

+ Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost November 10, 2024



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+ Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost Order for Worship

Vulnerable widows feature prominently in today's readings. Jesus denounces those who pray impressive prayers but devour widows' houses. He commends the poor widow who in his view gave far more than the major donors. Jesus does not see her simply as an object of compassion or charity. She, like the widow of Zarephath who shares her last bit of food with Elijah, does something of great importance, in service to God and God's people.

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 DATH: Dancing at the Harvest

Pre-Service Music

Welcome

Prelude

Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us

arr. N. Raabe

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, our refuge, our rock, our beginning and our end. C: Amen.

P: Let us bring our confession before the one who loves us and has freed us from our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection

P: Eternal One, robed in majesty and mercy,
C: we confess that sin has taken hold of us
and we have given in to its power.
We are disturbed in spirit and our hearts cannot rest.
Unbind us and set us free.
Lead us again to the waters of rebirth,
that we may live just and generous lives,
for the good of your world
and the care of our neighbors,
following in the servant way of Jesus Christ, our Savior.
Amen.

P: These words are trustworthy and true:
Jesus bore our sin once, for all, on the cross, swallowing up death forever.
For his sake, you are + forgiven, and God remembers your sin no more.
Let your heart be glad again and rejoice in your salvation.
C: Amen.



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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 ACS p. 31



Prayer of the Day

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray. O God, you show forth your almighty power by reaching out to us in mercy. Grant us the fullness of your grace, strengthen our trust in your promises, and bring all the world to share in the treasures that come through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

Please be seated.

Children are invited to join the adult leaders at the door 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 – 1 Kings 17: 8-16

⁸ The word of the Lord came to [Elijah,] saying, ⁹ "Go now to Zarephath, which belongs to Sidon, and live there; for I have commanded a widow there to feed you." ¹⁰ So he set out and went to Zarephath. When he came to the gate of the town, a widow was there gathering sticks; he called to her and said, "Bring me a little water in a vessel, so that I may drink." ¹¹ As she was going to bring it, he called to her and said, "Bring me a morsel of bread in your hand." ¹² But she said, "As the Lord your God lives, I have nothing baked, only a handful of meal in a jar, and a little oil in a jug; I am now gathering a couple of sticks, so that I may go home and prepare it for myself and my son, that we may eat it, and die." ¹³ Elijah said to her, "Do not be afraid; go and do as you have said; but first make me a little cake of it and bring it to me, and afterwards make something for yourself and your son. ¹⁴ For thus says the Lord the God of Israel: The jar of meal will not be emptied and the jug of oil will not fail until the day that the Lord sends rain on the earth." ¹⁵ She went and did as Elijah said, so that she as well as he and her household ate for many days. ¹⁶ The jar of meal was not emptied, neither did the jug of oil fail, according to the word of the Lord that he spoke by Elijah.

L: Word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 146

The cantor will lead the singing of the psalm.

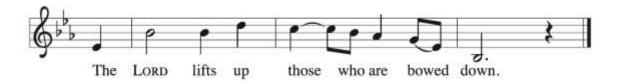
The congregation is invited to respond with the alternate verses in bold print, and to join in singing the refrain.

Psalm tone



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Psalm refrain



Psalm 146:8

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¹ Hal- | lelujah!

Praise the Lord, O my soul!

² I will praise the Lord as long | as I live;

I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.

³ Put not your | trust in rulers,

in mortals in whom there | is no help.

⁴ When they breathe their last, they re- | turn to earth, and in that day | their thoughts perish. R

⁵ Happy are they who have the God of Jacob | for their help, whose hope is in the | Lord their God;

⁶ who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that | is in them; who keeps promis- es forever;

⁷ who gives justice to those who are oppressed, and food to | those who hunger. The Lord sets the | captive free.

⁸ The Lord opens the eyes of the blind; the Lord lifts up those who | are bowed down; the Lord | loves the righteous. R

⁹ The Lord cares | for the stranger;

the Lord sustains the orphan and widow, but frustrates the way of the wicked.

¹⁰ The Lord shall | reign forever, vour God, O Zion, throughout all generations. | Hallelujah! R

Second Reading – Hebrews 9: 24-28

²⁴ Christ did not enter a sanctuary made by human hands, a mere copy of the true one, but he entered into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God on our behalf. ²⁵ Nor was it to offer himself again and again, as the high priest enters the Holy Place year after year with blood that is not his own; ²⁶ for then he would have had to suffer again and again since the foundation of the world. But as it is, he has appeared once for all at the end of the age to remove sin by the sacrifice of himself. ²⁷ And just as it is appointed for mortals to die once, and after that the judgment, ²⁸ so Christ, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, will appear a second time, not to deal with sin, but to save those who are eagerly waiting for him.

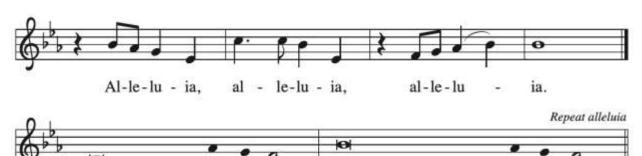
L: Word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

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

Gospel Acclamation

ACS p. 33



The Lord raises up the poor | from the dust,

to make them inherit a | seat of honor.

Gospel – Mark 12: 38-44

P: The holy Gospel according to St. Mark.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

³⁸ As [Jesus] taught, he said, "Beware of the scribes, who like to walk around in long robes, and to be greeted with respect in the marketplaces, ³⁹ and to have the best seats in the synagogues and places of honor at banquets! ⁴⁰ They devour widows' houses and for the sake of appearance say long prayers. They will receive the greater condemnation."

⁴¹ He sat down opposite the treasury, and watched the crowd putting money into the treasury. Many rich people put in large sums. ⁴² A poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which are worth a penny. ⁴³ Then he called his disciples and said to them, "Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the treasury. ⁴⁴ For all of them have contributed out of their abundance; but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on."

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.

Hymn of the Day God Whose Giving Knows No Ending

ELW 678



- 1 God, whose giv-ing knows no end-ing, from your rich and end less store:
- 2 Skills and time are ours for press-ing toward the goals of Christ, your Son:
- 3 Trea-sure, too, you have en-trust-ed, gain through pow'rs your grace con-ferred;



na-ture's won-der, Je - sus' wis-dom, cost-ly cross, grave's shat - tered door, all at peace in health and free-dom, rac - es joined, the church made one. ours to use for home and kin-dred, and to spread the gos - pel word.



gift - ed by you, we turn to you, of-f'ring up our - selves in praise; Now di - rect our dai - ly la - bor, lest we strive for self a - lone; O - pen wide our hands in shar-ing, as we heed Christ's age-less call,



thank-ful song shall rise for - ev - er, gra-cious do - nor of our days. born with tal - ents, make us ser - vants fit to an - swer at your throne. heal - ing, teach-ing, and re - claim-ing, serv-ing you by lov-ing all.

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Music: RUSTINGTON, 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.

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.

Prayers of the People

A: Trusting in God's abundant love for all the world, let us pray for our neighbors, the church, and all creation.

After each petition

A: God of mercy,

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.

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

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.

MealGod 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

For All the Faithful Women For All the Faithful Women

arr. C.E. Walz

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



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Music: Dwight Liles

Offertory Prayer

A: Let us pray. Holy God,
C: the earth is yours and everything in it,
yet you have chosen to dwell among your peoples and share your abundance.
Come among us now in these gifts of bread and wine,
and strengthen us to be your body for the world,
through Jesus Christ, our 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 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 ACS p. 36



Eucharistic Prayer

P: O God triune ...

...join in the ancient song:

The earth is full of your glory.

C: The earth is full of your glory.

P: O God triune ...

... we mortals sing our song:

The earth is full of your glory.

C: The earth is full of your glory.

P: We praise you for the heart of Jesus ...

... we your children unite in this song:

The earth is full of your glory.

C: The earth is full of your glory.

P: O God triune to praise you again:The earth is full of your glory.C: The earth is full of your glory.

P: Amen and Amen. C: Amen and amen.

Lord's Prayer

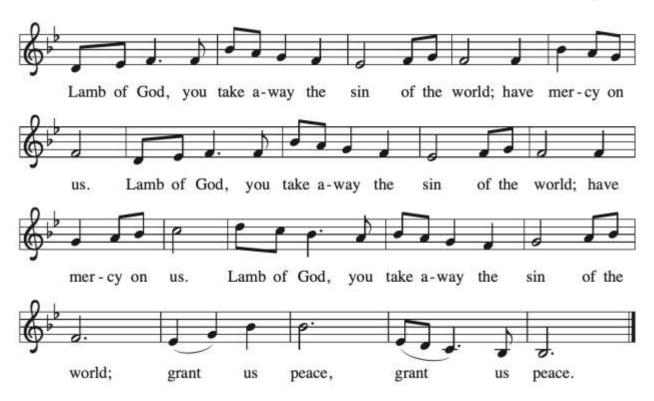
P: Gathered as one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

C: Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.

Fraction and Invitation

P: Behold, God is making all things new. Come, take part in the new creation.





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

Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service

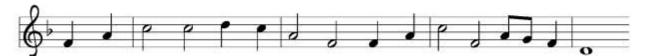
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- I Lord, whose love in hum-ble ser vice bore the weight of hu-man need,
- 2 Still your chil-dren wan-der home-less; still the hun-gry cry for bread;
- 3 As we wor-ship, grant us vi sion, till your love's re veal-ing light
- 4 Called by wor-ship to your ser vice, forth in your dear name we go,



who up - on the cross, for - sak - en, worked your mer-cy's per - fect deed: still the cap - tives long for free - dom; still in grief we mourn our dead. in its height and depth and great-ness dawns up - on our quick-ened sight, to the child, the youth, the a - ged, love in liv - ing deeds to show;



we, your ser-vants, bring the wor-ship not of voice a - lone, but heart; As you, Lord, in deep com-pas-sion healed the sick and freed the soul, mak-ing known the needs and bur-dens your com-pas-sion bids us bear, hope and health, good-will and com-fort, coun-sel, aid, and peace we give,



con - se - crat - ing to your pur - pose ev - 'ry gift which you im - part. by your Spir - it send your pow - er to our world to make it whole. stir - ring us to ar - dent ser - vice, your a - bun - dant life to share. that your ser - vants, Lord, in free - dom may your mer - cy know and live.

Text: Albert F. Bayly, 1901-1984

Music: BEACH SPRING, The Sacred Harp, Philadelphia, 1844

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Hymns during Holy Communion

Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us

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Text: Eliza S. Alderson, 1818–1889, alt. Music: HYFRYDOL, Rowland H. Prichard, 1811–1887



Text: Gesangbuch, Nürnberg, 1676; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878, alt. Music: ALLES IST AN GOTTES SEGEN, Johann Löhner, 1645–1705, adapt.



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.

Blessed Jesus, at this table, you have been for us both host and meal. Now send us forth to extend our tables and share your gifts until that day when all feast together at your heavenly banquet, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

Please be seated.

Sending

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world

Announcements

Please rise as you are able.

Benediction.

P: God, the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end, who has written your name in the book of life,

+ bless you and keep you in grace and peace,

from this time forth and forevermore.

C: Amen.

Sending Hymn

Following page

Dismissal

A: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Let All Things Now Living

arr. L. Larson



Those serving in worship today

Altar Care Assisting Minister Audio-Visual Ministers

Cantor Lector Little Church – Big Faith Teacher Minister of Music Preaching and Presiding Minister Beverley Chapman
Jimmi Kocher-Hillmer
Joseph Paetz
Tyler Rietze
Richard Krug
Kelly Spanninger
Sue Gaugler
Laura Reynolds
Pastor Ross Carmichael

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Let All Things Now Living – Text: Katherine K. Davis, 1892-1980, alt. Music: THE ASH GROVE, Welsh folk tune. Text © 1939, 1966, E.C. Schirmer Music Company. All rights reserved. Reprinted with permission under OneLIcense.net # A-722139.

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St. Andrew Lutheran Church Announcements November 10th, 2024

- Welcome to Worship at St. Andrew on the Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost, November 10th, 2024 We are so glad you are here, and we offer a special welcome to all visitors and guests here 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.
- Noisy Offering Next Sunday, November 17th, during Worship On the third Sunday of each month, the children of St. Andrew lead us in a Noisy Offering. The children carry buckets around the congregation and people are invited to throw in their change, which then gets compiled in big metal buckets and brought forward as an offering. These gifts

- support a different ministry or organization each month, and this month's Noisy Offering will benefit Bethesda Lutheran Services, www.bethesda1919.org.
- Congregational Council Meeting on Saturday, November 16th, at 9:00 a.m. St. Andrew's Congregation Council acts as the congregation's "board of directors." This group, made up of 13 people from the congregation and the pastor, usually meets once a month. We invite you to pray for the council and its work!
- Worship Committee Meeting Sunday, November 17th, after Worship St. Andrew's Worship Committee meets monthly to plan worship and music of the congregation, along with related logistics. Anyone interested is welcome to attend!
- November 18th, 7:00-8:30 p.m. via Zoom How do we best welcome our refugee neighbors? News stories about the treatment of refugees 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. The workshop will discuss 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. Joy Givens, a member of St. Andrew and Immigrant and Refugee Youth Specialist at JFCS will lead the conversation, along with Rev. Linda Theophilus of Emmanuel (Eastmont), who coordinates Emmanuel's Welcoming Immigrants Housing Project. Zoom link: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86184097067?pwd=of2QILjXz8MHS22CW0I5a4sivyf1aA.1 Meeting ID: 861 8409 7067, Passcode: 078815
- Shelter Dinner for Guests of East End Cooperative Ministry Thursday, November 21st, 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/5080544AAAC22A1F58-52627894-shelter.
- 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 (October December) Available at Church Entrances
- 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. For more information, please visit: Pittsburgh Compline Choir.