Sunday, June 22, 2025 2nd Sunday after Pentecost 10:00 AM Worship

The images of sculpting clay and tending a grapevine conjure many metaphors for our lives, especially as people of faith. We are each a lump of clay in God's hands, and our congregation is its own lump of clay. We are also each a branch that is connected to Jesus as the vine, as is our congregation. In God, in Jesus, we are part of something much bigger than our individual lives, continually being tended and shaped by God's love for the world.



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

Saint Andrew's Lutheran Church

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: <u>https://SALC.church</u>

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.

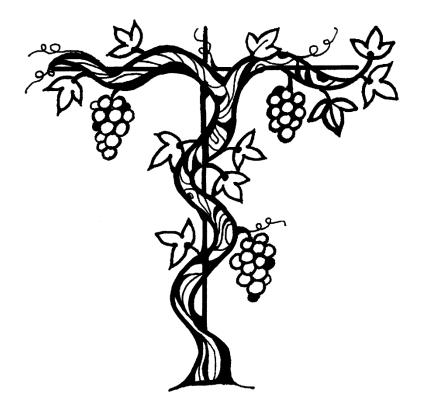
GATHERING

PRELUDE

Sonata in D Minor K. 141 Ryan Zhu, Piano Domenico Scarlatti

WELCOME

Pastor Lara



Please stand as you are able.

The Lord's My Shepherd



CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

In the name of the Father, and of the ⊕ Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and one another.

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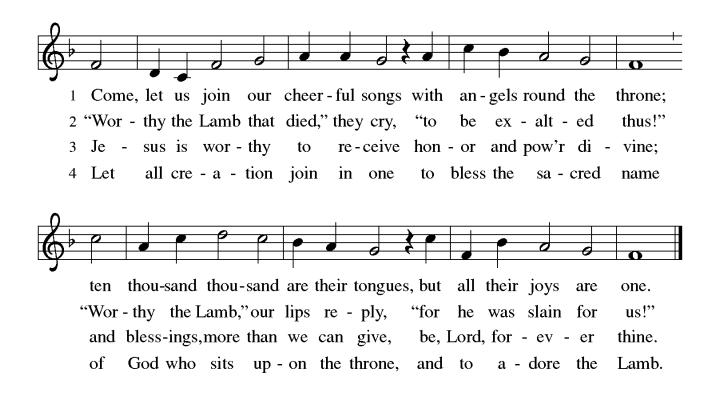
Silence is kept for reflection.

Merciful God, you free us to love others, but we neglect our neighbors and follow our own way. You lead us by the Spirit of joy and peace, but we turn away from the abundant life you offer. You surround us with patience, kindness, and generosity, but we grow weary in doing what is right. In your mercy, forgive us, heal us and show us the path of life. 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. Clothed with Christ, you are a new creation. **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.

CANTICLE OF PRAISE



PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. O Lord God,

direct us in all our doings with your continual help, that in all our works begun, continued, and ended in you, we may glorify your holy name; and finally, by your mercy, bring us to everlasting life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Please be seated.

A TIME FOR YOUNGER DISCIPLES

You can find the John story in your Spark Story Bible, page 452.

Doug Johnson

WORD

God teaches Jeremiah a lesson at a potter's shop. Just as a potter may destroy an unacceptable vessel, starting over to refashion it into one of value, so God molds and fashions the nations, including Israel.

READING: Jeremiah 18:1-11

[This is] the word that came to Jeremiah from the Lord: "Come, go down to the potter's house, and there I will let you hear my words." So I went down to the potter's house, and there he was working at his wheel. The vessel he was making of clay was spoiled in the potter's hand, and he reworked it into another vessel, as seemed good to him.

Then the word of the Lord came to me: Can I not do with you, O house of Israel, just as this potter has done? says the Lord. Just like the clay in the potter's hand, so are you in my hand, O house of Israel. At one moment I may declare concerning a nation or a kingdom that I will pluck up and break down and destroy it, but if that nation, concerning which I have spoken, turns from its evil, I will change my mind about the disaster that I intended to bring on it. And at another moment I may declare concerning a nation or a kingdom that I will build and plant it, but if it does

evil in my sight, not listening to my voice, then I will change my mind about the good that I had intended to do to it.

Now, therefore, say to the people of Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem: Thus says the Lord: Look, I am a potter shaping evil against you and devising a plan against you. Turn now, all of you, from your evil way, and amend your ways and your doings.

Word of God. Word of Life. Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able.

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.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

GOSPEL: JOHN 15:1-8

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

[Jesus said] "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine; you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.

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

Please be seated.

SERMON

Pastor Lara



Please stand as you are able.

HYMN OF THE DAY

Day by Day



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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.

THE PRAYERS

After each petition, the leader will say, "Hear us, O God". Your response is, **your mercy is great.**

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

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.



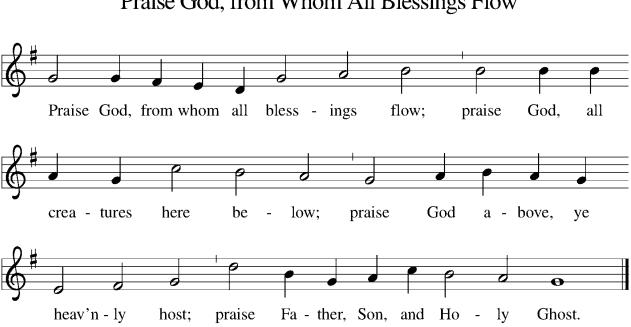
OFFERTORY MUSIC

Etude Opus 25, No. 6 Ryan Zhu, Piano

Frederic Chopin

Please stand as you are able.

OFFERTORY VERSE



Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Creator God,

in your wisdom you bring forth all that is good and the harvest is plentiful. Strengthen us at your table with these gifts of the earth and our labor, that we may work for the good of all; through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen

MEAL

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. And also with you.

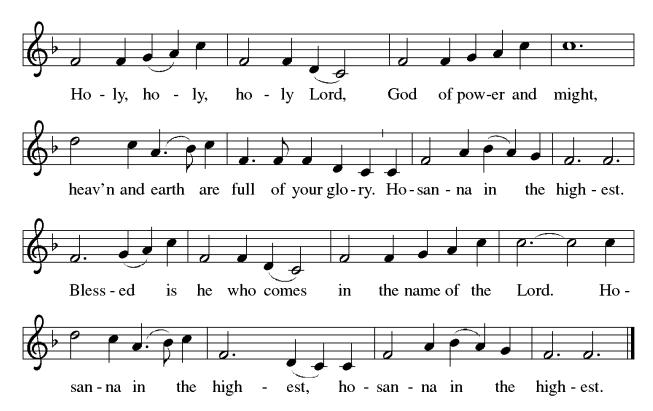
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

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



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 worshiping online are communed.

LAMB OF GOD



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 SONG



Please stand as you are able.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray together. Nurturing God, you gathered us to your table and we drank deeply of your grace. Send us out by your Spirit to love our neighbors as ourselves and proclaim your love in Jesus' name. Amen.

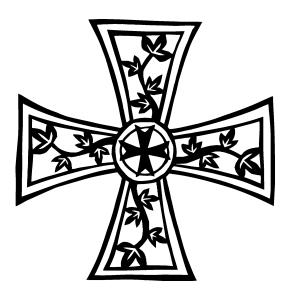
SENDING

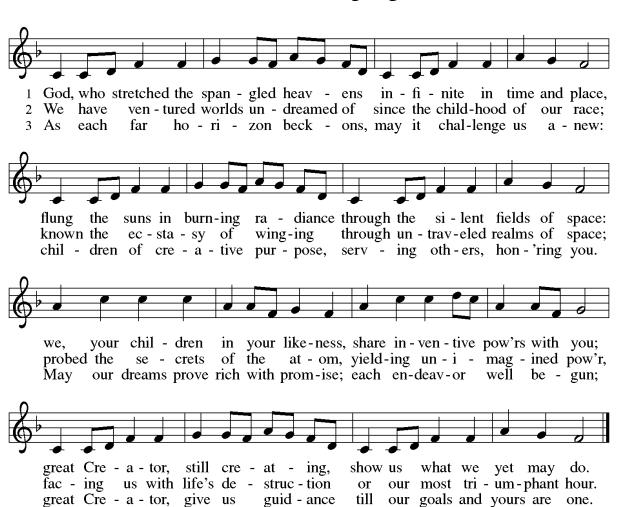
Younger Disciples Tip ~ Blessing: Mark the sign of the cross on your child's forehead as a reminder of this sending blessing.

COMMISSIONING OUR TINY HOUSE TEAM

BLESSING

The love of God abound in you; the grace of our Savior Jesus Christ fill your hearts; and the life of the Spirit + bless you and give you peace. Amen.





God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens

SENDING

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

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE Sonata in C Major Movement 1, Hoboken XVI/50 Franz Josef Haydn Ryan Zhu, Piano

Thank you to all who are assisting in worship today:

Pastor Lara Forbes, Presiding and Presiding Minister Dr. Will Simpson, Director of Music Elaine Koga, Accompanist Doug Johnson, Assisting Minister Jean Wahlstrom, Lector Soren Lester, Acolyte Gary Rudolph and John Nelson, Ushers JoAn Eklof, Altar Guild David Mills, Livestream Video Johannes Grad, Audio Sarah Cannon and Joyce & John Arnold, Greeters

The flowers today are given by C.J.Tatum in honor of her brother, who died 20 years ago, James Burdon, and to celebrate her son-in-law, Christopher Ketter's, birthday.

Readings for June 29: Jeremiah 36:1-8, 21-23, 27-31 John 5:31-40



NOTE: There is a Called Meeting of the Congregation **TODAY** at 11:15 AM. There will be a vote on the Affordable Housing Project.

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. Copyright 2025 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



Sunday, June 22

9:00 AMCoffee & Conversation10:00 AMWorship11:15 AMSemi Annual Congregational Meeting

Monday, June 23

Tiny House Build1:00 PMStaff meeting7:00 PMOutreach Committee meeting

Tuesday, June 24

Tiny House Build8:30 AMTuesday Morning Men7:00 PMBuilding & Property Committee meeting

Wednesday, June 25

Tiny House Build6:15 PMPorchlight Dinner7:00 PMJEDI Committee meeting

<u>**Thursday, June 26**</u> *Tiny House Build*

Friday, June 27

Office is closed. Tiny House Build

Saturday, June 28

Tiny House Build

Sunday, June 29

9:00 AM Coffee & Conversation 10:00 AM Worship The Reverend Lara Forbes, Lead Pastor pastor@SALC.church
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Vanessa Wilkie, Handbell Choir Director
Elaine Koga, Choir Accompanist
Soren Lester, Facilities Set-up
Ann Thorpe, Sunday Church School Coordinator
Joan Tweten, Kitchen Team

We welcome your support of our mission and ministry. Use the QR Code to give to SALC.





We are a Reconciling in Christ Congregation. All are welcome!

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