

+ Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost August 4, 2024



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+ Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost Order for Worship

Seemingly not satisfied with Jesus' feeding of thousands of people, some who were there press him for a sign of his power. Perhaps it is daily manna they want, as their ancestors received in Exodus. In John's Gospel, whenever the people want a sign, Jesus offers himself. He is the bread that has come from heaven to give life to the world. He calls us, too, to come to him and believe in him, and through that relationship, to know the one who sent him.

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 MinisterA: Assisting MinisterL: LectorC: Congregation

ELW: Evangelical Lutheran Worship hymnal ACS: All Creation Sings hymnal WOV: With One Voice 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.**



Music: IN BABILONE, Oude en Nieuwe Hollantse Boerenlities en Contradansen, 1710

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

P: Let us pray.

O God, eternal goodness, immeasurable love, you place your gifts before us; we eat and are satisfied. Fill us and this world in all its need with the life that comes only from you, 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 – Exodus 16: 2-4, 9-15

² The whole congregation of the Israelites complained against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness. ³ The Israelites said to them, "If only we had died by the hand of the LORD in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the fleshpots and ate our fill of bread; for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger."

⁴ Then the LORD said to Moses, "I am going to rain bread from heaven for you, and each day the people shall go out and gather enough for that day. In that way I will test them, whether they will follow my instruction or not."

⁹ Then Moses said to Aaron, "Say to the whole congregation of the Israelites, 'Draw near to the LORD, for the Lord has heard your complaining.'" ¹⁰ And as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the Israelites, they looked toward the wilderness, and the glory of the LORD appeared in the cloud. ¹¹ The LORD spoke to Moses and said, ¹² "I have heard the complaining of the Israelites; say to them, 'At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have your fill of bread; then you shall know that I am the LORD your God.'"

¹³ In the evening quails came up and covered the camp; and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. ¹⁴ When the layer of dew lifted, there on the surface of the wilderness was a fine flaky substance, as fine as frost on the ground. ¹⁵When the Israelites saw it, they said to one another, "What is it?" For they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, "It is the bread that the LORD has given you to eat."

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

Psalm 145: 10-18

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

- ¹⁰ All your works shall praise you, O LORD, and your faithful ones shall bless you.
- ¹¹ They shall tell of the glory of your kingdom
 - and speak of your power,
- ¹² that all people may know of your power and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.
- ¹³ Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom; your dominion endures throughout all ages. You, LORD, are faithful in all your words, and loving in all your works.
- ¹⁴ The 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.
- ¹⁶ You 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.

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

Second Reading – Ephesians 4: 1-16

¹ I therefore, the prisoner in the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, ² with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, ³ making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. ⁴ There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, ⁵ one Lord, one faith, one baptism, ⁶ one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all.

⁷ But each of us was given grace according to the measure of Christ's gift. ⁸ Therefore it is said,

"When he ascended on high he made captivity itself a captive;

he gave gifts to his people."

⁹ (When it says, "He ascended," what does it mean but that he had also descended into the lower parts of the earth? ¹⁰ He who descended is the same one who ascended far above all the heavens, so that he might fill all things.) ¹¹ The gifts he gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, ¹² to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, ¹³ until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ. ¹⁴ We must no longer be children, tossed to and fro and blown about by every wind of doctrine, by people's trickery, by their craftiness in deceitful scheming. ¹⁵ But speaking the truth in love, we must grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, ¹⁶ from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by every ligament with which it is equipped, as each part is working properly, promotes the body's growth in building itself up in love.

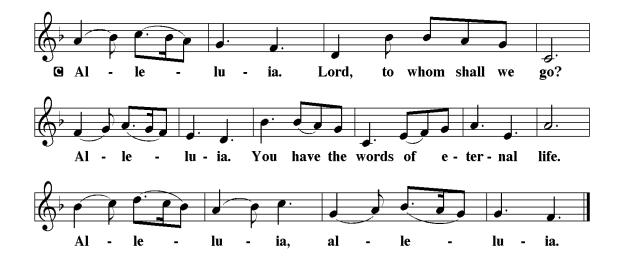
L: Word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

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



Gospel Acclamation



Gospel – John 6: 24-35

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

²⁴ When the crowd saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were [beside the sea,] they themselves got into the boats and went to Capernaum looking for Jesus.

²⁵ When they found him on the other side of the sea, they said to him, "Rabbi, when did you come here?" ²⁶ Jesus answered them, "Very truly, I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. ²⁷ Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Humanity will give you. For it is on him that God the Father has set his seal." ²⁸ Then they said to him, "What must we do to perform the works of God?" ²⁹ Jesus answered them, "This is the work of God, that you believe in the one whom God has sent." ³⁰ So they said to him, "What sign are you going to give us then, so that we may see it and believe you? What work are you performing? ³¹ Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, 'He gave them bread from heaven to eat.'" ³² Then Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. ³³ For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world." ³⁴ They said to him, "Sir, give us this bread always."

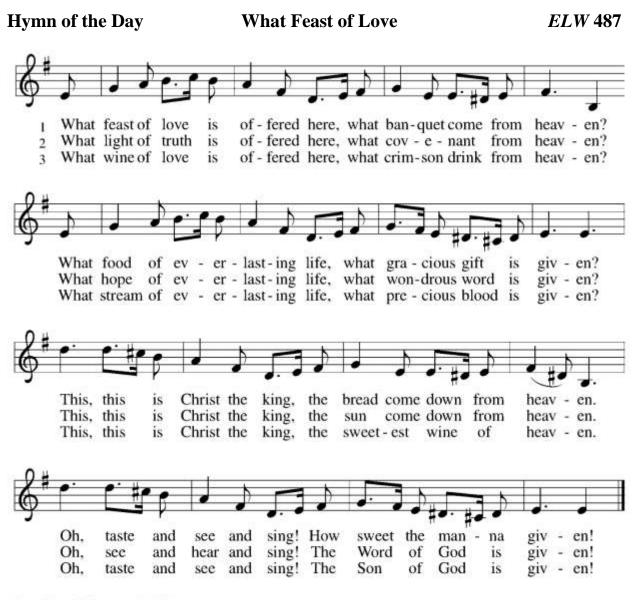
³⁵ Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty."

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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Music: GREENSLEEVES, English ballad, 16th cent.

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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.

Offertory Song

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Offertory Prayer

A: Let us pray.
Jesus, Bread of life,
C: you have set this table with your very self, and called us to the feast of plenty.
Gather what has been sown among us, and strengthen us in this meal.
Make us to be what we receive here, your body for the life of the world.
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.

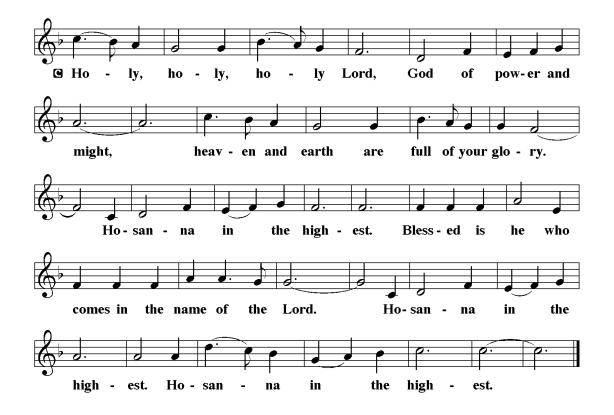
Preface

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy ...

... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Sanctus

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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

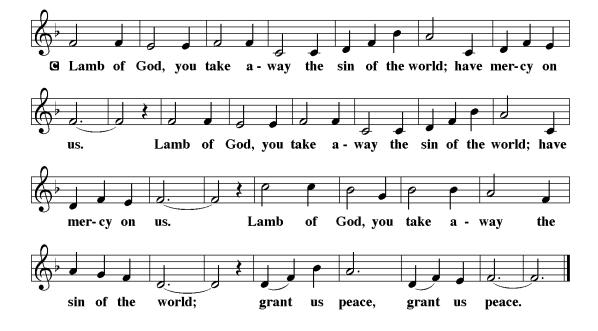
P: Gathered as one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

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: Jesus said, "I Am the Bread of Life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty."





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.
- 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 Bread of Life from Heaven v. 1-2 *ELW* 474



Text: Susan R. Briehl, b. 1952

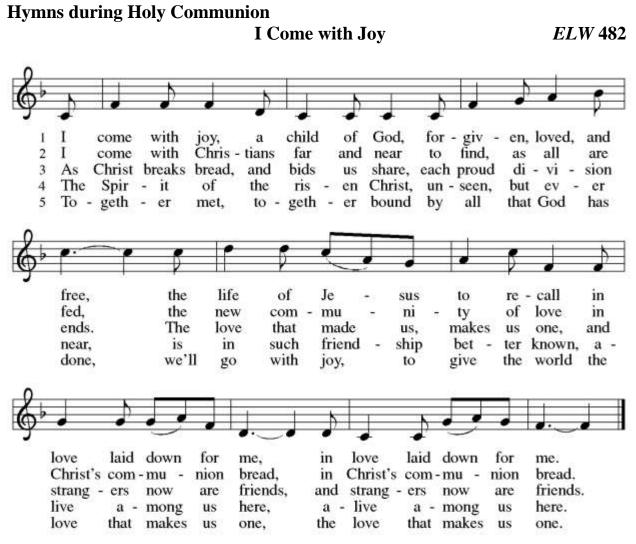
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Hymns during Holy Communion Unidos en la fiesta / United at the Table

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Music: DOVE OF PEACE, W. Walker, Southern Harmony, 1835

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Hymns during Holy Communion

One Bread, One Body



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Music: ONE BREAD, ONE BODY, John Foley, st

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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.
Jesus, Bread of life,
we have received from your table
more than we could ever ask.
As you have nourished us in this meal,
now strengthen us to love the world with your own life.
In your name we pray.
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: The blessing of God,
who provides for us, feeds us, and accompanies us,
+ be upon you, now and forever.
C: Amen.

Sending Hymn

Welcome Table

Following page

Dismissal

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

Postlude

Sending Hymn

- I'm gonna eat at the welcome table, I'm gonna eat at the welcome table, some of these days.
 I'm gonna eat at the welcome table, I'm gonna-a eat at the welcome table, some of these days.
- 2 I'm gonna feast on milk and honey, I'm gonna feast on milk and honey, some of these days. I'm gonna feast on milk and honey, I'm gonna feast on milk and honey, some of these days.
- I'm gonna wade 'cross Jordan's river, I'm gonna wade 'cross Jordan's river, some of these days.
 I'm gonna wade 'cross Jordan's river, I'm gonna wade 'cross Jordan's river, some of these days.

Text: African American spiritual

Those serving in worship today

Altar Care Audio-Visual Ministers

Cantor Lector Minister of Music Presiding Minister Janet Grzegorczyk Tyler Rietze David Rollinson Marit Bakken Brennan Coleman Laura Reynolds The Rev. Ross I. Carmichael

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St. Andrew Lutheran Church Announcements August 4th, 2024

- Welcome to Worship at St. Andrew on the Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost, August 4th, 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.
- 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. 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.
- Monthly Produce Distribution Tuesday, August 6th, 5:30-7:00 p.m. St. Andrew partners with Greater Pittsburgh Community Food Bank to serve as a distribution site for fresh produce on the first Tuesday of every month. The distribution for August will be Tuesday, August 6th, from 5:30-7:00 p.m. We invite people of the congregation to help during those hours or with unloading and setup during the day between 10:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. Everyone is welcome pick up fresh produce!
- August Dinner for Guests of East End Cooperative Ministry Thursday, August 15th, 6:30 p.m. Each month, people of St. Andrew provide dinner 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., or just come to help serve at 6:30 p.m. If you would like to contribute, please sign up here: https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080544AAAC22A1F58-50393778-shelter.

- Celebrate Pastor Paul Koch and his 54th Anniversary of Ordination Sunday, August 18th – The Rev. Dr. Paul F. Koch of St. Andrew is celebrating the 54th anniversary of his ordination to the Ministry of Word and Sacrament on August 9th. Because the milestone of his 50th anniversary came during the pandemic, we were not able to properly share our joy and blessings with him on the occasion. On Sunday, August 18th, Pastor Paul will preside at Holy Communion during worship, and we invite everyone to stay after the service that day for a special coffee hour with a cake to help him celebrate this anniversary! We give thanks to God for Pastor Paul and Sharon and the blessing that their ministry has been to the church and still is!
- Seeking Help with Upkeep of Church Grounds Part of our call to hospitality for our neighbors is offering a beautiful and inviting presence and space in the community. A few members of the congregation spend a great deal of time and energy maintaining the plants and garden areas around the church, and they are in need of additional help. We are seeking people to help with upkeep of the church grounds, especially in pulling weeds along the sidewalks and stairs, picking up garbage, and cleaning up leaves as needed. These tasks can be flexible according to one's schedule. Please speak with Pat (Evangelism) or Hal (Property) if you would like to contribute, or contact them at evangelism@standrewpittsburgh.org or property@standrewpittsburgh.org. Thank you, and thanks to Lester, Cynthia, Hal, Jimmi and Timothy for all they do for the outdoor spaces at the church!
- **Coffee Hour Signups 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.

• *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 July – September is edition is available at the various church entrances. Please feel free to take one for yourself or others!