



**+ Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost**  
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## + Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost Order for Worship

*The grumbling of the religious leaders in today's gospel is actually our holy hope:  
This Jesus welcomes sinners and eats with them. That our God seeks and saves the lost is not  
only a holy hope, it is our only hope. As the writer of 1 Timothy reminds us, "The saying is sure  
and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners."  
Thanks be to God.*

### 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***  
***CBM: Come, Beloved of the Maker***  
***W&P: Worship and Praise hymnal***

## 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

*Holy Manna*

Moore/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.

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

C: Amen.

## Gathering Hymn

## God, We Gather as Your People

ACS 1038



1 God, we gath - er as your peo - ple to raise our song a -  
2 Oh, we sing for all the chil - dren, that one day they be  
3 Oh, we pray for all the young lives cut short by fear and  
4 God, we're work - ing for the fu - ture when chil - dren far and



bove, and we dare to claim the prom - ise of your love.  
free; and we sing for gen - er - a - tions yet to be,  
shame, so a - fraid of who they are and whom they love.  
wide can . . . live their lives with dig - ni - ty and pride.



Though the day may not yet be here, we  
that they nev - er have a rea - son to  
May the mes - sage now be ban - ished that your  
As they grow in strength and stat - ure, may they



trust it soon will be, when your chil - dren will be free.  
doubt that they are blest. May they, in your love, find rest.  
love is for the few; may their faith in you re - new.  
join us hand in hand, as a - gainst all hate we stand.

### *Refrain*



Oh, may our hearts and minds be o - pened, fling the church doors o - pen



wide. May there be room e - nough for ev - 'ry - one in - side.



For in God there is a wel - come, in God we all be -



long. May that wel - come be our song.

## 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: Let us pray. O God, overflowing with mercy and compassion,  
you lead back to yourself all those who go astray.

Preserve your people in your loving care, that we may reject whatever is contrary to you  
and may follow all things that sustain our life in your Son, 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 – Exodus 32: 7-14**

<sup>7</sup> The LORD said to Moses, “Go down at once! Your people, whom you brought up out of the land of Egypt, have acted perversely; <sup>8</sup> they have been quick to turn aside from the way that I commanded them; they have cast for themselves an image of a calf and have worshiped it and sacrificed to it and said, ‘These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!’ ” <sup>9</sup> The LORD said to Moses, “I have seen this people, how stiff-necked they are. <sup>10</sup> Now let me alone so that my wrath may burn hot against them and I may consume them, and of you I will make a great nation.”

<sup>11</sup> But Moses implored the LORD his God and said, “O LORD, why does your wrath burn hot against your people, whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with great power and with a mighty hand? <sup>12</sup> Why should the Egyptians say, ‘It was with evil intent that he brought them out to kill them in the mountains and to consume them from the face of the earth’? Turn from your fierce wrath; change your mind and do not bring disaster on your people. <sup>13</sup> Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, your servants, how you swore to them by your own self, saying to them, ‘I will multiply your descendants like the stars of heaven, and all this land that I have promised I will give to your descendants, and they shall inherit it forever.’ ” <sup>14</sup> And the LORD changed the Lord’s mind about the disaster that the Lord planned to bring on the Lord’s people.

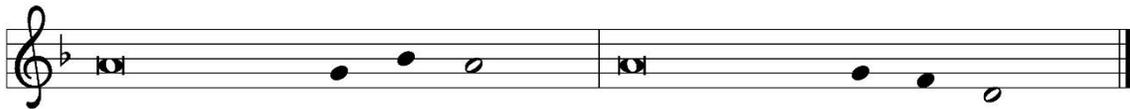
L: Word of God, word of life.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

### **Psalm 51: 1-10**

*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*



Have mer - cy on me, O God, ac - cord - ing to your stead - fast love.

Psalm 51:1

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- <sup>1</sup> Have mercy on me, O God, according to your | steadfast love;  
in your great compassion blot out | my offenses.
- <sup>2</sup> **Wash me through and through | from my wickedness,  
and cleanse me | from my sin.**
- <sup>3</sup> For I know | my offenses,  
and my sin is ev - | er before me.
- <sup>4</sup> **Against you only have I sinned and done what is evil | in your sight;  
so you are justified when you speak and right | in your judgment. R**
- <sup>5</sup> Indeed, I was born | steeped in wickedness,  
a sinner from my | mother's womb.
- <sup>6</sup> **Indeed, you delight in truth | deep within me,  
and would have me know wisdom | deep within.**
- <sup>7</sup> Remove my sins with hyssop, and I | shall be clean;  
wash me, and I shall be pur - | er than snow.
- <sup>8</sup> **Let me hear | joy and gladness;  
that the body you have broken | may rejoice.**
- <sup>9</sup> Hide your face | from my sins,  
and blot out | all my wickedness.
- <sup>10</sup> **Create in me a clean | heart, O God,  
and renew a right spir - | it within me. R**

**Second Reading – 1 Timothy 1: 12-17**

<sup>12</sup> I am grateful to Christ Jesus our Lord, who has strengthened me, because he considered me faithful and appointed me to his service, <sup>13</sup> even though I was formerly a blasphemer, a persecutor, and a man of violence. But I received mercy because I had acted ignorantly in unbelief, <sup>14</sup> and the grace of our Lord overflowed for me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. <sup>15</sup> The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance: that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners—of whom I am the foremost. <sup>16</sup> But for that very reason I received mercy, so that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display the utmost patience as an example to those who would come to believe in him for eternal life. <sup>17</sup> To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and 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**    *O God, Whose Word Well-Planted*  
v. 1-3

OLS 4



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.

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**Gospel – Luke 15: 1-10**

P: The holy Gospel according to St. Luke.

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

<sup>1</sup> Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to [Jesus.] <sup>2</sup> And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, “This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them.”

<sup>3</sup> So he told them this parable: <sup>4</sup>“Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it? <sup>5</sup> And when he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. <sup>6</sup> And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbors, saying to them, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found my lost sheep.’ <sup>7</sup> Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance.

<sup>8</sup>“Or what woman having ten silver coins, if she loses one of them, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it? <sup>9</sup> And when she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.’ <sup>10</sup> Just so, I tell you, there was joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents.”

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 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.

### **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.**

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

## **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.*

**Offertory Music**      *Come Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy*      arr. Shackley

*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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## 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,  
that we should at all times and in all places  
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,  
through our Savior Jesus Christ;  
who on this day overcame death and the grave,  
and by his glorious resurrection  
opened to us the way of everlasting life.  
And so, with all the choirs of angels,  
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,  
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

# Sanctus

## Holy, Holy, Holy

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.**



## Agnus Dei / Lamb of God

OLS 7

### *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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*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

We Rejoice in the Grace of God

W&P 151

The musical score is written on a single treble clef staff in the key of D major (two sharps) and 4/4 time. It consists of five lines of music. The lyrics are: "We re-joyce in the grace of God poured up-on our lives; lov-ing-kind-ness has come to us be-cause of Je-sus Christ. We re-joyce in the grace of God, our hearts o-ver-flow. What a joy to know the grace of God!" The melody is simple and hymn-like, with a final double bar line at the end of the fifth line.

We re-joyce in the grace of God poured up-on our lives;  
lov-ing-kind-ness has come to us be-  
cause of Je-sus Christ. We re-joyce in the  
grace of God, our hearts o-ver-flow.  
What a joy to know the grace of God!

Text: Steve Cook and Vicki Cook

Music: WE REJOICE IN THE GRACE, Steve Cook and Vicki Cook

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# Hymns during Holy Communion

## Chief of Sinners Though I Be

ELW 609



1 Chief of sin - ners though I be, Je - sus shed his blood for me,  
2 Oh, the height of Je - sus' love! High - er than the heav'ns a - bove,  
3 On - ly Je - sus can im - part balm to heal the wound - ed heart,  
4 Chief of sin - ners though I be, Christ is all in all to me;  
5 O my Sav - ior, help af - ford by your Spir - it and your word!



died that I might live on high, lives that I might nev - er die.  
deep - er than the depths of sea, last - ing as e - ter - ni - ty.  
peace that flows from sin for - giv'n, joy that lifts the soul to heav'n,  
all my wants to him are known, all my sor - rows are his own.  
When my way - ward heart would stray, keep me in the nar - row way;



As the branch is to the vine, I am his, and he is mine.  
Love that found me—won - drous thought—found me when I sought him not.  
faith and hope to walk with God in the way that E - noch trod.  
He sus - tains the hid - den life safe with him from earth - ly strife.  
grace in time of need sup - ply while I live and when I die.



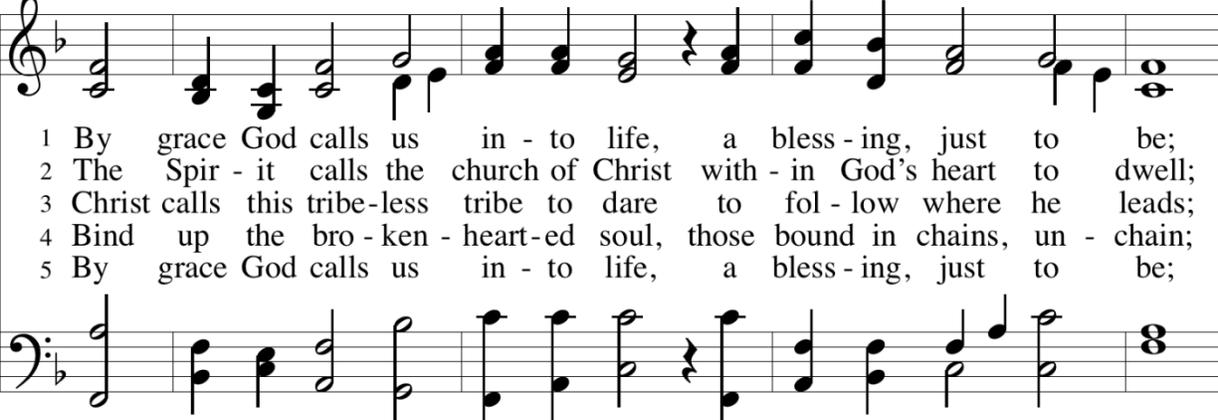
Text: William McComb, 1793–1870

Music: GETHSEMANE, Richard Redhead, 1820–1901

## Hymns during Holy Communion

### By Grace God Calls Us into Life

CBM 64



1 By grace God calls us in - to life, a bless - ing, just to be;  
2 The Spir - it calls the church of Christ with - in God's heart to dwell;  
3 Christ calls this tribe-less tribe to dare to fol - low where he leads;  
4 Bind up the bro - ken - heart-ed soul, those bound in chains, un - chain;  
5 By grace God calls us in - to life, a bless - ing, just to be;



so called, so blest, let us de-light in God's com - mu - ni - ty.  
so called, so loved, let us u - nite to love our neigh - bor well.  
so called, so sent, let us pre-pare to serve with ho - ly deeds.  
pro-claim good news: God's love ex - tol, pro-claim God's gra - cious reign.  
so called, so blest, let us de-light and praise the Trin - i - ty.

Text: Susan Palo Cherwien

Music: NUN DANKET ALL, Johann Crüger, 1598–1662

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# Hymns during Holy Communion

## Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound

ELW 779

The musical score is written for a four-part choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) and piano accompaniment. It consists of three systems of music. Each system has a vocal line with lyrics and a piano accompaniment line. The key signature is one flat (B-flat major or D minor), and the time signature is common time (C). The lyrics are as follows:

1 A - maz - ing grace!— how sweet the sound— that  
2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and  
3 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares I  
4 The Lord has prom - ised good to me; his  
5 When we've been there ten thou - sand years, bright

saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but  
grace my fears re - lieved; how pre - cious did that  
have al - read - y come; 'tis grace has brought me  
word my hope se - cures; he will my shield and  
shin - ing as the sun, we've no less days to

now am found; was blind, but now I see.  
grace ap - pear the hour I first be - lieved!  
safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.  
por - tion be as long as life en - dures.  
sing God's praise than when we'd first be - gun.

Text: John Newton, 1725–1807, alt., sts. 1–4; anonymous, st. 5

Music: NEW BRITAIN, W. Walker, *Southern Harmony*, 1835; arr. Edwin O. Excell, 1851–1921, alt.

*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.**



1 Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,  
 2 Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,  
 3 To all, life thou giv - est, to both great and small;  
 4 Thou reign - est in glo - ry; thou dwell - est in light;



in light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,  
 nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, thou rul - est in might;  
 in all life thou liv - est, the true life of all;  
 thine an - gels a - dore thee, all veil - ing their sight;



most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,  
 thy jus - tice like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove  
 we blos - som and flour - ish like leaves on the tree,  
 all laud we would ren - der; oh, help us to see



al - might - y, vic - to - rious, thy great name we praise!  
 thy clouds which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.  
 and with - er and per - ish, but naught chang - eth thee.  
 'tis on - ly the splen - dor of light hid - eth thee!

Text: Walter Chalmers Smith, 1824–1908, alt.  
 Music: ST. DENIO, Welsh traditional

**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  
Little Church – Big Faith Teacher  
Minister of Music  
Presiding Minister

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**St. Andrew Lutheran Church Announcements  
September 14<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

- **Welcome to Worship at St. Andrew on the Fourteenth 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.

- God's Work - Our Hands 2025: "Share the Warmth" – Through Sunday, October 26<sup>th</sup>** – Each year, the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America asks congregations to participate in its God's Work - Our Hands initiative, an act of service to the congregation's larger community. St. Andrew's God's Work - Our Hands project for this year will be to support "Share the Warmth," a collection of new and gently used winter coats for East End Cooperative Ministry (EECM). St. Andrew will be collecting new and gently used winter coats in the social hall through October. *You can also drop off coats for EECM at Strong II Dry Cleaners until October 15<sup>th</sup>* to have them cleaned for free and Strong will deliver them to EECM. They are located at 7620 Frankstown Ave., 15208. Thank you for continuing to do God's Work for the good of our neighbors!
- Discipleship that Heals the World, Studies in Matthew's Gospel, Thursdays, 8:00 - 9:00 p.m. on Zoom, Sept. 25<sup>th</sup> - Dec. 11<sup>th</sup>, 2025** – Join us for a 11-week journey through the Gospel of Matthew, organized and facilitated by Rev. Dr. Martin Rafanan. Together we'll explore Jesus' Sermon on the Mount and his healing ministry, discovering Matthew's distinctive vision of discipleship as a way of blessing, healing, and hope. You are welcome to join the zoom whenever you can. This study is designed for both newcomers to the Gospel and those already familiar with it. We will engage contemporary perspectives – feminist, liberationist, and wisdom teacher readings – that help us hear Matthew's message afresh in today's world. Register for the sessions to receive zoom info: <https://forms.gle/amy439vfUpwdJpKx7>.
- Tree Adoption** – Every fall and spring, Tree Pittsburgh's Tree Adoption Program provides trees and shrubs at no cost for residents throughout Allegheny County. Tree Pittsburgh is an environmental non-profit organization dedicated to strengthening and building community vitality by restoring and protecting the urban forest through tree planting and care, education, advocacy, and land conservation. Their vision is to create a healthy urban forest for all by inspiring and engaging people to maintain, plant, and protect trees. Click the link here: <https://www.treepittsburgh.org/programs/tree-adoption/> to register for a tree adoption.
- Good Food Project Volunteering Opportunities** – 412 Food Rescue's Good Food Project is located inside the Food & Energy Hub in Millvale. Their mission is to transform surplus foods into healthy, heat-and-eat meals and grocery bags of nutritious food to be distributed to neighbors experiencing food insecurity. There are opportunities from now until the end of September to volunteer in either their kitchen prep (<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F48A8AD2CA2FDCE9-412frs>) or bagging programs (<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0f48a8ad2ca2fdce9-new>) You can learn more about the project here: <https://412foodrescue.org/programs/good-food-project/>.
- 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, our new prayer team email address is [prayerteam@standrewpittsburgh.org](mailto: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. The information will only be used within the congregation,

for example, to acknowledge celebrations and milestones in worship and the prayers of the church. Please fill out the form at: <https://forms.gle/kKvp19UozuRrhhaV7>.

- **Coffee Hour Signups** – Coffee Hour has resumed! 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#](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080B4AAFAF2CABF85-47069030-coffee#/).
- **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. For more information, please visit: Pittsburgh Compline Choir.



  
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

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