

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

St. Andrew Lutheran Church

August 2, 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/

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July 26, 2026 | 9:30 AM

In today's first reading God invites all who are hungry or thirsty to receive food and drink without cost. Jesus feeds the hungry multitude and reveals the abundance of God. At the eucharistic table we remember all who are hungry or poor in our world today. As we share the bread of life, we are sent forth to give ourselves away as bread for the hungry.

PRELUDE

GATHERING

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

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

The congregation may stand.

GATHERING HYMN

Here I Am, Lord | ELW 574

PRESENTATION OF THE BAPTISMAL CANDIDATE

Welcome in the name of God who creates, liberates, and calls us with grace that lasts forever.

Amen.

In baptism, God's love and liberation in Christ is made tangible. In this moment, God's sacred time comes to play with our human time. Baptism claims us by name on a specific day in history and entangles every witness in the good news of God's never-ending "Yes" to us.

God uses water to connect these sacred words to our senses. This is a symbol we already know for its creative power to help and nourish. We use water to clean, bathe, cook, and play. In baptism, we are claimed by the God of living water, a precious and limitless supply of that which gives and sustains life.

Parents and sponsors, who do you present today?

Parents and sponsors: We present Isaiah Mattias Mantey Casteel to receive the sacrament of Holy Baptism.

BAPTISMAL PROMISES

As you bring Isaiah to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with the following responsibilities: to live with him among God's faithful people, to bring him to the word of God and the holy supper, to teach him the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments, to place in his hands the holy scriptures, and to nurture him in faith and prayer, so that he may learn to trust God, proclaim Christ through word and deed, care for others and the world God made, and work for justice and peace. Do you promise to help Isaiah grow in the Christian faith and life?

Parents and sponsors: We do!

We baptize in public worship so the church can make promises to Isaiah, to speak these promises uniquely for Isaiah, and to mark this moment in our human experience. We are gathered as one congregation, but we are making these promises on behalf of the whole Christian church across time and space.

This world will waste no time telling Isaiah lies about power, value, and love. So we stand with him this morning, one of many times, to speak God's truth about these things.

People of God:

Do you reject the devil and all the forces that defy God, the powers of this world that rebel against God, and the ways of sin that pull us away from God? If so, say, "We do!"

We do!

Do you promise to speak the truth about Isaiah's identity as a child of God, affirming him through all circumstances with his first and forever name:

Beloved? If so, say, "We do!"

We do!

Do you promise to hold healthy and safe space for him to grow in faith believing there is nothing he can do to make God love him any more or any less than he already is loved in Jesus? If so, say, "We do!"

We do!

Do you trust in God the Creator, the divine Source of all things?

We trust in God the Creator.

Do you trust in Jesus Christ, Love incarnate, who liberates us from evil and shows us that love is stronger than death?

We trust in Jesus Christ.

Do you trust in the Holy Spirit, who guides us on our journey, interrupts the status quo, and opens up new possibilities?

We trust in the Holy Spirit.

The congregation is seated.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Pr. Allison Bengfort

THANKSGIVING AT THE FONT

There's nothing particularly special about the water we are using today. It came from the faucet and is just like the water you drink when you are thirsty or the water you use to bathe at home. But this ordinary water becomes extraordinary, because we know God can do amazing things with water. There are lots of stories in the Bible about water making things new, saving people, and sustaining life. We know that when God makes promises with water, amazing things can happen.

Let us bless this water and remember some of these stories about the power of water and God's promises.

Liberating God, we give you thanks for the waters of creation that have nourished the earth since you spoke life into being. We remember Noah and his family rocking back and forth on the floodwaters, Miriam keeping watch over her brother Moses in the Nile, the Israelites fleeing through the spray of the Red Sea, the thirsty drinks they took from the water that poured from a rock in the desert. You sent your son to be carried by the water and waves of Mary's womb, to be baptized in the Jordan with the crowds, to turn water into wine, to meet the Samaritan woman at the well, to feel the thirst of humanity in life and death. Rain down your Spirit so that, by this water and your word, we are renewed by the gifts of Jesus and the truth about love. Amen.

BAPTISM

Isaiah Mattias Mantey Casteel, I baptize you in the name of the Creator, who is our Mother and our Father, in the name of the Son, who is the Christ, and in the name of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

PRAYER OF BLESSING

Gracious God, through Jesus, you have destroyed the power of death! And, since death is not so scary anymore, we are set free to live with courage and abundance. Bless Isaiah with dignity, belonging, and purpose in you. Pour out your Holy Spirit upon him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the reverence for God, the spirit of joy in your presence.

Amen.

ANOINTING

Isaiah, beloved child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

Amen.

PRESENTATION OF GIFTS

PRESENTATION OF THE BAPTISMAL CANDLE

Isaiah, may the light of Christ that is in you shine before others, that they may see your good works and glorify your Creator.

WELCOME

Isaiah, you are saved by the grace of God, and nothing you could ever do will change it. When you forget this truth, we will all be here to remind you. After all, we now share in the Holy Spirit, which means we are one family, and we are in this together.

Please welcome our newest sibling in Christ, Isaiah Mattias Mantey Casteel.

The congregation may applaud.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray together.

Glorious God, your generosity waters the world with goodness, and you cover creation with abundance. Awaken in us a hunger for the food that satisfies both body and spirit, and with this food fill all the starving world; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

WORD

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

READING

Isaiah 55:1-5

A reading from Isaiah.

¹Hear, everyone who thirsts; come to the waters; and you who have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. ²Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread and your earnings for that which does not satisfy? Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. ³Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live. I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David. ⁴See, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. ⁵Now you shall call nations that you do not know, and nations that do not know you shall run to you, because of the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, for God has glorified you.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 145:8-9, 14-21

⁸The LORD is gracious and full of compassion,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

⁹**LORD, you are good to all, and your compassion is over all your works.**

¹⁴The Lord upholds all those who fall
and lifts up those who are bowed down.

¹⁵**The eyes of all wait upon you, O LORD,
and you give them their food in due season.**

¹⁶You open wide your hand and satisfy the desire of every living thing.

¹⁷**You are righteous in all your ways and loving in all your works.**

¹⁸You are near to all who call upon you, to all who call upon you faithfully.

¹⁹**You fulfill the desire of those who fear you;
you hear their cry and save them.**

²⁰You watch over all those who love you, but all the wicked you shall destroy.

²¹**My mouth shall speak the praise of the LORD;
let all flesh bless God's holy name forever and ever.**

The congregation may stand.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

The musical score is written for a four-part setting (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of three systems of staves. The first system contains two lines of lyrics. The second system contains two lines of lyrics. The third system contains two lines of lyrics. The music is a simple, rhythmic setting of the acclamation, using mostly quarter and eighth notes with some rests. The lyrics are: A - le - lu - ya, a - le - lu - ya. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. A - le - lu - ya, a - le - lu - ya. 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.

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.

¹³Now when Jesus heard about the beheading of John the Baptist, he withdrew from there in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. ¹⁴When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd, and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. ¹⁵When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves." ¹⁶Jesus said to them, "They need not go away; you give them something to eat." ¹⁷They replied, "We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish." ¹⁸And he said, "Bring them here to me." ¹⁹Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven and blessed and broke the loaves and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. ²⁰And all ate and were filled, and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. ²¹And those who ate were about five thousand families.

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

The congregation is seated.

SERMON

Kim Taylor-Blakemore

The congregation may stand.

HYMN OF THE DAY

Loaves Were Broken, Words Were Spoken | ACS 966

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.

Merciful God,
receive 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 al - so 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

1* 2

Man - y will come from east and west, and from
OR Man - y will come from east and west, and from

north and south, and will eat in the king - dom, the
north and south, to be washed in the wa - ters, the

king-dom of God. Blest are they, oh, blest are
wa - ters of life. Blest are they, oh, blest are

they who eat bread in the king-dom, the king-dom of God.
they who are washed in the wa - ters, the wa - ters of life.

** May be sung in canon*

DISTRIBUTION HYMN

Come to the Water of Life | ACS 955

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.

PRAYER OF GOOD COURAGE

O God, You have called us to ventures where we can not see the
end, By paths never yet taken Through perils unknown
Give us good courage Not knowing where we go, To
know that your hand is leading us Where ever we might go.
A - - - men.

BLESSING

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

SENDING HYMN

Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ | ELW 674

DISMISSAL

Heaven has come near. Go, share the good news!

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Serving Today in Worship

Presiding Minister: Pr. Allison Bengfort
Preacher: Kim Taylor-Blakemore
Assisting Minister: Tom Mehlhorn
Altar Guild: Erin Castner
Communion Assistant:
Lector: Tom Mehlhorn
Musician: Karl Gustafson

Nursery: Sonja Ackman, Amy Peahl
Tech Team: Janet Vorvick
Ushers: Linda Fransen,
Dana Taylor-Blakemore
Welcome Team:
Worship Coordinator:
Zoom Host: Marlan Bell

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