

# ST. ANDREW'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

Sunday, September 6, 2026  
The Fifteenth 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

*Refrain*



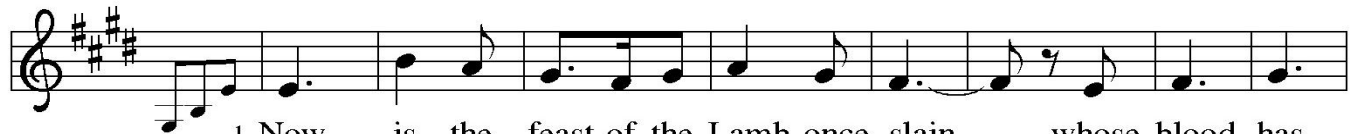
Now the feast and cel - e - bra - tion, all of cre - a - tion



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*

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

A The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

A Let us pray. O Lord God, enliven and preserve your church with your perpetual mercy. Without your help, we mortals will fail; remove far from us everything that is harmful, and lead us toward all that gives life and salvation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C **Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

## FIRST READING

L A reading from Ezekiel, Chapter 33.

<sup>7</sup> So you, mortal, I have made a sentinel for the house of Israel; whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. <sup>8</sup> If I say to the wicked, "O wicked ones, you shall surely die," and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but their blood I will require at your hand. <sup>9</sup> But if you warn the wicked to turn from their ways and they do not turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but you will have saved your life.

<sup>10</sup> Now you, mortal, say to the house of Israel: Thus you have said: "Our transgressions and our sins weigh upon us, and we waste away because of them; how then can we live?" <sup>11</sup> Say to them: As I live, says the Lord God, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked but that the wicked turn from their ways and live; turn back, turn back from your evil ways, for why will you die, O house of Israel?

L Word of God, word of life.

C **Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM 119:33-40 (*spoken responsively*)

L <sup>33</sup> Teach me, O Lord, the way of your statutes, and I shall keep it to the end.

C <sup>34</sup> **Give me understanding, and I shall keep your teaching; I shall keep it with all my heart.**

L <sup>35</sup> Lead me in the path of your commandments, for that is my desire.

C <sup>36</sup> **Incline my heart to your decrees and not to unjust gain.**

L <sup>37</sup> Turn my eyes from beholding falsehood; give me life in your way.

C <sup>38</sup> **Fulfill your promise to your servant, which is for those who fear you.**

L <sup>39</sup> Turn away the reproach that dread, because your judgments are good.

C <sup>40</sup> **Behold, I long for your commandments; by your righteousness enliven me.**

## SECOND READING

L A reading from Romans, Chapter Thirteen.

<sup>8</sup> Owe no one anything, except to love one another, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. <sup>9</sup> The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery; you shall not murder; you shall not steal; you shall not covet," and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." <sup>10</sup> Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.

<sup>11</sup> Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is already the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; <sup>12</sup> the night is far gone; the day is near. Let us then throw off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; <sup>13</sup> let us walk decently as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in illicit sex and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. <sup>14</sup> Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

L Word of God, word of life.

C **Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand as you are able.*

*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 18:15-20**

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

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

(Jesus said to the disciples) <sup>15</sup> “If your brother or sister sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If you are listened to, you have regained that one. <sup>16</sup> But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. <sup>17</sup> If that person refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church, and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a gentile and a tax collector. <sup>18</sup> Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. <sup>19</sup> Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. <sup>20</sup> For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.”

**P** The Gospel of Our Lord.

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

## **CHILDREN’S TIME**

### **SERMON**

*Please stand as you are able.*

**LORD, WHOSE LOVE IN HUMBLE SERVICE**

Red Hymnal #712

### **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**

### **SPECIAL MUSIC**

**FILLED WITH THANKS**

*Chancel Choir*

*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.

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

P Reminded of God's gracious and abundant love, we offer our prayers, confident that God hears us.

*A brief silence.*

A Proclaiming God, empower your church throughout the world to announce the words you give us. Open us to receive your word in unexpected ways. Hear us, O God.

**C Your mercy is great.**

A Forming God, renew the cycles of your creation that provide for the needs of all. Protect grasslands, marshes, swamps, and all places of transition. Heal communities crying out after disaster (*especially*). Hear us, O God.

**C Your mercy is great.**

A Governing God, turn all who create, enforce, or interpret legislation away from selfish gain and toward your promise of good for all, especially the good of all who labor. Hear us, O God.

**C Your mercy is great.**

A Attending God, wake us up to any around us who are in need. Restore broken relationships, failing health, frayed emotions, and the hurts we carry with us. (*We pray especially for . . .*) Hear us, O God.

**C Your mercy is great.**

A Gathering God, resolve conflicts in this community through your righteousness and grace.  
Reconcile us to each other, making your good news known even through our imperfections.  
Hear us, O God.

**C Your mercy is great.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

A Loving God, all who die in faith have life with you. We give you thanks for the nearness of your salvation for (*name/s, and*) all who have gone before us. Hear us, O God.

**C Your mercy is great.**

A Grant the prayers we have offered, what we have forgotten to ask, and whatever else you see that we need. We ask this in Jesus' name.

**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.**

## **BLESSING**

P Almighty God, Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

**C Amen.**

## **WE ARE CALLED**

**Red Hymnal #720**

## **DISMISSAL**

P Go in peace. Remember the poor.

**C Thanks be to God.**

## **POSTLUDE**

## **TODAY IN WORSHIP**

|                                |                                 |
|--------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| <b>Organist:</b>               | Mark Jonkman                    |
| <b>Audio-Video Production:</b> | John Costanzo                   |
| <b>Worship Assistant:</b>      | Guy Ehler                       |
| <b>Lector:</b>                 | Sue Himmelreich                 |
| <b>Ushers:</b>                 | Linda Trigiani and Ed Schaeffer |
| <b>Offering Counters:</b>      | Donna George and Janet Rhymer   |
| <b>Altar Guild:</b>            | Linda Trigiani                  |

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

|                           |                                                 |
|---------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Sunday, Sept. 6</b>    | 9:30am Worship                                  |
| <b>Monday, Sept. 7</b>    | <b>Labor Day – Office Closed</b>                |
|                           | 7:00pm Parent Partnership Support Group         |
| <b>Tuesday, Sept. 8</b>   | *First Day Classes, Nursery School              |
|                           | 1:00pm Worship and Music Committee, Hope House  |
|                           | 7:00pm Property Team, Zoom                      |
|                           | 7:00pm Easton Musical Arts                      |
| <b>Wednesday, Sept. 9</b> | 10:00am St. Andrew's Women Meeting, Social Room |
| <b>Thursday, Sept. 10</b> | 7:00pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal                  |
| <b>Friday, Sept. 11</b>   | 7:30pm Crossroads AA                            |
| <b>Sunday, Sept. 13</b>   | 9:30am Worship                                  |

*\*As a reminder, our parking lot is very busy during drop-off and pick-up times for the Nursery School. Please enter the parking lot with caution.*

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

Laura Azzalina, Quinn Barilone, Logan Pickel, Ron Roth, Jean Sales, and Alana Schneck.

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

**Immediate Prayers:** Colleen Connlain, Shirley Curto, Donna Doran, David Fretz, Leo, Linda, Lori Gilbert, Jerri Heebner, Jim Pennoyer, Kevin Prendergast, 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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**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.

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