# Sunday, June 29, 2025 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost 10:00 AM Worship

Throughout history, people have refused to listen to the message of God's love and desire to be in relationship with humanity. No matter how passionately the ancient prophets like Jeremiah spoke, their words weren't received.

This refusal to listen continued even when Jesus testified about himself. But when we listen, we acknowledge our own brokenness, and we discover the promise of eternal life that God gives us in Jesus.



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: <a href="https://SALC.church">https://SALC.church</a>

#### **VIDEO AND AUDIO RECORDING IN PROGRESS**

Saint Andrews livestreams and records its worship services to YouTube.

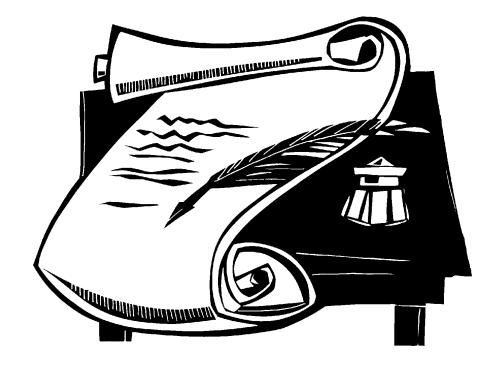
Video and Audio recording is currently in progress. It is possible that video footage and/or audio conversations of worshippers in the Saint Andrew's Sanctuary may appear on the YouTube livestream/recording.

# **GATHERING**

**PRELUDE** 

Partita on "Gather us In" Setting by Charles L. Lenz Mov. 1 "Peal" Mov. 2 "Chant" Mov. 3 "Dance" Will Simpson, organ

**WELCOME** Pastor Lara



Please stand as you are able.

#### **OPENING HYMN**

## Give Me Jesus



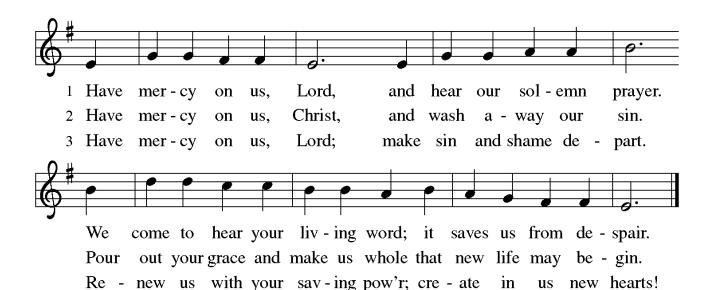
#### **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

In the name of the Father, and of the ⅓ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

#### Amen.

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

#### **KYRIE**



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



- 1 Come, let us join our cheer-ful songs with an-gels round the throne;
- 2 "Wor thy the Lamb that died," they cry, "to be ex - alt - ed thus!"
- Je sus is wor thy re-ceive hon - or and pow'r di - vine; to
- bless the 4 Let all cre - a - tion join in one sa - cred name



thou-sand thou-sand are their tongues, but all their joys one. "Wor - thy the Lamb," our lips re - ply, he was slain for "for us!" and bless-ings, more than we can give, be, Lord, for - ev - er thine. of God who sits up - on the throne, and to a - dore the Lamb.

#### PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. Almighty and ever-living God,

throughout time you free the oppressed, heal the sick, and make whole all that you have made. Look with compassion on the world wounded by sin, and by your power restore us to wholeness of life, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Please be seated.

#### A TIME FOR YOUNGER DISCIPLES

Pastor Lara

## WORD

None of ancient Israel's prophets had an easy task, but Jeremiah's was more difficult than most. He was kicked out of the temple and forbidden from preaching there. The king even tore up and burned the scroll of Jeremiah's prophecies.

READING: Jeremiah 36:1-8, 21-23, 27-31

In the fourth year of King Jehoiakim son of Josiah of Judah, this word came to Jeremiah from the Lord: Take a scroll and write on it all the words that I have spoken to you against Israel and Judah and all the nations, from the day I spoke to you, from the days of Josiah until today. It may be that, when the house of Judah hears of all the disasters that I intend to do to them, all of them may turn from their evil ways, so that I may forgive their iniquity and their sin.

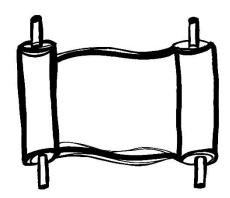
Then Jeremiah called Baruch son of Neriah, and Baruch wrote on a scroll at Jeremiah's dictation all the words that the Lord had spoken to him. And Jeremiah ordered Baruch, saying, "I am prevented from entering the house of the Lord, so you go, and on a fast day in the hearing of the people in the Lord's house you shall read the words of the Lord from the scroll that you have written at my dictation. You shall read them also in the hearing of all the people of Judah who come up from their towns.

It may be that their plea will come before the Lord and that all of them will turn from their evil ways, for great is the anger and wrath that the Lord has pronounced against this people." And Baruch son of Neriah did all that the prophet Jeremiah ordered him about reading from the scroll the words of the Lord in the Lord's house.

Then the king sent Jehudi to get the scroll, and he took it from the chamber of Elishama the secretary, and Jehudi read it in the hearing of the king and all the officials who stood beside the king. Now the king was sitting in his winter apartment (it was the ninth month), and there was a fire burning in the brazier before him. As Jehudi read three or four columns, he would cut them off with a penknife and throw them into the fire in the brazier, until the entire scroll was consumed in the fire that was in the brazier.

Now after the king had burned the scroll with the words that Baruch wrote at Jeremiah's dictation, the word of the Lord came to Jeremiah: Take another scroll and write on it all the former words that were in the first scroll, which King Jehoiakim of Judah has burned. And concerning King Jehoiakim of Judah you shall say: Thus says the Lord, You have burned this scroll, saying, "Why have you written in it that the king of Babylon will certainly come and destroy this land and will cut off from it human beings and animals?" Therefore thus says the Lord concerning King Jehoiakim of Judah: He shall have no one to sit upon the throne of David, and his dead body shall be cast out to the heat by day and the frost by night. And I will punish him and his offspring and his servants for their iniquity; I will bring on them and on the inhabitants of Jerusalem and on the people of Judah all the disasters with which I have threatened them, but they would not listen.

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



Please stand as you are able.

#### **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**



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.



### GOSPEL: JOHN 5:31-40

The Holy Gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said] "If I testify about myself, my testimony is not true. There is another who testifies on my behalf, and I know that his testimony to me is true. You sent messengers to John, and he testified to the truth. Not that I accept such human testimony, but I say these things so that you may be saved. He was a burning and shining lamp, and you were willing to rejoice for a while in his light. But I have a testimony greater than John's. The works that the Father has given me to complete, the very works that I am doing, testify on my behalf that the Father has sent me. And the Father who sent me has himself testified on my behalf. You have never heard his voice or seen his form, and you do not have his word abiding in you, because you do not believe him whom he has sent.

"You search the scriptures because you think that in them you have eternal life, and it is they that testify on my behalf. Yet you refuse to come to me to have life."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

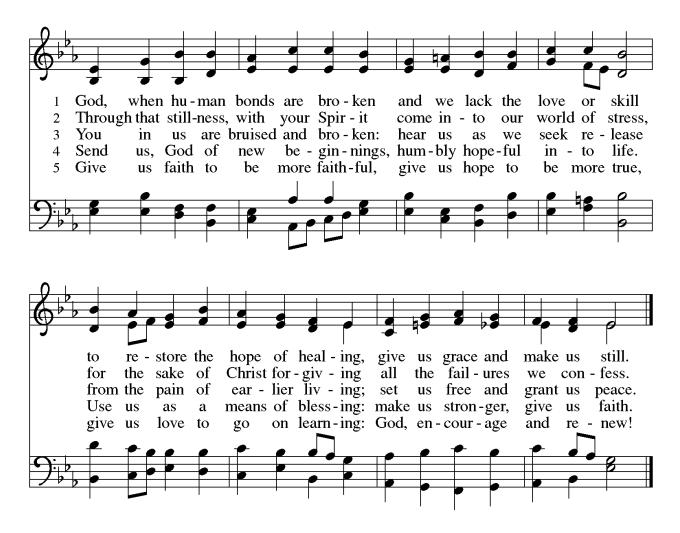
Please be seated.

**SERMON** Grete Norquist

Please stand as you are able.

#### **HYMN OF THE DAY**

# God, When Human Bonds Are Broken



#### 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.

#### 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

<sup>\*</sup> here, "catholic" means the wholeness of the church in all times and places.

**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** 

"Psalms, Hymns and Spiritual Songs" Tom Getzinger, soloist Will Simpson, pianist Mark Hayes

Words from Ephesians 5:1-2, 8-10, 19-20

Refrain: I will sing my psalms and hymns and spiritual songs
Making music in my heart to the Lord.
I will give thanks to God for everything
In the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

I will follow God in everything. I am a child of the Lord.

A heart of love for everyone, following the pathway of Christ.

For He gave Himself as a sacrifice to take away our sin.

And God was pleased, for Christ's love for us was like a fragrant perfume.

Refrain

Once my heart was full of darkness but now in Christ I am light.

Let us live as children of the light, reflecting the glory of Christ.

By this light within we will show the world what is good and right and true.

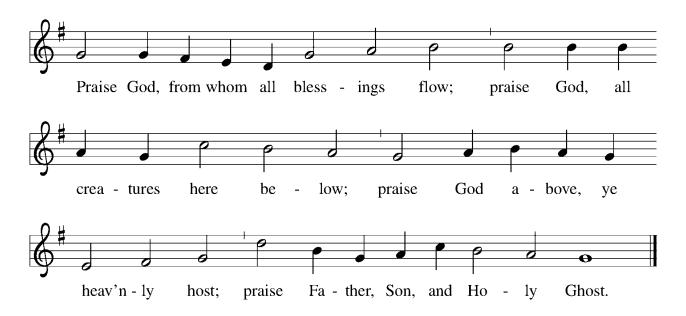
We will find what is pleasing to the Lord and express that in all we do.

Refrain

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.

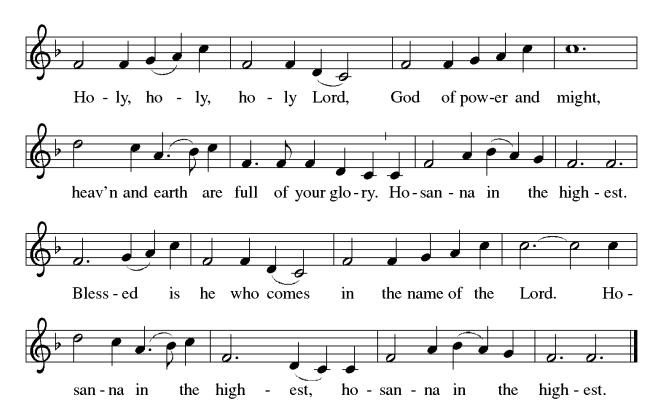
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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**

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.

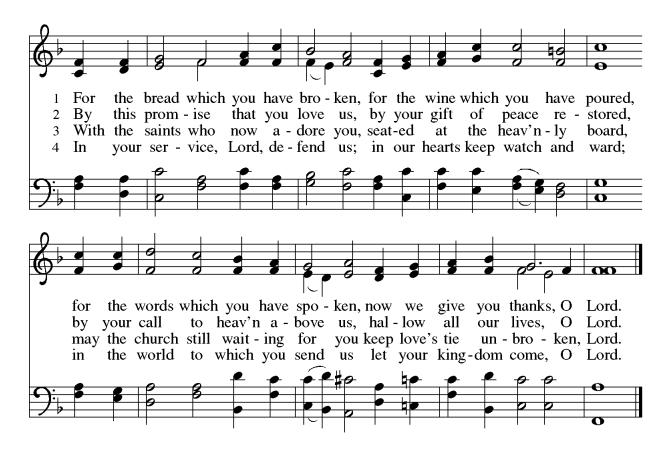
Bread is placed in the hands.

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 SONG**

## For the Bread Which You Have Broken



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.

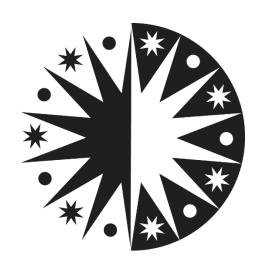
## **SENDING**

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

#### **BLESSING**

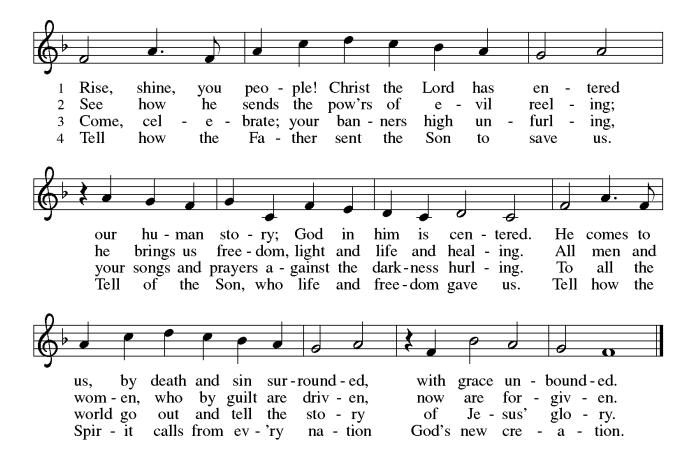
The love of God abound in you; the grace of our Savior Jesus Christ fill your hearts; and the life of the Spirit + bless you and give you peace.

Amen.



#### **SENDING SONG**

# Rise, Shine, You People!



#### **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** 

Partita on "Gather us In" Mov. 5 Scherzo Will Simpson, organ

Setting by Charles L. Lenz

## Thank you to all who are assisting in worship today:

Pastor Lara Forbes, Presiding Minister
Grete Norquist, Preaching Minister
Dr. Will Simpson, Director of Music
Elaine Koga, Accompanist
Jean Wahlstrom Assisting Minister
Aaron Davis, Lector
Mark Davis and John Nelson, Ushers
Karin Eklof and Ann Berglind, Altar Guild
David Mills, Livestream Video
Chase Dooley, Audio
Liz Rudolph and Sarah Cannon, Greeter
Matt Camrud, Coffee Host

The flowers today are given by Stella Nieman in loving memory of Mark Nieman and Natasha Nieman.

Readings for July 6: Jeremiah 29:1, 5-14 John 16:4-15

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Pastor Tim Weber's book, "Making All Things New" is available on Amazon! Description below is from the Amazon site:

We intimately know the world of suffering in many variations---guilt, shame, broken relationships, sickness, dying, death, anger, fear, loss of hope, loss of love, loss of faith. The shadows of suffering extend far and deep into our daily lives. Often we find ourselves adrift in a sea of predicaments, only hearing the echoes of our cries. We yearn for some resource, a hopeful direction, the comfort of grace, tender forgiveness, emboldened courage in facing the headwinds of life. Religion, specifically the Christian faith grounded in gospel of good news, has dimmed over time as a viable resource and has been decried as a body of antiquated and useless beliefs. But the search continues for a stronger foundation to stand on, a hope to live for, a grace to heal and renew, a lively imagination to lift our spirits, and a compelling call to be dynamic

stewards in service to the common good.

In "Making All Things New: Our Predicaments Encountering God's Presence," Timothy Weber integrates decades of experience as a Clinical Psychologist and a Lutheran Pastor in linking the multitude of life's predicaments with the living and active power of God's presence. In these essays delivered as homilies to Christian congregations, Weber artfully blends the real life circumstances that perturb and plague us with the resources offered in the Christian faith. Weber unpacks Christian theology in a refreshing manner that opens up new insights and hopeful pathways that will "make all things new." Pastor Weber has offered to lead a Discipleship Forum in the fall – look for those dates to come.

### **Semi-Annual Meeting Report:**

## SAINT ANDREWS LUTHERAN CHURCH PRESIDENT'S REPORT June 23, 2025

#### GROWING TOGETHER IN CHRIST TO LOVE AND SERVE ALL PEOPLE

This is our mission statement. It has been our mission statement for quite a few years. This past Sunday (June 22) we came together as a congregation to show a very tangible example of what we mean when we say this.

After much discussion, debate, questions, answers, and negotiation, the congregation of Saint Andrew's voted overwhelmingly to work with Imagine Housing to meet a very important need for members of our community. I know this was not an easy decision. There are things we are giving up, part of our parking lot, some of our trees, part of our land. There are many unknowns. How will these new neighbors be to live with? How will the traffic they add impact us? What will it be like to live through this large, lengthy construction project? But the positives of this decision far outweigh any possible negatives. We are helping members of our local community truly be members of the community. For all the what ifs, we have faith that our decision is the right one.

I am so thankful to be a member of Saint Andrew's, to see what we can achieve when we work together, remembering who we are and whose we are. May we always keep that in mind as we enter this new phase of this adventure.

Yours in Christ, Tom Getzinger President, St. Andrew's Lutheran Church







#### Calendar for the Week

#### Sunday, June 29

9:00 AM Coffee & Conversation

10:00 AM Worship

#### Monday, June 30

Tiny House Build

1:00 PM Staff meeting 6:00 PM ELCC meeting

#### Tuesday, July 1

Tiny House Build

8:30 AM Tuesday Morning Men

#### Wednesday, July 2

Tiny House Build

#### Thursday, July 3

Office is closed for July 4th holiday

Tiny House Build

2:00 PM Timber Ridge Worship

#### Friday, July 4

Office is closed.

Tiny House Build

#### Saturday, July 5

Tiny House Build

#### Sunday, July 6

9:00 AM Coffee & Conversation

10:00 AM Worship

11:00 AM Ice Cream Sundae Sunday!

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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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