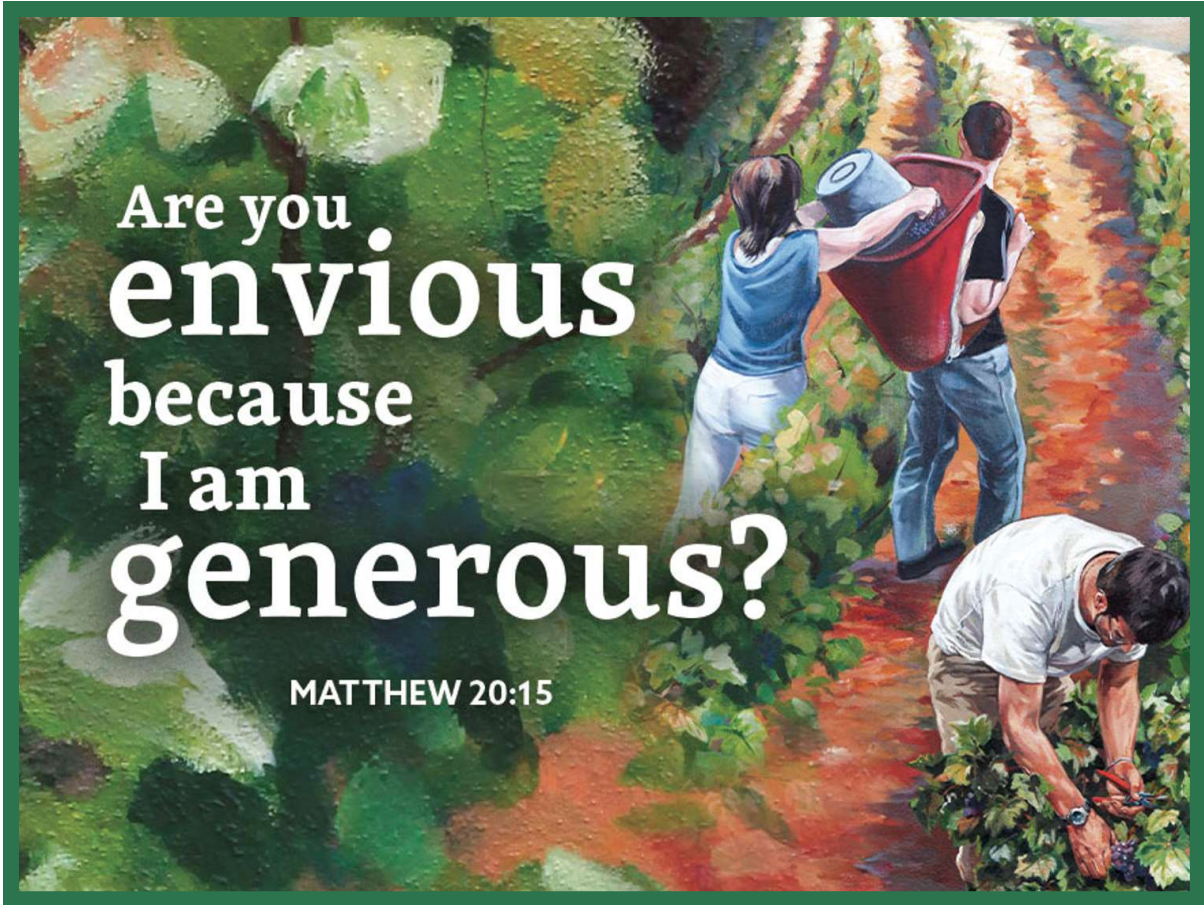




Are you
envious
because
I am
generous?

MATTHEW 20:15

17th 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, 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

“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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. **Holy One, you stretch wide your tent that all may be welcomed in, and in Jesus you stretched out your hands in expansive love for a weary and wounded world. Help us to reach out with your own wounded hands of love, that through us your life may be known in the world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

Please be seated.

WORD

FIRST READING Jonah 3:10-4:11

After Jonah's short sermon in 3:4, the Ninevites all repented and God decided to spare the city. Jonah objected to this and became even more angry when God ordered a worm to destroy a plant that was providing shade. The book ends with a question that challenges any who are not ready to forgive: You, Jonah, are all worked up about a bush, but shouldn't I be concerned about a hundred and twenty thousand Ninevites?

¹⁰ When God saw what [the people of Ninevah] did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them, and he did not do it.

^{4:1} But this was very displeasing to Jonah, and he became angry.

² He prayed to the Lord and said, "O Lord! Is not this what I said while I was still in my own country? That is why I fled to Tarshish at the beginning, for I knew that you are a gracious and merciful God,

slow to anger, abounding in steadfast love, and relenting from punishment.³ And now, O Lord, please take my life from me, for it is better for me to die than to live.”⁴ And the Lord said, “Is it right for you to be angry?”⁵ Then Jonah went out of the city and sat down east of the city and made a booth for himself there. He sat under it in the shade, waiting to see what would become of the city.

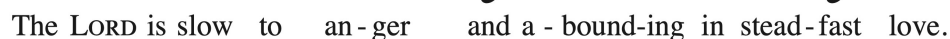
⁶The Lord God appointed a bush and made it come up over Jonah, to give shade over his head, to save him from his discomfort, so Jonah was very happy about the bush.⁷ But when dawn came up the next day, God appointed a worm that attacked the bush, so that it withered.⁸ When the sun rose, God prepared a sultry east wind, and the sun beat down on the head of Jonah so that he was faint and asked that he might die. He said, “It is better for me to die than to live.”

⁹But God said to Jonah, “Is it right for you to be angry about the bush?” And he said, “Yes, angry enough to die.”¹⁰ Then the Lord said, “You are concerned about the bush, for which you did not labor and which you did not grow; it came into being in a night and perished in a night.”¹¹ And should I not be concerned about Nineveh, that great city, in which there are more than a hundred and twenty thousand persons who do not know their right hand from their left and also many animals?”

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalms 145:1-8



Refrain

⁵ I will speak of the glorious splendor of your majesty
and all your marvelous works.

⁶ They shall tell of the might of your wondrous acts,
and I will recount your greatness.

⁷ They shall publish the remembrance of your great goodness;
they shall sing joyfully of your righteousness.

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

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SECOND READING

Philippians 1:21-30

Paul writes to the Philippians from prison. Though he is uncertain about the outcome of his imprisonment, he is committed to the ministry of the gospel and calls on the Philippians to live lives that reflect and enhance the gospel mission.

²¹ For to me, living is Christ and dying is gain. ²² If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me, yet I cannot say which I will choose. ²³ I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better, ²⁴ but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you. ²⁵ Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith, ²⁶ so that, by my presence again with you, your boast might abound in Christ Jesus because of me.

²⁷ Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel ²⁸ and in no way frightened by those opposing you. For them, this is evidence of their destruction but of your salvation. And this is God's doing. ²⁹ For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ but of suffering for him as well, ³⁰ since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

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 20:1-16

The holy gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus tells a parable about God's generosity, challenging the common assumption that God rewards people according to what they have earned or deserve.

[Jesus said to the disciples:] ¹ "The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. ² After agreeing with the laborers for a denarius for the day, he sent them into his vineyard. ³ When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace, ⁴ and he said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.' So they went. ⁵ When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. ⁶ And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around, and he said to them, 'Why are you standing here idle all day?' ⁷ They said to him, 'Because no one has hired us.' He said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard.' ⁸

When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager,

‘Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.’⁹ When those hired about five o’clock came, each of them received a denarius. ¹⁰ Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received a denarius. ¹¹ And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, ¹² saying, ‘These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.’ ¹³ But he replied to one of them, ‘Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for a denarius? ¹⁴ Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. ¹⁵ Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?’ ¹⁶ So the last will be first, and the first will be last.”

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Pastor Chris Steubing

HYMN OF THE DAY

Hymn #358

“Great God, Your Love Has Called Us”

THE PRAYERS

...God, we pray, **hear us when we call.**

SHARING THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

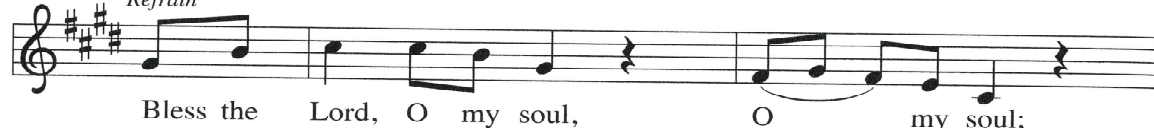
Let us share God’s peace with one another.

OFFERING

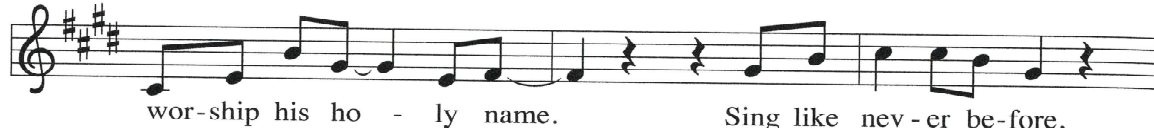
OFFERING MUSIC

"Ten Thousand Reasons"

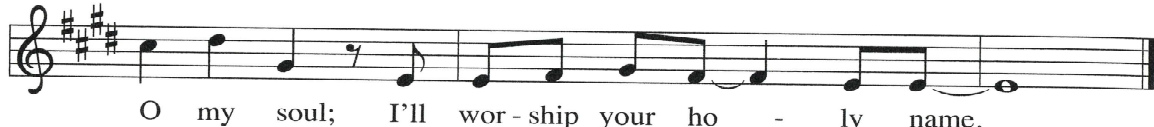
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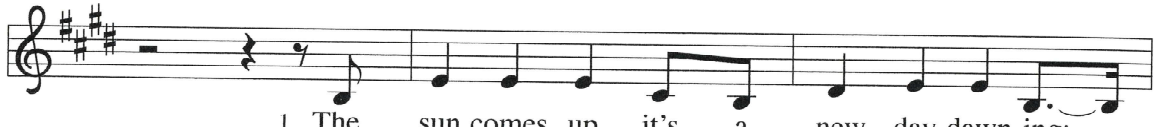
Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul;



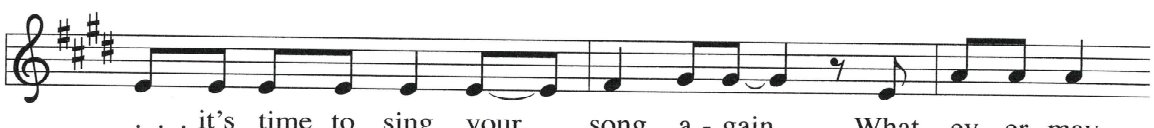
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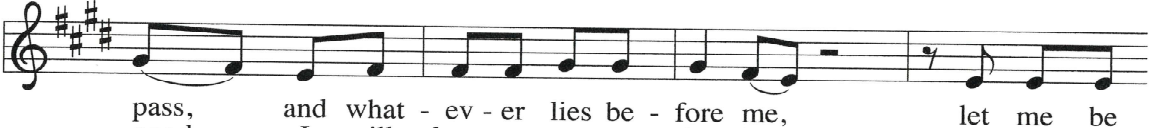
O my soul; I'll wor - ship your ho - ly name.



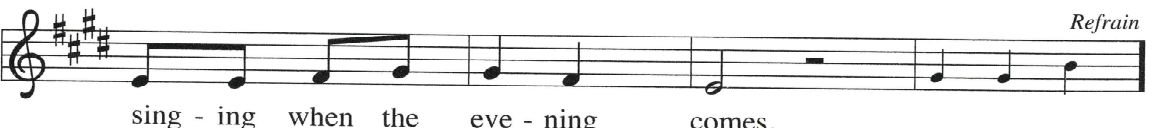
1 The sun comes up, it's a new day dawn-ing;
2 You're rich in love, and you're slow to an - ger. Your
3 And on that day when my strength is fail - ing, the



. . . 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



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

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray. **Holy God, giver of all good things, receive the gifts we bring, fruit of the earth and the work of human hands, that they may be used to your purposes for life and love in the world. Amen.**

MEAL

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

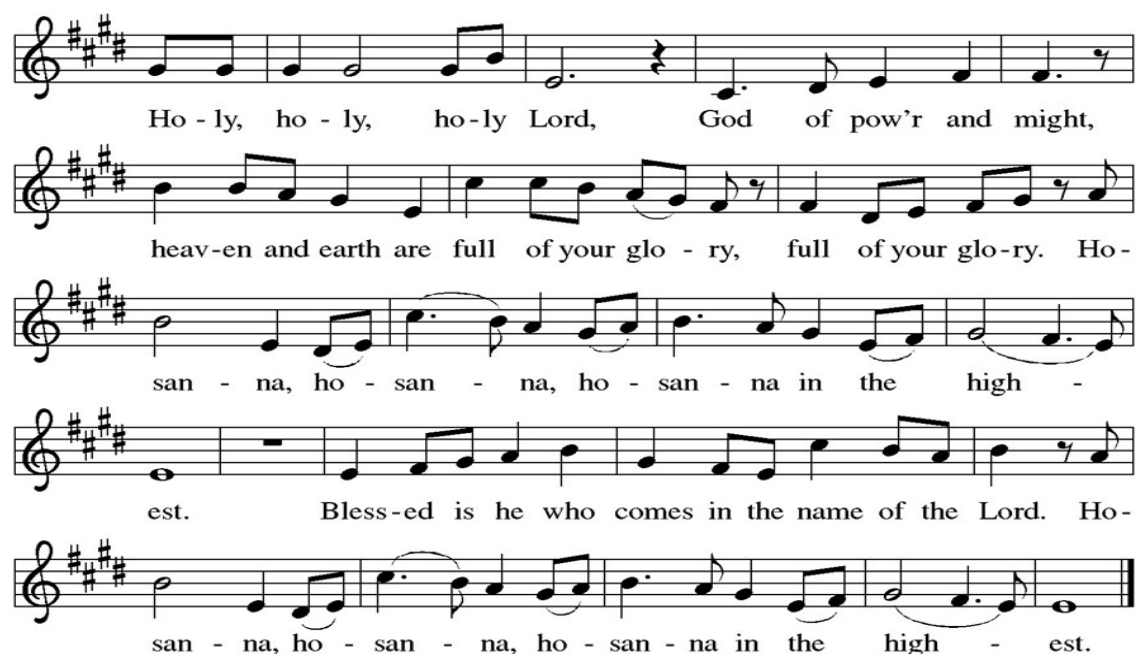
The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

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.



Honor, praise, glory and thanksgiving to you, God, our loving Creator. In the beginning you reached your hands into the earth...

Sitting at dinner with friends and knowing one among them would break the bonds of love, our Lord Jesus took bread and gave thanks, broke it, and gave it to his disciples saying: Take and eat; this is my body given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

In the same way 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 sins. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Trusting in his promise to be among us whenever we gather in his name, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

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

Gathered as your people, meeting in Jesus' name, and preparing ourselves to feast upon Jesus' very body and blood, we plead with all creation: **Come, Lord Jesus.**

Send your Spirit upon this meal, the body and blood of Jesus, that we overflow with your selfless love. Turn us to face our neighbors, that by us and through us your love may be known in the world.

Again, we beg: **Come, Holy Spirit.**

All honor and praise and glory to you, God of creative, dirty hands, God of holy, wounded hands, God who strengthens and guides our hands, now and forever. **Amen.**

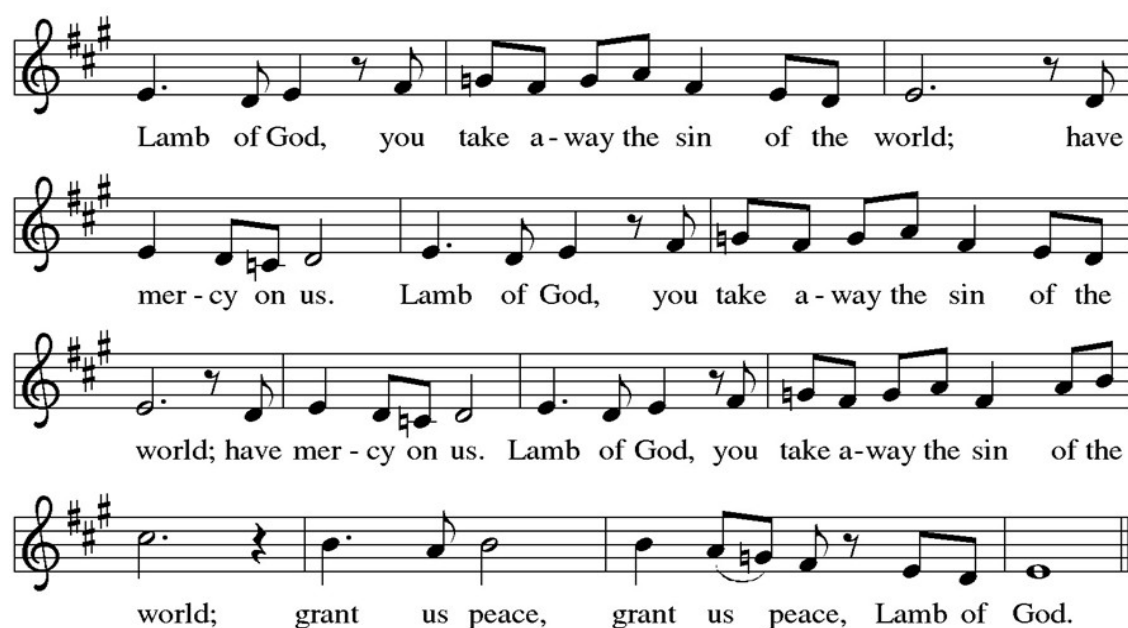
Remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray...

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.



Communion Hymns

<i>Hymn #462</i>	<i>"Now We Join in Celebration"</i>
<i>Hymn #843</i>	<i>"Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness"</i>
<i>Hymn #838</i>	<i>"Beautiful Savior"</i>

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

Please stand as you are able.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray. **Holy Jesus, in this meal you have fed and nourished us to work in your beloved world. Send us now, filled with yourself and strengthened by your Spirit to live your love for others. Amen.**

CELEBRATION OF VOCATION

We are called to proclaim the good news: **God is at work!**

This good news is not left in some history long ago or a place far away: **God is at work in the world still today!**

In us and through us, God is glorified in our work. When we offer a helping hand, God is praised. When we share of our abundance, God is known in the world.

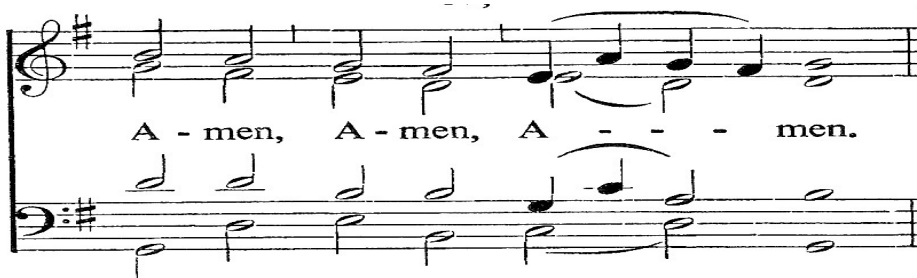
God is at work in us!

In our service today and in our daily lives, let us live out what God has called us to in baptism. **God is at work through our hands!**

God bless your hands and your work, that through you God's love may be known. **Amen.**

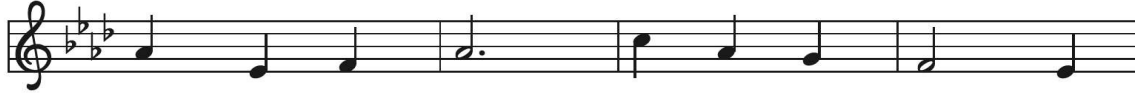
BENEDICTION

The God of grace ☩ bless you now and forever, that you may be God's hands and heart and voice at work in the world.



SENDING HYMN

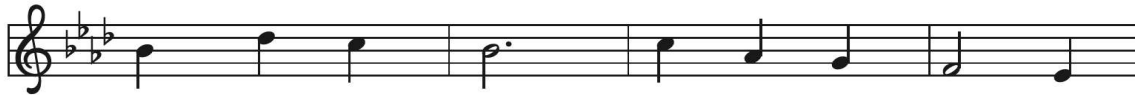
"God's Work Our Hands"



1 God's work, our hands: work - ing to - geth - er,
 2 God's work, our feet: trav - 'ling to - geth - er,
 3 God's work, our voice: sing - ing to - geth - er,
 4 God is at work in and a - round us:



build - ing a fu - ture, re - pair - ing the world,
 fol - low - ing Je - sus to plac - es un - known,
 prais - ing, pro - claim - ing to all who will hear,
 seed - lings are sprout - ing and bread's on the rise!



rais - ing up homes, plant - ing new gar - dens,
 walk - ing as friends, march - ing for free - dom,
 pray - ing for peace, shout - ing for jus - tice,
 Washed and set free, hum - bled and hon - ored,



feed - ing the hun - gry and shelt - 'ring the cold.
 run - ning the race with God's fu - ture the goal.
 claim - ing God's love for the lost and the least.
 gift - ed by grace, we re - spond in God's love.



Bless, God, our hands as we work in your name,
 Bless, God, our feet as we fol - low your way,
 Bless, God, our voice as we speak in your name,
 Bless, God, our lives as we an - swer your call,



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DISMISSAL

Go in peace. You are God's hands at work in the world!

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE



Fall FESTIVAL & COUNTRY BAZAR



October 24th, 9 am to 2 pm

Just one month away and this is what's up with the Fall Festival & Country Bazaar:

- **RAFFLE** sales are going well! Join the effort by picking up an envelope of tickets or signing up for a couple of hours at Ace Hardware or Lowe's Market in Sattler. Sign up in the Fellowship Hall or by using the QR code below. All supplies provided, just bring your smile! AND you will be supporting CRRC, New Life, SJRC-Texas & Family Promise.
- **BAKE SALE** plans are "heating up"! Pull out your favorite recipes or call Auntie Jo for her delicious cake recipe. Contact organizers Donna and Ed Clark for more information.
- **VOLUNTEER** to help with preparations before, or on the day of the festival by signing up on the list in the Fellowship Hall or by using the links provided on our website - standrewofcl.org. Volunteering at the event is a great way to serve others in a fun, festive environment!
- **SPONSOR** an activity with a donation for its supplies! For example, your donation can buy face painting supplies or rent a jump castle, putting big smiles on lots of little faces!! See the wish list in the Fellowship Hall or use the link provided on our website, standrewofcl.org.
- Please **PRAY** with us: *"Dear Heavenly Father, thank you for giving us the chance to serve our neighbors. Please guide our steps as we plan and prepare. Open the hearts of the people in our community so they feel Your love and welcome. Give our volunteers joy, strength, and kind words to share. Unite our church families to work well together, and let this event bring lasting hope and light to our neighborhood. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen."*

Thank you,

Fall Festival Planning Team



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SCAN TO PURCHASE RAFFLE TICKETS



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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!!!

*Join us after worship today for **GWOH Sunday!***

Come celebrate the ways God works through us to serve our neighbors. Enjoy some refreshments and then meet at the nursery for clean-up or in the library for letter writing. You can still donate today towards New Life or St. Jude's collection and you can still sign up today for cleaning at CRRC next Saturday morning or at the Family Promise Day Center (date to be determined by their director).



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**
- 11:15 AM—GWOH Sunday in the nursery and library**

Calendar This Week

- September 22nd—4:30 PM Fall Festival Planning Team
meeting in the library**
- September 26th—GWOH Clean up with CRRC**

Church Staff and today's worship leaders:

Pastor—Rev. Chris Steubing
Visitation Pastor—Rev. Judi Miller
Our Reader—Leslie Albiar
Our Liturgist—Ken Kleid
Our Communion Assistants —Randy & Claire Roberts
Organist/Pianist—Daniel Vauter
Choir and Hand Bell Director—Wendy Kuenemann
Office Administrator—Trista Stubblefield

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