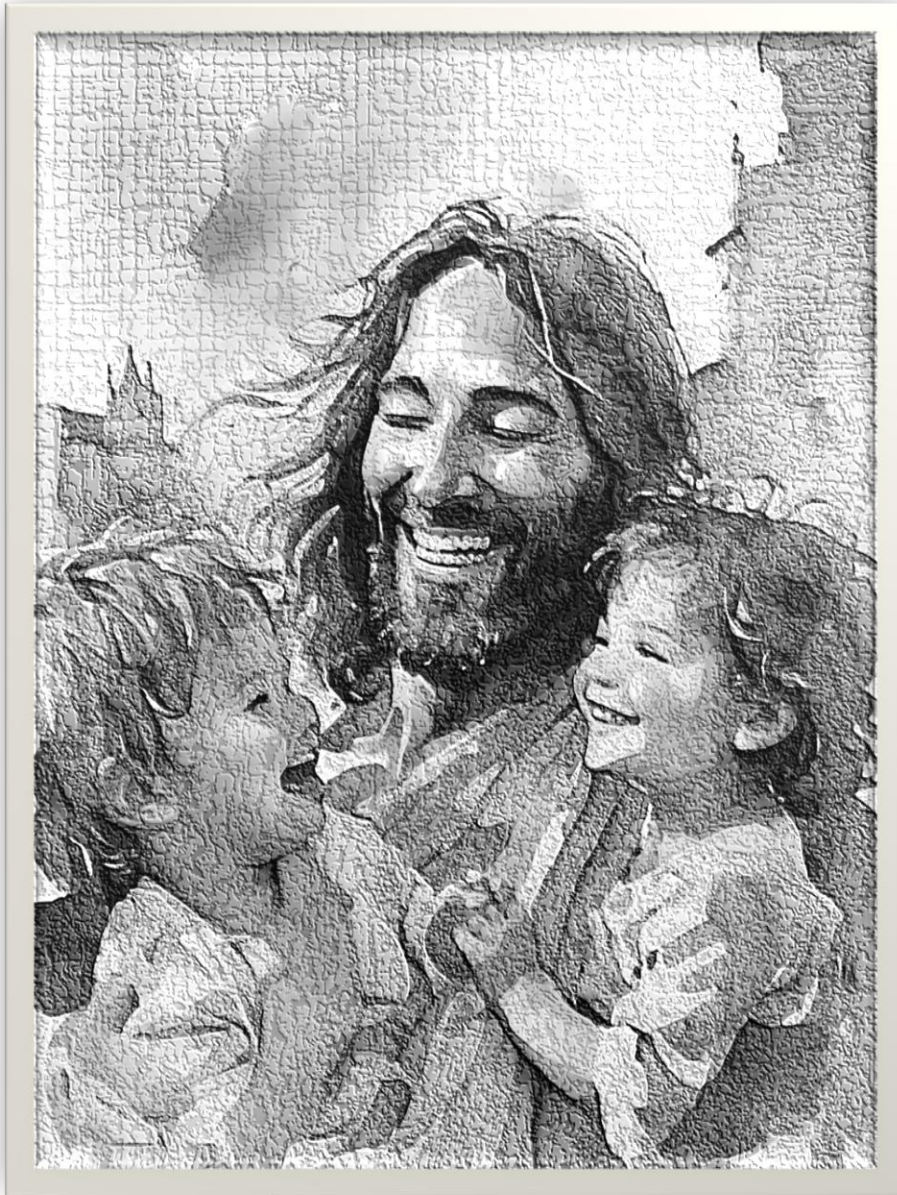


**Sunday, September 13, 2026**  
**The Sixteenth Sunday After Pentecost**



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# Sunday, September 13, 2026

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.**

*The presiding minister addresses the assembly.*

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. Most merciful God,

C **we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. 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 loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.**

**Amen.**

P In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

*Our Father, by Whose Name*

Red Hymnal #640

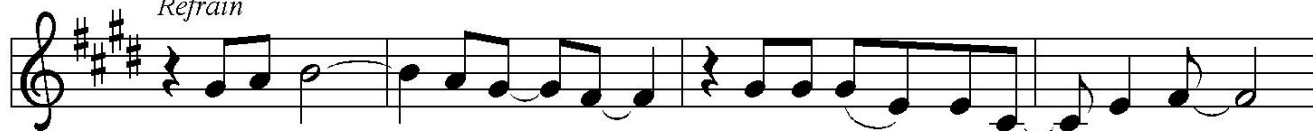
## GREETING

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

### *Refrain*



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,

### *Refrain*



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

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

A Let us pray. O Lord God, merciful judge, you are the inexhaustible fountain of forgiveness. Replace our hearts of stone with hearts that love and adore you, that we may delight in doing your will, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C **Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

## FIRST READING

L A reading from Deuteronomy, chapter 6.

<sup>5</sup> You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. <sup>6</sup> Keep these words that I am commanding you today in your heart. <sup>7</sup> Recite them to your children and talk about them when you are at home and when you are away, when you lie down and when you rise.

L The word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

## SECOND READING

L A reading from Luke, chapter 2.

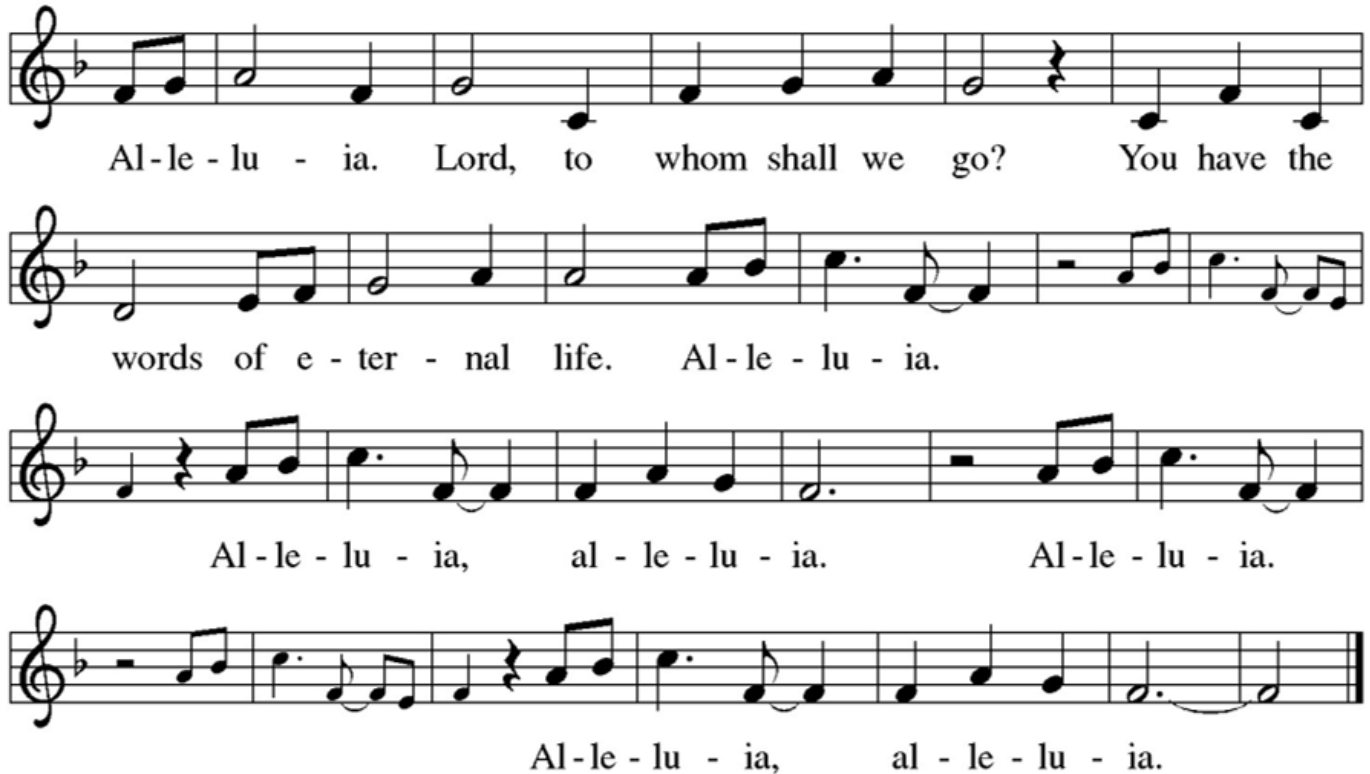
<sup>41</sup> Now every year his parents went to Jerusalem for the festival of the Passover. <sup>42</sup> And when he was twelve years old, they went up as usual for the festival. <sup>43</sup> When the festival was ended and they started to return, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but his parents were unaware of this. <sup>44</sup> Assuming that he was in the group of travelers, they went a day's journey. Then they started to look for him among their relatives and friends. <sup>45</sup> When they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem to search for him. <sup>46</sup> After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. <sup>47</sup> And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers.

L The word of the Lord.

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: Matthew 19:13-15

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the Nineteenth Chapter.

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

**P** <sup>13</sup> Then children were being brought to him in order that he might lay his hands on them and pray. The disciples spoke sternly to those who brought them, <sup>14</sup> but Jesus said, "Let the children come to me, and do not stop them, for it is to such as these that the kingdom of heaven belongs." <sup>15</sup> And he laid his hands on them and went on his way.

**P** The gospel of the Lord.

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

*Please be seated.*

## CHILDREN'S TIME

### SPEAKER

Kayla Herrman, Nursery School Parent

### SERMON

*Please stand as you are able.*

***Children of the Heavenly Father***

Red Hymnal #781

## **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**

**SECOND SUNDAY OFFERING** *To benefit the ministries of The Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod.*

## **OFFERING MUSIC**

*Come, Spirit, Come*

Chancel Choir

*Let the Vineyards be Fruitful*

Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the  
brim our cup of bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the  
seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life.  
Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u - nite them with the  
prayers we of - fer. Grace our ta - ble with your pres - ence,  
and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

The musical score is written on six staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below each staff. The first staff ends with a double bar line, and the final staff also ends with a double bar line.

*Please stand as you are able.*

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.**

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.

P Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord, heaven and earth are full of your glory. In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son, who reached out to heal the sick and suffering, who preached good news to the poor, and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

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.

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension, we await his coming in glory.

Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food, the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord; to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever.

**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.

### Hymns During Distribution:

***We Place Upon Your Table, Lord***

Red Hymnal #467

***Blessed Assurance***

Red Hymnal #638

***Bread of Life, Our Host and Meal***

Red Hymnal #464

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

C **Amen.**

***On Eagle's Wings***

Red Hymnal #787

### DISMISSAL

A Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

### POSTLUDE

### ZOOM

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## **TODAY IN WORSHIP**

**Organist:** Mark Jonkman

**Audio/Video:** John Costanzo

**Ushers:** Linda Trigiani and Ed Schaeffer

**Altar Guild:** Linda Trigiani

**Offering Counters:** Janet Rhymer and Kathy Brandt

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

|                               |                                         |
|-------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|
| <b>Sunday, September 20</b>   | 9:30am Worship                          |
| <b>Monday, September 21</b>   | 7:00pm Parent Partnership Support Group |
| <b>Tuesday, September 22</b>  | 7:00pm Easton Musical Arts Chorus       |
| <b>Thursday, September 24</b> | 7:00pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal          |
| <b>Friday, September 25</b>   | 7:30pm Crossroads AA                    |
| <b>Sunday, September 27</b>   | 9:30am Worship                          |

## **MEMBERS CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK**

Robert Arndts, Nora Connlain, Carol Corona, Diane Laustsen, Andrew Mashintonio, Robert Pettit, and Bob Saville.

## **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 DiLorenzo, Michael DiLorenzo, Debbie DiLorenzo, 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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# Welcome All!

## OUR MINISTRIES WELCOME ALL

This fall we will touch on three themes: Welcoming All ... Praising God ... and Serving Others!

St. Andrew's Lutheran Church has evolved over the years and is facing more change in the year ahead, but our church has many positive constants to celebrate. During our fall stewardship effort, we'll talk about a few of our ministries. We'll see why they are so important and how they change lives for the better. They are some of our constants which make us a vibrant place to worship.

In today's Gospel reading, Matthew 19:13-15, we learn that we need to offer a place for all of God's children especially the most vulnerable. Here at St. Andrew's, one way we make that happen is through our Nursery School. By serving young children and their families, we help make a positive difference in young lives.

Our lives and gifts are meant to be used and shared. St. Andrew's Lutheran Church needs our support to do God's work in our church and in our community. People give to those things they care most about. What ministries do you personally care about most? Please consider your personal generosity and how you can give to help keep the ministries of St. Andrew's Church vital and growing! Thank you.

