

# ST. ANDREW'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

Sunday, July 12, 2026

The Seventh 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.

## SALUTATION



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

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

**A** Let us pray. Almighty God, we thank you for planting in us the seed of your word. By your Holy Spirit help us to receive it with joy, live according to it, and grow in faith and hope and love, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C** **Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

## FIRST READING

**L** A reading from Isaiah, Chapter 55.

<sup>10</sup> For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven  
and do not return there until they have watered the earth,  
making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater,  
<sup>11</sup> so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty,  
but it shall accomplish that which I purpose and succeed in the thing for which I sent it.

<sup>12</sup> For you shall go out in joy and be led back in peace; the mountains and the hills before  
you shall burst into song, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.

<sup>13</sup> Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress; instead of the brier shall come up the  
myrtle,  
and it shall be to the Lord for a memorial, for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.

**L** Word of God, word of life.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

## SECOND READING

**L** A reading from Romans, Chapter Eight.

<sup>1</sup> Therefore there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. <sup>2</sup> For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death. <sup>3</sup> For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do: by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and to deal with sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, <sup>4</sup> so that the just requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. <sup>5</sup> For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. <sup>6</sup> To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. <sup>7</sup> For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law—indeed, it cannot, <sup>8</sup> and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

<sup>9</sup> But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. <sup>10</sup> But if Christ is in you, then the body is dead because of sin, but the Spirit is life because of righteousness. <sup>11</sup> If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

**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 13:1-9, 18-23

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

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

<sup>1</sup>That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. <sup>2</sup>Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. <sup>3</sup>And he told them many things in parables, saying: "Listen! A sower went out to sow. <sup>4</sup>And as he sowed, some seeds fell on a path, and the birds came and ate them up. <sup>5</sup>Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. <sup>6</sup>But when the sun rose, they were scorched, and since they had no root, they withered away. <sup>7</sup>Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. <sup>8</sup>Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. <sup>9</sup>If you have ears, hear!"

<sup>18</sup>"Hear, then, the parable of the sower. <sup>19</sup>When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. <sup>20</sup>As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy, <sup>21</sup>yet such a person has no root but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. <sup>22</sup>As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of this age and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. <sup>23</sup>But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty."

**P** The Gospel of Our Lord.

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

## CHILDREN'S TIME

**SERMON** "Free to Be" Pastor Lauren Applegate

*Please stand as you are able.*

**On What Has Now Been Sown**

#550 Red Hymnal

### **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**

P Trusting in God's steadfast love for all God has made, let us pray for the church, the world, and all of creation.

*A brief silence.*

A God our gardener, you scatter grace like seed across the world. Continue to cultivate the garden of your church with your abundant Spirit. God of grace,

**C hear our prayer.**

A God our joy, your bountiful creation reflects your commitment to life despite our actions disregarding its wonder. We look toward Isaiah's vision, when all creation rejoices, and the trees will clap for joy at your salvation. God of grace,

**C hear our prayer.**

A God our life, you give us the same Spirit by which you raised Christ from the dead. Set our minds on that Spirit whenever fear or condemnation overwhelm throughout the world. God of grace,

**C hear our prayer.**

A God our host and table, we pray for children who hunger and rely on school meals, for all who toil under the hot sun without refreshment, for the chronically ill who have exhausted their resources, and for local concerns (*especially*). God of grace,

**C hear our prayer.**

A God our source, tend this assembly with your grace throughout this summer season. May those who travel for work or recreation do so safely, and may visitors find refreshment among us. God of grace,

**C hear our prayer.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

A We give you thanks that the roots of your goodness run deep throughout history. We remember those saints who have gone before us in faith. God of grace,

**C hear our prayer.**

P Grateful for your abundant provision and trusting in your goodness, we cast all our cares upon you, through the abundant grace of Christ Jesus.

**C Amen.**

**PEACE**

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

**C** And also with you.

*Please be seated.*

**OFFERING**

**SPECIAL MUSIC**

**SECOND OFFERING**

*This special offering is collected on the second Sunday of each month to benefit The Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod.*

*Please stand as you are able.*

**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.

The musical score is written in treble clef with a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#). It consists of five staves of music. The first three staves are the main melody, and the fifth staff is a repeat of the first staff. The lyrics are placed below the notes, with some words hyphenated across lines. There are two numbered verses (1 and 2) for the second part of the hymn.



## HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

*Congregation:*

The musical score is written on a single treble clef staff in the key of D major (indicated by two sharps) and 6/8 time. It consists of five lines of music. The lyrics are: '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!' 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 'mf' 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!

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.

*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.

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

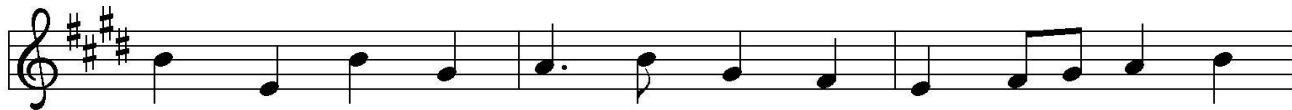
C **Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are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

### INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P All people are called to Christ's table. Come, eat what is good.

*Please prepare for the reception of Communion. Please be seated.*

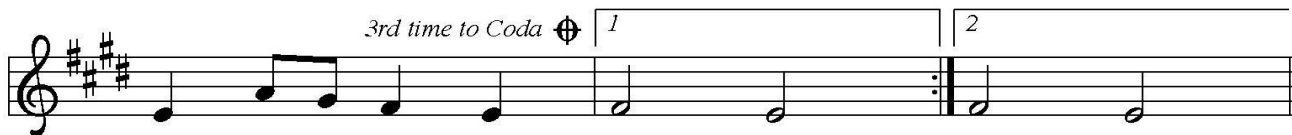
# THANKS BE TO YOU



1 Praise to you, O God of mer - cy: thanks be to you for -  
 2 From of old you loved and sought us: thanks be to you for -  
 3 Praise to you, O God of mer - cy: thanks be to you for -



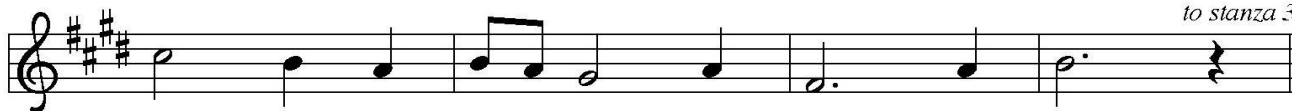
ev - er! Rais - ing high the weak and low - ly:  
 ev - er! Truth and jus - tice you have taught us:  
 ev - er! Rais - ing high the weak and low - ly:



thanks be to you for - ev - er!  
 thanks be to you for - ev - er!  
 thanks be to you for -



Strong is your faith - ful - ness, strong is your love, re -



mem - b'ring your cov - e - nant of life with us.



ev - er! Thanks be to you for - ev - er!

## Hymns Being Played During the Distribution of Communion:

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|---|-----------------|
| <b><i>East This Bread, Drink This Cup</i></b> | #492 Red Hymnal |
| <b><i>For the Bread You Have Broken</i></b>   | #494 Red Hymnal |
| <b><i>I Am the Bread of Life</i></b>          | #485 Red Hymnal |

## DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

*Holy Communion will be celebrated at the base of the steps or at your seats. All are welcome to receive the bread and the wine. Gluten free wafers and juice are also available. Children are welcome to receive a blessing and a fish cracker.*

*Please stand as you are able.*

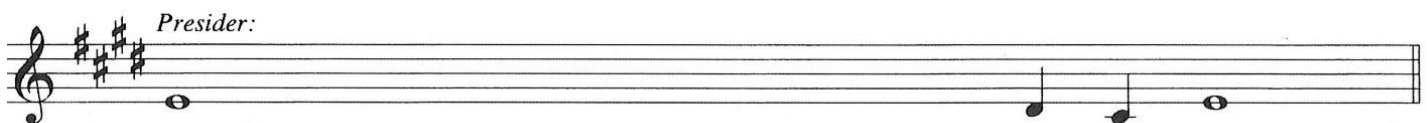
*When all have received Communion:*

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

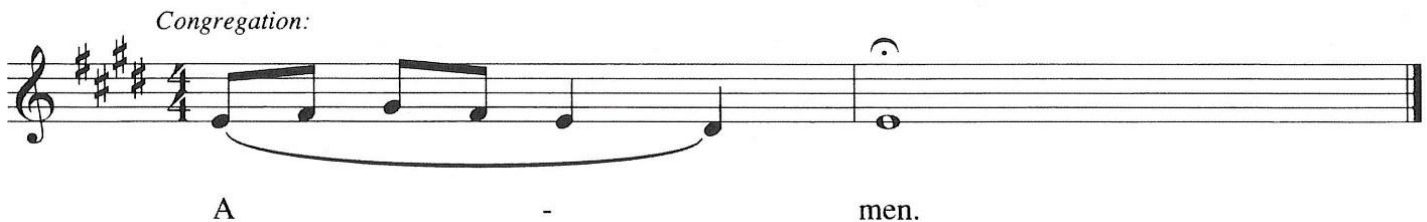
**C** **Amen.**

**A** Let us pray. We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life. In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C** **Amen.**



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.



**Rise Up, O Saints of God!**

**#669 ELW**

## DISMISSAL

**P** Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

## DISCUSSION

## **Free to Be**

Free to Be is a community of small groups, made of families and individuals, that come together to find their freedom to be their full selves in the midst of the chaos of our world.

Participants come together in small group sessions ready to receive and share in mutual support, truth speaking, story sharing, and connection building through these experiences together.



Pastor Lauren Applegate (she/her) is the founding Mission Developer of Free to Be. She is passionate about weaving together her lived experiences of finding freedom in recovery from substance use and family trauma, to show up for opportunities of reformation within hearts and minds of individuals and throughout the body of Christ.

Free to Be is NEPA Synod's first Synod Authorized Outreach Ministry, aimed at building community among people and communities that are easily overlooked; like those recovering from substance abuse and families with young children. Free to Be's ministry is made possible by financial support from people and congregations like you and yours.

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## **TODAY IN WORSHIP**

<b>Preacher:</b>	Pastor Laura Applegate
<b>Organist:</b>	Mark Jonkman
<b>Audio-Video Production:</b>	David Abel
<b>Ushers:</b>	Kathy Brandt
<b>Greeter:</b>	Steve Dutko
<b>July Offering Counters:</b>	Nina Kramer and April Shaheen
<b>July Altar Guild:</b>	Sue Heater

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

<b>Monday, July 13</b>	7:00pm Congregation Council on Zoom 7:00pm Parent Partnership Support Group
<b>Tuesday, July 14</b>	10:00am Small Group Meeting, Hope House 7:00pm Small Group Meeting, Hope House
<b>Wednesday, July 15</b>	10:00am Small Group Meeting, Hope House 7:00pm Small Group Meeting, Hope House
<b>Friday, July 17</b>	7:30pm Crossroads AA
<b>Sunday, July 19</b>	9:30am Worship

## **MEMBERS CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK**

Christopher Baskwell, Matthew Baskwell, and Terry Diehl

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

**Immediate Prayers:** Colleen Connlain, Donna Doran, David Fretz, Lori Gilbert, Lori Guillen, John, Chris Lynn, Melanie Lynn, Jim Pennoyer, Danielle Smith, Steve, 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, Kevin Gallagher, Ryan Gorrie, Rich Heater, Karen Israel, David Jackson, Sandy Joyce, Jennifer, Kamilah, Keith, Ingvar Kjellberg, Carol Laustsen, David Laustsen, Eric Laustsen, Laura Lee Laustsen, Barbara Lindner, Pete Merluzzi, Nancy, Paul, Penny, Dan Philipps, Rachel, Lisa and Jim Reinish, Shirley, Ethel Shive, Danielle Smith, 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.

**Rise Up, O Saints of God!:** OL #85938

**Eat This Bread, Drink This Cup:** OL #01247

**For the Bread You Have Broken:** OL #80309

**I Am the Bread of Life:** OL #00044

**On What Has Now Been Sown:** In the Public Domain Text: John Newton, 1725–1807, alt. Music: John Darwall, 1731–1789 Tune Name Darwall's 148<sup>th</sup>

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

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