

ST. ANDREW'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

Sunday, September 1, 2024
The Fifteenth Sunday After Pentecost
9:30am Now The Feast Worship Service



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TODAY IN WORSHIP

Worship Leader: Steve Moyer
Worship Assistant: David Abel
Organist: Mark Jonkman
Audio-Video Production: John Costanzo
Lector: Stefanie Stoudt
Usher: Ed Schaeffer
Nursery Care Givers: Linda Trigiani and Deb Henry
Greeter: Ron Roth

PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.**

NOW THE FEAST

Refrain

Congregation:

Now the feast and cel - e - bra - tion,
all of cre - a - tion sings for joy
to the God of life and love and
free - dom: praise and glo - ry for ev -
er - more!

Verse 1

Congregation or Congregation 1:

Now is the feast of the Lamb once
slain, whose blood has freed and u -
nit - ed us to be one great

To refrain

peo - ple of God.

Verse 2

Congregation or Congregation 2:

Pow - er and rich - es, wis - dom and
might, all hon - or and glo - ry to Christ
for ev - er.

To refrain

Verse 3

Congregation:

3. For God has come to dwell with us,
to make us peo - ple of God; to make
all things new.

To refrain

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Presider: *Congregation:*

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

A Let us pray. O God our strength, without you we are weak and wayward creatures. Protect us from all dangers that attack us from the outside, and cleanse us from all evil that arises from within ourselves, that we may be preserved through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

Please be seated.

FIRST READING

L A reading from Deuteronomy, Chapter 4.

¹So now, Israel, give heed to the statutes and ordinances that I am teaching you to observe, so that you may live to enter and occupy the land that the LORD, the God of your ancestors, is giving you. ²You must neither add anything to what I command you nor take away anything from it, but keep the commandments of the LORD your God with which I am charging you.

⁶You must observe them diligently, for this will show your wisdom and discernment to the peoples, who, when they hear all these statutes, will say, “Surely this great nation is a wise and discerning people!” ⁷For what other great nation has a god so near to it as the LORD our God is whenever we call to him? ⁸And what other great nation has statutes and ordinances as just as this entire law that I am setting before you today?

⁹But take care and watch yourselves closely, so as neither to forget the things that your eyes have seen nor to let them slip from your mind all the days of your life; make them known to your children and your children’s children.

L The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

L A reading from James, Chapter 1.

¹⁷Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. ¹⁸In fulfillment of his own purpose he gave us birth by the word of truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of his creatures.

¹⁹You must understand this, my beloved: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger; ²⁰for your anger does not produce God’s righteousness. ²¹Therefore rid yourselves of all sordidness and rank growth of wickedness, and welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save your souls.

²²But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves. ²³For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves in a mirror; ²⁴for they look at themselves and, on going away, immediately forget what they were like. ²⁵But those who look into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who act—they will be blessed in their doing.

²⁶If any think they are religious, and do not bridle their tongues but deceive their hearts, their religion is worthless. ²⁷Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

L The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able.

GOSPEL VERSE

Congregation:

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

GOSPEL: Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the seventh chapter.

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

P ¹Now when the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around [Jesus], ²they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them. ³(For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders; ⁴and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash it; and there are also many other traditions that they observe, the washing of cups, pots, and bronze kettles.) ⁵So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, “Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?” ⁶He said to them, “Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written,

‘This people honors me with their lips,

but their hearts are far from me;

⁷in vain do they worship me,

teaching human precepts as doctrines.’

⁸You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition.”

¹⁴Then he called the crowd again and said to them, “Listen to me, all of you, and understand: ¹⁵there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile.

²¹“For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: fornication, theft, murder, ²²adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, folly. ²³All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person.”

P The gospel of the Lord.

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

SERMON

Please stand as you are able.

HYMN OF THE DAY

My Hope is Built on Nothing Less

Hymnal #597

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 Drawn together in the power of the Holy Spirit, we pray with confidence for the church, God's good creation, and all who are in need. *A brief silence.*

A God of every generation, give the church a sense of purpose and belonging. Sustain and build up leaders and lay people as we accompany one another in our life with Christ. Merciful God,

C receive our prayer.

A God of creation, you named humans as co-creators with you. Where the earth cries out in pain, bring wholeness. Guide governments and industry, that environmental laws and practices seek to heal and not harm. Bring relief and justice to people and places suffering from climate catastrophe. Merciful God,

C receive our prayer.

A Sovereign God, we pray for local communities of every kind: rural and urban; established and new. Lead those in authority to seek the good of all through their words and actions and to mentor others in honest and generous ways. Merciful God,

C receive our prayer.

A Healing God, you draw near to all who are hurting. Be with all who desire relief from chronic and acute illness, cancer, and post-traumatic stress disorder. Strengthen health care workers, therapists, and caregivers. Tend to those who are close to our hearts especially (_____, and) those we now name silently in our hearts. Merciful God,

C receive our prayer.

A On this Labor Day weekend we remember and give thanks for all who have fought for workers' rights around the world. Continue to improve working conditions and establish fair wages so that all people may thrive. Merciful God,

C receive our prayer.

A Comforting God, console us as we mourn our departed especially (_____, and) those we now name silently in our hearts. We hold fast to the promise that death has been defeated by our Savior Jesus Christ. Merciful God,

C receive our prayer.

A We pray for all who are homebound or in nursing homes, especially Margaret, Shirley, Lisa, Carl, Theresa, Shirley, Irene, Doris, Jim, Doris, and those we now name aloud or silently in our hearts. Merciful God,

C receive our prayer.

A Peaceful God, we plead for an end to violence in Ukraine and Gaza. Comfort those who have lost or are separated from their loved ones. Merciful God,

C receive our prayer.

A We pray for Rosemont Lutheran Church of Bethlehem and the Rev. Jack Steltzer. Merciful God,

C receive our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

P We entrust these and all our prayers to you, holy God, in the name of your beloved child, Jesus Christ, our Savior.

Amen.

PEACE

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C And also with you.

Please be seated.

OFFERING

SPECIAL MUSIC

AS THE GRAINS OF WHEAT

Refrain

Congregation:



Verses



1. As this cup of bless - ing is shared with - in our midst,
2. Let this be a fore - taste of all that is to come when



To refrain

may we share the pres - ence of your love.
all cre - a - tion shares this feast with you.

Please stand as you are able.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

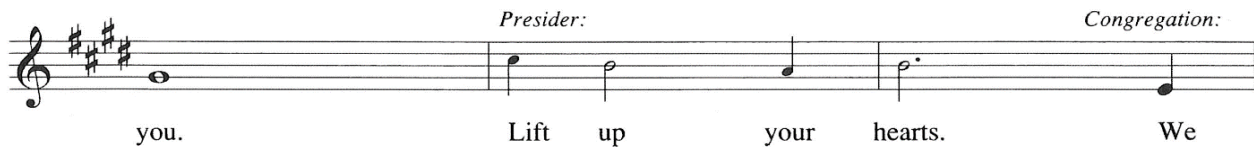
A Let us pray. Merciful God.

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.

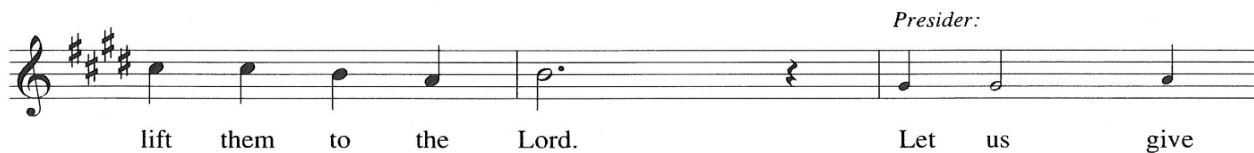
THE GREAT THANKSGIVING



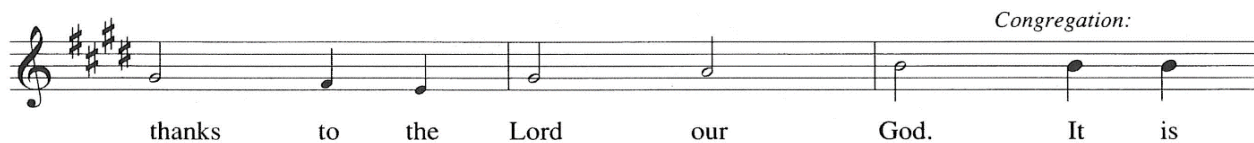
The Lord be with you. And al - so with



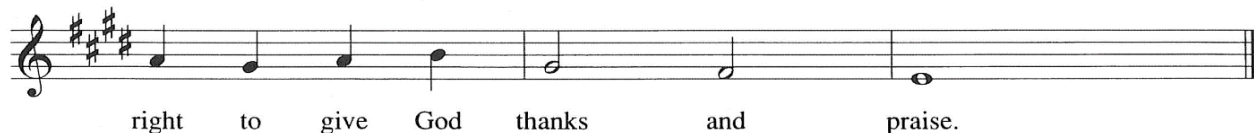
you. Lift up your hearts. We



lift them to the Lord. Let us give



thanks to the Lord our God. It is



right to give God thanks and praise.

PROPER PREFACE

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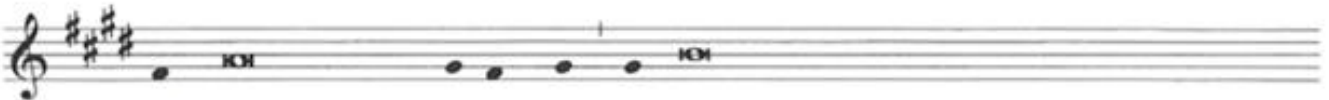
Presider:



It is our duty and de - light that we should everywhere and always offer



thanks and praise to you, O God, through Je - sus Christ...



* *(Insert proper preface here)* ...and so with the church on earth, all creation and the



host of heaven we praise your name and join their un - end - ing



hymn: _____

*...who calls us to follow his way of humble service and love...

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Congregation:

The musical score is written on a single treble clef staff with a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#). It consists of five lines of music. The first line starts with a 6/8 time signature and contains the lyrics 'Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly are you, God of pow - er and'. The second line continues with 'might; Heav - en and earth are filled with your'. The third line has 'glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est! Bless - ed is the'. The fourth line has 'One who comes in your name. Ho - san - na in the'. The fifth line concludes with 'high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est!'. The score includes various musical notations such as eighth notes, quarter notes, and rests, with some notes beamed together. There are also dynamic markings like 'z' and 'f'.

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly are you, God of pow - er and
might; Heav - en and earth are filled with your
glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est! Bless - ed is the
One who comes in your name. Ho - san - na in the
high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est!

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

P You are indeed holy, gracious and merciful God; everything is filled with your glory. We give you thanks for your promise and presence which have sustained the faithful in this and every generation. Above all, we give you thanks for Jesus, born of Mary, who in word and deed announced your gentle rule of justice, reconciliation and peace.

On the night of his betrayal 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. 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 his command to love one another, his life and death, his resurrection and his ascension, we pray for his coming again even as we cry;

Presider:

A - men. Come, Lord Je - sus. A -

Congregation:

men. Come, Lord Je - sus. A - men. Come, Lord

Je - sus. A - men. Come, Lord Je - sus.

P Send now, we pray, your Holy Spirit, that all of your promises may come to us and your whole creation.

Presider:

A - men. Come, Ho - ly Spir - it. A -

Congregation:

men. Come, Ho - ly Spir - it. A - men. Come, Ho - ly

Spir - it. A - men. Come, Ho - ly Spir - it.

P This we pray through Jesus Christ, our savior and our friend.

THROUGH CHRIST, WITH CHRIST, IN CHRIST

Congregation:

Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the
u - ni - ty of the Spir - it, all glo - ry and hon - or is
yours, O God, now and for ev - er.
A - men.

The image shows four staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 6/8 time. The melody is written on a treble clef. The lyrics are placed below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes. The first staff ends with a fermata over the final note. The second staff ends with a fermata over the final note. The third staff ends with a fermata over the final note. The fourth staff ends with a fermata over the final note.

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 Jesus welcomes you to this table. Come, here is your God.

Please prepare for the reception of Communion.

Please be seated.

Hymn during distribution:

We Place Upon Your Table Lord	Hymnal #467
Blessed Assurance	Hymnal #638
Bread of Life Our Host and Meal	Hymnal #464

DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

Holy Communion will be celebrated at the base of the steps this day or at your seats. All are welcome to receive the bread and the wine. Gluten free wafers are available for those who want them.

Please stand as you are able. When all have received Communion:

P May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the gifts of his body and blood strengthen, keep and unite us, now and forever.

C Amen.

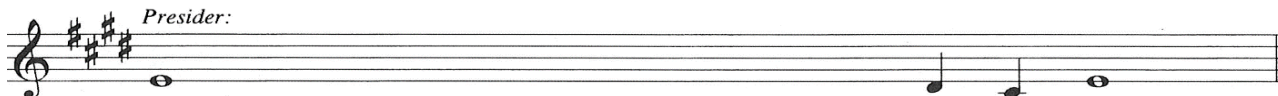
PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A Let us pray. Holy God, you have welcomed us to this meal and fed us with dignity at your table. Send us now to welcome others and to be at peace with one another, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen.

THE BLESSING

Presider:



May God bless us and keep us.
May God's face shine on us and be gracious to us.
May God look on us with favor and + give us peace.

Congregation:



A - men.

SENDING SONG Shout to the Lord

Hymnal #821

DISMISSAL

P Go in peace. Follow Jesus.

C **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

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We welcome Steve Moyer and thank him for leading our worship this morning.

BIRTHDAYS... John Allshouse, Laura Azzalina, Joan Holland, Logan Pickel, and Julie Vernarr.

Immediate Prayers: Ashley, Laura Azzalina, Carl, Lisa Detweiler, Betty Detweiler, Gary, Gerry, Daniel Gilbert, Kamilah, Keith, Diane Laustsen, Rebecca and Mike Lepkowski, Mary Saville, Melissa Sprunger.

*As of August 27, 2024.

Members Homebound/Nursing Home: Margaret Bennett, Shirley Curto, Lisa Detweiler, Carl Fisher, Theresa Lawhead, Shirley Messenlehner, Irene Neel, Doris Neumeyer, Jim Slater, and Doris Wanamaker.

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THIS WEEK AT ST. ANDREW'S

- Sunday, September 1** **Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost**
9:30pm *Holy Communion Worship Service
- Monday, September 2** 7:00pm Worship & Music Committee at Hope House
7:00pm Parent Partnership Support Group
- Tuesday, September 3** Nursery School Classes Begin
7:00pm Property Committee via Zoom
- Wednesday, September 4** 11:00am John George Funeral Service
- Thursday, September 5** 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal
- Friday, September 6** 7:30 Crossroads AA
- Sunday, September 8** **Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost**
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MONTH OF SEPTEMBER

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Linda Trigiani

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Nina Kramer and April Shaheen