

ST. ANDREW'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

**Sunday, September 18, 2022
Fifteenth Sunday After Pentecost
9:30am Holy Communion Service**



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TODAY IN WORSHIP

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Organist: Mark Jonkman

Audio-Video Production: Warren Rute

Ushers: Deborah Ealer

Lectors: Gwen Krapf

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 There Is a Balm in Gilead

Hymnal #614

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. God among us, we gather in the name of your Son to learn love for one another. Keep our feet from evil paths. Turn our minds to your wisdom and our hearts to the grace revealed in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C **Amen.**

Please be seated.

FIRST READING

L A reading from Amos Chapter 8.

⁴Hear this, you that trample on the needy, and bring to ruin the poor of the land, ⁵saying, “When will the new moon be over so that we may sell grain; and the sabbath, so that we may offer wheat for sale? We will make the ephah small and the shekel great, and practice deceit with false balances, ⁶buying the poor for silver and the needy for a pair of sandals, and selling the sweepings of the wheat.” The LORD has sworn by the pride of Jacob: Surely I will never forget any of their deeds.

L Word of God, word of life.

C **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM: Psalm 113

L Psalm 113 spoken responsively.

¹Hallelujah! Give praise, you servants of the LORD;
praise the name of the LORD.

²**Let the name of the LORD be blessed,
from this time forth forevermore.**

³From the rising of the sun to its going down
let the name of the LORD be praised.

⁴**The LORD is high above all nations;
God’s glory above the heavens.**

⁵Who is like the LORD our God,
who sits enthroned on high,

⁶**but stoops to behold
the heavens and the earth?**

⁷The LORD takes up the weak out of the dust
and lifts up the poor from the ashes,

⁸**enthroning them with the rulers,
with the rulers of the people.**

⁹The LORD makes the woman of a childless house
to be a joyful mother of children. Hallelujah!

SECOND READING

L A reading from 1 Timothy chapter 2.

¹First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone, ²for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity. ³This is right and is acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, ⁴who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. ⁵For there is one God; there is also one mediator between God and humankind, Christ Jesus, himself human, ⁶who gave himself a ransom for all—this was attested at the right time. ⁷For this I was appointed a herald and an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

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 16:1-13

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

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

¹Then Jesus said to the disciples, “There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was squandering his property. ²So he summoned him and said to him, ‘What is this that I hear about you? Give me an accounting of your management, because you cannot be my manager any longer.’ ³Then the manager said to himself, ‘What will I do, now that my master is taking the position away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am

ashamed to beg. ⁴I have decided what to do so that, when I am dismissed as manager, people may welcome me into their homes.’ ⁵So, summoning his master’s debtors one by one, he asked the first, ‘How much do you owe my master?’ ⁶He answered, ‘A hundred jugs of olive oil.’ He said to him, ‘Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it fifty.’ ⁷Then he asked another, ‘And how much do you owe?’ He replied, ‘A hundred containers of wheat.’ He said to him, ‘Take your bill and make it eighty.’ ⁸And his master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly; for the children of this age are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light. ⁹And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of dishonest wealth so that when it is gone, they may welcome you into the eternal homes.

¹⁰“Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much; and whoever is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much. ¹¹If then you have not been faithful with the dishonest wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? ¹²And if you have not been faithful with what belongs to another, who will give you what is your own? ¹³No slave can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth.”

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

Christ, Be Our Light

Hymnal #715

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 God our Savior, you keep your church in faith and truth. Accompany those preparing for baptism or affirmation of baptism. Enlighten preachers, teachers, seminarians, and all those who share your good news with the world. God of grace,

C **hear our prayer.**

A Divine teacher, you instruct your children to be responsible stewards of your creation. Show us how best to care for the earth and its resources, and guide those who work to develop sustainable practices. God of grace,

C hear our prayer.

A Ruler of the nations, you direct those in authority. Give leaders wisdom and compassion so that all may live in peace. Inspire public servants to follow the example of courageous leaders and safeguard the dignity of each person. God of grace,

C hear our prayer.

A Helper of the needy, you lift up those who are oppressed. Breathe justice into economic and social systems that perpetuate poverty and hunger. Sustain food ministries, clothing banks, and emergency shelters. God of grace,

C hear our prayer.

A Mighty God, protect and bless all civil servants, local government officials, and members of the armed services who work for our safety and security, especially Courtney, Matthew, Levi, Kyle, Todd, Anthony, Vince, Elizabeth, Derek, Kristina, Rhiannon, Dennis, Mark, and Joseph. God of grace,

C hear our prayer.

A God of glory, you gather your saints around your throne. Keep us thankful for the witness of those who have gone before us especially (_____, and) those we now name silently in our hearts, and bring us with them to the heavenly feast that has no end. 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 We pray for the congregation of Arndt's Lutheran Church and the Rev. Jean Huber, Associate to the Bishop. 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 **The King of Love My Shepherd Is**

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 the dreams of all; u -
nite them with the prayers we of - fer now. 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.

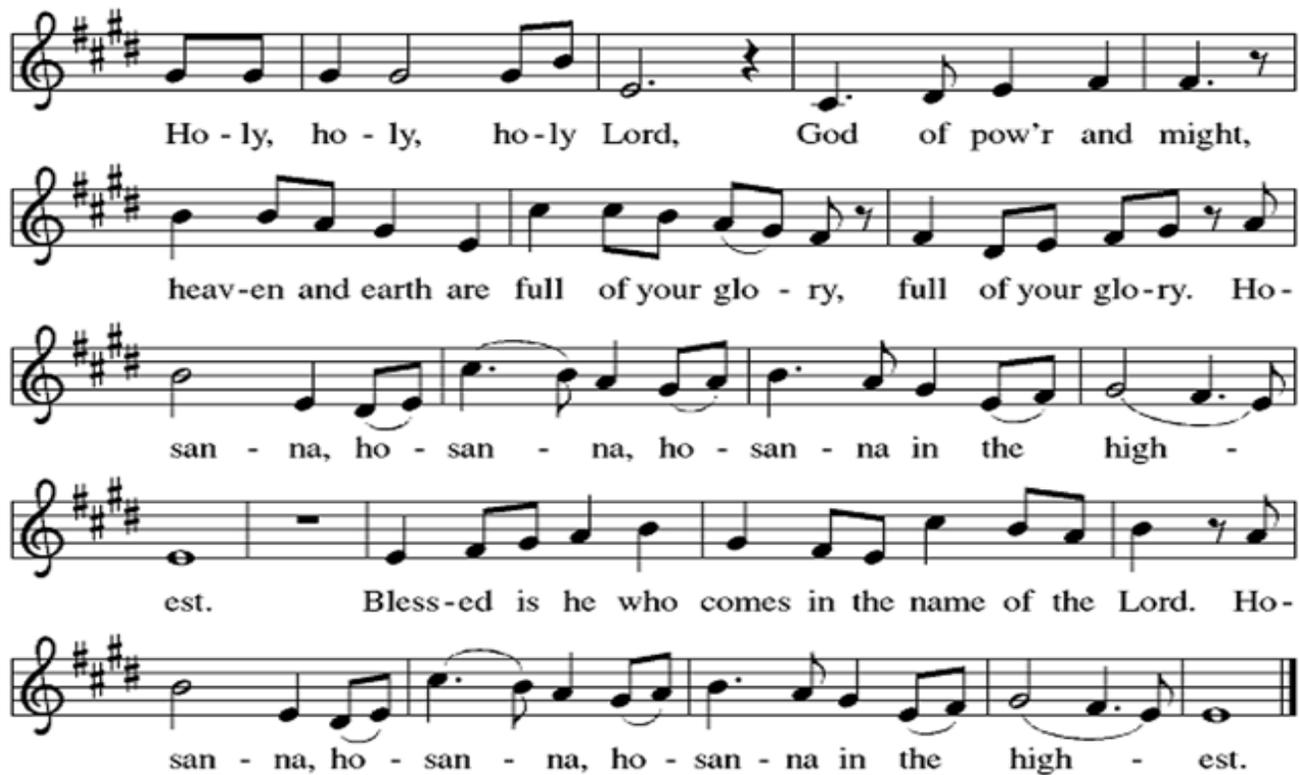
C **Amen.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING



P 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

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Hymnal #858

DISMISSAL

A Go in peace, with Christ beside you.

C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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ELW 614, There Is a Balm in Gilead - In the Public Domain Text: African American spiritual

Music: African American spiritual Tune Name: Balmin Gilead

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The King of Love My Shepherd Is - Public Domain Composed by Harry Rowe Shelley, sung by the Chancel Choir.

Communion Hymns:

ELW 471, **Let Us Break Bread Together** - In the Public Domain Text: African American spiritual

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BIRTHDAYS this week... Nicholas Casterline, Ebon Derr, Ryan Ehrie, Jack Fliter, Kaylee Forsythe, Sherry Hanlon, Michael Hochwarter, Aidan Hutchison, David Laustsen, Diane Laustsen, Andrew Mashintonio, Cindy McClary, Greta Oltrogge, Kylie Oltrogge, Sharyn Pysher, Andrew Scheirer, Heidi Shilanskas, Karen Sickels, Eric Stocker, and Riley Sweitzer.

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 13, 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.

ST. ANDREW'S HAPPENINGS

A **CONGREGATIONAL MEETING** will be held on September 25 immediately following the 9:30am worship service. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss new worship times, beginning in November. Letters have been sent to all member households. The meeting will be live streamed along with worship.

THE GALLERY AT ST. JOHN'S is presenting "The Plaid Show" from September 11 to October 23, 2022, Sundays only from 12:00pm to 3:00pm. The gallery of fine arts and fine crafts is free and open to the public. St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church is located at 330 Ferry St., Easton, PA. For information, you can call 610-258-6119.