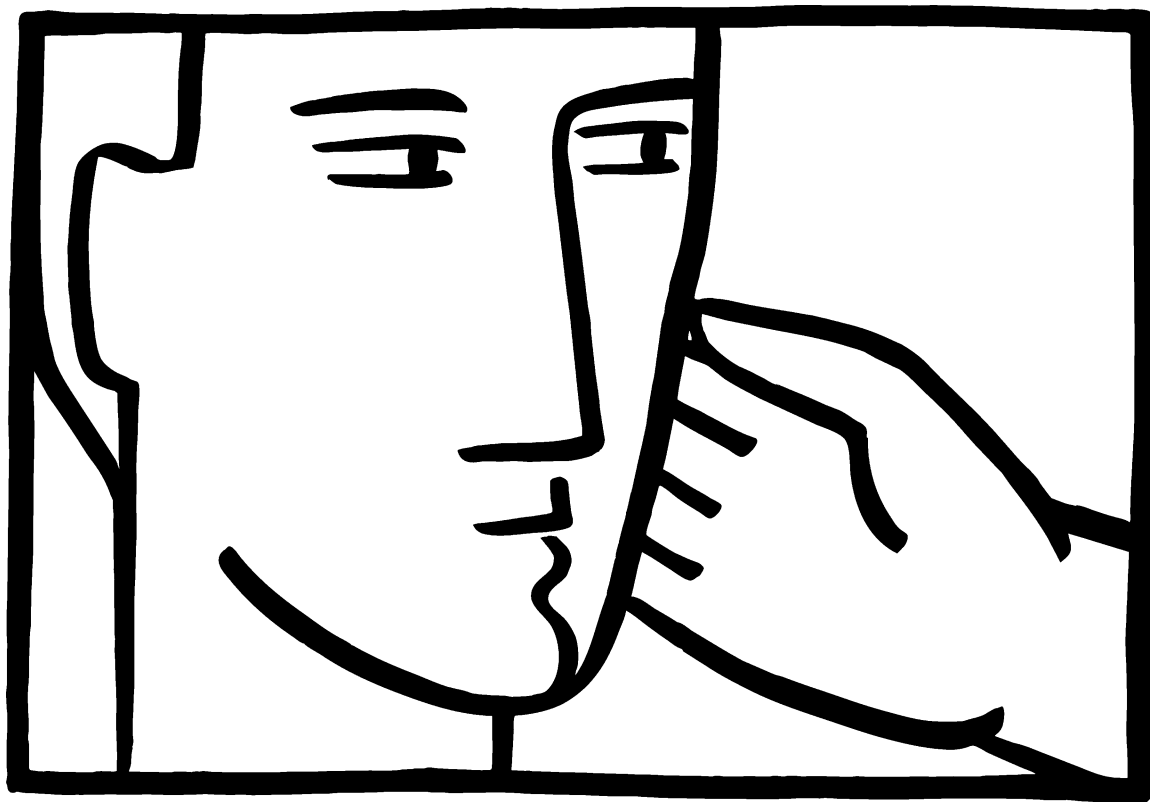


Seventh Sunday after Epiphany

St. Andrew Lutheran Church

February 23, 2025



Welcome to St. Andrew!

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 barriers of isolation. 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

Orientation to the Service

This bulletin will guide you through the entire service. Started on page 3, words printed in **bold** are for everyone to say aloud together. Instructions and information are printed in *italics*.

Hymns (songs) are found in the hymnals in the pew racks in front of your seat.

ELW = Evangelical Lutheran Worship (red hymnal)

ACS = All Creation Sings (blue hymnal)

Green-topped Welcome Cards are found in the pew racks in front of your seat. We would love for guests, visitors, and anyone in need of prayer or more information about the church to fill one out. Please place it in the offering plate or hand it to an usher after the service.

Children are welcome in worship! God put the wiggle in children, so please do not 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 children to see and hear what is happening in the service. There are worship activity bags available for children on a shelf in the back of the sanctuary, and a staffed nursery is available for very young ones. Ask an usher if you need help locating it.

Restrooms can be found by exiting the back of the sanctuary and turning right. Walk straight until you pass the coffee bar, and you will find the women's and men's restrooms to your right. A gender-neutral, ADA-compliant restroom will be found to your left, near the entrance to the kitchen.

Online access to the bulletin and hymns: standrewlutheran.com/worship/worship-bulletins/

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Mercy. Mercy. Mercy. Joseph lives it in Egypt. Jesus preaches it in the gospel. The Spirit guides us into merciful lives with the power of forgiveness to reconcile what is fractured and divided. Such merciful living is the baptismal blessing of having put on Christ. It is the gift of the life-giving Spirit. It is a reflection of God's glory revealed in Christ.

PRELUDE

"Greet the Rising Sun"
Bells of Grace

Sondra K. Tucker

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING

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

The congregation may stand.

HYMN OF PRAISE

Now the Feast and Celebration (ELW 167)

GREETING

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

And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

O Lord Jesus, make us instruments of your peace, that where there is hatred, we may sow love, where there is injury, pardon, and where there is despair, hope. Grant that we may seek to console, to understand, and to love in your name, for you live and reign with the Creator and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

The congregation is seated.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Pastor Allison Bengfort

READING

Psalms 37:1-11, 39-40

A reading from Psalms.

¹Do not be provoked by evildoers; do not be jealous of those who do wrong.

²For they shall soon wither like the grass, and like the green grass fade away.

³Put your trust in the LORD and do good; dwell in the land and find safe pasture. ⁴Take delight in the LORD, who shall give you your heart's desire.

⁵Commit your way to the LORD; put your trust in the LORD, and see what God will do. ⁶The LORD will make your vindication as clear as the light and the justice of your case like the noonday sun.

⁷Be still before the LORD and wait patiently. Do not be provoked by the one who prospers, the one who succeeds in evil schemes.

⁸Refrain from anger, leave rage alone; do not be provoked; it leads only to evil. ⁹For evildoers shall be cut off, but those who hope in the LORD shall possess the land.

¹⁰In a little while the wicked shall be no more; even if you search out their place, they will not be there. ¹¹But the lowly shall possess the land; they will delight in abundance of peace.

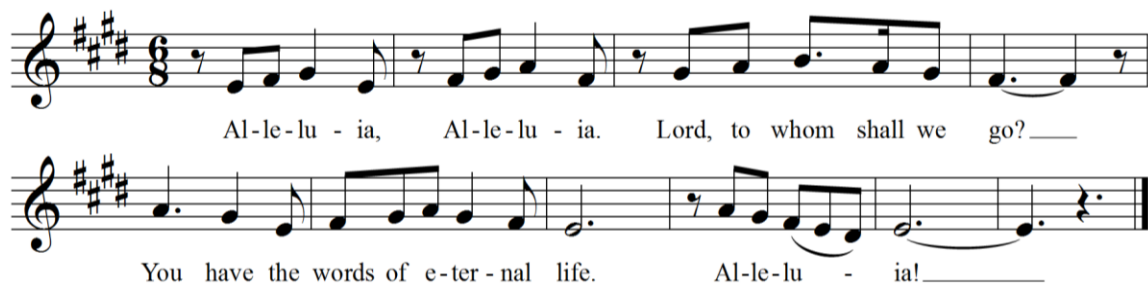
³⁹But the deliverance of the righteous comes from you, O LORD; you are their stronghold in time of trouble. ⁴⁰You, O LORD, will help them and rescue them; you will rescue them from the wicked and deliver them, because in you they seek refuge.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

The congregation may stand.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL

Luke 6:27-38

The holy gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus said: ²⁷“But I say to you who are listening: Love your enemies; do good to those who hate you; ²⁸bless those who curse you; pray for those who mistreat you. ²⁹If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also, and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. ³⁰Give to everyone who asks of you, and if anyone takes away what is yours, do not ask for it back again. ³¹Do to others as you would have them do to you. ³²“If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. ³³If you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. ³⁴If you lend to those from whom you expect to receive payment, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again. ³⁵Instead, love your enemies, do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return. Your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High, for God is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. ³⁶Be merciful, just as your Creator is merciful. ³⁷“Do not judge, and you will not be judged; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven; ³⁸give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap, for the measure you give will be the measure you get back.”

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

The congregation is seated.

SERMON

Pastor Allison Bengfort

The congregation may stand.

HYMN OF THE DAY

Build a Longer Table (ACS 1062)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

God of grace,
hear our prayer.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

*All are invited to share a sign of peace with one another (handshake, hug, peace sign, etc.).
Placing your hands together in a praying position will signal to those around you that you
prefer not to physically touch others.*

The congregation is seated.

MEAL

GOD FEEDS US WITH THE PRESENCE OF JESUS CHRIST.

STEWARDSHIP PRESENTATION & TESTIMONY

INVITATION TO OFFERING

*Contributions to St. Andrew Lutheran Church may be placed in the offering plate or
made online (standrewlutheran.com/give). Thank you for your generosity!*

OFFERING

"Arise! Sing Forth!"
Sanctuary Choir & Pick-up Choir

Purcell/arr. Hopson

Arise! Sing forth, for your light has come.
God's glory shines through all the earth.
The dark of night is like the dawn.
God's glory shines through all the earth.
Alleluia.

The congregation may stand.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Let us pray.

God of grace, your love reaches to the heavens, and your abundance to the depths of the seas. Bless what we offer to your service: our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts. Let us overflow with gratitude and generosity, now and always.

Amen.

DIALOGUE

The musical score for the Dialogue is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of three staves. The first staff is for the Presider, the second for the Congregation, and the third for the Presider. The lyrics are as follows:

Presider: The Lord be with you. And al - so with you. Lift up your

Congregation: hearts. We lift them to the Lord. Let us give thanks to the

Presider: Lord our God. It is right to give God thanks and praise.

PREFACE

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly are you, God of pow - er and might;—

Heav-en and earth are filled with your glo - ry, Ho - san-na in the high - est!

Bless - ed is the One who comes in your name.— Ho - san - na in the

high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est!

The musical score is written on four staves in treble clef with a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#). The first staff begins with a 6/8 time signature. The second staff changes to 3/8 time. The third and fourth staves return to 6/8 time. The lyrics are written below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables spanning across notes.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE



LORD'S PRAYER

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.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

The joy of the Lord is our strength. Come, eat this meal of gladness.

All are invited to commune without exception! At the direction of an usher, those wishing to commune may proceed down the center aisle. A piece of gluten-free bread will be placed in your hands. You may dip the bread in the cup of wine (red chalice) or the cup of grape juice (light-colored chalice), or you may choose to partake of the bread only. If you prefer not to receive communion but would like to receive a blessing, please cross your arms across your chest to indicate this preference. If you would like to receive communion in your seat, please alert an usher, and the elements will be brought to you.

LAMB OF GOD

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world: have
break the chains of hat - red and fear:
are the way of just - ice and peace:
are the way of mer - cy and love:

mer - cy on us, mer - cy on us, mer - cy on us.

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world:
grant us peace, grant us peace, grant us peace.

DISTRIBUTION HYMN

Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling (ELW 608)

The congregation may stand.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

Nourishing God, at this table you have refreshed us with holy gifts of food and drink. Strengthen us for service, and send us out to embody your good news of liberation and healing for the sake of the world. In the name of Christ we pray,

Amen.

SENDING

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

BLESSING

The Spirit of the triune God + bless you with joy, anoint you with compassion, and send you in love.

Amen.

SENDING HYMN

God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending (ELW 678)
sung to the tune "Hymn to Joy"

**God, whose giving knows no ending, from your rich and endless store:
nature's wonder, Jesus' wisdom, costly cross, grave's shattered door,
gifted by you, we turn to you, off'ring up ourselves in praise;
thankful song shall rise forever, gracious donor of our days.**

**Skills and time are ours for pressing toward the goals of Christ, your Son:
all at peace in health and freedom, races joined, the church made one.
Now direct our daily labor, lest we strive for self alone;
born with talents, make us servants fit to answer at your throne.**

**Treasure, too, you have entrusted, gain through pow'rs your grace conferred;
ours to use for home and kindred, and to spread the gospel word.
Open wide our hands in sharing, as we heed Christ's ageless call,
healing, teaching, and reclaiming, serving you by loving all.**

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Live in hope.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

“Hymn to Joy”
Lindsey Lane, piano

arr. Rachel Trelstad Porter

Serving in Worship

Presider: Pastor Allison Bengfort
Preacher: Pastor Allison Bengfort
Assisting Minister:
Acolyte:
Altar Flowers: Noelle & Tom Mehlhorn
Altar Guild: Noelle Mehlhorn
Communion Assistant:
Greeter: Sue Heiden
Lector: LuAnn Staul
Musician: Lindsey Lane

Nursery Attendants: Amy Harker,
Carol Harker
Sanctuary Choir: Pat Christiansen,
Kristie Gladhill, Liz Hardy,
John Reiser, Lynn Santelmann,
Janet Vorvick, Carol Wener
Tech Team: Chase Isaacson
Ushers: Noelle & Tom Mehlhorn
Worship Coordinator:
Sister India Jensen Kerr
Zoom Host: Marlan Bell

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