



+ Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost
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+ Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost Order for Worship

Today's gospel starts with disciples obsessing over who will be closest to Jesus, leading to Jesus teaching his followers about God's take on importance and power. Here Jesus makes it explicit that the reversal of values in God's community is a direct challenge to the values of the dominant culture, where wielding power over others is what makes you great. When we pray "your kingdom come" we are praying for an end to tyranny and oppression. We pray this gathered around the cross, a sign of great shame transformed to be the sign of great honor and service.

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

Pre-Service Music

Welcome

Prelude

Musings on LIEBSTER JESU

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 Mak-ing their way down through the a-ges, sin-ners and saints have
 2 Mak-ing their way all the world o-ver, Chris-tians as-sem-ble
 3 Mak-ing our way sea-son by sea-son, pil-grims, we jour-ney



heard God's call: wealth-y and poor, pow-er-ful, low-ly,
 on this day, hear-ing the Word, shar-ing the Ban-quet,
 till life's end, trav-el-ing light, shar-ing the rich-es,



Je-sus' dis-ci-ples, one and all. Gath-ered for wor-ship, of-fer-ing thanks,
 learn-ing to walk in Je-sus' way. Mem-bers of Christ, u-nit-ed in love,
 car-ing for strang-er as for friend, till in the joy of long-ing ful-filled,



the great-est with the least have come to share this feast.
 they seek our God to know, and so to-gether grow.
 to-gether we will come to our e-ter-nal home.

Text: Delores Dufner, OSB, b. 1939

Music: KOMT NU MET ZANG, A. Valerius, *Nederlandsch Gedenckclank*, 1626

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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.

Hymn of Praise

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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.

Sovereign God, you turn your greatness into goodness for all the peoples on earth.

Shape us into willing servants of your reign, and make us desire always and only your will, through 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 – Isaiah 53: 4-12

⁴Surely he has borne our infirmities
and carried our diseases;
yet we accounted him stricken,
struck down by God, and afflicted.

⁵But he was wounded for our transgressions,
crushed for our iniquities;
upon him was the punishment that made us whole,
and by his bruises we are healed.

⁶All we like sheep have gone astray;
we have all turned to our own way,
and the Lord has laid on him
the iniquity of us all.

⁷He was oppressed, and he was afflicted,
yet he did not open his mouth;
like a lamb that is led to the slaughter,
and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent,
so he did not open his mouth.

⁸By a perversion of justice he was taken away.
Who could have imagined his future?
For he was cut off from the land of the living,
stricken for the transgression of my people.

⁹They made his grave with the wicked
and his tomb with the rich,
although he had done no violence,
and there was no deceit in his mouth.

¹⁰Yet it was the will of the Lord to crush him with pain.
When you make his life an offering for sin,
he shall see his offspring, and shall prolong his days;
through him the will of the Lord shall prosper.

¹¹Out of his anguish he shall see light;
he shall find satisfaction through his knowledge.
The righteous one, my servant, shall make many righteous,
and he shall bear their iniquities.

¹²Therefore I will allot him a portion with the great,
and he shall divide the spoil with the strong;

because he poured out himself to death,
and was numbered with the transgressors;
yet he bore the sin of many,
and made intercession for the transgressors.

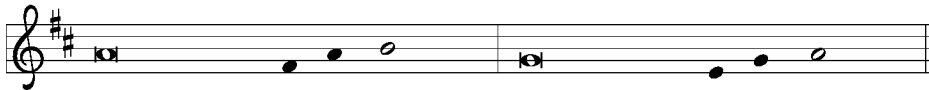
L: Word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 91: 9-16

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

Psalm tone



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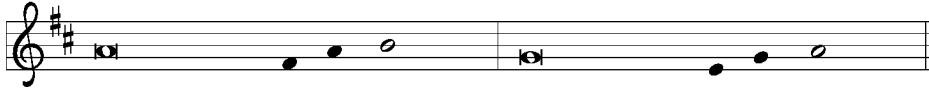
You have made the LORD your ref - uge, and the
Most High your hab - i - ta - tion.

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- ⁹Because you have made the | Lord your refuge,
and the Most High your | habitation,
¹⁰**no evil | will befall you,**
nor shall affliction come | near your dwelling.
¹¹For God will give the angels charge | over you,
to guard you in | all your ways.
¹²**Upon their hands they will | bear you up,**
lest you strike your foot a- | gainst a stone. R

Psalms 91: 9-16 continues

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- ¹³You will tread upon the lion¹ cub and viper;
you will trample down the lion¹ and the serpent.
- ¹⁴**I will deliver those who¹ cling to me;
I will uphold them, because they¹ know my name.**
- ¹⁵They will call me, and I will¹ answer them;
I will be with them in trouble; I will rescue and¹ honor them.
- ¹⁶**With long life will I¹ satisfy them,
and show them¹ my salvation. R**

Second Reading – Hebrews 5: 1-10

¹Every high priest chosen from among mortals is put in charge of things pertaining to God on their behalf, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. ²He is able to deal gently with the ignorant and wayward, since he himself is subject to weakness; ³and because of this he must offer sacrifice for his own sins as well as for those of the people. ⁴And one does not presume to take this honor, but takes it only when called by God, just as Aaron was.

⁵So also Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him,

“You are my Son,
today I have begotten you”;

⁶as God says also in another place,

“You are a priest forever,
according to the order of Melchizedek.”

⁷In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. ⁸Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; ⁹and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, ¹⁰having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

L: Word of God, word of life.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

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

Gospel Acclamation

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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 10: 35-45

P: The holy Gospel according to St. Mark.

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

³⁵James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to him and said to him, “Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you.” ³⁶And he said to them, “What is it you want me to do for you?” ³⁷And they said to him, “Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory.” ³⁸But Jesus said to them, “You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?” ³⁹They replied, “We are able.” Then Jesus said to them, “The cup that I drink you will drink; and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized; ⁴⁰but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared.”

⁴¹When the ten heard this, they began to be angry with James and John. ⁴²So Jesus called them and said to them, “You know that among the Gentiles those whom they recognize as their rulers lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. ⁴³But it is not so among you; but whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant, ⁴⁴and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all. ⁴⁵For the Son of Humanity came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many.”

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 Will you let me be your ser - vant, let me be as
 2 We are pil - grims on a jour - ney, we are trav - 'lers
 3 I will hold the Christ - light for you in the night - time
 4 I will weep when you are weep - ing; when you laugh I'll
 5 Will you let me be your ser - vant, let me be as

Christ to you? Pray that I may have the grace to
 on the road; we are here to help each oth - er
 of your fear; I will hold my hand out to you,
 laugh with you. I will share your joy and sor - row
 Christ to you? Pray that I may have the grace to

let you be my ser - vant, too.
 walk the mile and bear the load.
 speak the peace you long to hear.
 till we've seen this jour - ney through.
 let you be my ser - vant, too.

Text: Richard Gillard, b. 1953

Music: THE SERVANT SONG, Richard Gillard; arr. Betty Pulkingham, b. 1928

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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.**

**C: 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.**

*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.

Noisy Offering

As children of the congregation carry buckets around the sanctuary, people of the congregation are invited to throw in their change as an offering. Following hurricanes Helene and Milton, this month's Noisy Offering will benefit Lutheran Disaster Response, and their efforts to respond to the needs of our neighbors in the southeastern U.S.

In celebration of two pairs of Panda bears coming to the U.S. from China this year (at the Smithsonian and at the San Diego Zoo), a donor has given three stuffed panda bear toys for the children of the congregation and the nursery. The children will bring forward these gifts along with the Noisy Offering!

Music during the Offering

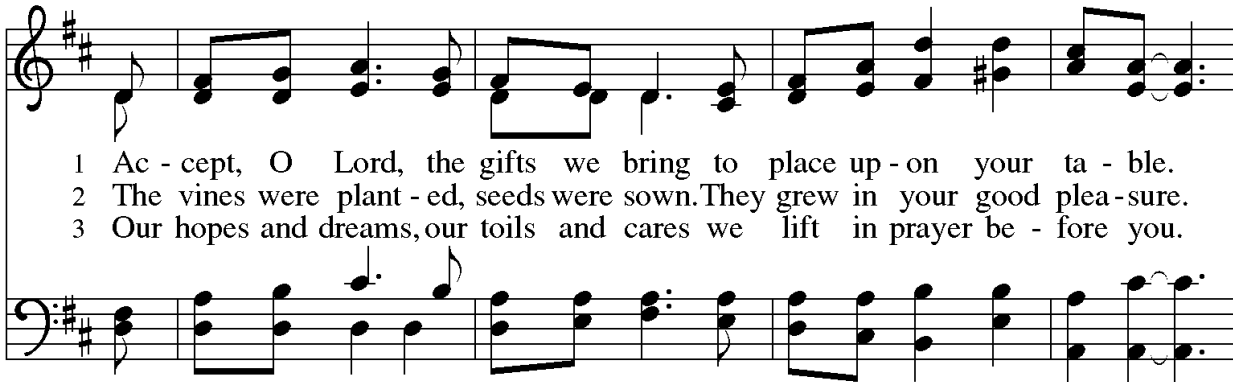
Musings on NUN DANKET ALL

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

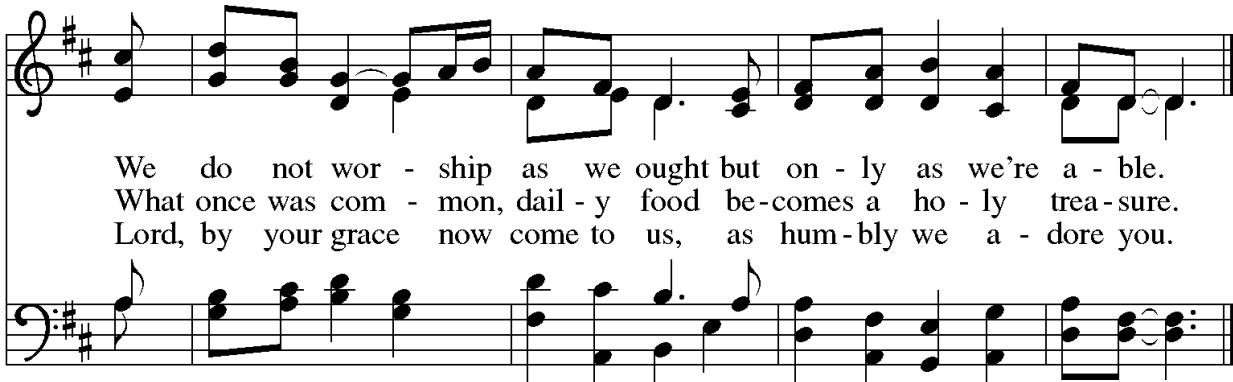
Offertory Song

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 ...

... 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



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

Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love

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Refrain



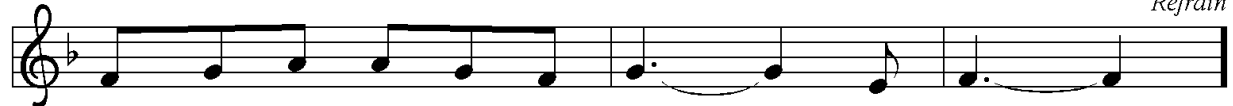
Je - su, Je - su, fill us with your love, show



us how to serve the neigh-bors we have from you.



1 Kneels at the feet of his friends, si - lent - ly wash - es their feet,
2 Neigh-bors are wealth-y and poor, var - ied in col - or and race,
3 These are the ones we will serve, these are the ones we will love;
4 Kneel at the feet of our friends, si - lent - ly wash - ing their feet:



Refrain

mas - ter who acts as a slave to them.
neigh-bors are near - by and far a - way.
all these are neigh - bors to us and you.
this is the way we will live with you.

Text: Tom Colvin, 1925–2000, alt.

Music: CHEREPONI, Ghanaian folk tune, adapt. Tom Colvin

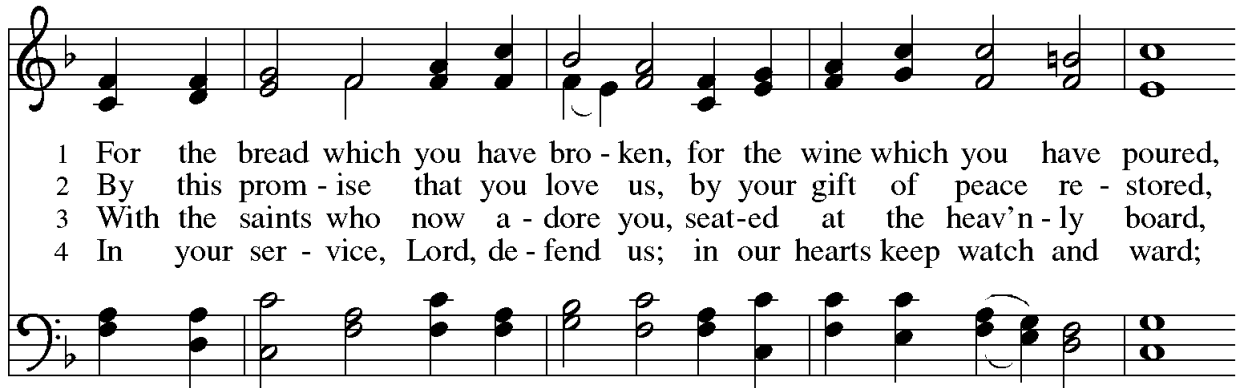
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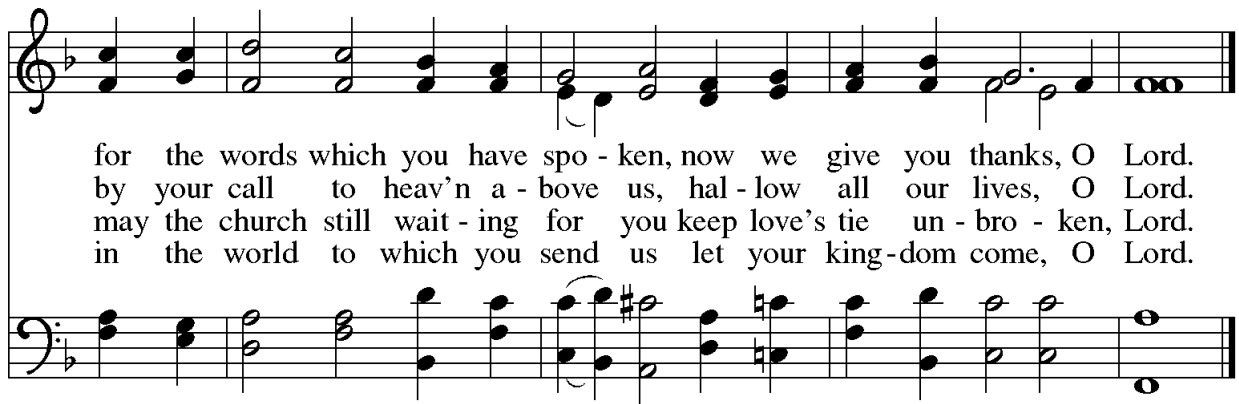
Hymns during Holy Communion

For the Bread Which You Have Broken

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1 For the bread which you have bro - ken, for the wine which you have poured,
2 By this prom - ise that you love us, by your gift of peace re - stored,
3 With the saints who now a - dore you, seat-ed at the heav'n - ly board,
4 In your ser - vice, Lord, de - fend us; in our hearts keep watch and ward;



for the words which you have spo - ken, now we give you thanks, O Lord.
by your call to heav'n a - bove us, hal - low all our lives, O Lord.
may the church still wait - ing for you keep love's tie un - bro - ken, Lord.
in the world to which you send us let your king - dom come, O Lord.

Text: Louis F. Benson, 1855–1930, alt.

Music: OMNI DIE, *Gross Catolisch Gesangbuch*, Nürnberg, 1631; arr. William Smith Rockstro, 1823–1895

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Hymns during Holy Communion

Strengthen for Service, Lord

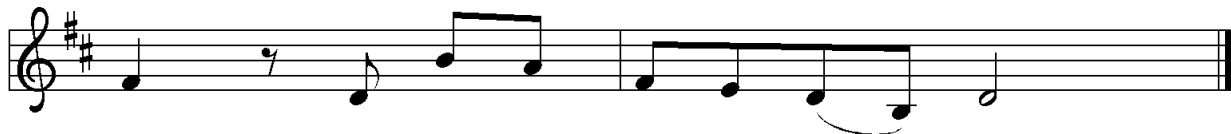
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1 Streng-then for ser-vice, Lord, the hands that ho-ly
2 The tongues that sang your ho-ly name now purge of
3 And may the feet that walked your courts be nev-er



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.

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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. 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

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Dismissal

A: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Fanfare

Mouret

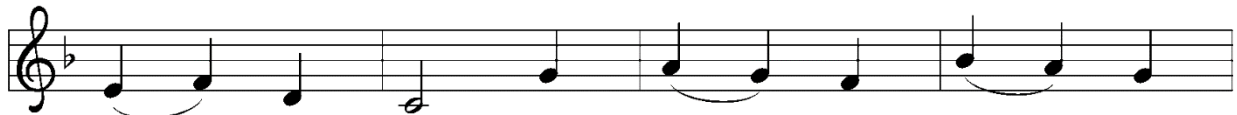
Sending Hymn

The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve

ELW 551



1 The Spir - it sends us forth to serve; we go in
 2 We go to com - fort those who mourn and set the
 3 We go to be the hands of Christ, to scat - ter
 4 Then let us go to serve in peace, the gos - pel



Je - sus' name to bring glad tid - ings
 bur - dened free; where hope is dim, to
 joy like seed and, all our days, to
 to pro - claim. God's Spir - it has em -



to the poor, God's fa - vor to pro - claim.
 share a dream and help the blind to see.
 cher - ish life, to do the lov - ing deed.
 pow - ered us; we go in Je - sus' name.

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**St. Andrew Lutheran Church Announcements
October 20th, 2024**

- **Welcome to Worship at St. Andrew on the Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost, October 20th, 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.
- **Thank You to The Rev. Melissa L. Stoller!** – The Rev. Melissa L. Stoller is a member of St. Andrew as well as Director of Evangelical Mission and Assistant to the Bishop of the Southwestern Pennsylvania Synod, and we thank her for sharing her gifts in preaching and presiding in worship today!
- **Thank You to Jimmi Kocher-Hillmer for Leading the Music of the Congregation on the Organ Today!**

- **Noisy Offering during Worship Today** – On the third Sunday of each month, the children of St. Andrew lead us in a Noisy Offering. The children will carry buckets around the congregation and people are invited to throw in their change, which then gets compiled in big metal buckets and is brought forward as an offering. These gifts support a different ministry or organization this month, and this month’s Noisy Offering will be given to Lutheran Disaster Response to support their ongoing efforts to address the needs of neighbors in the southeastern United States after hurricanes Helene and Milton. For more information on its work, please visit: <https://www.elca.org/our-work/relief-and-development/lutheran-disaster-response>.
- **Dedication of Panda Bear Toys** – Over the years, giant pandas have symbolized peace and friendship in cultural exchanges and diplomacy between China and the rest of the world. This year, two new pairs of panda bears are coming to the U.S. from China! Four-year-old female Xin Bao, whose name means “precious treasure of prosperity and abundance,” and five-year-old male Yun Chuan, whose name means “big river of cloud,” are at the San Diego Zoo. Two-year-old male Bao Li, whose name means “treasure” and “energetic,” and two-year-old female Qing Bao, whose name means “green” and “treasure,” are living at the Smithsonian National Zoo. These exchanges are rare, so in celebration, members of the congregation have donated stuffed panda bears toys to the congregation, which will “live” in the nursery and remind the congregation’s children of our Christian call to friendship and love for one another. The children will bring these gifts forward for dedication to God along with the Noisy Offering! To learn more, visit: <https://www.smithsonianmag.com/smart-news/two-pandas-arrive-at-the-san-diego-zoo-the-first-to-enter-the-us-in-21-years-180984636/> and <https://nationalzoo.si.edu/news/two-new-giant-pandas-coming-smithsonians-national-zoo-and-conservation-biology-institute-china>.
- **First Unitarian Church Hosts Conversations on Documentaries about the Rise of Christian Nationalism – Today, October 20th 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 the documentary film *God and Country*.
- **Lessons from Dietrich Bonhoeffer in a House Divided and a World on Fire – Wednesdays, October 23rd and 30th** – Join us for two more sessions on 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/).

Zoom Link:

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Meeting ID: 865 2139 0682

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- **Welcoming Refugees Workshop at St. Andrew – Saturday, October 26th, 3:00-4:30 p.m.** – 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. Please plan to take part in this important and timely conversation!
- **All Saints Sunday – November 3rd – Invitation to Bring in Photos** – The Christian church observes All Saints Day on November 1st, and because this day is not a Sunday this year, we will move the observance to Sunday, November 3rd. On All Saints Sunday, we give thanks for the grace of God that allows all of us to be saints through the righteousness Jesus shares with us. St. Andrew also joins the church throughout the world in giving thanks to God for the saints who have gone before us in faith, all whose lives have been for us a testimony to God's love and grace. On this day, we remember people of the congregation and those we have prayed for who have died since last All Saints Day. We invite the congregation to bring photographs of loved ones you would like to remember on that day, to be placed near the baptismal font as we give thanks for the communion of all the saints who are one with us in the Body of Christ. We will also offer a place in the service when everyone can light candles in remembrance of the saints.
- **Southwestern Pennsylvania Announces Campaign to Support Bethel AME!** – Our congregation has accompanied the people of Bethel AME in the Hill District as they have sought restorative justice following their displacement in the 1950s. The Southwestern Pennsylvania Synod staff have been part of that process, and this fall the synod has announced an appeal to all congregations and members of the synod to support Bethel AME's pre-development process through the Bethel-Trinity Community Development Corporation. Bethel-Trinity CDC is an organization formed by Bethel AME that will be confronting the systemic racial inequities in the Hill District neighborhood and beyond by developing, managing, and operating real estate projects for the betterment of the community: low- and moderate-income housing, intergenerational housing, revitalization of the Hill District neighborhoods, preschool and primary education, social and human services to individuals and families, economic development programs, individual employment, and youth services. This appeal is exciting news, and we at St. Andrew will continue to support Bethel through our reparations offerings on the first Sunday of every month (November 3rd) as well as any other monetary gifts designated to Bethel. You can also give to Bethel through the synod campaign here: [Bethel-Trinity CDC Appeal \(neoncrm.com\)](#)
- **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. Through October 27th, 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.

- **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>.
- **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.