



+ Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost
October 23, 2022



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Order for Worship

Genuine repentance and pretentious piety stand in stark contrast in this week's gospel and all around us. All creation stands in need of God's forgiveness. Keep the faith. God's people shall be accounted righteous for Jesus' sake. God is merciful to sinners. For this we worship and glorify God forever.

- Covid-19 community level in Allegheny County is now in the “medium” category. St. Andrew recently changed its policy to “masks optional” when community levels are both low and medium.
- Hand sanitizer is available at the back of the sanctuary.

***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 at the door to 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 door 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,
who forgives all our sin,
whose mercy endures forever.

C: Amen.

P: God of all mercy and consolation,
come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone.
Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness,
and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

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

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Gracious God,

C: have mercy on us.

We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin.

We are truly sorry and humbly repent.

**In your compassion, forgives us our sins,
things we have done and things we have failed to do.**

**Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit,
so that we may live and serve you and our neighbors in newness of life,
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**

Amen.

P: God who is rich in mercy loved us even when we were dead in sin
and made us alive together with Christ.

By grace you have been saved.

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

Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit,
that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

C: Amen.



1 There's a wide-ness in God's mer - cy, like the wide-ness of the sea;
 2 There is wel - come for the sin - ner, and a prom - ised grace made good;
 3 For the love of God is broad - er than the mea - sures of our mind;
 4 'Tis not all we owe to Je - sus; it is some - thing more than all:



there's a kind-ness in God's jus - tice which is more than lib - er - ty.
 there is mer - cy with the Sav - ior; there is heal - ing in his blood.
 and the heart of the E - ter - nal is most won - der - ful - ly kind.
 great - er good be - cause of e - vil, larg - er mer - cy through the fall.



There is no place where earth's sor - rows are more felt than up in heav'n.
 There is grace e - nough for thou - sands of new worlds as great as this;
 But we make this love too nar - row by false lim - its of our own;
 Make our love, O God, more faith - ful; let us take you at your word,



There is no place where earth's fail - ings have such kind - ly judg - ment giv'n.
 there is room for fresh cre - a - tions in that up - per home of bliss.
 and we mag - ni - fy its strict - ness with a zeal God will not own.
 and our lives will be thanks - giv - ing for the good - ness of the Lord.

Text: Frederick W. Faber, 1814–1863, alt.
 Music: LORD, REVIVE US, North American, 19th cent.

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.

Assisting minister

Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

All

Lord God, heav-en-ly King, al-might-y God and Fa-ther, we

wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo-ry.

Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,

you take a-way the sin of the world: have mer-cy on us;

you are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther: re-ceive our prayer.

For you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,

you a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it,

in the glo-ry of God the Fa-ther. A-men.

Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray.

Holy God, our righteous judge, daily your mercy surprises us with everlasting forgiveness. Strengthen our hope in you, and grant that all the peoples of the earth may find their glory in you, 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. We ask that one additional adult from the congregation attend with the children.

Word

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

First Reading – Jeremiah 14: 7-10, 19-22

⁷Although our iniquities testify against us,
act, O LORD, for your name's sake;
our apostasies indeed are many,
and we have sinned against you.

⁸O hope of Israel,
its savior in time of trouble,
why should you be like a stranger in the land,
like a traveler turning aside for the night?

⁹Why should you be like someone confused,
like a mighty warrior who cannot give help?
Yet you, O LORD, are in the midst of us,
and we are called by your name;
do not forsake us!

¹⁰Thus says the LORD concerning this people:
Truly they have loved to wander,
they have not restrained their feet;
therefore the LORD does not accept them,
now the Lord will remember their iniquity
and punish their sins.

¹⁹Have you completely rejected Judah?
Does your heart loathe Zion?
Why have you struck us down
so that there is no healing for us?
We look for peace, but find no good;
for a time of healing, but there is terror instead.

²⁰We acknowledge our wickedness, O LORD,
the iniquity of our ancestors,

for we have sinned against you.

²¹Do not spurn us, for your name's sake;
do not dishonor your glorious throne;
remember and do not break your covenant with us.

²²Can any idols of the nations bring rain?
Or can the heavens give showers?

Is it not you, O LORD our God?
We set our hope on you,
for it is you who do all this.

L: Word of God, word of life.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 84: 1-7

*The cantor will lead the singing of the psalm.
The congregation is invited to respond with the alternate verses in bold print.*

Psalm Tone



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Psalm Refrain



Hap - py are the peo - ple whose strength is in you.

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¹How dear to me | is your dwelling,
O | LORD of hosts!

²**My soul has a desire and longing for the courts | of the LORD;
my heart and my flesh rejoice in the | living God.**

³Even the sparrow has found a home, and the swallow a nest where she may | lay her young,
by the side of your altars, O LORD of hosts, my king | and my God.

⁴**Happy are they who dwell | in your house!
They will always be | praising you. R**

⁵Happy are the people whose strength | is in you,
whose hearts are set on the | pilgrims' way.

⁶Those who go through the balsam valley will find it a | place of springs,
for the early rains have covered it with | pools of water.

⁷They will climb from | height to height,
and the God of gods will be | seen in Zion. **R**

Second Reading – 2 Timothy 4: 6-8, 16-18

⁶As for me, I am already being poured out as a libation, and the time of my departure has come. ⁷I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. ⁸From now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have longed for his appearing.

¹⁶At my first defense no one came to my support, but all deserted me. May it not be counted against them! ¹⁷But the Lord stood by me and gave me strength, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion's mouth. ¹⁸The Lord will rescue me from every evil attack and save me for his heavenly kingdom. To Christ be the glory forever and ever. Amen.

L: Word of God, word of life.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Please rise as you are able.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia

ELW p. 151

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

Gospel – Luke 18: 9-14

P: The holy Gospel according to St. Luke.

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

⁹[Jesus] also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and regarded others with contempt:¹⁰“Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. ¹¹The Pharisee, standing by himself, was praying thus, ‘God, I thank you that I am not like other people: thieves, rogues, adulterers, or even like this tax collector.

¹²I fast twice a week; I give a tenth of all my income.’ ¹³But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even look up to heaven, but was beating his breast and saying, ‘God, be merciful to me, a sinner!’ ¹⁴I tell you, this man went down to his home justified rather than the other; for all who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted.”

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 My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less *ELW 596*



1 My hope is built on noth - ing less than Je - sus' blood and righ - teous - ness;
 2 Whendark - ness veils his love - ly face, I rest on his un - chang - ing grace;
 3 His oath, his cov - e - nant, his blood sus - tain me in the rag - ing flood;
 4 When he shall come with trum - pet sound, oh, may I then in him be found,



no mer - it of my own I claim, but whol - ly lean on Je - sus' name.
 in ev - 'ry high and storm - y gale my an - chor holds with - in the veil.
 when all sup - ports are washed a - way, he then is all my hope and stay.
 clothed in his righ - teous - ness a - lone, re - deemed to stand be - fore the throne!

Refrain



On Christ, the sol - id rock, I stand; all oth - er ground is



sink - ing sand, all oth - er ground is sink - ing sand.

Welcoming New Members to the Congregation

Following the hymn of the day, those being welcomed and the presiding minister gather at the font before the assembly.

Presentation

The presiding minister addresses the assembly in these or similar words.

P: Dear friends, we give thanks for the gift of Baptism and for these people, one with us in the body of Christ, whom we welcome as new members into the life and ministry of this congregation.

The presiding minister introduces each new member or household.

P: Today we welcome:

Pat, who was a member of St. John's Lutheran Church of 40th Street, which merged with St. Andrew, has recently returned to the congregation.

Libby and Tim have come from Epiphany Lutheran Church in Richmond, Virginia.

Apostles Creed

The presiding minister may introduce the Creed.

P: With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

**C: 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 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.**

*Or, "he descended into hell," another translation of this text in widespread use.

Address and Questions

The presiding minister addresses those being welcomed.

P: In Baptism, we are welcomed into the body of Christ and sent to share in the mission of God. We are called to live among God's faithful people, to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper, to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed, to serve all people, following the example of Jesus, and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth.

P: Beloved in Christ,
do you intend to continue in the covenant of your Baptism among God's people in this place?

Those being welcomed respond.

I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.

The minister addresses the assembly.

P: People of God,
do you promise to support and pray for these new members in their life in Christ?

C: We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.

Welcome

Those being welcomed face the assembly. The presiding minister addresses the assembly.

P: Let us welcome these siblings in Christ to this community of faith!

C: We rejoice with you in the life of Baptism!

**Together we will give thanks and praise to God
and proclaim the good news to all the world!**

People of the congregation are invited to join the cantor in singing the congregational refrain.

Congregational Refrain

**C: Christ goes before, and we are called to follow,
and all who follow find the Way, the Truth, the Life.**

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Worship continues with the prayers of the people.

Prayers of the People

P: As scattered grains of wheat are gathered into one bread,
so let us gather our prayers for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

After each petition

P: God of grace, **C: receive our prayer.**

P: Gathered in the communion of the Holy Spirit, we offer these and all our prayers to you, gracious God, through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

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.

Today we invite the congregation to consider a donation to a second collection since we are using an African American spiritual during worship. Please see the note in the announcements at the back of the bulletin for more information.

Music during the Offering

Please rise as you are able.

Offertory Song

Let the Vineyards

ELW 184



Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of



bless-ing. Gath-er a har-vest from the seeds that were sown, that



we may be fed with the bread of life. Gath-er the hopes and dreams of



all; u-nite them with the prayers we of-fer. Grace our ta-ble



with your pres-ence, and give us a fore-taste of the feast to come.

Offertory Prayer

P: Let us pray.

God, of all creation,

C: all you have made is good, and your love endures forever.

You bring forth bread from the earth and fruit from the vine.

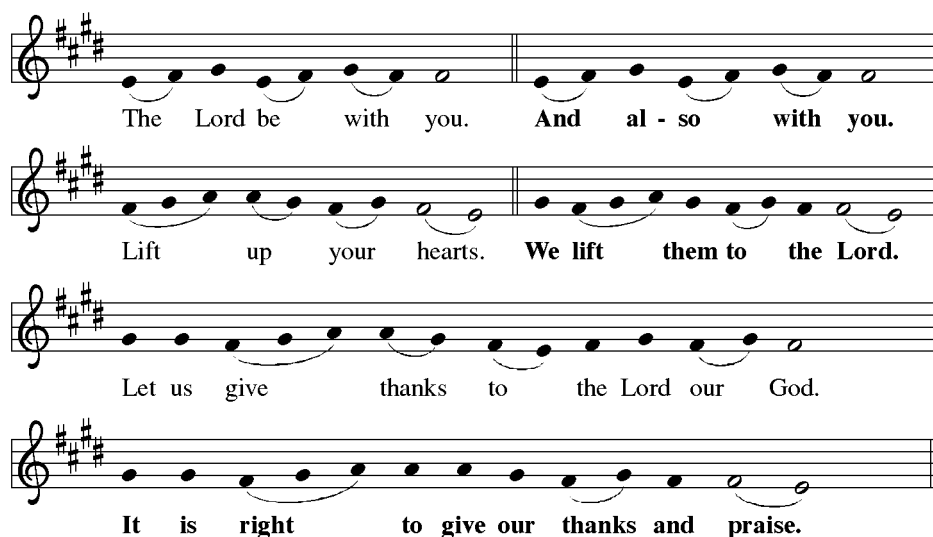
Nourish us with these gifts, that we might be for the world

signs of your gracious presence in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Dialogue

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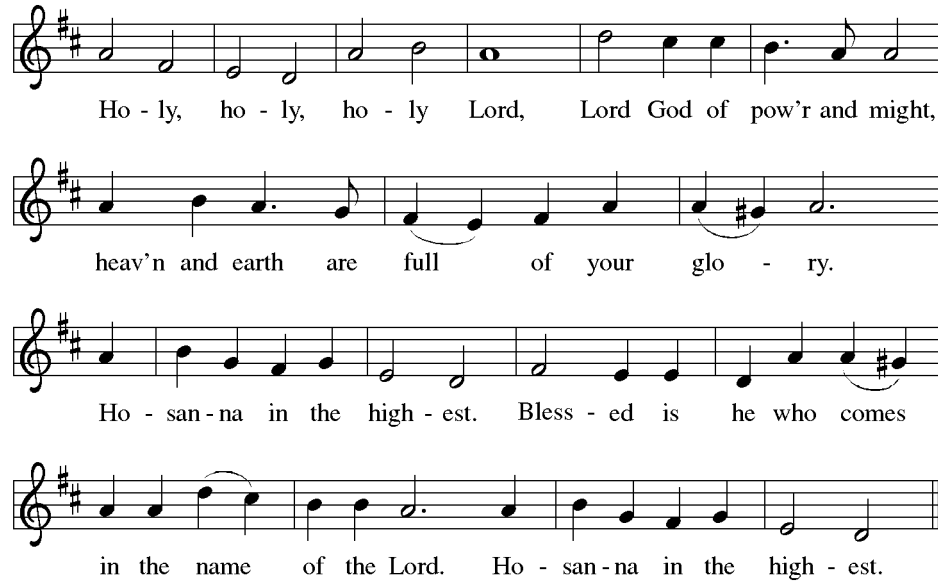
The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Preface (*Sung by the presiding minister*)

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

ELW p. 153



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r 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.

Eucharistic Prayer

P: Holy God ...
... with every breath.

C: We praise you, O God.

P: Generations bless your faithfulness ...
... into the future.

C: We bless you, O God.

P: We give you thanks for your dear Son ...
... with us now.

C: We thank you, O God.

P: In the night in which he was betrayed ...
... Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering his love for us on the way, at the table, and to the end,
we proclaim the mystery of faith.

C: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

P: We pray for the gift of your Spirit ...
... by your Spirit, in your church, without end.

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.**

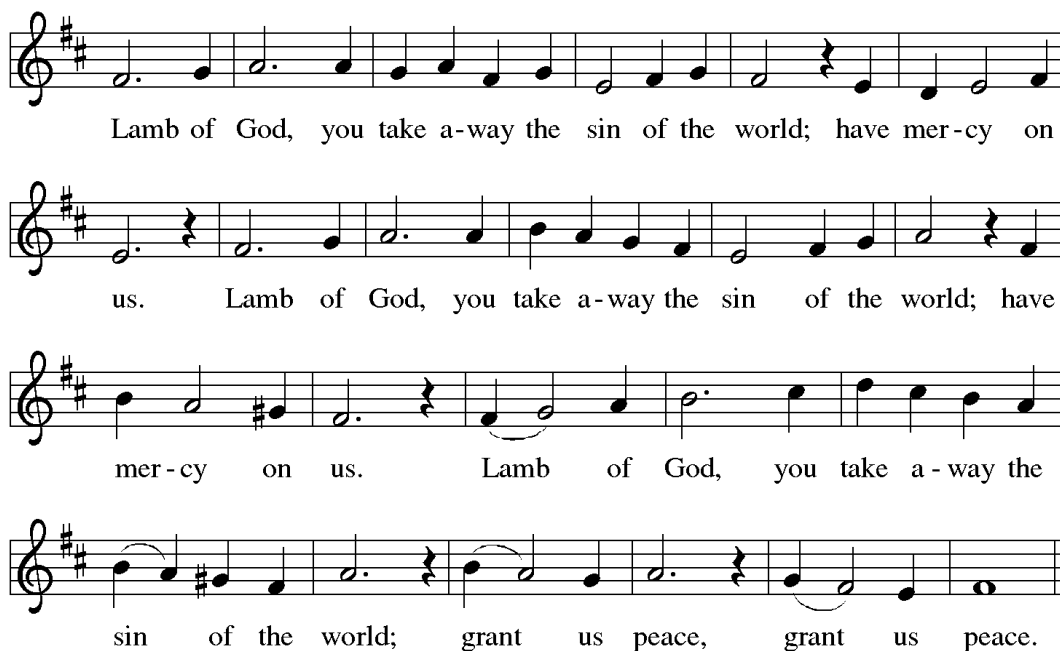
**Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.**

Fraction and Invitation

Agnus Dei / Lamb of God

ELW p. 154



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, grant us peace.

Please be seated.

Holy 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.*

Hymn during Holy Communion

Come to the Table

ELW 481



Come to the ta - ble of mer - cy, pre - pared with the wine and the bread.



All who are hun - gry and thirst - y, come, and your souls will be fed.



Come at the Lord's in - vi - ta - tion; re - ceive from his nail - scarred hand.



Eat of the bread of sal - va - tion; drink of the blood of the Lamb.

Text: Claire Cloninger, b. 1942

Music: COME TO THE TABLE, Martin J. Nystrom, b. 1956

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Hymn during Holy Communion

Come, Ye Disconsolate

ELW 607



1 Come, ye dis - con - so - late, wher - e'er ye lan - guish;
2 Joy of the des - o - late, light of the stray - ing,
3 Here see the Bread of life; see wa - ters flow - ing



come to the mer - cy - seat, fer - vent - ly kneel.
hope of the pen - i - tent, fade - less and pure;
forth from the throne of God, pure from a - bove.



Here bring your wound - ed hearts, here tell your an - guish;
here speaks the Com - fort - er, ten - der - ly say - ing,
Come to the feast of love; come, ev - er know - ing



earth has no sor - row that heav'n can - not heal.
"Earth has no sor - row that heav'n can - not cure."
earth has no sor - row but heav'n can re - move.

Text: Thomas Moore, 1779–1852, sts. 1–2; Thomas Hastings, 1784–1872, st. 3
Music: CONSOLATOR, Samuel Webbe Sr., 1740–1816

Hymn during Holy Communion

Just as I Am, without One Plea

ELW 592

1 Just as I am, with - out one plea, but that thy blood was
2 Just as I am, though tossed a - bout with man - y a con - flict,
3 Just as I am, thou wilt re - ceive, wilt wel - come, par - don,
4 Just as I am; thy love un - known has bro - ken ev - 'ry

shed for me, and that thou bidd'st me come to thee,
man - y a doubt, fight - ings and fears with - in, with - out,
cleanse, re - lieve; be - cause thy prom - ise I be - lieve,
bar - rier down; now to be thine, yea, thine a - lone,

O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

The musical score consists of three systems, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The key signature is B-flat major (two flats) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are printed below the vocal line of each system.

Text: Charlotte Elliott, 1789-1871. Music: WOODWORTH, William B. Bradbury, 1816-1868.

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.

P: God of abundance, you have refreshed our hearts in this meal with bread for the journey.

Give us your grace on the way, that we may serve our neighbors with joy

and proclaim your goodness in all things, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

Please be seated.

Sending

Announcements

Please rise as you are able.

Benediction

P: God who gives life to all things

and frees us from despair,

bless you with truth and peace.

The holy Trinity, ✚ one God,

guide you always in faith, hope, and love.

C: Amen.

Sending Hymn

Guide My Feet

Following Page

Dismissal

P: Go in peace. Christ is with you.

C: Thanks be to God!

Sending Hymn

Guide My Feet

ACS 987



1 Guide my feet
2 Hold my hand
3 Stand by me while I run this race.
4 I'm your child
5 Search my heart



Guide my feet
Hold my hand
Stand by me while I run this race.
I'm your child
Search my heart



Guide my feet
Hold my hand
Stand by me while I run this race,
I'm your child
Search my heart



for I don't want to run this race in vain.

Text: African American spiritual
Music: GUIDE MY FEET, African American spiritual

Abbreviations

P: Pastor/Presiding Minister

L: Lector

C: Congregation

ELW: Evangelical Lutheran Worship hymnal

ACS: All Creation Sings hymnal

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St. Andrew Lutheran Church Announcements
October 23rd, 2022

- **Worship in the Sanctuary and Online – Sunday, October 23rd, + Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost** – St. Andrew’s next service of Holy Communion will be this Sunday, October 23rd, at 10:00 a.m. Allegheny County’s Covid-19 community level is in the “medium” category. St. Andrew recently changed its policy to “masks optional” when community levels are both low and medium. Worship will also be live-streamed to Facebook, YouTube, and Zoom. **This week in worship, we formally welcome Pat, Tim and Libby as new members of the congregation!** Worship attendees are invited to make their own name tags at the back of the worship space. Coffee hour will be held in the Social Hall next to the sanctuary after worship.
- **St. Andrew Begins Special Collection for Reparations When Using African American Spiritual Songs in Worship** – Jesus' parable of the Good Samaritan from Luke's Gospel provides an example of how God's people are called to work for healing and repair for our neighbors independent of who or what caused harm. In light of this, the Worship Committee and Congregation Council of St. Andrew have discussed reparations in regard to African American spiritual songs used in our worship. The text and music of most hymns is attributed to specific authors, with copyrights in place, usage reported, and royalties paid to those whose works are featured in worship. With African American spirituals, this is not possible. In response to many years of such uncredited use, on Sundays when St. Andrew sings an African American spiritual in worship, we will invite people of the congregation to give to a second collection for reparations during the offering. Funds received in our initial collections will be donated to our siblings at Bethel AME Church, whose land and building were taken from them in the 1950s, to fund the development they are planning in the Hill District.
- **St. Andrew Lunch Gathering - Sunday, October 30th, 12:30 p.m. at Hofbrauhaus - South Side Works** – These monthly gatherings for lunch or dinner are simply an opportunity to spend time and share conversation with others in the congregation over a meal. October's lunch will be at 12:30 p.m. on Sunday, October 30th at Hofbrauhaus - South Side Works, 2705 S. Water St., Pittsburgh 15203.
- **Updated Needs for Thanksgiving Dinner Bags** – We are grateful for all the contributions the people of St. Andrew have made toward Thanksgiving dinner bags for our neighbors. Leaders have counted the items we have on hand and the following are still needed:
 - 28 boxes of stuffing
 - 55 cans of green beans
 - 32 cans of mushroom soup
 - 34 cans of French onions
 - 30 jello/pudding mixes
 - 30 corn muffin mixesPlease turn in all donations by Sunday, October 30th. Thank you!
- **Work Day Fall Cleanup - Saturday, November 5th, 10:00 a.m.** – Join in efforts to prepare St. Andrew's building, and especially outdoor grounds, for winter. We will be cleaning window wells, weeding, and spreading mulch, among other tasks on Saturday,

November 5th, beginning at 10:00 a.m. The autumn leaves are falling so there will be plenty of work opportunities for everyone!

- ***Christ in our Home Devotional Booklets Now Available for October-December*** – *Christ in our Home* is a booklet that offers a daily Bible reading with a short reflection and prayers, long with additional prayer concerns and readings for those who would like to expand their devotional practices. These are available at each entrance to the church, and we encourage people of the congregation to take one for yourself or others!
- **Bethel AME Reparations Petition Available** – Bethel AME Church has released a new petition in partnership with the Color of Change organization in their pursuit of reparations for their land and church that were taken in the 1950s. To sign or share the petition, please visit: <https://bit.ly/Justice4Bethel>. A paper copy is available at the name tag cabinet in the back of St. Andrew's worship space for those who would like to sign using that medium.
- **Spiritual Care Volunteers Needed for AHN Palliative Care Patients** – Palliative care is an approach that improves the quality of life for patients and their families facing problems associated with life-threatening illness, through the prevention and relief of suffering by means of early identification, assessment and treatment of pain and other problems, whether they be physical, psychosocial or spiritual.
 - Spiritual Care Volunteers will visit with AHN Palliative Care patients and their families at one of our hospitals: Allegheny General, Allegheny Valley, Forbes, Jefferson, and West Penn.
 - We also can use volunteers who work from their homes to call family members to provide emotional and spiritual support.
 - Training is provided and required.
 - Qualifications: Ability to stand and walk long hospital corridors, or use an assistive mobility device to do so. A willingness to attend volunteer orientation/training and meetings, to function as a member of one of our palliative care teams, and to complete simple charting under the direction of the spiritual care coordinator. Basic computer skills utilizing email and Zoom are very helpful.
 - Clearances required (will be paid for by AHN).
 - Volunteers who work in the hospitals must be up to date on all of their vaccinations, including the Covid vaccines and boosters. Current policies require everyone to wear surgical, KN95, or N95 face masks.
 - We do not discriminate based on religious or spiritual beliefs. NO proselytizing is permitted.
 - Free parking and meals.

For more information, contact the Spiritual Care Coordinator, Pr. Kim Rapczak, at: 412-738-4650 or Kimberly.Rapczak@ahn.org.

To apply online, go to: <https://www.ahn.org/volunteer-application> (Make sure to select which hospital you want to work at, and under “other,” type: “palliative care.”).

- **Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service LIRS) "Hope for the Holidays" Program** – Each year, with the help of hundreds of supporters, Lutheran Immigrations and Refugee Service collects cards and donations for gifts for distribution at immigration detention centers across the country, sharing holiday hope and joy with individuals and families seeking safety in the U.S. Last year, volunteers provided over 16,000 cards and

1,700 gifts to asylum-seekers across the country. To learn more or get involved, visit the Hope for the Holidays hub at [Hope For The Holidays | LIRS \(wpengine.com\)](http://wpengine.com). The site has a video about the program, a toolkit with resources available for download, and opportunities for advocacy and donations.

- **Lutheran Campus Ministry Art Exhibit Exploring Race, *Truth Be Told*, Extended until the End of the Semester** – *Truth be Told* is an art exhibit created by fourteen women artists across the country in reflection on racism. The group of seven Black women and seven white women began conversations after the murder of George Floyd, which moved them each to consider one word and create an art piece around that word. The exhibit is being shown at the Lutheran University Center, 4515 Forbes Avenue, Pittsburgh 15213. Open hours of viewing are every Saturday and Sunday from 1:00-6:00 p.m. Arrangements can be made to view the exhibit during the week by contacting the campus ministry at 412-682-6886 or email pastor@psalm.online. For more information, go to <http://psalm.online>.