



**+ Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost**  
**September 29, 2024**



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## + Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost Order for Worship

*Someone who is not part of Jesus' own circle is casting out demons in Jesus' name, and the disciples want him stopped. They appeal to Jesus, as Joshua did to Moses about the elders who prophesied without official authorization. Like Moses, Jesus refuses to see this as a threat. Jesus welcomes good being done in his name, even when it is not under his control. The circle we form around Jesus' word must be able to value good being done in ways we would not do it, by people we cannot keep tabs on.*

### 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.
- Children are invited to attend Little Church – Big Faith, a Bible lesson and activity, during worship (after the Prayer of the Day). The group returns to the worship space for the liturgy of Holy Communion.
- 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***  
***LIW: Living in Wonder Music Sourcebook***  
***W&P: Worship & Praise Music Sourcebook***

## Pre-Service Music

### Welcome

### Prelude

*Alleluia*

J. Althaus  
St. Andrew Choir

## 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 forgives all our sin,  
whose mercy endures forever.

**C: Amen.**

P: Let us confess our sin and come to God for healing.

*Silence is kept for reflection*

P: Gracious God,

**C: have mercy on us.**

**We confess that we have honored you with our lips,  
but our hearts have been far from you.**

**The cravings at war within us cause conflicts and disputes.**

**In our desire to be first**

**we make distinctions among ourselves.**

**We place the needs of the poor and the suffering last.**

**In your great mercy, forgive us our sins.**

**Draw near to us with grace in time of need,  
and turn us to follow in the way of Jesus Christ,  
our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

P: God promises to forgive our iniquity  
and remember our sin no more.

By grace you have been saved.

In the name of ✙ Jesus Christ,

the source of all healing, your sins are forgiven.

**C: Amen.**



1 Here in this place the new light is stream-ing, now is the dark - ness  
 2 We are the young, our lives are a mys - t'ry, we are the old who  
 3 Here we will take the wine and the wa - ter, here we will take the  
 4 Not in the dark of build-ings con - fin - ing, not in some heav - en,



van - ished a - way; see in this space our fears and our dream-ings  
 yearn for your face; we have been sung through - out all of his - t'ry,  
 bread of new birth, here you shall call your sons and your daugh - ters,  
 light years a - way— here in this place the new light is shin - ing,



brought here to you in the light of this day.  
 called to be light to the whole hu - man race.  
 call us a - new to be salt for the earth.  
 now is the king - dom, and now is the day.



Gath - er us in, the lost and for - sak - en, gath - er us in, the  
 Gath - er us in, the rich and the haugh - ty, gath - er us in, the  
 Give us to drink the wine of com - pas - sion, give us to eat the  
 Gath - er us in and hold us for - ev - er, gath - er us in and



blind and the lame; call to us now, and we shall a - wak - en,  
 proud and the strong; give us a heart, so meek and so low - ly,  
 bread that is you; nour - ish us well, and teach us to fash - ion  
 make us your own; gath - er us in, all peo - ples to - geth - er,



we shall a - rise at the sound of our name.  
 give us the cour - age to en - ter the song.  
 lives that are ho - ly and hearts that are true.  
 fire . . of love in our flesh and our bone.

## 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

*ELW* p. 204



1 Glo-ry be to God in heav-en; peace, good-will to all the earth.  
2 Glo-ry be to Christ for - ev - er, Lamb of God and Lord of love.  
3 Ho - ly One we now ac-claim you; Lord a - lone, to you we call;



Might-y God of all cre - a - tion, Fa - ther of sur - pass - ing worth:  
Son of God and gra-cious Sav - ior, you have come from heav'n a - bove;  
Ho - ly One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all:



we ex - alt you, we a - dore you, we lift high our thanks and praise.  
on the cross you died to save us; now you reign at God's right hand.  
Je - sus Christ, with God the Spir - it, in the Fa - ther's splen - dor bright.



Saints and an - gels bow be - fore you; here on earth our songs we raise.  
Hear our prayer; re - store, for-give us; in your prom-ise firm we stand.  
For the peace that we in - her - it, glo - ry be to God on high!

## Prayer of the Day

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Let us pray.

Generous God, your Son gave his life that we might come to peace with you.

Give us a share of your Spirit, and in all we do empower us

to bear the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C: Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

*Children are invited to join the adult leaders at the door and move to the office for Little Church  
– Big Faith. We ask that one additional adult from the congregation attend with the children.*

## **Word**

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

### **First Reading – Numbers 11: 4-6, 10-16, 24-29**

<sup>4</sup>The rabble among them had a strong craving; and the Israelites also wept again, and said, “If only we had meat to eat! <sup>5</sup>We remember the fish we used to eat in Egypt for nothing, the cucumbers, the melons, the leeks, the onions, and the garlic; <sup>6</sup>but now our strength is dried up, and there is nothing at all but this manna to look at.”

<sup>10</sup>Moses heard the people weeping throughout their families, all at the entrances of their tents. Then the Lord became very angry, and Moses was displeased. <sup>11</sup>So Moses said to the Lord, “Why have you treated your servant so badly? Why have I not found favor in your sight, that you lay the burden of all this people on me? <sup>12</sup>Did I conceive all this people? Did I give birth to them, that you should say to me, ‘Carry them in your bosom, as a nurse carries a sucking child, to the land that you promised on oath to their ancestors?’ <sup>13</sup>Where am I to get meat to give to all this people? For they come weeping to me and say, ‘Give us meat to eat!’ <sup>14</sup>I am not able to carry all this people alone, for they are too heavy for me. <sup>15</sup>If this is the way you are going to treat me, put me to death at once—if I have found favor in your sight—and do not let me see my misery.”

<sup>16</sup>So the Lord said to Moses, “Gather for me seventy of the elders of Israel, whom you know to be the elders of the people and officers over them; bring them to the tent of meeting, and have them take their place there with you.”

<sup>24</sup>So Moses went out and told the people the words of the Lord; and he gathered seventy elders of the people, and placed them all around the tent. <sup>25</sup>Then the Lord came down in the cloud and spoke to him, and took some of the spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders; and when the spirit rested upon them, they prophesied. But they did not do so again.

<sup>26</sup>Two men remained in the camp, one named Eldad, and the other named Medad, and the spirit rested on them; they were among those registered, but they had not gone out to the tent, and so they prophesied in the camp. <sup>27</sup>And a young man ran and told Moses, “Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp.” <sup>28</sup>And Joshua son of Nun, the assistant of Moses, one of his chosen men, said, “My lord Moses, stop them!” <sup>29</sup>But Moses said to him, “Are you jealous for my sake? Would that all the Lord’s people were prophets, and that the Lord would put God’s spirit on them!”

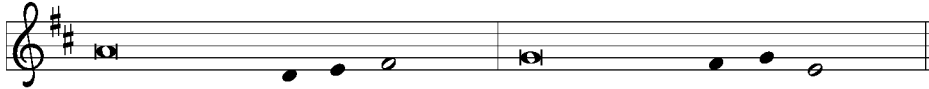
L: Word of God, word of life.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm 19: 7-14

*The cantor will lead the singing of the psalm.  
The congregation is invited to respond with the alternate verses in bold print,  
and to join in singing the refrain.*

### Psalm tone



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### Psalm refrain



The com-mand-ment of the LORD gives light to the eyes.

Psalm 19:8

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- <sup>7</sup>The teaching of the Lord is perfect and re- | vives the soul;  
the testimony of the Lord is sure and gives wisdom | to the simple.
- <sup>8</sup>**The statutes of the Lord are just and re- | jice the heart;  
the commandment of the Lord is clear and gives light | to the eyes.**
- <sup>9</sup>The fear of the Lord is clean and en- | dures forever;  
the judgments of the Lord are true and righteous | altogether.
- <sup>10</sup>**More to be desired are they than gold, more than | much fine gold,  
sweeter far than honey, than honey | in the comb. R**
- <sup>11</sup>By them also is your ser- | vant enlightened,  
and in keeping them there is | great reward.
- <sup>12</sup>**Who can detect one's | own offenses?  
Cleanse me from my | secret faults.**
- <sup>13</sup>Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins; let them not get dominion | over me;  
then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of a | great offense.
- <sup>14</sup>**Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable | in your  
sight,  
O Lord, my strength and | my redeemer. R**

## Second Reading – James 5: 13-20

<sup>13</sup>Are any among you suffering? They should pray. Are any cheerful? They should sing songs of praise. <sup>14</sup>Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord. <sup>15</sup>The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up; and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven. <sup>16</sup>Therefore confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective. <sup>17</sup>Elijah was a human being like us, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. <sup>18</sup>Then he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain and the earth yielded its harvest. <sup>19</sup>My kindred, if anyone among you wanders from the truth and is brought back by another, <sup>20</sup>you should know that whoever brings back a sinner from wandering will save the sinner’s soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.

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

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Al - le - lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav - ing word.



Let it burn like fire with - in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

## Gospel – Mark 9: 38-50

P: The holy Gospel according to St. Mark.

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



<sup>38</sup>John said to [Jesus], “Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he was not following us.” <sup>39</sup>But Jesus said, “Do not stop him; for no one who does a deed of power in my name will be able soon afterward to speak evil of me.

<sup>40</sup>Whoever is not against us is for us. <sup>41</sup>For truly I tell you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you bear the name of Christ will by no means lose the reward.

<sup>42</sup>“If any of you put a stumbling block before one of these little ones who believe in me, it would be better for you if a great millstone were hung around your neck and you were thrown into the sea. <sup>43</sup>If your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life maimed than to have two hands and to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire. <sup>45</sup>And if your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life lame than to have two feet and to be thrown into hell. <sup>47</sup>And if your eye causes you to stumble, tear it out; it is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and to be thrown into hell, <sup>48</sup>where their worm never dies, and the fire is never quenched.

<sup>49</sup>“For everyone will be salted with fire. <sup>50</sup>Salt is good; but if salt has lost its saltiness, how can you season it? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another.”

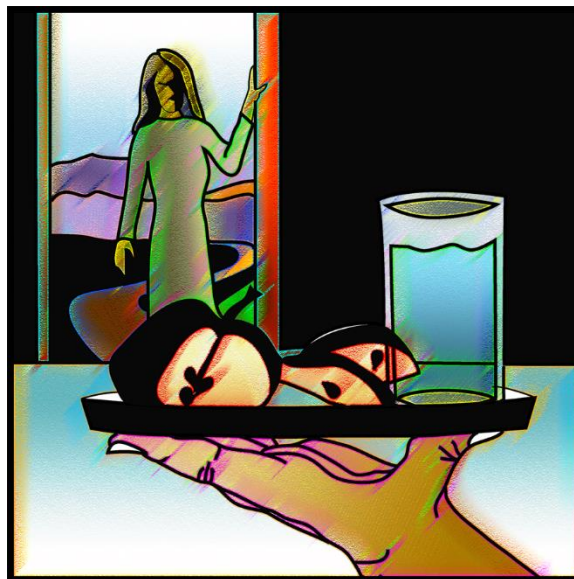
P: The Gospel of the Lord.

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 How clear is our vo - ca - tion, Lord, when once we heed your call  
 2 But if, for - get - ful, we should find your yoke is hard to bear;  
 3 We mar - vel how your saints be - come in hin - dranc - es more sure;  
 4 In what you give us, Lord, to do, to - geth - er or a - lone,



to live ac - cord - ing to your word and dai - ly learn, re - freshed, re - stored,  
 if world - ly pres - sures fray the mind and love it - self can - not un - wind  
 whose joy - ful vir - tues put to shame the ca - sual way we wear your name,  
 in old rou - tines or ven - tures new, may we not cease to look to you,



that you are Lord of all and will not let us fall.  
 its tan - gled skein of care: our in - ward life re - pair.  
 and by our faults ob - scure your pow'r to cleanse and cure.  
 the cross you hung up - on, all you en - deav - ored done.

Text: Fred Pratt Green, 1903–2000

Music: REPTON, C. Hubert H. Parry, 1848–1918

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## Apostles' Creed

*Profession of our faith using the Apostles' Creed, one of the Christian Church's three ecumenical creeds, unites us with siblings in Christ around the world.*

**C: I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
 creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
 who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
 born of the virgin Mary,**

suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.\*  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.

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\*Or, "he descended into hell," another translation of this text in widespread use.

## Prayers of the People

A: Drawn together by the power of the Holy Spirit, we pray for the church,  
those in need, and all of God's creation.

*After each petition*

A: Merciful God,

**C: receive our prayer.**

*The presiding minister concludes the prayers*

P: We entrust these and all our prayers to you, holy God,  
in the name of your beloved, 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.*

*There are laminated giving cards in the pew racks that feature a QR code for anyone who would like to give online. Those who give using the QR code, as well as those who give regularly online or through their bank are encouraged to place the laminated card in the plate as an expression of your offering.*

### Music during the Offering

*Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ*

arr. Carter

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

### Offertory Song

**Accept, O Lord, the Gifts We Bring**

**ELW 691**

1 Ac - cept, O Lord, the gifts we bring to place up - on your ta - ble.  
2 The vines were plant - ed, seeds were sown. They grew in your good plea - sure.  
3 Our hopes and dreams, our toils and cares we lift in prayer be - fore you.

We do not wor - ship as we ought but on - ly as we're a - ble.  
What once was com - mon, dail - y food be - comes a ho - ly trea - sure.  
Lord, by your grace now come to us, as hum - bly we a - dore you.

Text: Beth Bergeron Folkemer, b. 1957

Music: BARBARA ALLEN, English folk tune; arr. Alice Parker, b. 1925

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## Offertory Prayer

A: Let us pray.

Blessed are you,

**C: O God, source of all creation.**

**By these gifts and with our lives,  
help us to serve one another and all in need,  
through 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,  
that we should at all times and in all places  
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,  
through our Savior Jesus Christ;  
who on this day overcame death and the grave,  
and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.  
And so, with all the choirs of angels,  
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,  
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

## Sanctus

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Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,



heav'n 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: Blessed are you, O God ...  
... Do this for the remembrance of me.

As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup  
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

**C: Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

P: Pour out your Holy Spirit ...  
... power of the Most High,  
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

### *Agnus Dei / Lamb of God*

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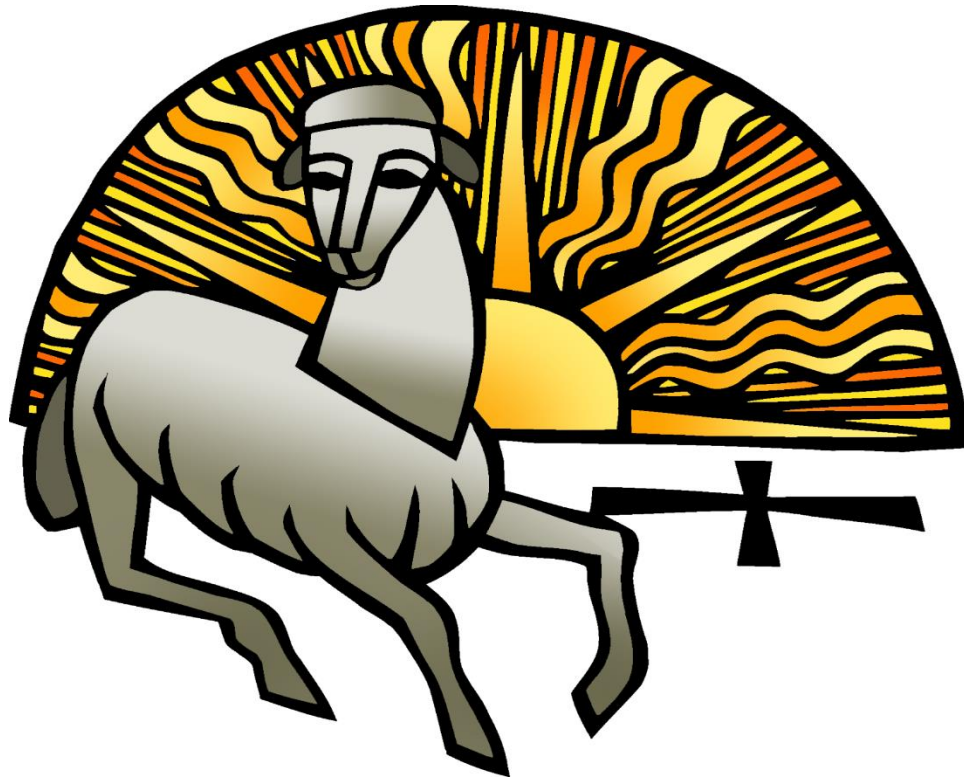


1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;  
2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;  
3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;



you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.  
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.  
e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

*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

Blest Christ, Who Builds No Walls

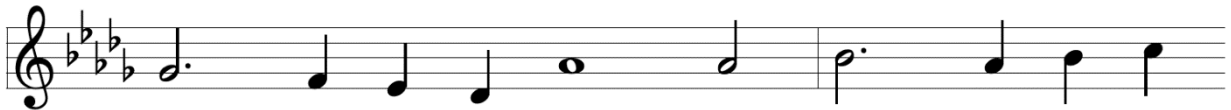
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1 Blest Christ, who builds no walls, who gath - ers  
2 God's liv - ing im - age Christ, who dwelt in  
3 The wound - ed heal - er Christ, who turns a -  
4 Rise, Christ, and rend the walls that fear and



all as kin, calls us to deep com - mu - ni - ty that  
mor - tal form, calls us to dwell in God's own heart that  
way no plea, calls us to hear the si - lent sigh, to  
wrath would raise; call us to Christ-like op - en - ness to



all may en - ter in; in God all things have  
all may be trans - formed: trans - fig - ured by God's  
see as Christ would see: wher - ev - er there is  
all with - in your gaze; that lov - ing, we may



life, in Christ all things co - here, and God's blest Spir - it  
love, tran - scend - ing time and space, be - com - ing love, be -  
thirst, to glad - ly fill the cup; wher - ev - er there are  
serve, and serv - ing, we may prove a ha - ven in this




hov - ers yet to bring forth new - ness here.  
com - ing Christ, a ho - ly meet - ing place.  
faint - ing hearts, our selves to of - fer up.  
earth - ly sphere, a ref - uge of your love.



# Hymns during Holy Communion

## Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life


ELW 719




1 Where cross the crowd - ed ways of life, where sound the  
2 In haunts of wretch - ed - ness and need, on shad - owed  
3 From ten - der child - hood's help - less - ness, from hu - man  
4 The cup of wa - ter giv'n for you still holds the



cries of race and clan, a - bove the noise of  
thresh - olds dark with fears, from paths where hide the  
grief and bur - dened toil, from fam - ished souls, from  
fresh - ness of your grace; yet long these mul - ti -



self - ish strife, we hear your voice, O Son of Man.  
lures of greed, we catch the vi - sion of your tears.  
sor - row's stress, your heart has nev - er known re - coil.  
tudes to view the strong com - pas - sion in your face.

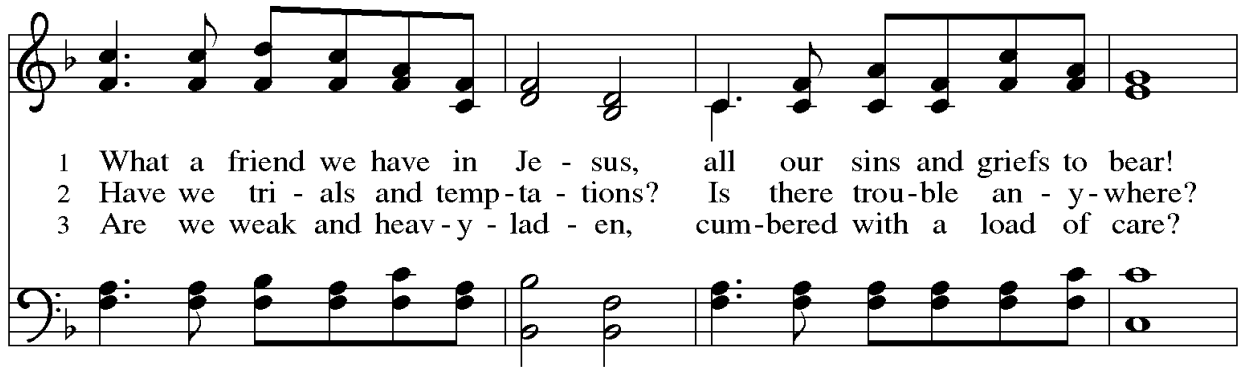


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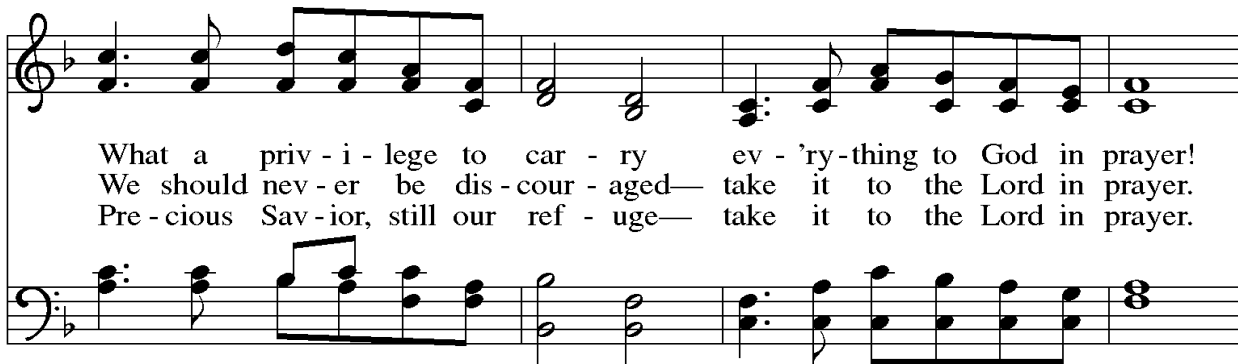
Hymns during Holy Communion

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

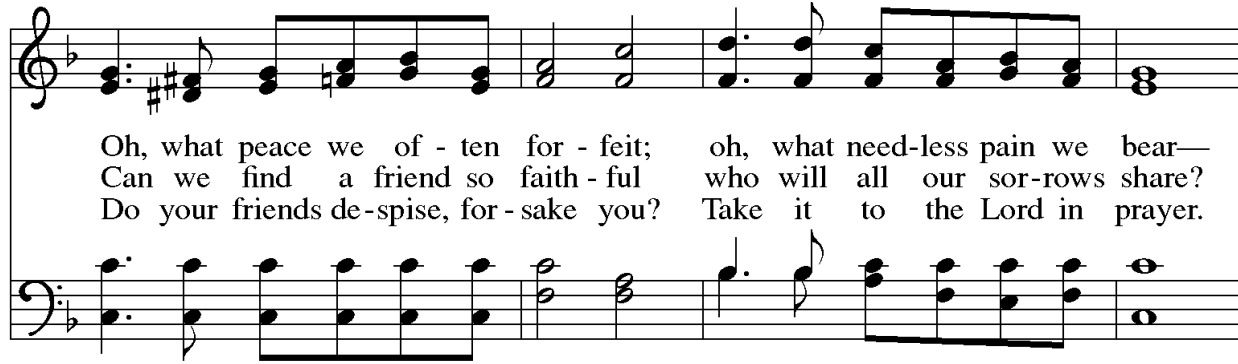
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1 What a friend we have in Je - sus, all our sins and griefs to bear!  
2 Have we tri - als and temp - ta - tions? Is there trou - ble an - y - where?  
3 Are we weak and heav - y - lad - en, cum - bered with a load of care?



What a priv - i - lege to car - ry ev - 'ry - thing to God in prayer!  
We should nev - er be dis - cour - aged— take it to the Lord in prayer.  
Pre - cious Sav - ior, still our ref - uge— take it to the Lord in prayer.



Oh, what peace we of - ten for - feit; oh, what need - less pain we bear—  
Can we find a friend so faith - ful who will all our sor - rows share?  
Do your friends de - spise, for - sake you? Take it to the Lord in prayer.



all be - cause we do not car - ry ev - 'ry - thing to God in prayer!  
Je - sus knows our ev - 'ry weak - ness— take it to the Lord in prayer.  
In his arms he'll take and shield you; you will find a so - lace there.

Text: Joseph Scriven, 1820–1886

Music: CONVERSE, Charles C. Converse, 1832–1918

*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.

Holy God, you have welcomed us to this meal

and fed us at your table with your gifts of grace and life.

Send us now to welcome others and to be at peace with one another,  
through Jesus Christ 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 almighty,

God most merciful,

✠ bless you, keep you,

and give you peace.

**C: Amen.**

## **Sending Hymn**

*Following page*

## **Dismissal**

A: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## **Postlude**

*Bring forth the Kingdom*

arr. Wahl

Leader  
D G/D D D/F# All G D/F# A D

1 You are salt for the earth, O peo-ple: salt for the king-dom of God!  
 2 You are a light on the hill, O peo-ple: light for the cit - y of God!  
 3 You are a seed of the word, O peo-ple: bring forth the king-dom of God!  
 4 We are a blest and a pil-grim peo-ple: bound for the king-dom of God!

Leader G D/F# G A D All G D/F# A D

Share the fla - vor of life, O peo - ple: life in the king - dom of God!  
 Shine so ho - ly and bright, O peo - ple: shine for the king - dom of God!  
 Seeds of mer - cy and seeds of jus - tice, grow in the king - dom of God!  
 Love our jour - ney and love our home - land: love is the king - dom of God!

Refrain  
G D/F# Em A D G D/F#

Bring forth the king - dom of mer - cy, bring forth the

Em A D G D/F# G A D

king - dom of peace; bring forth the king - dom of jus - tice,

G D/F# Em/G A D G D/F# A D

bring forth the cit - y of God!

*Those serving in worship today*

Altar Care  
Assisting Minister  
Audio-Visual Minister  
  
Cantor  
Lector  
Percussion  
Minister of Music  
Preaching and Presiding Minister

Jodie Minor  
Jimmi Kocher-Hillmer  
Sarita  
Jason Galyardt  
Timothy Kocher-Hillmer  
Lester Prince  
Matthew McGhee  
Laura Reynolds  
Pastor Ross Carmichael

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**Blest Christ, Who Builds No Walls**

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Music: 16TH STREET, Joy-Leilani Garbutt  
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**St. Andrew Lutheran Church Announcements  
September 29<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

- **Welcome to Worship at St. Andrew on the Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost, September 29<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. Little Church – Big Faith, a Bible lesson and activity for children, will take place after the prayer of the day. There are also 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.

- **October Produce Distribution – First Tuesday of the Month, October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024, from 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. This month’s distribution will be Tuesday, October 1<sup>st</sup>. We invite people of the congregation to help with the distribution from 5:30-7:00 p.m., help with unloading and setup during the day between 10:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m.
- **Apologies for Last Week’s Technical Issues – Lessons from Dietrich Bonhoeffer in a House Divided and a World on Fire – Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m., October 2<sup>nd</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup>, and 30<sup>th</sup>** – *We are sorry for the trouble experienced by those who tried to connect to the Bonhoeffer study on Wednesday, September 25<sup>th</sup>. Please disregard all previous links and use the one here or in the September 29<sup>th</sup> “This Week at St. Andrew.”* Come and 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. Lutheran Advocacy Ministry in Pennsylvania (LAMPa) is bringing this curriculum to congregations to inspire deeper conversation and discernment about our discipleship. Pastor Erin Jones, staff at LAMPa and member of St. Andrew, leads these sessions. The participant workbook and other materials are available here:

[Bonhoeffer Curriculum Available Now! - LAMPa \(lutheranadvocacy.org\).](https://www.lutheranadvocacy.org/bonhoeffer-curriculum)

**Zoom Link:**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86521390682?pwd=IQUJNKZzWznWObQxrQ3homsZlsLnou.1>

Meeting ID: 865 2139 0682

Passcode: 962169

- **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.](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080B4AAFAF2CABF85-47069030-coffee)
- **Worship and Conversation with Members of Our Companion Church in Madagascar – Various Dates** – The Tular Synod of the Malagasy Lutheran Church in Madagascar is the companion synod of our Southwestern Pennsylvania Synod. A companion synod arrangement fosters relationships among the global church partners and encourages mutual prayer and support. President (Bishop) Modeste Razafimahatratra will lead a delegation from Madagascar as they visit the Pittsburgh region soon. All are invited to join these guests for worship and conversation at various locations:

- **Sunday, September 29<sup>th</sup>, 10:45 a.m. – Zion Lutheran Church in Harmony**
- **Wednesday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>, 6:00 p.m. – Trinity Lutheran Church in Latrobe**
- **Saturday, October 5<sup>th</sup>, 5:30 p.m. – Trinity Lutheran Church in Butler**
- **Sunday, October 6<sup>th</sup>, 10:15 a.m. – St. Peter’s Lutheran Church – Evans City**

*Note time, format and RSVP information varies for each location. For full details on each event, visit <https://www.swpasynod.org/stories/madagascar2024>.*

- **Support Days for Girls – Pittsburgh: Collecting Supplies in October!** – Earlier in the year, St. Andrew shared an opportunity from LAMPa to call for Pennsylvania to provide menstrual hygiene products in public spaces as a crucial step in addressing educational, gender, and economic inequity. As a local follow-up, St. Andrew has connected with Days for Girls – Pittsburgh, which helps to provide education and access to feminine hygiene products for people in need. As an expression of our church’s “God’s Work, Our Hands” commitment, St. Andrew will be collecting items to make Days for Girls’ hygiene kits. Starting on October 6<sup>th</sup>, we will be collecting women’s underwear (new), sizes medium and large (5, 6, 7), 100% cotton (please avoid white); washcloths, 100% cotton (please avoid white); bar soap (hotel-size); containers of laundry detergent pods (“free and clear” of scents); and packing supplies such as 5/8-inch ribbon and packing tape. Items may be placed in the collection bin located in the social hall anytime until October 27<sup>th</sup>.
- **First Unitarian Church Hosts Three Conversations on Documentaries about the Rise of Christian Nationalism – Sundays, October 6<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, and 20<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m.** – Our neighbors at First Unitarian Church (605 Morewood Avenue) invite people of the community to gather for learning and conversation based on three documentary films:
  - **October 6<sup>th</sup> – *Bad Faith: Christian Nationalism’s Unholy War on Democracy***
  - **October 13<sup>th</sup> – *Prayer for Armageddon***
  - **October 20<sup>th</sup> – *God and Country***
- **Celebrate St. Andrew’s 133<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary and Reconciling in Christ Sunday during Worship on October 13<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 a.m.** – St. Andrew was officially organized as a congregation on October 12, 1891, and we give thanks to God for so many years of goodness, grace, and ministry, in which the Gospel of Jesus has been proclaimed and people have come to know and experience God’s love! Essential to the congregation’s identity is our Reconciling in Christ designation, in which we publicly share our welcome and inclusion of LGBTQIA+ individuals and families, and of all God’s people, in the life of the congregation, church, and society. In worship on Sunday, October 13<sup>th</sup>, we will celebrate St. Andrew’s 133<sup>rd</sup> anniversary and renew our commitment to live our faith together as a Reconciling in Christ congregation!
- **Congregational Meeting after Worship on Sunday, October 13<sup>th</sup>** – St. Andrew’s leadership council has scheduled a congregational meeting after worship on Sunday, October 13<sup>th</sup>. The purpose will be to update the congregation on the plan to repair the roof and to discuss next steps toward a capital campaign, including a recommendation from the council for a resource assessment/feasibility study. As we give thanks for 133 years of God’s blessings, we encourage you to be a part of this meeting as we look with hope toward the future of St. Andrew!



- **Shelter Dinner for Guests of East End Cooperative Ministry – Thursday, October 17<sup>th</sup>, 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/5080544AAAC22A1F58-51622132-shelter>.
- **Families of Young Children – Let’s Talk – Thursday, October 17<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 p.m. – Zoom Event with Southwestern Pennsylvania Synod** – Parents and guardians of children from Pre-K – 6<sup>th</sup> grade are invited to gather for conversation about questions like “How do I answer my kids’ tough questions?” and “What are some ways I could start talking about faith with my kids?” Join Pastor Erin Evans and Pastor Jess Felici for a talk about kids and faith, get new resources, and find a community of support wider than your local congregation. [Zoom Link >>](#).
- **Public Lectures and Panel Discussion – Hope in a Divided World: Bonhoeffer’s This-World Christianity as an Antidote to Christian Nationalism – Saturday, October 19<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 a.m.** – Join Lutheran Advocacy Ministry in Pennsylvania (LAMPa) and United Lutheran Seminary’s “Kindling Faith” for a weekend of discovering how Dietrich Bonhoeffer’s theology and legacy help the Church and people of faith to authentically and humbly act at the intersection of civic life and faith, in contrast and response to the forces of Christian Nationalism. While the event takes place at United Lutheran Seminary in Gettysburg, the lectures and panel discussion on Saturday, October 19<sup>th</sup> will be live-streamed. For full details on the whole event, please visit: <https://conta.cc/4e1kSk6>.
- **Save the Date: Welcoming Refugees Workshop at St. Andrew – Saturday, October 26<sup>th</sup>** – How do we best welcome our refugee neighbors? News stories about the treatment of refugees (primarily from Haiti) in Springfield, OH and Charleroi, PA have raised concerns for our migrant neighbors’ safety and well-being, along with desire for the church to respond with welcome, hospitality, and support. Joy Givens, a St. Andrew member who works locally with resettled refugee youth and their families, will lead a conversation on the fundamentals of refugee resettlement (and a larger look at forcibly displaced persons worldwide); the basics of trauma-informed care and cultural humility (which can apply to anyone, not just refugees); and how we can apply trauma-informed care and cultural humility as new neighbors and friends. Exact time is to be determined, but we are planning a 1.5-hour session in the mid-late afternoon of Saturday, October 26<sup>th</sup>. Please plan to take part in this important and timely conversation!
- **New Christ in Our Home Devotional Booklets (October – December) 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 October – December is now available at the various church entrances. Please feel free to take one for yourself or others!
- **Compline Prayer Service with the Pittsburgh Compline Choir – Sundays at 8:00 p.m. at Heinz Chapel** – Compline was traditionally a monastic prayer service, and the Pittsburgh Compline Choir, a ministry of Lutheran Campus Ministry in Greater Pittsburgh, sings a choral version of compline rooted in this thousand-year-old tradition of scripture, song, and silence each Sunday at Heinz Chapel at 8:00 p.m. This service also streams on Facebook (Pittsburgh Compline Choir) and YouTube (The Pittsburgh Compline Choir). Heinz Chapel is located off of S. Bellefield Ave. in Oakland.