

Sunday, September 14, 2025
14th 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

“Hymn for St. Brigid's Day” Nancy Bachmann
Hillary Nordwell, Piano; Ann Moss, soprano

Hymn for St. Brigid's Day (Nancy Bachmann)

I stand on my threshold in the fading day,
hearing the distant surf churn the sand.
As sky fades to rose,
A breeze from nowhere, from everywhere
drops a golden leaf into my outstretched hand.

In this transparent hour,
gazing deep within this tiny garment of the spirit,
even severed from its stem.
I behold the love that is never severed from anything.

WELCOME

Pastor Lara

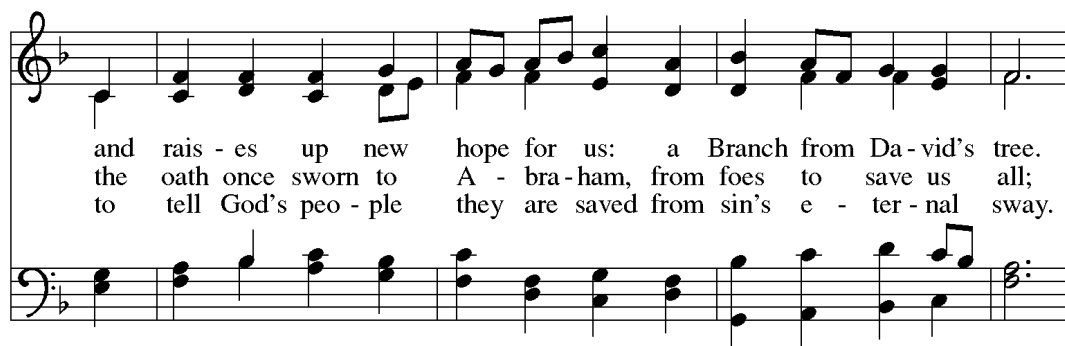
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OPENING HYMN

Blessed Be the God of Israel



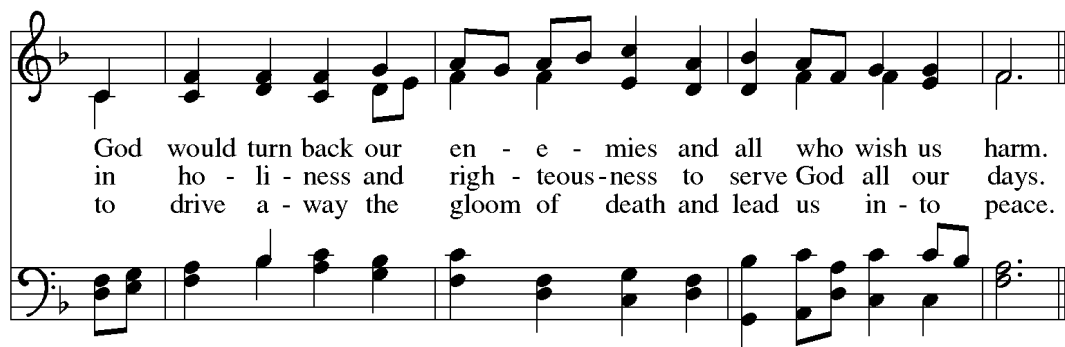
1 Blessed be the God of Is - ra - el who comes to set us free
2 With prom-ised mer - cy will God still the cov - e - nant re - call,
3 My child, as proph-et of the Lord you will pre-pare the way,



and rais - es up new hope for us: a Branch from Da - vid's tree.
the oath once sworn to A - bra - ham, from foes to save us all;
to tell God's peo - ple they are saved from sin's e - ter - nal sway.



So have the proph-ets long de - clared that with a might - y arm
that we might wor - ship with - out fear and of - fer lives of praise,
Then shall God's mer - cy from on high shine forth and nev - er cease



God would turn back our en - e - mies and all who wish us harm.
in ho - li - ness and righ - teous-ness to serve God all our days.
to drive a - way the gloom of death and lead us in - to peace.


CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the Holy Trinity, + the one who forms us, who bears the cross, and who makes our joy complete.

Amen.

Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin in the presence of God and one another.

KYRIE



1, 3 Ky - ri - e e - lei - son. Ky - ri - e e - lei - son.
2 Chris - te e - lei - son. Chris - te e - lei - son.
1, 3 Lord, . . . have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.
2 Christ, . . . have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy.

Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.
Chris - te e - le - i - son.
Lord, . . . have mer - cy.
Christ, . . . have mer - cy.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Steadfast and faithful God,

you have revealed the ways of justice, yet we fail to follow you. We are afraid to risk what we have for the sake of helping others. For the harm we have caused, for the unjust demands we place on others and your creation, and for the ways we turn away from you and our neighbor, forgive us. Lead us back to you and set us on the right path; in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

Beloved in Christ, God's justice stretches beyond all understanding, and God's compassion is beyond compare. In Jesus, God is always making a new way for us. In + Christ's name, you are forgiven.

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

Refrain

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb
who was slain, whose blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.

Refrain

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and
strength, and hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.

Refrain

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,
 al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of
 God, and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or,
 glo - ry, and might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

Refrain

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,
 al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 4 For the Lamb who was
 slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

Final refrain

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.
 Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. Holy God,
you direct our lives by your grace, and your words of justice and mercy reshape the world. Form us into a people who welcome your word and serve one another, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Please be seated.

A TIME FOR YOUNGER DISCIPLES

Pastor Lara

You can find the Gospel story in your Spark Bible, page 246.

WORD

Abraham was prepared to obey God's command amid extreme contradiction: the child to be sacrificed is the very child through whom Abraham is to receive descendants. God acknowledged Abraham's obedient faith, and Abraham offered a ram in the place of his son, Isaac.

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

The Lord was gracious with Sarah as he had said, and the Lord did for Sarah as he had promised. Sarah conceived and bore Abraham a son in his old age, at the time of which God had spoken to him. Abraham gave the name Isaac to his son whom Sarah bore him. And Abraham circumcised his son Isaac when he was eight days old, as God had commanded him. Abraham was a hundred years old when his son Isaac was born to him.

After these things God tested Abraham. He said to him, "Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am." He said, "Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains that I shall show you." So Abraham rose early in the morning, saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him and his son Isaac; he cut the wood for the burnt offering and set out and went to the place in the distance that God had shown him. On the third day Abraham looked up and saw the place far away. Then Abraham said to his young men, "Stay here with the donkey; the boy and I will go over there; we will worship, and then we will come back to you."

Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and laid it on his son Isaac, and he himself carried the fire and the knife. And the two of them walked on together. Isaac said to his father Abraham, "Father!" And he said, "Here I am, my son." He said, "The fire and the wood are here, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?" Abraham said, "God himself will provide the lamb for a burnt offering, my son." And the two of them walked on together.

When they came to the place that God had shown him, Abraham built an altar there and laid the wood in order. He bound his son Isaac and laid him on the altar on top of the wood. Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to kill his son. But the angel of the Lord called to him from heaven and said, "Abraham, Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am." He said, "Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him, for now I know that you fear God, since you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me." And Abraham looked up and saw a ram, caught in a thicket by its horns. Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt offering instead of his son. So Abraham called that place "The Lord will provide," as it is said to this day, "On the mount of the Lord it shall be provided."

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

Please stand as you are able.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

GOSPEL: JOHN 1:29-34

The Holy Gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him and declared, “Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! This is he of whom I said, ‘After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me.’ I myself did not know him, but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel.” And John testified, “I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, ‘He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.’ And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Chosen One.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

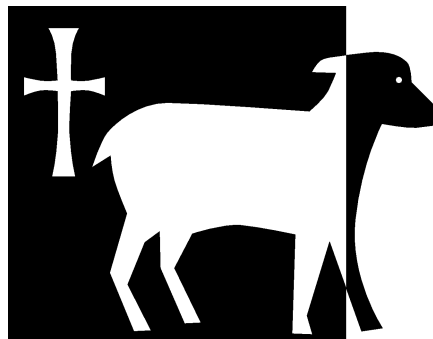
Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

SERMON

Pastor Lara

Please stand as you are able.



HYMN OF THE DAY

Be Thou My Vision

1 Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;
 2 Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true word;
 3 Rich - es I heed not, nor vain, emp - ty praise,
 4 Light of my soul, af - ter vic - to - ry won,

naught be all else to me, save that thou art:
 I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord.
 thou mine in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways:
 may I reach heav - en's joys, O heav - en's Sun!

thou my best thought by day and by night,
 Thou my soul's shel - ter, thou my high tow'r,
 thou, and thou on - ly, first in my heart,
 Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,

wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.
 raise thou me heav'n - ward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.
 great God of heav - en, my trea - sure thou art.
 still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

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, "Lord, in your mercy, "
Your response is, **hear our prayer.**

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

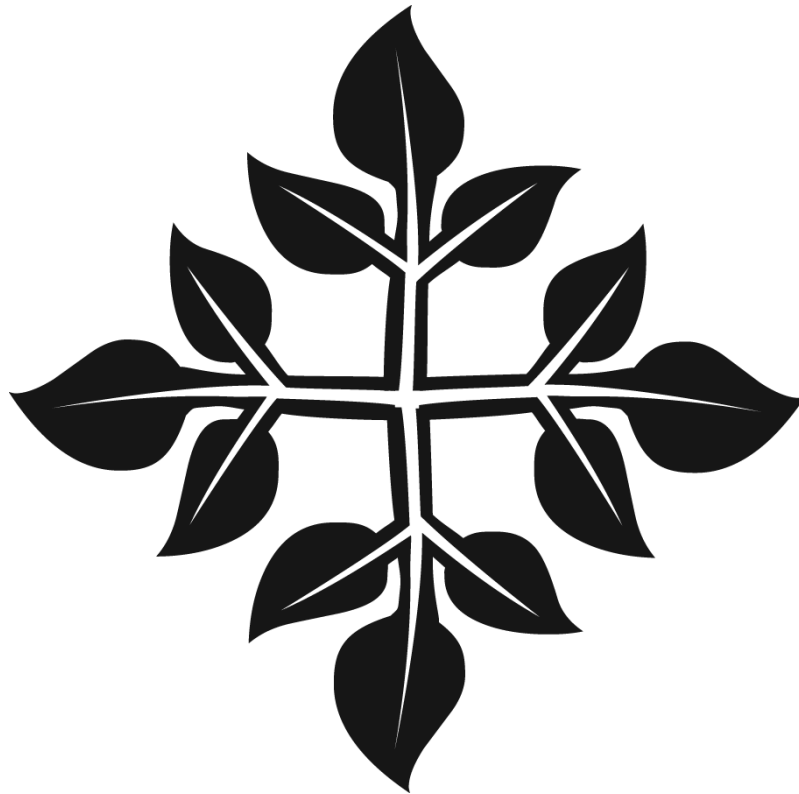
Our ushers will be passing offering plates. We welcome your gifts to support the mission and ministry of Saint Andrew's Lutheran Church. There are envelopes in the pews, or you can give online using the QR code.

**OFFERTORY MUSIC**

“An Die Musik”
Hillary Nordwell, Piano; Ann Moss, soprano

Franz Schubert

Please stand as you are able.



OFFERTORY VERSE

Now Thank We All Our God

3 All praise and thanks to God the Fa - ther now be giv - en,

The first system of music features a treble and bass staff in B-flat major. The treble staff contains a vocal melody with a triplet of eighth notes on 'All', followed by quarter notes for 'praise and thanks to God the Fa - ther now be giv - en'. The bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment with chords and moving lines.

the Son, and Spir - it blest, who reign in high - est heav - en,

The second system continues the melody and accompaniment. The treble staff has a vocal line with a triplet on 'the Son' and a long note on 'heav - en'. The bass staff continues the harmonic support.

the one e - ter - nal God, whom earth and heav'n a - dore;

The third system shows the continuation of the piece. The treble staff has a vocal line with a triplet on 'the one' and a long note on 'a - dore;'. The bass staff provides the accompaniment.

for thus it was, is now, and shall be ev - er - more.

The final system concludes the Offertory Verse. The treble staff has a vocal line that ends with a long note on 'more.'. The bass staff provides the final accompaniment, ending with a double bar line.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Let us pray. God of abundance,
all things belong to you. We bring your gifts to the table, that all might be fed. Form us into the body of your Beloved, Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

MEAL

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

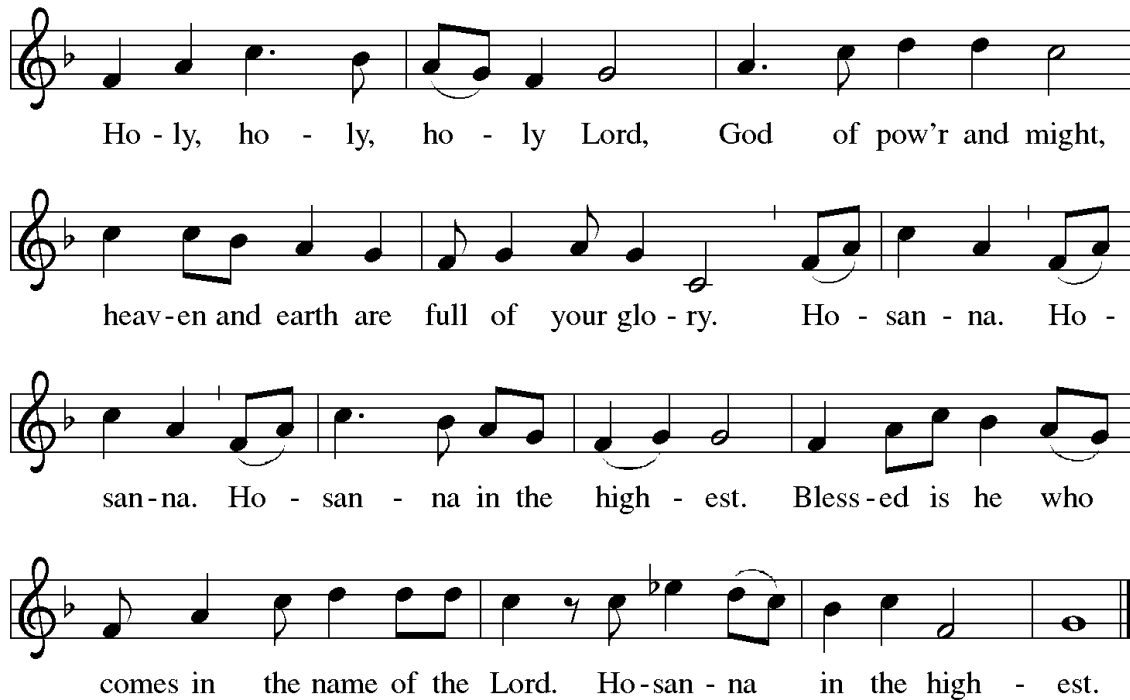
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

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'r and might,
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -
san-na. 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.

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 worshipping online are communed.

LAMB OF GOD

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us peace.

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 MUSIC

“The Offering”

Vartan Aghababian

Hillary Nordwell, Piano; Ann Moss, Soprano

The Offering (Emily Dickinson)

It's all I have to bring today -

This, and my heart beside -

This, and my heart, and all the fields -

And all the meadows wide -

Be sure you count - sh'd I forget

Some one the sum could tell -

This, and my heart, and all the Bees

Which in the Clover dwell.

Please stand as you are able.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray. Blessed be your name, O God,

for we have feasted on your Word. Strengthened by this food, send us to gather the world to your banquet, were none are left out and all are satisfied. In Jesus' name we pray. 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

May God, the source of glory, + the Word of life,
and the Spirit of truth, bless you now and forever.

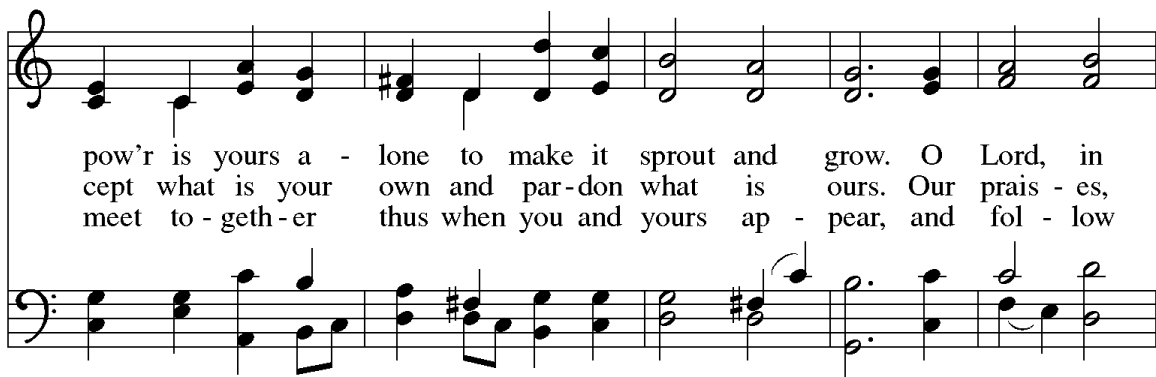
Amen.

SENDING HYMN

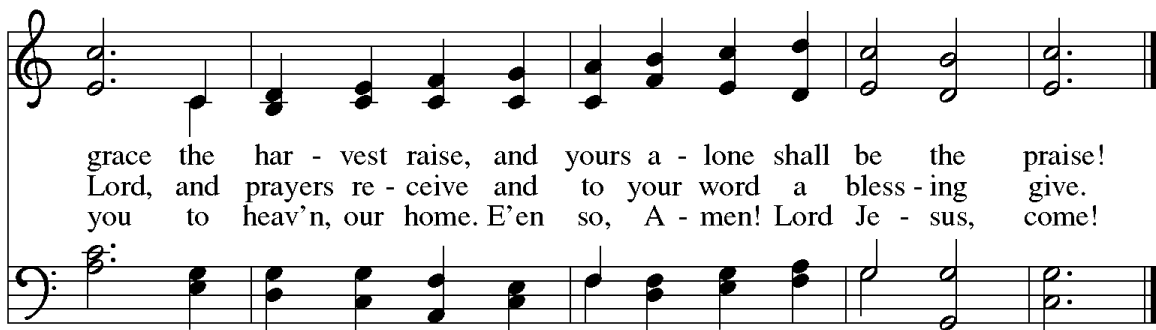
On What Has Now Been Sown



1 On what has now been sown your bless-ing Lord, be - stow; the
2 To you our wants are known, from you are all our pow'rs; ac -
3 Oh, grant that each of us, now met be - fore you here, may



pow'r is yours a - lone to make it sprout and grow. O Lord, in
cept what is your own and par-don what is ours. Our prais - es,
meet to - geth - er thus when you and yours ap - pear, and fol - low



grace the har - vest raise, and yours a - lone shall be the praise!
Lord, and prayers re - ceive and to your word a bless - ing give.
you to heav'n, our home. E'en so, A - men! Lord Je - sus, come!

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

“Comfort”

Nancy Bachmann

Hillary Nordwell, piano; Ann Moss, Soprano

Comfort (Nancy Bachmann)

*May you be wrapped in comfort sure and sweet
of lasting love and gentle knowing friends,
Until this present aching sorrow mends,
May Hope, that faithful dog, curl at your feet.*

*Let forest paths lead you where beauty grows,
And Redwoods whisper wisdom,
Hush, and hear.
"This too shall pass, don't spill your strength in fear,
But ponder how the timely river flows."*

*Let's breath the fragrance of our guardian trees,
Share a cup from crystal springs for balm,
Pray with the Meadowlark's melodious Psalm,
And wonder, clear-eyed, what the day will be
When peace and purpose will revive the soul,
And marvels yet unknown become our goal.*



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*

Doug Johnson, *Assisting Minister*

Scott Lester, *Lector*

Avery Laub, *Acolyte*

Stephanie Lester and Soren Lester, *Ushers*

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Emily Elien, *Audio*

Joyce Arnold and Dan Johnson, *Greeters*

Terri Anderson, *Coffee host*

*The flowers today are given by Nancy & Mark Davis
in loving memory of Jackie Risdal.*

Readings for September 21

Genesis 28:10-22

John 1:43-51

There will be a memorial service for **Jackie Risdal on Wednesday, September 17th at 2:00 PM.** A reception will follow in the Fellowship Hall.



Wise OWLS Learn Tricks to Save \$\$\$

Join the Older, Wiser Lutheran Saints as they learn new ways to “waste not and want not” on **Tuesday, September 16 at 11:45 AM.**

Sam Wilder will present “*5 Easy Actions for Reducing Waste and Saving Money.*” She is a consultant with the City of Bellevue. Sam’s fun programs make her a highly recommended speaker.

We gather at 11:45 a.m. and enjoy a potluck lunch at noon. If able, please pitch in a dish for the potluck lunch.

For more information, contact Fellowship Coordinator Sherry Grindeland at 425-746-2529 or at sherry@salc.church.

Pastor’s Bible Study has begun! 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 Morning Education has returned! Come to the Fellowship Hall at 9:00 AM and begin your Sunday morning with coffee and rotating topics and speakers. Check “Trendings” for details.

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Calendar for the Week

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

- 1:00 PM Staff meeting
- 6:30 PM Worship & Music Committee

Tuesday, September 16

- 8:30 AM Tuesday Morning Men
- 10:00 AM Pastor's Bible Study
- 11:45 AM O.W.L.S. Lunch
- 2:00 PM Sophia Way Lunch Drop Off

Wednesday, September 17

- 2:00 PM Jackie Risdal Memorial Service

Thursday, September 18

- 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal

Friday, September 19

Office is closed.

Saturday, September 20

Sunday, September 21

- 9:00 AM Education Hour
- 10:00 AM Worship

Monday, September 22

- 1:00 PM Staff meeting
- 7:00 PM Outreach Committee meeting

Tuesday, September 23

- 8:30 AM Tuesday Morning Men
- 10:00 AM Pastor's Bible Study
- 7:00 PM Building & Property Committee

Wednesday, September 24

- 7:00 PM JEDI committee meeting

Thursday, September 25

- 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal

Friday, September 26

Office is closed.

Saturday, September 13

Sunday, September 28

- 9:00 AM Education Hour
- 10:00 AM Worship
- 11:15 AM JEDI program

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