# Sunday, September 21, 2025 15th 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 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**

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

**PRELUDE** "Prayer" E. Humperdinck Will Simpson, organ

**WELCOME** Pastor Lara

Please stand as you are able.

## **OPENING HYMN**

# Blessing and Honor



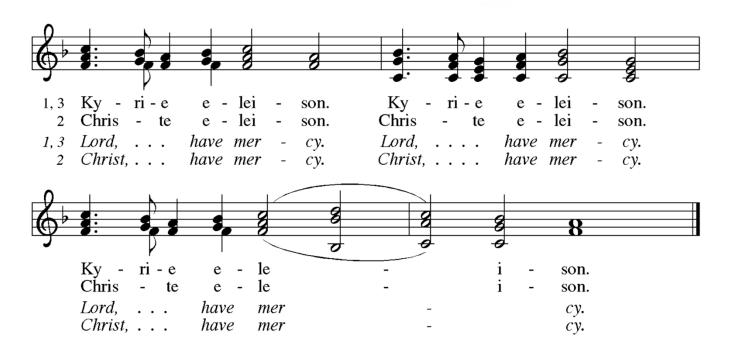
#### **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

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**



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**





#### PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. Merciful God,

you care for your children with firmness and compassion. By your Spirit, nurture us who live in your kingdom, that we may be rooted in the way of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Please be seated.

#### A TIME FOR YOUNGER DISCIPLES

Pastor Lara

## **WORD**

God's graciousness to Jacob is shown in God's revelation of the divine self to the patriarch, who is running for his life after cheating his brother Esau out of the family inheritance. Jacob promises that if God brings him back to the land, he will be loyal to God and give God a tenth of everything.

## Reading: Genesis 28: 10-22

Jacob left Beer-sheba and went toward Haran. He came to a certain place and stayed there for the night, because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones of the place, he put it under his head and lay down in that place. And he dreamed that there was a stairway set up on the earth, the top of it reaching to heaven, and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it. And the Lord stood beside him and said, "I am the Lord, the God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac; the land on which you lie I will give to you and to your offspring, and your offspring shall be like the dust of the earth, and you shall spread abroad to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south, and all the families of the earth shall be blessed in you and in your offspring. Know that I am with you and will keep you wherever you go and will bring you back to this land, for I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you." Then Jacob woke from his sleep and said, "Surely the Lord is in this place—and I did not know it!" And he was afraid and said, "How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven.

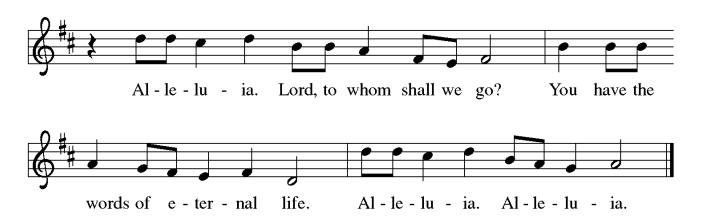
So Jacob rose early in the morning, and he took the stone that he had put under his head and set it up for a pillar and poured oil on the top of it. He called that place Bethel, but the name of the city was Luz at the first. Then Jacob made a vow, saying, "If God will be with me and will keep me in this way that I go and will give me bread to eat and clothing to wear, so that I come again to my father's house in peace, then the Lord shall be my God, and this stone, which I have set up for a pillar, shall be God's house, and of all that you give me I will surely give one-tenth to you."

Word of God. Word of Life.

#### Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able.

#### **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**



GOSPEL: JOHN 1:43-51

The Holy Gospel according to John. Glory to you, O Lord.

The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, "Follow me." Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. Philip found Nathanael and said to him, "We have found him about whom Moses in the Law and also the Prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth." Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see." When Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him, he said of him, "Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!" Nathanael asked him, "Where did you get to know me?" Jesus answered, "I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you." Nathanael replied, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!" Jesus answered, "Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these." And he said to him, "Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man."

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**

# Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart



#### 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.

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.

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

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** 

"Speak, O Lord" Anna McLeod, soloist; Will Simpson, organ

Getty/Townsend

Speak, O Lord, as we come to You
To receive the food of Your holy Word
Take Your truth, plant it deep in us
Shape and fashion us in Your likeness
That the light of Christ might be seen today
In our acts of love and our deeds of faith

Speak, O Lord, and fulfill in us
All Your purposes for Your glory
Teach us, Lord, full obedience
Holy reverence, true humility
Test our thoughts and our attitudes
In the radiance of Your purity

Cause our faith to rise, cause our eyes to see
Your majestic love and authority
Words of pow'r that can never fail
Let their truth prevail over unbelief
Speak, O Lord, and renew our minds

Help us grasp the heights of Your plans for us Truths unchanged from the dawn of time That will echo down through eternity And by grace, we'll stand on Your promises And by faith, we'll walk as You walk with us

Speak, O Lord, 'til Your church is built And the earth is filled with Your glory Please stand as you are able.

## **OFFERTORY VERSE**

# Now Thank We All Our God



#### 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.

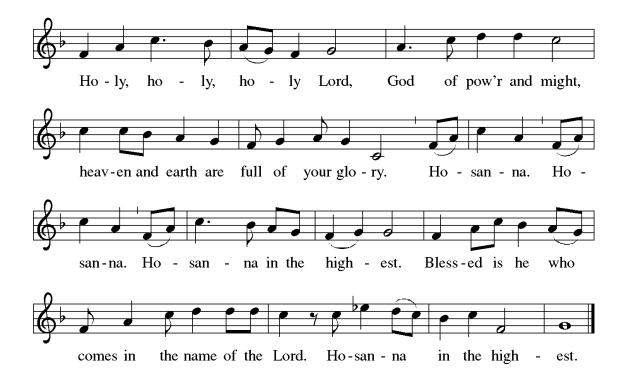
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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:

<sup>\*</sup> 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.

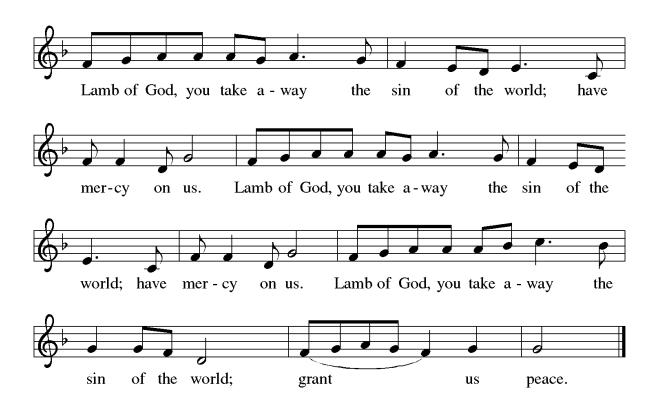
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.

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 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**

# All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly



Please stand as you are able.

#### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

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

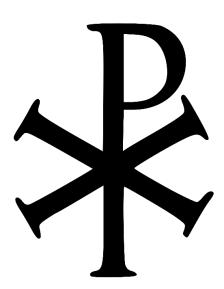
for we have feasted on your Word. Strengthened by this food, send us to gather the world to your banquet, were none are left out and all are satisfied. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

## **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**

# Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing



#### 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** "Processional of Joy" "Doc" Lawrence Meyer (performed at each Pacific Lutheran University Commencement)

Will Simpson, Organ



## 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 Art Gurtel, Assisting Minister Aaron Davis, Lector Melanie Grad, Acolyte Cheryl Jurrus and Mikel Oswalt, Healing Ministers Gary Rudolph and John Nelson, Ushers Karin Eklof and Christine Koch, Altar Guild Kurt Lutterman, Livestream Video Johannes Grad, Audio Christine Koch, Greeter Hillary Nordwell and Johannes Grad, Coffee host

The flowers today are given by Linda Behrendsen In celebration of autumn.

# Readings for September 28

Exodus 3:1-17 John 8:53-58

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For Members of Saint Andrew's: Bill Aho; Marlys Aliment; Marge Anderson; Tom Anderson; Julie Antle-Anderson; Lois Arneson; Joe Banuelos; Jan Benson; Kathy Bruggeman; Janell Erickson; Sharon Haggerty; Sue Houglum; Lesli Lindquist; Ruth Miller; Lois Nelson; Grete Norquist; Jakki Parks; Duane Rindy; Linda Seaman; Alexandra Serex; Gary Turk; Beverley Watt.

The red rose on the altar celebrates **Wilson Stone Kremer**, born September 11. Wilson's parents are Rachel and Jake Kremer, and his grandparents are Dennis and Susan Hegedus.

For Friends of Saint Andrew's: Diane Arnold, sister in law of Joyce and John Arnold; Barbara Beck, friend of Beverley Watt; Calvin Beckwith, friend of CJ Tatum; Lindy Bergen, sister of Sherry Grindeland; Colleen Decillia, friend of Sue-Z Trudell; Edward, friend of Sue Mercer; Ellie Farmer, daughter of Kelly Stringer-Farmer and Ryan Farmer and granddaughter of Susan and Jeremy Stringer; Gary Forbes, Pastor Lara's father; Susie Fry, friend of Ann Thorpe; Emily Gilham, niece of Linda Gilham; Mary Kalk, friend of Beverley Watt; Phillip Kulage, friend of Trudy Holly; Lyman Milroy, father of Karen Gordon; Miki Robinson, friend of Shana Nielsen; Alan Rogers, brother of Beverley Watt; Stephen Rubenich; Ann Solheim, Peter Cornwall's mother; John Vincent, brother of Cheryl Kimball; Dee White, friend of Ann Thorpe; Porchlight; Camp Lutherwood; The Hearthstone Retirement Community; Mercer Evangelical Trade School and Orphanage Foundation.

For the Congregation Council: **Kit Bowerman, Bill Brueggemann, Pastor Lara Forbes, Tom Getzinger, Johannes Grad, Tom Benson, Mark Davis, Karin Eklof, Cheryl Jurrus, Abby Kasper, Joyce Kasper, Stephanie Page-Lester, Dave Vossler, Juliet Zhang.** 

## **Prayer Tree contact:**

Pastor Lara (pastor@salc.church) or Kathy (kathy@salc.church).

#### Calendar for the Week

## 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

Bell Choir

#### Wednesday, September 24

10:00 AM Care Team Meeting 7:00 PM JEDI committee meeting

## Thursday, September 25

7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal

## Friday, September 26

Office is closed.

#### Saturday, September 27

### Sunday, September 28

9:00 AM Education Hour, JEDI program

10:00 AM Worship 5:30 PM Sock Samuri

#### Monday, September 29

1:00 PM Staff meeting

#### Tuesday, September 30

8:30 AM Tuesday Morning Men 10:00 AM Pastor's Bible Study

7:00 PM Bell Choir

#### Wednesday, October 1

#### Thursday, October 2

2:00 PM Timber Ridge Worship

7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal

#### Friday, October 3

Office is closed.

### Saturday, October 4

10:00 AM Spice Pack, Youth Event, Mt. Si

#### Sunday, October 5

9:00 AM Education Hour

10:00 AM Worship 4:00 PM Lutherfest The Reverend Lara Forbes, Lead Pastor

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Elaine Koga, Choir Accompanist

Soren Lester, Facilities Set-up

Ann Thorpe, Sunday Church School Coordinator

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