

# Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

St. Andrew Lutheran Church  
June 28, 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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*The welcome of baptism is for all God's children. This baptismal gift sets us free from the power of sin and death. In today's gospel, Christ promises that the disciple who gives a cup of cold water to the little ones serves Christ himself. From worship we are sent on our baptismal mission: to serve the little ones of this world and to be a sign of God's merciful welcome.*

PRELUDE

**GATHERING**

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

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WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*The congregation may stand.*

GATHERING HYMN

All are Welcome | ELW 641

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.

**O God, you direct our lives by your grace, and your words of justice and mercy reshape the world. Mold us into a people who welcome your word and serve one another, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**

**Amen.**

*The congregation is seated.*

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Pr. Allison Bengfort

## READING

Jeremiah 28:5-9

A reading from Jeremiah.

<sup>5</sup>The prophet Jeremiah spoke to the prophet Hananiah in the presence of the priests and all the people who were standing in the house of the Lord, <sup>6</sup>and the prophet Jeremiah said, "Amen! May the Lord do so; may the Lord fulfill the words that you have prophesied and bring back to this place from Babylon the vessels of the house of the Lord and all the exiles. <sup>7</sup>But listen now to this word that I speak in your hearing and in the hearing of all the people. <sup>8</sup>The prophets who preceded you and me from ancient times prophesied war, famine, and pestilence against many countries and great kingdoms. <sup>9</sup>As for the prophet who prophesies peace, when the word of that prophet comes true, then it will be known that the Lord has truly sent the prophet."

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM 89:1-4, 15-18

Your love, O Lord, forever will I sing;  
from age to age my mouth will proclaim your faithfulness.

<sup>2</sup>**For I am persuaded that your steadfast love is established forever;  
you have set your faithfulness firmly in the heavens.**

<sup>3</sup>"I have made a covenant with my chosen one;  
I have sworn an oath to David my servant:

<sup>4</sup>**'I will establish your line forever,  
and preserve your throne for all generations.'**"

<sup>15</sup>Happy are the people who know the festal shout!  
They walk, O Lord, in the light of your presence.

<sup>16</sup>**They rejoice daily in your name;  
they are jubilant in your righteousness.**

<sup>17</sup>For you are the glory of their strength,  
and by your favor our might is exalted.

<sup>18</sup>**Truly, our shield belongs to the Lord;  
our king to the Holy One of Israel.**

*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>40</sup>“Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. <sup>41</sup>Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet’s reward, and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous, <sup>42</sup>and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple – truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward.”

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

*The congregation is seated.*

SERMON

Pr. Allison Bengfort

*The congregation may stand.*

HYMN OF THE DAY

Queerly Beloved | Amanda Udis-Kessler



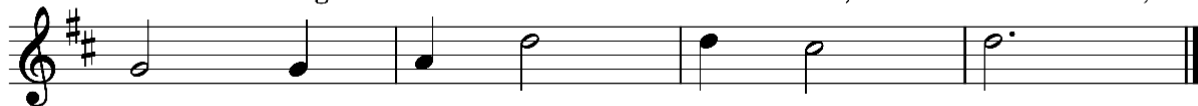
Queer-ly be - lov - ed, we have as - sem - bled, join - ing in won - der  
 Queer-ly be - lov - ed, we have been hat - ed, treat - ed as out - casts,  
 Queer-ly be - lov - ed, we have dis - cov - ered lovethat is per - fect,



sing - ing in praise. Lift - ing our eyes, rais - ing our voi - ces, trust - ing in  
 rag - ged and rough. Still we per - sist, joy - ous and grate - ful, trust - ing that  
 end - ing our fear. There is a truth wait - ing to claim us. There is a



hope, in love and in faith. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,  
 grace is ev - er e - nough. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,  
 call so strong and so clear. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, God is great!  
 al - le - lu - ia, God is Love!  
 al - le - lu - ia, god is here!

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.*

## **THANKSGIVING FOR THE WORD**

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### 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

We Are a Rainbow | David Kai

*Verse 1:*

We're the light of all the world, we are a city on a hill  
We're a candle on a stand proclaiming light  
We will not hide our lamp beneath a bushel any more  
We will shine a ray of hope that's burning bright

*Chorus:*

We are a rainbow, sign of covenant and peace  
For the flood of tears will finally cease to be  
Come shine your rainbow, splash your hues across the sky  
Paint the world in colors proud and bold and free

*Verse 2:*

We're a coat of many colors, sewn from many different threads  
Covering all in warmth, in welcome and in grace  
God said "Let there be light", created every varied shade  
In the rainbow each of us can find a place *Chorus*

*Verse 3:*

We are hope to still believe in tomorrow's better day  
We are peace in a world that's torn apart  
We are joy that will last in all the struggles that we face  
We are love that blooms and grows in every heart *Chorus*

*Verse 4:*

When we face the storms of life, we will never be alone  
For our God will be with us on the way  
Hand in hand, side by side, we won't be frightened any more  
As the mourning night of tears breaks into day *Chorus*

*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.**

## THANKSGIVING FOR THE WORD

O God of justice and love, we give thanks to you that you illumine our way through life with the words of your Child. Give us the light we need, awaken us to the needs of others, and at the end bring all the world to your feast; through Jesus Christ, our Liberator, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory forever.

**Amen.**

## 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.**

## ***SENDING***

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

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## BLESSING

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

## SENDING HYMN

Welcome Table | ACS 969

## DISMISSAL

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

## POSTLUDE



## Serving in Worship

Presiding Minister: Pr. Allison Bengfort

Preacher: Pr. Allison Bengfort

Assisting Minister:

Altar Guild: Noelle Mehlhorn

Communion Assistant:

Lector: Pat Christiansen

Musician: Lindsey Lane

Tech Team:

Ushers: Amy Harker, Dana Taylor-Blakemore, Tom Lane

Welcome Team:

Worship Coordinator: Beth Johnson

Zoom Host:

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