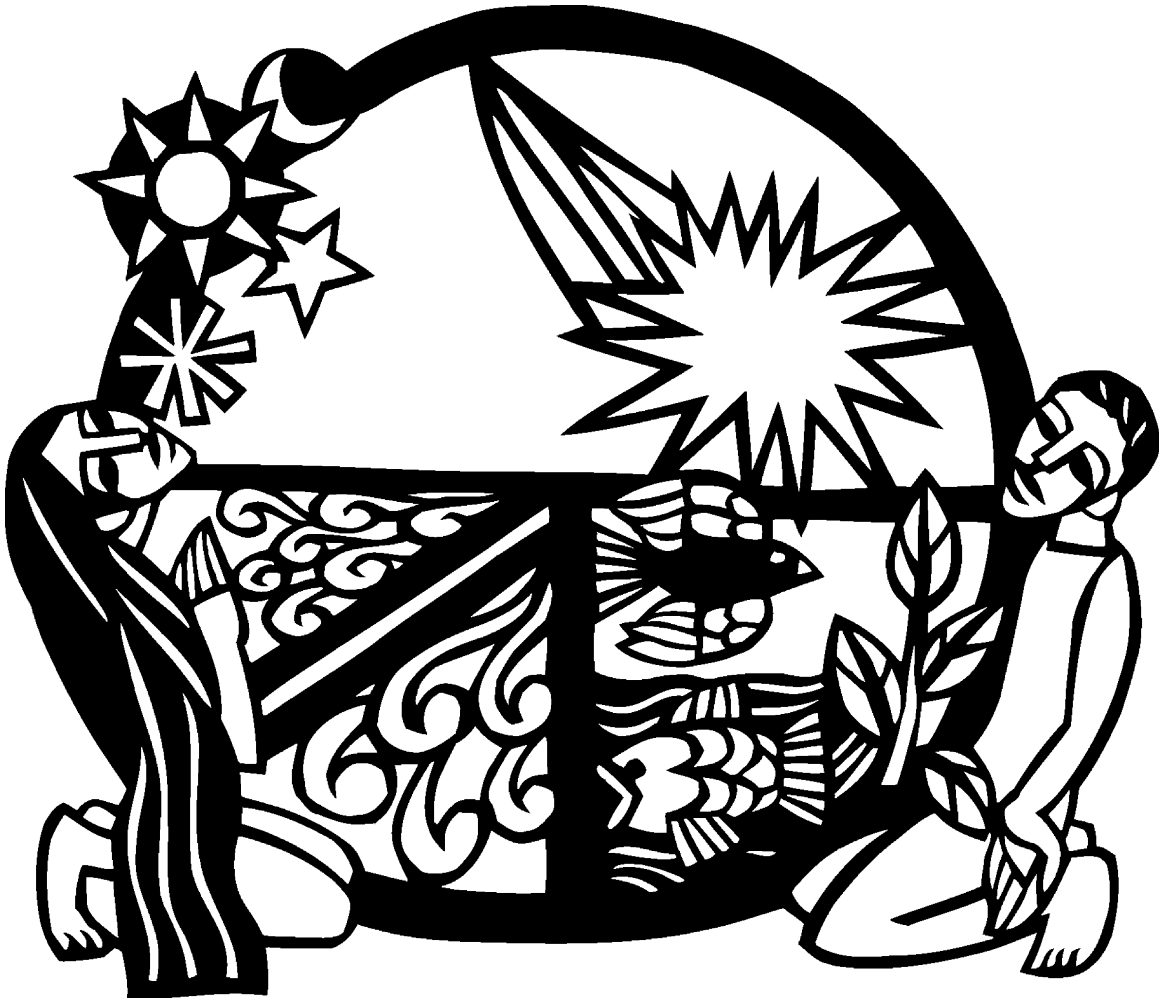


Sunday, September 7, 2025
13th Sunday after Pentecost
10:00 AM Worship



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

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

PRELUDE

"When Love Is Found"
Will Simpson, Organ

Emma Lou Diemer

WELCOME

Pastor Lara



Please stand as you are able.

OPENING HYMN

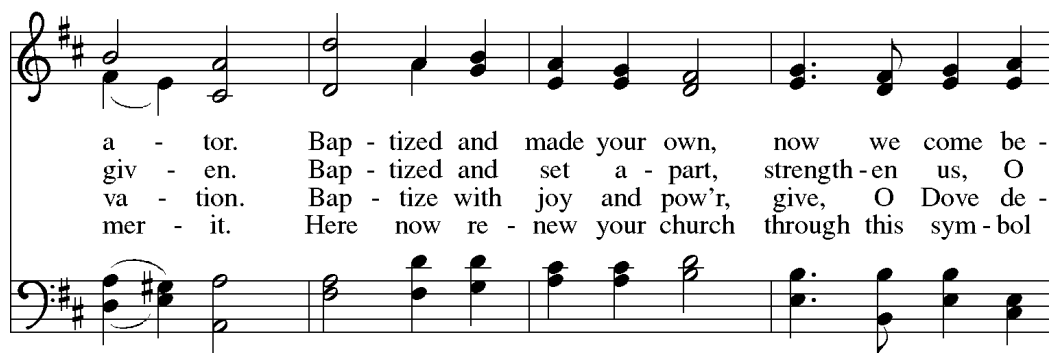
Praise and Thanksgiving Be to God



1 Praise and thanks - giv - ing be to God our
 2 Not our own ho - li - ness, nor that we have
 3 Come, Ho - ly Spir - it, come in vis - i -
 4 Praise to the Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly



mak - er, source of all bless - ing, prod - i - gal cre -
 striv - en brings us the peace which you, O Christ, have
 ta - tion; you are the truth, our hope, and our sal -
 Spir - it: one Lord, one faith, one source of ev - 'ry



a - tor. Bap - tized and made your own, now we come be -
 giv - en. Bap - tized and set a - part, strength - en us, O
 va - tion. Bap - tize with joy and pow'r, give, O Dove de -
 mer - it. Here now re - new your church through this sym - bol



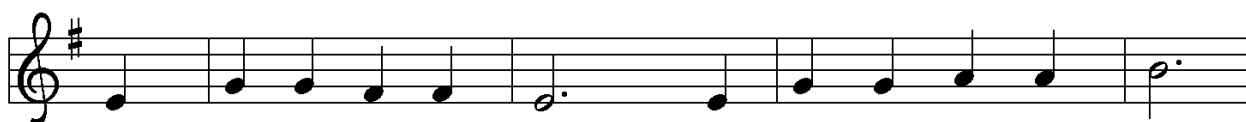
fore you, and we a - dore you.
 Sav - ior, with grace and fa - vor.
 scend - ing, life nev - er end - ing.
 giv - en; grant peace from heav - en.

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



GREETING

CANTICLE OF PRAISE



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PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. Holy God,
creator of light and giver of goodness, your voice moves over the waters. Immerse us in your grace, and transform us by your Spirit, that we may follow after 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

Pastor Lara

You can find the Gospel story in your Spark Bible, page 3.

WORD

In the first creation story, we learn that God does not do the creating alone. God, working interdependently and over time, involves the creatures themselves in creational developments. What the creatures do actually matters in the ongoing becoming of the world.

READING: Genesis 1:1 – 2:3

We will read responsively.

L: When God began to create the heavens and the earth, the earth was complete chaos and darkness covered the face of the deep, while the Spirit of God hovered over the face of the waters. Then God said, “Let there be light.”

All: And there was light. And God saw that the light was good;

L: and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night.

All: And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

L: And God said, “Let there be a dome in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters.” So God made the dome and separated the waters that were under the dome from the waters that were above the dome.

All: And it was so.

L: God called the dome Sky.

All: And there was evening and there was morning, the second day.

L: And God said, “Let the waters under the sky be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear.”

All: And it was so.

L: God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas.

All: And God saw that it was good.

L: Then God said, “Let the earth put forth vegetation: plants yielding seed, and fruit trees of every kind on earth that bear fruit with the seed in it.”

All: And it was so.

L: The earth brought forth vegetation: plants yielding seed of every kind, and trees of every kind bearing fruit with the seed in it.

All: And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, the third day.

L: And God said, “Let there be lights in the dome of the sky to separate the day from the night; and let them be for signs and for seasons and for days and years, and let them be lights in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth.”

All: And it was so.

L: God made the two great lights—the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night—and the stars. God set them in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth, to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness.

All: And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day.

L: And God said, “Let the waters bring forth swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the dome of the sky.” So God created the great sea monsters and every living creature that moves, of every kind, with which the waters swarm, and every winged bird of every kind.

All: And God saw that it was good.

L: God blessed them, saying, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth.”

All: And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day.

L: And God said, “Let the earth bring forth living creatures of every kind: cattle and creeping things and wild animals of the earth of every kind.”

All: And it was so.

L: God made the wild animals of the earth of every kind, and the cattle of every kind, and everything that creeps upon the ground of every kind.

All: And God saw that it was good.

L: Then God said, “Let us make humans in our image, according to our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the wild animals of the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth.” So God created humans in his image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them. God blessed them, and God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth.”

“See, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food. And to every beast of the earth, and to every bird of the air, and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food.”

All: And it was so. God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

L: Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all their multitude. On the sixth day God finished the work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all the work that he had done. So God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all the work that he had done in creation. These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created.

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 1:1-5

The Holy Gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overtake it.

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

God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens



1 God, who stretched the span - gled heav - ens in - fi - nite in time and place,
2 We have ven - tured worlds un - dreamed of since the child-hood of our *race;
3 As each far ho - ri - zon beck - ons, may it chal-lenge us a - new:



flung the suns in burn-ing ra - diance through the si - lent fields of space;
known the ec - sta - sy of wing-ing through un - trav-eled realms of space;
chil - dren of cre - a - tive pur - pose, serv - ing oth - ers, hon - 'ring you.



we, your chil - dren in your like-ness, share in - ven - tive pow'rs with you;
probed the se - crets of the at - om, yield-ing un - i - mag - ined pow'r,
May our dreams prove rich with prom-ise; each en-deav-or well be - gun;



great Cre - a - tor, still cre - at - ing, show us what we yet may do.
fac - ing us with life's de - struc - tion or our most tri - um - phant hour.
great Cre - a - tor, give us guid - ance till our goals and yours are one.

**here, "race" refers to the human race.*

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

"Blessed Assurance"
David Mills, Guitar and vocals

Tradition

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 of music in G major (one sharp). The lyrics are written below the notes.

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.

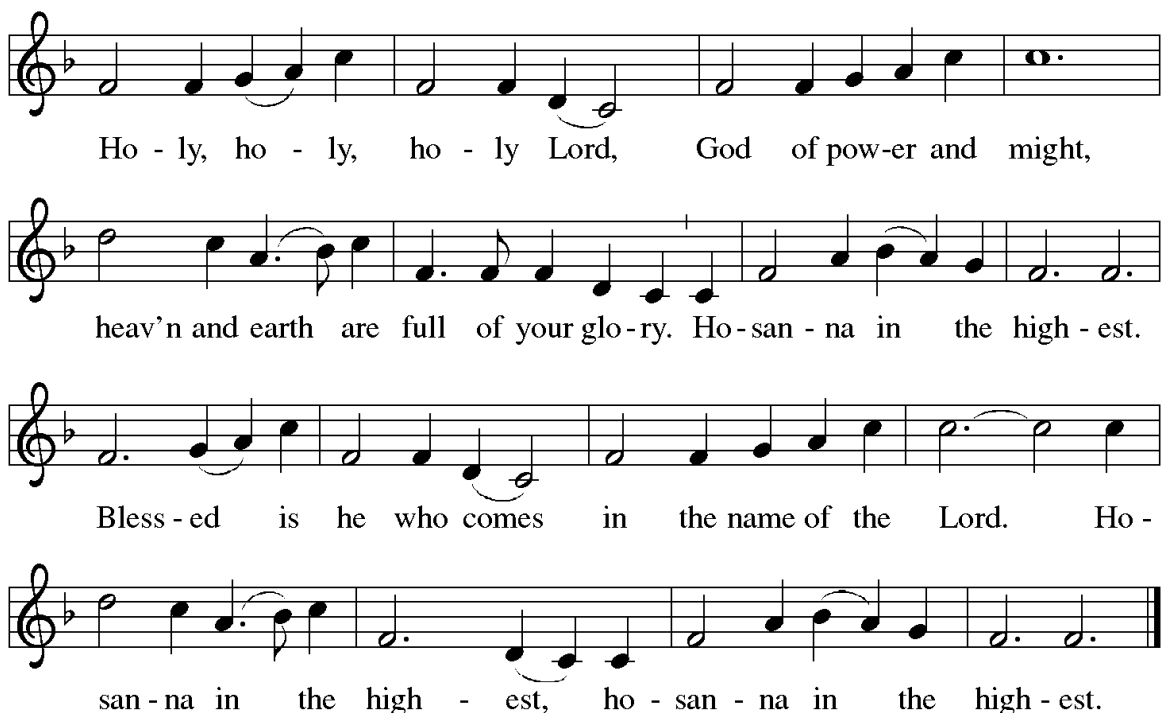
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

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.

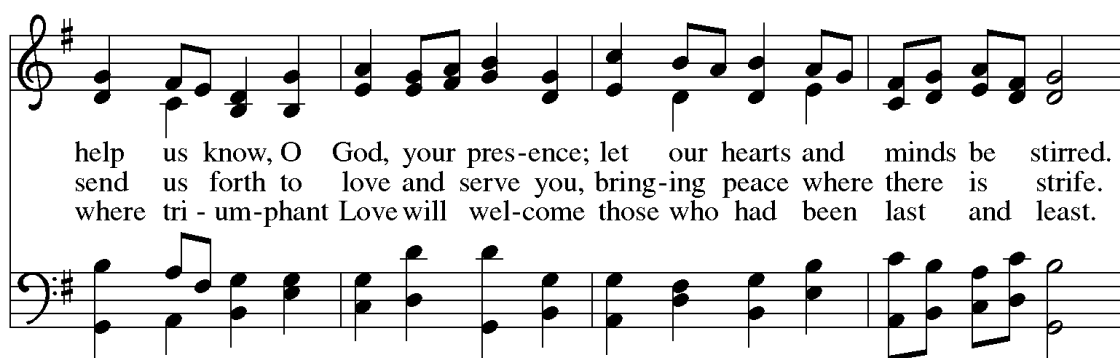
If you wish to be communed in your seat, please let one of the ushers/hospitality team know.

COMMUNION MUSIC

As We Gather at Your Table



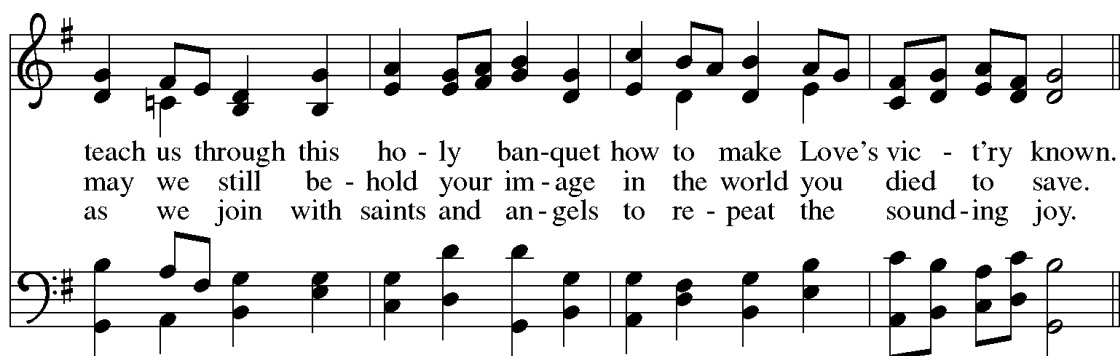
1 As we gath-er at your ta - ble, as we lis - ten to your word,
 2 Turn our wor-ship in - to wit-ness in the sac - ra - ment of life;
 3 Gra - cious Spir - it, help us sum-mon oth-er guests to share that feast



help us know, O God, your pres-ence; let our hearts and minds be stirred.
 send us forth to love and serve you, bring-ing peace where there is strife.
 where tri - um-phiant Love will wel-come those who had been last and least.



Nour-ish us with sa - cred sto - ry till we claim it as our own;
 Give us, Christ, your great com-pas-sion to for - give as you for - gave;
 There no more will en - vy blind us nor will pride our peace de - stroy,



teach us through this ho - ly ban-quet how to make Love's vic - t'ry known.
 may we still be - hold your im-age in the world you died to save.
 as we join with saints and an-gels to re - peat the sound-ing joy.

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

Go, My Children, with My Blessing



- 1 "Go, my chil - dren, with my bless-ing, nev - er a - lone.
2 "Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure.
3 "Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour-ished, clos - er to me.



Wak - ing, sleep - ing, I am with you, you are my own.
Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.
Grow in love and love by serv-ing, joy - ful and free.



In my love's bap-tis - mal riv - er I have made you mine for-ev - er.
Here you heard my dear Son's sto - ry, here you touched him, saw his glo - ry.
Here my Spir - it's pow - er filled you, here my ten - der com-fort stilled you.



Go, my chil - dren, with my bless-ing, you are my own."
Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure."
Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour-ished, joy - ful and free."

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

"Hymn to Joy"
Will Simpson, Organ

Wayne L. Wold

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*
Shana Nielsen, *Assisting Minister*
Joyce Nelson, *Lector*
Avery Laub *Acolyte*
Art Gurtel and Tom Benson, *Ushers*
Hillary Nordwell, *Altar Guild*
Dianne Chong, *Livestream Video*
Sharon Gurtel, *Audio*
Mikel Oswalt and Stella Nieman, *Greeters*
Teresa Luttermann, *Coffee host*

*The flowers today are given by Carol Schneider and Ed Corker
for all those facing major health choices.*

Readings for September 14

Genesis 21:1-5; 22:1-14

John 1:29-34

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Pastor's Bible Study begins on **Tuesday, September 9th**. The group meets in person in the Library or on Zoom at **10:00 AM** each Tuesday. Please contact Pastor Lara for the zoom link (pastor@salc.church)

Sunday Brunch returns next week! Saint Andrew's resumes its monthly Fellowship brunches after worship service on **September 14**.

We start the season off with an old-fashioned potluck.

Drop off your dish to share in the kitchen on your way to the 10 a.m. worship service.

We will set up a buffet of your wonderful contributions to enjoy after church.

If your last name begins with:

- **A to H - bring a main dish.**
- **I to Q - bring a salad or vegetable.**
- **R to Z - folks get to bring the sweet stuff – dessert!**

Please prepare enough to service 8-10 people. Church will supply bread, butter and beverages. Questions? Contact Fellowship Coordinator Sherry Grindeland at 425-746-2529 or sherry@salc.church.

Get ready to SING!! Choir rehearsal begins on Thursday, September 11 at 7:00 PM. All are welcome to join in making a 'joyful noise unto the Lord'. Contact Will (will@salc.church) for more information.

Fall Work Day! Come help fix up and clean up the church for fall! The next All Church Work Day will be **Saturday, September 13, 9:00 AM until Noon**. There will be lots of tasks for all skill levels and interests. It is always a great time of fellowship, and a chance to get to know Saint Andrew's members in a new setting. There will be coffee, hot cocoa, and donuts. Please let Kurt Lutterman (kurt@salc.church) know if you have questions.

Lutherfest tickets are on sale! See Sherry or one of her happy helpers.
\$20 per person.



Interfaith for Impact: Uplifting Girls in East Africa



"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



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



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.

Calendar for the Week

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
10:00 AM Pastor's Bible Study

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 All Church 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
Knit Wits
3:00 PM Hillary Nordwell Concert

Monday, September 15

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

Tuesday, September 16

8:30 AM Tuesday Morning Men
10:00 AM Pastor's Bible Study
11:45 AM O.W.L.S. Lunch

Wednesday, September 17

2:00 PM Jackie Risdal Memorial Service

Thursday, September 18

7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal

Friday, September 19

Saturday, September 20

9:00 AM Adult Education
10:00 AM Worship

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