

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

St. Andrew Lutheran Church

July 19, 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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It is an age-old question: why is there evil in the world? In the parable of the wheat and the weeds Jesus suggests that both grow together until the harvest. With Paul, we long for the day that all creation will be set free from bondage and suffering. Having both weeds and wheat within us, we humbly place our hope in the promises of God, and from the Lord's table we go forth to bear the fruit of justice and mercy.

PRELUDE

Precious Lord
Karl Gustafson

GATHERING

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

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

The congregation may stand.

GATHERING HYMN

This Little Light of Mine | ELW 677

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.

Faithful God, most merciful judge, you care for your children with firmness and compassion. By your Spirit nurture us who live in your kingdom, that we may be rooted in the way of your Son, 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

Kyler Vogt

A reading from Romans.

¹²So then, my siblings, we are obligated, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh – ¹³for if you live according to the flesh, you will die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. ¹⁴For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. ¹⁵For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, “Abba!” ¹⁶it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, ¹⁷and if children, then heirs: heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if we in fact suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

¹⁸I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. ¹⁹For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God, ²⁰for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will, but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope ²¹that the creation itself will be set free from its enslavement to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. ²²We know that the whole creation has been groaning together as it suffers together the pains of labor, ²³and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. ²⁴For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope, for who hopes for what one already sees? ²⁵But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 86:11-17

¹¹Teach me your way, O LORD, and I will walk in your truth;
give me an undivided heart to revere your name.

**¹²I will thank you, O Lord my God, with all my heart,
and glorify your name forevermore.**

¹³For great is your love toward me;
you have delivered me from the pit of death.

¹⁴**The arrogant rise up against me, O God,
and a band of violent people seeks my life;
they have not set you before their eyes.**

¹⁵But you, O Lord, are gracious and full of compassion,
slow to anger, and full of kindness and truth.

¹⁶**Turn to me and have mercy on me;
give your strength to your servant, and save the child of your handmaid.**

¹⁷Show me a sign of your favor,
so that those who hate me may see it and be put to shame;
because you, LORD, have helped me and comforted me.

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 two systems of staves. The first system contains two lines of music, each with two staves (Soprano/Alto and Tenor/Bass). The lyrics for the first system are: "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." The second system also contains two lines of music, each with two staves. The lyrics for the second system are: "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 music features a mix of eighth and sixteenth notes, with some rests and ties. The final measure of the second system ends with a double bar line.

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.

²⁴Jesus put before the crowds another parable: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field, ²⁵but while everybody was asleep an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat and then went away. ²⁶So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. ²⁷And the workers of the farmer came and said to him, 'Did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?' ²⁸He answered, 'An enemy has done this.' The workers said to him, 'Then do you want us to go and gather them?' ²⁹But he replied, 'No, for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. ³⁰Let both of them grow together until the harvest, and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.'"

³⁶Then Jesus left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, "Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field." ³⁷He answered, "The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; ³⁸the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, ³⁹and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. ⁴⁰Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. ⁴¹The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, ⁴²and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. ⁴³Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the realm of their Creator. Let anyone with ears listen!"

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

The congregation is seated.

The congregation may stand.

HYMN OF THE DAY

Just a Closer Walk with Thee | ELW 697

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

Amazing Grace, arr. by Podd Brothers
Quartet

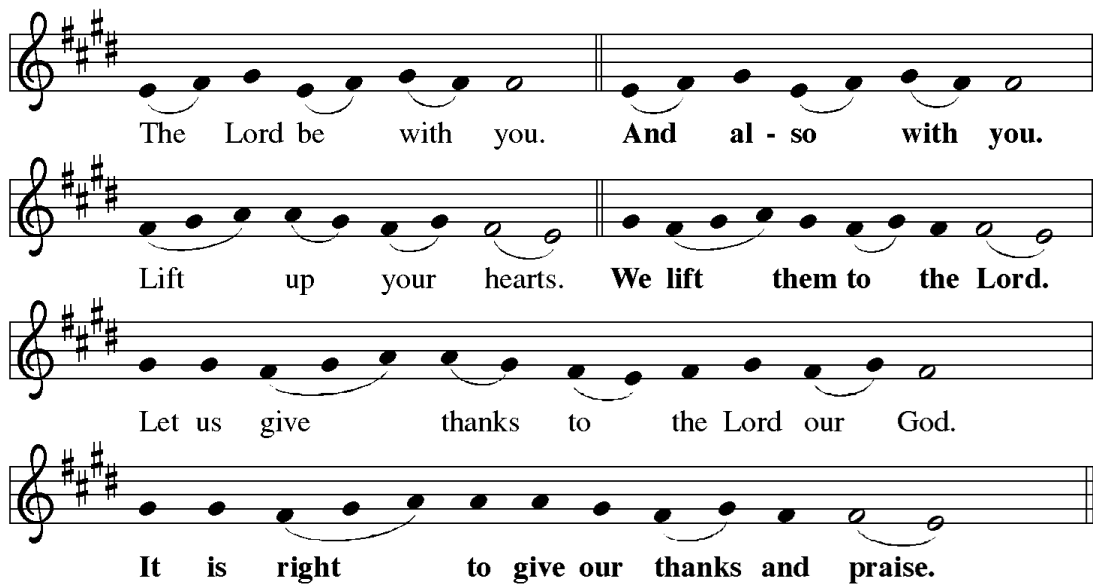
The congregation may stand.

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 - ri - a 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

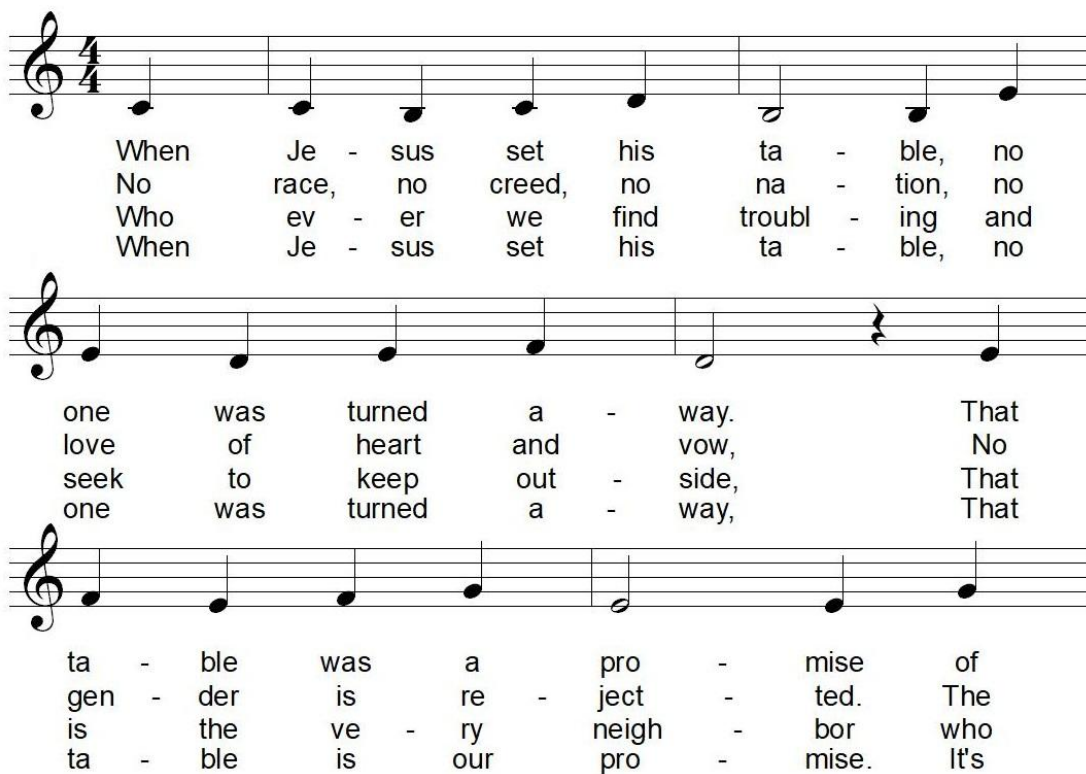
Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,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

here's where we be - gin.

DISTRIBUTION HYMN

What a Friend We Have in Jesus | ELW 742

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.

BLESSING OF COMMUNION MINISTERS

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.

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BLESSING

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

Amen.

SENDING HYMN

I Want Jesus to Walk with Me | ELW 325

DISMISSAL

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

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

I Want Jesus to Walk with Me

Serving Today in Worship

Presiding Minister: Pr. Allison Bengfort

Preacher: Kyler Vogt

Assisting Minister: Tom Mehlhorn

Altar Guild: Noelle Mehlhorn

Lector: Tom Mehlhorn

Musician: Karl Gustafson

Nursery: Sonja Ackman

Tech Team: Paul Navarre, Rick LeRoy

Ushers:

Welcome Team: Kim Taylor-Blakemore

Worship Coordinator: Pam Jelineo

Zoom Host:

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