

Saint Andrew's Lutheran Church Smithtown, New York 11787

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> Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost Worship with Holy Communion October 22, 2023 + 10:00 a.m.

# GATHERING

## PRELUDE

## **\*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

The assembly stands as they are able. All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism.

In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.** 

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.** 

Most merciful God,

we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

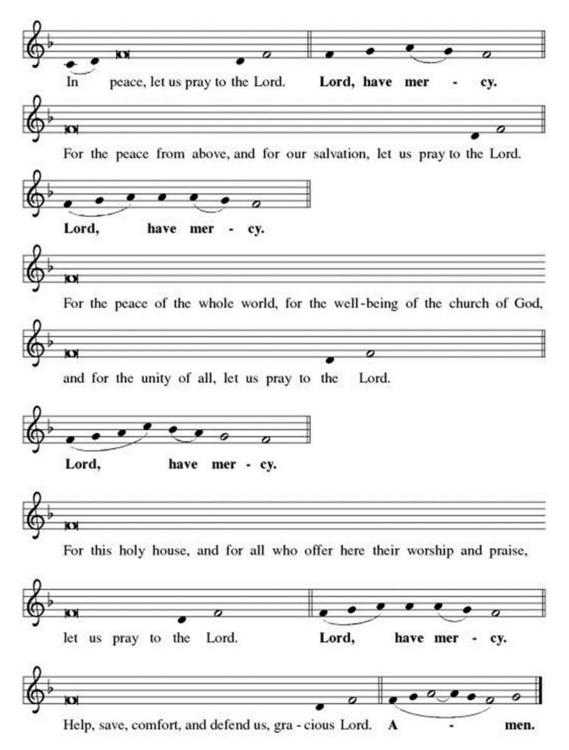
In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.** 

## \*GATHERING SONG # 713 O God of Every Nation



#### GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.** 



## **CANTICLE OF PRAISE**



<sup>\*</sup>Asterisk indicates where the assembly is invited to stand as they are able.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

# The Lord be with you! And also with you!

Let us pray. Sovereign God, raise your throne in our hearts. Created by you, let us live in your image; created for you, let us act for your glory; redeemed by you, let us give you what is yours, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

# **ANTHEM (CHOIR)**

# WORD

## FIRST READING: Isaiah 45:1-7

A reading from Isaiah.

The prophet announces that Cyrus the Persian emperor is the one the LORD has anointed to end Israel's exile. The LORD makes this choice so that the whole world will recognize this LORD as the only God. Persia had a god of light and a god of darkness; the LORD claims sovereignty over both light and darkness.

<sup>1</sup>Thus says the LORD to his anointed, to Cyrus, whose right hand I have grasped to subdue nations before him and strip kings of their robes, to open doors before himand the gates shall not be closed: <sup>2</sup>I will go before you and level the mountains, I will break in pieces the doors of bronze and cut through the bars of iron, <sup>3</sup>I will give you the treasures of darkness and riches hidden in secret places, so that you may know that it is I, the LORD, the God of Israel, who call you by your name. <sup>4</sup>For the sake of my servant Jacob, and Israel my chosen, I call you by your name, I surname you, though you do not know me. <sup>5</sup>I am the LORD, and there is no other: besides me there is no god. I arm you, though you do not know me, <sup>6</sup>so that they may know, from the rising of the sun and from the west, that there is no one besides me; I am the LORD, and there is no other. <sup>7</sup>I form light and create darkness, I make weal and create woe; I the LORD do all these things.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.



# PSALM: Psalm 96:1-9 [10-13]

<sup>1</sup> Sing to the LORD <sup>1</sup> a new song; sing to the LORD, <sup>1</sup> all the earth. <sup>2</sup> Sing to the LORD, bless the name <sup>1</sup> of the LORD; proclaim God's salvation from <sup>1</sup> day to day.
<sup>3</sup> Declare God's glory a- I mong the nations
and God's wonders a- I mong all peoples. <sup>4</sup> For great is the LORD and greatly I to be praised,
more to be feared <sup>1</sup> than all gods.
<sup>5</sup> As for all the gods of the nations, they <sup>1</sup> are but idols;
but you, O LORD, have I made the heavens.
<sup>6</sup> Majesty and magnificence are <sup>1</sup> in your presence;
power and splendor are in your <sup> </sup> sanctuary.
<sup>7</sup> Ascribe to the LORD, you families <sup>1</sup> of the peoples, ascribe to the LORD hon- <sup>1</sup> or and power.
<sup>8</sup> Ascribe to the LORD the honor due the <sup>1</sup> holy name;
bring offerings and enter the courts <sup> </sup> of the LORD.
<sup>9</sup> Worship the LORD in the beau- <sup>1</sup> ty of holiness;
tremble before the LORD, <sup>1</sup> all the earth.
[ <sup>10</sup> Tell it out among the nations: "The <sup>1</sup> LORD is king!
The one who made the world so firm that it cannot be moved will judge the
peo- <sup> </sup> ples with equity."
<sup>11</sup> Let the heavens rejoice, and let the ${}^{\sf I}$ earth be glad;
let the sea thunder and all that is in it; let the field be joyful and all that ${\sf I}$ is therein.
<sup>12</sup> Then shall all the trees of the wood shout for joy at your com- <sup>1</sup> ing, O LORD,

- **for you come to <sup>|</sup> judge the earth.** <sup>13</sup>You will judge the <sup>|</sup> world with righteousness and the peoples I with your truth.

## SECOND READING: 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

A reading from Thessalonians

Most likely this letter is the first written by Paul. Paul gives pastoral encouragement and reassurances to new Christians living in an antagonistic environment. Their commitment of faith, love, and hope makes them a model for other new Christian communities.

#### <sup>1</sup>Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy,

To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace to you and peace.

<sup>2</sup>We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly <sup>3</sup>remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>4</sup>For we know, brothers and sisters beloved by God, that he has chosen you, <sup>5</sup>because our message of the gospel came to you not in word only, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction; just as you know what kind of persons we proved to be among you for your sake. <sup>6</sup>And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for in spite of persecution you received the word with joy inspired by the Holy Spirit, <sup>7</sup>so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. <sup>8</sup>For the word of the Lord has sounded forth from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but in every place your faith in God has become known, so that we have no need to speak about it. <sup>9</sup>For the people of those regions report about us what kind of welcome we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols, to serve a living and true God, <sup>10</sup>and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead—Jesus, who rescues us from the wrath that is coming.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.



## **\*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

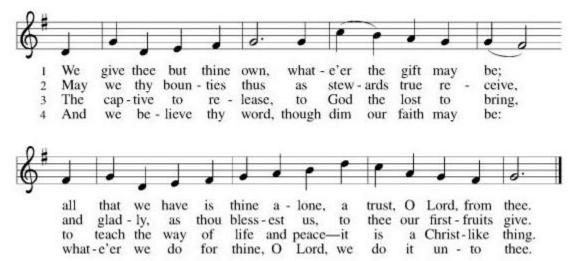
## GOSPEL: Matthew 22:15-22 The holy gospel according to Matthew. Glory to you, O Lord.

After Jesus begins teaching in the temple, religious leaders try to trap him with questions. First they ask if God's people should pay taxes to an earthly tyrant like Caesar.

<sup>15</sup>Then the Pharisees went and plotted to entrap [Jesus] in what he said. <sup>16</sup>So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality. <sup>17</sup>Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?" <sup>18</sup>But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, "Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? <sup>19</sup>Show me the coin used for the tax." And they brought him a denarius. <sup>20</sup>Then he said to them, "Whose head is this, and whose title?" <sup>21</sup>They answered, "The emperor's." Then he said to them, "Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor's, and to God the things that are God's." <sup>22</sup>When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away.

The gospel of the Lord. Praise to you, O Christ.

## SERMON



## HYMN OF THE DAY # 686 We Give Thee But Thine Own

## **APOSTLES' CREED**

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.

## **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

Trusting in the transformative power of God's loving Spirit, let us pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

#### A brief silence.

Faithful God, your Spirit animates the church throughout the world and binds believers near and far into the body of Christ. Equip us for the work of faith, and enlarge our hearts for the labor of love. God of grace,

## hear our prayer.

Creating God, the sea roars, the earth rejoices, and the heavens are glad at the wonder of all you have made. Bless the work of ecologists and conservationists and all those who safeguard the riches of creation. God of grace, **hear our prayer.** 

Sovereign God, your rule and authority is over the cosmos. As you once worked through the ruler Cyrus for the good of your people, accomplish your purposes through the work of elected leaders and public servants. Guide them with your wisdom and compassion. Bring peace to the Middle East and our world. God of grace, **hear our prayer.** 

Caring God, your arms enfold all who are lonely, oppressed, despairing, sick, and suffering especially, Eddie, Jennifer, Lucy, Rachel, Mary Ellen, Michelle and Emilie; those serving in the military, all on the prayer list; all people affected by COVID-19, for the victims of the ongoing violence in the Middle East and those we name before you now (pause). Pour out your abundant mercy on all whom this world has neglected, abandoned, and forgotten, that they may know your joy. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Almighty God, all our life belongs to you. When earthly idols threaten to lead your church astray, remind us that you alone are the source of our eternal hope. Direct the work of church treasurers, councils, and all who manage financial matters. God of grace, **hear our prayer.** 

Here other intercessions may be offered.

Everlasting God, the saints of every age have sung your praise and shared your word. We give you thanks for their witness and pray that we may join them as citizens of your unending kingdom. God of grace, **hear our prayer.** 

*(Pastor)* Gracious God, into your hands we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your unending love and amazing grace; through Jesus Christ, our Savior. **Amen.** 

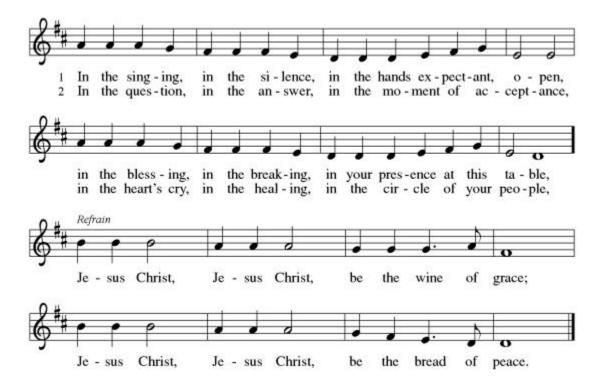
PEACE

# MEAL

#### OFFERING

Thank you for your generous financial support of the ministries of Saint Andrew's, you may give in person, by mail or by visiting our website for online giving. Donations: <u>standrewsofsmithtown.org/donate</u>

## **OFFERTORY HYMN #466 In the Singing**



## **\*OFFERING PRAYER**

God of power, God of plenty, all things belong to you. We bring your gifts to the table, that all might be fed. Form us into the body of your Beloved, Jesus Christ, our Savior. **Amen** 

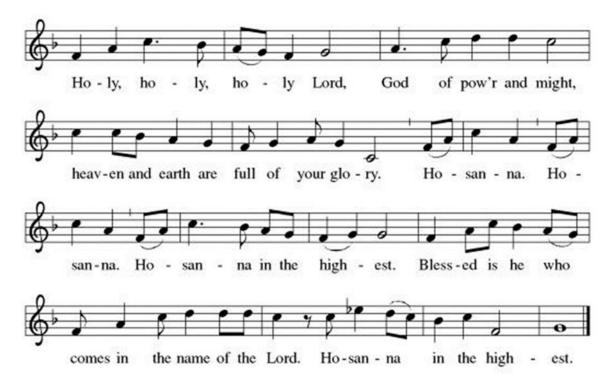
## GREAT THANKSGIVING DIALOGUE AND PREFACE

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

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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. You comforted your people with the promise of the Redeemer, through whom you will also make all things new in the day when he comes to judge the world in righteousness. 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:



## **EUCHARISTIC PRAYER**

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

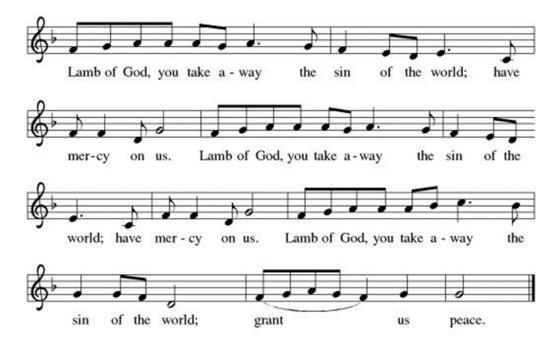
Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension, we await his coming in glory. **Amen.** 

LORD'S PRAYER Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

## **INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

Jesus invites you to this table. Come, eat and live.

## LAMB OF GOD



Body of Christ, given for you. Blood of Christ, shed for you.

## COMMUNION HYMN # 467 We Place upon Your Table Lord



#### **\*POST-COMMUNION PRAYER**

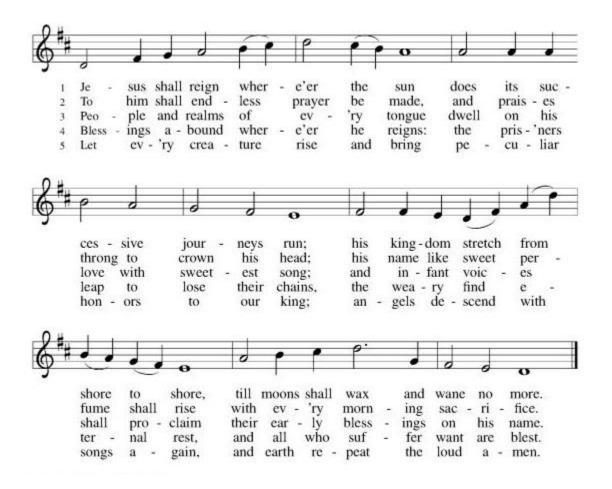
Blessed be your name, O God, for we have feasted on your Word, Christ Jesus, the joy and delight of our hearts. Strengthened by this food, send us to gather the world to your banquet, where none are left out and all are satisfied. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen

# **SENDING**

## BLESSING

The God of glory, + Jesus Christ, name above all names, and the Spirit who lives in you, bless you now and forever. Amen.

## SENDING HYMN # 434 Jesus Shall Reign



## DISMISSAL

Go in peace. God is at work in you. **Thanks be to God.** 

## POSTLUDE

This morning we welcome Pastor Nancy Rakoczy

**Please join us for coffee hour** immediately following worship. Thank you to Steve and Leslee Mathieson our hosts this week.

**All Saints' Sunday, Nov 5<sup>th</sup> is when we will commemorate those who have died** over the last year since November 1, 2022. If you would like the people of Saint Andrew's Church to remember a departed loved one in prayer, please email the church office **no later than October 30th** at admin@standrewsofsmithtown.org.

\*Kindly use the subject "All Saints' Prayer List" and include the name(s) of the deceased and the date(s) of their deaths.

**Please support Operation Christmas Child.** Boxes are available in the Church and at the Church office. Boxes are due on Nov. 12th. If you have any questions, please contact Danielle Lloyd.

#### The food pantry is currently in need of basic non-perishable foods, such as: Laundry detergent, cereal, peanut butter, mac and cheese, tomato sauce, tuna fish, canned

chicken. We thank you for any donations.

**Community Outreach and Ministry** St. Andrew's is collecting the following items to support Trinity Lutheran Church, Wyandanch:

Toothbrush, toothpaste, mouthwash, small hard candy (ex. Jolly Ranchers), travel size lotion, sanitizer, maxi pads individually wrapped tampons, travel size shaving cream, razors wrapped, men and women deodorant, bandaids, lip balm, packs of tissues.

Please bring these items to the office or to the collection box located in the Narthex. Thank you for your donations!

Pastor Paul Downing of St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church in Port Jefferson Station serves as our coverage pastor. He can be reached anytime for pastoral care and emergencies at cell# 347-423-3623. If he is unable to answer, please leave a message and he will return your call as soon as possible. He can also be reached by email at <u>pastorpauldowning@yahoo.com</u>. Questions about meetings and day to day activities at St. Andrew's should still be directed to the office at 631.265.2288 or info@standrewsofsmithtown.org.

# Pastor Paul Downing invites you to join him and the St. Paul's community for weekly Bible Study and/or Prayer Group.

Bible Study : 9:30am Wednesday mornings on Zoom (meeting ID 977-887-967) Bible Study : 10:30am Wednesday mornings In Person at St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Port Jefferson Station

Prayer Group: 10:30am Friday mornings In Person and via Zoom (meeting ID 800-555-016) at St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church.

**St. Thomas of Canterbury would like to invite** our congregation to Wednesday evening *Contemplative Night Prayer* at 7 *p.m.*, the first Wednesday of each month through December 2023. This is a liturgy of prayer, meditation, and sacred silence.

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## PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER (22 October 2023) THOSE IN NEED OF HEALING:

Eddie Hope [requested by Jane and Paul DeRosa] Noam Gilbert Lieberman [requested by Eve Overton] Jeff Taylor [requested by Fred Swanson] Richard Angelo, Rocky Cingue [requested by Marianne Spagna] Lucy Harris and her family, Sara Larson [requested by the Francis family] Jennifer Meisenkothen, Rachel Boccio Chris Kelly, John Sullivan [requested by Dorothy & Jim Clavell] Carolyn Bennett [requested Jill Spage] Arthur Schaeffler [requested by the Poulos Family] Mary Ellen Sconzo [requested by Grabrielle Sconzo] Margie Costello and the brother of Joe Costello [requested by Joe Costello & family] Brett D, Bill Michalski, father in law of Jessica Davis Michalski [requested by Cindy Davis] Robert & Pat Richards [requested by Mary Fjellstad] Bob Blagriff, Bill Davey [requested by Tom & Pat Pernice] Barbara McCanlis, Patty DeGoveia [requested by Jill Breimann] Ellen Bell [requested by Dorothy Graf] Gavin Lahann [requested by Grandmother Violet Lahann] Emilie Diehl [requested by daughters Cyndie & Kathy] Kathy Greaney, Andrew Madarasz, Gerard Tuohy [requested by Leslee & Steve Mathieson] Valerie Ruckert, Bob Widmer, Carmine Colasanto, Richard & George Mengert [requested by Carolyn Gabelman] Tracey Parisi, Margo Naranjo, John Hochuli [requested by Barbara English] Marilyn Havighorst [requested by Martha Hahn] Kerri Swanson [requested by Linda & Jud Taylor] Andy Hazin & the Hazin family, Ilse Gunther [requested by the Hoffman family] David Travis [requested by Richard Travis] The family of Elaine Robinson [requested by Deborah Cella] Viola Giovinco [requested by Liz DeLuca]

# THOSE IN MILITARY SERVICE:

Sgt Eric Hodosky Captain Zachary Hinsch [nephew of Judy & John Hinsch] Major Lenore Livingston [daughter of Helen & Art Fortin] Corporal August Detting Major William Fortin

(Please advise the office of any updates in your prayer requests.)