



+ Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost
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+ Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost Order for Worship

Today's Gospel combines a saying that may make many of us uncomfortable with a story many find comforting. Jesus' saying on divorce is another of his rejections of human legislation in favor of the original intent of God's law. Jesus' rebuke of the disciples who are fending off the children should challenge us as well. What does it mean to receive the reign of God as a child does?

Welcome to St. Andrew!

- St. Andrew Lutheran congregation welcomes all who are seeking a place of healing and wholeness – a nurturing, faith-forming spiritual home. Our community embraces people of all ages, ethnicities, cultures, abilities, sexual orientations, gender identities and expressions, and family constellations. Come and See!
- Worship Services are live-streamed to multiple online platforms. By attending worship, you agree that your image and voice may be broadcast.
- Everyone is invited to make a name tag at the black bookcase in the back of the worship space. There are stickers indicating pronouns on the bookcase if you would like to include them on your name tag.
- Children are invited to attend Little Church – Big Faith, a Bible lesson and activity, during worship (after the Prayer of the Day). The group returns to the worship space for the liturgy of Holy Communion.
- A nursery is available through the doors at the left side of the sanctuary and across from the doorway to the Social Hall. Look for a purple-colored room.
- Worship “toolkits” to help children engage with the service, along with “busy bags” for younger children, are available in the bookcase at the back of the sanctuary. Please feel free to take one to use with/for your children.
- Holy Communion is served with bread (gluten-free available) and wine or grape juice. The presiding minister will distribute the bread (host). Please consume this and then pick up an empty glass from the tray. The Communion Assistant will pour wine or grape juice into your glass. Please step to the side to consume the wine or grape juice. Feel free to kneel at the altar for prayer and reflection. As you return to your pew, glasses may be returned to the empty trays on either side of the center section.
- 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.

Abbreviations

P: Pastor/Presiding Minister
A: Assisting Minister
L: Lector
C: Congregation

ELW: Evangelical Lutheran Worship hymnal
ACS: All Creation Sings hymnal

Pre-Service Music

Welcome

Prelude

Morning Has Broken

L. Shackley

Gathering

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God

Confession and Forgiveness

Please rise as you are able.

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at Baptism,
as the presiding minister begins.*

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✙ one God,
who forgives all our sin,
whose mercy endures forever.

C: Amen.

P: Let us confess our sin and come to God for healing.

Silence is kept for reflection

P: Gracious God,

C: have mercy on us.

**We confess that we have honored you with our lips,
but our hearts have been far from you.**

The cravings at war within us cause conflicts and disputes.

In our desire to be first

we make distinctions among ourselves.

We place the needs of the poor and the suffering last.

In your great mercy, forgive us our sins.

Draw near to us with grace in time of need,

**and turn us to follow in the way of Jesus Christ,
our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

P: God promises to forgive our iniquity
and remember our sin no more.

By grace you have been saved.

In the name of ✙ Jesus Christ,

the source of all healing, your sins are forgiven.

C: Amen.



1 O day of rest and glad - ness, O day of joy and light,
 2 On you, at earth's cre - a - tion, the light first had its birth;
 3 To - day on wea - ry na - tions the heav'n-ly man-na falls;
 4 New grac-es ev - er gain - ing from this our day of rest,



O balm for care and sad - ness, most beau - ti - ful, most bright:
 on you, for our sal - va - tion, Christ rose from depths of earth;
 to ho - ly con - vo - ca - tions the sil - ver trum-pet calls,
 we reach the rest re - main - ing to spir - its of the blest.



on you the high and low - ly, through a - ges joined in tune,
 on you, our Lord vic - to - rious the Spir - it sent from heav'n;
 where gos-pel light is glow - ing with pure and ra - diant beams
 We sing to you our prais - es, O Fa - ther, Spir - it, Son;



sing, "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly," to the great God tri - une.
 and thus on you, most glo - rious, a three-fold light was giv'n.
 and liv - ing wa - ter flow - ing with soul - re - fresh-ing streams.
 the church its voice up - rais - es to you, blest Three in One.

Text: Christopher Wordsworth, 1807–1885, alt.

Music: ELLACOMBE, German melody, 18th cent.; adapt. X. L. Hartig, *Melodien zum Mainzer Gesangbuche*, 1833

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.

Hymn of Praise

ELW p. 204



1 Glo-ry be to God in heav-en; peace, good-will to all the earth.
2 Glo-ry be to Christ for - ev - er, Lamb of God and Lord of love.
3 Ho - ly One we now ac-claim you; Lord a - lone, to you we call;



Might-y God of all cre - a - tion, Fa - ther of sur - pass - ing worth:
Son of God and gra-cious Sav - ior, you have come from heav'n a - bove;
Ho - ly One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all:



we ex - alt you, we a - dore you, we lift high our thanks and praise.
on the cross you died to save us; now you reign at God's right hand.
Je - sus Christ, with God the Spir - it, in the Fa - ther's splen - dor bright.



Saints and an - gels bow be - fore you; here on earth our songs we raise.
Hear our prayer; re - store, for-give us; in your prom-ise firm we stand.
For the peace that we in - her - it, glo - ry be to God on high!

Prayer of the Day

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray.

Sovereign God, you have created us to live in loving community with one another.

Form us for life that is faithful and steadfast, and teach us to receive you as children do,
that we may reflect the image of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

Please be seated.

Children are invited to join the adult leaders at the door 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 – Genesis 2: 18-24

¹⁸The Lord God said, “It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper as his partner.” ¹⁹So out of the ground the Lord God formed every animal of the field and every bird of the air, and brought them to the man to see what he would call them; and whatever the man called every living creature, that was its name. ²⁰The man gave names to all cattle, and to the birds of the air, and to every animal of the field; but for the man there was not found a helper as his partner. ²¹So the Lord God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and he slept; then he took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. ²²And the rib that the Lord God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man. ²³Then the man said,

“This at last is bone of my bones
and flesh of my flesh;
this one shall be called Woman,
for out of Man this one was taken.”

²⁴Therefore a man leaves his father and his mother and clings to his wife, and they become one flesh.

L: Word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 8

*Today’s psalm will be sung and led by the cantor,
with the congregation invited to respond with the alternate verses in bold type and the refrain.*

Psalm tone



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Psalm refrain



Psalm 8:5

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¹O | Lord our Lord,
how majestic is your name in | all the earth!—
²**you whose glory is chanted above the heavens out of the mouths of in- | fants and
children;**
you have set up a fortress against your enemies, to silence the foe | and avenger.
³When I consider your heavens, the work | of your fingers,
the moon and the stars you have set | in their courses,
⁴**what are mere mortals that you should be mind- | ful of them,
human beings that you should | care for them? R**
⁵Yet you have made them little less | than divine;
with glory and hon- | or you crown them.
⁶**You have made them rule over the works | of your hands;
you have put all things un- | der their feet:**
⁷all | flocks and cattle,
even the wild beasts | of the field,
⁸**the birds of the air, the fish | of the sea,
and whatever passes along the paths | of the sea.**
⁹O | Lord our Lord,
how majestic is your name in | all the earth! **R**

Second Reading – Hebrews 1: 1-4; 2: 5-12

¹Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, ²but in these last days God has spoken to us by a Son, whom God appointed heir of all things, through whom God also created the worlds. ³[Jesus] is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, ⁴having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

^{2:5}Now God did not subject the coming world, about which we are speaking, to angels. ⁶But someone has testified somewhere,

“What are human beings that you are mindful of them,
or mortals, that you care for them?

⁷You have made them for a little while lower than the angels;
you have crowned them with glory and honor,
⁸subjecting all things under their feet.”

Now in subjecting all things to them, God left nothing outside their control. As it is, we do not yet see everything in subjection to them,⁹but we do see Jesus, who for a little while was made lower than the angels, now crowned with glory and honor because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone.

¹⁰It was fitting that God, for whom and through whom all things exist, in bringing many children to glory, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through sufferings. ¹¹For the one who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one Father. For this reason Jesus is not ashamed to call them kindred, ¹²saying,

“I will proclaim your name to my kindred,
in the midst of the congregation I will praise you.”

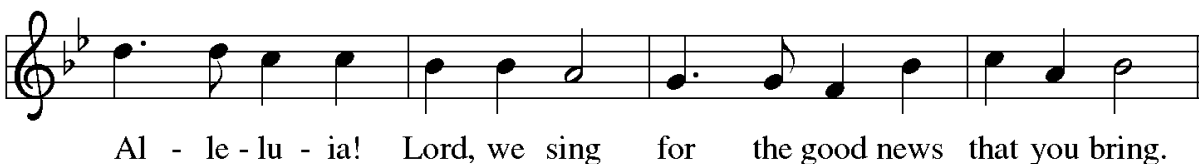
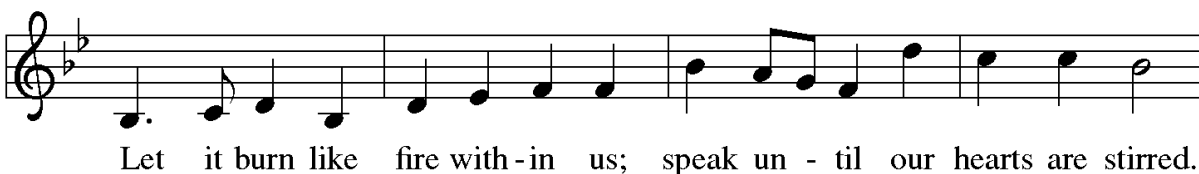
L: Word of God, word of life.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Please rise as you are able and join in speaking the Gospel Acclamation.

Gospel Acclamation

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Gospel – Mark 10: 2-16

P: The holy Gospel according to St. Mark.

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

²Some Pharisees came, and to test [Jesus] they asked, “Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?” ³He answered them, “What did Moses command you?” ⁴They said, “Moses allowed a

man to write a certificate of dismissal and to divorce her.”⁵ But Jesus said to them, “Because of your hardness of heart he wrote this commandment for you. ⁶But from the beginning of creation, ‘God made them male and female.’ ⁷‘For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, ⁸and the two shall become one flesh.’ So they are no longer two, but one flesh. ⁹Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate.”

¹⁰Then in the house the disciples asked him again about this matter. ¹¹He said to them, “Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her; ¹²and if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery.”

¹³People were bringing little children to him in order that he might touch them; and the disciples spoke sternly to them. ¹⁴But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, “Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. ¹⁵Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it.” ¹⁶And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.

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 God, When Human Bonds Are Broken

ELW 603

1 God, when hu-man bonds are bro-ken and we lack the love or skill
2 Through that still-ness, with your Spir-it come in-to our world of stress,
3 You in us are bruised and bro-ken: hear us as we seek re-lease
4 Send us, God of new be-gin-nings, hum-bly hope-ful in-to life.
5 Give us faith to be more faith-ful, give us hope to be more true,

to re-store the hope of heal-ing, give us grace and make us still.
for the sake of Christ for-giv-ing all the fail-ures we con-fess.
from the pain of ear-lier liv-ing; set us free and grant us peace.
Use us as a means of bless-ing: make us stron-ger, give us faith.
give us love to go on learn-ing: God, en-cour-age and re-new!

Text: Fred Kaan, b. 1929

Music: MERTON, William H. Monk, 1823–1889

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Apostles' Creed

Profession of our faith using the Apostles' Creed, one of the Christian Church's three ecumenical creeds, unites us with siblings in Christ around the world.

**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.

Prayers of the People

A: Drawn together by the power of the Holy Spirit, we pray for the church,
those in need, and all of God's creation.

After each petition

A: Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

The presiding minister concludes the prayers

P: We entrust these and all our prayers to you, holy God,
in the name of your beloved, Jesus Christ, our Savior.

C: Amen.

Peace

The presiding minister and the assembly greet one another in the peace of the risen Christ.

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

*The people may greet those around them with a sign of Christ's peace and may say
Peace be with you or similar words. Please be mindful that not everyone will be comfortable
with sharing the peace, so please seek consent before shaking hands or hugging. Other possible
ways to share the peace include a simple bow with the verbal greeting of peace, or simply a
verbal expression of peace.*

When the greetings of peace have concluded, please be seated.

Meal

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ



Offering

We offer ourselves, our gifts and our faithful service to God. As the offering is gathered for the mission of the church, including the care of those in need, the table is set for Holy Communion

There are laminated giving cards in the pew racks that feature a QR code for anyone who would like to give online. Those who give using the QR code, as well as those who give regularly online or through their bank are encouraged to place the laminated card in the plate as an expression of your offering.

Reparations Offering

On the first Sunday of each month, St. Andrew invites people of the congregation to consider a donation to a second collection for a reparations fund in acknowledgement of St. Andrew's use of African American spiritual songs in our worship services. Please see the note in the announcements for more information.

Music during the Offering

God Welcomes All

arr. M. Howarth

As the gifts are brought forward for presentation, please rise as you are able.

Offertory Song

Accept, O Lord, the Gifts We Bring

ELW 691

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.

The image shows a musical score for a song. It consists of two systems of music, each with a treble and bass staff. The key signature is one sharp (F#). The first system contains three verses of lyrics. The second system contains two verses of lyrics. The music is written in a simple, folk-like style with many chords and some melodic lines.

Text: Beth Bergeron Folkemer, b. 1957

Music: BARBARA ALLEN, English folk tune; arr. Alice Parker, b. 1925

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Offertory Prayer

A: Let us pray.

Blessed are you,

C: O God, source of all creation.

By these gifts and with our lives,

help us to serve one another and all in need,

through 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.

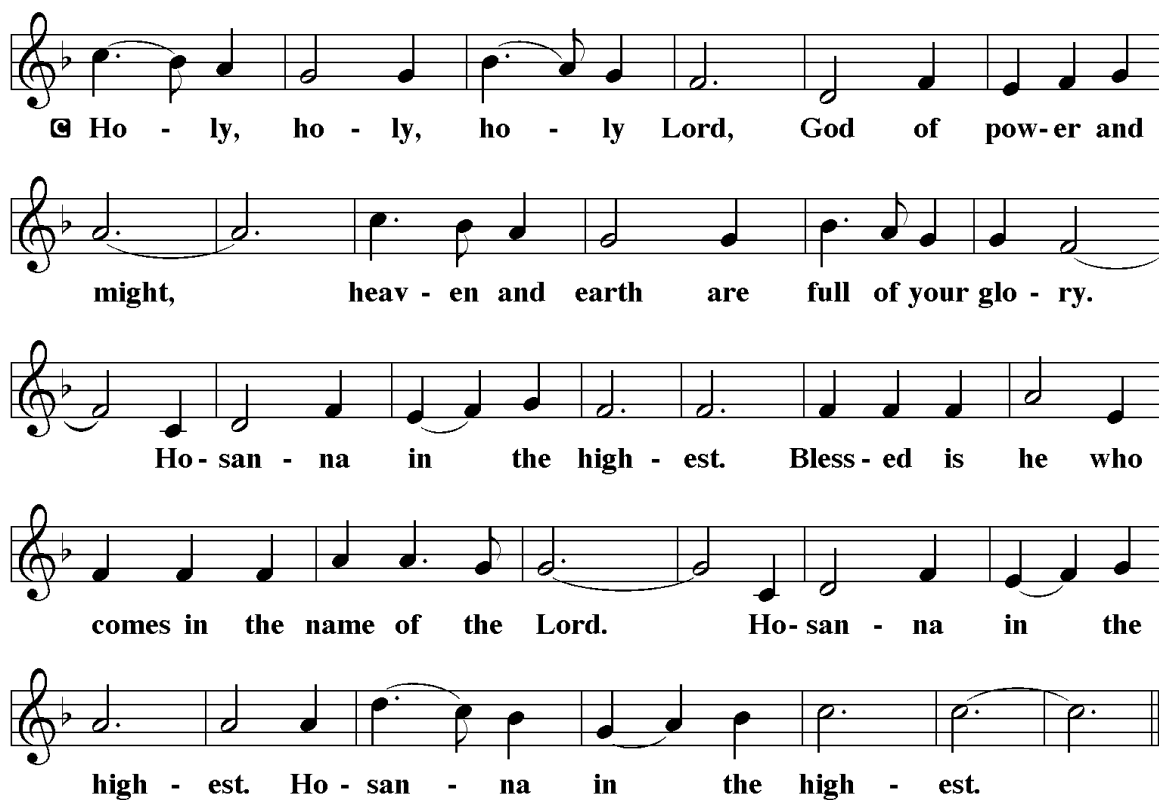
C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Preface

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
... we praise your name and join in adoring song:

Sanctus

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Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and
might, heav - en 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. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Eucharistic Prayer

P: Blessed are you, O God ...
... Do this for the remembrance of me.

As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

C: Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

P: Pour out your Holy Spirit ...
... power of the Most High,
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.

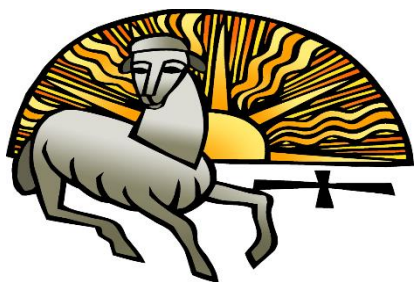
Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins
 as we forgive those
 who sin against us.

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

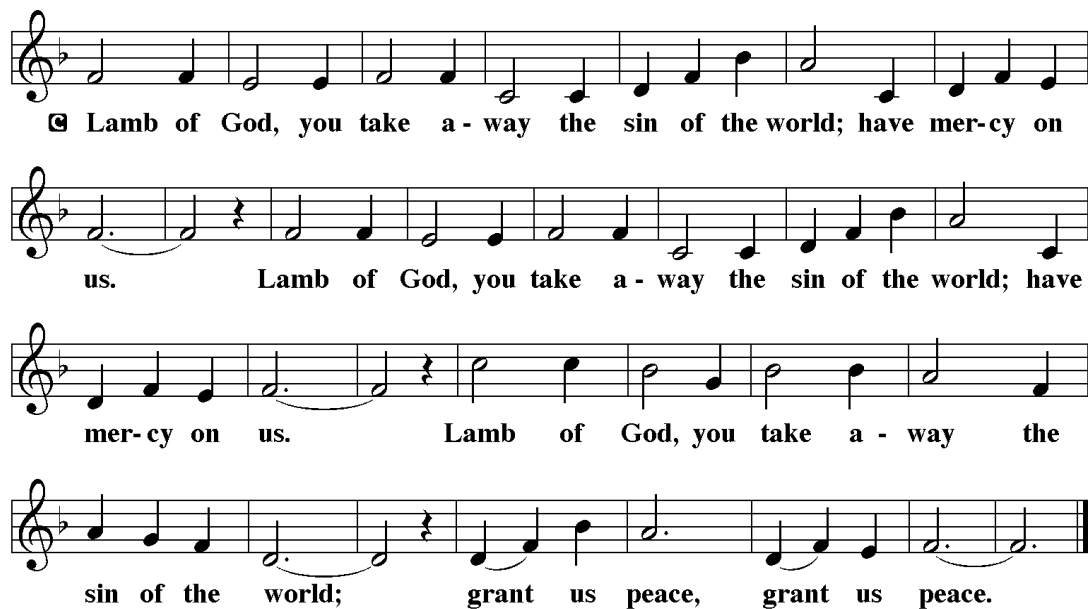
For the kingdom, the power,
 and the glory are yours,
 now and forever. Amen.

Fraction and Invitation



Agnus Dei / Lamb of God

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Please be seated.

Holy Communion

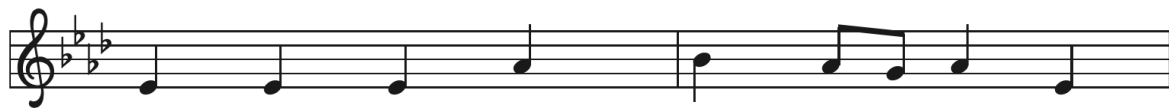
- All who seek God and desire a deeper and stronger life in Christ are welcome to receive Holy Communion.
- Worshipers from the pulpit side will proceed forward first, followed by the center section, and then the lectern side.
- Please inform an usher if you would like the ministers to bring Communion to you.
- Holy Communion will be served with bread and wine/grape juice.
- The presiding minister will first distribute the bread (host) to each communicant. Please indicate if you require a gluten-free host.
- Once you have consumed the bread, please pick up an empty glass from the tray next to the presiding minister. The Communion Assistant will pour wine from the chalice or grape juice from the cruet into your glass.
- Please step to the side to consume the wine or grape juice.
- Feel free to kneel at the altar rail for prayer after receiving the sacrament.
- As you return to your pew, glasses may be returned to the empty trays on either side of the center section.

- *A blessing will be provided for anyone who does not yet receive the sacrament.*
- *All are invited to join in singing the hymns during Holy Communion.*

Hymns during Holy Communion

Kneeling in the Dust to Form Us

ACS 1099



1 Kneel - ing in the dust to form us,
2 Shaped of flesh and bone and sin - ew,
3 Tem - pered bells re - sound more clear - ly,



mold - ing with a pot - ter's care, God blows breath of
sound - ing cham - bers for the Word, we are tuned by
forged of met - als bright and pure. So our lives, re -



life and Spir - it— pre - lude in the morn - ing air.
dai - ly prac - tice, sea - soned by each les - son heard.
fined by Wis - dom, sound in ac - cents that en - dure.



We be - come God's liv - ing ves - sels:
Skill - ful - ly, the Spir - it plays us,
God's own hand rings out the chang - es,



we, the flutes and pipes and reeds, ech - o - ing the
fin - gers deft on fret and string, pluck - ing mel - o -
strik - ing chords as yet un - known, till a new earth



Spir - it's mu - sic through the wit - ness of our deeds.
dies of yearn - ing as our hearts re - spond and sing.
fills with mu - sic rich and sweet as heav - en's own.

Text: Mary Louise Bringle, b. 1953

Music: TURNBULL, Thomas Pavlechko, b. 1962

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Hymns during Holy Communion

Bread of Life, Our Host and Meal

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1 Bread of life, our host and meal, Je - sus, feed us.
 2 Bread now break and wine now pour, Je - sus, feed us.
 3 Grant for - give - ness in the feast— Je - sus, feed us—
 4 Thank you for this gift we share. Je - sus, feed us.

Christ, by faith, to see and feel, feed us with your love.
 Make us one, our hope re - store; feed us with your love.
 for the great - est and the least; feed us with your love.
 Save God's chil - dren ev - 'ry - where; feed us with your love.

Text: Ray Makeever, b. 1943; Rusty Edwards, b. 1955

Music: JESUS, FEED US, Ray Makeever; arr. Rusty Edwards

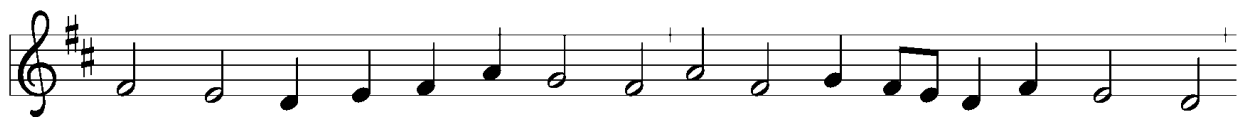
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Hymns during Holy Communion

Now We Join in Celebration

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- 1 Now we join in cel - e - bra - tion at our Sav - ior's in - vi - ta - tion,
- 2 Lord, as round this feast we gath - er, fill our hearts with ho - ly rap - ture!
- 3 Lord, we share in this com - mu - nion as one fam - 'ly of God's chil - dren,



dressed no more in spir - it som - ber, clothed in - stead in joy and won - der;
For this bread and cup of bless - ing are for us the sure pos - sess - ing
rec - on - ciled through you, our broth - er, one in you with God our Fa - ther.



for the Lord of all ex - is - tence, put - ting off di - vine tran - scen - dence,
of your lov - ing deed on Cal - v'ry, of your liv - ing self, our vic - t'ry,
Give us grace to live for oth - ers, serv - ing all, both friends and strang - ers,



stoops a - gain in love to meet us, with his ver - y life to feed us.
pledge of your un - fail - ing pres - ence, fore - taste here of heav' - n - ly glad - ness.
seek - ing jus - tice, love, and mer - cy till you come in fi - nal glo - ry.

Text: Joel W. Lundeen, 1918–1990

Music: SCHMÜCKE DICH, Johann Crüger, 1598–1662

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Hymns during Holy Communion

Blest Be the Tie That Binds

ELW 656

1 Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Chris - tian love;
 2 Be - fore our Fa - ther's throne we pour our ar - dent prayers;
 3 We share our mu - tual woes, our mu - tual bur - dens bear,
 4 From sor - row, toil, and pain, and sin we shall be free;

the u - ni - ty of heart and mind is like to that a - bove.
 our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, our com - forts and our cares.
 and of - ten for each oth - er flows the sym - pa - thiz - ing tear.
 and per - fect love and friend - ship reign through all e - ter - ni - ty.

Text: John Fawcett, 1740–1817, alt.
 Music: DENNIS, Johann G. Nägeli, 1773–1836, adapt.

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

A: Let us pray.

Holy God, you have welcomed us to this meal

and fed us at your table with your gifts of grace and life.

Send us now to welcome others and to be at peace with one another,
 through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

Please be seated.

Sending

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world

Announcements

Please rise as you are able.

Benediction

P: God almighty,
God most merciful,
✠ bless you, keep you,
and give you peace.

C: Amen.

Sending Hymn

Following page

Dismissal

A: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

For the Beauty of the Earth

arr. M. Hayes



1 Love di-vine, all loves ex-cel-ling, Joy of heav'n, to
 2 Breathe, oh, breathe thy lov-ing Spir-it in-to ev-'ry
 3 Come, Al-might-y, to de-liv-er; let us all thy
 4 Fin-ish then thy new cre-a-tion, pure and spot-less



earth come down! Fix in us thy hum-ble dwell-ing, all thy
 trou-bled breast; let us all in thee in-her-it; let us
 life re-ceive; sud-den-ly re-turn, and nev-er, nev-er-
 let us be; let us see thy great sal-va-tion per-fect-



faith-ful mer-cies crown. Je-sus, thou art all com-pas-sion,
 find thy prom-ised rest. Take a-way the love of sin-ning;
 more thy tem-ples leave. Thee we would be al-ways bless-ing,
 ly re-stored in thee! Changed from glo-ry in-to glo-ry,



pure, un-bound-ed love thou art; vis-it us with
 Al-pha and O-me-ga be; end of faith, as
 serve thee as thy hosts a-bove, pray, and praise thee
 till in heav'n we take our place, till we cast our



thy sal-va-tion, en-ter ev-'ry trem-bling heart.
 its be-gin-ning, set our hearts at lib-er-ty.
 with-out ceas-ing, glo-ry in thy per-fect love.
 crowns be-fore thee, lost in won-der, love, and praise!

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707–1788

Music: HYFRYDOL, Rowland H. Prichard, 1811–1887

Those serving in worship today

Altar Care
Assisting Minister
Audio-Visual Ministers

Cantor
Lector
Little Church – Big Faith Teacher
Minister of Music
Piano on Prelude
Preaching and Presiding Minister

Jodie Minor
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**St. Andrew Lutheran Church Announcements
October 6th, 2024**

- **Welcome to Worship at St. Andrew on the Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost, October 6th, 2024** – We are so glad you are here, and we offer a special welcome to all visitors and guests connecting for the first time! Worship attendees are invited to make a name tag at the back of the worship space. Little Church – Big Faith, a Bible lesson and activity for children, will take place after the prayer of the day. There are also worship “toolkits” to help children engage with worship and “busy bags” for younger children available in the bookcase at the back of the sanctuary. All are invited to gather for coffee other drinks and food, and conversation in the social hall after worship.
- **Monthly Reparations Offering Today during Worship** – Jesus’ parable from Luke’s Gospel about a compassionate Samaritan 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, St. Andrew has made a commitment to 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, St. Andrew invites the congregation to give a reparations offering. Funds received in worship will be donated to our siblings at Bethel AME Church, whose land and building were taken from them in the 1950s, to fund their development in the lower Hill District.

- **Celebrate St. Andrew's 133rd Anniversary and Reconciling in Christ Sunday during Worship on October 13th, 10:00 a.m.** – St. Andrew was officially organized as a congregation on October 12, 1891, and we give thanks to God for so many years of goodness, grace, and ministry, in which the Gospel of Jesus has been proclaimed and people have come to know and experience God's love! Essential to the congregation's identity is our Reconciling in Christ designation, in which we publicly share our welcome and inclusion of LGBTQIA+ individuals and families, and of all God's people, in the life of the congregation, church, and society. In worship on Sunday, October 13th, we will celebrate St. Andrew's 133rd anniversary and renew our commitment to live our faith together as a Reconciling in Christ congregation!

In preparation for next Sunday, we invite you to consider a word or short phrase that expresses what you would like to celebrate about St. Andrew and the role it has played in your life of faith and/or in connecting you with God and others. During worship that day, we will invite everyone to write and share these offerings of thanksgiving on the poster boards along the way to Communion.

- **Congregational Meeting after Worship Next Sunday, October 13th** – St. Andrew's leadership council has scheduled a congregational meeting after worship on Sunday, October 13th. The purpose will be to update the congregation on the plan to repair the roof and to discuss next steps toward a capital campaign, including a recommendation from the council for a resource assessment/feasibility study. As we give thanks for 133 years of God's blessings, we encourage you to be a part of this meeting as we look with hope toward the future of St. Andrew!
- **Support Days for Girls – Pittsburgh: Collecting Supplies in October!** – Earlier in the year, St. Andrew shared an opportunity from LAMPa to call for Pennsylvania to provide menstrual hygiene products in public spaces as a crucial step in addressing educational, gender, and economic inequity. As a local follow-up, St. Andrew has connected with Days for Girls – Pittsburgh, which helps to provide education and access to feminine hygiene products for people in need. As an expression of our church's "God's Work, Our Hands" commitment, St. Andrew is collecting items to make Days for Girls' hygiene kits starting on October 6th. We are collecting women's underwear (new), sizes medium and large (5, 6, 7), 100% cotton (please avoid white); washcloths, 100% cotton (please avoid white); bar soap (hotel-size); containers of laundry detergent pods ("free and clear" of scents); and packing supplies such as 5/8-inch ribbon and packing tape. Items may be placed in the collection bin located in the social hall anytime until October 27th.

Lessons from Dietrich Bonhoeffer in a House Divided and a World on Fire – Wednesdays, October 9th, 16th, 23rd, and 30th – Come and explore the life and theology of Dietrich Bonhoeffer, and the lessons we can use as we live at the intersection of faith and civic life today. Bonhoeffer was a Lutheran pastor and theologian living in Nazi Germany, who eventually joined the resistance and was arrested and killed before the end of WWII. This curriculum was compiled by Dr. Lori Brandt Hale, an internationally

renowned Bonhoeffer scholar. Lutheran Advocacy Ministry in Pennsylvania (LAMPa) is bringing this curriculum to congregations to inspire deeper conversation and discernment about our discipleship. Pastor Erin Jones, staff at LAMPa and member of St. Andrew, leads these sessions. The participant workbook and other materials are available here: [Bonhoeffer Curriculum Available Now! - LAMPa \(lutheranadvocacy.org\)](https://lutheranadvocacy.org/).

Zoom Link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86521390682?pwd=IQUJNKZzWznWObQxrQ3homsZlsLno.1>

Meeting ID: 865 2139 0682

Passcode: 962169

- **LGBTQ+ Town Hall with PA State Representatives – Thursday, October 10th, 6:00 p.m.** – PA state representatives Jessica Benham, La'Tasha Mayes, and Abigail Salisbury are hosting a town hall meeting to address key policy issues affecting the LGBTQ+ community and to explore pathways for advancing equality across PA. The event will be held at 2681 Sidney St., Pittsburgh 15203. More information is available here: <https://www.facebook.com/share/5odoguYnBmWh8uFi/>.
- **First Unitarian Church Hosts Three Conversations on Documentaries about the Rise of Christian Nationalism – Sundays, October 6th, 13th, and 20th at 6:00 p.m.** – Our neighbors at First Unitarian Church (605 Morewood Avenue) invite people of the community to gather for learning and conversation based on three documentary films:
 - **October 6th – *Bad Faith: Christian Nationalism's Unholy War on Democracy***
 - **October 13th – *Prayer for Armageddon***
 - **October 20th – *God and Country***
- **Shelter Dinner for Guests of East End Cooperative Ministry – Thursday, October 17th, 6:30 p.m.** – Each month, people of St. Andrew provide dinner for guests of East End Cooperative Ministry, 6140 Station St. (East Liberty), 15206. We invite you to prepare or purchase one menu item and bring it to the shelter by 6:00 p.m., or just come to help serve at 6:30 p.m. If you would like to contribute, please sign up here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080544AAAC22A1F58-51622132-shelter>.
- **Families of Young Children – Let's Talk – Thursday, October 17th, 9:00 p.m. – Zoom Event with Southwestern Pennsylvania Synod** – Parents and guardians of children from Pre-K – 6th grade are invited to gather for conversation about questions like “How do I answer my kids’ tough questions?” and “What are some ways I could start talking about faith with my kids?” Join Pastor Erin Evans and Pastor Jess Felici for a talk about kids and faith, get new resources, and find a community of support wider than your local congregation. [Zoom Link >>](#)
- **Public Lectures and Panel Discussion – *Hope in a Divided World: Bonhoeffer's This-World Christianity as an Antidote to Christian Nationalism* – Saturday, October 19th, 10:00 a.m.** – Join Lutheran Advocacy Ministry in Pennsylvania (LAMPa) and United Lutheran Seminary's “Kindling Faith” for a weekend of discovering how Dietrich Bonhoeffer's theology and legacy help the Church and people of faith to authentically and humbly act at the intersection of civic life and faith, in contrast and response to the forces of Christian Nationalism. While the event takes place at United Lutheran Seminary in Gettysburg, the lectures and panel discussion on Saturday, October 19th will be live-streamed. For full details on the whole event, please visit: <https://conta.cc/4e1kSk6>.

- **Save the Date: Welcoming Refugees Workshop at St. Andrew – Saturday, October 26th** – How do we best welcome our refugee neighbors? News stories about the treatment of refugees (primarily from Haiti) in Springfield, OH and Charleroi, PA have raised concerns for our migrant neighbors' safety and well-being, along with desire for the church to respond with welcome, hospitality, and support. Joy Givens, a St. Andrew member who works locally with resettled refugee youth and their families, will lead a conversation on the fundamentals of refugee resettlement (and a larger look at forcibly displaced persons worldwide); the basics of trauma-informed care and cultural humility (which can apply to anyone, not just refugees); and how we can apply trauma-informed care and cultural humility as new neighbors and friends. Exact time is to be determined, but we are planning a 1.5-hour session in the mid-late afternoon of Saturday, October 26th. Please plan to take part in this important and timely conversation!
- **Bethel AME Church Trunk or Treat Party – Saturday, October 26th, 6:00-8:30 p.m.** – Get out the vote! Trunk or Treat! Come enjoy an evening of community love and safety for the children in the Hill District. In addition to the fun, there will also be a prayer and salvation table. Please keep this event in your daily prayers, asking God to send those in need of salvation. There will also be a "Get Out the Vote" table with information about your voting location and Souls to the Polls initiatives. This free event will be held at Bethel AME, 2720 Webster Avenue, Pittsburgh 15219. For more information, please see trunkortreatpgh.com.
- **Coffee Hour Signups Available** – One way that St. Andrew builds community is by sharing conversation over food and drinks at coffee hour after worship on Sundays. We invite people of the congregation to sign up to coordinate coffee hour each week, which includes brewing the coffee; setting out cups, napkins, food items, and cold drinks; and cleaning up afterward. Everything needed is at St. Andrew and instructions are available. Please sign up to host coffee hour here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080B4AAFAF2CABF85-47069030-coffee>.
- **Lutheran Disaster Response Seeks Support after Hurricane Helene** – Lutheran Disaster Response is a ministry of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America that seeks to address immediate needs following natural disasters both in the U.S. and internationally. They are already helping those affected by flooding, landslides, and other effects of Hurricane Helene. If you would like to support their efforts, please click here: <https://tinyurl.com/mtrbxxw2>.
- **Christ in Our Home Devotional Booklets (October – December) Available at Church Entrances** – *Christ in Our Home* is a booklet of devotions that includes Scripture, a brief reflection, and prayer for each day. The new edition for October – December is now available at the various church entrances. Please feel free to take one for yourself or others!
- **Compline Prayer Service with the Pittsburgh Compline Choir – Sundays at 8:00 p.m. at Heinz Chapel** – Compline was traditionally a monastic prayer service, and the Pittsburgh Compline Choir, a ministry of Lutheran Campus Ministry in Greater Pittsburgh, sings a choral version of compline rooted in this thousand-year-old tradition of scripture, song, and silence each Sunday at Heinz Chapel at 8:00 p.m. This service also streams on Facebook (Pittsburgh Compline Choir) and YouTube (The Pittsburgh Compline Choir). Heinz Chapel is located off of S. Bellefield Ave. in Oakland.