

Sunday, February 23, 2025
The Seventh Sunday After Epiphany
10:00 AM

As a woman anoints Jesus' feet in the middle of a dinner party, the host silently objects to her actions – judging her without ever saying a word to her. In the process, he reveals something of his own character. As Jesus challenges him, he also has compassion for the woman. It is his response that invites us to ask, “What would I do in this situation?”



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.

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

“What a Friend We Have in Jesus”
Will Simpson, Organ

Dale Wood

WELCOME

Pastor Lara

Please stand as you are able.

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

HYMN

Voices Raised to You

1 Voic - es raised to you we of - fer; tune them, God, for
 2 All cre - a - tion joins to praise you; earth and sky your
 3 Christ, the song of love in - car - nate, touch - ing earth with
 4 Spir - it, flam - ing through cre - a - tion, kin - dle faith with -
 5 How can an - y praise we of - fer mea - sure all the

songs of praise. Hearts and hands we bring in trib - ute
 works dis - play. Art and mu - sic, gifts you lend us,
 heav - en's grace, for your liv - ing, suf - f'ring, dy - ing,
 in each heart. Lift our voic - es high in cho - rus;
 thanks we owe? Take our hearts and hands and voic - es—

for your gifts through all our days. Al - le - lu - ia!
 we re - turn to you to - day. Al - le - lu - ia!
 for your ris - ing, hear our praise! Al - le - lu - ia!
 through our hands your love im - part. Al - le - lu - ia!
 gifts of love we can be - stow. Al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu - ia! Tri - une God, to you we sing!
 Al - le - lu - ia! God, cre - a - tor, source of life!
 Al - le - lu - ia! Christ, re - deem - er, Lord of life!
 Al - le - lu - ia! Spir - it, help - er, breath of life!
 Al - le - lu - ia! Tri - une God, to you we sing!

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
our creator, our protector, our wellspring of life.

Amen.

Trusting that God receives our words and the meditations of our hearts, let us
confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Merciful God,

you speak blessing and compassion into the world.

Forgive us for the ways we act with judgment, cruelty, or indifference.

**We ignore the needs of our neighbors; we resist your call to oppose injustice;
we give in to scarcity and fear; we assume the worst about one another.**

Cleanse us from our faults and release us from their grasp.

Show us your lovingkindness.

Restore our hearts and repair your world, that we may live in Christ's ways.

Amen.

In † Christ, you are forgiven.

In the Spirit, you are made free.

Refreshed by the waters of mercy,

live anew as beloved children of God.

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



- 1 Glo-ry be to God in heav-en; peace, good-will to all the earth.
- 2 Glo-ry be to Christ for - ev - er, Lamb of God and Lord of love.
- 3 Ho - ly One we now ac-claim you; Lord a - lone, to you we call;



Might-y God of all cre - a - tion, Fa - ther of sur - pass - ing worth:
Son of God and gra-cious Sav - ior, you have come from heav'n a - bove;
Ho - ly One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all:



we ex - alt you, we a - dore you, we lift high our thanks and praise.
on the cross you died to save us; now you reign at God's right hand.
Je - sus Christ, with God the Spir - it, in the Fa - ther's splen - dor bright.



Saints and an - gels bow be - fore you; here on earth our songs we raise.
Hear our prayer; re - store, for-give us; in your prom-ise firm we stand.
For the peace that we in - her - it, glo - ry be to God on high!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray together. Forgiving God,
too often we take your forgiveness for granted. Too often we cling to our sin, believing that it is our right to harbor resentments and hatred. Be merciful to us, and show us the depth of healing that is offered when you forgive, for the sake of the one who recognized total surrender to forgiveness and offered it willingly, Jesus Christ our healer. Amen.

Please be seated.

A TIME FOR YOUNGER DISCIPLES

Pastor Lara

You can find this in your Story Bible on page 354.

WORD

ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE GOSPEL

The Holy Gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Luke 7:36-50

One of the Pharisees asked Jesus to eat with him, and he went into the Pharisee's house and took his place at the table. And a woman in the city, who was a sinner, having learned that he was eating in the Pharisee's house, brought an alabaster jar of ointment. She stood behind him at his feet, weeping, and began to bathe his feet with her tears and to dry them with her hair. Then she continued kissing his feet and anointing them with the ointment.

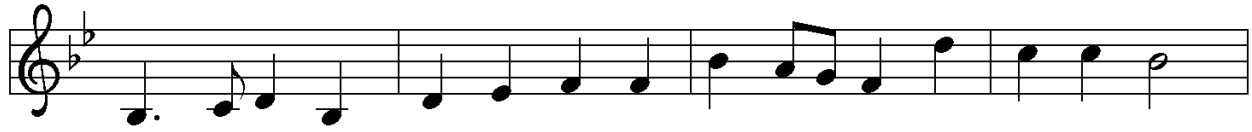
Now when the Pharisee who had invited him saw it, he said to himself, "If this man were a prophet, he would have known who and what kind of woman this is who is touching him — that she is a sinner." Jesus spoke up and said to him, "Simon, I have something to say to you." "Teacher," he replied, "speak." A certain creditor had two debtors; one owed five hundred denarii, and the other fifty. When they could not pay, he canceled the debts for both of them. Now which of them will love him more?" Simon answered, "I suppose the one for whom he canceled the greater debt." And Jesus said to him, "You have judged rightly."

Then turning toward the woman, he said to Simon, "Do you see this woman? I entered your house; you gave me no water for my feet, but she has bathed my feet with her tears and dried them with her hair. You gave me no kiss, but from the time I came in she has not stopped kissing my feet. You did not anoint my head with oil, but she has anointed my feet with ointment. Therefore, I tell you, her sins, which were many, have been forgiven; hence she has shown great love. But the one to whom little is forgiven, loves little." Then he said to her, "Your sins are forgiven." But those who were at the table with him began to say among themselves, "Who is this who even forgives sins?" And he said to the woman, "Your faith has saved you; go in peace."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ

GOSPEL RESPONSE



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav - ing word.



Let it burn like fire with - in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

SERMON

Pastor Lara

Please stand as you are able

HYMN OF THE DAY

Forgive Our Sins As We Forgive



- 1 "For - give our sins as we for - give," you taught us, Lord, to pray;
- 2 How can your par - don reach and bless the un - for - giv - ing heart
- 3 In blaz - ing light your cross re - veals the truth we dim - ly knew:
- 4 Lord, cleanse the depths with - in our souls and bid re - sent - ment cease;



but you a - lone can grant us grace to live the words we say.
that broods on wrongs and will not let old bit - ter - ness de - part?
how tri - fling oth - ers' debts to us; how great our debt to you!
then, by your mer - cy rec - on - ciled, our lives will spread your peace.

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.*

ACOLYTE RECOGNITION

*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, "God of grace".
Your response is, **hear our prayer.***

THE PEACE

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

Please greet people around you as you are comfortable.

Please be seated.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

“Prayer of Saint Francis”
The Chancel Choir

Allen Pote

Lord, make me an instrument of thy peace
Where there is hatred, let me sow love
Where there is injury, your pardon, Lord
Where there is doubt, let there be faith

Make me an instrument of thy peace
Where there's despair, let me bring hope
Where there is hatred, let me sow love

Lord, make me an instrument of thy peace
Where there's despair, let me bring hope
Where there is darkness,
Let there be light
Where there is sadness, let there be joy

For it is in giving that we receive,
And it is in pardoning
That we are pardoned.
And it is in dying that we are born
To eternal life, to eternal life.

O Divine Master,
Grant that I may not seek
To be consoled, as to console,
To be understood, as to understand,
To be loved, as to love.

Lord, make me an instrument of thy peace.
Amen.

OFFERTORY VERSE

We Are Baptized in Christ Jesus



3 Glo-ry be to God the Fa - ther, glo - ry be to Christ the Son,



glo - ry to the Ho - ly Spir - it, ev - er three and ev - er one;



as it was in the be - gin - ning, glo - ry now re - sounds a - gain



in a song that has no end - ing. . . . A - men.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

We pray together. God of grace,
your love reaches to the heavens, and your abundance to the depths of the seas. Bless what we offer to your service: our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts. Let us overflow with gratitude and generosity, now and always. Amen.

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.

By the leading of a star he was shown forth to all nations; in the waters of the Jordan you proclaimed him your beloved Son; and in the miracle of water turned to wine he revealed your glory.

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:

SANCTUS



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,



heav'n 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.

Please be seated. We wait silently as the participants who are worshipping online are communed.

LAMB OF GOD



1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;



you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.
e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

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

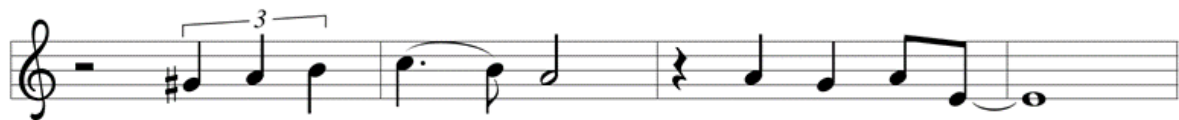
Change My Heart, O God



Change my heart, O God; make it ev - er true.



Change my heart, O God; may I be like you.



You are the pot - ter; I am the clay.



Mold me and make me; this is what I pray.

Please stand as you are able.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

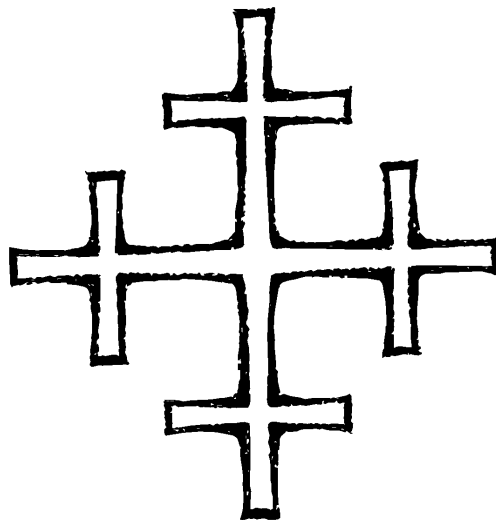
Let us pray together. Nourishing God,
**at this table you have refreshed us with holy gifts of food and drink.
Strengthen us for service, and send us out to embody your good news
of liberation and healing for the sake of the world.
In the name of Christ we pray. Amen.**

SENDING

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

BLESSING

The Spirit of the triune God ✚ bless you with joy,
anoint you with compassion and send you in love.
Amen.



SENDING HYMN

My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

1 My hope is built on nothing less than
2 When dark - ness veils his love - ly face, I
3 His oath, his cov - e - nant, his blood sus -
4 When he shall come with trum - pet sound, oh,

Je - sus' blood and righ - teous - ness; no mer - it of my
rest on his un - chang - ing grace; in ev - 'ry high and
tain me in the rag - ing flood; when all sup - ports are
may I then in him be found, clothed in his righ - teous -

own I claim, but whol - ly lean on Je - sus' name.
storm - y gale my an - chor holds with - in the veil.
washed a - way, he then is all my hope and stay.
ness a - lone, re - deemed to stand be - fore the throne!

Refrain

On Christ, the sol - id rock, I stand; all oth - er ground is sink - ing sand.

SENDING

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

Go in peace. Live in hope.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

“Rondeau”
Will Simpson, Organ

Henry Purcell

Thank you to all who are assisting in worship today:

Rev. Lara Forbes, *Preaching and Presiding Minister*

Dr. Will Simpson, *Director of Music*

Dana Nasby, *Assisting Minister*

Elaine Koga, *Accompanist*

Carol Schneider, *Lector*

Avery Laub, *Acolyte*

Erik and Shana Nielsen, *Ushers*

JoAn Eklof, *Altar Guild*

Susan Hegedus, *Livestream video*

Peter Cornwell, *Audio*

Dean & Shirley Hobson, *Greeters*

Jay Baxter, *Coffee Host*

*The flowers this Sunday are given by the Altar Guild
with thanks and praise to God for all of our blessings.*

Worship Texts for March 2

Luke 9:28-45

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Today we recognize and give thanks to the young people who serve as acolytes during worship: Zoe Elien, Melanie Grad, Avery Laub, Soren Lester, Philip Gustafson, Samuel Gustafson, Sonya Wetmore.

Brunch Bunch Dines on March 2: Join us for the March Brunch Bunch right after worship service on March 2. We will be making Stone Soup again.

We will prepare two pots of soup broth – one vegetarian and one chicken.

You bring 1-2 cups of something for the soup (see list below) BEFORE worship service.

We will be dividing the ingredients between three soup pots – one vegetarian and one chicken and one onion-free. We will cook any pasta separately so soups will be gluten free.

The ingredients will simmer while we're in church.

At 11:15 a.m. we will begin dishing up the Stone Soup and bread.

Enjoy this yummy lunch and conversations with your church family.

Stone Soup is based on a children's tale about hungry people creating a wonderful soup from a couple of stones.

Please bring your ingredients **washed and diced or sliced BEFORE WORSHIP SERVICE.**

Suggested items include:

- Carrots; Celery; Onions (there will be a small pot of onion-free soup)
- Parsley; Green beans (fresh or frozen); Potatoes (peeled and chopped)
- Peas (frozen are best); Kidney, black or white beans (canned); Corn (canned or frozen)
- Pasta or rice (both will be cooked on the side so the soups will be gluten free)
- Sweet potato; Squash

No chicken or cheese – we will be providing the chicken for the soup and grated cheese as an optional topping. **Yes, we need a few volunteers.** To volunteer or if you have questions, please connect with Fellowship Coordinator Sherry Grindeland at 425-746-2529 or sherry@salc.church.

Calendar for the Week

Sunday, February 23

9:00 AM Discipleship Forum
Sunday School (Pre-K~5th gr)
Youth Education (6-12th gr)
10:00 AM Worship
Acolyte Recognition Sunday

Monday, February 24

Tuesday, February 25

8:30 AM Tuesday Morning Men
11:45 AM OWLS lunch

Wednesday, February 26

Thursday, February 27

7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal

Friday, February 28

Office is closed.

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10:00 AM Worship
11:15 AM Sunday Brunch Bunch

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