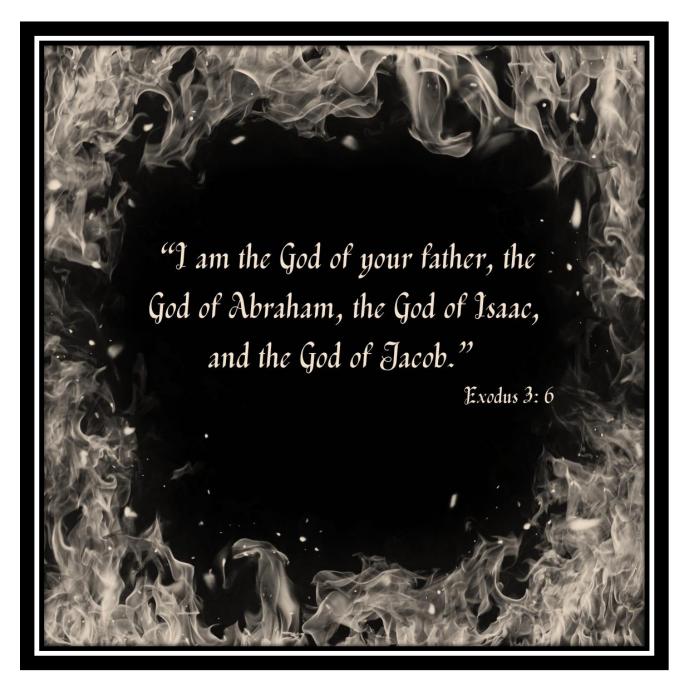
Sunday, September 28, 2025 16th Sunday after Pentecost 10:00 AM Worship



Welcome to Worship!
As we prepare for worship, please silence your mobile devices.
We invite you to a time of silence and focus.

**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** 

"Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether" Will Simpson, organ

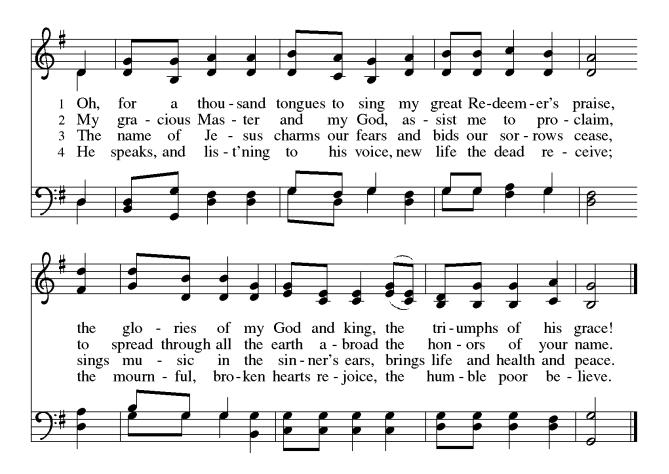
James Biery

**WELCOME** Pastor Lara

Please stand as you are able.

#### **OPENING HYMN**

# Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing



- 5 Look unto him, your Savior own,O fallen human race!Look and be saved through faith alone,be justified by grace!
- 6 To God all glory, praise, and love be now and ever giv'n by saints below and saints above, the church in earth and heav'n.

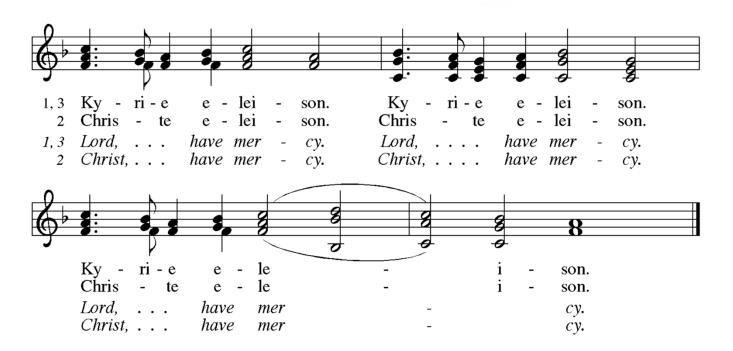
#### **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

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. God of all peoples,

you are rich in mercy and you look with compassion on this troubled world. Feed us with your grace, and grant us the treasure that comes only from you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Please be seated.

#### A TIME FOR YOUNGER DISCIPLES

Pastor Lara

You can find the Exodus story in your Spark Bible on page 72

## WORD

Moses heard the call of God from a bush that was burning but not consumed. In their back-and-forth conversation, God not only promises to be with Moses, God also reveals God's personal name.

**READING: Exodus 3:1-17** 

Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law Jethro, the priest of Midian; he led his flock beyond the wilderness and came to Mount Horeb, the mountain of God. There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a flame of fire out of a bush; he looked, and the bush was blazing, yet it was not consumed. Then Moses said, "I must turn aside and look at this great sight and see why the bush is not burned up." When the Lord saw that he had turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, "Moses, Moses!" And he said, "Here I am." Then he said, "Come no closer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground." He said further, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God.

Then the Lord said, "I have observed the misery of my people who are in Egypt; I have heard their cry on account of their taskmasters. Indeed, I know their sufferings, and I have come down to deliver them from the Egyptians and to bring them up out of that land to a good and spacious land, to a land flowing with milk and honey, to the country of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. The cry of the Israelites has now come to me; I have also seen how the Egyptians oppress them.

Now go, I am sending you to Pharaoh to bring my people, the Israelites, out of Egypt." But Moses said to God, "Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?" He said, "I will be with you, and this shall be the sign for you that it is I who sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall serve God on this mountain."

But Moses said to God, "If I come to the Israelites and say to them, 'The God of your ancestors has sent me to you,' and they ask me, 'What is his name?' what shall I say to them?" God said to Moses, "I am who I am." He said further, "Thus you shall say to the Israelites, 'I am has sent me to you.'" God also said to Moses, "Thus you shall say to the Israelites, 'The Lord, the God of your ancestors, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you':

This is my name forever,

and this my title for all generations.

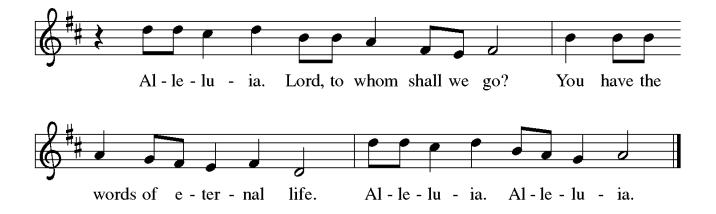
"Go and assemble the elders of Israel and say to them, 'The Lord, the God of your ancestors, the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, has appeared to me, saying: I have given heed to you and to what has been done to you in Egypt. I declare that I will bring you up out of the misery of Egypt, to the land of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites, a land flowing with milk and honey.'

Word of God. Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able.

#### **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**



GOSPEL: JOHN 8:53-58

The Holy Gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

[The people asked Jesus] "Are you greater than our father Abraham, who died? The prophets also died. Who do you claim to be?" Jesus answered, "If I glorify myself, my glory is nothing. It is my Father who glorifies me, he of whom you say, 'He is our God,' though you do not know him. But I know him; if I would say that I do not know him, I would be a liar like you. But I do know him, and I keep his word. Your ancestor Abraham rejoiced that he would see my day; he saw it and was glad." Then the Jews said to him, "You are not yet fifty years old, and have you seen Abraham?" Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, before Abraham was, I am."

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**

## Dearest Jesus, We Are Here



#### 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** 

"Peace Like a River, Kum Ba Yah"
The Chancel Choir

J.A.Shafferman

Someone's praying Lord kumbayah Someone's praying Lord kumbayah O Lord kumbayah Someone's singing Lord Kumbayah O Lord Kumbayah, Kumbayah Kumbayah my Lord Kumbayah

Amen

I've got peace Like a river I've got peace like a river I've got peace like a river in my soul I've got peace like a river I've got peace like a river I've got peace like a river In my soul I've got love like an ocean I've got love like an ocean I've got love like an ocean In my soul I've got love like an ocean I've got love like an ocean I've got love I've got peace like a river I've got peace like a river

Amen

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.

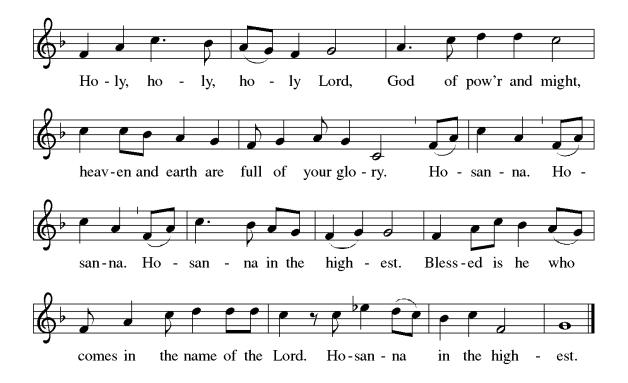
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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.

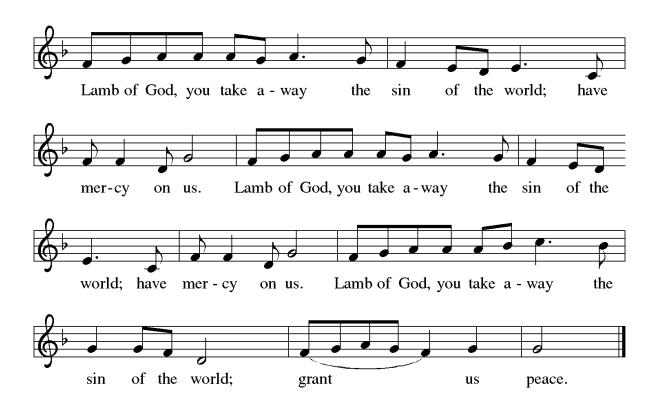
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.

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**

Today, Communion is received continuously at two stations.

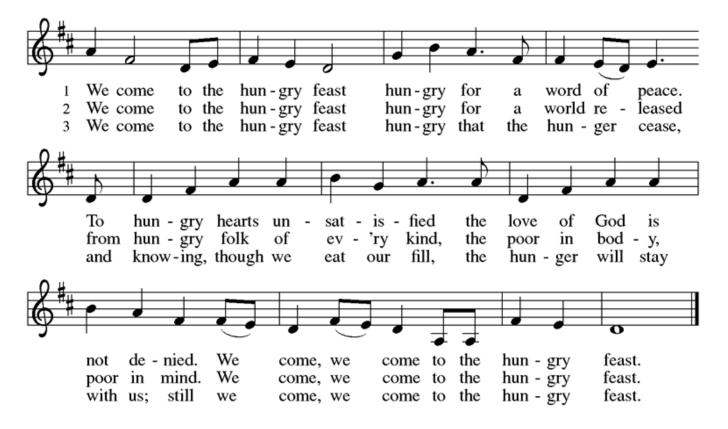
Please follow the directions of the ushers and use the hand sanitizer provided.

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**

# We Come to the Hungry Feast



Please stand as you are able.

#### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

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

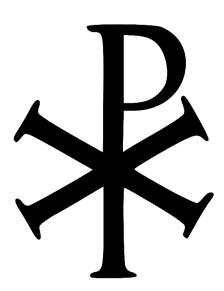
for we have feasted on your Word. Strengthened by this food, send us to gather the world to your banquet, where none are left out and all are satisfied. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

## **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**

# Here I Am, Lord



#### **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** 

"All Things Bright and Beautiful" Will Simpson, organ

Keith Kolander



## 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
Zoe Elien, Acolyte
Gary Rudolph and Art Gurtel, Ushers
Malinda Elien, Altar Guild
Dianne Chong, Livestream Video
Peter Cornwell, Audio
Joyce and Brady Kasper, Greeters

Christine and Matthew Camrud, Coffee host

The flowers today are given by Mary & Aaron Davis in celebration of their wedding anniversary.

## **Readings for October 5**

Exodus 16:1-18 John 6:35-38, 41-51

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#### Announcements

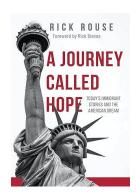
This fall the **Health and Wholeness Committee** is collecting items for **Personal Care Kits.** Lutheran World Relief will give these kits to needly people throughout the world. (including the US) The need is never ending! Help us fill as many kits as we can with the following items. (We did 180 in the spring)

- Bath towels: lightweight, dark colors, size 20"X40" to 27"X50".
- Soap: 4 or 5 oz.
- Toothbrushes: adult size. Multi-packs are ok
- Combs: Sturdy (no picks or fine-tooth combs)
- Nail Clippers: large sizes
- Medium size sturdy boxes, which we use for mailing.

You may put your donations in the bin designated "LWR/Health Kits Items" in the Narthex, or leave on bench in office.

We also accept monetary donations. Clearly mark your check "Kits for LWR" and place in offering plate or mail to Saint Andrews.

On behalf of Health and Wholeness, thank you thank you!



The Women's Book Group begins October 8th We will meet promptly at 10:00 am on Wednesdays from October 8th through November 19th. We will end on time at 11:30 am. A Journey Called Hope by Rick Rouse is our book selection for Fall 2025. All women are invited to join us in the Library or on Zoom. We meet together to learn, share our stories, pray, and encourage service. And, we laugh a lot!

**Lutherfest** Tickets on Sale - Invite friends! Get your tickets now for the Oct. 5th Lutherfest. This German style fall event features a bratwurst dinner, and appropriate beverages.

The Lutherfest raffle and auction proceeds will help underwrite an intergenerational mission trip to Lantern Hill in 2026. Yes, volunteers are needed to pull off this party.

(Fellowship Coordinator Sherry Grindeland - sherry@salc.church)

Auction/Raffle prizes are on display in the Narthex - check them out!

Tickets are \$20 person. On sale on Sundays or email Sherry to be put on the list.

<sup>\*\*</sup>Come and help set up on Saturday, October  $4^{th}$  at 1 PM! We will get the Fellowship Hall decorated and ready to party!

#### Calendar for the Week

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

1:00 PM Lutherfest set up

Sunday, October 5

9:00 AM Education Hour

10:00 AM Worship 4:00 PM Lutherfest

Monday, October 6

10:00 AM Health & Wholeness meeting

1:00 PM Staff meeting

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

Tuesday, October 7

8:30 AM Tuesday Morning Men

7:00 PM Bell Choir

Wednesday, October 8

10:00 AM Women's Book Group

Thursday, October 9

7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal

Friday, October 10

Office is closed.

Saturday, October 11

Sunday, October 12

9:00 AM Education Hour

10:00 AM Worship

11:00 AM Sunday Brunch

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