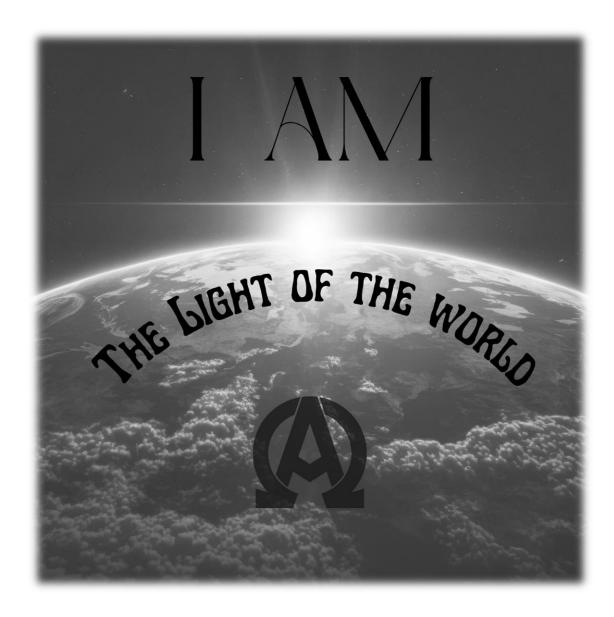
Sunday, July 27, 2025 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost 10:00 AM Worship



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

"Ave Verum" (Hail, True Body of Christ)
Will Simpson, organ

W.A. Mozart

**WELCOME**Jill Nichols-Hicks



Please stand as you are able.

#### **OPENING HYMN**

## Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise



#### **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.

#### **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!"
- 3 Je sus is wor thy to re-ceive hon or and pow'r di vine;
- 4 Let all cre a tion join in one to bless the sa cred name



ten thou-sand thou-sand are their tongues, but all their joys are one. "Wor - thy the Lamb," our lips re - ply, "for he was slain 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. O God of life,

you reach out to us amid our fears and comfort us with your presence. By your Spirit's breath revive our faith in your mercy, and strengthen us to be the body of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Please be seated.

#### A TIME FOR YOUNGER DISCIPLES

Jill Nichols-Hicks

## **WORD**

The book of Revelation recounts a mystical vision of the risen Christ experienced by a Christian prophet named John. Here he describes Christ as a timeless redeemer, the beginning, present, and end of all time.

**READING: REVELATION 1:4-8** 

John to the seven churches that are in Asia:

Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood and made us a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

Look! He is coming with the clouds;
every eye will see him,
even those who pierced him,
and all the tribes of the earth will wail on account of him.
So it is to be. Amen.

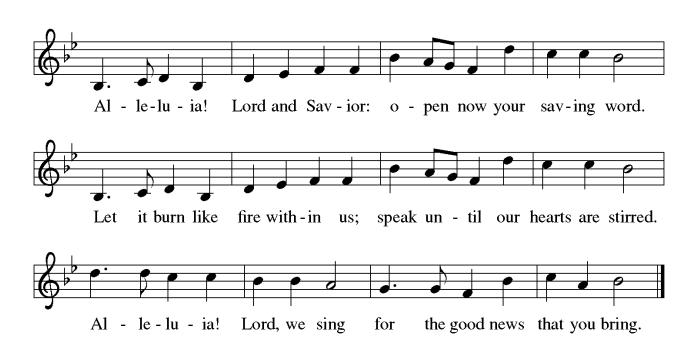
"I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

Word of God. Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able.

#### **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**



#### GOSPEL: JOHN 8:12-20

The Holy Gospel according to John.

## Glory to you, O Lord.

Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness but will have the light of life." Then the Pharisees said to him, "You are testifying on your own behalf; your testimony is not valid." Jesus answered, "Even if I testify on my own behalf, my testimony is valid because I know where I have come from and where I am going, but you do not know where I come from or where I am going.

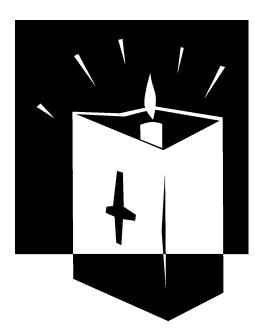
You judge by human standards; I judge no one. Yet even if I do judge, my judgment is valid, for it is not I alone who judge but I and the Father who sent me. In your law it is written that the testimony of two witnesses is valid.

I testify on my own behalf, and the Father who sent me testifies on my behalf." Then they said to him, "Where is your Father?" Jesus answered, "You know neither me nor my Father. If you knew me, you would know my Father also." He spoke these words while he was teaching in the treasury of the temple, but no one arrested him, because his hour had not yet come.

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

Please be seated.

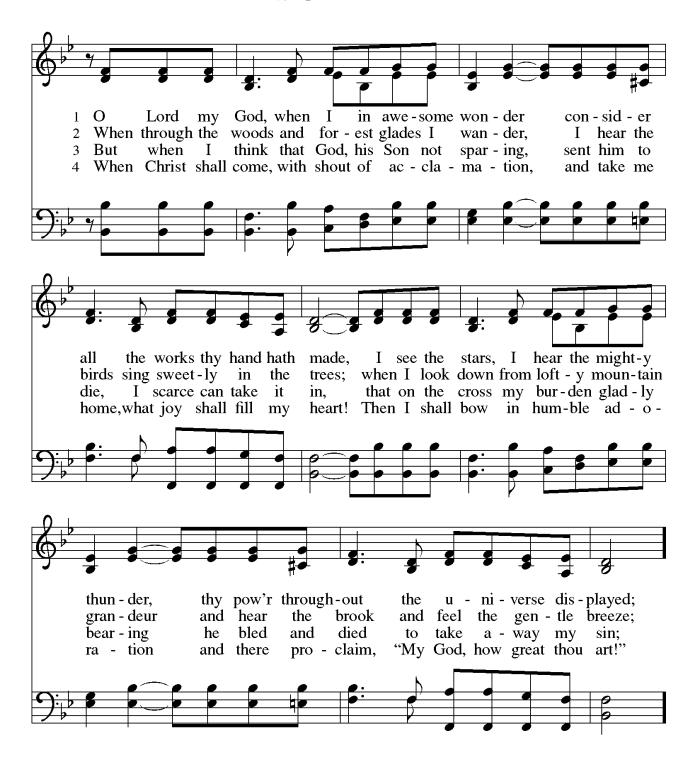
**SERMON** Jill Nichols-Hicks



Please stand as you are able.

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

## How Great Thou Art





#### 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

Jill Nichols-Hicks

<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

"Light Of My Soul" Sharon Gurtel, Soloist

Text: Gesangbuch Translation: Seiss Music: Tchaikovsky

Beautiful Savior, King of creation Son of Man, Son of God, the Almighty. Truly I'd love Thee, truly I'd serve Thee Light of my soul, my crown and eternal joy!

Fair are the meadows, fair are the woodlands,
Robed in the beautiful flowers that bloom in the springtime.

Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer,

He makes the song of our sorrowing spirit.

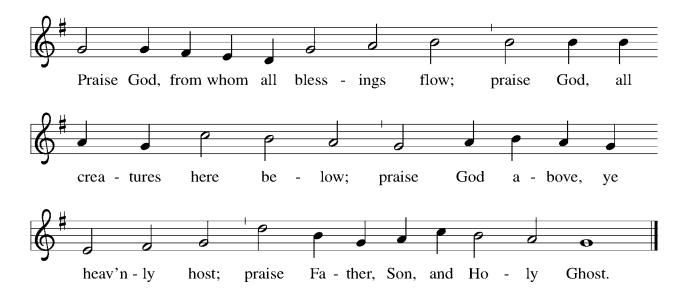
Fair is the sunshine, fair is the moonlight, Jesus shines brighter than the stars Jesus shines purer than the angels, The angels in the sky!

Beautiful Savior, Lord of the nations, Son of Man, Son of God the Almighty! Glory and honor, praise adoration Now and forever, forevermore be Thine!

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.

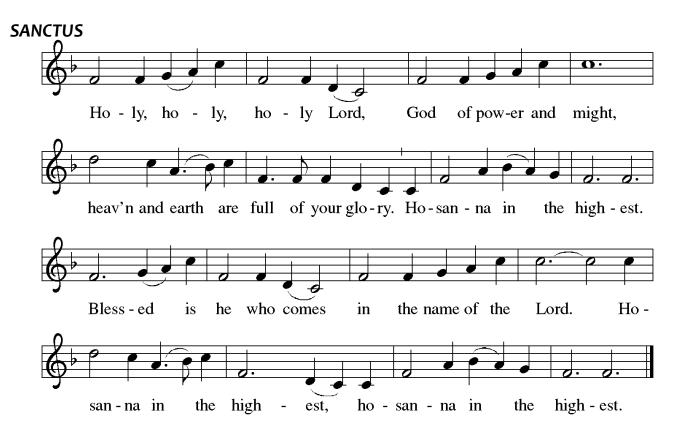
We lift them to the Lord.

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.



#### **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.

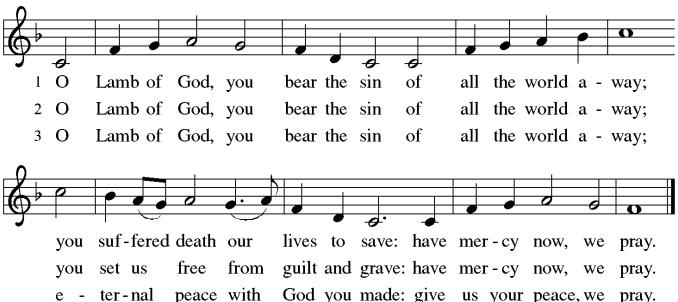
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.

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.





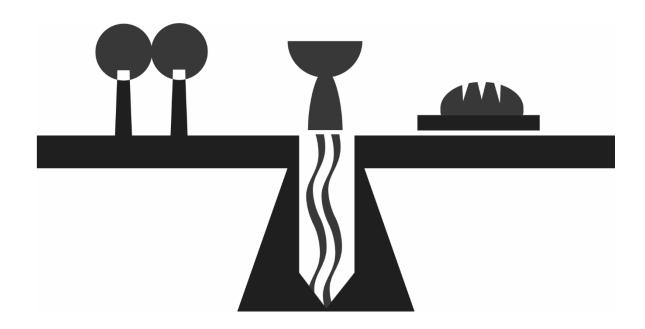
#### **COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION**

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**

## Let Us Break Bread Together



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.

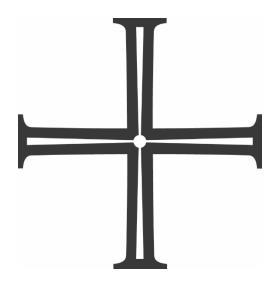
## **SENDING**

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

#### **BLESSING**

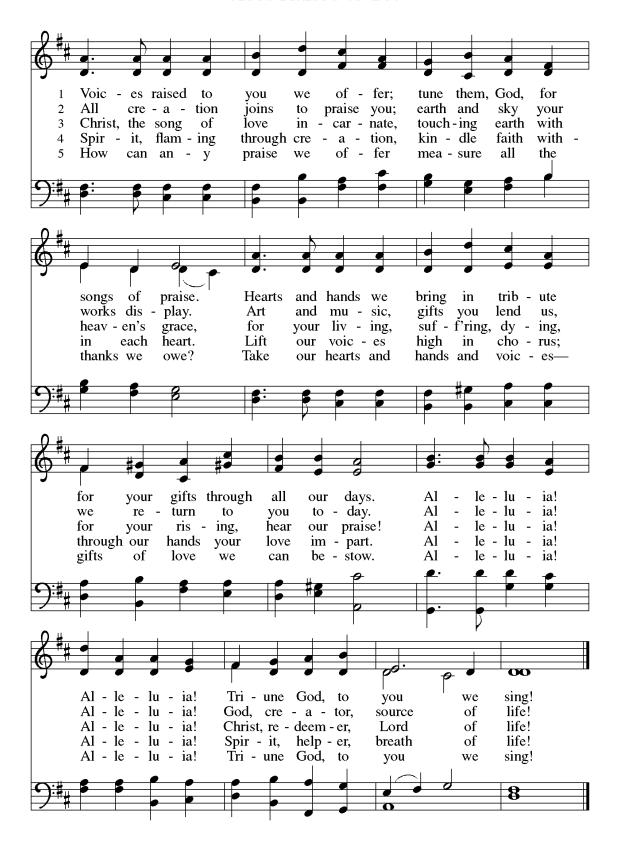
The love of God abound in you; the grace of our Savior Jesus Christ fill your hearts; and the life of the Spirit + bless you and give you peace.

Amen.



#### **SENDING HYMN**

### Voices Raised to You



#### **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** 

"Grand March" Will Simpson, organ

Giuseppe Verdi

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

Jill Nichols-Hicks, Preaching and Presiding Minister Dr. Will Simpson, Director of Music Elaine Koga, Accompanist Shana Nielsen, Assisting Minister Dave Vossler, Lector Soren Lester, Acolyte Stephanie Lester and Art Gurtel, Ushers Karin Eklof, Altar Guild Johannes Grad, Livestream Video Peter Cornwell, Audio Judy & Howard Johnson, Greeters

The flowers today are given by Bev and Tom Anderson to the glory of God.

## Readings for August 3:

Revelation 5:1-14 John 1:29-34

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## Corner of Blessing - Food of the Month - July

Hopelink has asked us to collect **cereal** for July. With kids out of school, their customers are looking for this and cereal is not often donated. When they purchase cereal, they don't get much variety. They really appreciate it when we collect cereal. In July we are collecting:

- Boxes of Cold cereal\*
- Oatmeal regular (~18 ounce)
   or instant (6 10 count)

\*(Note: Costco packaging with two boxes taped/glued together that can be separated into two boxes are OK, but NOT the single box with two bags inside. They can't be separated in their market.)

# Save the Date! Lutherfest! Sunday, October 5 at 4:00 PM.

Join us for Lutherfest at 4p.m. October 5 in the Saint Andrew's Fellowship Hall. German-style food (bratwurst and good stuff), music (German folk music), a raffle and auction, appropriate liquid refreshment, a little history of Octoberfest and our special guest, Martin Luther.

This party is organized by longtime Saint Andrew's member, **Gerdy Mende**. Gerdy, who was born in Germany, has been leading Octoberfest celebrations at her winter home in Indio, CA and we convinced her to bring the party north.

We will have a RAFFLE and LIVE AUCTION to offset costs the 2026 mission trip to Lantern Hill. We are collecting items NOW! What can you procure (or donate) ??

- **Gift certificates** for:
  - Services (hair salon, nail, spa services)
- **Restaurants** you frequent
- Tickets to theater, symphony, sporting events
- Use of your **vacation house** for a weekend
- Wine
- **Kids items** (toys/games/interactive Advent calendars)
- 'Themed' items Christmas, Halloween, Birthday

There are procurement forms in the Narthex.

#### Calendar for the Week

Sunday, July 27

9:00 AM Coffee & Conversation

10:00 AM Worship

Monday, July 28

11:00 AM Staff Meeting

7:00 PM Outreach Committee

Tuesday, July 29

8:30 AM Tuesday Morning Men

Wednesday, July 30

Thursday, July 31

Friday, August 1

Office is closed.

Saturday, August 2

Sunday, August 3

9:00 AM Coffee & Conversation

10:00 AM Worship

Monday, August 4

1:00 PM Staff Meeting

6:00 PM Finance Committee

7:00 PM Executive Committee

Tuesday, August 5

8:30 AM Tuesday Morning Men 10:00 AM Summer Project Day

Wednesday, August 6

1:00 PM Blenda Huebner Memorial

Thursday, August 7

2:00 PM Timber Ridge Worship

Friday, August 8

Office is closed.

Saturday, August 9

Sunday, August 10

Summer Youth Retreat

9:00 AM Coffee and Conversation

10:00 AM Worship

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