

ST. ANDREW'S

LUTHERAN CHURCH



***Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost
With the Liturgy of Holy Communion
✠ October 11, 2026 10:00 am***

*Ministers, The People of God
MNYS Bishop Rev. Dr. Katrina Foster
Reverend Jean Dougherty
Director of Music, Yuxuan Chen
Cantor, Cynthia Davis*

*Bell Choir Director, Laura Gustavsen
Assisting Minister, Laura Gustavsen*

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Ushers: Darlene Klouda, Liz DeLuca

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This is Christ's Church:

There is a place for you here. We are the church that shares a living, daring confidence in God's grace. Liberated by our faith, we embrace you as a whole person—questions, complexities, and all. Join us as we do God's work in Christ's name for the life of the world. **Those with us for the first time** are kindly asked to introduce themselves to the pastor and greeters and are welcome to sign our guest book in the narthex.

NEED PRAYER? Kindly share prayer concerns at the lectern located at the church entrance to have a name read aloud during worship. Completing a prayer card or calling the office assures the name will appear in print, and you may ask to receive a call from the pastor.

Our Mission:

Because God shows His Love through Jesus Christ, St. Andrew's Lutheran Church, a community of faith, gathered around Word and Sacrament, lives to WORSHIP, WITNESS, LEARN, and SERVE, and welcomes all people to share God's love and to be workers together in this mission of the Church.

Communion:

St. Andrew's practices eucharistic hospitality.
All are welcome at God's table.

In response to Jesus's command, we celebrate with a worship meal of bread (or gluten-free by request) and white wine or red grape juice (in the center of the communion tray.) It is the Lutheran tradition to commune using both elements. However, we believe Christ is fully present when receiving one kind (bread or wine/grape juice). The living practice of our Lutheran tradition is an open table for the baptized to receive Holy Communion. Those desiring a blessing but not communion are invited forward and may cross their arms to indicate their intentions.

What is Reconciling in Christ?

This means we joyfully welcome all of God's people to worship with us regardless of age, ethnicity, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, ability, or socio-economic circumstances.



Evangelical
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in America

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

WELCOME *(presiding minister)*

Call to Worship *(based on Psalm 23) (presiding minister)*

The Lord is our shepherd; we have all that we need.

God leads us beside still waters and restores our souls.

Even when the way is difficult, we do not walk alone.

God is with us, guiding us with goodness and mercy.

God prepares a place for us and welcomes us home.

We will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

O come, let us worship.

O come, let us worship. O come, let us worship.

PRELUDE *(acolytes light candles) (water is poured into the font)*

Bach, Sinfonia from Cantata Ich steh' mit einem Fuß im Grabe BWV 156 (Transcription for oboe and organ) performed by Daniel Hishbein (Oboe) and Minerva Chen.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

(please stand as you are able)

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins at the font.

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

God of heaven and earth, you come in close and make us yours.

Equip us by your Spirit to confess our sin, embrace our forgiveness, and seek the way you set before us in your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

(The assembly kneels as they are able. Silence is kept for reflection.)

We find ourselves lost.

God finds us and claims us.

We convince ourselves we are unlovable.

God loves us completely.

We wonder if God is against us,
And God is running to us with open arms.

When we are totally stuck with no hope of change,
God is conspiring to bring good things.

Sometimes we are deep down in a dark hole,
And God is lifting us out.

People of God, hear this good news:

When we so often fail, God has succeeded!

You are completely forgiven of everything because of God's great love for you in Jesus Christ. Hear again, you are forgiven.

And so right now, together we begin a new life again in the name of the Father, and of the +Son and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

(please stand as you are able)

GATHERING HYMN 522 As We Gather at your Table



1 As we gath-er at your ta-ble, as we lis-ten to your word,
2 Turn our wor-ship in-to wit-ness in the sac-ra-ment of life;
3 Gra-cious Spir-it, help us sum-mon oth-er guests to share that feast



help us know, O God, your pres-ence; let our hearts and minds be stirred.
send us forth to love and serve you, bring-ing peace where there is strife.
where tri-um-phant Love will wel-come those who had been last and least.



Nour-ish us with sa-cred sto-ry till we claim it as our own;
Give us, Christ, your great com-pas-sion to for-give as you for-gave;
There no more will en-vy blind us nor will pride our peace de-stroy,



teach us through this ho-ly ban-quet how to make Love's vic-t'ry known.
may we still be-hold your im-age in the world you died to save.
as we join with saints and an-gels to re-peat the sound-ing joy.

(Please be seated)

GREETING THE HIVE *(children are invited forward)*

(please stand as you are able)

GREETING *(presiding minister)*

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 ELW 884

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below;

praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

PRAYER OF THE DAY *(presiding minister)*

Let us pray.

A brief silence is kept before the prayer.

Lord of the feast, **you have prepared a table before all peoples and poured out your life with abundance. Call us again to your banquet. Strengthen us by what is honorable, just, and pure, and transform us into a people of righteousness and peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

(please be seated)

ANTHEM Camille Saint Saëns - Sonata for Oboe and Piano in D Major, Op. 166, Movement I: Andantino-Poco Allegro. (performed by Daniel Hishbein (Oboe), Minerva Chen)

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

FIRST READING: Isaiah 25:6-9

A reading from Isaiah.

⁶ On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples
a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines,
of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear.

⁷ And he will destroy on this mountain
the shroud that is cast over all peoples,
the covering that is spread over all nations;

⁸ he will swallow up death forever.

Then the Lord GOD will wipe away the tears from all faces,
and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth,
for the LORD has spoken.

⁹ It will be said on that day,
"See, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us.
This is the LORD for whom we have waited;
let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation."

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 23 *(read in unison)*

¹ **The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.**

² **He makes me lie down in green pastures;
he leads me beside still waters;**

³ **he restores my soul.**

**He leads me in right paths
for his name's sake.**

⁴ **Even though I walk through the darkest valley,
I fear no evil,**

**for you are with me;
your rod and your staff,**

They comfort me.

⁵ **You prepare a table before me
in the presence of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil;
my cup overflows.**

⁶ **Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life,
and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD
my whole life long.**

SECOND READING: Philippians 4:1-9

A reading from Philippians

1 My brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved. 2 I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. 3 Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my coworkers, whose names are in the book of life.

4 Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. 5 Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. 6 Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. 7 And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

8 Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. 9 As for the things that you have learned and received and heard and noticed in me, do them, and the God of peace will be with you. The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

(please stand as you are able)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (setting 3, page 142)



GOSPEL: Matthew 22:1-14

The holy gospel according to Matthew. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

1 Once more Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying: 2 "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. 3 He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. 4 Again he sent other slaves, saying, 'Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.' 5 But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, 6 while the rest seized his slaves, mistreated them, and killed them. 7 The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. 8 Then he said to his slaves, 'The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. 9 Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.' 10 Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they

found, both good and bad, so the wedding hall was filled with guests.

11 "But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, 12 and he said to him, 'Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?' And he was speechless. 13 Then the king said to the attendants, 'Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.' 14 For many are called, but few are chosen."

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

(please be seated)

SERMON *(presiding minister)*

(please stand as you are able)

HYMN OF THE DAY 574 Here I Am, Lord



1 "I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my peo - ple cry.
2 "I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my peo - ple's pain.
3 "I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.



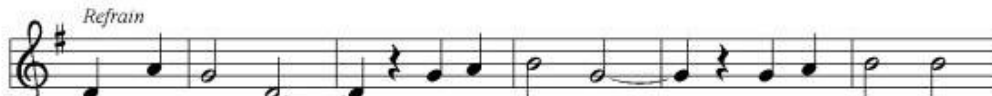
All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save.
I have wept for love of them. They turn a - way.
I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.



I, who made the stars of night, I will make their dark-ness bright.
I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love a - lone.
Fin-est bread I will pro-vide till their hearts be sat - is - fied.



Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?"
I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?"
I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?"



Refrain
Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you



call-ing in the night. I will go, Lord, if you



lead me. I will hold your peo - ple in my heart.

APOSTLES' CREED *(presiding minister)*

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

Seeking the Spirit of God who makes all things new, we pray for the church and the world.

A brief silence.

Holy God, we remember your promise of unity on your holy mountain. Empower the World Council of Churches and all those working across religious difference, that the world may know your undivided love. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

We remember your promise of green pastures and quiet waters. Preserve all places of natural beauty and restore our relationship with the land. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

We remember your promise to not abandon us amid storm and disaster. Renew all communities facing disasters and give your courage to those leading relief efforts. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

We remember your promise to wipe away every tear. Heal and console all who are sick or suffering, especially for all on our prayer list and those we now name silently or aloud. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

We remember your promise of a banquet open to all people. Challenge this congregation to open wide our doors and welcome everyone to the table. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

We remember your promise to swallow up death forever. We give thanks for those who have gone before us. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Trusting in your boundless grace, O God, we lift up these spoken prayers and those in our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

PEACE *(presiding minister)*

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

(The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace, and may say, "Peace be with you," or similar words.)

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

*The assembly may be seated. An offering is gathered for the mission of the church, including the care of those in need. **Children are invited to collect food donations from pews.***

OFFERING

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(When Jesus fed the 5000 with only five loaves of bread and two fish, he was showing us how God's love can multiply the effects of our generosity [see Mt. 14:13-21]. Thank you for sharing from the abundance you have received. Offerings may also be given online at the church website.)

OFFERING HYMN #461 All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly



1 All who hun-ger, gath-er glad - ly; ho - ly man - na is our bread.
2 All who hun-ger, nev - er strang-ers; seek - er, be a wel - come guest.
3 All who hun-ger, sing to - geth - er, Je - sus Christ is liv - ing bread.



Come from wil - der - ness and wan - d'ring. Here in truth we will be fed.
Come from rest - less - ness and roam - ing. Here in joy we keep the feast.
Come from lone - li - ness and long - ing. Here in peace we have been fed.



You that yearn for days of full-ness, all a-round us is our food.
We that once were lost and scat-tered in com-mu-nion's love have stood.
Blest are those who from this ta - ble live their days in grat-i - tude.



Taste and see the grace e - ter - nal. Taste and see that God is good.
Taste and see the grace e - ter - nal. Taste and see that God is good.
Taste and see the grace e - ter - nal. Taste and see that God is good.

(please stand as you are able)

OFFERING PRAYER *(assisting minister)*

God of creation,
you send rain and the earth springs forth abundantly.
All blessings are from you;
make us generous with what we have.
Use our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts
in service to you and in love to our neighbors,
today and always. **Amen.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING: DIALOGUE AND PREFACE *(presiding minister)*

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.
You reveal your glory as the glory of the Father, †the Son, and the Holy Spirit:
equal in majesty, undivided in splendor, one Lord, one God,
ever to be adored in your eternal glory.
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 *ELW setting three pg 144*



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -
san-na. 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.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

(presiding minister)

Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son,
who reached out to heal the sick and suffering,
who preached good news to the poor,
and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.
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.
Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord,
and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food,
the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord;
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
be all honor and glory, now and forever. **Amen**

LORD'S PRAYER *(presiding minister)*

**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

Christ invites you to this table. All who are thirsty, all who are hungry, come! *(The assembly may be seated during distribution. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request. Those desiring a blessing but not communion are invited forward and may cross their arms to indicate their intentions. Children are welcome to come forward for a blessing.)*

LAMB OF GOD *ELW setting three, pg 146*



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

COMMUNION HYMN 487 *What Feast of Love*



1 What feast of love is of - fered here, what ban-quet come from heav - en?
2 What light of truth is of - fered here, what cov - e - nant from heav - en?
3 What wine of love is of - fered here, what crim-son drink from heav - en?

What food of ev - er - last-ing life, what gra - cious gift is giv - en?
What hope of ev - er - last-ing life, what won-drous word is giv - en?
What stream of ev - er - last-ing life, what pre - cious blood is giv - en?

This, this is Christ the king, the bread come down from heav - en.
This, this is Christ the king, the sun come down from heav - en.
This, this is Christ the king, the sweet - est wine of heav - en.

Oh, taste and see and sing! How sweet the man - na giv - en!
Oh, see and hear and sing! The Word of God is giv - en!
Oh, taste and see and sing! The Son of God is giv - en!

(please stand as you are able)

EUCCHARISTIC BLESSING *(presiding minister)*

May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace and peace. **Amen.**

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Sustaining God,
with this bread and cup, you nourish us with mercy and abundant life. By your Spirit, send us from this table to serve a needy world. Make us living signs of your liberation, healing, and love, following the way of Jesus, in whose name we pray. **Amen.**

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

ANNOUNCEMENTS *(presiding minister)*

(please stand as you are able)

BLESSING *(presiding minister)*

The God of hope grant you strength and joy in all circumstances. In the name of the Father, ✠the Son, and the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

SENDING SONG 873 Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart! (vs 1,2, 6)



- 1 Re - joice, ye pure in heart! Re - joice, give thanks, and sing;
2 With voice as full and strong as o - cean's surg - ing praise,
3 With all the an - gel choirs, with all the saints on earth
4 Still lift your stan - dard high, still march in firm ar - ray,



your fes - tal ban - ner wave on high, the cross of Christ your king.
send forth the stur - dy hymns of old, the psalms of an - cient days.
pour out the strains of joy and bliss, true rap - ture, no - blest mirth.
as pil - grims through the dark - ness wend till dawns the gol - den day.

Refrain



Re - joice! Re - joice! Re - joice, give thanks, and sing!

- 5 At last the march shall end;
the wearied ones shall rest;
the pilgrims find their home at last,
Jerusalem the blest. *Refrain*
- 6 Praise God who reigns on high,
the Lord whom we adore:
the Father, Son, and Spirit blest,
one God forevermore. *Refrain*

DISMISSAL *(assisting minister)*

Go in peace. Serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

Camille Saint Saëns - Sonata for Oboe and Piano in D Major, Op. 166, Movement II: Allegretto. Performed by Daniel Hishbein (Oboe) and Minerva Chen.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER THOSE IN NEED OF HEALING:

Shannon Breinmann, Fred Schmidt, The Diehl family, John Dugan, Jimmy LaSurdo,
David Schwack, Amanda Haeffer, Ruth Clark, Helen Gronus
Paul Mchugh, Xavier Wilson; Alex & Nicolas Hoffmann [Hoffmann family]
Xavier Taylor, Crew Fritz, Lisa, Noah, Lilly [Joy Suffis]
Jackson Robinson [Rick Madarasz];
Pat Gasparo, Margie Monaco, Tom Moebus [Meystrik family];
Kit, Linda, Jeffrey, James [Anastasia Glasheen]
Giuseppe Fontana [Lauren Fontana]
Richard Delaney [Cookie Delaney]
Martha Hahn, David Palmer, Peter Gambitsky, Debbie Bartfield [Pastor Jean]
Skobla family, Frances Sanzone [Sanzone family]
Elena Quandt [Doreen Flanagan]
Vanessa Marie Lahann, Gavin Lahann [Violet & Donnalee]
Allie Abruzzi, Tania Dufour [Ashley & Maria Gyscek]
Tom Wray, Mike Cento; Jimmy; Richard & George Mengert Bruce Logan; Betty Perlish
[Carolyn Gabelman]
Deirdre Reilly, Jeanne McCurdy, Belinda Busaca, Zeitlin, Margo Naranjo [Barbara English]
Nita Samulevich, Mel Flaherty, Elizabeth Flaherty [Amanda Flaherty]
Family of Richie Cardoza [Bill Moser]
Fran Favara [Liz DeLuca]
Joseph Wannemacher, Anita Ahrens, Craig Keil [Janis Raineri]
Lyla Suffis [Jen & Brett Suffis]
Karen Crimi, Jeffrey Gilmore, Rev. Wayne Gollenberg [Jill Breimann]
Debbie, Kimmie Lacci, Ivy [Mary Fjellstad]
Carolyn Martin [Linda Overton]
Marissa Evers, Lauren Cravotta [Joe & Margie Costello]
Mary Ellen Tiffany [Klouda Family]
Judy Daley, Jennifer Meisenkothen, John Sullivan [Dorothy & Jim Clavell]
Carolyn Bennett [Jill Spagel]
Judy G., Nancy M. [Cindy Davis]
Emily Richardson, Betsy Johnsrud, [Leslee & Steve Mathieson]
David Travis [Richard Travis]

THOSE IN MILITARY SERVICE

Sgt Eric Hodosky • Lt Col Lenore Livingston née Fortin • Corporal August Detting • LT Col
William Fortin • Sgt Jack Dougherty • Sgt Jasmine Dougherty