



**+ Eighth Sunday after Pentecost  
July 14, 2024**



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## + Eighth Sunday after Pentecost Order for Worship

*When the prophet Amos reports his vision of God judging God's people for their mistreatment of the poor, he becomes a threat to the power of the priests and the king. John the Baptist also speaks truth to power, and Herod has him killed. In Herod's fear that Jesus is John returned from the dead, we may hear hope for the oppressed: all the prophets killed through the ages are alive in Jesus. We are called to witness to justice in company with them, and to proclaim God's saving love.*

### 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*

P: Pastor/Presiding Minister

A: Assisting Minister

L: Lector

**C: Congregation**

***ELW: Evangelical Lutheran Worship hymnal***

***ACS: All Creation Sings hymnal***

## 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.**



1 O God of light, your word, a lamp un - fail - ing,  
 2 From days of old, through blind and will - ful a - ges,  
 3 Un - dimmed by time, those words are still re - veal - ing  
 4 To all the world your sum - mons you are send - ing,



shall pierce the dark - ness of our earth - bound way  
 though we re - belled, you gent - ly sought a - gain,  
 to sin - ful hearts your jus - tice and your grace;  
 through all the earth, to ev - 'ry land and race,



and show your grace, your plan for us un - veil - ing,  
 and spoke through saints, a - pos - tles, proph - ets, sa - ges,  
 and quest - ing spir - its, long - ing for your heal - ing,  
 that myr - iad tongues, in one great an - them blend - ing,



and guide our foot - steps to the per - fect day.  
 who wrote with ea - ger or re - luc - tant pen.  
 see your com - pas - sion in the Sav - ior's face.  
 may praise and cel - e - brate your gift of grace.

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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.

O God, from you come all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works. Give to us, your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey your commandments; and also that we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may live in peace and quietness, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C: Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

## Word

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

### First Reading – Amos 7: 7-15

<sup>7</sup> This is what [the Lord GOD] showed me: the Lord was standing beside a wall built with a plumb line, with a plumb line in his hand. <sup>8</sup> And the LORD said to me, “Amos, what do you see?” And I said, “A plumb line.” Then the Lord said,

“See, I am setting a plumb line  
in the midst of my people Israel;  
I will never again pass them by;

<sup>9</sup> the high places of Isaac shall be made desolate,  
and the sanctuaries of Israel shall be laid waste,  
and I will rise against the house of Jeroboam with the sword.”

<sup>10</sup> Then Amaziah, the priest of Bethel, sent to King Jeroboam of Israel, saying, “Amos has conspired against you in the very center of the house of Israel; the land is not able to bear all his words. <sup>11</sup> For thus Amos has said,

‘Jeroboam shall die by the sword,  
and Israel must go into exile  
away from his land.’ ”

<sup>12</sup> And Amaziah said to Amos, “O seer, go, flee away to the land of Judah, earn your bread there, and prophesy there; <sup>13</sup> but never again prophesy at Bethel, for it is the king’s sanctuary, and it is a temple of the kingdom.”

<sup>14</sup> Then Amos answered Amaziah, “I am no prophet, nor a prophet’s son; but I am a herdsman, and a dresser of sycamore trees, <sup>15</sup> and the LORD took me from following the flock, and the LORD said to me, ‘Go, prophesy to my people Israel.’ ”

L: Word of God, word of life.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm 85: 8-13

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

- <sup>8</sup> I will listen to what the LORD God is saying;  
for you speak peace to your faithful people and to those who turn their hearts to you.
- <sup>9</sup> **Truly, your salvation is very near to those who fear you,  
that your glory may dwell in our land.**
- <sup>10</sup> Steadfast love and faithfulness have met together;  
righteousness and peace have kissed each other.
- <sup>11</sup> **Faithfulness shall spring up from the earth,  
and righteousness shall look down from heaven.**
- <sup>12</sup> The LORD will indeed grant prosperity,  
and our land will yield its increase.
- <sup>13</sup> **Righteousness shall go before the LORD  
and shall prepare for God a pathway.**

## Second Reading – Ephesians 1: 3-14

<sup>3</sup> Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, <sup>4</sup> just as God chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before God in love. <sup>5</sup> God destined us for adoption as God's children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of God's will, <sup>6</sup> to the praise of God's glorious grace that God freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. <sup>7</sup> In Christ we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace <sup>8</sup> that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight <sup>9</sup> God has made known to us the mystery of God's will, according to God's good pleasure that God set forth in Christ, <sup>10</sup> as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. <sup>11</sup> In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of the one who accomplishes all things according to God's counsel and will, <sup>12</sup> so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. <sup>13</sup> In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; <sup>14</sup> this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of God's glory.

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. May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our hearts, that we may know the hope to which God has called us. Alleluia.

## **Gospel – Mark 6: 14-29**

P: The holy Gospel according to St. Mark.

**C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>14</sup> King Herod heard of [the disciples' preaching,] for Jesus' name had become known. Some were saying, "John the baptizer has been raised from the dead; and for this reason these powers are at work in him." <sup>15</sup> But others said, "It is Elijah." And others said, "It is a prophet, like one of the prophets of old." <sup>16</sup> But when Herod heard of it, he said, "John, whom I beheaded, has been raised."

<sup>17</sup> For Herod himself had sent men who arrested John, bound him, and put him in prison on account of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, because Herod had married her. <sup>18</sup> For John had been telling Herod, "It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife." <sup>19</sup> And Herodias had a grudge against him, and wanted to kill him. But she could not, <sup>20</sup> for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and he protected him. When he heard him, he was greatly perplexed; and yet he liked to listen to him. <sup>21</sup> But an opportunity came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his courtiers and officers and for the leaders of Galilee. <sup>22</sup> When his daughter Herodias came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his guests; and the king said to the girl, "Ask me for whatever you wish, and I will give it." <sup>23</sup> And he solemnly swore to her, "Whatever you ask me, I will give you, even half of my kingdom." <sup>24</sup> She went out and said to her mother, "What should I ask for?" She replied, "The head of John the baptizer."

<sup>25</sup> Immediately she rushed back to the king and requested, "I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptist on a platter." <sup>26</sup> The king was deeply grieved; yet out of regard for his oaths and for the guests, he did not want to refuse her. <sup>27</sup> Immediately the king sent a soldier of the guard with orders to bring John's head. He went and beheaded him in the prison, <sup>28</sup> brought his head on a platter, and gave it to the girl. Then the girl gave it to her mother. <sup>29</sup> When his disciples heard about it, they came and took his body, and laid it in a tomb.

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.*



1 We walk in light of count - less fac - es  
 2 When sor - row's heav - y hand has weight - ed  
 3 When joy re - turns with laugh - ter sing - ing



bright as beams of ris - ing sun, cer - tain as the  
 loss a - gainst the great - er gain, pin - ning down that  
 thanks to God for life's sweet song, let us fol - low



morn - ing chas - es night in end - less a - ges' run.  
 grief sore fat - ed lad - en on the bed of pain.  
 af - ter bring - ing thanks to God for those now gone.



*Refrain*  
 Turn - ing eyes now to their shin - ing mem - 'ry, to their faith - ful past,



saints be now the truth di - vin - ing: death be now but nev - er last.

Text: Ray Makeever, b. 1943

Music: DEATH BE NEVER LAST, Ray Makeever

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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.*

## **Music during the Offering**

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

## Offertory Song



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  
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.

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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.*
- *Worshippers 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.*
- *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

### Let Justice Flow Like Streams

ELW 717

1 Let jus - tice flow like streams of spar - kling wa - ter, pure,  
2 Let righ - teous - ness roll on as oth - ers' cares we heed,  
3 So may God's plumb line, straight, de - fine our mea - sure true,

en - a - bling growth, re - fresh - ing life, a - bun - dant, cleans - ing, sure.  
an ev - er - flow - ing stream of faith trans - lat - ed in - to deed.  
and jus - tice, right, and peace per - vade this world our whole life through.

Text: Jane Parker Huber, b. 1926  
Music: ST. THOMAS, Aaron Williams, 1731-1776  
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# Hymns during Holy Communion

## Baptized in Water

ELW 456

1 Bap-tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spir - it, cleansed by the  
2 Bap-tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spir - it, dead in the  
3 Bap-tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spir - it, marked with the

blood of Christ our king: heirs of sal - va - tion, trust - ing his  
tomb with Christ our king: one with his ris - ing, freed and for -  
sign of Christ our king: born of the Spir - it, we are God's

prom - ise, faith - ful - ly now God's praise we sing.  
giv - en, thank - ful - ly now God's praise we sing.  
chil - dren; joy - ful - ly now God's praise we sing.

Text: Michael Seward, b. 1932

Music: BUNESSAN, Gaelic tune; arr. hymnal version

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# Hymns during Holy Communion

## Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound

ELW 779

1 A - maz - ing grace!— how sweet the sound— that  
2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and  
3 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares I  
4 The Lord has prom - ised good to me; his  
5 When we've been there ten thou - sand years, bright

saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but  
grace my fears re - lieved; how pre - cious did that  
have al - read - y come; 'tis grace has brought me  
word my hope se - cures; he will my shield and  
shin - ing as the sun, we've no less days to

now am found; was blind, but now I see.  
grace ap - pear the hour I first be - lieved!  
safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.  
por - tion be as long as life en - dures.  
sing God's praise than when we'd first be - gun.

Text: John Newton, 1725–1807, alt., sts. 1–4; anonymous, st. 5

Music: NEW BRITAIN, W. Walker, *Southern Harmony*, 1835; arr. Edwin O. Excell, 1851–1921, alt.

*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**

**God of Grace and God of Glory**

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## **Dismissal**

A: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## **Postlude**



Sending Hymn

God of Grace and God of Glory

ELW 705

1 God of grace and God of glo - ry, on your peo - ple  
 2 Lo! The hosts of e - vil round us scorn the Christ, as -  
 3 Cure your chil - dren's war - ring mad - ness; bend our pride to  
 4 Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion to the e - vils

pour your pow'r; crown your an - cient chur - ch's sto - ry;  
 sail his ways! From the fears that long have bound us  
 your con - trol; shame our wan - ton, self - ish glad - ness,  
 we de - plore; let the gift of your sal - va - tion

bring its bud to glo - rious flow'r. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age  
 free our hearts to faith and praise. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age  
 rich in things and poor in soul. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,  
 be our glo - ry ev - er - more. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,

for the fac - ing of this hour, for the fac - ing of this hour.  
 for the liv - ing of these days, for the liv - ing of these days.  
 lest we miss your king - dom's goal, lest we miss your king - dom's goal.  
 serv - ing you whom we a - dore, serv - ing you whom we a - dore.

Text: Harry E. Fosdick, 1878-1969  
 Music: CWM RHONDDA, John Hughes, 1873-1932

*Those serving in worship today*

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Minister of Music  
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**St. Andrew Lutheran Church Announcements**  
**July 14<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

- **Welcome to Worship at St. Andrew on the Eighth Sunday after Pentecost, July 14<sup>th</sup>, 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.
- **Shelter Dinner at East End Cooperative Ministry (EECM) – Thursday, July 18<sup>th</sup>, 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 Available for July 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.](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!