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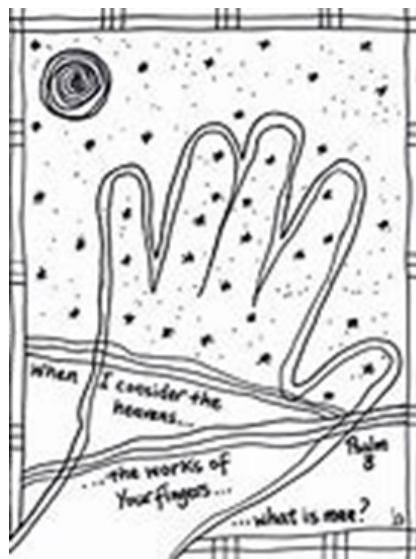
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Guided by the Spirit, we share the love of Jesus
and walk with our community.

Sunday October 3, 2021 - 19th Sunday after Pentecost



INTRODUCTION

Today's gospel combines a saying that makes many of us uncomfortable with a story we find comforting. Jesus' saying on divorce is another of his rejections of human legislation in favor of the original intent of God's law. Jesus' rebuke of the disciples who are fending off the children should challenge us as well. What does it mean to receive the kingdom of God as a child does?

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!



- 1 All hail the pow'r of Je - sus' name! Let an - gels pros - trate fall;
 2 O seed of Is - rael's cho - sen race now ran - somed from the fall,
 3 Hail him, you heirs of Da - vid's line, whom Da - vid Lord did call—
 4 Sin - ners, whose love can ne'er for - get the worm - wood and the gall,



bring forth the roy - al di - a - dem and crown him Lord of all.
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- 5 Let ev'ry kindred, ev'ry tribe
 on this terrestrial ball
 to him all majesty ascribe
 and crown him Lord of all.
- 6 Oh, that with yonder sacred throng
 we at his feet may fall!
 We'll join the everlasting song
 and crown him Lord of all.

Text: Edward Perronet, 1726–1792, sts. 1–4; J. Rippon, A Selection of Hymns, 1787, sts. 5–6
 Music: CORONATION, Oliver Holden, 1765–1844

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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,
whose teaching is life,
whose presence is sure,
and whose love is endless.

Amen.

Let us confess our sins to the one who welcomes us with an open heart.

Silence is kept for reflection.

God our comforter:
like lost sheep, we have gone astray.
We gaze upon abundance and see scarcity.
We turn our faces away from injustice and oppression.
We exploit the earth with our apathy and greed.
Free us from our sin, gracious God.
Listen when we call out to you for help.
Lead us by your love to love our neighbors as ourselves.

Amen.

The presiding minister announces God's forgiveness with these or similar words.

All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.
By the gift of grace in ✠ Christ Jesus, God makes you righteous.
Receive with glad hearts the forgiveness of all your sins.

Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Sovereign God, you have created us to live in loving community with one another. Form us for life that is faithful and steadfast, and teach us to trust like little children, that we may reflect the image of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

WORD

First Reading: Genesis 2:18-24

Genesis 2 stresses that people are not meant to live in isolation but in relationship. Out of love for humanity, God creates them male and female, to provide companionship for each other and to become with each other “one flesh.” The Hebrew words used here are ish (man) and ishshah (woman).

18 The Lord God said, “It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper as his partner.” 19 So out of the ground the Lord God formed every animal of the field and every bird of the air, and brought them to the man to see what he would call them; and whatever the man called every living creature, that was its name. 20 The man gave names to all cattle, and to the birds of the air, and to every animal of the field; but for the man there was not found a helper as his partner. 21 So the Lord God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and he slept; then he took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. 22 And the rib that the Lord God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man. 23 Then the man said,

“This at last is bone of my bones
and flesh of my flesh;
this one shall be called Woman,
for out of Man this one was taken.”

24 Therefore a man leaves his father and his mother and clings to his wife, and they become one flesh.

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

Psalm: Psalm 8

You crown us with glory and honor. (Ps. 8:5)

1 O Lord our Lord,
how majestic is your name in all the earth!—
2 you whose glory is chanted above the heavens out of the mouths of infants and
children; you have set up a fortress against your enemies, to silence the foe and
avenger.
3 When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers,
the moon and the stars you have set in their courses,
4 what are mere mortals that you should be mindful of them,
human beings that you should care for them?
5 Yet you have made them little less than divine;
with glory and honor you crown them.
6 You have made them rule over the works of your hands;
you have put all things under their feet:
7 all flocks and cattle,
even the wild beasts of the field,
8 the birds of the air, the fish of the sea,
and whatever passes along the paths of the sea.
9 O Lord our Lord,
how majestic is your name in all the earth!

Second Reading: Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12

Quoting from the psalms, this passage from Hebrews emphasizes that Jesus, the one through whom God created everything and who sits at God's right hand, is also the one who experienced human suffering and death in order to blaze the path of salvation for us.

1 Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, 2 but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds. 3 He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, 4 having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

2:5 Now God did not subject the coming world, about which we are speaking, to angels. 6 But someone has testified somewhere,

“What are human beings that you are mindful of them,
or mortals, that you care for them?

7 You have made them for a little while lower than the angels;
you have crowned them with glory and honor,

8 subjecting all things under their feet.”

Now in subjecting all things to them, God left nothing outside their control. As it is, we do not yet see everything in subjection to them, 9 but we do see Jesus, who for a little while was made lower than the angels, now crowned with glory and honor because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone.

10 It was fitting that God, for whom and through whom all things exist, in bringing many children to glory, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through sufferings. 11 For the one who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one Father. For this reason Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters, 12 saying,

“I will proclaim your name to my brothers and sisters,
in the midst of the congregation I will praise you.”

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

Gospel: Mark 10:2-16

Jesus announced and enacted in history the new reality of God's surprising activity. These two stories demonstrate this new reality: Women and children are accepted and valued, not dismissed as inferior to adult men.

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

2 Some Pharisees came, and to test [Jesus] they asked, “Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?” 3 He answered them, “What did Moses command you?” 4 They said, “Moses allowed a man to write a certificate of dismissal and to divorce her.” 5 But Jesus said to them, “Because of your hardness of heart he wrote this commandment for you. 6 But from the beginning of creation, ‘God made them male and female.’ 7 ‘For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, 8 and the two shall become one flesh.’ So they are no longer two, but one flesh. 9 Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate.”

10 Then in the house the disciples asked him again about this matter. 11 He said to them, “Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her; 12 and if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery.”

13 People were bringing little children to him in order that he might touch them; and the disciples spoke sternly to them. 14 But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, “Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. 15 Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it.” 16 And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.

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



CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

SERMON

Devotion on Psalm 8

Low self esteem is in great supply in our culture. Our values are politicized and polarized. Our Facebook comments are challenged. We are certain others are always judging our appearance, our speaking style, our standard of living, our self-worth—and doing so negatively. And, too often, we let those judgments control our thoughts and set the value we place on ourselves.

The writer of this familiar psalm chooses and dares instead to reflect on our identities from God’s perspective. What does God think? Isn’t God’s opinion the one that really matters? And we don’t have to guess about this. It’s been a gift to find the Bible telling me how God values me:

“What are human beings that you are mindful of them?...crowned them with glory and honor [and] given them dominion over the works of your hands. (verses 4-6)

Jesus Loves Me!

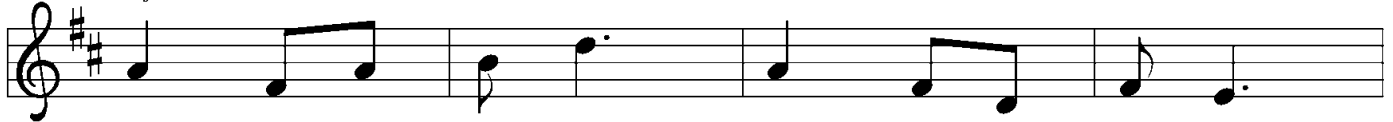


1 Je - sus loves me! this I know, for the Bi - ble tells me so;
 2 Je - sus loves me! he who died heav - en's gates to o - pen wide;
 3 Je - sus loves me! he will stay close be - side me all the way;



lit - tle ones to him be - long, they are weak, but he is strong.
 he will wash a - way my sin, let his lit - tle child come in.
 when at last I come to die, he will take me home on high.

Refrain



Yes, Je - sus loves me, yes, Je - sus loves me,



yes, Je - sus loves me, the Bi - ble tells me so.

Text: Anna B. Warner, 1820–1915, alt.

Music: JESUS LOVES ME, William B. Bradbury, 1816–1868

APOSTLES CREED

**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

Made children and heirs of God's promise, we pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

A brief silence.

Holy One, you have raised up faithful leaders throughout history. Empower those discerning a call to ministry and all seminarians (*specific individuals known to the congregation may be named*), that they continue to be formed for the sake of the gospel. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

You have established a diverse and beautiful creation. Revive declining species and preserve endangered lands. Cultivate in us a sense of wonder for the world you created. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

You desire for us not to be alone and to live in community with one another. Strengthen relationships between nations and peoples, that we celebrate and support one human family. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

You share in our experiences and struggles. Bless all who live with any mental or physical disability. Inspire creative communities, spaces, and environments that are accessible and hospitable. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

You have established and nurtured relationships that extend beyond those gathered here today. Bless members who can no longer travel to worship with us (*especially*) and remind us of their continued role in this community of faith. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Here other intercessions may be offered.

You promise eternal life to all your children. Thank you for the people of faith who have gone before us. Strengthen our trust we have in you. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Receive these prayers, O God, and those in our hearts known only to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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
PO Box 24106
Speedway, IN 46224-0106

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

God of abundance, you cause streams to break forth in the desert and manna to rain from the heavens. Accept the gifts you have first given us. Unite them with the offering of our lives to nourish the world you love so dearly; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Blest Be the Tie That Binds



- 1 Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Chris-tian love;
- 2 Be - fore our Fa - ther's throne we pour our ar - dent prayers;
- 3 We share our mu - tual woes, our mu - tual bur - dens bear,
- 4 From sor - row, toil, and pain, and sin we shall be free;



the u - ni - ty of heart and mind is like to that a - bove.
 our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, our com - forts and our cares.
 and of - ten for each oth - er flows the sym - pa - thiz - ing tear.
 and per - fect love and friend - ship reign through all e - ter - ni - ty.

Text: John Fawcett, 1740–1817, alt.

Music: DENNIS, Johann G. Nägeli, 1773–1836, adapt.

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.**

Announcements

BLESSING

People of God, you are Christ's body, bringing new life to a suffering world.
The holy Trinity, ☩ one God, bless you now and forever.

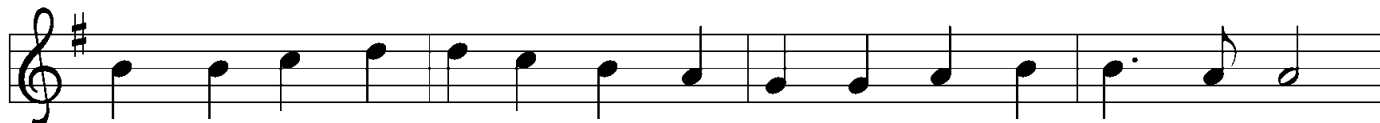
Amen.

SENDING

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. The living Word dwells in you.
Thanks be to God.

Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee



1 Joy - ful, joy - ful we a - dore thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love!
 2 All thy works with joy sur - round thee, earth and heav'n re - flect thy rays,
 3 Thou art giv - ing and for - giv - ing, ev - er bless - ing, ev - er blest,



Hearts un - fold like flow'rs be - fore thee, prais - ing thee, their sun a - bove.
 stars and an - gels sing a - round thee, cen - ter of un - bro - ken praise.
 well - spring of the joy of liv - ing, o - cean - depth of hap - py rest!



Melt the clouds of sin and sad - ness, drive the gloom of doubt a - way.
 Field and for - est, vale and moun - tain, flow - 'ry mead - ow, flash - ing sea,
 Thou our Fa - ther, Christ our broth - er, all who live in love are thine;



Giv - er of im - mor - tal glad - ness, fill us with the light of day.
 chant - ing bird, and flow - ing foun - tain call us to re - joice in thee.
 teach us how to love each oth - er, lift us to the joy di - vine!

Text: Henry van Dyke, 1852–1922

Music: HYMN TO JOY, Ludwig van Beethoven, 1770–1827, adapt.

St. Andrew's Prayer Lists

Families on the Prayer List

Mr. & Mrs. Justin Smith (Heather), Gage and Colin
Mr. & Mrs. Kenneth Smith (Jeanine)
Mr. & Mrs. Michael Steurer Jr (Kelli), Lilian, Carlisle, Caleb and Robert
Mr. & Mrs. Mark Stillman (Terry), Edwin

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

Gil Masher, brother of Jeanette Burbrink,
Christine Robertson, great niece of MJ Lynch,
Carl Schaber, brother of Jan Smith,
Dale Willman

Those with Ongoing Special Need of Prayer:

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

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

Lynn Bigelow Helen Czenkusch 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
Aaron Messner, the son of Rose Jones and his troops upon deployment.



Prayers for Dale & Chris Willman and family:

Dale has received a cancer diagnosis and is undergoing chemo treatment.
Amanda Hunter has set up a "Meal Train" to reach out to Chris and Dale and provide
food/or gift cards at <https://mealtrain.com/ye49wy>.

You can also reach out to them at:

Chris and Dale Willman 1888 Persimmon Grove Dr. Indpls, IN 46234-0187
dale@willman.com, Chris@willman.com Chris cell: 317-989-9759

St. Andrew's Calendar

- **Sunday, October 3** Adult Faith Formation 10am Library
Worship 11am Indoor
Zoom Holy Communion and Adult Faith Formation 7pm
- **Tuesday, October 5** Zoom Staff Meeting 1pm
FBS New Season Begins via Zoom 7pm
- **Wednesday, October 6** Laundry & Friends 4:30-6:30pm
Clothes Closet 4:30-6pm
Zoom Bible Study 7pm
- **Thursday, October 7** Zoom Special Council Meeting 6:30pm
- **Saturday, October 9** Jerry O'Neal Fruits of the Spirit Seminar 9:30am
- **Sunday, October 10** Adult Faith Formation 10am Library
Worship 11am Outdoor (Weather Permitting)
Zoom Holy Communion and Adult Faith Formation 7pm
- **Monday, October 11** Mat Making Monday 12-4pm
- **Tuesday, October 12** Zoom Staff Meeting 1pm
Zoom FBS 7pm
- **Wednesday, October 13** Zoom Bible Study 7pm
- **Thursday, October 15** Newsletter Items Due

St. Andrew's Announcements

Thank you

Thank you to Pastor Rex Jones for leading worship today and to Paula Cardoza-Jones for assisting and doing the Children's Sermon.

FBS New Season

The new season will begin via Zoom on Tuesday, October 5.

Clothes Closet

The Clothes Closet will officially open Wednesday, October 6 with the Laundry & Friends event that evening at 4:30pm. Pat will need volunteers to assist her. Please sign up on the sheet in the narthex or call Pat Tumey 317 243-0651.

Pat says, "Thank you" to the congregation for supporting the Clothes Closet with your donations. At this time we are well stocked and due to limited storage space are not accepting clothing. However we do need winter coats, especially teen sizes.

Fruits of the Spirit Seminar

The Jerry O'Neal seminar via Zoom on October 9 at 9:30am will be offered in Fellowship Hall via Zoom for those without internet access.

Sunday Morning Adult Faith Formation

Adult Faith Formation in the Lounge/Library at 10am.

Wednesday Evening Bible Study

Zoom Bible study Wednesday evenings at 7pm. The first topic will be "Bible 101". Topics will change each week and no reading is required. Everyone is welcome and invited. Watch your email for the link.

Faith Formation

The group is studying the books of the New Testament. Contact Pastor Doug or Jim Patton for information. Please read and bring questions and concerns. All are welcome and invited.

Opportunity to Support our Troops

My son Aaron Messner, is deployed for eight months on a ship with 15 young men under him. I would like to show our support to these brave young men by taking up a collection for care packages and I will take care of mailing all items donated. Please drop off items at church in designated box by Oct. 30, 2021. Here are the items he has requested: snacks- Sunflower seeds, nuts, trail mix, beef jerky (no chocolate or easily melted stuff). Blessings, Rose Jones

The Storehouse Food Pantry Thanksgiving Distribution

The Storehouse is preparing for the November 13th Thanksgiving distribution. They are asking member churches and individuals to help out with the costs as they are able. Checks can be sent to Speedway Christian Church, 5110 West 10th St., Speedway, IN 46224 w/thanksgiving in the memo section.

Thanks Be to God,
Rich Hoerger



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.

Installation Service

The service of Installation for Pastor Givan scheduled for Sunday, September 26 has been postponed. The new date has not yet been set. More information will follow as it becomes available.

Worship Schedule & Mask Requirement Update

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

1st & 3rd Sundays: Indoor
Masks required

2nd & 4th Sundays: Outdoor (weather permitting - check your email)
Masks are recommended but not required

Remember:

- **Worship time is 11am.**
- Recorded worship available on website, Facebook, & email Sunday afternoons.
- Office Hours 10-4, T-W-TH.
- Midweek Moment Wednesdays 12pm.

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

For next week October 10:

20th Sunday after Pentecost

1st Reading: Amos 5:6-7, 10-15

Psalm: Psalm 90:12-17

2nd Reading: Hebrews 4:12-16

Gospel: Mark 10:17-31



*"Be to me a rock of refuge, a strong fortress, to save me,
for you are my rock and my fortress" (Psalm 71:3).*

Dear friends, The headlines are filled with the devastation from Hurricane Ida, which made landfall near New Orleans on Aug. 29 — exactly 16 years after Hurricane Katrina.

[Your gifts will support survivors of Hurricane Ida. Gifts to "U.S. Hurricanes" will be used in full \(100%\) to assist those affected by hurricanes until the response is complete.](#)

We pray that God's presence will be felt in the midst of suffering and bring comfort to those who are hurting. Together, we can show our neighbors that they are not alone.

Additional Ways to Give

Checks or money orders can be sent to:

Lutheran Disaster Response P.O. Box 1809 Merrifield, VA 22116-8009

Write "Hurricane Ida" on your check memo line.

Give by phone at **800-638-3522** or [online](#).

