

# **ST. ANDREW'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH**

**Sunday, August 7, 2022  
Ninth Sunday After Pentecost  
9:00am Holy Communion Service**



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## **TODAY IN WORSHIP**

**Worship Leader:** Pastor Thomas Neel

**Worship Assistant:** Guy Ehler

**Organist:** David Holland

**Audio-Video Production:** Warren Rute

**Lector:** Laurie Roth

**Usher:** Ron Roth

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“Now the Feast and Celebration” sent in a separate mailing.  
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church office.**

## **PRELUDE**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## **CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS**

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## **HYMN**            *How Firm a Foundation*

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## **GREETING**

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## **NOW THE FEAST**

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## **SALUTATION**

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## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**A**    Let us pray. Almighty God, you sent your Holy Spirit to be the life and light of your church. Open our hearts to the riches of your grace, that we may be ready to receive you wherever you appear, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C**    Amen.

## **FIRST READING: Genesis 15:1-6**

**L**    A reading from Genesis.

<sup>1</sup>After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, “Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great.” <sup>2</sup>But Abram said, “O Lord GOD, what will you

give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?”<sup>3</sup> And Abram said, “You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir.”<sup>4</sup> But the word of the LORD came to him, “This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir.”<sup>5</sup> He brought him outside and said, “Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them.” Then he said to him, “So shall your descendants be.”<sup>6</sup> And he believed the LORD; and the LORD reckoned it to him as righteousness.

L Word of God, word of life.

C **Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM: Psalm 33:12-22** (spoken responsively)

<sup>12</sup>Happy is the nation whose God is the LORD!

Happy the people chosen to be God’s heritage!

<sup>13</sup>**The LORD looks down from heaven,  
and sees all humankind.**

<sup>14</sup>God sits firmly enthroned and watches  
all who dwell on the earth.

<sup>15</sup>**God fashions all their hearts  
and observes all their deeds.**

<sup>16</sup>A king is not saved by the size of the army,  
nor are warriors rescued by their great strength.

<sup>17</sup>**The horse gives vain hope for victory;  
despite its great strength it cannot save.**

<sup>18</sup>Truly, your eye is upon those who fear you, O LORD,  
upon those who wait for your steadfast love,

<sup>19</sup>**to deliver their lives from death,  
and to keep them alive in time of famine.**

<sup>20</sup>Our innermost being waits for you, O LORD,  
our helper and our shield.

<sup>21</sup>**Surely, our heart rejoices in you,  
for in your holy name we put our trust.**

<sup>22</sup>Let your lovingkindness, O LORD, be upon us,  
even as we place our hope in you.

**SECOND READING: Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16**

L A reading from Hebrews.

<sup>1</sup>Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. <sup>2</sup>Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. <sup>3</sup>By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible.

<sup>8</sup>By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. <sup>9</sup>By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who

were heirs with him of the same promise. <sup>10</sup>For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. <sup>11</sup>By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old—and Sarah herself was barren—because he considered him faithful who had promised. <sup>12</sup>Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, “as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore.”

<sup>13</sup>All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, <sup>14</sup>for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. <sup>15</sup>If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. <sup>16</sup>But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

L Word of God, word of life.

C **Thanks be to God.**

## THE GOSPEL VERSE

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### GOSPEL: Luke 12:32-40

P The holy gospel according to St. Luke, the twelfth chapter.

C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus said:] <sup>32</sup>“Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom. <sup>33</sup>Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. <sup>34</sup>For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

<sup>35</sup>“Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; <sup>36</sup>be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. <sup>37</sup>Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. <sup>38</sup>If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves.

<sup>39</sup>“But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. <sup>40</sup>You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.”

P The gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to you, O Christ.**

## SERMON

### HYMN

*Have no fear, little flock*

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### APOSTLES’ CREED

**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.**

## **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

**P** Trusting in God's extraordinary love, let us come near to the Holy One in prayer.

*A brief silence.*

**A** Let your lovingkindness be upon your world. Be our helper and our shield in places torn by strife and violence. Raise up courageous leaders to govern with compassion and justice. Merciful God,

**C receive our prayer.**

**A** Let your lovingkindness be upon this community. Fashion our hearts to strive for the way of peace. Strengthen the outreach ministries of this congregation and all who care for those in need. Merciful God,

**C receive our prayer.**

**A** Let your lovingkindness be upon your children. Look upon all who wait for your steadfast love. Console those who grieve and embrace those who cry out to you especially (\_\_\_\_\_, *and*) those we now name aloud or silently in our hearts. Help us to trust your promise and not be afraid. Merciful God,

**C receive our prayer.**

**A** With thanksgiving we remember all who have died in faith and now rest in you, especially (\_\_\_\_\_, *and*) those we now name silently in our hearts. As they placed their hope in you, so strengthen us to trust in your promise of new life. Merciful God,

**C receive our prayer.**

**A** We pray for all who are in long term care, especially Charles Brandt, Warren Bray, John Clay, Lisa Detweiler, Lori Gilbert, Joan Gordon, David Jackson, Laura Lee Laustsen, David Laustsen, Paul Laustsen, Jim Slater, Brianna Thompson, Chris Thompson, (\_\_\_\_\_) and those we now name aloud or silently in our hearts. Merciful God,

**C receive our prayer.**

**A** We pray for the congregation of New Jerusalem Lutheran Church of Bethlehem and the Rev. Lisa Borrell. Merciful God,

**C receive our prayer.**

**A** Healing God, direct us as we find our way through COVID-19. Remind us that the vaccine is a gift from you. Help us to be loving and accepting of all as we seek a graceful way through the pandemic. Merciful God,

**C receive our prayer.**

A Peaceful God, we pray for an end to the conflict in Ukraine. Help those in charge value human life and find peaceful ways in solving their conflicts. Protect and comfort those who are suffering because of this war. Merciful God,

**C receive our prayer.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

P Receive the prayers of your children, merciful God, and hold us forever in your steadfast love; through Jesus Christ, our holy Wisdom.

**Amen.**

## **PEACE**

P The peace of Christ be with you always.

**C And also with you.**

## **SPECIAL MUSIC OFFERING**

### **AS THE GRAINS OF WHEAT**

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### **THE OFFERTORY PRAYER**

A Let us pray. Merciful God,

**C everything in heaven and earth belongs to you. We joyfully release what you have entrusted to us. May these gifts be signs of our whole lives returned to you, dedicated to the healing and unity of all creation, through Jesus Christ. Amen.**

### **THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

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### **THE PROPER PREFACE**

P It is our duty and delight that we should everywhere and always offer thanks and praise to you, O God, through Jesus Christ, who calls us to follow his way of humble service and love and so with the church on earth, all creation and the host of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

### **HOLY, HOLY, HOLY**

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### **EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER**

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### **THROUGH CHRIST, WITH CHRIST**

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### **LORD'S PRAYER**

P Lord, remember us in your Kingdom and teach us to pray.

**C 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

P Taste and see that the Lord is good!

*Please prepare for the reception of Communion*

## LAMB OF GOD

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## DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

*Holy Communion will be celebrated at your seats or optionally at the base of the steps this day.  
Please wait for the Pastor to give instruction.*

*When all have received Communion:*

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C **Amen.**

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A Let us pray. Life-giving God, through this meal you have bandaged our wounds and fed us with your mercy. Now send us forth to live for others, both friend and stranger, that all may come to know your love. This we pray in the name of Jesus.

C **Amen.**

## BLESSING

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## HYMN

*Great Is Thy Faithfulness*

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## DISMISSAL

A Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

## POSTLUDE

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**BIRTHDAYS this week...**Danny Brinker, Emily Brown, Charles Coleman, Wendy Corcoran, Sean Costanzo, Byron Fimiano, Kristina Frantz, Zion Grant, David Hulsizer, Kaylee McGowan, Lorraine Merli, Rose Rizzolino, Daniel Sabatino, Amy Sales, Alice Shields, Abigail Simko, and Steven Steckel.

**Immediate Prayers\*:** David Abel, Irene Bradbury, Tom Brady, Marjorie Drake, Gerry Fisher, Diane Frantz, Joyce Genicola, Barbara Lindner, Shawn Mabus, Michael Mabus, Doris Neumeyer, Linda Pennoyer, Gayle Ryan, Ron Sigafos, Doug VonNessen, Gretchen Wong, Jacque Wuchter, and Hattie Wuchter.

\* As of August 2, 2022

**Homebound/Nursing Home:** Margaret Bennett, Irene Bradbury, Shirley Brugger, Dorothy Fournier, Joan Gordon, Lorraine Merli, Shirley Messenlehner, Ethel Shive, Ruth Snyder, Pauline Thoma, and Doris Wanamaker.

**Long Term Prayers:** Charles Brandt, Warren Bray, John Clay, Lisa Detweiler, Lori Gilbert, Joan Gordon, David Jackson, Laura Lee Laustsen, David Laustsen, Paul Laustsen, Jim Slater, Brianna Thompson, and Chris Thompson.

**Front Line Workers:** Cindi Callantine, Laura Heebner, Nick Hill, David Laustsen, Jr., Joe Zingales, Jim Groover and Tom Sadler

**Service Members:** MSgt Courtney Baskwell, Lt. Matthew Baskwell, Airman Levi Birchfield, Sr. Airman Kyle Callantine, SFC. Todd Corona, PV Anthony Duginski, Captain Vince Franchino, Lt. Elizabeth Gordon, Captain Derek Hartman, Major Kristina Himmelreich, Sgt. Rhiannon Perry, CPO Dennis Shive, Corporal Mark Pollard, and Seaman Recruit Joseph Suhr.

**THIS WEEK AT ST. ANDREW'S**

<b>Sunday, August 7</b>	<b>Ninth Sunday After Pentecost</b> 9:00am Holy Communion Service (Live streamed via Zoom)
<b>Monday, August 8</b>	7:00pm Congregational Council Meeting via Zoom
<b>Wednesday, August 10</b>	7:00pm Bible Study via Zoom
<b>Friday, August 5</b>	7:30pm Crossroads AA
<b>Sunday, August 14</b>	<b>Mary, Mother of Our Lord</b> 9:00am Holy Communion Service (Live streamed via Zoom)