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Guided by the Spirit, we share the love of Jesus
and walk with our community.

Sunday July 4, 2021 - 6th Sunday after Pentecost

A blessed, safe and happy July 4th to you all! As we enjoy this weekend, may we give God thanks and praise for the freedoms we have in our country! We remember those who have died so that we may be free. Today we celebrate our Country's birth, but also the freedom we have in Christ Jesus so that we may be truly free!

In the second lesson today Paul talks about a dream or vision that he had where Jesus says to him "My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness." (2 Cor: 12:9). We need this grace so when our "thorns" come along in life we can receive this love in a time of need. With sufficient grace you and I are sent out to share the Gospel Good News to a lost and dying world.

Just like the disciples in our Gospel story, we don't need anything, we don't need to take with us any distractions. We are equipped with a heart just like Jesus and we are refreshed in grace and love for daily living. As Jesus sent the 12, so God sends us. We are called to share the love of God and the freedom from sin won for us by Jesus Christ!



INTRODUCTION

Jesus does great deeds of power and gives his disciples authority over demons. Yet none of this power is unilateral; it all must be received by faith. Jesus asks his disciples to go out without money or supplies, so that they will be dependent on how others receive them. When we are sent from the assembly to witness and to heal, we are asked to be vulnerable, to be dependent on the reception of others. The Spirit always operates in the "between": between Jesus and his Abba, between Jesus and us, between you and me, between us and those to whom we are sent.

God Bless Our Native Land



1 God bless our na - tive land; firm may it ev - er stand
2 So shall our prayers a - rise to God a - bove the skies,



through storm and night. When the wild tem - pests rave, Rul - er of
on whom we wait. Thou who art ev - er nigh, guard - ing with



wind and wave, do thou our coun - try save by thy great might.
watch-ful eye, to thee a - loud we cry: God save the state!

Text: Charles T. Brooks, 1812–1883; John S. Dwight, 1813–1893
Music: NATIONAL ANTHEM, *Thesaurus Musicus*, London, 1744

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✙ one God,
the God of manna,
the God of miracles,
the God of mercy.

Amen.

Drawn to Christ and seeking God's abundance, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

God, our provider, help us. It is hard to believe there is enough to share. We question your ways when they differ from the ways of the world in which we live. We turn to our own understanding rather than trusting in you. We take offense at your teachings and your ways. Turn us again to you. Where else can we turn? Share with us the words of eternal life and feed us for life in the world.

Amen.

Beloved people of God: in Jesus, the manna from heaven, you are fed and nourished. By Jesus, the worker of miracles, there is always more than enough. Through Jesus, ✙ the bread of life, you are shown God's mercy: you are forgiven and loved into abundant life.

Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

God of the covenant, in our baptism you call us to proclaim the coming of your kingdom. Give us the courage you gave the apostles, that we may faithfully witness to your love and peace in every circumstance of life, in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

WORD

First Reading: Ezekiel 2:1-5

In 597 BCE, the priest Ezekiel was removed into exile in Babylon. While there, he received a vision of God appearing majestically on a chariot throne. Today's reading recounts God's commissioning of Ezekiel during this vision. The prophet is to speak God's word to a people unwilling to hear.

1 [A voice] said to me: O mortal, stand up on your feet, and I will speak with you. 2 And when he spoke to me, a spirit entered into me and set me on my feet; and I heard him speaking to me. 3 He said to me, Mortal, I am sending you to the people of Israel, to a nation of rebels who have rebelled against me; they and their ancestors have transgressed against me to this very day. 4 The descendants are impudent and stubborn. I am sending you to them, and you shall say to them, "Thus says the Lord God." 5 Whether they hear or refuse to hear (for they are a rebellious house), they shall know that there has been a prophet among them.

The word of the Lord, **thanks be to God.**

Psalm: Psalm 123

Our eyes look to you, O God, until you show us your mercy. (Ps. 123:2)

- 1 To you I lift up my eyes,
to you enthroned in the heavens.
- 2 As the eyes of servants look to the hand of their masters, and the eyes of a maid to the
hand of her mistress, so our eyes look to you, O Lord our God, until you show us your
mercy.
- 3 Have mercy upon us, O Lord, have mercy,
for we have had more than enough of contempt,
- 4 too much of the scorn of the indolent rich,
and of the derision of the proud.

Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 12:2-10

Christians do not boast of their own accomplishments. Rather, Christian boasting focuses attention on how the power of Christ is present in our lives, especially in times of weakness and vulnerability. No matter what our circumstances in life, Christ's grace is sufficient for us.

2 I know a person in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows. 3 And I know that such a person—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows—4 was caught up into Paradise and heard things that are not to be told, that no mortal is permitted to repeat. 5 On behalf of such a one I will boast, but on my own behalf I will not boast, except of my weaknesses. 6 But if I wish to boast, I will not be a fool, for I will be speaking the truth. But I refrain from it, so that no one may think better of me than what is seen in me or heard from me, 7 even considering the exceptional character of the revelations. Therefore, to keep me from being too elated, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to torment me, to keep me from being too elated. 8 Three times I appealed to the Lord about this, that it would leave me, 9 but he said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness.” So, I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me. 10 Therefore I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities for the sake of Christ; for whenever I am weak, then I am strong.

The word of the Lord, **thanks be to God.**

Gospel: Mark 6:1-13

At home and abroad, Jesus and his disciples encounter resistance as they seek to proclaim God's word and relieve affliction.

The Holy Gospel according to Mark. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

1 [Jesus] came to his hometown, and his disciples followed him. 2 On the sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astounded. They said, “Where did this man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been given to him? What deeds of power are being done by his hands! 3 Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon, and are not his sisters here with us?” And they took offense at him. 4 Then Jesus said to them, “Prophets are not without honor, except in their hometown, and among their own kin, and in their own house.” 5 And he could do no deed of power there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and cured them. 6 And he was amazed at their unbelief.

Then he went about among the villages teaching. 7 He called the twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. 8 He ordered them to take nothing for their journey except a staff; no bread, no bag, no money in their belts; 9 but to wear sandals and not to put on two tunics. 10 He said to them, "Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave the place. 11 If any place will not welcome you and they refuse to hear you, as you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them." 12 So they went out and proclaimed that all should repent. 13 They cast out many demons, and anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them.

The Gospel of our Lord, **praise to you, O Christ.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON NOTES





HYMN OF THE DAY

ELW #888

O Beautiful for Spacious Skies



1 O beau - ti - ful for spa - cious skies, for am - ber waves of grain,
2 O beau - ti - ful for he - roes proved in lib - er - at - ing strife,
3 O beau - ti - ful for pa - triot dream that sees be - yond the years



for pur - ple moun - tain maj - es - ties a - bove the fruit - ed plain:
who more than self their coun - try loved, and mer - cy more than life:
thine al - a - bas - ter cit - ies gleam, un - dimmed by hu - man tears:



A - mer - i - ca! A - mer - i - ca! God shed his grace on thee,
A - mer - i - ca! A - mer - i - ca! May God thy gold re - fine,
A - mer - i - ca! A - mer - i - ca! God mend thine ev - 'ry flaw,



and crown thy good with broth - er - hood from sea to shin - ing sea.
till all suc - cess be no - ble - ness, and ev - 'ry gain di - vine.
con - firm thy soul in self - con - trol, thy lib - er - ty in law.

Text: Katherine L. Bates, 1859–1929

Music: MATERNA, Samuel A. Ward, 1848–1903

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended into hell.*
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again 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

Let us come before the triune God in prayer.

A brief silence.

God of all, through the waters of baptism you claim people of all races, ethnicities, and languages as your beloved children. Sustain the baptized and increase their faith, that your gospel may be proclaimed throughout the earth. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

God of the heavens, your creating Spirit animates the universe. We give you thanks for the moon and stars, for the planets and the Milky Way Galaxy, and for all of the mysteries of the cosmos that remain unknown to us. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

God of freedom, you have liberated us from sin and death and rescue us from all forms of spiritual, social, and political oppression. Defend us from tyrants in our midst and deliver us from all forms of slavery or corruption. Direct our freedom for works of liberation and wholeness. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

God of compassion, you became vulnerable in the person of Jesus Christ in solidarity with the disempowered. Strengthen those who feel faint, give courage to those who fear, and bring wholeness to those in need (*especially*). Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

God of holiness, you send us out into the world to proclaim your love. We pray for our outreach ministries (*local ministries may be named*). Equip us as we leave this place to witness and serve our neighbors. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

We give you thanks that in every time and place you call forth prophets who move us towards freedom. Thank you for those who work for human rights, community organizers, and all who strive for liberty for all. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

We lift our prayers to you, O God, trusting in your abiding grace.

Amen.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

OFFERING

Faithful members and friends of St. Andrews, we thank you for your continued financial support during our time of physical separation.

Please click [HERE](#) to be taken to Tithe.ly to give online.

Mail offering to:
St. Andrew's Lutheran Church
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Speedway, IN 46224-0106

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

Jesus, Bread of life, you have set this table with your very self, and called us to the feast of plenty. Gather what has been sown among us and strengthen us in this meal. Make us to be what we receive here, your body for the life of the world.

Amen.



GREAT THANKSGIVING

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, for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ, the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin; who in dying has destroyed death, and in rising has brought us to eternal life.

And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name.

Holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God. You are most holy, and great is the majesty of your glory. You so loved the world that you gave your only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but have eternal life. We give you thanks for his coming into the world to fulfill for us your holy will and to accomplish all things for our salvation.

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.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Remembering, therefore, his salutary command, his life-giving passion and death, his glorious resurrection and ascension, and the promise of his coming again, we give thanks to you, O Lord God Almighty, not as we ought but as we are able; we ask you mercifully to accept our praise and thanksgiving and with your Word and Holy Spirit to bless us, your servants, and these your own gifts of bread and wine, so that we and all who share in the body and blood of Christ may be filled with heavenly blessing and grace, and, receiving the forgiveness of sin, may be formed to live as your holy people and be given our inheritance with all your saints.

To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever.

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

Christ has set the table with more than enough for all.
Come!

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray.

Jesus, Bread of life, we have received from your table more than we could ever ask. As you have nourished us in this meal, now strengthen us to love the world with your own life. In your name we pray.

Amen.

Announcements

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

The blessing of God, who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us, ☩ be upon you now and forever.

Amen.

SENDING

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

SENDING HYMN

ELW #890

Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory



1 Mine eyes have seen the glo - ry of the com - ing of the Lord;
 2 He has sound - ed forth the trum - pet that shall nev - er call re - treat;
 3 In the beau - ty of the lil - ies Christ was born a - cross the sea,



he is tram - pling out the vin - tage where the grapes of wrath are stored;
 he is sift - ing out the hearts of men be - fore his judg - ment seat.
 with a glo - ry in his bos - om that trans - fig - ures you and me.



he has loosed the fate - ful light - ning of his ter - ri - ble swift sword:
 Oh, be swift, my soul, to an - swer him; be ju - bi - lant, my feet!
 As he died to make men ho - ly, let us live to make men free,



his truth is march - ing on.
 Our God is march - ing on.
 while God is march - ing on.

Refrain



Glo - ry, glo - ry! Hal - le - lu - jah! Glo - ry, glo - ry! Hal - le - lu - jah!



Glo - ry, glo - ry! Hal - le - lu - jah! His truth is march - ing on.

Text: Julia Ward Howe, 1819–1910

Music: BATTLE HYMN, North American, 19th cent

Families on the Prayer List

Mr. & Mrs. John DeBoer Jr (Suzanne)
Mr. & Mrs. Ronald Dillow (Shaun) and Lydia
Mrs. Lisa Gold
Mr. & Mrs. Gary Henschen (Suzy)

Additional Prayers for Recent, Current, or Upcoming Medical Care:

Michael Hamilton, brother of Jason,
Paula Cardoza-Jones,
Justin, cousin of FBS friend Christie,
Joe Lynch, brother of MJ,
Christine Robertson, great niece of MJ Lynch,
Carl Schaber, brother of Jan Smith,
Susan Spinelli, sister of Jennifer Baker

Those with Ongoing Special Need of Prayer:

Jerid Edwards, great nephew of MJ Lynch Ruth Tingle David Tryon, son of Mary

Remember to Pray for Nursing Home Residents and Shut-Ins:

Lynn Bigelow Thelma Jones Penny Kalk Martha Larson
Norma Petraits David Royer David Schmalz The Harrison

Remember to Pray for those Serving in our Armed Forces:

Michael Joseph Jerry Shake



Prayers

Let us pray for the victims and families and loved ones of the condominium building collapse in Surfside, Florida, as well as the first responders, search and rescue crews and the community.

Prayers

Let us continue to pray for the communities throughout our country that have experienced the tragedy of a mass shooting. Pray for the families and friends of the deceased and wounded as well as the survivors and responders.

Let us pray for an end to the need for these prayers.

Lord, have mercy.

St. Andrew's Calendar

- **Sunday, July 4** Worship 9am Outdoor (Weather permitting)
Zoom Holy Communion and Adult Faith Formation 7pm
- **Tuesday, July 6** Zoom Staff Meeting 1pm
- **Wednesday, July 7** Laundry & Friends 4:30-6:30pm
Virtual Bible Study 7pm
- **Sunday, July 11** Worship 9am Outdoor (Weather permitting)
Zoom Holy Communion and Adult Faith Formation 7pm
- **Monday, July 12** Mat Making Monday 12-4pm
- **Tuesday, July 13** Zoom Staff Meeting 1pm
- **Wednesday, July 14** Virtual Bible Study 7pm
- **Thursday, July 15** Newsletter Articles Due to Kelli
Zoom Council Meeting 6:30pm
- **Sunday, July 18** Worship 9am Indoor
Zoom Holy Communion and Adult Faith Formation 7pm
- **Tuesday, July 20** Zoom Staff Meeting 1pm
- **Wednesday, July 21** Laundry & Friends 4:30-6:30pm
Virtual Bible Study 7pm

St. Andrew's Announcements

Faith Formation

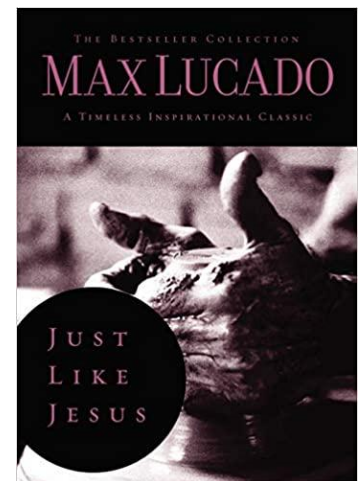
The group is studying the Book of Acts. Please read the first couple chapters of Acts and bring questions and concerns. All are welcome and invited.

Summer Sermon Series

From **June 6 to August 15** Pastor will guide us through a sermon series on having a heart like Jesus with each chapter listing ways to “remodel” our hearts to be like Jesus.

*“God loves you just the way you are, but God refuses to leave you that way.
God wants us to be just like Jesus.”*

- **June 6:** Heart like Jesus/Forgiving Heart
- **June 13:** Compassionate Heart
- **June 20:** Listening Heart
- **June 27:** God-Intoxicated and Worship Heart
- **July 4:** No book/sermon series b/c of Holiday
- **July 11:** Focused Heart
- **July 18:** Honest and Pure Heart
- **July 25:** Hope Filled Heart
- **August 1:** Rejoicing Heart
- **August 8:** Enduring Heart
- **August 15:** Keeping Eyes on Jesus/Wrap up



The book is \$9 on [Amazon](#), \$3 on [Kindle](#). *Order your copy of the book now!!

Wednesday Evening Virtual Bible Study

Pastor Givan hosts a virtual Bible Study from 7-8pm Wednesday evening, based on the book *Just Like Jesus* by Max Lucado following along with the Summer Sermon Series. The series will look at the characteristics of having a heart just like Jesus! The study meets via Zoom June 9-August 18. Watch for the link via email.

MJ Vacation

MJ will be on vacation July 6, 7 & 8.

Worship Schedule & Mask Requirement Update

We have established a rotation schedule for worship to provide options for everyone.

1st & 3rd Sundays: Indoor

Masks required, unless fully vaccinated.

2nd & 4th Sundays: Outdoor (weather permitting - check your email)

Masks are not required, regardless of vaccination status.

Continue to wear a mask in any setting if that makes you more comfortable.

Singing: All are welcome to sing at outdoor services only.

Altar Flowers

We are welcoming Altar Flowers Back to worship. You may sign the Altar Flower Chart or call the office and MJ will add your name to the Sunday you wish to provide flowers. You will be responsible for getting the flowers and don't forget to let MJ know what you would like printed in the bulletin.

Mat Making Mondays

Mat Makers meet on the 2nd & 4th Mondays from 12-4pm in Fellowship Hall. All are welcome on any Monday and for any time during the 4 hour period to help with the various tasks of making mats that are distributed to homeless individuals.

For information about this project contact Jan Smith.

Elvanto - Our New Church Management System

Emails have been sent with written directions and a video tutorial to learn about this system, with details to login and create your username and password. If you need them resent, please let Kelli know.

Remember:

- Worship time is 9am.
- Recorded worship available on website, Facebook, & email Sunday afternoons.
- Office Hours 10-4, T-W-TH.
- Midweek Moment Wednesdays 12pm.
- Communion Kits can be picked up at the church office.

Read and study God's Word for the coming Sunday!

For next week July 11:

7th Sunday after Pentecost

1st Reading: Amos 7:7-15

Psalm: Psalm 85:8-13

2nd Reading: Ephesians 1:3-14

Gospel: Mark 6:14-29