

ST. ANDREW'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

The Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, October 5, 2025



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9:30am Worship Service

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.

A brief silence.

P Gracious God,

C **have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

P God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of ☩ Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

C **Amen.**

GREETING

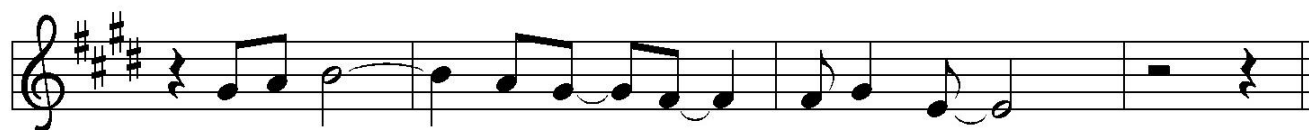
P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C **And also with you.**

KYRIE



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,



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

PRAYER OF THE DAY

A Let us pray. Benevolent, merciful God: When we are empty, fill us. When we are weak in faith, strengthen us. When we are cold in love, warm us, that with fervor we may love our neighbors and serve them for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C **Amen.**

Please be seated.

FIRST READING (Psalm 37:1-9, spoken responsively)

L ¹ Do not be provoked by evildoers; do not be jealous of those who do wrong.

C ² **For they shall soon wither like the grass, and like the green grass fade away.**

L ³ Put your trust in the Lord and do good; dwell in the land and find safe pasture.

C ⁴ **Take delight in the Lord, who shall give you your heart's desire.**

L ⁵ Commit your way to the Lord; put your trust in the Lord, and see what God will do.

C ⁶ **The Lord will make your vindication as clear as the light
and the justice of your case like the noonday sun.**

L ⁷ Be still before the Lord and wait patiently.

Do not be provoked by the one who prospers, the one who succeeds in evil schemes.

C ⁸ **Refrain from anger, leave rage alone; do not be provoked; it leads only to evil.**

L ⁹ For evildoers shall be cut off, but those who hope in the Lord shall possess the land.

SECOND READING

L A reading from Luke, Chapter 17.

⁵The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith!" ⁶The Lord replied, "If you had faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you.

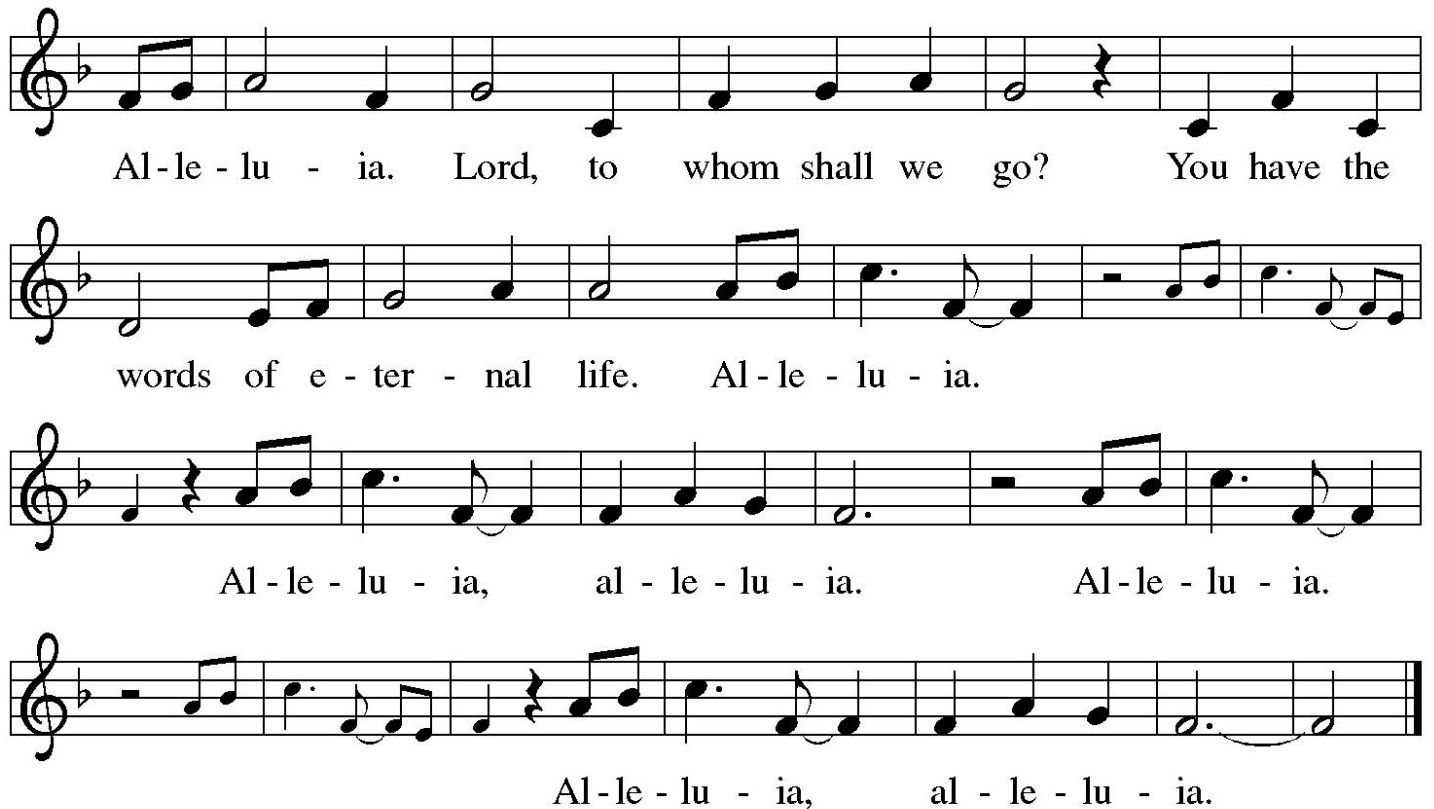
⁷"Who among you would say to your slave who has just come in from plowing or tending sheep in the field, 'Come here at once and take your place at the table'? ⁸Would you not rather say to him, 'Prepare supper for me; put on your apron and serve me while I eat and drink; later you may eat and drink'? ⁹Do you thank the slave for doing what was commanded? ¹⁰So you also, when you have done all that you were ordered to do, say, 'We are worthless slaves; we have done only what we ought to have done!'"

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: John 21:15-17

P The holy gospel according to St. John, the 21st Chapter.

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

P ¹⁵ When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my lambs." ¹⁶ A second time he said to him, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Tend my sheep." ¹⁷ He said to him the third time, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, "Do you love me?" And he said to him, "Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my sheep".

P The gospel of the Lord.

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

Please be seated.

CHILDREN'S TIME

GUEST SPEAKER

Today we welcome Erin Roman, Director of Programs, ProJeCt of Easton

SERMON

Please stand as you are able.

Lord of All Hopefulness

Red Hymnal #765

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

PEACE

P The peace of Christ be with you always.

C And also with you.

Please be seated.

OFFERING

ANTHEM

You Are My Peace

Chancel Choir

CREATE IN ME A CLEAN HEART

The musical score is written on four staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a 4/4 time signature. The lyrics are: 'Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right'. The second staff continues the melody with lyrics: 'spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your pres - ence, and take'. The third staff continues with lyrics: 'not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re - store to me the joy of'. The fourth staff concludes the phrase with lyrics: 'your sal - va - tion, and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.' The score ends with a double bar line.

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Please stand as you are able.

A Let us pray. God of all creation, all you have made is good, and your love endures forever. You bring forth bread from the earth and fruit from the vine. Nourish us with these gifts, that we might be for the world signs of your gracious presence in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C **Amen.**

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 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.

C Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

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

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 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.

Hymn during distribution:

O Lord, Hear My Prayer

Red Hymnal #751

This Taize hymn is intended to be sung repeatedly, as a prayer.

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 and grape juice are also available. Children are welcome to receive a blessing and a fish cracker.

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 Gracious God, in this meal you have drawn us to your heart, and nourished us at your table with food and drink, the body and blood of Christ. Now send us forth to be your people in the world, and to proclaim your truth this day and evermore, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C **Amen.**

BLESSING

P The God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus.

C **Amen.**

P The God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

P The God of all grace ☩ bless you now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Children of the Heavenly Father

Red Hymnal #781

DISMISSAL

A Go in peace. Share the good news.

C **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

TODAY IN WORSHIP

Worship Leader:	Pastor Tom Neel
Organist:	Mark Jonkman
Audio/Video:	John Costanzo
Worship Assistant:	Guy Ehler
Ushers:	Ed Schaeffer and Ron Roth
Greeter:	Steve Dutko
Church Time Nursery:	Kathy Brandt and Tracy Payonk
Altar Guild:	Sue Heater
Offering Counters:	October: Janet Rhymer and Donna George

THIS WEEK AT ST. ANDREW'S

Monday, October 6	7:00pm Worship and Music Team @ Hope House 7:00pm Parent Partnership Support Group
Tuesday, October 7	7:00pm Property Team - Zoom 7:00pm Easton Musical Arts
Wednesday, October 8	10:00am SAW Meeting – Social Room 7:00pm Bible Study - Zoom
Thursday, October 9	7:00pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Friday, October 10	7:30pm Crossroad AA
Sunday, October 12	9:30am Worship Service

Members celebrating birthdays this week: Marcia Cappello, Catherine Garces, Todd Himmelreich, Ethan Holland, Andrew Semanick, Russ Sounders, and Debbie Troxell.

Immediate Prayers: Charles Brandt, Karli Breckon, Dianna Dillian, Kristin Harris, Pete Merluzzi, Dan Philipps, Don Sachs, Andi Steckel, Bob Trocchia, Greg Trocchia, and Rachel.

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

Long Term Prayers: Jessica Arnoldi, Elaine Bobeck, Rodney Burda, Charlie, John Clay, Mary DiEmedio, Crystal DiLorenzo, Michael DiLorenzo, Debbie DiLorenzo, Carol Ehler, Niklas Enblom, Maj-Britt Enblom, Pam Garity, Lori Gilbert, Karen Israel, David Jackson, Jennifer, Kamilah, Keith, Ingvar Kjellberg, Laura Lee Laustsen, David Laustsen, Paul Laustsen, Barbara Lindner, Nancy, Paul, Penny, Lisa and Jim Reinish, Shirley, Ethel Shive, Melissa Steckel, Doug VonNessen, and Wes Webber.

Service Members: MSgt Courtney Baskwell, Lt. Matthew Baskwell, Airman Levi Birchfield, Staff Sgt. Kyle Callantine, PV Anthony Duginski, Captain Vince Franchino, Lt. Elizabeth Gordon, Major Derek Hartman, Major Kristina Himmelreich, Ensign Jan-Oskar Kjellberg, Lt. Col. (Retired) Sten Kjellberg, Sgt. Rhannon Perry, Corporal Mark Pollard, and Seaman Recruit Joseph Suhr.

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Sharing and Caring!

ST. ANDREW'S AND OUR MINISTRIES

Practicing our faith means we reach out and care for others. In John 21:15-21, Jesus asks Peter “...*do you love Me,*” and he tells Peter to “*Feed my lambs...Tend my sheep...Feed my sheep.*”

In Jesus' time, there was food insecurity just as there is today. How do we support and feed each other? What does St. Andrew's do to help feed the hungry in our community? How do we each tend and feed Jesus' flock?

One long-standing St. Andrew's ministry is collecting food and grocery items to help feed the hungry. Each week we gather food and nonperishable items for Project of Easton. Our food contributions certainly make a positive difference to the low-income, at-risk adults, children and seniors they serve. Our Community Care Team helps Safe Harbor Easton and recently held a picnic for its residents. St. Andrew's Women, SAW, has provided financial support to local hunger-related efforts. These are all great examples of our church and its members reaching out to “*Tend my sheep*” just as Jesus taught. None of this happens without our church at the center and our members making it happen.

Our many ministries, through the support of our members, are what make St. Andrew's such a special place to worship. Thank you for all you do for your congregation. Please pray about how you can continue to support all the *Caring and Sharing* that happens through St. Andrew's and its ministries.

