



**+ Ninth Sunday after Pentecost**  
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**Order for Worship**

*Jesus says it is God's "good pleasure to give you the kingdom." It is God's promise from the beginning—to Abraham, to the early church, and to the "little flock" of which we are a part in today's assembly. Faith, God's baptismal gift, trusts the promises of God. Have no fear.*

***A few notes on precautions and protocols, which apply to everyone regardless of vaccination status, as St. Andrew returns to worship in the sanctuary:***

- Face masks that fully cover both your mouth and nose are required for parishioners over the age of two (2) – the one exception being that worship leaders will remove masks during parts that are conducted at a distance from the pews.
- Physical distancing of at least six (6) feet will be observed at all times for people not from your household.
- Hand sanitizer is available at the front of the sanctuary to use before Holy Communion, after you proceed past the baptismal font, as the alcohol has been affecting the finish on the font's bowl.

***Worship Services are live streamed to multiple online platforms.***  
***By attending worship, you agree that your image and voice may be broadcast.***

***Welcome to St. Andrew!***

- *Everyone is invited to make a nametag at the black bookcase in the back of the worship space if they would like.*
- *Worship "toolkits" to help children engage with the service are available in the black bookcase at the back of the worship space. There are "reader" and "pre-reader" resources available in each kit. Please feel free to use the kits for/with your children during worship.*
- *After the Prayer of the Day, children are invited to gather in the Social Hall for Little Church; Big Faith, a Bible lesson and activity. The group returns to the worship space for the Communion portion of the service.*
- *A restroom is available on the main level of the church, through the doors to the Social Hall and to the right in the main office.*

**Welcome**

**Prelude**

## **Gathering**

*The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.*

### **Confession and Forgiveness**

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God,  
whose steadfast love endures forever.

**C: Amen.**

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

P: Merciful God,

**C: we confess that we have not followed your path  
but have chosen our own way.**

**Instead of putting others before ourselves,  
we long to take the best seats at the table.**

**When met by those in need,  
we have too often passed by on the other side.**

**Set us again on the path of life.**

**Save us from ourselves  
and free us to love our neighbors.**

**Amen.**

P: Hear the good news!

God does not deal with us according to our sins  
but delights in granting pardon and mercy.

In the name of ✝ Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven.

You are free to love as God loves.

**C: Amen.**

Gathering Hymn

God Is Here!  
v. 1. 4

ELW 526



1 God is here! As we your peo - ple meet to of - fer  
2 Here are sym - bols to re - mind us of our life - long  
3 Here our chil - dren find a wel - come in the Shep - herd's  
4 Lord of all, of church and king - dom, in an age of



praise and prayer, may we find in full - er mea - sure  
need of grace; here are ta - ble, font, and pul - pit;  
flock and fold; here as bread and wine are tak - en,  
change and doubt, keep us faith - ful to the gos - pel;



what it is in Christ we share. Here, as in the  
here the cross has cen - tral place. Here in hon - es -  
Christ sus - tains us as of old. Here the ser - vants  
help us work your pur - pose out. Here, in this day's



world a - round us, all our var - ied skills and arts  
ty of preach - ing, here in si - lence, as in speech,  
of the Ser - vant seek in wor - ship to ex - plore  
ded - i - ca - tion, all we have to give, re - ceive;



wait the com - ing of the Spir - it in - to o - pen minds and hearts.  
here, in new - ness and re - new - al, God the Spir - it comes to each.  
what it means in dai - ly liv - ing to be - lieve and to a - dore.  
we, who can - not live with - out you, we a - dore you! We be - lieve!

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## **Greeting**

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C: And also with you.**

## **Prayer of the Day**

P: Let us pray.

Almighty God, you sent your Holy Spirit to be the life and light of your church.  
Open our hearts to the riches of your grace,  
that we may be ready to receive you whenever you appear,  
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C: Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

*Children are invited to join the adult leaders and move to the office for Little Church; Big Faith.*

## **Word**

*God speaks to us in Scripture reading, preaching, and song*

### **First Reading – Genesis 15: 1-6**

<sup>1</sup>After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, “Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great.” <sup>2</sup>But Abram said, “O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?” <sup>3</sup>And Abram said, “You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir.” <sup>4</sup>But the word of the LORD came to him, “This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir.” <sup>5</sup>God brought him outside and said, “Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them.” Then God said to him, “So shall your descendants be.” <sup>6</sup>And he believed the LORD; and the LORD reckoned it to him as righteousness.

L: Word of God, word of life.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

*Please rise as you are able.*

## **Gospel Acclamation**

**C: Alleluia. Keep awake and be ready,  
for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. Alleluia.**

## Gospel – Luke 12: 32-40

P: The holy Gospel according to St. Luke.

**C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus said:] <sup>32</sup>“Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom. <sup>33</sup>Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. <sup>34</sup>For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

<sup>35</sup>“Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; <sup>36</sup>be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. <sup>37</sup>Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. <sup>38</sup>If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves.

<sup>39</sup>“But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. <sup>40</sup>You also must be ready, for the Son of Humanity is coming at an unexpected hour.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Please be seated.*

## Sermon

*A time of silence for prayer and reflection follows the sermon.  
When the hymn of the day begins, please rise as you are able.*

**Hymn of the Day**

**Be Thou My Vision**

*Following Page*





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 both by day and by night,  
 Thou my soul's shel - ter, and thou my high tow'r,  
 thou and thou on - ly, the 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.

Text: Irish, 8th cent.; vers. Eleanor H. Hull, 1860–1935, alt.; tr. Mary E. Byrne, 1880–1931  
 Music: SLANE, Irish traditional

## Prayers of the People

P: United in Christ and guided by the Spirit,  
 we pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

*After each petition*

P: God of grace,

**C: receive our prayer.**

P: God of every time and place, we offer these prayers and those of our hearts to you, in Jesus' name.

**C: Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

## Meal

### Offering

*We offer ourselves, our gifts, and our faithful service to God.*

*An usher will pass around an offering plate for anyone who would like to offer gifts before God.*

### Music during the Offering

*Please rise as you are able.*

**Offertory Song      Accept, O Lord, the Gifts We Bring      ELW 691**  
**v. 1-2**



- 1 Ac - cept, O Lord, the gifts we bring to place up - on your ta - ble.
- 2 The vines were plant - ed, seeds were sown. They grew in your good plea - sure.
- 3 Our hopes and dreams, our toils and cares we lift in prayer be - fore you.



We do not wor - ship as we ought but on - ly as we're a - ble.  
What once was com - mon, dail - y food be - comes a ho - ly trea - sure.  
Lord, by your grace now come to us, as hum - bly we a - dore you.

### Offertory Prayer

P: Let us pray. Holy God, gracious and merciful,

**C: you bring forth food from the earth and nourish your whole creation.**

**Turn our hearts toward those who hunger in any way, that all may know your care; and prepare us now to feast on the bread of life, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**

**Amen.**



## Dialogue

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

**C: We lift them to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

## Preface

P: 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:

## Sanctus

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
God of power and might:  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

## Eucharistic Prayer

P: Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal ...  
... Do this for the remembrance of me.

Together as the body of Christ, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

**C: Christ has died.**

**Christ has risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

P: With this bread and cup we remember your Son ...  
... all our sins and sorrows will be no mor

**C: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

P: Holy God, holy and merciful one, holy and compassionate ...  
... sharing your bounty with all the world.

**C: Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.**

P: Holy and benevolent God ...

... with the Holy Spirit, in your holy church, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

## **Lord's Prayer**

P: Gathered as one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**C: 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.**

## **Fraction and Invitation**

### ***Agnus Dei / Lamb of God***

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.**

*Please be seated.*

## **Holy Communion**

- *Hand sanitizer is available if you would like to use it prior to receiving Communion.*
- *Worshippers from the pulpit side will proceed forward first, followed by the center section, and then the lectern side.*

- *The Communion wafers (regular and gluten-free) have been thoughtfully prepared using the gifts of the congregation by a member of St. Andrew's altar care team, with a drop of wine or grape juice on each. The presiding minister will distribute one to each communicant.*
- *When you reach the presiding minister, please indicate if you would like grape juice or a gluten-free wafer.*
- *A blessing will be provided for anyone who does not yet receive the sacrament.*
- *Cushions have been placed at the altar rail for anyone who would like to kneel for prayer and reflection before returning to their pew.*
- *Everyone is asked to wait until you return to your place to consume the elements, and then promptly replace your mask.*

## Hymns during Holy Communion

### Have No Fear, Little Flock

**ELW 764**

- 1 Have no fear, little flock;  
have no fear, little flock,  
for the Father has chosen  
to give you the kingdom;  
have no fear, little flock!**
- 2 Have good cheer, little flock;  
have good cheer, little flock,  
for the Father will keep you  
in God's love forever;  
have good cheer, little flock!**
- 3 Praise the Lord high above;  
praise the Lord high above,  
for God stoops down to heal you,  
uplift and restore you;  
praise the Lord high above!**
- 4 Thankful hearts raise to God;  
thankful hearts raise to God,  
for God stays close beside you,  
in all things works with you;  
thankful hearts raise to God!**

Hymns during Holy Communion

Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness

ELW 488



1 Soul, a - dorn your - self with glad - ness, leave the gloom - y  
2 Has - ten as a bride to meet him, ea - ger - ly and  
3 Now in faith I hum - bly pon - der o - ver this sur -  
4 Je - sus, source of last - ing plea - sure, tru - est friend, and



haunts of sad - ness, come in - to the day - light's splen - dor,  
glad - ly greet him. There he stands al - read - y knock - ing;  
pass - ing won - der that the bread of life is bound - less  
dear - est trea - sure, peace be - yond all un - der - stand - ing,



there with joy your prais - es ren - der. Bless the one whose grace un -  
quick - ly, now, your gate un - lock - ing, o - pen wide the fast - closed  
though the souls it feeds are count - less; with the choic - est wine of  
joy in - to all life ex - pand - ing: hum - bly now, I bow be -



bound - ed this a - maz - ing ban - quet found - ed; Christ, though heav' n - ly,  
por - tal, say - ing to the Lord im - mor - tal: "Come, and leave your  
heav - en Christ's own blood to us is giv - en. Oh, most glo - rious  
fore you, love in - car - nate, I a - dore you; wor - thi - ly let



high, and ho - ly, deigns to dwell with you most low - ly.  
loved one nev - er; dwell with - in my heart for - ev - er."  
con - so - la - tion, pledge and seal of my sal - va - tion.  
me re - ceive you, and, so fa - vored, nev - er leave you.

*When all have returned to their places, please rise as you are able.*

## **Blessing**

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

**C: Amen.**

## **Prayer**

P: Let us pray.

Life-giving God,  
through this meal you have bandaged our wounds  
and fed us with your mercy.

Now send us forth to live for others,  
both friend and stranger,  
that all may come to know your love.  
This we pray in the name of Jesus.

**C: Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

## **Sending**

### **Announcements**

*Please rise as you are able.*

### **Benediction**

P: The God ✝ of peace,  
bless you, comfort you,  
and show you the path of life  
this day and always.

**C: Amen.**

### **Sending Hymn**

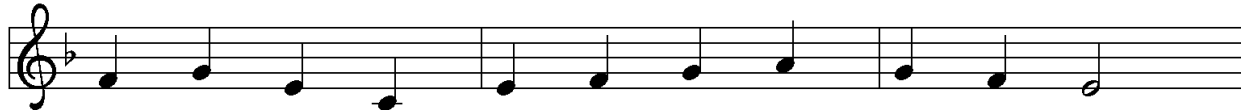
### **Praise the Lord, Rise Up Rejoicing**

*Following Page*





1 Praise the Lord, rise up re - joic - ing, wor - ship, thanks, de -  
 2 Scat - tered flock, one shep - herd shar - ing, lost and lone - ly,  
 3 Sins for - giv - en, wrongs for - giv - ing, we go forth a -



vo - tion voic - ing: glo - ry be to God on high!  
 one voice hear - ing, ears at - ten - tive to your word;  
 lert and liv - ing in your Spir - it, strong and free.



Christ, your cross and pas - sion shar - ing, by this eu - cha -  
 by your blood new life re - ceiv - ing, in your bod - y,  
 Part - ners in your new cre - a - tion, seek - ing peace in



rist de - clar - ing yours the fi - nal vic - to - ry.  
 firm be - liev - ing, we are yours, and you the Lord.  
 ev - 'ry na - tion, may we faith - ful fol - l'wers be.

Text: Howard C. A. Gaunt, 1902–1983, alt.

Music: ALLES IST AN GOTTES SEGEN, Johann Löhner, 1645–1705, adapt.

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## Dismissal

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

*Abbreviations*

P: Pastor/Presiding Minister

L: Lector

**C: Congregation**

***ELW: Evangelical Lutheran Worship* hymnal**

***ACS: All Creation Sings* hymnal**

*Those serving in worship today*

Piano

Cantor

Presiding Minister

Jeff Denlinger

Timothy Kocher-Hillmer

Rev. Ross Carmichael

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