

ST. ANDREW'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

**Sunday, September 4, 2022
Thirteenth Sunday After Pentecost
9:00am Holy Communion Service**



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TODAY IN WORSHIP

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Lector: Fay Slater

Usher: Deborah Ealer

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church office.**

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HYMN *Lift High the Cross*

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GREETING

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

A Let us pray. Direct us, O Lord God, in all our doings with your continual help, that in all our works, begun, continued, and ended in you, we may glorify your holy name; and finally, by your mercy, bring us to everlasting life, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

FIRST READING

L A reading from Deuteronomy chapter 30.

¹⁵See, I have set before you today life and prosperity, death and adversity. ¹⁶If you obey the commandments of the LORD your God that I am commanding you today, by loving the LORD

your God, walking in his ways, and observing his commandments, decrees, and ordinances, then you shall live and become numerous, and the LORD your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to possess. ¹⁷But if your heart turns away and you do not hear, but are led astray to bow down to other gods and serve them, ¹⁸I declare to you today that you shall perish; you shall not live long in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess. ¹⁹I call heaven and earth to witness against you today that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Choose life so that you and your descendants may live, ²⁰loving the LORD your God, obeying him, and holding fast to him; for that means life to you and length of days, so that you may live in the land that the LORD swore to give to your ancestors, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob.

L Word of God, word of life.

C **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM: Psalm 1

L Psalm 1 spoken responsively.

¹Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked,
nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the seats of the scornful!

²**Their delight is in the law of the LORD,
and they meditate on God's teaching day and night.**

³They are like trees planted by streams of water, bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither; everything they do shall prosper.

⁴**It is not so with the wicked;
they are like chaff which the wind blows away.**

⁵Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes,
nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.

⁶**For the LORD knows the way of the righteous,
but the way of the wicked shall be destroyed.**

SECOND READING

L A reading from Philemon verses 1 through 21.

¹Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother,

To Philemon our dear friend and co-worker, ²to Apphia our sister, to Archippus our fellow soldier, and to the church in your house: ³Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

⁴When I remember you in my prayers, I always thank my God ⁵because I hear of your love for all the saints and your faith toward the Lord Jesus. ⁶I pray that the sharing of your faith may become effective when you perceive all the good that we may do for Christ. ⁷I have indeed received much joy and encouragement from your love, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you, my brother.

⁸For this reason, though I am bold enough in Christ to command you to do your duty, ⁹yet I would rather appeal to you on the basis of love—and I, Paul, do this as an old man, and now also as a prisoner of Christ Jesus. ¹⁰I am appealing to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I have become during my imprisonment. ¹¹Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed useful

both to you and to me. ¹²I am sending him, that is, my own heart, back to you. ¹³I wanted to keep him with me, so that he might be of service to me in your place during my imprisonment for the gospel; ¹⁴but I preferred to do nothing without your consent, in order that your good deed might be voluntary and not something forced. ¹⁵Perhaps this is the reason he was separated from you for a while, so that you might have him back forever, ¹⁶no longer as a slave but more than a slave, a beloved brother—especially to me but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord.

¹⁷So if you consider me your partner, welcome him as you would welcome me. ¹⁸If he has wronged you in any way, or owes you anything, charge that to my account. ¹⁹I, Paul, am writing this with my own hand: I will repay it. I say nothing about your owing me even your own self.

²⁰Yes, brother, let me have this benefit from you in the Lord! Refresh my heart in Christ.

²¹Confident of your obedience, I am writing to you, knowing that you will do even more than I say.

L Word of God, word of life.

C **Thanks be to God.**

THE GOSPEL VERSE

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GOSPEL: Luke 14:25-33

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

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

²⁵Now large crowds were traveling with [Jesus;] and he turned and said to them, ²⁶“Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. ²⁷Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. ²⁸For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? ²⁹Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, ³⁰saying, ‘This fellow began to build and was not able to finish.’ ³¹Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? ³²If he cannot, then, while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. ³³So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions.”

P The gospel of the Lord.

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

SERMON

HYMN *Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross*

ELW 335

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 As scattered grains of wheat are gathered together into one bread, so let us gather our prayers for the church, those in need, and all of God's good creation. *A brief silence.*

A We pray for the church around the world and for the mission of the gospel. Refresh the hearts of your people, deepen our understanding of every good thing we share, and strengthen our partnerships in the faith. God of grace,

C **hear our prayer.**

A For the well-being of the earth and all its creatures: for trees and forests, for all that will yield fruit this season, and for streams and other bodies of water. God of grace,

C **hear our prayer.**

A For the nations and those in authority: for the elected leaders of our towns, states, and country, and for international organizations. Grant wisdom to those who govern and raise up citizens who make decisions in the best interest of their neighbors. God of grace,

C **hear our prayer.**

A For all in need: for those who suffer from disease, who struggle with homelessness or food insecurity, for those whose family life is difficult, and for all in this community who need your care especially (_____, *and*) those we now name aloud or silently in our hearts. God of grace,

C **hear our prayer.**

A For this community of faith: for all our labors—begun, continued, and ended in you—that they glorify your holy name. Bless your people with the strength to live into their many vocations for the sake of the world. God of grace,

C **hear our prayer.**

A We give thanks for the saints who now rest from their labors especially (_____, *and*) those we now name silently in our hearts. Give us faith, like them, to love you with all our hearts, and by your mercy, bring us to everlasting life. God of grace,

C **hear our prayer.**

A We pray for all who are in long term care, especially, Charles, Warren, John, Lisa, Lori, Joan, David, Laura, David, Paul, Jim, Brianna, Chris, (_____, *and*) those we now name aloud or silently in our hearts. God of grace,

C **receive our prayer.**

A We pray for our congregation and our Pastor, the Rev. Thomas Neel. God of grace,

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. God of grace,

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. God of grace,

C receive our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

P Gathered together in the sweet communion of the Holy Spirit, gracious God, we offer these and all our prayers to you; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

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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Hymns during distribution:

Let Us Break Bread Together

ELW 471

Eat This Bread

ELW 472

I Received the Living God

ELW 477

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 *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*

ELW 834

DISMISSAL

A Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

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BIRTHDAYS this week... Scott Aber, John Allshouse, Laura Azzalina, Elizabeth Gimbar, Benjamin Matase, Andrew Miller, Logan Pickel, Ron Roth, Brandee Simko, Dawn Stydinger, Jacob Sweitzer, Scott Thomas, Julie Vernarr, and Jeffrey Weaver.

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

**As of September 1st*

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.