

ST. ANDREW'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

**Sunday, August 30, 2026
The Fourteenth Sunday After Pentecost**



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Sunday, August 30, 2026

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.

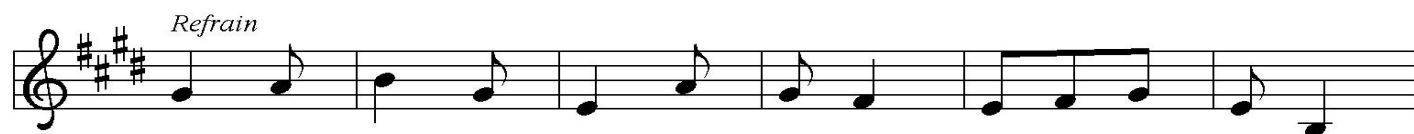
C **Thanks be to God!**

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.

Refrain



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



glo - ry to Christ for - ev - er.

Refrain



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



God; to make all things new.

Refrain

SALUTATION



PRAYER OF THE DAY

A Let us pray. O God, we thank you for your Son, who chose the path of suffering for the sake of the world. Humble us by his example, point us to the path of obedience, and give us strength to follow your commands, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

Please be seated.

FIRST READING

L A reading from Jeremiah, Chapter 15.

¹⁵ O Lord, you know;

remember me and visit me, and bring down retribution for me on my persecutors.

In your forbearance do not take me away; know that on your account I suffer insult.

¹⁶ Your words were found, and I ate them, and your words became to me a joy and the delight of my heart, for I am called by your name, O Lord, God of hosts.

¹⁷ I did not sit in the company of merry-makers, nor did I rejoice;
under the weight of your hand I sat alone, for you had filled me with indignation.

¹⁸Why is my pain unceasing, my wound incurable, refusing to be healed?

Truly, you are to me like a deceitful brook, like waters that fail.

¹⁹Therefore thus says the Lord:

If you turn back, I will take you back, and you shall stand before me.

If you utter what is precious and not what is worthless, you shall serve as my mouth.

It is they who will turn to you, not you who will turn to them.

²⁰ And I will make you to this people a fortified wall of bronze; they will fight against you, but they shall not prevail over you, for I am with you to save you and deliver you, says the Lord.

²¹ I will deliver you out of the hand of the wicked
and redeem you from the grasp of the ruthless.

L Word of God, word of life.

C Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

L A reading from Romans, Chapter Twelve.

⁹ Let love be genuine; hate what is evil; hold fast to what is good; ¹⁰ love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. ¹¹ Do not lag in zeal; be ardent in spirit; serve the Lord. ¹² Rejoice in hope; be patient in affliction; persevere in prayer. ¹³ Contribute to the needs of the saints; pursue hospitality to strangers.

¹⁴ Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. ¹⁵ Rejoice with those who rejoice; weep with those who weep. ¹⁶ Live in harmony with one another; do not be arrogant, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. ¹⁷ Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. ¹⁸ If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. ¹⁹ Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God, for it is written, "Vengeance is mine; I will repay, says the Lord." ²⁰ Instead, "if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink, for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads." ²¹ Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

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 16:21-28

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

C Glory to you, O Lord.

P ²¹ From that time on, [after Peter confessed that Jesus was the Messiah,] Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes and be killed and on the third day be raised. ²² And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, "God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you." ²³ But he turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a hindrance to me, for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

²⁴ Then Jesus told his disciples, “If any wish to come after me, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ²⁵ For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. ²⁶ For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life?

²⁷ “For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. ²⁸ Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom.”

P The Gospel of Our Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN’S TIME

SERMON

Please stand as you are able.

BUILD US UP, LORD

#670 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

PEACE

P The peace of Christ be with you always.

C And also with you.

Please be seated.

OFFERING

SPECIAL MUSIC

HALLE, HALLE, HALLE

Summer Chancel Choir

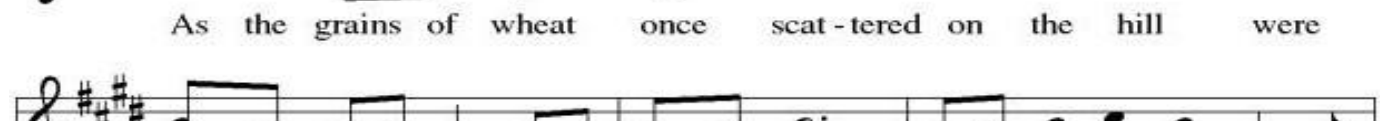
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AS THE GRAINS OF WHEAT

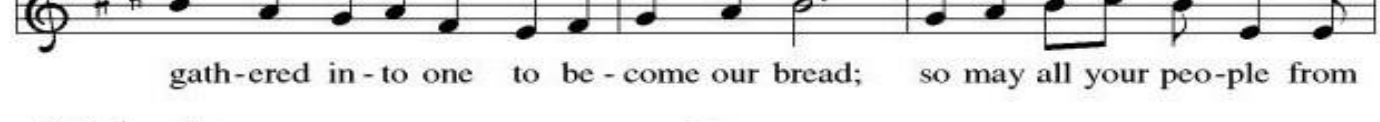
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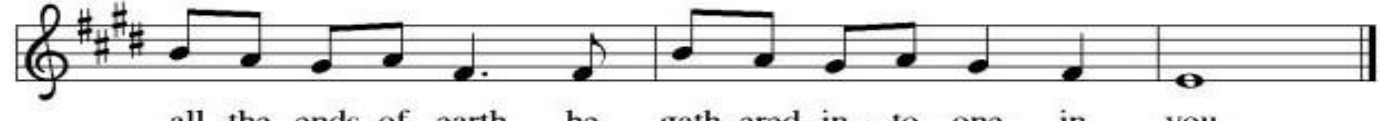
As the grains of wheat once scat-tered on the hill were



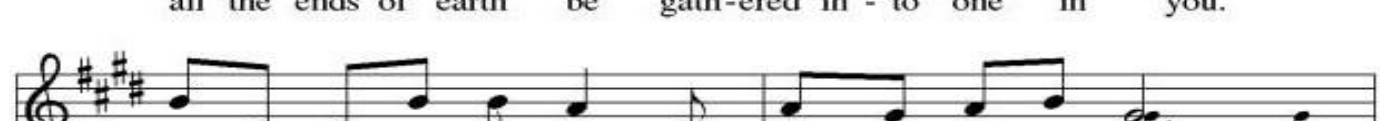
gath-ered in - to one to be - come our bread; so may all your peo-ple from



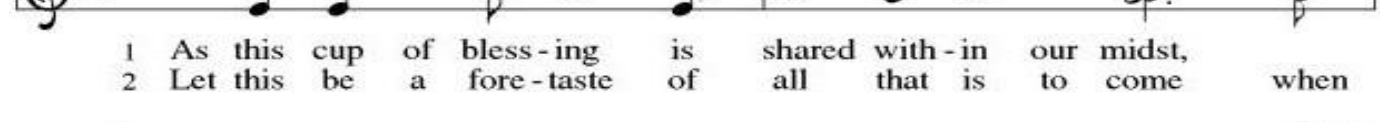
all the ends of earth be gath-ered in - to one in you.



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.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

- A** Let us pray. Holy God, gracious and merciful, you bring forth food from the earth and nourish your whole creation. Turn our hearts toward those who hunger in any way, that all may know your care; and prepare us now to feast on the bread of life, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
- C** Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Presider: *Congregation:*

The Lord be with you. And al - so with

you. *Presider:* *Congregation:*

Lift up your hearts. We

Presider:

lift them to the Lord. Let us give

Congregation:

thanks to the Lord our God. It is

right to give God thanks and praise.

P It is our duty and delight that we should everywhere and always offer thanks and praise to you, O God, through Jesus Christ who calls us to follow his way of humble service and love, and so with the church on earth, all creation and the host of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Congregation:

The musical score is written on five staves in treble clef with a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#). The first staff begins with a 6/8 time signature. The second staff changes to 3/8 time, and the third staff returns to 6/8. 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!'.

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.

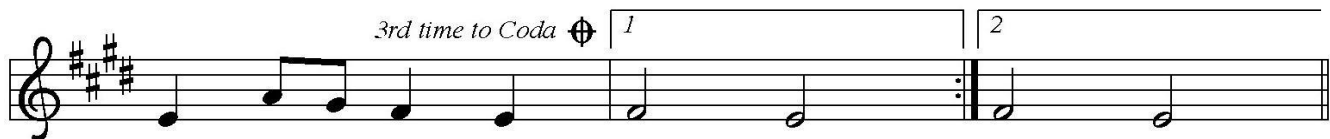
THANKS BE TO YOU



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.

⊕ Coda



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

Hymns Being Played During the Distribution of Communion:

Let Us Break Bread Together

#471 Red Hymnal

In the Singing

#466 Red Hymnal

One Bread, One Body

#496 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.

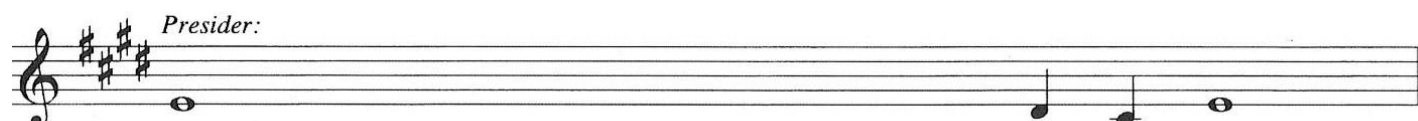
When all have received Communion:

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.

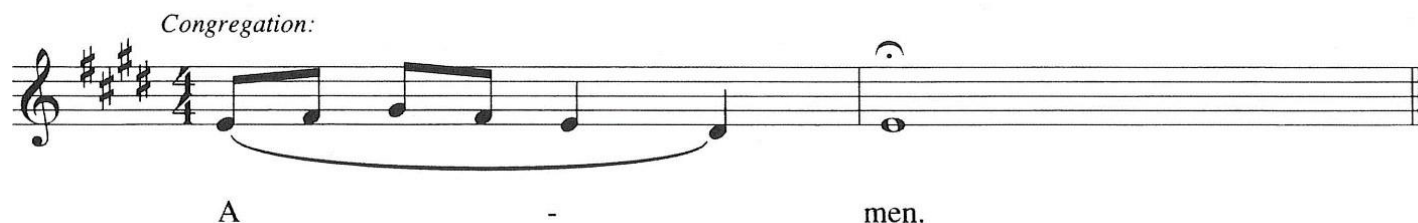
C **Amen.**

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.



GOD, WHOSE ALMIGHTY WORD

#673 Red Hymnal

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

TODAY IN WORSHIP

Organist: Mark Jonkman
Audio-Video Production: John Costanzo
Worship Assistant: David Abel
Ushers: Kathy Brandt and Sue Pettit
Aug. Offering Counters: Shirley Kerbaugh and Kathy Brandt
Sept. Offering Counters: Donna George and Janet Rhymer
Aug. Altar Guild: Debbie Ealer
Sept.r Altar Guild: Linda Trigiani

THIS WEEK AT ST. ANDREW'S

Sunday, August 30 9:30am Worship
Monday, August 31 Nursery School Staff Return
7:00pm Parent Partnership Support Group
Thursday, September 3 7:00pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal
7:00pm Nursery School Parent Open House
Friday, September 4 7:30pm Crossroads AA
Sunday, September 6 9:30am Worship

ZOOM LINK FOR LIVE BROADCAST:

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MEMBERS CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

Joan Holland, Fran Rankin, Julie Vernarr, Malena Viscomi, and Timothy Warrelmann.

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

Immediate Prayers: Colleen Connlain, Donna Doran, David Fretz, Lori Gilbert, Jerri Heebner, Leo, Melanie Lynn, Jim Pennoyer, and Steve.

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, Lori Guillen, 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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