

**WHOEVER
WELCOMES YOU
WELCOMES ME**



MATTHEW 10:40

5th Sunday after Pentecost

WELCOME TO ST. ANDREW

Welcome to long-time Lutherans, Christians from every tradition, and people new to the faith.

Welcome to all who have no church home, want to follow Jesus, have doubts, or do not believe.

Welcome to new visitors and old friends.

Welcome especially to all who have ever felt unwelcome in the church.

Welcome to believers, questioners, and questioning believers. This is a place where you are welcome to celebrate and grieve, to rejoice and recover.

No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here. This is a place where lives are made new.

HOW WE WORSHIP

When we gather for worship, we rejoice in God's grace through songs, prayers, scriptures, and the sacraments. The history of Christian worship is rich with traditions and rituals formed by generations which help to connect our lives with Christ.

By its very nature, Lutheran worship is participatory. The Holy Spirit joins our hearts and voices through songs and prayers that are both ancient and modern, biblical and relevant. Worship leaders guide us through the service and our responses are printed in **bold type**.

We are sent from this gathering into the world where we live on mission for Christ in our daily lives, loving and serving our neighbors and sharing the good news of Jesus with a world in need.

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PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

RINGING OF THE BELL

Please stand as you are able.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God, who forgives all our sin,
whose mercy endures forever. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin to God.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Compassionate God, **we confess to you all our sins. Our burden is heavy, and we cannot free ourselves. In your mercy, call us back to you. Your yoke is easy and your burden is light. Restore us to dwell in your peace. In Christ's name we pray, Amen.**

Jesus says, "Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest." In the name of God, Father, ✝ Son, and Holy Spirit, your sins are forgiven. Rest in God's love. **Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN

Hymn #641, vs. 1-2, 4-5

"All Are Welcome"

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.

KYRIE

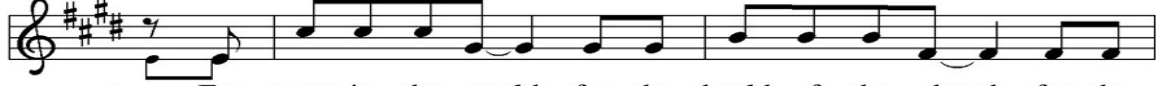
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Ky-ri - e e - lei - son, on our world and on our way.




Ky-ri - e e - lei - son, ev-'ry day.



1 For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the
2 That we may live out your im - passioned re - sponse to the
3 For peace in our hearts, . . . for peace in our homes, . . for
4 For your Spir - it to guide; that you cen - ter our lives in the



u - ni - ty of all; for
hun - gry and the poor; that
friends and fam - i - ly; for
wa - ter and the word; that you



this ho - ly house, for all who wor-ship and praise,
we may live out truth and jus - tice and grace,
life and for love, for our work and our play,
nour-ish our souls . . . with your bod - y and blood,



Refrain
let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. **O God, you direct our lives by your grace, and your words of justice and mercy reshape the world. Mold us into a people who welcome your word and serve one another, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

Please be seated.

WORD

FIRST READING Jeremiah 28:5-9

Through a symbolic action Jeremiah insisted that Judah and all the surrounding nations should submit to the king of Babylon (Jer. 27). Hananiah contradicted the word of Jeremiah, who in reply insisted that Hananiah's rosy prediction should not be believed until it came true. God confirmed the word of Jeremiah and sentenced the false prophet Hananiah to death (vv. 16-17).

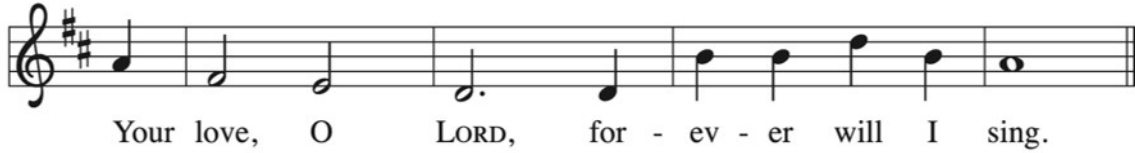
⁵The prophet Jeremiah spoke to the prophet Hananiah in the presence of the priests and all the people who were standing in the house of the Lord, ⁶and the prophet Jeremiah said, "Amen! May the Lord do so; may the Lord fulfill the words that you have prophesied and bring back to this place from Babylon the vessels of the house of the Lord and all the exiles. ⁷But listen now to this word that I speak in your hearing and in the hearing of all the people. ⁸The prophets who preceded you and me from ancient times prophesied war, famine, and pestilence against many countries and great kingdoms. ⁹As for the prophet who prophesies peace, when the word of that prophet comes true, then it will be known that the Lord has truly sent the prophet."

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM

PSALM 89:1-4, 15-18



- ¹ Your love, O Lord, forever will I sing;
from age to age my mouth will proclaim your faithfulness.
- ² For I am persuaded that your steadfast love is established forever;
you have set your faithfulness firmly in the heavens.
- ³ "I have made a covenant with my chosen one;
I have sworn an oath to David my servant:
- ⁴ 'I will establish your line forever,
and preserve your throne for all generations.'"

Refrain

- ¹⁵ Happy are the people who know the festal shout!
They walk, O Lord, in the light of your presence.
- ¹⁶ They rejoice daily in your name;
they are jubilant in your righteousness.
- ¹⁷ For you are the glory of their strength,
and by your favor our might is exalted.
- ¹⁸ Truly, our shield belongs to the Lord;
our king to the Holy One of Israel.

Refrain

SECOND READING Romans 6:12-23

Sin is an enslaving power which motivates us to live self-serving, disobedient lives. Sin's final payoff is death. We, however, have been set free from sin's slavery to live obediently under God's grace, whose end is the free gift of eternal life.

¹² Do not let sin reign in your mortal bodies, so that you obey their desires. ¹³ No longer present your members to sin as instruments of unrighteousness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and present your members to God as instruments of righteousness. ¹⁴ For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace.

¹⁵ What then? Should we sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! ¹⁶ Do you not know that, if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness? ¹⁷ But thanks be to God that you who were slaves of sin have become obedient from the heart to the form of teaching to which you were entrusted ¹⁸ and that you, having been set free from sin, have become enslaved to righteousness. ¹⁹ I am speaking in human terms because of your limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and lawlessness, leading to even more lawlessness, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness, leading to sanctification.

²⁰ When you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. ²¹ So what fruit did you then gain from the things of which you now are ashamed? The end of those things is death. ²² But now that you have been freed from sin and enslaved to God, the fruit you have leads to sanctification, and the end is eternal life. ²³ For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Pastor Chris Steubing

Please stand as you are able for the gospel reading.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

GOSPEL Matthew 10:40-42

The holy gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

When Jesus sends his disciples out as missionaries, he warns them of persecution and hardships they will face. He also promises to reward any who aid his followers and support their ministry.

[Jesus said to the twelve:] ⁴⁰ “Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. ⁴¹

Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet’s reward, and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous, ⁴² and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple—truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward.”

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ

SERMON

Pastor Chris Steubing

HYMN OF THE DAY “*Just As I Am, Without One Plea*” Hymn #592

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

Mark, Cherri, and Matthew Kirchoff, Ed and Cherie McCann, Leslie York, Susan McClendon, and Bonnie Claycomb.

Let us pray...

Please stand as you are able.

THE APOSTLES' CREED

Together with the whole church, we confess our faith:

**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.**

Please be seated.

You have made public profession of your faith. Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in baptism: to live among God's faithful people, to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper, to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed, to serve all people, following the example of Jesus, and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?

If so, please answer: I do and I ask God to help and guide me.

These new sisters and brothers in Christ have come to us as gifts of God and companions in life. We have a mutual responsibility to welcome them, support them in faith, pray for them, befriend them, and encourage them to find and use the gifts the Holy Spirit has given them for our shared mission. People of God do you promise to support and pray for them and their life in Christ?

If so, please answer: **We do and we ask God to help and guide us.**

Let us pray...

Let us rejoice with our sisters and brothers in Christ. **We rejoice in you in the life of baptism. Together we will give thanks and praise to God and proclaim the good news to all the world.**

THE PRAYERS

...God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

SHARING THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

Let us share the peace with one another.

OFFERING

OFFERING MUSIC "This is Amazing Grace"

Please stand as you are able during the final chorus as the offering is brought forward.

VERSE 1

Who breaks the pow - er of sin and dark - ness, whose love is might - y
and so much strong - er? The King of glo - ry, the King a - bove all kings.
Who shakes the whole earth with ho - ly thun - der and leaves us breath - less
in awe and won - der? The King of glo - ry, the King a - bove all kings.

CHORUS

This is a - maz - ing grace, this is un - fail - ing love,
that You would take my place, that You would bear my cross.
You laid down Your life that I would be set free. Oh,
Je - sus, I sing for all that You've done for me.

VERSE 2

Who brings our chaos back into order
Who makes the orphan a son and daughter
The King of Glory the King of Glory
Who rules the nations with truth and justice
Shines like the sun in all of its brilliance
The King of Glory the King above all kings
(CHORUS)

BRIDGE

Worthy is the Lamb who was slain
Worthy is the King who conquered the grave
Worthy is the Lamb who was slain
Worthy is the King who conquered the grave
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Worthy is the Lamb who was slain
Worthy, worthy, worthy, oh! (CHORUS)

OFFERING PRAYER

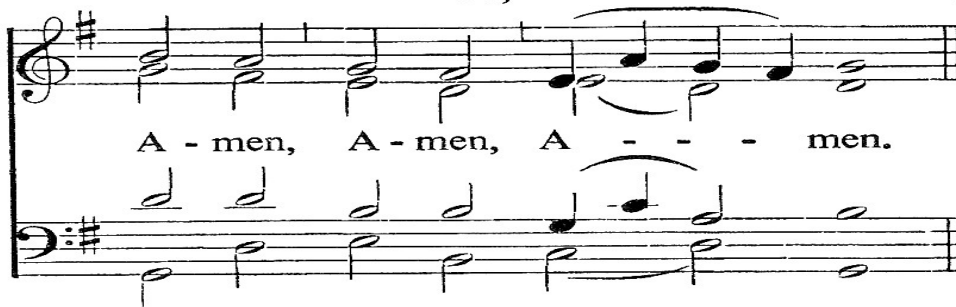
Let us pray. **Loving God, we offer at your table the gifts of our hearts. Help us take heart in you and share freely of your love, so that all creation can taste your abundance. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit abiding with us now and forever. Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer (Sung)

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever.

BENEDICTION

Almighty God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.



SENDING HYMN "By Grace We Have Been Saved"

Refrain

By grace we have been saved— saved by grace through faith,

not be-cause of what we do; it is the gift of God.

1 On the days when you are weak, on the

2 Rest your bod - y, rest your mind, in the

3 You don't need to be a - fraid. You will

days when you are strong, rich or poor,

still - ness you will find you're a love - ly,

nev - er be a - lone. There is mer - cy,

Refrain
young or old, just lis - ten to the song.

pre - cious child, part of the great de - sign.

there is hope, and love will take you home.

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DISMISSAL

Heaven has come near. Go, share the good news!

Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

POSTLUDE

Announcements/Reminders

For children and parents

After the children's sermon, children are invited to go with Ms. Ameya to the fellowship hall for Sunday school children's time. Youth are invited to join for a devotion and hang out time after worship in the youth room. Ameya would like to extend a warm invitation to any adults who would like to assist her or simply observe on Sundays. Whether it's during worship or fellowship time, it's a beautiful opportunity to bond with and get to know the vibrant youth and children of our congregation. If interested, email her at ameyas-intern@standrewofcl.org.

There are "busy bags" at the sanctuary entrance to help keep children engaged during services.

There is a cry room in the back of the sanctuary with a changing table and a large nursery space down the hallway past the fellowship hall available for families with young children. Each of the spaces include access to listen to the worship service.

Please join us for fellowship time after worship in our fellowship hall!!!

This morning

- 9:00 AM—Bible Study in the library**
- 9:00 AM—Choir Practice in the music room**
- 10:00 AM—Worship in the sanctuary**
- 10:25 AM—Sunday School/Children’s Time in the fellowship hall**
- 11:00 AM—Fellowship in the fellowship hall**
Youth Devotion & Hangout time in the youth room

Calendar This Week

TODAY—11:00AM New Member Potluck Luncheon in the Youth Bldg.

Calendar In July

- July 5th—Fun & Faith Fridays VBS Volunteer mandatory Training, after worship in the library**
- July 8th—Fun & Faith Fridays VBS Volunteer mandatory Training, 6:30PM in the library**
- July 10th—First Day of Fun & Faith Fridays!**

Church Staff and today’s worship leaders:

- Pastor—Rev. Chris Steubing
- Visitation Pastor—Rev. Judi Miller
- Our Reader—Leslie Albiar
- Our Liturgist—Don Gillett
- Organist/Pianist—Jimmy Cheung
- Choir and Hand Bell Director—Wendy Kuenemann
- Children & Youth Ministry Intern—Ameya Steubing
- Office Administrator—Trista Stubblefield

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An unforgettable journey to discover what it means to follow Jesus and find life in God's kingdom.

Greetings from our Children, Youth, & Family Ministry Team!

Lots of volunteers are needed for our 2026 summer children's ministry programming, Fun & Faith Fridays! We're repeating the VBS-style program, similar to last summer, with an exciting new theme, "Kingdom Quest: An Epic Journey to Discover God's Kingdom," that we believe will help us create a meaningful, fun, and faith-filled experience for children. We'll be gathering on four consecutive Fridays (July 10, 17, 24, and 31), from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. for a VBS style children's program with worship, music, crafts, bible lessons, and snacks. There will be four activities (or rotations) for the children to attend and we need "Shepherds" to help the flock go from one rotation to the next. We also need volunteers to help with sign in/sign out, as well as the music, snack, craft and games activities.

All volunteers will receive a "leader" t-shirt with a new "Fun & Faith Friday" design, please indicate in the comments the size shirt you want.

Volunteers are asked to attend a one hour training session - July 5th, after worship and July 8th at 6:30PM. Training will be held in the library. ALSO, volunteers are asked to arrive no later than 8:30 AM each F&F Friday for a quick meeting before the participants begin to arrive at 8:45.

Please scan the QR code here to volunteer on our SignUpGenius page or sign up on the sheets in the fellowship hall.



We're excited to have you join our Fun & Faith Fridays - thank you!



Hey St. Andrew community! Our Youth Group is stepping up for a fantastic cause on July 17th, and we need your help to make it a success. We are participating in the Sole Shoe Building project, turning recycled denim into shoes for those in need!

Here is how you can get involved and support our youth:



1. Donate Denim—We are looking for Adult Non-Stretch Jeans. If you have any pairs in good condition that you no longer wear, we would love to take them off your hands!



2. Sponsor a Pair Along with your jean donation, or if you don't have jeans to donate, you can sponsor a pair! Cost: \$35 covers the cost of making one full pair of shoes. Any donation amount towards this project is greatly appreciated and makes a huge difference!



How to Give (Cash or Check)-Checks: Please make checks payable to the church, but be sure to add a note in the memo line for "Sole Youth Project."

Cash: Drop-offs are welcome too!



Where to Leave Donations—Jeans can be left in the fellowship hall bin labeled "Sole Donation Bin." You can drop off your monetary donations in the mail slot at the church office door.

Thank you so much for always supporting our youth and helping us put our best foot forward for this meaningful project!