

# 5TH SUNDAY OUTDOOR SERVICE

August 29th, 2021

St Andrew's Lutheran & Faith Lutheran  
Arbuckle Acres, Brownsburg

**Welcome**

Pastor Doug

**Opening Prayer**

Sara Curry, Faith Lutheran

**Gathering Song**

ELW 641

“All are Welcome”

Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safely live, a place where saints and children tell how hearts learn to forgive. Built of hopes and dreams and visions, rock of faith and vault of grace; here the love of Christ shall end divisions:

All are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this place.

Let us build a house where prophets speak, and words are strong and true, where all God's children dare to seek to dream God's reign anew. Here the cross shall stand as witness and as symbol of God's grace; here as one we claim the faith of Jesus:

All are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this place.

Let us build a house where love is found in water, wine and wheat: a banquet hall on holy ground where peace and justice meet. Here the love of God, through Jesus, is revealed in time and space; as we share in Christ the feast that frees us:

All are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this place.

Let us build a house where hands will reach beyond the wood and stone to heal and strengthen, serve and teach, and live the Word they've known. Here the outcast and the stranger bear the image of God's face; let us bring an end to fear and danger:

All are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this place.

Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and visions heard and loved and treasured, taught and claimed as words within the Word. Built of tears and cries and laughter, prayers of faith and songs of grace, let this house proclaim from floor to rafter:

All are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this place.

## **Litany**

**P:** The Lord be with you

**C:** And also with you

**P:** We gather together in the name of the One who was, and is, and is to come

**C:** We gather in the name of Jesus giving God all the praise and glory

**P:** Thank you Lord for bringing us together today to worship you and you alone

**C:** We thank you, God, for your love, grace, and hope in the forgiveness of sins

**P:** We confess to you, Lord, all of our sin, past, present and future

**C:** Thank you, Lord for grace and love

**P:** We give to you, Lord, all the problems, worries, and anxieties of this day

**C:** May your Son, Jesus Christ, and the Holy Spirit surround us all our days

**All:** Amen

## Prayer of the Day

Jan Smith, St. Andrew's

Lutheran

O God our strength, without you we are weak and wayward creatures. Protect us from all dangers that attack us from the outside, and cleanse us from all evil that arises from within ourselves, so that we may build strong spiritual homes on the solid rock of Jesus Christ.

Amen.

## WORD

### First Reading: Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9

Ron Graff, Faith Lutheran

*The Israelites believed the law was a divine gift that provided guidelines for living out the covenant. Moses commands the people to obey the law and to neither add to nor subtract from it. The Israelites are also to teach the law to their children and their children's children.*

1 So now, Israel, give heed to the statutes and ordinances that I am teaching you to observe, so that you may live to enter and occupy the land that the Lord, the God of your ancestors, is giving you. 2 You must neither add anything to what I command you nor take away anything from it, but keep the commandments of the Lord your God with which I am charging you.

6 You must observe them diligently, for this will show your wisdom and discernment to the peoples, who, when they hear all these statutes, will say, "Surely this great nation is a wise and discerning people!" 7 For what other great nation has a god so near to it as the Lord our God is whenever we call to him? 8 And what other great nation has statutes and ordinances as just as this entire law that I am setting before you today?

9 But take care and watch yourselves closely, so as neither to forget the things that your eyes have seen nor to let them slip from your mind all the days of your life; make them known to your children and your children's children.

### Second Reading: James 1:17-27

Rose Jones, St. Andrew's Lutheran

*The letter of James was intended to provide first-century Christians with instruction in godly behavior. Here Christians are encouraged to listen carefully and to act on what they hear, especially by caring for those least able to care for themselves.*

17 Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. 18 In fulfillment of his own purpose he gave us birth by the word of truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of his creatures.

19 You must understand this, my beloved: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger; 20 for your anger does not produce God's righteousness. 21 Therefore rid yourselves of all sordidness and rank growth of wickedness, and welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save your souls.

22 But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves. 23 For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves in a mirror; 24 for they look at themselves and, on going away, immediately forget what they were like. 25 But those who look into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who act—they will be blessed in their doing.

26 If any think they are religious, and do not bridle their tongues but deceive their hearts, their religion is worthless. 27 Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

**Gospel: Matthew 7:24-29**

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 7th chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

24 "Everyone then who hears these words of mine and acts on them will be like a wise man who built his house on rock. 25 The rain fell, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house, but it did not fall, because it had been founded on rock. 26 And everyone who hears these words of mine and does not act on them will be like a foolish man who built his house on sand. 27 The rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell — and great was its fall!"

28 Now when Jesus had finished saying these things, the crowds were astounded at his teaching, 29 for he taught them as one having authority, and not as their scribes.

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

**Children's Message**  
Lutheran

Paula Cardoza-Jones, St. Andrew's

**Message**

Pastor Doug

**Hymn of Day**

"We Are the Church"

## Refrain:

I am the church! You are the church! We are the church together!

All who follow Jesus, all around the world! Yes, we're the church together!

The church is not a building, the church is not a steeple, the church is not a resting place, the church is a people.

We're many kinds of people, with many kinds of faces, all colors and all ages, too, from all times and places.

Sometimes the church is marching, sometimes it's bravely burning, sometimes it's riding, sometimes hiding, always it's learning.

And when the people gather, there's singing and there's praying, there's laughing and there's crying sometimes, all of it saying:

At Pentecost some people received the Holy Spirit and told the Good News through the world to all who would hear it.

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## **Prayers**

(Pastor will begin and end the prayers inviting anyone else to offer a prayer in between.  
Each petition with end with “Lord in Your Mercy” Hear our Prayer”

P: Lord in your mercy

C: Hear our Prayer

## **Offering**

Plates are here for each church, and a free will offering to offset the cost of lunch.  
(Thank you for consistent giving supporting the ministries of both churches)

## **Passing of the Peace**

Namaste

## **Holy Communion- Words of Institution**

## **Lord's Prayer/Distribution**

P- And now may the body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in His grace

C: Amen

## **Closing Hymn:**

ELW 858

“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation! O my soul praise him, for he is your health and salvation! Let all who hear now to his temple draw near, joining in glad adoration!

Praise to the Lord, who o’er all things is wondrously reigning and, as on wings of an eagle, uplifting, sustaining. Have you not seen all that is needful has been sent by his gracious ordaining?

Praise to the Lord, who will prosper your work and defend you; surely his goodness and mercy shall daily attend you. Ponder anew what the Almighty can do if with his love he befriend you.

Praise to the Lord! Oh, let all that is in me adore him! All that has life and breath, come now with praises before him! Let the amen sound from his people again. Gladly forever adore him!

## **Sending**

P: In the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, go in peace and serve the Lord!

C: Thanks be to God

