

# ST. ANDREW'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

Sunday, June 21, 2026  
The Fourth Sunday After Pentecost



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9:30am Worship Service

## PRELUDE

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Please stand as you are able.*

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P If we say we have no sin we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. Let us confess our sin to God who is faithful and just and who has promised to forgive our sin and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

*Silence for reflection and self-examination.*

P Most merciful God,

**C We confess to you that 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 trusted you with our whole heart; we have not loved one another in deed and in truth. In your compassion forgive our sin and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ our light and our truth. Amen.**

P With joy, I proclaim to you that Almighty God, rich in mercy, abundant in love, forgives you all your sin and grants you newness of life in Jesus Christ.

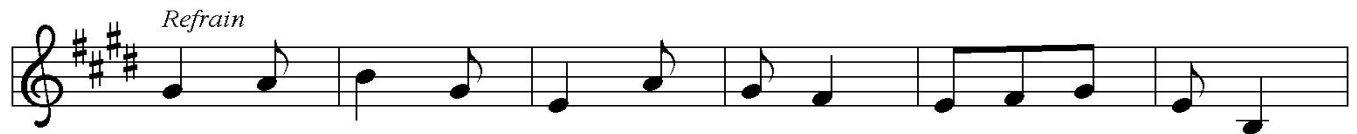
**C Thanks be to God!**

## 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 AND CELEBRATION



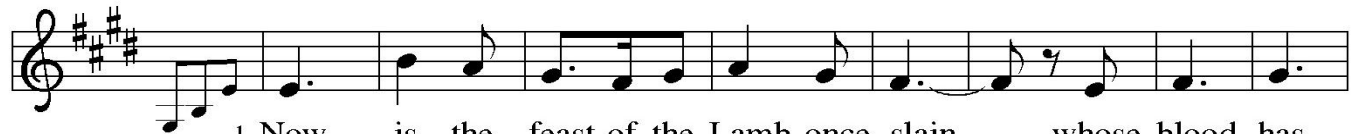
Now the feast and cel - e - bra - tion, all of cre - a - tion



sings for joy to the God of life and love and free-dom;



praise and glo - ry for - ev - er - more!



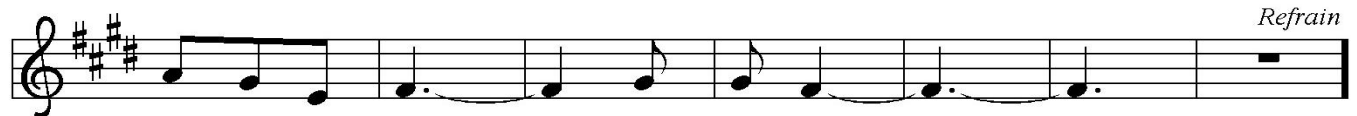
1 Now is the feast of the Lamb once slain, whose blood has



freed and u - nit-ed us to be one great peo-ple of God.



2 Pow - er and rich-es, wis-dom and might, all hon - or and



glo - ry to Christ for - ev - er.



3 For God has come to dwell with us, to make us peo-ple of



God; to make all things new.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

A The lord be with you.

**C And also with you.**

A Let us pray. Teach us, good Lord God, to serve you as you deserve, to give and not to count the cost, to fight and not to heed the wounds, to toil and not to seek for rest, to labor and not to ask for reward, except that of knowing that we do your will, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

## FIRST READING

L A reading from Jeremiah, Chapter 20.

<sup>7</sup> O Lord, you have enticed me, and I was enticed;  
you have overpowered me, and you have prevailed.

I have become a laughingstock all day long; everyone mocks me.

<sup>8</sup> For whenever I speak, I must cry out; I must shout, "Violence and destruction!"  
For the word of the Lord has become for me a reproach and derision all day long.

<sup>9</sup> If I say, "I will not mention him or speak any more in his name,"  
then within me there is something like a burning fire shut up in my bones;  
I am weary with holding it in, and I cannot.

<sup>10</sup> For I hear many whispering: "Terror is all around!  
Denounce him! Let us denounce him!"

All my close friends are watching for me to stumble.  
"Perhaps he can be enticed, and we can prevail against him  
and take our revenge on him."

<sup>11</sup> But the Lord is with me like a terrifying warrior;  
therefore my persecutors will stumble, and they will not prevail.  
They will be greatly shamed, for they will not succeed.  
Their eternal dishonor will never be forgotten.

<sup>12</sup> O Lord of hosts, you test the righteous; you see the heart and the mind;  
let me see your retribution upon them, for to you I have committed my cause.

<sup>13</sup> Sing to the Lord; praise the Lord!  
For he has delivered the life of the needy from the hands of evildoers.

L Word of God, word of life.

**C Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM 69:7-18** (*spoken responsively*)

<sup>7</sup> Surely, for your sake I have suffered reproach, and shame has covered my face.

<sup>8</sup> **I have become a stranger to my own kindred, an alien to my mother's children.**

<sup>9</sup> Zeal for your house has eaten me up; the scorn of those who scorn you has fallen upon me.

<sup>10</sup> **I humbled myself with fasting, but that was turned to my reproach.**

<sup>11</sup> I put on sackcloth also, and became a byword among them.

<sup>12</sup> **Those who sit at the gate murmur against me, and the drunkards make songs about me.**

<sup>13</sup> But as for me, this is my prayer to you, at the time you have set, o lord:

“in your great mercy, o god, answer me with your unfailing help.

<sup>14</sup> **Save me from the mire; do not let me sink;**

**let me be rescued from those who hate me and out of the deep waters.**

<sup>15</sup> Let not the torrent of waters wash over me, neither let the deep swallow me up;  
do not let the pit shut its mouth upon me.

<sup>16</sup> **Answer me, o Lord, for your love is kind; in your great compassion, turn to me.**

<sup>17</sup> Hide not your face from your servant; be swift and answer me, for I am in distress.

<sup>18</sup> **Draw near to me and redeem me; because of my enemies deliver me.**

**SECOND READING**

L A reading from Romans, Chapter Six.

<sup>1b</sup> Should we continue in sin in order that grace may increase? <sup>2</sup> By no means! How can we who died to sin go on living in it? <sup>3</sup> Do you not know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? <sup>4</sup> Therefore we were buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we also might walk in newness of life.

<sup>5</sup> For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. <sup>6</sup> We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, so we might no longer be enslaved to sin. <sup>7</sup> For whoever has died is freed from sin. <sup>8</sup> But if we died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. <sup>9</sup> We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. <sup>10</sup> The death he died, he died to sin once for all, but the life he lives, he lives to God. <sup>11</sup> So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

L Word of God, word of life.

**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: Matthew 10:24-39

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the tenth chapter.

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

(Jesus said to the twelve:) <sup>24</sup> "A disciple is not above the teacher nor a slave above the master; <sup>25</sup> it is enough for the disciple to be like the teacher and the slave like the master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household!

<sup>26</sup> "So have no fear of them, for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered and nothing secret that will not become known. <sup>27</sup> What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light, and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops. <sup>28</sup> Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather, fear the one who can destroy both soul and body in hell. <sup>29</sup> Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. <sup>30</sup> And even the hairs of your head are all counted. <sup>31</sup> So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows.

<sup>32</sup> "Everyone, therefore, who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven, <sup>33</sup> but whoever denies me before others, I also will deny before my Father in heaven.

<sup>34</sup> "Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth; I have not come to bring peace but a sword.

<sup>35</sup> For I have come to set a man against his father, and a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law, <sup>36</sup> and one's foes will be members of one's own household.

<sup>37</sup> "Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me, and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me, <sup>38</sup> and whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me. <sup>39</sup> Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it."

**P** The Gospel of Our Lord.

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

## **CHILDREN'S TIME**

### **SERMON**

*Please stand as you are able.*

**THE SPIRIT SENDS US FORTH TO SERVE**

Red Hymnal #551

### **APOSTLES' CREED**

**C** 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.

### **PEACE**

**P** The peace of Christ be with you always.

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

*Please be seated.*

### **OFFERING**

Please stand as you are able.

**FOR FATHERS STRONG AND GENTLE**

Words and Music by Mark S. Jonkman

1 For fa - thers strong and gen - tle, Whose love is firm and true, Who  
2 For hands that lift us up - ward, For wis - dom shared with care, For  
3 O God, bless ev - ery fa - ther With strength for ev - ery day, Grant

6  
guide us through life's jour - ney, In all we say and do. We thank our God in  
faith that lights our path - way And hope that's al - ways there. We ce - le - brate their  
pa - tience, grace, and mer - cy To guide them on their way. May they re - flect Your

11  
hea - ven For bles - sings from a - bove, For fa - thers who have shown us The  
kind - ness, - Their cour - age through the years, And che - rish ev - ery mo - ment Their  
good - ness, Your stead - fast, guid - ing hand, And lead with love and ho - nor As

16  
mea - ning of His love.  
laugh - ter dries our tears.  
You, - Lord, have planned

## AS THE GRAINS OF WHEAT

*Refrain*



As the grains of wheat once scat-tered on the hill were



gath-ered in - to one to be - come our bread; so may all your peo-ple from



all the ends of earth be gath-ered in - to one in you.



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



*Refrain*

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

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

P Gathered together by the Holy Spirit, let us pray for the church and the needs of the world.

*A brief silence.*

A Life-giving God, you have called your people to lose their lives for Jesus' sake. Strengthen your church to follow you in the face of difficulty. God of grace,

**C hear our prayer.**

A Creator God, you know every sparrow that falls to the ground. Protect migrating birds, endangered species, and their natural habitats. Empower us to care for your creation. God of grace,

**C hear our prayer.**

A Sovereign God, you call us to act justly and love mercy. Protect those with marginalized identities to whom we have not shown the abounding love of Jesus. Bring an end to oppression and bigotry in all forms. God of grace,

**C** hear our prayer.

A Sustaining God, you promise to provide for us. Help those living with disability. Comfort those experiencing any sort of illness or suffering (*especially*). God of grace,

**C** hear our prayer.

A Empowering God, strengthen us to live out our diverse callings. We pray especially for fathers and father figures, that they show your compassion and care. We pray for all for whom this day is difficult or painful. God of grace,

**C** hear our prayer.

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

A Faithful God, we give thanks for saints who have claimed their baptismal promises. May we follow their example of faith and service. God of grace,

**C** hear our prayer.

P Trusting you receive all our prayers, we commend our spoken and unspoken prayers to you, O God, through Jesus our Savior.

**C** Amen.

P Make us bold, O merciful God, to address you as our Abba as we pray:

**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.**

P 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.

**C** Amen.

## **LIFT HIGH THE CROSS**

**Red Hymnal #660**

## **DISMISSAL**

P Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## **POSTLUDE**

Please mark your calendar for a very important meeting on June 28<sup>th</sup>, immediately following worship. We will be discussing the future of pastoral care and pastoral leadership at St. Andrew's. Your attendance and opinion are valuable. Please join us for this important meeting.



## **TODAY IN WORSHIP**

**Organist:** Mark Jonkman  
**Audio-Video Production:** John Costanzo  
**Usher:** Kathy Brandt and Ron Roth  
**Offering Counters:** Donna George and Janet Rhymer  
**Altar Guild:** Linda Trigiani

## **THIS WEEK AT ST. ANDREW'S**

**Sunday, June 21** 9:30am Worship  
**Monday, June 22** 5:30pm Nursery Committee – Hope House  
7:00pm Parent Partnership Support Group  
**Friday, June 26** **Office Closed**  
7:30pm Crossroads AA  
**Sunday, June 28** 9:30am Worship

### **ZOOM LINK FOR LIVE BROADCAST:**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82677651018?pwd=d1NSZ2V4NTVtMnFJaGp0Mm5GdTZrQT09>

By phone: +1 646-558-8656 (New York) or +1-312-626-6799 (Chicago) TOLL CHARGES MAY APPLY.

Meeting ID: 826 7765 1018 Passcode: 454700

### **MEMBERS CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK**

Chuck Bleice, Tom Corona, Linda DeRenzi-Sutton, Jean Gies, Gwen Krapf, Walter Rankin, Cathy Sachs, Fay Slater, Steve, and Jessi Thorpe.

### **MEMBERS OF THE ST. ANDREW'S FAMILY IN NEED OF PRAYERS**

**Immediate Prayers:** Colleen Connlain, Kathy DeRenzi-Prendergast, Donna Doran, Kevin Gallagher, Lori Guillen, Sue Heater and Family, John, Carol Laustsen, Jim Pennoyer, Kevin Prendergast, Fay Slater, Danielle Smith, and Kate Zumas.

**Members Homebound/Nursing Home:** Margaret Bennett, Shirley Curto, Lisa Detweiler, Carol Ehler, Carl Fisher, Joan Holland, Theresa Lawhead, Irene Neel, Doris Neumeyer, Jean Pleiss, Doris Wanamaker, and Marge Weidner.

**Long Term Prayers:** Jessica Arnoldi, Elaine Bobeck, Rodney Burda, Charlie, Dianna Dillian, Crystal DiLonardo, Michael DiLonardo, Debbie DiLonardo, Carol Ehler, Maj-Britt Enblom, Lori Gilbert, Ryan Gorrie, Rich Heater, Karen Israel, David Jackson, Sandy Joyce, Jennifer, Kamilah, Keith, Ingvar Kjellberg, Laura Lee Laustsen, Barbara Lindner, Pete Merluzzi, Nancy, Paul, Penny, Dan Philipps, Rachel, Lisa and Jim Reinish, Shirley, Ethel Shive, Andi Steckel, Melissa Steckel, and Doug VonNessen.

**Service Members:** Courtney Baskwell, Matthew Baskwell, Levi Birchfield, Kyle Callantine, Anthony Duginski, Vince Franchino, Elizabeth Gordon, Derek Hartman, Kristina Himmelreich, Jan-Oskar Kjellberg, Rhiannon Perry, Mark Pollard, and Joseph Suhr.

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**Now the Feast and Celebration:** OL #01108; **Gospel Verse:** OL #01111; **As the Grains of Wheat:** OL #01112;

**The Great Thanksgiving:** OL #01113; **Eucharistic Acclamation 1, 2 or 3:** OL #01114; **Holy, Holy, Holy:** OL #G3488H; **Through Christ, With Christ, In Christ:** OL #01115; **Amen:** OL #01502.

**Lift High the Cross:** George William Kitchin, Michael Robert Newbolt, Sydney Hugo Nicholson CCLI SONG #5169 Copyright License 11206629 Size B / Streaming License 20854361 Size B

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