

# ST. ANDREW'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

Sunday, September 11, 2022  
Fourteenth Sunday After Pentecost  
9:30am Holy Communion Service



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**TODAY IN WORSHIP**

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**PRELUDE**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*Please stand as you are able.*

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

**P** In the name of the Father, and of the ✙ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C Amen.**

**P** God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C Amen.**

**P** Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

**P** Most merciful God,

**C we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.**

**Amen.**

**P** In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ✙ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C Amen.**

**GATHERING HYMN** *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing* Hymnal #807

## GREETING

**P** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C** And also with you.

## KYRIE

*Refrain*



Ky-ri - e e - lei - son, on our world and on our way.



Ky-ri - e e - lei - son, ev-'ry day.



- 1 For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the
- 2 That we may live out your im - passioned re - sponse to the
- 3 For peace in our hearts, . . . for peace in our homes, . . for
- 4 For your Spir - it to guide; that you cen - ter our lives in the



u - ni - ty of all; for  
hun - gry and the poor; that  
friends and fam - i - ly; for  
wa - ter and the word; that you



this ho - ly house, for all who wor-ship and praise,  
we may live out . . . . . truth and jus - tice and grace,  
life and for love, . . . . . for our work and our play,  
nour-ish our souls . . . with your bod - y and blood,

*Refrain*



let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

A Let us pray. O God, overflowing with mercy and compassion, you lead back to yourself all those who go astray. Preserve your people in your loving care, that we may reject whatever is contrary to you and may follow all things that sustain our life in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C **Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

## FIRST READING

L A reading from Exodus chapter 32.

<sup>7</sup>The LORD said to Moses, “Go down at once! Your people, whom you brought up out of the land of Egypt, have acted perversely; <sup>8</sup>they have been quick to turn aside from the way that I commanded them; they have cast for themselves an image of a calf, and have worshiped it and sacrificed to it, and said, ‘These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!’ ” <sup>9</sup>The LORD said to Moses, “I have seen this people, how stiff-necked they are. <sup>10</sup>Now let me alone, so that my wrath may burn hot against them and I may consume them; and of you I will make a great nation.”

<sup>11</sup>But Moses implored the LORD his God, and said, “O LORD, why does your wrath burn hot against your people, whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with great power and with a mighty hand?

<sup>12</sup>Why should the Egyptians say, ‘It was with evil intent that he brought them out to kill them in the mountains, and to consume them from the face of the earth’? Turn from your fierce wrath; change your mind and do not bring disaster on your people. <sup>13</sup>Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, your servants, how you swore to them by your own self, saying to them, ‘I will multiply your descendants like the stars of heaven, and all this land that I have promised I will give to your descendants, and they shall inherit it forever.’ ” <sup>14</sup>And the LORD changed his mind about the disaster that he planned to bring on his people.

L Word of God, word of life.

C **Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM: (Psalm 51 spoken responsively)

<sup>1</sup>Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love;  
in your great compassion blot out my offenses.

<sup>2</sup>**Wash me through and through from my wickedness,  
and cleanse me from my sin.**

<sup>3</sup>For I know my offenses,  
and my sin is ever before me.

<sup>4</sup>**Against you only have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight;  
so you are justified when you speak and right in your judgment.**

<sup>5</sup>Indeed, I was born steeped in wickedness,  
a sinner from my mother’s womb.

<sup>6</sup>**Indeed, you delight in truth deep within me,  
and would have me know wisdom deep within.**

<sup>7</sup>Remove my sins with hyssop, and I shall be clean;  
wash me, and I shall be purer than snow.

<sup>8</sup>**Let me hear joy and gladness;  
that the body you have broken may rejoice.**

<sup>9</sup>Hide your face from my sins,

and blot out all my wickedness.

**10 Create in me a clean heart, O God,  
and renew a right spirit within me.**

## SECOND READING

L A reading from 1 Timothy chapter 1.

<sup>12</sup>I am grateful to Christ Jesus our Lord, who has strengthened me, because he judged me faithful and appointed me to his service, <sup>13</sup>even though I was formerly a blasphemer, a persecutor, and a man of violence. But I received mercy because I had acted ignorantly in unbelief, <sup>14</sup>and the grace of our Lord overflowed for me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. <sup>15</sup>The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners—of whom I am the foremost. <sup>16</sup>But for that very reason I received mercy, so that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display the utmost patience, making me an example to those who would come to believe in him for eternal life. <sup>17</sup>To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

L Word of God, word of life.

C **Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand as you are able.*

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the  
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

## GOSPEL: Luke 15:1-10

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

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

<sup>1</sup>Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to [Jesus.] <sup>2</sup>And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, “This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them.”

<sup>3</sup>So he told them this parable: <sup>4</sup>“Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it? <sup>5</sup>When he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. <sup>6</sup>And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbors, saying to them, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.’ <sup>7</sup>Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance.

<sup>8</sup>“Or what woman having ten silver coins, if she loses one of them, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it? <sup>9</sup>When she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.’ <sup>10</sup>Just so, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents.”

P The gospel of the Lord.

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

*Please be seated.*

### SERMON

*Please stand as you are able.*

**HYMN OF THE DAY** *Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling*

Hymnal #608

### 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 Your people receive mercy and your grace overflows in our lives. Fill your church with faith and love, and give understanding hearts to those who work to strengthen our ecumenical and interreligious commitments. God of grace,

C **hear our prayer.**

A Your creation groans as it suffers the impacts of pollution and lack of care. As the seasons change, renew in us the will to protect plants, animals, and habitats. Bless us with bountiful harvests that all may share. God of grace,

C **hear our prayer.**

A Your world is shattered and the nations rage. Remember us in your mercy. Teach wisdom to our elected leaders so that we know peace in our world, peace in our homes, and peace in our hearts. God of grace,

C **hear our prayer.**

A Your children wander homeless and the hungry cry for bread. Seek out those who are lost or lonely, anxious or depressed, or struggling with addiction or illness. Provide for those in any need especially (\_\_\_\_\_, *and*) those we now name aloud or silently in our hearts. God of grace,

**C hear our prayer.**

A Your work is done in this congregation with our hands, feet, voices, minds, and hearts. Build up the ministries of this community (*local ministries and partnerships may be named*), that we serve our neighbors and welcome the stranger in your name. God of grace,

**C hear our prayer.**

A Your blessed saints who have died now rest in your presence, especially (\_\_\_\_\_, *and*) those we now name silently in our hearts. Give us thankful hearts for those who have been examples of faith in our lives, and receive us with joy when we come to share eternal life with you. God of grace,

**C hear our prayer.**

A We pray for all who are homebound, especially Margaret Bennett, Irene Bradbury, Dorothy Fournier, Joan Gordon, Lorraine Merli, Shirley Messenlehner, Ethel Shive, Ruth Snyder, Pauline Thoma, Doris Wanamaker (\_\_\_\_\_, *and*) those we now name aloud or silently in our hearts. God of grace,

**C hear our prayer.**

A We pray for the congregation of St. Paul's Third Lutheran Church and the Dean of the Bethlehem-Easton Mission District, the Rev. Daniel Brettell. God of grace,

**C hear 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 hear 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 hear 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.**

*Please be seated.*

## **OFFERING**

**ANTHEM Great Is Thy Faithfulness**

Chancel Choir

**OFFERING SONG      Let The Vineyards Be Fruitful**



Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of  
bless-ing. Gath-er a har-vest from the seeds that were sown, that  
we may be fed with the bread of life. Gath-er the hopes and dreams of  
all; u-nite them with the prayers we of-fer. Grace our ta-ble  
with your pres-ence, and give us a fore-taste of the feast to come.

*Please stand as you are able.*

**OFFERTORY PRAYER**

**A** Let us pray. Gracious God, in your great love you richly provide for our needs. Make of these gifts a banquet of blessing, and make us ready to share with all in need; through Jesus Christ, who sets a table for all.

**C** **Amen.**

**GREAT THANKSGIVING**

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** **And also with you.**

**P** Lift up your hearts.

**C** **We lift them to the Lord.**

**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C** **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

**P** It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so,

with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

### HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



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.

### THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

P Holy God, our Bread of life, our Table, and our Food, you created a world in which all might be satisfied by your abundance. You dined with Abraham and Sarah, promising them life, and fed your people Israel with manna from heaven. You sent your Son to eat with sinners and to become food for the world.

In the night in which he was betrayed, 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. 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. Remembering, therefore, his life given for us and his rising from the grave, we await his coming again to share with us the everlasting feast.

By your Spirit nurture and sustain us with this meal: strengthen us to serve all in hunger and want, and by this bread and cup make of us the body of your Son. Through him all glory and honor is yours, Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy Church, both now and forever.

**C Amen.**

### LORD'S PRAYER

**P** Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**C** **Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

### INVITATION TO COMMUNION

**P** Come to the banquet, for all is now ready.

*Please be seated.*

### LAMB OF GOD



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.

### 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.*

*Please stand as you are able. 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. God of the abundant table, you have refreshed our hearts in this meal with bread for the journey. Give us your grace on the road that we might serve our neighbors with joy; for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C **Amen.**

### **BLESSING**

P God, who gives life to all things and frees us from despair, bless you with truth and peace.

And may the holy Trinity, ✚ one God, guide you always in faith, hope, and love.

C **Amen.**

### **SENDING SONG**

*Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound*

Hymnal #779

### **DISMISSAL**

A Go in peace, with Christ beside you.

C **Thanks be to God.**

### **POSTLUDE**

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The **Altar Flowers** are given to the glory of God by Anna and David Fretz in celebration of their 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary.

**The Confirmation Parent Meeting has been rescheduled from this evening to next Sunday, September 18<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00pm.**

**BIRTHDAYS this week...** Quinn Barilone, Gregory Brown, Nathan Carlberg, Vivian Colfax, Nora Connlain, Carol Corona, Ella Foulk, Taitum Frantz, Rick Heimbach, Lauren Huff, Amanda Kutner, George Leidy, Erik Oakley, Sophia Peckham, Robert Pettit, Russell Pysner, Hannah Quimby, Nicolas, Jr. Rosado, Jean Sales, Bob Saville, Alana Schneck, Julie Sickels, Joanne Thomas, and Katrina Webb.

**Immediate Prayers\*:** David Abel, Irene Bradbury, Tom Brady, Marjorie Drake, Pastor Edward Dufresne, Gerry Fisher, Diane Frantz, Joyce Genicola, Cindy Holland, 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 6, 2022

**Homebound/Nursing Home:** Margaret Bennett, Irene Bradbury, 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.