

# St. Andrew Lutheran Church

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**June 16, 2024**



Worship Service 9:30 am  
*We're glad you joined us this morning.*

## ***YOU ARE WELCOME HERE!***

At St. Andrew Lutheran Church, we strive to be a loving and welcoming community of faith. We are centered in the Good News of Jesus Christ, who calls us to reconciliation and wholeness in a world of alienation and brokenness.

All are welcome, without exception, regardless of race, ethnicity, gender, gender identity, sexual orientation, age, physical or mental ability, education, income, or family status.

All are welcome here to worship God, receive the sacraments, and share in fellowship, leadership, and service. We commit to treasuring one another's similarities and differences as one body in Christ.

We are called to provide a safe space in the community as we break down the isolation barriers. We will continue to discover what it means to be "Reconciling in Christ."

*"Welcome one another therefore,  
just as Christ has welcomed you,  
for the glory of God."*

Romans 15:7

**Masks** are not required in our building, however, if you wish to wear one, you are more than welcome to do so. Complimentary ones are available in the narthex if you do not have a mask.

**Restrooms** are on either side of the elevator, which is left of the coffee bar. A gender-neutral, ADA-compliant restroom is adjacent to the kitchen entrance opposite the elevator.

**Green-topped Welcome Cards** are found in the pew rack before you if you wish to fill one out. Place it on the offering plate or hand it to an usher after the service.

**Children are welcome in worship!** God put the wiggle in children, so don't feel you have to shush or suppress those wiggles in God's house. All are welcome here! Consider sitting toward the front where it is easier for them to see and hear what is happening. If you have to leave the service with your child, feel free to do so, but please come back. There are worship activity bags available for children in the back of the sanctuary.

**Everything for Worship** is contained within this service folder. Congregational responses are printed in **bold**. Instructions for the assembly are in *Italic print*. *Information for the assembly is found in the boxed text.*

**Holy Communion** is included in this service. All who desire to receive communion may do so. We believe our Lord Jesus is truly present in, with, and under the bread and wine. All of the bread used in communion is both gluten-free and lactose-free. Alcohol-free grape juice is also offered in the second (celadon) chalice.

## GATHERING

THE HOLY SPIRIT CALLS US TOGETHER AS THE PEOPLE OF GOD.

*The mustard seed becomes a great shrub that shelters the birds, recalling ancient images of the tree of life. We'd expect a cedar or a sequoia, but Jesus finds the power of God better imaged in a tiny, no-account seed. It's not the way we expect divine activity to look. Yet the tree of life is here, in the cross around which we gather, the tree into which we are grafted through baptism, the true vine that nourishes us with its fruit in the cup we share. It may not appear all that impressive, but while nobody's looking it grows with a power beyond our understanding.*

### PRELUDE

*Jazz Trio*

Andrew Oliver, piano

David Evans, clarinet and tenor sax

Tyson Stubelek, drums

*The prelude prepares our hearts and minds for worship.*

*The hymns for today's worship are found in hymnals in the pew racks.*

*Those hymns prefaced with ELW will be found in*

*Evangelical Lutheran Worship (the cranberry-colored hymnal).*

*Those hymns prefaced with ACS are found in All Creation sings (the indigo-colored hymnal).*

*Access to the worship folder and hymn list on your smartphone or tablet is available at the following link:*

*<https://standrewlutheran.com/tworship/worship-bulletins/>*

### WELCOME

*The congregation may stand*

### GATHERING HYMN

*There's a Wideness in God's Mercy*

ELW 588

The Jazz Trio will play an introduction (one-time through) with the cantor leading the congregational singing.

### GREETING

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

**C:** **And also, with you.**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: We thank you, Divine Music-Maker, for your never stop creating. From the dawn of time, to our mother's womb, even in the age to come, your creativity is as endless as eternity. Today, you are harmonizing our lives, your people, into a joyful union. Stir up dreams and vision in us, making us restless for justice, healing and peace. In you, help us to see all things new.

C: **Amen**

*The congregation is seated.*

**WORD**

*GOD SPEAKS TO US IN SCRIPTURE READING, PREACHING, AND SONG.*

*The readings are from the Inclusive Bible.*

## READING

Psalm 20

*The psalm will be read responsively with the lector reading the verses in plain type and the congregation joining on the verse in bold type.*

L: A reading from the Psalms

<sup>1</sup>May Yahweh answer you in the day of distress! May the Name of the God of Leah, Rachel and Jacob protect you!

<sup>2</sup>**May God send you help from the sanctuary and sustain you from Zion!**

<sup>3</sup>May God remember all your sacrifices, and accept your burnt offerings!

<sup>4</sup>**May God give you your heart's desires and fulfill all your dreams!**

<sup>5</sup>We will shout for joy over your triumph and in the Name of Yahweh wave our banners – may Yahweh grant all your petitions!

<sup>6</sup>**Now I know that Yahweh saves the anointed, answering from holy heaven with saving power.**

<sup>7</sup>Some trust in political power, some in military might, but we trust in the Name of Yahweh, our God!

**<sup>8</sup>With only human resources, they fall; but we have risen, and we stand firm.**

<sup>9</sup>Save us, Yahweh, our Ruler! Answer when we call.

L: Word of God, word of life.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

*The congregation may stand*

GOSPEL

Mark 4:26-34

L: The holy gospel according to Matthew

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

<sup>26</sup>Jesus said further, "The reign of God is like this: a sower scatters seed on the ground, <sup>27</sup>then goes to bed at night and gets up day after day.

Through it all the seed sprouts and grows without the sower knowing how it happens. <sup>28</sup>The soil produces a crop by itself – first the blade, then the ear, and finally the ripe wheat in the ear. <sup>29</sup>When the crop is ready, the sower wields the sickle, for the time is ripe for harvest."

<sup>30</sup>Jesus went on to say, "What comparison can we use for the reign of God? What image will help to present it? <sup>31</sup>It is like a mustard seed which people plant in the soil: it is the smallest of all the earth's seeds, <sup>32</sup>yet once it is sown, it springs up to become the largest of shrubs, with branches big enough for the birds of the sky to build nests in its shade."

<sup>33</sup>Using many parables like these, Jesus spoke the message to them, as much as they could understand. <sup>34</sup>Everything was spoken in parables, but Jesus explained everything to the disciples later when they were alone.

L: The gospel of the Lord.

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

*The congregation is seated.*

GIVING OF QUILTS AND CHILDRENS SERMON

Pastor Laurie Newman

*Mason King, James Steele III, Elijah Bishop-Perdue and David Harker  
are receiving quilts today.*

SERMON

Pastor Laurie Newman

*Silence is kept for reflection following the sermon.*

*The congregation may stand.*

HYMN

OF THE DAY

*My Life Flows on in Endless Song*

ELW 763

The Jazz Trio will play an introduction (one-time through) with  
the cantor leading the congregational singing.

ACT OF FAITH

P: As a community of faith, we profess our part in the tradition and history of the church, using the Apostles' Creed. The Apostles' Creed is centuries old. Though some of the language seems archaic today, it unifies us throughout generations, and invites an ongoing faith that seeks understanding.

A: Let us affirm our faith using the words of the 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 again 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.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

A: Merciful God,

C: **Receive our prayer**

*Last names are omitted from the Prayers of the People due to privacy and broadcast issues. For more information, check the Weekly News.*

SHARING OF THE PEACE

P: The peace of God be with you always.

C: **And also, with you.**

*We share a sign of God's peace with one another. Putting your hands together in a "praying" position will signal to those around you that you do not wish to physically touch others.*

*The congregation is seated.*

OUR MINISTRY AND MISSION

*At the Offering, we return thanks for God's blessing in our lives. Visit <http://standrewlutheran.com/give/> for ways you can give to St. Andrew Lutheran Church.*

**MEAL**

*GOD FEEDS US WITH THE PRESENCE OF JESUS CHRIST*

OFFERING

*Jazz Trio*

*The congregation may stand.*

OFFERING PRAYER

A: Jesus, Bread of life, you have set this table with your very self, and called us to the feast of plenty. Gather what has been sown among us, and strengthen us in this meal. Make us to be what we receive here, your body for the life of the world.

C: **Amen.**

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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.

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

P: It is our duty and delight that we should everywhere and always offer thanks, and praise to you, O God through Jesus Christ who is your light which no night can overcome, and so with the church on earth, all creation, and the host of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

## HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

P: Holy are you, God of power and might.

C: **Heaven and earth are filled with your glory. Hosanna in the highest!  
Blessed is the One who comes in your name.  
Hosanna in the highest!**

## EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

P: You are indeed holy, almighty, and merciful God. We give you thanks for his coming into the world to fulfill for us your holy will and to accomplish all things for our salvation.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me. Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me. For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

P: This we pray through Jesus Christ, our Savior, and our friend.



**C: Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Spirit, all glory and honor are yours, O God, now and forever.**

### LORD'S PRAYER

P: Make us bold, O merciful God, to address you as our Abba as we pray:

**C: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is 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.**

*The congregation is seated.*

### DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

*We receive the elements by intinction. A piece of bread (gluten and lactose free) is placed in your hand, and you may dip it in a common cup of wine (red chalice) or grape juice (celadon chalice). If you are uncomfortable dipping in the common cup, the Church has long believed that communion 'in one kind' – just the bread – counts fully as partaking in the Lord's Supper. If you do not wish to receive the elements, you may cross your arms over your chest to receive a blessing from the pastor, or simply stay in your seat.*

P: Christ has set the table with more than enough for all. Come!

### LAMB OF GOD

P: Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world.

**C: Have mercy on us, and grant us peace.**

### DISTRIBUTION HYMN

*As the Grains of Wheat*

ELW 465

The Jazz Trio will play an introduction (one-time through) with the cantor leading the congregational singing.

*The congregation may stand.*

### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A: Let us pray. Jesus, Bread of life, we have received from your table more than we could ever ask. As you have nourished us in this meal, now strengthen us to love the world with your own life. In your name we pray.

**C: Amen.**

## LITANY OF FAREWELL

Congregational Leader (CL): As a family in Christ, it is important that we recognize times of passage, endings and beginnings. Today we say farewell to Pastor Laurie Newman whose time of interim ministry among us has come to an end.

P: I thank St. Andrew's Lutheran Church for the love, kindness, and support shown to me for the last year. I thank you for accepting my leadership. I recall with joy the many things we have been able to accomplish together and with sadness the things we were not able to do. I ask your understanding and forgiveness for the mistakes I made and for the times I let you down.

C: **We receive your thankfulness, and we offer our forgiveness for any failures. Your influence on us will not leave us, even though you depart from us. We express gratitude for your time among us and ask your forgiveness for our shortcomings and sometimes flagging faith.**

P: I forgive you your failures and accept your gratitude, trusting that our time together and our parting are pleasing to the God we are called to serve.

CL: As members and friends of St. Andrew's Lutheran Church, do you now release Pastor Laurie from her duties as your interim pastor?

C: **We do, with the help of God.**

CL: Do you, Pastor Laurie, release this congregation from turning to you and depending on you?

P: I do, with the help of God.

CL: Let us pray: God, whose everlasting love for all is trustworthy, help each of us to trust the future, which rests in your care. During our time together, we have experienced laughter and tears, hopes and disappointments. Guide us as we carry these cherished memories with us in new directions until the time when we are completely one with you and one another. In the name of Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.

**C: Go now, Pastor Laurie, surrounded by our love and led by the promises of God, the presence of Jesus Christ, and the guidance of the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

## **SENDING**

*GOD BLESSES US AND SENDS US IN MISSION TO THE WORLD.*

### BLESSING

**P:** The blessing of God, who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us,  
 † be upon you now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

SENDING HYMN      *God Be with You Till We Meet Again*

ELW 536

The Jazz Trio will play an introduction (one-time through) with  
 the cantor leading the congregational singing.

### DISMISSAL

**A:** Go in peace. Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

### POSTLUDE

#### *Jazz Trio*

Andrew Oliver, piano

David Evans, clarinet and tenor sax

Tyson Stubelek, drums

*Andrew's trio plays vintage jazz and swing from the 1920s and 1930s. This follows the footsteps of the original "piano trio" instrumentation of clarinet, piano, and drums popularized by Jelly Roll Morton and Benny Goodman. Hot stomps, blues, and esoteric novelties from the 1920s as well as 1930s swing make for a varied program of vintage jazz.*

**Today's Worship Leaders**

Presider: Pr. Laurie Newman

Preacher: Pr. Laurie Newman

Acolyte:

Altar Flowers: Cindy Stadel

Altar Guild: Patty Jones

Assisting Minister: LuAnn Staul

Cantor: Allison Katsufokus

Communion Assistants: Gordon Teifel

Greeters: Patty Jones and Bobbie Larson

Lector: Libby Calhoun

Musicians: The Andrew Oliver Jazz Trio

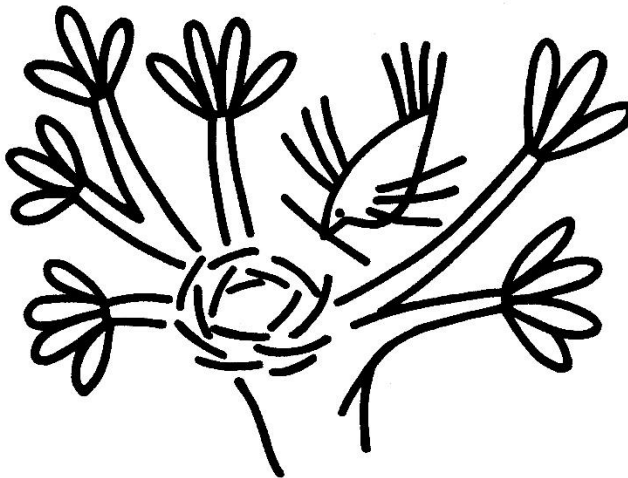
Nursery Volunteer: Halvorsen Family

Tech Team: Chase Isaacson

Ushers: Dana Blakemore

Worship Coordinator: Pat Christiansen

Zoom Host:



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