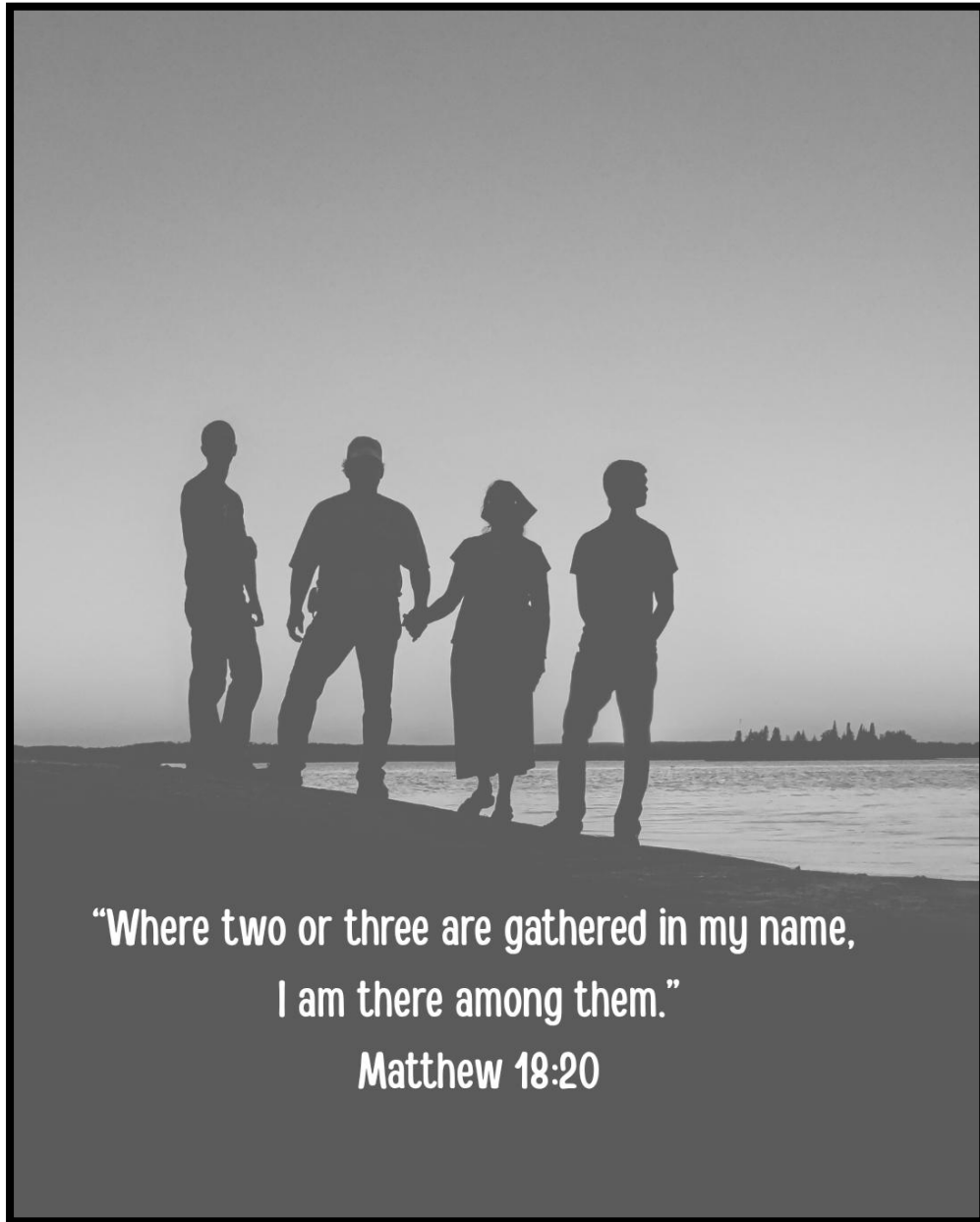


Sunday, September 6, 2026
The 15th Sunday after Pentecost
5:00 PM



Welcome to Worship!
As we prepare for worship, please silence your mobile devices.
We invite you to a time of silence and focus.



WELCOME TO WORSHIP: It is our joy to welcome you to worship today, in-person and from wherever you may be viewing. We give thanks for whatever brought you, and pray that you may experience the love of God surrounding you and upholding you as we gather together to give thanks to God through Word and Sacrament.

ASSISTED LISTENING DEVICES are available to use in the Sanctuary for worship. They are located in the Sound Booth; ask the Sound Booth operator if you would like to use one.

WORSHIP IS LIVESTREAMED in the Faith and Family Center (located near the entrance doors to the large parking lot). Anyone is welcome to worship in that space.

HOLY COMMUNION: All are welcome at the Lord's table. Holy Communion is God's Word made visible in bread and wine. At communion distribution, the BREAD is placed in the hands. Red wine and White grape juice are offered by individual cups. Gluten free options are available, as well.

WE WELCOME CHILDREN IN WORSHIP! Like Jesus who welcomed children to his ministry, Saint Andrew's welcomes children to our worship services. Re-usable activity bags (for readers and non-readers) with books, stickers, crayons, paper, and a snack are available from the usher/hospitality team; please return the bags following worship.

- "Younger Disciples Tips" are in the bulletin with ideas to engage children in worship.
- "A Time for Younger Disciples" during worship invites all God's children to listen to a message.

Health Practices in place to help reduce the spread of viruses and illness:

- Mask wearing is optional. Anyone who wishes to mask is welcome to do so.
- Hand sanitizer is available throughout the building.

For other activities, events, meetings check our website: <https://SALC.church>

VIDEO AND AUDIO RECORDING IN PROGRESS

Saint Andrews livestreams and records its worship services to YouTube.

Video and Audio recording is currently in progress. It is possible that video footage and/or audio conversations of worshippers in the Saint Andrew's Sanctuary may appear on the YouTube livestream/recording.

GATHERING

PRELUDE

“Prelude” Louis Vierne transcribed by Charles Callahan
Fabian Nieto, Clarinet and Will Simpson, Organ

WELCOME

Pastor Lara

Worship leaders will say text in light print.
Congregation will say/respond with bold text.

Please stand as you are able.



HYMN

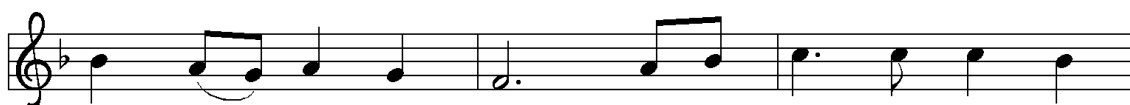
All Are Welcome



1 Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safe - ly
 2 Let us build a house where proph-ets speak, and words are strong and
 3 Let us build a house where love is found in wa - ter, wine and
 4 Let us build a house where hands will reach be - yond the wood and
 5 Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and vi - sions



live, a place where saints and chil - dren tell how
 true, where all God's chil - dren dare to seek to
 wheat: a ban - quet hall on ho - ly ground where
 stone to heal and strength - en, serve and teach, and
 heard and loved and trea - sured, taught and claimed as



hearts learn to for - give. Built of hopes and dreams and
 dream God's reign a - new. Here the cross shall stand as
 peace and jus - tice meet. Here the love of God, through
 live the Word they've known. Here the out - cast and the
 words with - in the Word. Built of tears and cries and



vi - sions, rock of faith and vault of grace; here the love of
 wit - ness and as sym - bol of God's grace; here as one we
 Je - sus, is re - vealed in time and space; as we share in
 strang-er bear the im - age of God's face; let us bring an
 laugh-ter, prayers of faith and songs of grace, let this house pro -



Christ shall end di - vi - sions:
 claim the faith of Je - sus:
 Christ the feast that frees us: All are wel - come,
 end to fear and dan - ger:
 claim from floor to raf - ter:



all are wel - come, all are wel - come in this place.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, whose compassion endures forever.
Amen.

Baptized into Christ, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Compassionate God,
we confess to you all our sins.
Our burden is heavy, and we cannot free ourselves.
Forgive us, and in your mercy,
call us back to you.
Restore us to dwell in your peace.
In Christ's name we pray,
Amen.

Beloveds, you belong to Christ Jesus
and you are God's children through faith.
In the cross of † Christ,
and through the power of the Holy Spirit,
your sins are forgiven.
Amen.

GREETING

The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
And also with you.

HYMN OF PRAISE



☐ Glo-ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;



glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.



I Lord God, heav - en - ly king, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we



wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.



☐ Glo-ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;



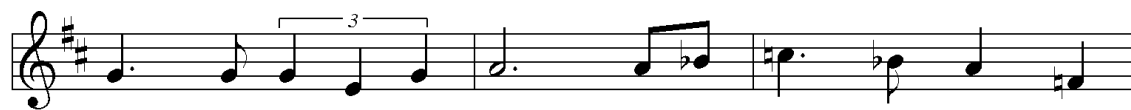
glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.



II Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther,



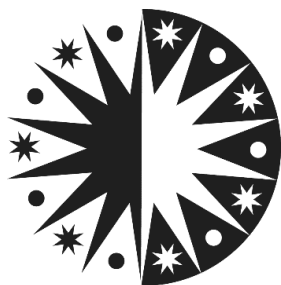
Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the



world: have mer - cy on us; you are seat - ed at the



right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.



PRAYER OF THE DAY

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

Please be seated.

A TIME FOR YOUNGER DISCIPLES

Pastor Lara

WORD

First Reading: Ezekiel 33:7-11

God appointed Ezekiel as a sentinel for the house of Israel. Ezekiel must faithfully convey God's warnings to the people. Remarkably, God—who is about to attack Jerusalem—gives a warning with the hope that repentance will make the attack unnecessary.

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. 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. 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.

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?" 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?

Word of God. Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

Al - le - lu - ia. You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE GOSPEL

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew.
Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel: Matthew 18:15-20

[Jesus said to the disciples:] “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. 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. 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. 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. 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.

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

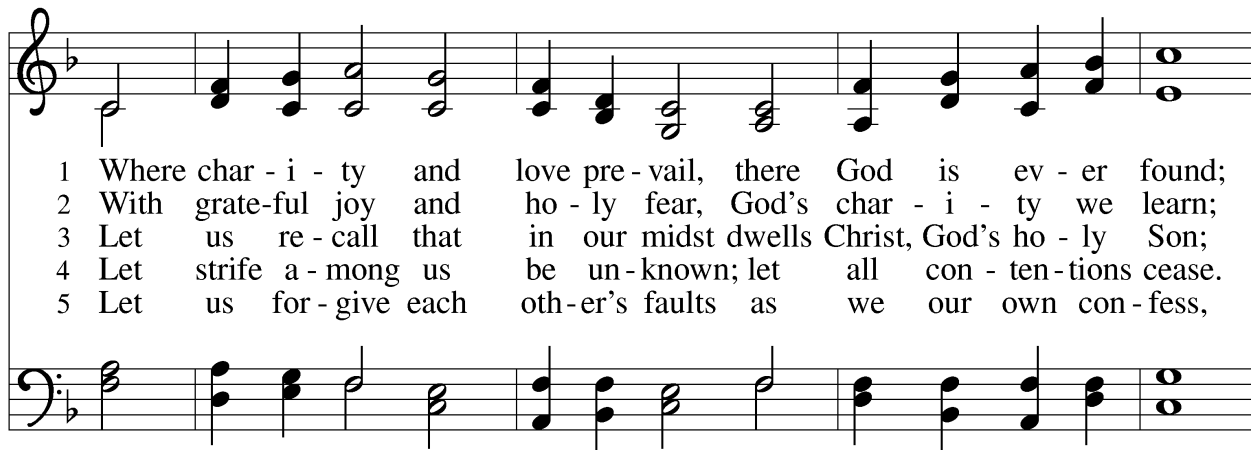
SERMON

Pastor Lara Forbes

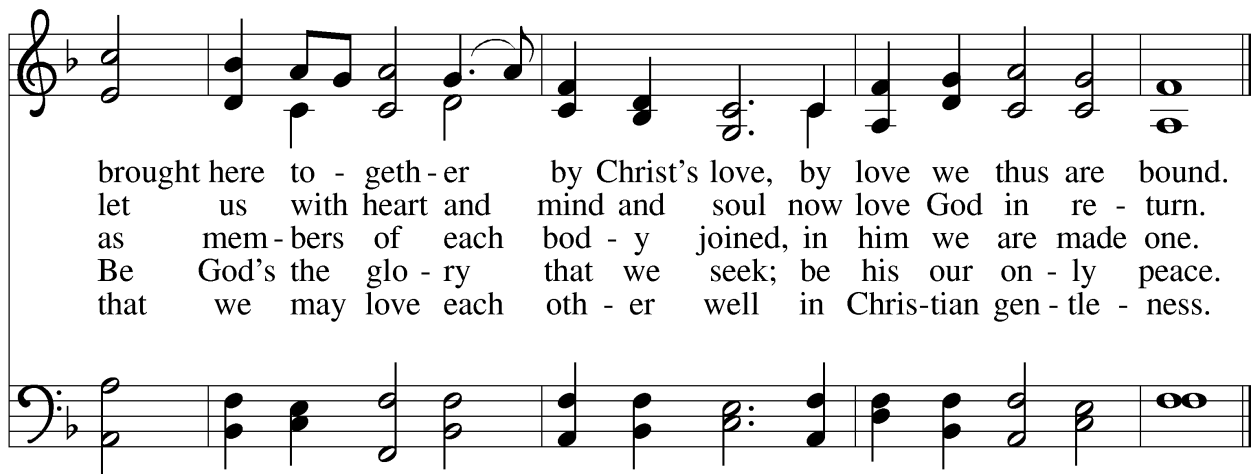
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HYMN

Where Charity and Love Prevail



1 Where char - i - ty and love pre - vail, there God is ev - er found;
 2 With grate-ful joy and ho - ly fear, God's char - i - ty we learn;
 3 Let us re - call that in our midst dwells Christ, God's ho - ly Son;
 4 Let strife a - mong us be un - known; let all con - ten - tions cease.
 5 Let us for - give each oth - er's faults as we our own con - fess,



brought here to - geth - er by Christ's love, by love we thus are bound.
 let us with heart and mind and soul now love God in re - turn.
 as mem - bers of each bod - y joined, in him we are made one.
 Be God's the glo - ry that we seek; be his our on - ly peace.
 that we may love each oth - er well in Chris - tian gen - tle - ness.



AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Apostles' Creed

Trusting in God's baptismal promises, we affirm our faith using the words of the 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 power of 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.**

** here, "catholic" means the wholeness of the church in all times and places.*

Younger Disciples Tip ~ Prayers/Offering: Invite children to write down who they want to pray for this week and one way they can serve their family/community.

THE PRAYERS

After each petition, the leader will say, "Lord, in your mercy".

*Your response is, **hear our prayer.***

THE PEACE

**The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.**

We share God's peace to reconcile with one another so that we are at peace with each other before receiving the sacrament of Holy Communion.

Please be seated.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Lara

OFFERING Our ushers will be passing offering plates. We welcome your gifts to support the mission and ministry of Saint Andrew's Lutheran Church. There are envelopes in the pews, or you can give online using the QR code.



OFFERTORY MUSIC "Shall We Gather at the River"
Fabian Nieto, Clarinet and Will Simpson, Organ

Daniel Kallman

Please stand as you are able

OFFERTORY VERSE

Musical notation for the Offertory Verse, consisting of six staves of music in G major (one sharp). The lyrics are written below the notes.

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 dreams of all; u - nite them with the prayers we
of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your pres - ence,
Lord, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Loving God,
we offer at your table the gifts of our hearts. Help us take heart in you and share freely of your love, so that all creation can taste your abundance. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit abiding with us now and forever. Amen.



MEAL

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

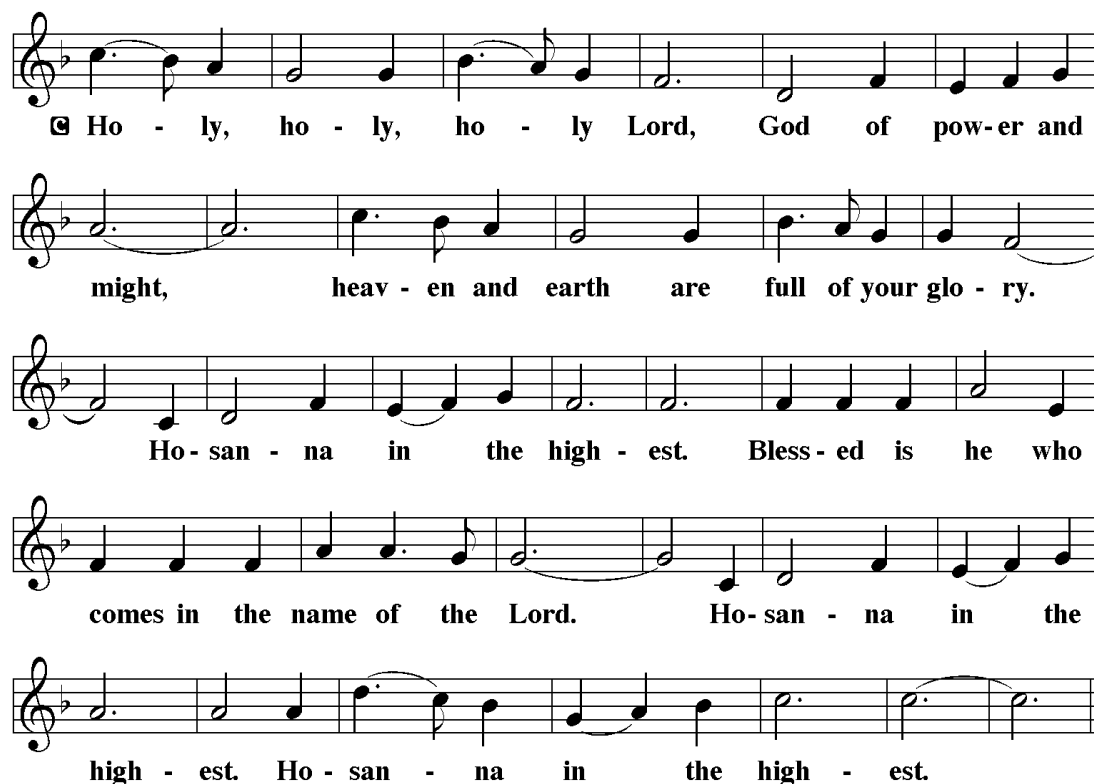
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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:

** We say "on this day" because we celebrate Easter every Sunday.*

SANCTUS



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and
might, heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry.
Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the
high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

On the night that Jesus was betrayed, he took bread, blessed and broke it and shared it with his friends, saying, “Take and eat, this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

After they had eaten, Jesus took the cup, blessed it, and shared it with his friends, saying, “This cup is the new covenant in my blood which is shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

We pray together the prayer Jesus taught us:

THE LORD’S PRAYER

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.

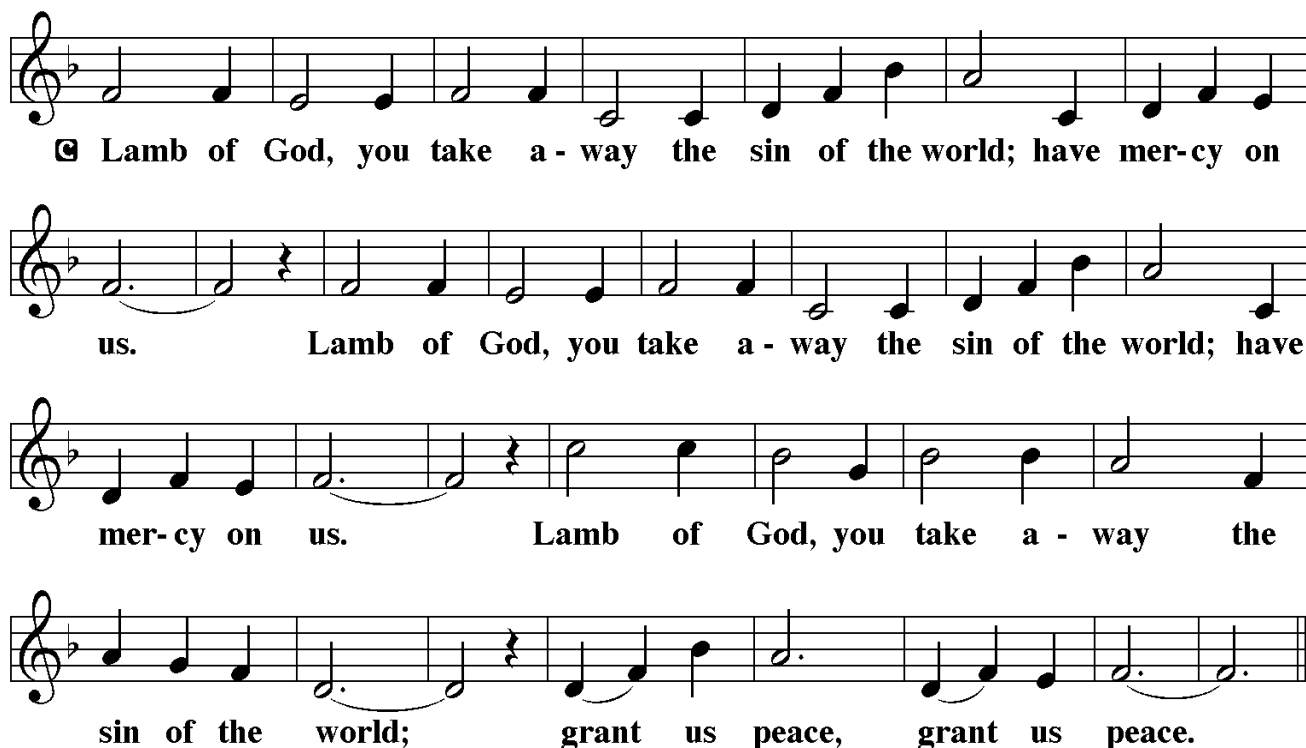
INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Come to the table of God, where the fences are torn down and the harvest is shared.
The feast is ready and all are welcome!

Please be seated.

*We wait silently as the participants who are worshipping online are communed.
All are invited and welcome at the Lord's table.*

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.

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

Communion is received around the altar rail. You are invited to kneel or stand as you feel comfortable. Please follow the directions of the ushers and use the hand sanitizer provided.

Bread is placed in the hands. Red wine and White grape juice are offered by individual cup. Please ask if you would like a gluten-free option.

If you wish to be communed in your seat, please let one of the ushers/hospitality team know.

COMMUNION HYMN

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.

Please stand as you are able.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray together. Compassionate God,
through the gifts of bread and wine our hearts are filled with the abundance of your
love. Strengthen us that we, through this holy meal, may share your love freely, as
you have shared with us. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit
nourishing us now and forever. Amen.

SENDING

Younger Disciples Tip ~ Blessing: Mark the sign of the cross on your child's forehead as a reminder of this sending blessing

BLESSING

May the love of God abound in you.

May the grace of our savior Jesus Christ fill your hearts.

May the life of the Holy Spirit ✠ bless you and give you peace. **Amen.**



SENDING HYMN

Sent Forth by God's Blessing

1 Sent forth by God's bless-ing, our true faith con-fess-ing,
2 With praise and thanks-giv-ing to God ev-er-liv-ing,
the peo-ple of our God from this dwell-ing take leave.
the tasks of our ev-'ry-day life we will face—
The sup-per is end-ed. Oh, now be ex-tend-ed
our faith ev-er shar-ing, in love ev-er car-ing,
the fruits of this ser-vice in all who be-lieve.
em-brac-ing God's chil-dren, the whole hu-man race.
The seed of Christ's teach-ing, re-cep-tive souls
With your feast you feed us, with your light now
reach-ing, shall blos-som in ac-tion for God and for all.
lead us; u-nite us as one in this life that we share.
Your grace shall in-cite us, your love shall u-nite us
Then may all the liv-ing with praise and thanks-giv-ing
to give work for your king-dom and an-swer your call.
give hon-or to Christ and his name that we bear.

SENDING

All children and youth are invited to come forward to participate in the sending.

Go in peace. Praise the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

“The Water Is Wide”

Daniel Kallman

Fabian Nieto, Clarinet and Will Simpson, Piano

*Flowers today are given by Gale Baullinger to the glory of God and
to celebrate Mother Nature.*



Thank you to all who are assisting with worship today:

Pastor Lara Forbes, *Preaching and Presiding*

Will Simpson, *Director of Music*

Vanessa Rykaczewski, *Bell Choir Director*

Elaine Koga, *Accompanist*

Art Gurtel, *Assisting Minister*

Scott Lester, *Lector*

Zoe Elien, *Acolyte*

John Nelson and Tom Benson, *Ushers*

Teresa Lutterman and Liz Rudolph, *Altar Guild*

Kurt Lutterman, *Livestream video*

Johannes Grad, *Audio*

Howard and Judy Johnson, *Greeters*

Worship Texts for September 13
Genesis 50:15-21 and Matthew 18:21-35

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September dates to remember:

September 7: **Office is closed (Labor Day)**
September 12: God's Work, Our Hands Day of Service
Church Council Retreat
September 13: **9:00 AM "Faith & Civic Life" Adult Education program**
10:00 AM Worship
Church Council Meeting
September 17: **Choir Rehearsals begin**
September 24: Blood Drive
September 26: All church work day
September 27: **Mission Team Adult Education Hour**
Taco Brunch

Our next blood drive is **Thursday, September 24th** back in the Fellowship Hall!!

Please use the QR Code and get your slot!! There are 41 time slots available ... as of today, 5 are filled.

Share with friends and neighbors – every drop matters.



September 24
Blood Drive!

We are back in the Fellowship Hall on
Thursday, September 24th
from 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM.

Goal = Fill all 41 slots!!

Use this QR code
and get scheduled!!





Saturday, September 12, 2026

This event is part of the ELCA's "God's work. Our hands" annual day of service. This is a volunteer opportunity to collect food to help Hopelink fight hunger in our community.

We are putting together teams of volunteers to be at the **Crossroads QFC** from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm to collect nonperishable food items from shoppers. All food collected will go to the Hopelink Food Bank in Bellevue. The job consists of handing out a "shopping list" flyer and thanking people for their donations.

Shifts are 1 ½ hours long*, and 4 volunteers are needed per shift. All ages can participate, and it is a wonderful family activity! Sign up for shifts [HERE](#) or email Dick Szabo at dick.szabo@comcast.net. Together we can turn just a few hours of time into tons of food for hungry local families. For more information, contact Debbie Szabo at debbieszabo@comcast.net (206) 972-2675 or Dick Szabo (206) 390-7621.

BE AN EDUCATED VOTER!

Your Adult Education team is presenting sessions each month highlighting sections from the ELCA "Faith and Civic Life" materials.

Join your JEDI team on
Sunday, September 13th at 9:00 AM
to discuss being an educated voter!



- ✓ Know the candidates
- ✓ Understand the policies
- ✓ Verify the facts
- ✓ Encourage others to vote

VOTE WISELY, VOTE POWERFULLY!

NEST WITH LESS ♦ ♦

O.W.L.S. Lunch
(Older, Wiser Lutheran Saints)

Tuesday, September 15
11:45 AM
potluck lunch!

Questions: Check with Fellowship Coordinator Sherry Grindland at 425 746 2529 or sherry@salc.church.

Learn insider secrets from two experts on clearing your decks, closets and drawers from Saint Andrew's beloved member Liz Rudolph and Anne Watanabe, owners of "The Happy Nest Organizers".



O.W.L.S returns in September: "Nest With Less"

Learn insider secrets from two experts on clearing your decks, closets and drawers.

Saint Andrew's beloved member Liz Rudolph and Anne Watanabe, owners of "The Happy Nest Organizers", will be the guest speakers at the September 15th OWLS luncheon.

Whether you're planning a downsize or just want to get that junk drawer cleaned out, this dynamic duo will inspire you.

OWLS (*Older, Wiser Lutheran Saints*) meets the third Tuesday of the month. The group shares a potluck lunch followed by a program.

You don't need to be older or wiser to come.

We gather at 11:45 am on Tuesday, September 15 and eat at noon.

If possible, please pitch in with a potluck dish share.

Questions? Check with Fellowship Coordinator Sherry Grindland at 425-746-2529 or sherry@salc.church.

A note from Pastor Timothy Weber: As you may or may not know, in May I was diagnosed with an angiosarcoma cancer. As with most cancers, this is a serious cancer. I had successful surgery on May 18, followed by several scans and biopsies that showed no metastasis. The cancer lesion was discovered early. I am now a patient at the Fred Hutch Cancer Center in Seattle and at MD Anderson Cancer Center in Houston. I began weekly chemotherapy in July. I am blessed with highly skilled providers and procedures in Seattle and Houston. I am confident in being surrounded and lifted by the gift of God's grace and the bountiful mercy of God's care. And I am thankful for your partnership in prayer. I am taking a sabbatical from St. Andrew's during this treatment and plan to return when the time is right. Thank you. *Pastor Timothy Weber*

Calendar

Sunday, September 6

5:00 PM Worship

Monday, September 7

Office is Closed / Labor Day

7:00 PM Executive Council Meeting

Tuesday, September 8

8:30 AM Tuesday Morning Men, Online

9:30 AM Dorcas Circle

10:00 AM Staff Meeting

Wednesday, September 9

2:00 PM Care Team Meeting, Online

7:00 PM Adult Education Meeting, Online

Thursday, September 10

Friday, September 11

Saturday, September 12

9:00 AM Council Retreat

Sunday, September 13

9:00 AM Adult Education, Faith & Civic Life

10:00 AM Worship

11:00 AM Coffee Hour

11:30 AM Church Council Meeting

Monday, September 14

1:00 PM Staff Meeting

Tuesday, September 15

8:30 AM Tuesday Morning Men, Online

Wednesday, September 16

Thursday, September 17

Friday, September 18

Saturday, September 19

Sunday, September 20

9:00 AM Adult Education

10:00 AM Worship

11:00 AM Coffee and Conversation
KnitWits

12:30 PM Acolyte Meeting, Online

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