

+ Seventh Sunday after Pentecost July 7, 2024



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+ Seventh Sunday after Pentecost Order for Worship

Jesus does great deeds of power and gives his disciples authority over demons. Yet none of this power is unilateral; it all must be received by faith. Jesus asks his disciples to go out without money or supplies, so that they will be dependent on how others receive them. When we are sent from the assembly to witness and to heal, we are asked to be vulnerable, to be dependent on the reception of others. The Spirit always operates in the "between": between Jesus and his Abba, between Jesus and us, between you and me, between us and those to whom we are sent.

Welcome to St. Andrew!

- St. Andrew Lutheran congregation welcomes all who are seeking a place of healing and wholeness a nurturing, faith-forming spiritual home. Our community embraces people of all ages, ethnicities, cultures, abilities, sexual orientations, gender identities and expressions, and family constellations. Come and See!
- Worship Services are live streamed to multiple online platforms. By attending worship, you agree that your image and voice may be broadcast.
- Everyone is invited to make a name tag at the black bookcase in the back of the worship space if they would like. There are stickers indicating pronouns on the bookcase if you would like to include them on your name tag.
- A nursery is available through the doors at the left side of the sanctuary and across from the doorway to the Social Hall. Look for a purple-colored room.
- Worship "toolkits" to help children engage with the service, along with "busy bags" for younger children, are available in the bookcase at the back of the sanctuary. Please feel free to take one to use with/for your children.
- Holy Communion is served with bread (gluten-free available) and wine or grape juice. The presiding minister will distribute the bread (host). Please consume this and then pick up an empty glass from the tray. The Communion Assistant will pour wine or grape juice into your glass. Please step to the side to consume the wine or grape juice. Feel free to kneel at the altar for prayer and reflection. As you return to your pew, glasses may be returned to the empty trays on either side of the center section.
- A restroom is available on the main level of the church, through the doors to the Social Hall and to the right in the main office.

Abbreviations

ELW: Evangelical Lutheran Worship hymnal ACS: All Creation Sings hymnal

P: Pastor/Presiding MinisterA: Assisting MinisterL: LectorC: Congregation

Pre-Service Music

Welcome

Prelude

Gathering

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God

Confession and Forgiveness

Please rise as you are able. All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at Baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who looks upon us in compassion, forgives our sin, and heals our lives. C: Amen.

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection

P: Have mercy,

C: O God, for we have sinned against you and our neighbors, by what we have done and by what we have failed to do. In your compassion, cleanse us of our sin and take away our guilt, Create in us a new heart and give us a steadfast spirit. Do not cast us away, but fill us with your Holy Spirit, and restore your joy within us. Amen.

P: By water and the Holy Spirit God gives you a new birth, and through the death and resurrection of + Jesus Christ, God forgives you all your sins. The God of mercy and might strengthen you in all goodness and keep you in eternal life. **C: Amen.** **Gathering Hymn**

Making Their Way

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Greeting

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

Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray.

God of the covenant, in our Baptism you call us to proclaim the coming of your kingdom.

Give us the courage you gave the apostles. that we may faithfully witness to your love and peace in every circumstance of life, in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **C: Amen.**

Please be seated.

Word

God speaks to us in Scripture reading, preaching, and song

First Reading – Ezekiel 2: 1-5

¹[A voice] said to me: O mortal, stand up on your feet, and I will speak with you.²And when [the voice] spoke to me, a spirit entered into me and set me on my feet; and I heard him speaking to me. ³He said to me, Mortal, I am sending you to the people of Israel, to a nation of rebels who have rebelled against me; they and their ancestors have transgressed against me to this very day. ⁴The descendants are impudent and stubborn. I am sending you to them, and you shall say to them, "Thus says the Lord GOD." ⁵Whether they hear or refuse to hear (for they are a rebellious house), they shall know that there has been a prophet among them.

L: Word of God, word of life. **C: Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 123

Today's psalm will be spoken and led by the cantor, with the congregation invited to respond with the alternate verses in bold type.

¹To you I lift up my eyes,

to you enthroned in the heavens.

²As the eyes of servants look to the hand of their masters, and the eyes of a maid to the hand of her mistress,

so our eyes look to you, O LORD our God, until you show us your mercy.

³Have mercy upon us, O LORD, have mercy,

for we have had more than enough of contempt,

⁴too much of the scorn of the indolent rich,

and of the derision of the proud.

Second Reading – 2 Corinthians 12: 2-10

²I know a person in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows. ³And I know that such a person whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows—⁴was caught up into Paradise and heard things that are not to be told, that no mortal is permitted to repeat. ⁵On behalf of such a one I will boast, but on my own behalf I will not boast, except of my weaknesses. ⁶But if I wish to boast, I will not be a fool, for I will be speaking the truth. But I refrain from it, so that no one may think better of me than what is seen in me or heard from me, ⁷even considering the exceptional character of the revelations. Therefore, to keep me from being too elated, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to torment me, to keep me from being too elated. ⁸Three times I appealed to the Lord about this, that it would leave me, ⁹but he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness." So, I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me. ¹⁰Therefore I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities for the sake of Christ; for whenever I am weak, then I am strong.

L: Word of God, word of life. **C: Thanks be to God.**

Please rise as you are able and join in speaking the Gospel Acclamation.

Gospel Acclamation

C: Alleluia. I will boast gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me. Alleluia.

Gospel – Mark 6: 1-13

P: The holy Gospel according to St. Mark. C: Glory to you, O Lord.

¹[Jesus] came to his hometown, and his disciples followed him.²On the sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astounded. They said, "Where did this man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been given to him? What deeds of power are being done by his hands! ³Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon, and are not his sisters here with us?" And they took offense at him. ⁴Then Jesus said to them, "Prophets are not without honor, except in their hometown, and among their own kin, and in their own house." ⁵And he could do no deed of power there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and cured them. ⁶And he was amazed at their unbelief.

Then he went about among the villages teaching. ⁷He called the twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. ⁸He ordered them to take nothing for their journey except a staff; no bread, no bag, no money in their belts; ⁹but to wear sandals and not to put on two tunics. ¹⁰He said to them, "Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave the place. ¹¹If any place will not welcome you and they refuse to hear you, as you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them." ¹²So they went out and proclaimed that all should repent. ¹³They cast out many demons, and anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them..

P: The Gospel of the Lord.C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

Sermon

A time of silence for prayer and reflection follows the sermon. When the hymn of the day begins, please rise as you are able.





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Prayers of the People

A: Rooted in God's abundant love for the world, let us pray for our neighbors, the church, and all of God's creation.

After each petition A: Merciful God, C: receive our prayer.

The presiding minister concludes the prayers

P: We offer our prayers to you, gracious God, trusting in your boundless love for all you have made, through Jesus Christ our Savior. **C: Amen.**

Peace

The presiding minister and the assembly greet one another in the peace of the risen Christ. P: The peace of Christ be with you always. C: And also with you.

The people may greet those around them with a sign of Christ's peace and may say Peace be with you or similar words. Please be mindful that not everyone will be comfortable with sharing the peace, so please seek consent before shaking hands or hugging. Other possible ways to share the peace include a simple bow with the verbal greeting of peace, or simply a verbal expression of peace.

When the greetings of peace have concluded, please be seated.



Meal God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ

Offering

We offer ourselves, our gifts, and our faithful service to God. As the offering is gathered for the mission of the church, including the care of those in need, the table is set for Holy Communion.

Reparations Offering

On the first Sunday of each month, St. Andrew invites people of the congregation to consider a donation to a second collection for a reparations fund in acknowledgement of St. Andrew's use of African American spiritual songs in our worship services. Please see the note in the announcements for more information.

Music during the Offering

As the gifts are brought forward for presentation, please rise as you are able.

Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of bless-ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life. Gath - er the hopes and dreams of we may be fed with the bread of life. Gath - er the hopes and dreams of all; u - nite them with the prayers we of - fer. Grace our ta - ble with your pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

Offertory Song

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Offertory Prayer

A: Let us pray.
God of all creation,
C: all you have made is good, and your love endures forever.
You bring forth bread from the earth and fruit from the vine.
Nourish us with these gifts, that we might be for the world
signs of your gracious presence in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

Dialogue

P: The Lord be with you. C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Preface

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy we praise your name and join in adoring song:

Sanctus

C: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Eucharistic Prayer

P: Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever. **C: Amen.**

Lord's Prayer

P: Gathered as one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.
C: 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.

Fraction and Invitation

P: These are the gifts of God for the beloved of God. Come, share the feast.

Agnus Dei / Lamb of God

C: Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.

Please be seated.

Holy Communion

- All who seek God and desire a deeper and stronger life in Christ are welcome to receive Holy Communion.
- Worshipers from the pulpit side will proceed forward first, followed by the center section, and then the lectern side.
- Please inform an usher if you would like the ministers to bring Communion to you.
- *Holy Communion will be served with bread and wine/grape juice.*
- The presiding minister will first distribute the bread (host) to each communicant. Please indicate if you require a gluten-free host.
- Once you have consumed the bread, please pick up an empty glass from the tray next to the presiding minister. The Communion Assistant will pour wine from the chalice or grape juice from the cruet into your glass.
- Please step to the side to consume the wine or grape juice.
- Feel free to kneel at the altar rail for prayer after receiving the sacrament.

• As you return to your pew, glasses may be returned to the empty trays on either side of the center section.

By Grace We Have Been Saved

ACS 1006

- A blessing will be provided for anyone who does not yet receive the sacrament.
- All are invited to join in singing the hymns during Holy Communion.

Hymns during Holy Communion

Refrain saved by grace through faith, By grace we have been savednot be-cause of what we do; it the gift of God. is 1 On the days when you are weak, on the 2 Rest your bod - y, rest your mind, in the 3 You don't need to a - fraid. You will be 0 days when you are strong, rich or poor, still - ness you will find you're a love - ly, be lone. There is mer - cy, nev - er a -Refrain young or old, just lis ten to the song. pre - cious child, part of the great de sign. will take there is hope, and love you home.

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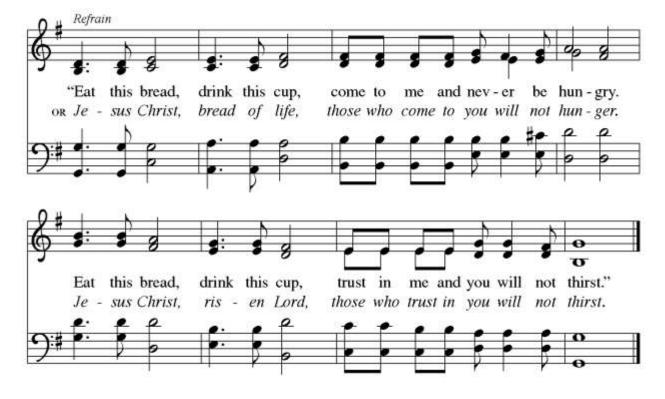
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Hymns during Holy Communion

Eat This Bread

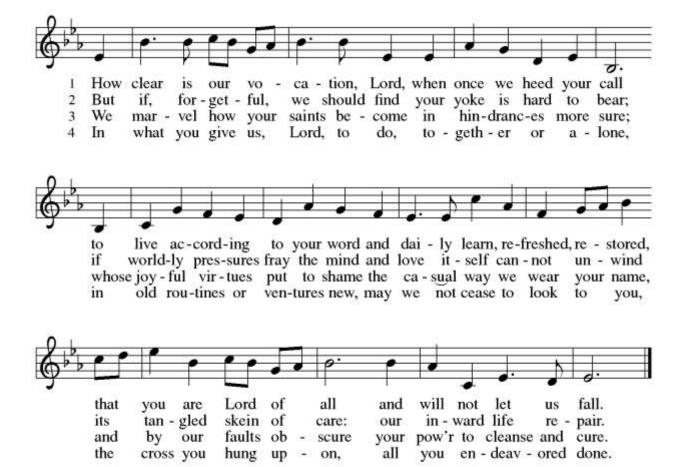
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Hymns during Holy Communion How Clear Is Our Vocation, Lord



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When all have returned to their places, please rise as you are able.

Blessing

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **C: Amen.**

Prayer

A: Let us pray. Gracious God, in this meal you have drawn us to your heart, and nourished us at your table with food and drink, the body and blood of Christ. Now send us forth to be your people in the world, and to proclaim your truth, this day and evermore, through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. **C: Amen.**

Please be seated.

Sending

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world

Announcements

Please rise as you are able.

Benediction

P: God, the Source of glory, God, the Word of life, God, the Spirit of truth + bless you all, now and forever. C: Amen.

Sending Hymn

Dismissal

A: Go in peace. Serve the Lord. C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

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Those serving in worship today

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St. Andrew Lutheran Church Announcements July 7th, 2024

- Welcome to Worship at St. Andrew on the Seventh Sunday after Pentecost, July 7th, 2024 We are so glad you are here, and we offer a special welcome to all visitors and guests connecting for the first time! Worship attendees are invited to make a name tag at the back of the worship space if you would like. There are worship "toolkits" to help children engage with worship and "busy bags" for younger children available in the bookcase at the back of the sanctuary. Please feel free to take one to use with/for your children. All are invited to gather for coffee other drinks and food, and conversation in the social hall after worship.
- Thank You, Pastor Dona Van Eck! Pastor Dona Van Eck, a member of the St. Andrew congregation, will be preaching and presiding during worship today. We thank Pastor Dona for sharing her gifts in leadership!
- **Thank You, Jeff Denlinger!** We also thank Jeff Denlinger, a member of St. Andrew, for leading the worship music on piano today!
- Monthly Reparations Offering Today during Worship Jesus' parable from Luke's Gospel about a compassionate Samaritan provides an example of how God's people are

called to work for healing and repair for our neighbors, independent of who or what caused harm. In light of this, St. Andrew has made a commitment to reparations in regard to African American spiritual songs used in our worship. The text and music of most hymns is attributed to specific authors, with copyrights in place, usage reported, and royalties paid to those whose works are featured in worship. With African American spirituals, this is not possible. In response to many years of such uncredited use, St. Andrew invites the congregation to give a reparations offering on the first Sunday of each month. Funds received in worship will be donated to our siblings at Bethel AME Church, whose land and building were taken from them in the 1950s, to fund their development in the lower Hill District.

- Shelter Dinner at East End Cooperative Ministry (EECM) Thursday, July 18th,
 6:30 p.m. Each month, on the third Thursday, people of St. Andrew prepare a meal for guests of the shelter at East End Cooperative Ministry (6140 Station St., East Liberty 15206). We invite you to prepare or purchase one menu item and bring it to the shelter by 6:00 p.m., to come and help serve the meal at 6:30 p.m., or both! Please sign up using this link for July: https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080544AAAC22A1F58-50170812-july.
- Coffee Hour Signups for July Now Available! One way that St. Andrew builds community is by sharing conversation over food and drinks at coffee hour after worship on Sundays. We invite people of the congregation to sign up to coordinate coffee hour each week, which includes brewing the coffee; setting out cups, napkins, food items, and cold drinks; and cleaning up afterward. Everything needed is at St. Andrew and instructions are available. Please sign up to host coffee hour here: https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080B4AAFAF2CABF85-47069030-coffee.
- New Christ in Our Home Devotional Booklets (July September) Available at Church Entrances – Christ in Our Home is a booklet of devotions that includes Scripture, a brief reflection, and prayer for each day. The new edition for July – September is now available at the various church entrances. Please feel free to take one for yourself or others!