jesus, in whose name we pray. Amen.**

BENEDICTION

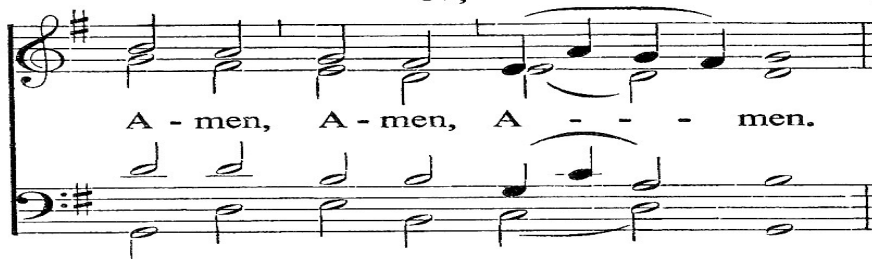
The God of love draw you into full accord and one mind, in the body of Christ Jesus.

Amen.

The God of hope grant you strength and joy in all circumstances through the interceding of the Spirit.

Amen.

The God of grace ☩ bless you now and forever.



SENDING HYMN *"Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee" Hymn #836*

DISMISSAL

Go out in joy. Be led forth in peace.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE



Fall FESTIVAL & COUNTRY BAZAR

October 24th, 9 am to 2 pm

Plans are rolling along! This year, we will be supported by our community partner, Canyon Lake United Methodist Church. They are teaming up with us in several areas, including the Cafe and Bake Sale.

So, with the event just 7 weeks away, you may be thinking, **"how can I help NOW?"**

- Clean out your closets! Then bring gently used or new items to the Youth & Activity Center (YAC) for the RUMMAGE SALE. We prefer no clothing, shoes, electronics, large furniture, or glass drinkware sets. For questions, please contact Carol Borchelt.
- Put up a couple of FESTIVAL FLYERS on community bulletin boards (flyers available in Narthex & office wing)
- Pick up an envelope of RAFFLE TICKETS in the Fellowship Hall. Each envelope has 30 tickets, instructions, a raffle flyer, and a festival flyer. Tickets are \$2 each or 6/\$10. Your friend or neighbor could be one of our winners!
- Pray for our congregation and those planning the event: *"Dear Heavenly Father, as we plan this important event, we ask that You lead us through every step and help us to reflect Your love in everything we do. Grant us wisdom to make good choices, patience when things get hard, and a calm mind to handle any surprises. Help us to use this event to bring people together and to honor You in all we do. Amen."*



SCAN FOR EVENTS PAGE

Thank you,
Fall Festival Planning Team



SCAN TO PURCHASE RAFFLE TICKETS



ST. ANDREW LUTHERAN CHURCH



Announcements/Reminders

For children and parents:

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!!!

SO MANY WAYS TO HELP WITH GOD’S WORK, OUR HANDS,
WHAT WORKS BEST FOR YOU???

*Join us in worship on **Sunday, September 20th for GWOH Sunday.** Come celebrate the ways God works through us to serve our neighbors.*

DONATE specific items for New Life or St. Jude’s—boxes are in the Fellowship Hall with suggestions—OR, give directly to the church before September 20th designated GWOH, and we’ll do the shopping for you.

WORK on a clean up crew for CRRC or Family Promise on September 26th.
Sign up sheets will be available if you think you can help.

SUNDAY, September 20th, we’ll have a crew cleaning and organizing the nursery. OR, write cards to shut-ins and young adults. Materials will be provided, but we’ll need addresses for the young adults (College student? Military? New job?)



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
11:00 AM—Fellowship in the fellowship hall

Calendar This Week

September 7th—Church office closed in observance of Labor Day
September 8th—6:00 PM Welcome & belonging Team meeting on Zoom

Church Staff and today's worship leaders:

Pastor—Rev. Chris Steubing
Visitation Pastor—Rev. Judi Miller
Our Reader—Gerry Whitman
Our Liturgist—Don Gillett
Our Communion Assistants –Donna Clark & Ed Clark
Organist/Pianist—Daniel Vauter
Choir and Hand Bell Director—Wendy Kuenemann
Office Administrator—Trista Stubblefield

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"Forgiveness Waltz"

chorus It's like a dance, it's like a wheel. Less li - ke_ math, less like a deal._
More like_ a heart - break_ be - gin - ning_ to heal._
We can start_ o - ver. We know for - give - ness._

verse 1. These are hard words to hear in a world where noth-ing_ is free._
And it's hard to trust in a pro-mise that sounds too
good to be- lieve,____ but know that it's true: this is for you._ (To Chorus)

verse 2. It's so ea - sy to drown in the num-bers and the judg- ments and earn - ings,
keep-ing score, keep-ing track, keep-ing time, as the
hours keep turn - ing. But you can turn a new way. It's a new day._ (To Final Chorus)

Final Chorus

It's like a dance, it's like a wheel. Less like math, less like a deal.

More like a desert becoming a field.

We can start over. We know forgiveness.

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Bind Us Together

Refrain
F

Bind us to - geth - er, Lord, bind us to - geth - er with cords that

Dm Gm

can - not be bro - ken. Bind us to - geth - er, Lord,

C⁷ F F

bind us to - geth - er, Lord; bind us to - geth - er in love.

Dm Gm C F

1 There . . is on - ly one God. There . . is on - ly one King.
2 You are the fam-'ly of God. You are the prom-ise di - vine.

F C⁷ F F C⁷ F

Refrain
F C⁷ F F C⁷ F B⁷/C

There . . is on - ly one Bod-y; that . . is why we can sing:
You are God's cho-sen de - sire, you are the glo-rious new wine.

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BIND US TOGETHER
6 7 7 6 and refrain