

# Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

St. Andrew Lutheran Church

June 21, 2026



## 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, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, 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 understand that being truly welcoming involves actively working against racism, heteronormativity, sexism, transphobia, ageism, ableism, classism, and other forces that seek to divide and oppress. We commit to continuing 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. Starting 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. An all-gender, ADA-compliant restroom will be found to your left, near the door to the kitchen.

**Online access** to the bulletin and hymns: [standrewlutheran.com/worship/worship-bulletins/](http://standrewlutheran.com/worship/worship-bulletins/)

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*God does not promise that the path of the disciple will be easy. Jesus declares that his words may bring stark division. Even so, we need not be afraid, for God accounts for each hair on our heads. Though we may experience rejection, frustration, division, and death, God's grace and love make us a new creation each day. Marked with the cross and filled with holy food, we are sent from worship to witness to Christ in the world.*

PRELUDE

***GATHERING***

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

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WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*The congregation may stand.*



- 1 Shall we gath - er at the riv - er, where bright an - gel feet have trod,
- 2 On the mar - gin of the riv - er, wash - ing up its sil - ver spray,
- 3 Ere we reach the shin - ing riv - er, lay we ev - 'ry bur - den down;
- 4 Soon we'll reach the shin - ing riv - er, soon our pil - grim - age will cease;



with its crys - tal tide for - ev - er flow - ing by the throne of God?  
 we will walk and wor - ship ev - er, all the hap - py gold - en day.  
 grace our spir - its will de - liv - er, and pro - vide a robe and crown.  
 soon our hap - py hearts will quiv - er with the mel - o - dy of peace.



Yes, we'll gath - er at the riv - er, the beau - ti - ful, the beau - ti - ful riv - er;



gath - er with the saints at the riv - er that flows by the throne of God.

## 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 together.

**Teach us, good Lord God, to serve you as you deserve, to give and not to count the cost, to fight and not to heed the wounds, to toil and not to seek for rest, to labor and not to ask for reward, except that of knowing that we do your will, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

*The congregation is seated.*

## **WORD**

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

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Pr. Allison Bengfort

## READING

Romans 6:1b-11

A reading from Romans.

<sup>1</sup>Should we continue in sin in order that grace may increase? <sup>2</sup>By no means! How can we who died to sin go on living in it? <sup>3</sup>Do you not know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death?

<sup>4</sup>Therefore we were buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of God, so we also might walk in newness of life.

<sup>5</sup>For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. <sup>6</sup>We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, so we might no longer be enslaved to sin. <sup>7</sup>For whoever has died is freed from sin. <sup>8</sup>But if we died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. <sup>9</sup>We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. <sup>10</sup>The death he died, he died to sin once for all, but the life he lives, he lives to God. <sup>11</sup>So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 69:7-10, 16-18

<sup>7</sup>Surely, for your sake I have suffered reproach,  
and shame has covered my face.

<sup>8</sup>**I have become a stranger to my own kindred,  
an alien to my mother's children.**

<sup>9</sup>Zeal for your house has eaten me up;  
the scorn of those who scorn you has fallen upon me.

<sup>10</sup>**I humbled myself with fasting, but that was turned to my reproach.**

<sup>16</sup>Answer me, O LORD, for your love is kind;  
in your great compassion, turn to me.

<sup>17</sup>**Hide not your face from your servant;  
be swift and answer me, for I am in distress.**

<sup>18</sup>Draw near to me and redeem me; because of my enemies deliver me.

*The congregation may stand.*

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

A - le - lu - ya, a - le - lu - ya. A - le - lu - ya, a - le - lu - ya.  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

A - le - lu - ya, a - le - lu - ya. El Se - ñor re - su - ci - tó.  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Christ is ris - en, ris'n in - deed.

The holy gospel according to Matthew.  
**Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus said to the twelve: <sup>24</sup>“A disciple is not above the teacher nor a slave above the master; <sup>25</sup>it is enough for the disciple to be like the teacher and the slave like the master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household!

<sup>26</sup>So have no fear of them, for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered and nothing secret that will not become known. <sup>27</sup>What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light, and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops. <sup>28</sup>Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather, fear the one who can destroy both soul and body in hell. <sup>29</sup>Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Creator. <sup>30</sup>And even the hairs of your head are all counted. <sup>31</sup>So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows.

<sup>32</sup>Everyone, therefore, who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Creator in heaven, <sup>33</sup>but whoever denies me before others, I also will deny before my Creator in heaven.

<sup>34</sup>Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth; I have not come to bring peace but a sword. <sup>35</sup>For I have come to set a son against his father, and a daughter against her mother, and an in-law against an in-law, <sup>36</sup>and one’s foes will be members of one’s own household. <sup>37</sup>Whoever loves a parent more than me is not worthy of me, and whoever loves a child more than me is not worthy of me, <sup>38</sup>and whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me. <sup>39</sup>Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it.”

The gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*The congregation is seated.*





sire, so it is with the Spir - it of God.  
feast, so it is with the Spir - it of God.

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*The congregation assumes a posture of prayer. You may kneel, sit, or stand; fold your hands or turn them upward; close your eyes or look to the altar.*

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.*

## INVITATION TO OFFERING

Jesus draws us from the margins into community, from brokenness into healing, and from death into new life. God loves us unconditionally and gives us the gift of purpose in this world. We respond to this marvelous calling and to God's outpouring of love through our giving this day. Let us gather our gifts together and offer them to God in gratitude and praise.

*Contributions to St. Andrew Lutheran Church may be placed in the offering plate or made online by scanning the QR code to the right. Thank you for your generosity!*



## OFFERING

*The congregation may stand.*

## OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray together.

**Loving God, we offer at your table the gifts of our hearts. Help us take heart in you and share freely of your love, so that all creation can taste your abundance. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit abiding with us now and forever. Amen.**

## DIALOGUE

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

## PREFACE

### HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



San-to, san - to, san - to Dios de glo - ria y po - der,  
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly God of pow - er and might,



cie - los y tie - rra pro - cla - man tu glo - ria.  
heav - en and earth . . . are full of your glo - ry.



Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san-na en los cie - los.  
Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san-na in the high - est.

Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san-na en los cie - los.  
 Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san-na in the high - est.

Ben - di - to a - quel que vie - ne en el nom - bre de Dios.  
 Bless - ed is the one who comes in the name of our God.

Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san-na en los cie - los.  
 Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san-na in the high - est.

Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san-na en los cie - los.  
 Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san-na in the high - est.

## THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

### LORD'S PRAYER

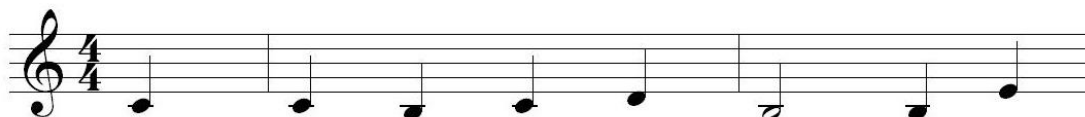
**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

*The congregation is seated.*

### INVITATION TO COMMUNION

*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 wine (red chalice) or the grape juice (light-colored chalice), or you may choose to partake of bread only. If you prefer 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.*

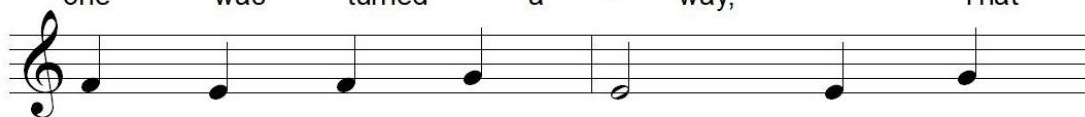
# COMMUNION SONG



When Je - sus set his ta - ble, no  
 No race, no creed, no na - tion, no  
 Who ev - er we find troubl - ing and  
 When Je - sus set his ta - ble, no



one was turned a - way. That  
 love of heart and vow, No  
 seek to keep out - side, That  
 one was turned a - way, That



ta - ble was a pro - mise of  
 gen - der is re - ject - ted. The  
 is the ve - ry neigh - bor who  
 ta - ble is our pro - mise. It's



bles - sing and of grace. So  
 ta - ble's wait - ing now.  
 must not be de - nied.  
 ours to tend to - day.



set \_\_\_\_\_ the ta - ble ful - ly, In -

vite the whole world in. If

we would share love's welcome then

here's where we begin.

DISTRIBUTION HYMN

Children of the Heavenly Father | ELW 781

Tryg - ga - re kan ing - en va - ra än Guds lil - la bar - na - ska - ra,  
 1 Chil - dren of the heav'n-ly Fa - ther safe - ly in his bo - som gath - er;  
 2 God his own doth tend and nour-ish, in his ho - ly courts they flour - ish.  
 3 Nei - ther life nor death shall ev - er from the Lord his chil-dren sev - er;  
 4 Though he giv - eth or he tak-eth, God his chil-dren ne'er for - sak - eth;

stjär - nan ej på him - la - fäs - tet, få - geln ej i kän - da näs - tet.  
 nest - ling bird nor star in heav - en such a ref - uge e'er was giv - en.  
 From all e - vil things he spares them, in his might - y arms he bears them.  
 un - to them his grace he show - eth, and their sor - rows all he know - eth.  
 his the lov - ing pur - pose sole - ly to pre - serve them pure and ho - ly.

*The congregation may stand.*

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray together.

**Compassionate God, through the gifts of bread and wine our hearts are filled with the abundance of your love. Strengthen us that we, through this holy meal, may share your love freely, as you have shared with us. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit nourishing us now and forever. Amen.**

## ***SENDING***

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

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## BLESSING OF COMMUNION MINISTERS

*(outdoors only)*

Eternal God, whose glory is revealed in the crucified and risen Christ:  
Bless those who go forth to share your word and sacrament with our absent siblings. In your love and care, nourish and strengthen those to whom we bring this communion that we may all feast upon your abundant love made known in Jesus Christ.

**Amen.**

## BLESSING

Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer, † one God,  
bless, heal, and hold you today and always.

**Amen.**

SENDING HYMN

The Trees of the Field

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You shall go out with joy and be led forth with peace.

The moun - tains and the hills will break forth be -

fore you; There'll be shouts of joy, and all the trees of the field will

clap, will clap their hands. *Fine* And all the trees of the field will

clap their hands, the trees of the field will clap their hands;

The trees of the field will clap their hands, while

you go out with joy. *D.S. al Fine* You shall go

DISMISSAL

Heaven has come near. Go, share the good news!  
**Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

## Sanctuary of the Firs Worship Servers

Presiding Minister: Pr. Allison Bengfort  
Preacher: Pr. Allison Bengfort  
Assisting Minister: LuAnn Staul  
Altar Guild: Liz Hardy  
Communion Assistant:  
Lector: Tom Mehlhorn

Musician: John Gladen  
Tech Team: Paul Navarre, Chase Isaacson  
Ushers: Dana Taylor-Blakemore  
Welcome Team:  
Worship Coordinator:  
Zoom Host:

## Sanctuary (Indoor) Worship Servers

Presiding Minister: Kim Taylor-Blakemore  
Assisting Minister: Gordon Teifel  
Altar Guild: Liz Hardy

Lector: Gordon Teifel  
Musician: Lindsey Lane  
Nursery Assistant: Amy Harker

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