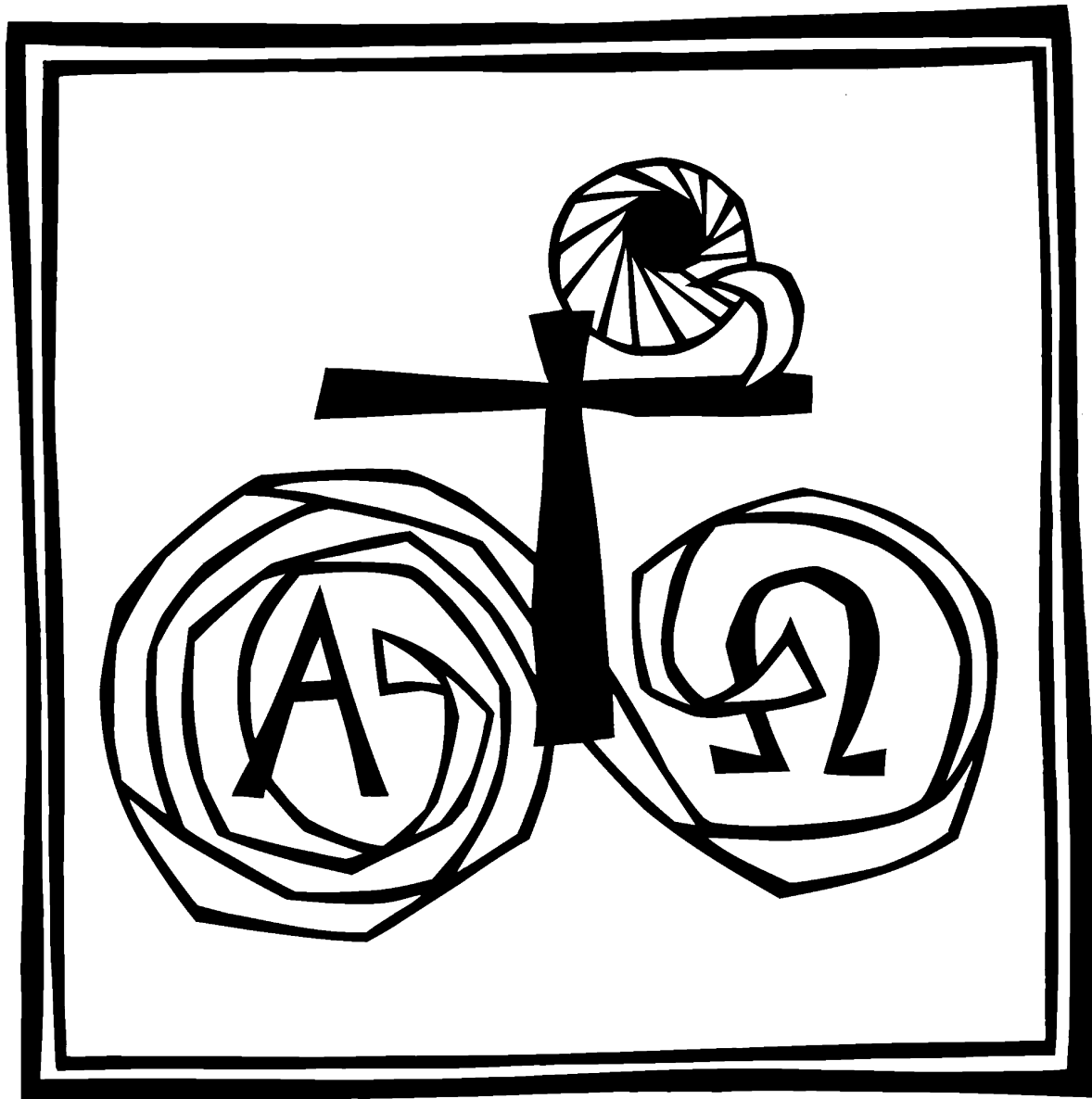


Sunday, August 31, 2025
12th Sunday after Pentecost
10:00 AM Worship



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: <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

“For the Beauty of the Earth”
Elaine Koga, Piano

Setting by Wayne Oquin

WELCOME

Pastor Lara




Please stand as you are able.

OPENING HYMN


Shall We Gather at the River



1 Shall we gath - er at the riv - er, where bright an - gel feet have trod,
2 On the mar - gin of the riv - er, wash - ing up its sil - ver spray,
3 Ere we reach the shin-ing riv - er, lay we ev - 'ry bur - den down;
4 Soon we'll reach the shin-ing riv - er, soon our pil-grim-age will cease;



with its crys - tal tide for - ev - er flow-ing by the throne of God?
we will walk and wor - ship ev - er, all the hap - py gold - en day.
grace our spir - its will de - liv - er, and pro-vide a robe and crown.
soon our hap - py hearts will quiv - er with the mel - o - dy of peace.



Refrain



Yes, we'll gath - er at the riv - er, the beau-ti-ful, the beau-ti-ful riv - er;



gath - er with the saints at the riv - er that flows by the throne of God.



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



1 Have mer - cy on us, Lord, and hear our sol - emn prayer.
2 Have mer - cy on us, Christ, and wash a - way our sin.
3 Have mer - cy on us, Lord; make sin and shame de - part.



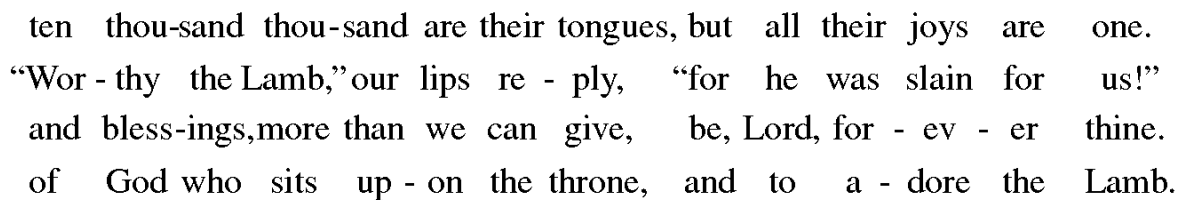
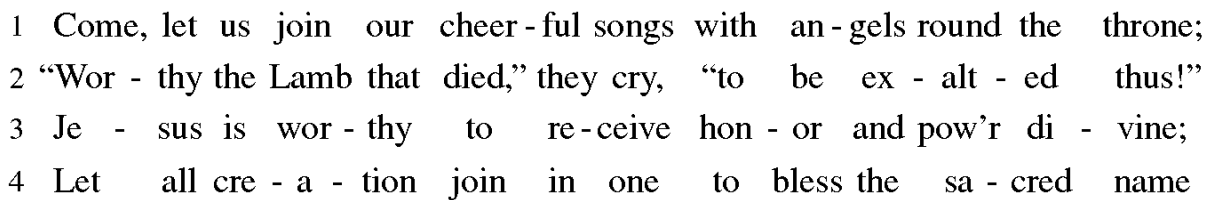
We come to hear your liv - ing word; it saves us from de - spair.
Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may be - gin.
Re - new us with your sav - ing pow'r; cre - ate in us new hearts!

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.

GREETING

CANTICLE OF PRAISE



PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. God of life,
form the minds of your people into your one will. Make us love what you command and desire what you promise, that, amid all the changes of this world, our hearts may be fixed where true joy is found, your son, Jesus Christ our 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

Pastor Lara

You can find the Gospel story in your Spark Bible, page 420.

WORD

In the vision of the new heaven and new earth, God resides fully with God's people. Mourning, despair, and pain have been eradicated. These words from the God who spans all of time are trustworthy and true.

READING: REVELATION 21:1-6; 22:1-5

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,

“See, the home of God is among mortals.

He will dwell with them;

they will be his peoples,

and God himself will be with them and be their God;

he will wipe every tear from their eyes.

Death will be no more;

mourning and crying and pain will be no more,

for the first things have passed away.”

Also he said, “Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.” Then he said to me, “It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life.

Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb through the middle of the street of the city. On either side of the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month, and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. Nothing accursed will be found there anymore. But the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him; they will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. And there will be no more night; they need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever.

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.



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

GOSPEL: JOHN 4:1-14

The Holy Gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Now when Jesus learned that the Pharisees had heard, “Jesus is making and baptizing more disciples than John” (although it was not Jesus himself but his disciples who baptized), he left Judea and started back to Galilee. But he had to go through Samaria. So he came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob’s well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon.

A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, “Give me a drink.” (His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) The Samaritan woman said to him, “How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?” (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.) Jesus answered her, “If you knew the gift of God and who it is that is saying to you, ‘Give me a drink,’ you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water.” The woman said to him, “Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?” Jesus said to her, “Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

SERMON

Pastor Lara

Please stand as you are able.

Sing with All the Saints in Glory

- 1 Sing with all the saints in glory,
sing the resurrection song!
Death and sorrow, earth's dark story,
to the former days belong.
All around the clouds are breaking,
soon the storms of time shall cease;
in God's likeness we awaken,
knowing everlasting peace.
- 2 Oh, what glory, far exceeding
all that eye has yet perceived!
Holiest hearts for ages pleading
never that full joy conceived.
God has promised, Christ prepares it,
there on high our welcome waits.
Ev'ry humble spirit shares it,
Christ has passed the eternal gates.
- 3 Life eternal! heav'n rejoices:
Jesus lives who once was dead.
Shout with joy, O deathless voices!
Child of God, lift up your head!
Life eternal! Oh, what wonders
crowd on faith; what joy unknown,
when, amid earth's closing thunders,
saints shall stand before the throne!

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, "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

"Fantasia No. 10"
Naveen VedBrat, Violin

Telemann

Please stand as you are able.

OFFERTORY VERSE

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

Musical notation for the Offertory Verse, consisting of three staves in G major (one sharp). The melody is written on a treble clef. The lyrics are: "Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below; praise God above, ye heav'n - ly host; praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost." The first staff ends with a semibreve, the second with a half note, and the third with a whole note and a double bar line.

Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise God, all
crea - tures here be - low; praise God a - bove, ye
heav'n - ly host; praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

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.

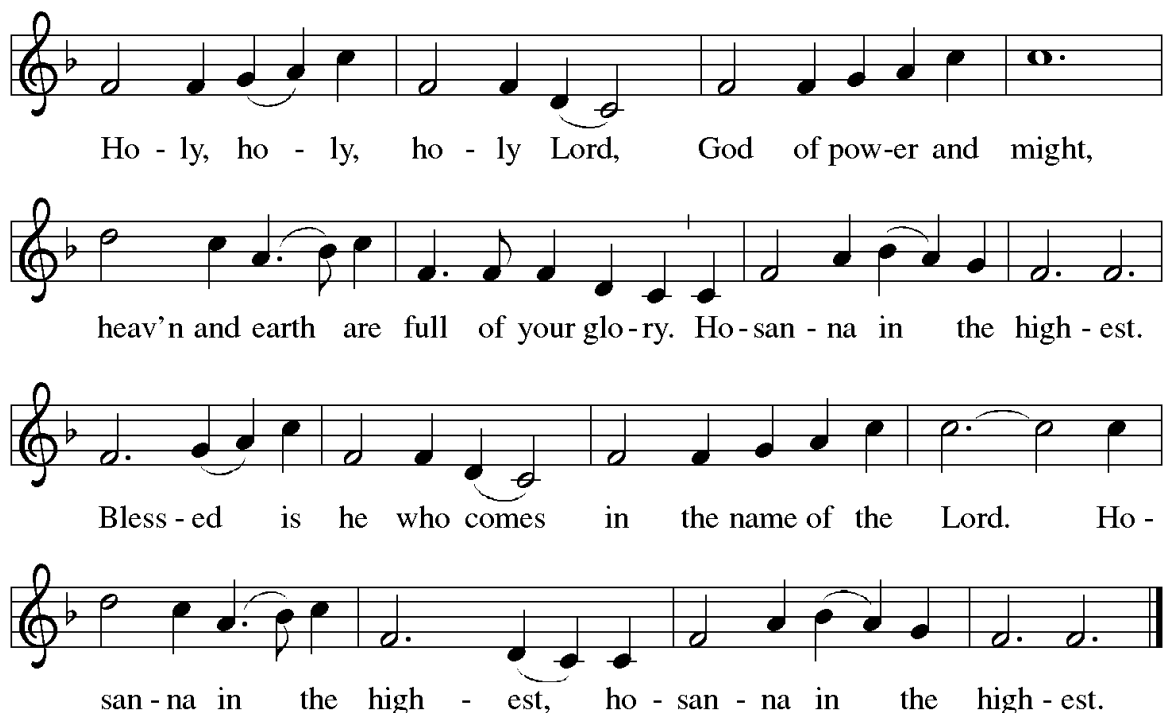
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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



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 worshiping 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 AND HEALING PRAYERS

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.

Today we have two Healing Prayer Ministers to pray with you during Communion. They are ready to pray for healing and also offer thanksgiving for healing. You may also bring other concerns for prayer to them.

COMMUNION MUSIC

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.

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

Jerusalem, My Happy Home



1 Je - ru - sa - lem, my hap - py home, when shall I come to thee?
2 O hap - py har - bor of the saints, O sweet and pleas - ant soil!
3 Thy gar - dens and thy gal - lant walks con - tin - ual - ly are green;
4 There trees for - ev - er - more bear fruit and ev - er - more do spring;
5 Je - ru - sa - lem, Je - ru - sa - lem, God grant that I may see

When shall my sor - rows have an end? Thy joys when shall I see?
In thee no sor - row may be found, no grief, no care, no toil.
there grow such sweet and pleas - ant flow'rs as no - where else are seen.
there ev - er - more the an - gels sit and ev - er - more do sing.
thine end - less joy, and of the same par - tak - er ev - er be!

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

“Allegro Brilliant”

ten Have

Naveen VedBrat, Violin; Elaine Koga, Piano

The flowers today are given by CJ Tatum to the glory of God.

Thank you to all who are assisting in worship today:

Pastor Lara Forbes, *Preaching and Presiding Minister*

Dr. Will Simpson, *Director of Music*

Elaine Koga, *Accompanist*

Dana Nasby, *Assisting Minister*

Mary Davis, *Lector*

Cheryl Jurrus and Mikel Oswalt, *Healing Prayer Ministers*

Soren Lester, *Acolyte*

Shana and Erik Nielsen, *Ushers*

Malinda Elien, *Altar Guild*

Kurt Lutterman, *Livestream Video*

Johannes Grad, *Audio*

Sarah Cannon and Joe Banuelos, *Greeters*

Cheryl Jurrus and Allen Bolen, *Coffee hosts*

Come to the Fellowship Hall for Root Beer floats!

Readings for September 7

Genesis 1:1-2:4a

John 1:1-5

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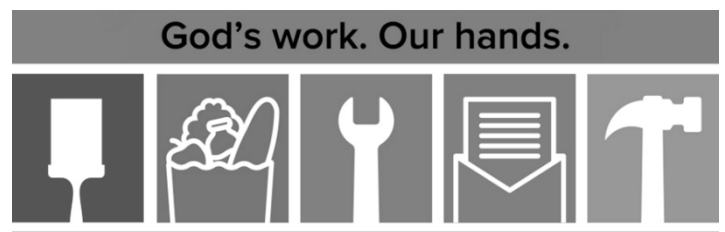
Join us for root beer floats right after the 10 a.m. worship service next **Sunday, August 31.**

We'll be scooping vanilla ice cream into glasses and you get to add as little or as much root beer as you'd like.

Meet in the Fellowship Hall for this tasty treat.

Volunteers needed to help with this sweet fellowship activity. Let Fellowship Coordinator Sherry Grindeland know if you can help via phone at 425-746-2529 or sherry@salc.church.

We are putting together teams of volunteers to be at the Crossroads QFC, Saturday, September 6th from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm to collect nonperishable food items from shoppers. All food collected will go to the Hopelink Food Bank. The job consists of handing out a "shopping list" flyer and thanking people for their donations. For more information, contact Debbie Szabo at debbieszabo@comcast.net (206) 972-2675 or Dick Szabo (206) 390-7621.



SAVE THE DATE!! 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 Oktoberfest and our special guest, Martin Luther. **Can you procure some raffle/auction items??** Procurement forms are in the Narthex (on the wall by the stairs). Tickets are on sale TODAY in the Narthex,



Youth and adults are welcome to join on this trip to **Ensenada, Mexico, June 26-July 2**, as we partner with the Friends of Lantern Hill. *Our first informational meeting will be on Tuesday, September 2, at 6:30pm via Zoom, information will be in Trendings or contact Doug for link.* We will be joined the Executive Director from Lantern Hill, Abby Williams. If you have any questions you can contact Doug Johnson or Shana Nielsen, dawgsnroses@hotmail.com.

Upcoming Events at Saint Andrew's


NORDWELL & MOSS: NATURE, THE GENTLEST MOTHER



September 14, 2025
3-4:30pm

In Person at St. Andrews Lutheran, Bellevue
(2650 148TH Ave NE, Bellevue, WA)
Reception to follow


Interfaith for Impact: Uplifting Girls in East Africa



60th ANNIVERSARY

"Interfaith for Impact: Uplifting Girls in East Africa"
is an opportunity to come together, share stories, and learn how we can all support girls and women in East Africa—especially within the Maasai community—through education and empowerment.

Event Details:
Date: September 13th, 2025
Time: 9:30 AM – 12:30 PM
Location: Saint Andrew's Lutheran Church: 2650 148th Ave SE, Bellevue, WA




By the grace of God and the call of the church

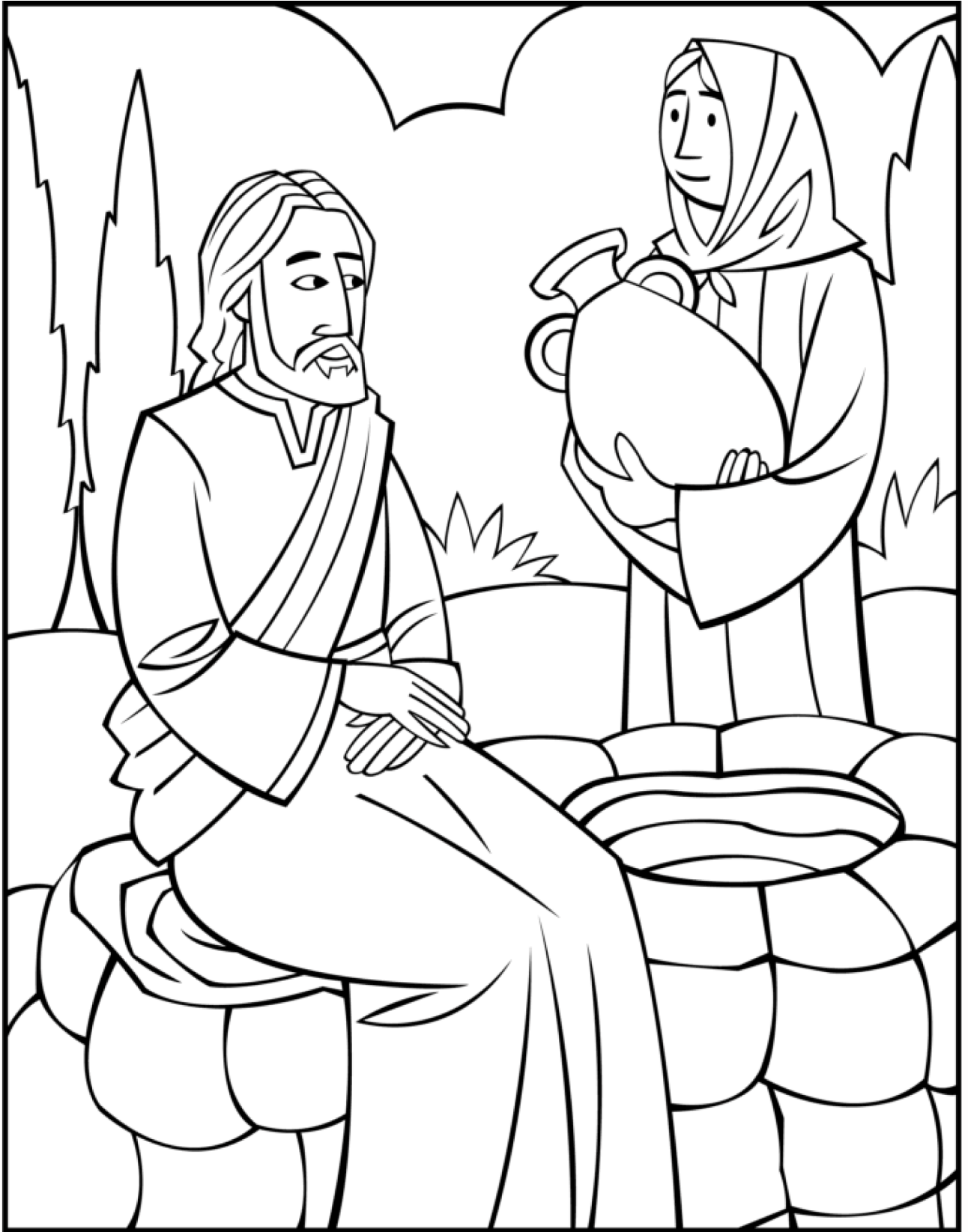
Jill Nichols-Hicks
will be ordained to the
Ministry of Word and Sacrament
at Saint Andrew's Lutheran Church

With great joy we invite you to join us for
The Rite of Ordination
Friday, September 12, 2025
6:00 PM - hors d'oeuvres
7:00 PM service begins
Dessert reception following ceremony

Saint Andrew's Lutheran Church
2650 148th Avenue Southeast, Bellevue, WA

Clergy are invited to vest, the color of the day is red.

*Jill has been called to serve the congregation of
Northlake Lutheran Church in Kenmore, WA.*



Jesus and the Woman at the Well

Calendar for the Week

Sunday, August 31

9:00 AM Coffee and Conversation
10:00 AM Worship
11:15 AM Root Beer Float Sunday!

Monday, September 1

Labor Day – office is closed

Tuesday, September 2

8:30 AM Tuesday Morning Men
1:00 PM Staff Meeting

Wednesday, September 3

6:00 PM Finance Committee
7:00 PM Executive Committee

Thursday, September 4

2:00 PM Timber Ridge Worship

Friday, September 5

Office is closed.

Saturday, September 6

10:00 AM- 4:00 PM God's Work, Our Hands
Crossroads QFC

Sunday, September 7

God's Work, Our Hands Sunday

9:00 AM Coffee and Conversation
10:00 AM Worship

Monday, September 8

10:00 AM Health & Wholeness Ministry
7:00 PM Council Meeting

Tuesday, September 9

8:30 AM Tuesday Morning Men

Wednesday, September 10

1:00 PM Congregation Care Team
4:00 PM Adult Education Planning Meeting

Thursday, September 11

7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal

Friday, September 12

7:00 PM Ordination of Jill Nichols-Hicks

Saturday, September 13

9:00 AM Work Day
9:30 AM Operation Bootstrap Africa Event

Sunday, September 14

9:00 AM Education Hour
10:00 AM Worship
11:00 AM Sunday Brunch

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