



+ Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost
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+ Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost Order for Worship

Called to contemplate the cost of discipleship, we might be helped by translating Paul's request to Philemon into our prayer of the day: Refresh my heart in Christ. Strengthened by the company and forgiveness of Christ in holy communion and recalling God's grace in remembrance of baptism, we can be strengthened in this hour to "choose life"—to choose life in God as our own.

Welcome to St. Andrew!

- St. Andrew welcomes all who are seeking a place of healing, wholeness, and acceptance in a nurturing and faith-forming spiritual home. We are striving toward racial equity worldwide and we seek to honor the lived experience of all individuals regardless of background. 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 if they would like. There are stickers indicating pronouns on the bookcase if you would like to include them on your name tag.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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
OLS: Of the Land and Seasons

Musical Offering

Each week, different people from the congregation make an offering of pre-service music, with singing or instrumentation, to help the assembly focus and pray in preparation for worship.

Welcome

Prelude

Lord, Speak to Us

Schumann/arr. Shaw

Gathering

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God

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.

Confession and Forgiveness

P: In the name of Father
and of the ✝ Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

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

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Most Merciful God,

C: we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves.

**We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done and by what we have left undone.**

We have squandered your bountiful gifts.

We have considered the blessings of the harvest our due.

**We have been indifferent in planning and planting
for the future needs of your church.**

For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us.

**Forgive us, cause gratitude to ripen in our hearts,
and wisdom to mature in our minds,**

**so that we may delight in your will and follow in your ways,
to the glory of your holy name.**

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.

Gathering Hymn

God, Whose Almighty Word

ELW 673

1 God, whose al - might - y word cha - os and dark - ness heard
 2 Christ, who once came to bring, on your re - deem - ing wing,
 3 Spir - it of truth and love, life - giv - ing, ho - ly dove,
 4 Ho - ly and bless - ed three, glo - ri - ous Trin - i - ty,

and took their flight: hear us, we hum - bly pray, and where the
 heal - ing and sight; health to the trou - bled mind, sight where il -
 speed forth your flight; move on the wa - ter's face bear - ing the
 Wis - dom, Love, Might: bound - less as o - cean's tide, roll - ing in

gos - pel day sheds not its glo - rious ray, let there be light.
 lu - sions blind; oh, now to hu - man-kind let there be light.
 lamp of grace, and in earth's dark - est place let there be light.
 full - est pride, through the earth, far and wide, let there be light.

Text: John Marriott, 1780–1825, alt.
 Music: ITALIAN HYMN, Felice de Giardini, 1716–1796

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

Oh, Sing of God's Great Victory!

OLS 3

Verses: Cantor



1 Oh, sing of God's great vic - to - ry! Je - sus'
2 This is the feast of vic - to - ry of the
3 Oh, is it not a mys - ter - y that our
4 All hon - or, bless - ing, glo - ry, might, sing the



blood has set us free! Let all his crea - tures
glo - rious Lamb a - bove. Now all God's peo - ple
Lord a Lamb should be, who on the cru - el
hosts to Christ on high; all pow - er, rich - es,



join our songs, for to Christ the throne be - longs.
gath - er round for the ban - quet of God's love.
cross was slain, but a - rose in heav'n to reign.
wis - dom, strength. Now let all on earth re - ply:

Refrain: All



Sing we al - le - lu - ia, prais - es to the Lord. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Text: Beth Bergeron Folkemer, based on Revelation 5

Music: THE SHEPHERD'S DAUGHTER AND THE KING, Appalachian traditional

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Prayer of the Day

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Let us pray.

Direct us, O Lord God, in all our doings with your continual help,
that in all our works, begun, continued, and ended in you, we may glorify your holy name;
and finally, by your mercy, bring us to everlasting life,
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

Please be seated.

*Children are invited to join the adult leader(s) at the side door for Little Church – Big Faith.
We ask that an additional adult from the congregation attend with the children.*

Word

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

First Reading – Deuteronomy 30: 15-20

¹⁵“See, I have set before you today life and prosperity, death and adversity. ¹⁶If you obey the commandments of the LORD your God that I am commanding you today, by loving the LORD your God, walking in God’s ways, and observing God’s commandments, decrees, and ordinances, then you shall live and become numerous, and the LORD your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to possess. ¹⁷But if your heart turns away and you do not hear but are led astray to bow down to other gods and serve them, ¹⁸I declare to you today that you shall certainly perish; you shall not live long in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess. ¹⁹I call heaven and earth to witness against you today that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Choose life so that you and your descendants may live, ²⁰loving the LORD your God, obeying God, and holding fast to God, for that means life to you and length of days, so that you may live in the land that the LORD swore to give to your ancestors, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob.”

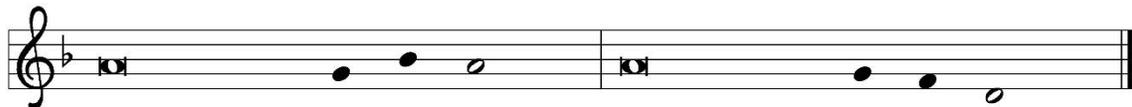
L: Word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 1

The psalm will be sung responsively, led by the cantor, with the congregation singing the verses in bold type and joining in the refrain.

Psalm Tone



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Psalm Refrain



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- ¹ Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel | of the wicked,
nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the seats | of the scornful!
- ² **Their delight is in the law | of the LORD,
and they meditate on God’s teaching | day and night. R**
- ³ They are like trees planted by streams of water, bearing fruit in due season, with leaves
that | do not wither;
everything they | do shall prosper.
- ⁴ **It is not so | with the wicked;
they are like chaff which the wind | blows away.**
- ⁵ Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when | judgment comes,
nor the sinner in the council | of the righteous.
- ⁶ **For the LORD knows the way | of the righteous,
but the way of the wicked shall | be destroyed. R**

Second Reading – Philemon 1-21

- ¹ Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother,
To our beloved coworker Philemon, ² to our sister Apphia, to our fellow soldier Archippus,
and to the church in your house:
- ³ Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.
- ⁴ I thank my God always when I mention you in my prayers, ⁵ because I hear of your love for
all the saints and your faith toward the Lord Jesus. ⁶ I pray that the partnership of your faith may
become effective as you comprehend all the good that we share in Christ. ⁷ I have indeed
received much joy and encouragement from your love, because the hearts of the saints have been
refreshed through you, my brother.
- ⁸ For this reason, though I am more than bold enough in Christ to command you to do the
right thing, ⁹ yet I would rather appeal to you on the basis of love—and I, Paul, do this as an old
man and now also as a prisoner of Christ Jesus. ¹⁰ I am appealing to you for my child, Onesimus,
whose father I have become during my imprisonment. ¹¹ Formerly he was useless to you, but
now he is indeed useful to you and to me. ¹² I am sending him, that is, my own heart, back to
you. ¹³ I wanted to keep him with me so that he might minister to me in your place during my
imprisonment for the gospel, ¹⁴ but I preferred to do nothing without your consent in order that
your good deed might be voluntary and not something forced. ¹⁵ Perhaps this is the reason he was

separated from you for a while, so that you might have him back for the long term, ¹⁶ no longer as a slave but more than a slave, a beloved brother—especially to me but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord.

¹⁷ So if you consider me your partner, welcome him as you would welcome me. ¹⁸ If he has wronged you in any way or owes you anything, charge that to me. ¹⁹ I, Paul, am writing this with my own hand: I will repay it. I say nothing about your owing me even your own self. ²⁰ Yes, brother, let me have this benefit from you in the Lord! Refresh my heart in Christ. ²¹ Confident of your obedience, I am writing to you, knowing that you will do even more than I ask.

L: Word of God, word of life. C: **Thanks be to God.**

Please rise as you are able.

Gospel Acclamation O God, Whose Word Well-Planted OLS 4
v. 1-2



1 O God, whose word well-plant - ed yields fruit a hun - dred - fold,
2 O God of seed and har - vest, of sun and soil and rain,
3 O God, your fi - nal har - vest of his - t'ry's an - cient field



we praise your grac - es grant - ed to those who sowed of old,
at - tend the word we sow, lest its plant - ing be in vain.
will test with truth the proud - est that hu - man work can yield.



who by their wit - ness scat - tered good seed up - on the soil
Send show - ers of your Spir - it, bright sun - shine of your grace,
Op - pres - sion's blight will van - ish, fair free - dom's fruits in - crease;



where oth - ers, reap - ing, gath - ered the har - vest of their toil.
that mul - ti - tudes who hear it your gos - pel may em - brace.
and love and joy will flour - ish to clothe the earth with peace.

Gospel – Luke 14: 25-33

P: The holy Gospel according to St. Luke.

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

²⁵ Now large crowds were traveling with [Jesus], and he turned and said to them, ²⁶ “Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. ²⁷ Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. ²⁸ For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? ²⁹ Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, ³⁰ saying, ‘This fellow began to build and was not able to finish.’ ³¹ Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? ³² If he cannot, then while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. ³³ So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions.”

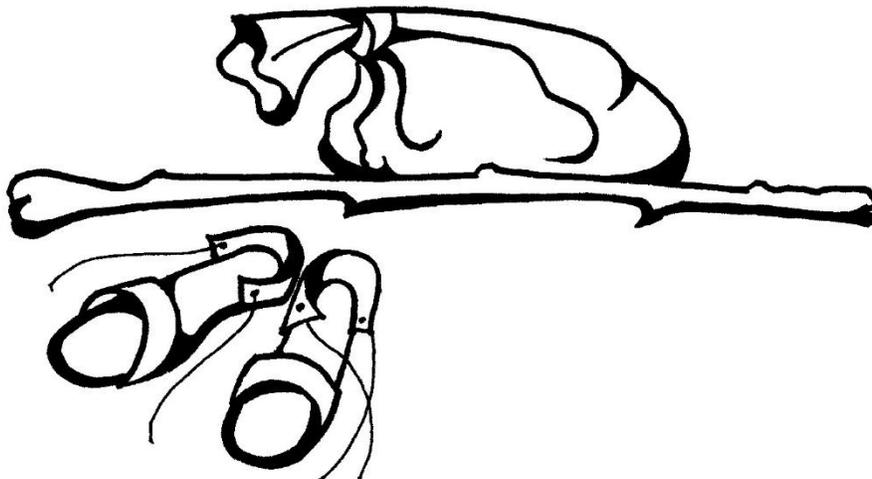
P: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Please be seated.

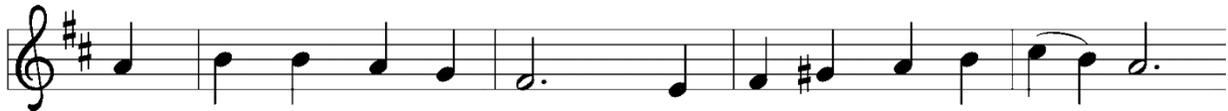
Sermon

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





1 O God, my faith - ful God, true foun-tain ev - er flow - ing,
 2 Give me the strength to do with read - y heart and will - ing
 3 Keep me from say - ing words that lat - er need re - call - ing;
 4 When dan-gers gath - er round, oh, keep me calm and fear - less;



with - out whom noth - ing is, all per - fect gifts be - stow - ing:
 what - ev - er you com - mand, my call - ing here ful - fill - ing—
 guard me, lest i - dle speech may from my lips be fall - ing;
 help me to bear the cross when life seems dark and cheer - less;



give me a health - y frame, and may I have with - in
 to do it when I ought, with all my might—and bless
 but when, with - in my place, I must and ought to speak,
 help me, as you have taught, to love both great and small,



a con - science free from blame, a soul un - stained by sin.
 what - ev - er I have wrought, for you must give suc - cess.
 then to my words give grace, lest I of - fend the weak.
 and, by your Spir - it's might, to live at peace with all.

Text: Johann Heermann, 1585–1647; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878, alt.
 Music: WAS FRAG ICH NACH DER WELT, Ahasuerus Fritsch, 1629–1701

Apostles' Creed

**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.

When all have returned to their places, worship continues with the Prayers of the People.

Prayers of the People

A: With the whole people of God in Christ Jesus,
let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

After each petition

A: Lord, in your mercy,
C: receive our prayer.

P: Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray,
trusting in your mercy; through 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 give a second offering 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.

Offertory Music

The Reign of God, Like Farmer's Field

arr. Kim

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

Offertory Song

Accept, O Lord, the Gifts We Bring

OLS 5



1 Ac - cept, O Lord, the gifts we bring to
2 The vines were plant - ed, seeds were sown. They
3 Our hopes and dreams, our toils and cares we



place up - on your ta - ble. We do not wor - ship
grew in your good plea - sure. What once was com - mon,
lift in prayer be - fore you. Lord, by your grace now



as we ought but on - ly as we're a - ble.
dai - ly food be - comes a ho - ly trea - sure.
come to us, as hum - bly we a - dore you.

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Music: BARB'RY ELLEN, Appalachian traditional

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Offertory Prayer

A: Let us pray.

Gracious God,

C: you bless us with gifts of guidance, new life,

Growth in grace, and fruitful labor.

**Accept the first fruits of time and toil, field and orchard,
that we offer here.**

Bless and multiply these gifts to our nurture

and to the care of your creation;

for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ our 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

Holy, Holy, Holy

OLS 6

Verses: Cantor or choir



1 Long, long a - go in Je - ru - sa - lem, as the
2 High on a throne sat the might - y Lord, robes
3 Oh, what a sight it was to see and

scrip - tures do re - cord, I - sa - iah to the
flow - ing through the hall, while six - wing - ed an - gels
oh, what a sound to hear! The tem - ple door - posts

tem - ple came to see the ho - ly Lord.
flew a - bove. I - sa - iah heard them call.
shook and quaked, and smoke was in the air.

Refrain: Assembly

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might, God's
glo - ry fills all heav'n and earth, God of pow - er and might.

Eucharistic Prayer

P: Let the peoples praise you, generous and abundant Creator: ...
... in generosity to all in need.

United by your Spirit with all your people,
we pray through your Son, Jesus Christ,
to you, our Source and our Goal, our Sun and our Shield, our God 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

P: Just as this broken bread was first scattered on the hills, then was brought together and became one, so let your church be brought together from the ends of the earth into your kingdom, for yours are the glory and the power through Jesus Christ forever.

C: Amen.



O Lamb of God, to Earth You Came

1 O Lamb of God, to earth you came to
2 O Lamb of God, the on - ly Son, to

save us all from grief and shame. Shorn of your life, up -
us show mer - cy, Ho - ly One. You save the world from

on the tree you hung in deep hu - mil - i - ty.
all its sin. Lord, give to us your peace. A - men.

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Music: THE SUFFOLK MIRACLE, Appalachian traditional
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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.*
- *Worshippers 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 (amber) or grape juice (purple).*
- *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 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 rail for prayer after receiving the sacrament.*
- *As you return to your pew, glasses may be returned to the empty tray on the 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

Listen to the Word

ACS 974

Lis-ten to the word that God has spo-ken; lis-ten to the One who is
close at hand; lis-ten to the voice that be - gan cre - a - tion;
lis - ten e - ven if you don't un - der - stand.

The musical notation consists of three staves of music in a single system. The first staff is a treble clef with a key signature of three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat) and a 4/4 time signature. The melody is written in a simple, hymn-like style. The lyrics are placed below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes. The second and third staves continue the melody and lyrics.

Text: Anonymous, Canada

Music: LISTEN TO THE WORD, Anonymous, Canada; adapt. *Church Hymnary*, 4th Edition, 2005

Hymns during Holy Communion

Oh, That the Lord Would Guide My Ways

ELW 772

1 Oh, that the Lord would guide my ways to keep his stat - utes still!
2 Or - der my foot - steps by your word and make my heart sin - cere;
3 As - sist my soul, too apt to stray, a strict - er watch to keep;
4 Make me to walk in your com - mands, 'tis a de - light - ful road;

Oh, that my God would grant me grace to know and do his will!
let sin have no do - min - ion, Lord, but keep my con - science clear.
and should I e'er for - get your way, re - store your wan - d'ring sheep.
nor let my head or heart or hands of - fend a - gainst my God.

The musical notation is presented in two systems. The first system includes a treble clef staff with a key signature of three flats and a 4/4 time signature, followed by four numbered verses of lyrics. Below the lyrics is a bass clef staff with a key signature of three flats, providing a harmonic accompaniment. The second system continues the melody in the treble clef and the accompaniment in the bass clef, with the final two verses of lyrics placed between them.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748, alt.

Music: EVAN, William H. Havergal, 1793–1870

Hymns during Holy Communion

Take, Oh, Take Me as I Am

ELW 814

Take, oh, take me as I am; sum-mon out what I shall be;

The first system of musical notation consists of a treble and bass staff. The treble staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat), and a common time signature. The melody is written in a simple, hymn-like style with quarter and eighth notes. The bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment with chords and single notes. The lyrics are placed between the two staves.

set your seal up - on my heart and live in me.

The second system of musical notation continues the melody and accompaniment from the first system. It features the same treble and bass staves with the same key signature and time signature. The lyrics are placed between the staves.

Text: John L. Bell, b. 1949

Music: TAKE ME AS I AM, John L. Bell

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Hymns during Holy Communion

Open Your Ears, You Faithful People

ELW 519



1 O - pen your ears, O faith-ful peo - ple, o - pen your ears and hear God's word.
2 They who have ears to hear the mes - sage, they who have ears, now let them hear;



O - pen your hearts, O roy - al priest-hood, God has come to you.
they who would learn the way of wis - dom, let them hear God's word.

Refrain



To - rah o - ra, To - rah o - ra, hal - le - lu - jah!
God has spo - ken to the peo - ple, hal - le - lu - jah!



To - rah o - ra, To - rah o - ra, hal - le - lu - jah!
God has spo - ken words of wis - dom, hal - le - lu - jah!



To - rah o - ra, To - rah o - ra, hal - le - lu - jah!
God has spo - ken to the peo - ple, hal - le - lu - jah!



To - rah o - ra, To - rah o - ra, hal - le - lu - jah!
God has spo - ken words of wis - dom, hal - le - lu - jah!

Text: Hasidic traditional; Willard F. Jabusch, b. 1930, English version

Music: YISRAEL V'ORAITA, Hasidic tune

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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.

Gracious God,

we give thanks for your pruning, planting, and nurture.

We rejoice that you have used the harvest of field and vineyard to renew and sustain us.

Lead us as we go from this life-giving meal

into lives of grateful service to you and your cherished creation;

through Jesus Christ, your Son, 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: The God of steadfastness and encouragement

grant you to live in harmony with one another,

in accordance with Christ Jesus.

C: Amen.

P: The God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing,

so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: The God of all grace ✝ bless you now and forever.

C: Amen.

Sending Hymn

Lift High the Cross

ELW 660



Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro - claim till



all the world a - dore his sa - cred name.



1 Come, Chris - tians, fol - low where our cap - tain trod,
2 All new - born ser - vants of the Cru - ci - fied
3 O Lord, once lift - ed on the glo - rious tree,
4 So shall our song of tri - umph ev - er be:

Refrain



our king vic - to - rious, Christ, the Son of God.
bear on their brows the seal of him who died.
as thou hast prom - ised, draw us all to thee.
praise to the Cru - ci - fied for vic - to - ry!

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Dismissal

A: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

Postlude

Serving in Worship Today

Altar Care
Assisting Minister
Audio-Visual Ministers

Cantor
Lector
Minister of Music
Presiding Minister

Jodie Minor
Timothy Kocher-Hillmer
David Rollinson
Sarita
C.E. Pino
Alda Maria Gonzaga
Laura Reynolds
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**St. Andrew Lutheran Church Announcements
September 7th, 2025**

- **Welcome to Worship at St. Andrew on the Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost!** – We are so glad you are here, and we offer a special welcome to all visitors and guests who are here for the first time! A nursery is available through the door to the left of the worship space and across the social hall (look for a purple room). Little Church – Big Faith, a Bible lesson and activity for children up to sixth grade, 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. Please feel free to take one to use with/for your children. All are invited to stay for coffee and other drinks, food, and conversation in the Social Hall (through the side door at the left of the worship space) after the service.
- **Little Church – Big Faith Resumes Today!** – Little Church-Big Faith is a time set aside for a Bible lesson and activity for children up to sixth grade. After the prayer of the day,

the presiding minister will invite children to meet their teacher at the door on the left side of the worship space. The group returns to worship for the service of Holy Communion.

- **Monthly Reparations Offering Today during Worship** – In Luke’s Gospel, Jesus tells a story about a compassionate Samaritan, suggesting that God’s people are called to work for healing and restoration for our neighbors, regardless of who or what caused them 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 Hill District.
- **Welcome Jamie Donne from The Neighborhood Academy!** – This summer, St. Andrew took part in a ministry initiative with several Episcopal congregations to provide backpacks for students at The Neighborhood Academy at the start of the school year. Jamie Donne, Assistant Director of Development at The Neighborhood Academy, is here today to tell us a more about the school, as well as the context and impact of the backpack project. Welcome, Ms. Donne, and thank you for taking time to speak with the congregation!
- **Community Ministry Team Meeting – Monday, September 8th, 7:00 p.m. on Zoom** – St. Andrew’s community ministry team plans for and leads the congregation’s ministries of service to the community, including the monthly produce distribution, East End Cooperative Ministry shelter dinner, the outdoor pantry and little library, and more. All are welcome to participate. The next meeting will be Monday, September 8th, on Zoom at 7:00 p.m. Please use the link here to join the meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89385884806?pwd=aytsDaCywdjNte5QmHbtk3AVPA6c40.1>, and contact council liaison Tyler Rietze at community@standrewpittsburgh.org if you have any questions or need assistance joining the meeting.
- **September Shelter Dinner for Guests of East End Cooperative Ministry – Third Thursday of the Month, September 18th, 6:30 p.m.** – Each month, people of St. Andrew provide dinner for guests of East End Cooperative Ministry (EECM), 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. You can sign up at this following link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080544AAAC22A1F58-58193716-sept>
- **Invitation to Prayer Team and New Address!** – St. Andrew maintains a list of weekly prayer concerns that is sent by email, usually on Wednesdays, to members of the congregation who have opted in. In an effort to coordinate our communications under our organization’s Google Workspace, our new prayer team email address is prayerteam@standrewpittsburgh.org. Any prayer concerns or requests can be sent to this address in the future. As we renew this prayer ministry, we will also move to a practice of keeping names on the list for a maximum of four weeks unless otherwise requested. Thank you for your ministry of prayer!
- **Records Update - Please Respond** – St. Andrew is looking to update our records with information from newer attendees, as well as offering current members the opportunity to

include current information. This includes name, preferred pronouns, email, phone number, birthdays, anniversaries, and more. The information will only be used within the congregation - for example to acknowledge celebrations and milestones in worship, in the prayers of the church, or in the weekly newsletter. Please fill out the form at: <https://forms.gle/kKvp19UozuRrhaV7>.

- **Coffee Hour Signups** – Coffee Hour will resume September 7th. If you would like to participate and would like additional information about the duties, please sign up using the following form: https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080B4AAFAF2CABF85-47069030-coffee#.
- **Pittsburgh Compline Choir – Sundays at 8:00 p.m. at Heinz Chapel, starting September 7th** – 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. For more information, please visit: [Pittsburgh Compline Choir](#).
- **Christ in Our Home Devotional Booklets for July-September Available at Entrances** – This resource offers a daily Bible reading with a short reflection and prayer, along with additional readings and prayer topics for those who would like to expand their devotional practices. We encourage people of the congregation to take one for yourself, your family/household, or others.




Food & Drinks | Silent Auction

BBQ Bash

Sep. 19, 2025
5p-8p

Hampton Twp. Community Center
3200 Lochner Way, Allison Park, PA 15101

The Lutheran Campus Ministry in Greater Pittsburgh invites you to our third annual friend raiser to enjoy an evening of great food and friends to support the campus ministry.
\$60/person

To register, scan the QR code, visit www.lucpgh.com or call (412) 682-6886



