



+ Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost
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+ Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost Order for Worship

In this week's gospel many people take offense at Jesus' invitation to eat his flesh and drink his blood; even many of Jesus' disciples peel off. This is the backdrop in John's gospel for Peter's confession of faith. "To whom can we go?" asks Peter, in words we sometimes sing just before the gospel is read. "You have the words of eternal life." In order to take such a stand, as Peter and Joshua did, Paul tells us to arm ourselves with the word of God. We pray in the Spirit that we might be bold ambassadors of the gospel.

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
WOV: With One Voice hymnal*

Pre-Service Music

Welcome

Prelude

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

Beethoven
arr. Mangano / Rollinson

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

ELW 523

Vamos todos al banquete – Let Us Go Now to the Banquet

Refrain / Estribillo



Va - mos to - dos al ban - que - te, a la
Let us go now to the ban - quet, to the



me - sa de la crea - ción; ca - da cual con su ta - bu -
feast of the u - ni - verse. The ta - ble's set and a place is



re - le tie - ne un pues - to y u - na mi - sión.
wait - ing; come, ev - 'ry - one, with your gifts to share.




1 Hoy me le - van - to muy tem - pra - no; ya me es -
1 I will rise in the ear - ly morn - ing; the com -
2 God in - vites all the poor and hun - gry to the
3 May we build such a place a - mong us where all



pe - ra la co - mu - ni - dad; voy su - bien - do a - le - gre la
mu - ni - ty's wait - ing for me. With a spring in my step I'm
ban - quet of jus - tice and good where the har - vest will not be
peo - ple are e - qual in love. God has called us to work to -

Refrain / Estribillo



cues - ta, voy en bus - ca de tu a - mis - tad.
walk - ing with my friends and my fam - i - ly.
hoard - ed so that no one will lack for food.
geth - er and to share ev - 'ry - thing we have.

2 Dios invita a todos los pobres a esta mesa común por la fe, donde no hay acaparadores y a nadie le falta el conqué. Estribillo

3 Dios nos manda a hacer de este mundo una mesa donde haya igualdad, trabajando y luchando juntos, compartiendo la propiedad. Estribillo

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.

Hymn of Praise

WOV p. 29-30



☐ Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God in the high - est;



glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



☐ Lord God, heav-en - ly king, al-might-y God and Fa-ther, we



wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.



☐ Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God in the high - est;



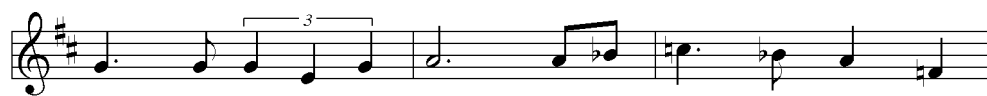
glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



☐ Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther,



Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the



world: have mer - cy on us; you are seat - ed at the



right hand of the Fa - ther: re-ceive our prayer.

C Glo- ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;
 glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.
I For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,
II you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly
 Spir - it, in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther, A - men.
C Glo- ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;
 glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth,
 and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray.

Holy God, your word feeds your people with life that is eternal.

Direct our choices and preserve us in your truth, that,
 renouncing what is false and evil, we may live in you,
 through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

Please be seated.

Word

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

First Reading – Joshua 24: 1-2a, 14-18

¹ Then Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem, and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel; and they presented themselves before God. ^{2a} And Joshua said to all the people, ¹⁴ “Now therefore revere the LORD, and serve the Lord in sincerity and in faithfulness; put away the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the LORD. ¹⁵ Now if you are unwilling to serve the LORD, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served in the region beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living; but as for me and my household, we will serve the LORD.”

¹⁶ Then the people answered, “Far be it from us that we should forsake the LORD to serve other gods; ¹⁷ for it is the LORD our God who brought us and our ancestors up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight. The Lord protected us along all the way that we went, and among all the peoples through whom we passed; ¹⁸ and the LORD drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore we also will serve the LORD, for the Lord is our God.”

L: Word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 34: 15-22

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

¹⁵ The eyes of the LORD are upon the righteous,
and God's ears are open to their cry.

¹⁶ **The face of the LORD is against those who do evil,
to erase the remembrance of them from the earth.**

¹⁷ The righteous cry, and the LORD hears them
and delivers them from all their troubles.

¹⁸ **The LORD is near to the brokenhearted
and saves those whose spirits are crushed.**

¹⁹ Many are the troubles of the righteous,
but the LORD delivers them from every one.

²⁰ **God will keep safe all their bones;
not one of them shall be broken.**

²¹ Evil will bring death to the wicked
and those who hate the righteous will be punished.

²² **O LORD, you redeem the life of your servants,
and those who put their trust in you will not be punished.**

Second Reading – Ephesians 6: 10-20

¹⁰ Be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power. ¹¹ Put on the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. ¹² For our struggle is not against enemies of blood and flesh, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places.

¹³ Therefore take up the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to withstand on that evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm. ¹⁴ Stand therefore, and fasten the belt of truth around your waist, and put on the breastplate of righteousness. ¹⁵ As shoes for your feet put on whatever will make you ready to proclaim the gospel of peace. ¹⁶ With all of these, take the shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the flaming arrows of the evil one.

¹⁷ Take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

¹⁸ Pray in the Spirit at all times in every prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert and always persevere in supplication for all the saints. ¹⁹ Pray also for me, so that when I speak, a message may be given to me to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel, ²⁰ for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it boldly, as I must speak.

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

WOV p. 31

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

Al - le - lu - ia. You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Gospel – John 6: 56-69

P: The holy Gospel according to St. John.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said,] ⁵⁶“Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. ⁵⁷ Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. ⁵⁸ This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever.” ⁵⁹ He said these things while he was teaching in the synagogue at Capernaum.

⁶⁰ When many of his disciples heard it, they said, “This teaching is difficult; who can accept it?” ⁶¹ But Jesus, being aware that his disciples were complaining about it, said to them, “Does this offend you? ⁶² Then what if you were to see the Son of Humanity ascending to where he was before? ⁶³ It is the spirit that gives life; the flesh is useless. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. ⁶⁴ But among you there are some who do not believe.” For Jesus knew from the first who were the ones that did not believe, and who was the one that would betray him.

⁶⁵ And he said, “For this reason I have told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted by the Father.”

⁶⁶ Because of this many of his disciples turned back and no longer went about with him. ⁶⁷ So Jesus asked the twelve, “Do you also wish to go away?” ⁶⁸ Simon Peter answered him, “Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life. ⁶⁹ We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God.”

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 Let us ev - er walk with Je - sus, fol - low his ex - am - ple pure,
 2 Let us suf - fer here with Je - sus, and with pa - tience bear our cross.
 3 Let us glad - ly die with Je - sus. Since by death he con - quered death,
 4 Let us al - so live with Je - sus. He has ris - en from the dead



through a world that would de - ceive us and to sin our spir - its lure.
 Joy will fol - low all our sad - ness; where he is there is no loss.
 he will free us from de - struc - tion, give to us im - mor - tal breath.
 that to life we may a - wak - en. Je - sus, you are now our head,



On - ward in his foot - steps tread - ing, trav - 'lers here, our home a - bove,
 Though to - day we sow no laugh - ter, we shall reap ce - les - tial joy:
 Let us mor - ti - fy all pas - sion that would lead us in - to sin;
 we are your own liv - ing mem - bers; where you live, there we shall be



full of faith and hope and love, let us do our Sav - ior's bid - ding.
 all dis - com - forts that an - noy shall give way to mirth here - af - ter.
 and the grave that shuts us in shall but prove the gate of heav - en.
 in your pres - ence con - stant - ly, liv - ing there with you for - ev - er.



Faith - ful Lord, with me a - bide; I shall fol - low where you guide.
 Je - sus, here I share your woe; help me there your joy to know.
 Je - sus, here with you I die, there to live with you on high.
 Je - sus, let me faith - ful be; life e - ter - nal grant to me.

Text: Sigismund von Birken, 1626–1681; tr. *Lutheran Book of Worship*, alt.

Music: LASSET UNS MIT JESU ZIEHEN, Georg G. Boltze, 18th 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.

Music during the Offering

I Am the Bread of Life

arr. J. Carter

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

Offertory Song

WOV p. 35



C 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 now. Grace our ta - ble with your pres - ence,
Lord, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

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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

WOV p. 36

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and
might, heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry.
Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the
high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on

us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have

mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the

sin of the world; grant us peace, 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.
- 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

Abide, O Dearest Jesus

ELW 539

1 A - bide, O dear - est Je - sus, a - mong us with your grace,
2 A - bide, O dear Re - deem - er, a - mong us with your word
3 A - bide with heav'n - ly bright - ness a - mong us, pre - cious Light;
4 A - bide with rich - est bless - ings a - mong us, boun - teous Lord;
5 A - bide, O faith - ful Sav - ior, a - mong us with your love;

that e - vil may not harm us nor we to sin give place.
and thus now and here - af - ter true peace and joy af - ford.
your truth di - rect and keep us from er - ror's gloom - y night.
let us in grace and wis - dom grow dai - ly through your word.
grant stead - fast - ness and help us to reach our home a - bove.

Text: Josua Stegmann, 1588–1632; tr. August Crull, 1846–1923
Music: CHRISTUS, DER IST MEIN LEBEN, Melchior Vulpius, 1570–1615

Hymns during Holy Communion

Strengthen for Service, Lord

ELW 497



1 Streng-then for ser-vice, Lord, the hands that ho-ly
2 The tongues that sang your ho-ly name now purge of
3 And may the feet that walked your courts be nev-er



things have ta-ken; and let the ears that heard your
all de-cep-tion; keep bright the eyes that saw your
lured to wan-der; but lead the faith-ful nour-ished



word to false-hood nev-er wak-en.
love and sharp-en their per-cep-tion.
here to jour-ney on in splen-dor.

Text: Syriac Liturgy of Malabar; tr. composite
Music: BUCKHURST RUN, Robert A. Hobby, b. 1962
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Hymns during Holy Communion

Bread of Life from Heaven

ELW 474

v. 1-5



Bread of life from heav-en, your blood and bod - y giv - en, we



eat this bread and drink this cup un - til you come a - gain.



1 Break now the bread of Christ's sac - ri - fice; giv - ing
2 Seek not the food that will pass a - way; set your
3 Love as the one who, in love for you, gave him -
4 Dwell in the one who now dwells in you; make your
5 Drink of this cup and de - clare his death; eat this



thanks, hun - gry ones, gath - er round. Eat, all of you, and be
hearts on the food that en - dures. Come, learn the true and the
self for the life of the world. Come to the one who is
home in the life - giv - ing Word. Know on - ly Christ, Ho - ly
bread and be - lieve Eas - ter morn; trust his re - turn and, with



sat - is - fied; in Christ's pres - ence the loaves will a - bound.
liv - ing way, that the full - ness of life may be yours.
food for you, that your hun - ger and thirst be no more.
One of God, and be - lieve in the truth you have heard.
ev - 'ry breath, praise the one in whom you are re - born.

Text: Susan R. Briehl, b. 1952

Music: ARGENTINE SANTO, BREAK NOW THE BREAD; Argentine traditional, refrain; Marty Haugen, b. 1950, stanzas
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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.

Almighty God,

you provide the true bread from heaven, your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Grant that we who have received the sacrament of his body and blood may abide in Christ and he in us, that we may be filled with the power of his endless life, now and forever.

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

Sent Forth by God's Blessing

Following page

Dismissal

A: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Sent Forth by God's Blessing



1 Sent forth by God's bless - ing, our true faith con - fess - ing,
 2 With praise and thanks - giv - ing to God ev - er - liv - ing,



the peo - ple of God from this dwell - ing take leave.
 the tasks of our ev - 'ry - day life we will face—



The sup - per is end - ed. Oh, now be ex - tend - ed
 our faith ev - er shar - ing, in love ev - er car - ing,



the fruits of this ser - vice in all who be - lieve.
 em - brac - ing God's chil - dren, the whole hu - man race.



The seed of Christ's teach - ing, re - cep - tive souls
 With your feast you feed us, with your light now



reach - ing, shall blos - som in ac - tion for God and for all.
 lead us; u - nite us as one in this life that we share.



Your grace shall in - cite us, your love shall u - nite us
 Then may all the liv - ing with praise and thanks - giv - ing



to work for your king - dom and an - swer your call.
 give hon - or to Christ and his name that we bear.

Those serving in worship today

Prelude – Clarinet
Prelude – Euphonium
Prelude – Piano
Altar Care
Assisting Minister
Audio-Visual Ministers

Cantor
Lector
Minister of Music
Preaching and Presiding Minister

Maria Mangano
David Rollinson
Amos
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St. Andrew Lutheran Church Announcements
August 25th, 2024

- **Welcome to Worship at St. Andrew on the Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost, August 25th, 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 to The Rev. Erin Jones, Today’s Preaching and Presiding Minister!** – Pastor Erin Jones is currently the Communications and Advocacy Engagement Manager of LAMPa, Lutheran Advocacy Ministry in Pennsylvania, and she and her family are members of St. Andrew. We thank her for sharing her gifts in preaching and worship leadership today while Pastor Ross is preaching at Bethel AME Church!
- **Pastor Carmichael Taking Vacation Days, Monday, August 26th – Friday, August 30th** – Pastor Ross will not be available or replying to messages this coming week from Monday through Friday. If you are in need of pastoral care during that time, please contact Pastor Martin Rafanan at 314-258-0452.
- **Monthly Produce Distribution – Tuesday, September 3rd, 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 September will be Tuesday, September 3rd, 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!
- **Potluck Meal and Hymn Sing with Bethel AME Church – Saturday, September 7th, 5:00 p.m.!** – St. Andrew’s worship committee has been in conversation with Pastor Snyder and other leaders of Bethel AME, and we invite people of our congregations to gather informally on Saturday, September 7th, at 5:00 p.m. to share a potluck meal and sing hymns from our respective traditions together. Come share in a time of conversation and community and join with our siblings in Christ in praising God!
- **Little Church – Big Faith to Resume during Worship after Labor Day** – Little Church – Big Faith, a Bible story and activity that takes place during Sunday worship, is an important part of St. Andrew’s ministry for children in the congregation. It has been on hiatus for the summer, but we plan to resume weekly activities after Labor Day. Please watch for more detailed announcements in the weeks ahead.
- **Shelter Dinner at East End Cooperative Ministry – Thursday, September 19th, 6:30 p.m.** – Each month, people of St. Andrew provide dinner for guests of 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/5080544AAAC22A1F58-50823764-shelter>.

- **Lessons from Dietrich Bonhoeffer in a House Divided and a World on Fire – Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m., Starting September 25th, via Zoom** – Join us for six weeks as we explore the life and theology of Dietrich Bonhoeffer, and the lessons we can use as we live at the intersection of faith and civic life today. Bonhoeffer was a Lutheran pastor and theologian living in Nazi Germany, who eventually joined the resistance and was arrested and killed before the end of WWII. This curriculum was compiled by Dr. Lori Brandt Hale, an internationally renowned Bonhoeffer scholar and president of the International Bonhoeffer Society - English Language Section. Lutheran Advocacy Ministry in Pennsylvania is a partner in distributing to congregations to inspire deeper conversation and discernment about how we live as disciples. Pastor Erin Jones, staff at LAMPa and member of St. Andrew, will facilitate and lead us in these sessions.
- **Lutheran Campus Ministry in Greater Pittsburgh “BBQ Bash” Event on Friday, September 27th, 5:00-8:00 p.m.** – Our church’s local campus ministry invites you to its second annual fundraiser to enjoy an evening of great food and friends to support its ministry. The event will be held at Rose Barn at North Park, 10280 Pearce Mill Rd., Allison Park 15101. The evening will feature food and drinks, a silent auction, and music. Cost is \$60 per person. To register, please visit lucpgh.com or use the direct link, [Donate \(paypal.com\)](https://www.paypal.com).
- **Latest Updates on Sumud: The Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA)’s Initiative for Justice in Palestine and Israel** – Sumud, which means “steadfastness,” is the ELCA’s collective response to the ongoing crisis in the Holy Land. To learn more or to sign up for the latest advocacy action alerts, please visit <https://www.elca.org/Our-Work/Publicly-Engaged-Church/Sumud>.
- **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!