

Sunday, September 13, 2026
The 16th Sunday after Pentecost
10:00 AM

How often should
I forgive?
Matthew 18:21



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) contain a worship activity board to help children follow the service. Similar icons are in the bulletin, and they can draw or place a sticker on each square as we move through the service. Stickers, crayons and a snack are also in the bags. 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

I. Par un clair matin (On a Clear Morning)

Our Prelude, Offering and Postlude today will be selections from
“Trois aquarelles” (Three Watercolors) by Philippe Gaubert.

We are blessed with our musicians:

Grete Norquist, flute; Melanie Grad, cello; Hillary Nordwell, piano

WELCOME



Pastor Lara

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

Please stand as you are able.





All Creatures, Worship God Most High!



- 1 All crea-tures, wor-ship God most high! Sound ev - 'ry voice in earth and
 2 Sing, broth - er wind; with clouds and rain you grow the gifts of fruit and
 3 Sing, broth - er fire, so mirth-ful, strong; drive far the shad-ows, join the
 4 All who for love of God for - give, all who in pain or sor - row



sky: Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! Sing, broth - er sun, in splen-dor
 grain: Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! Dear sis - ter wa - ter, use - ful,
 throng: Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! Dear moth - er earth, so rich in
 grieve: Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! Christ bears your bur-dens and your



bright; sing, sis - ter moon and stars of night:
 clear, make mu - sic for your Lord to hear: Al-le - lu - ia, al-le -
 care, praise God in col - ors bright and rare:
 fears; still make your song a - mid the tears:



lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

- 5 And you, most gentle sister death,
 waiting to hush our final breath:
 Alleluia! Alleluia!
 Since Christ our light has pierced your gloom,
 fair is the night that leads us home.
 Alleluia.

- 6 O sisters, brothers, take your part,
 and worship God with humble heart:
 Alleluia! Alleluia!
 All creatures, bless the Father, Son,
 and Holy Spirit, Three in One:
 Alleluia.

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.



☐ 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;



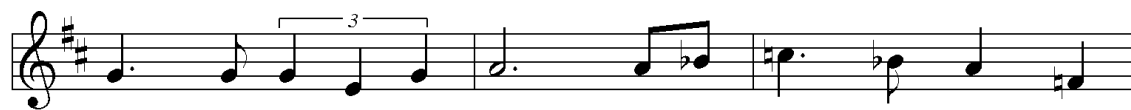
glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo- ple on earth.



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



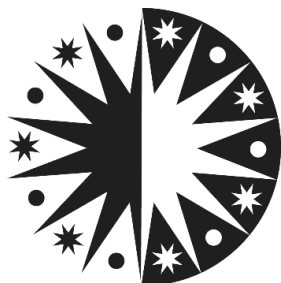
Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the



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,
you are the inexhaustible fountain of mercy and 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. Amen.

Please be seated.

A TIME FOR YOUNGER DISCIPLES



Pastor Lara Forbes

You can find the Genesis story in your Spark Story Bible on page 60.

WORD



First Reading: Genesis 50:15-21

In the conclusion of Joseph's story, Joseph forgives his brothers for selling him into slavery. Taking its final form in the book of Genesis after the Babylonian exile, this story models for the Jews the forgiveness within the community necessary for their continuing existence. The community is to be merciful to one another, as God is merciful to them.

Realizing that their father was dead, Joseph's brothers said, "What if Joseph still bears a grudge against us and pays us back in full for all the wrong that we did to him?" So they approached Joseph, saying, "Your father gave this instruction before he died, 'Say to Joseph: I beg you, forgive the crime of your brothers and the wrong they did in harming you.' Now therefore please forgive the crime of the servants of the God of your father." Joseph wept when they spoke to him. Then his brothers also wept, fell down before him, and said, "We are here as your slaves." But Joseph said to them, "Do not be afraid! Am I in the place of God? Even though you intended to do harm to me, God intended it for good, in order to preserve a numerous people, as he is doing today. So have no fear; I myself will provide for you and your little ones." In this way he reassured them, speaking kindly to them.

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.

Matthew 18:21-35

Peter came and said to [Jesus,] “Lord, if my brother or sister sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?” Jesus said to him, “Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.”

“For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him, and, as he could not pay, the lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions and payment to be made. So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.’ And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii, and seizing him by the throat he said, ‘Pay what you owe.’ Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you.’ But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt.

When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, ‘You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?’ And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart.”

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

Please be seated,

SERMON



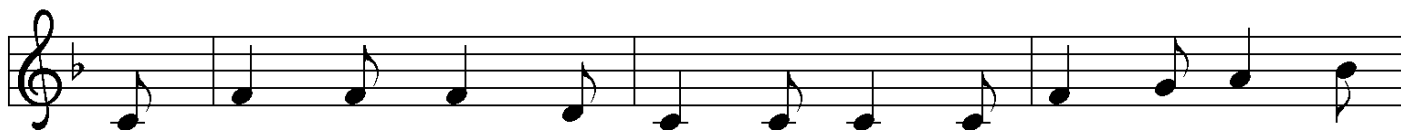
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Please stand as you are able.



I Come with Joy



1 I come with joy, a child of God, for - giv - en, loved, and
 2 I come with Chris - tians far and near to find, as all are
 3 As Christ breaks bread, and bids us share, each proud di - vi - sion
 4 The Spir - it of the ris - en Christ, un - seen, but ev - er
 5 To - geth - er met, to - geth - er bound by all that God has



free, the life of Je - sus to re - call in
 fed, the new com - mu - ni - ty of love in
 ends. The love that made us, makes us one, and
 near, is in such friend - ship bet - ter known, a -
 done, we'll go with joy, to give the world the



love laid down for me, in love laid down for me.
 Christ's com - mu - nion bread, in Christ's com - mu - nion bread.
 strang - ers now are friends, and strang - ers now are friends.
 live a - mong us here, a - live a - mong us here.
 love that makes us one, the love that makes us one.

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 II. Soir d'automne (Autumn Evening)

Please stand as you are able

OFFERTORY VERSE

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.

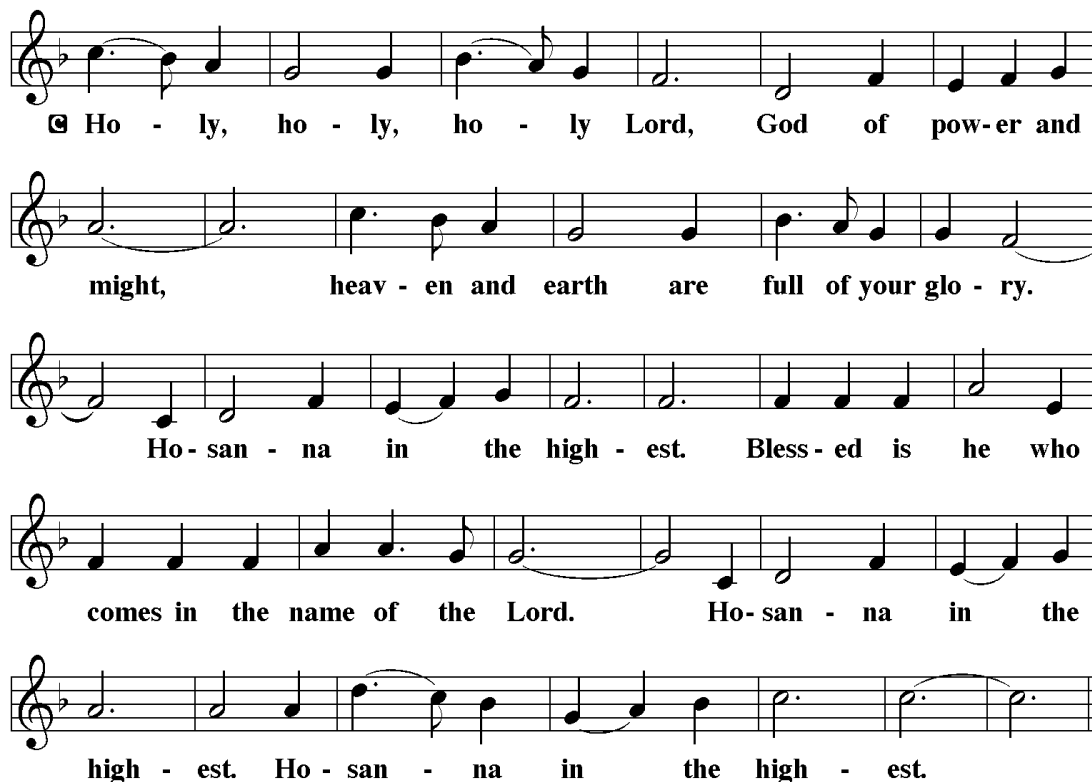
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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.

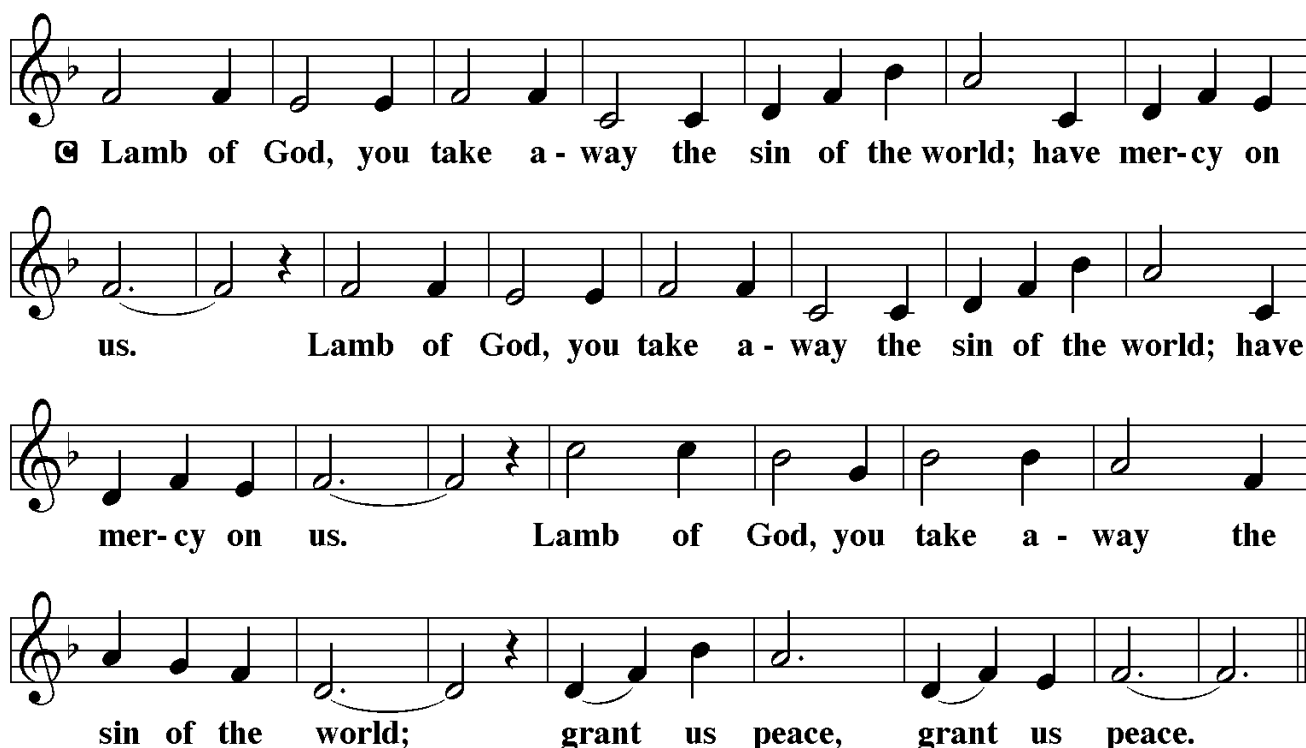
INVITATION TO COMMUNION

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



Today, Communion is received continuously at two stations.

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

Jesus Loves Me!

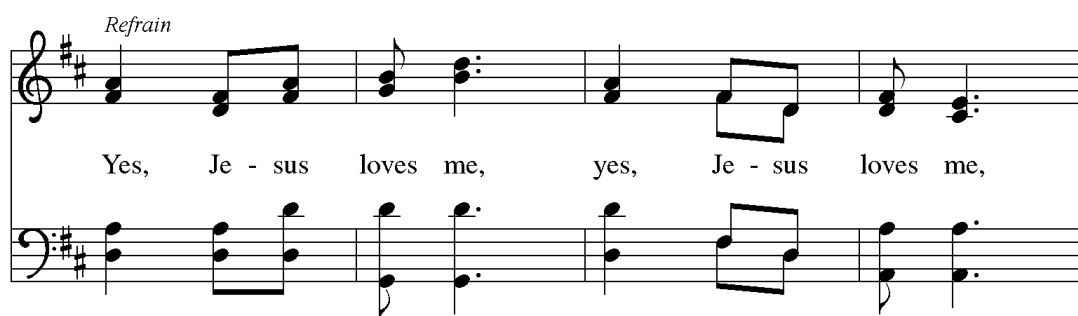


1 Je - sus loves me! this I know, for the Bi - ble tells me so;
2 Je - sus loves me! he who died heav - en's gates to o - pen wide;
3 Je - sus loves me! he will stay close be - side me all the way;



lit - tle ones to him be - long, they are weak, but he is strong.
he will wash a - way my sin, let his lit - tle child come in.
when at last I come to die, he will take me home on high.

Refrain



Yes, Je - sus loves me, yes, Je - sus loves me,



yes, Je - sus loves me, the Bi - ble tells me so.

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

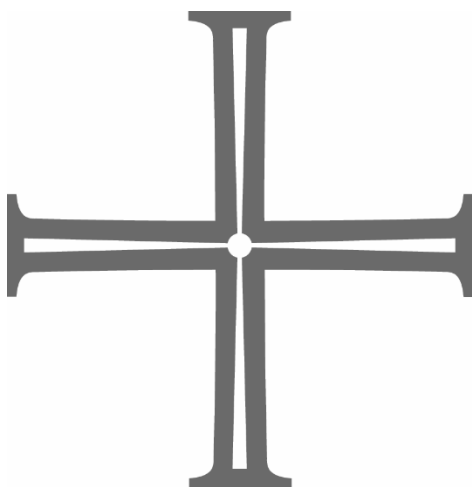


BLESSING

May the love of God abound in you.

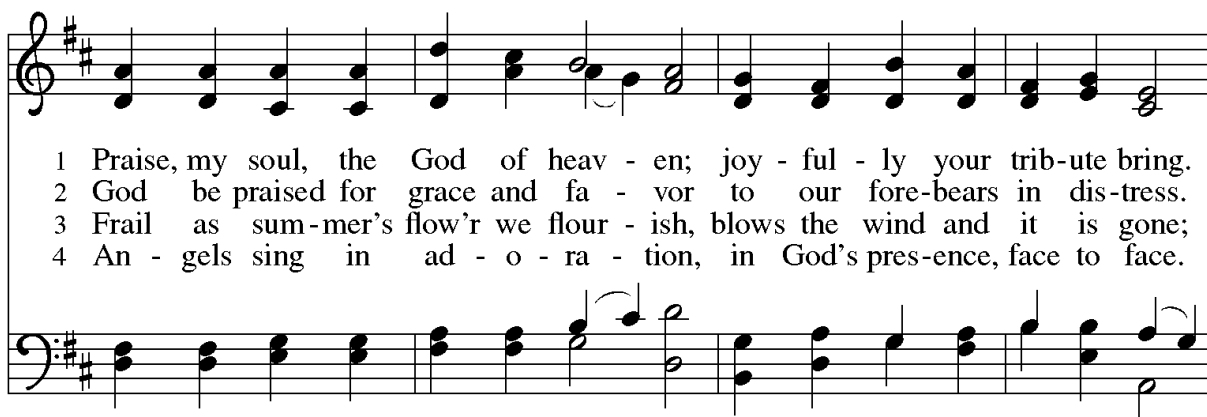
May the grace of our savior Jesus Christ fill your hearts.

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

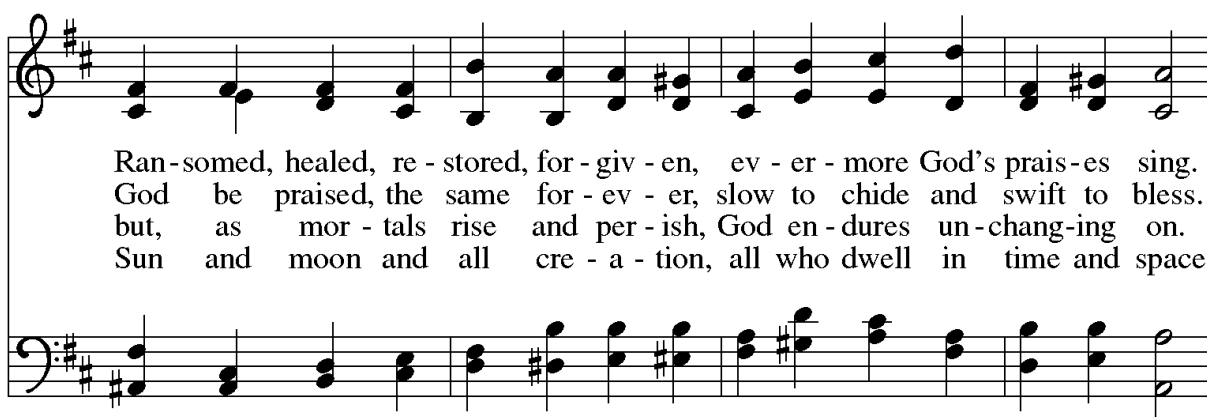


SENDING HYMN

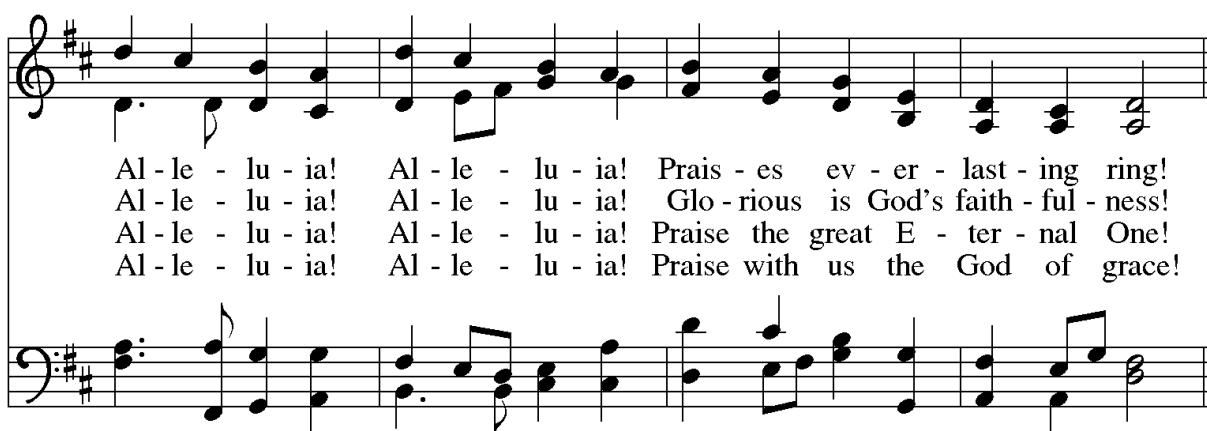
Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven



1 Praise, my soul, the God of heav - en; joy - ful - ly your trib-ute bring.
2 God be praised for grace and fa - vor to our fore-bears in dis-tress.
3 Frail as sum-mer's flow'r we flour - ish, blows the wind and it is gone;
4 An - gels sing in ad - o - ra - tion, in God's pres-ence, face to face.



Ran-somed, healed, re - stored, for - giv - en, ev - er - more God's prais-es sing.
God be praised, the same for - ev - er, slow to chide and swift to bless.
but, as mor - tals rise and per - ish, God en - dures un - chang - ing on.
Sun and moon and all cre - a - tion, all who dwell in time and space.



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Prais - es ev - er - last - ing ring!
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Glo - rious is God's faith - ful - ness!
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Praise the great E - ter - nal One!
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Praise with us the God of grace!

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

III. Sérénade

*Flowers today are given by Carol Schneider and Ed Corker in celebration of
Blake Corker's 35th birthday!*



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*

Tom Getzinger, *Assisting Minister*

Aaron Davis, *Lector*

Luke Davis, *Acolyte*

Shana Nielsen and Erik Nielsen, *Ushers*

Karin Eklof, *Altar Guild*

Johannes Grad, *Livestream video*

Peter Cornwell, *Audio*

Hal and Carolyn Ferris, *Greeters*

Terese Lutterman, *Coffee Host*

Worship Texts for September 20
Jonah 3:10-4:11 and Matthew 20:1-16

LITURGY and MUSIC: Unless otherwise noted, liturgy, liturgical music, and hymns are from Evangelical Lutheran Worship (ELW) and All Creation Sings (ACS), and Scripture readings are from New Revised Standard Version Bible (NRSV) Liturgy and NRSV text from Sundays and Seasons.com. Kenneth L. DeJong Liturgy, Copyright 2026 Augsburg Fortress; streamed/reprinted with permission under Augsburg Fortress Liturgies Annual License #SAS006660. All rights reserved. New Revised Standard Version Bible, copyright 1989, Division of Christian Education of the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the United States of America. Used by permission. All rights reserved. Reprinted / podcast / streamed with permission under OneLicense.net #A-718073. All rights reserved. Reprinted / podcast / streamed with permission under CCLI #2042297 and #CSPL048062. All rights reserved.

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, **9 are filled**.

Share with friends and neighbors – every drop matters.



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 Grindeland 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 Grindeland at 425-746-2529 or sherry@salc.church.

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Welcome



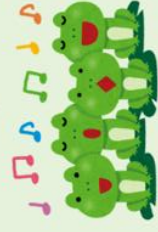
Opening
Song



Confession
and Forgiveness



Singing and
prayers



Blessing,
singing,
sending



Children's
Message



Communion



Bible
Readings



The Lord's
Prayer



Offering



Pass the
peace



More singing
and prayers



Pastor's
Message



Welcome to Worship at Saint Andrew's Lutheran Church

We are so glad you are here!

Worship tells the story of God's love and grace. We gather together with open hearts, receive God's forgiveness and promises, listen to God's Word, respond in prayer and praise, and leave ready to share God's love with the world.

Follow along on this board through each part of worship during our time together. Put a sticker on the square when it's completed. Draw a picture about worship on the back.

Calendar

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

Monday, September 21

1:00 PM Staff Meeting
 7:00 PM Discipleship Committee, online

Tuesday, September 22

8:30 AM Tuesday Morning Men
 10:00 AM Pastor's Bible Study
 2:00 PM Sophia Way lunch drop off
 7:00 PM Handbell Choir Rehearsal

Wednesday, September 23

10:00 AM Sophia Way Lunch delivery
 7:00 PM JEDI committee, online

Thursday, September 24

9:00 AM BLOOD DRIVE!
 10:00 AM Grace Book Group
 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal

Friday, September 25

Saturday, September 26

9:00 AM Church Work Day

Sunday, September 27

9:00 AM Adult Education, Mission Report
 10:00 AM Worship
 11:00 AM Taco Bar Brunch

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 our mission and ministry.
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**We are a Reconciling in
 Christ congregation.**



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