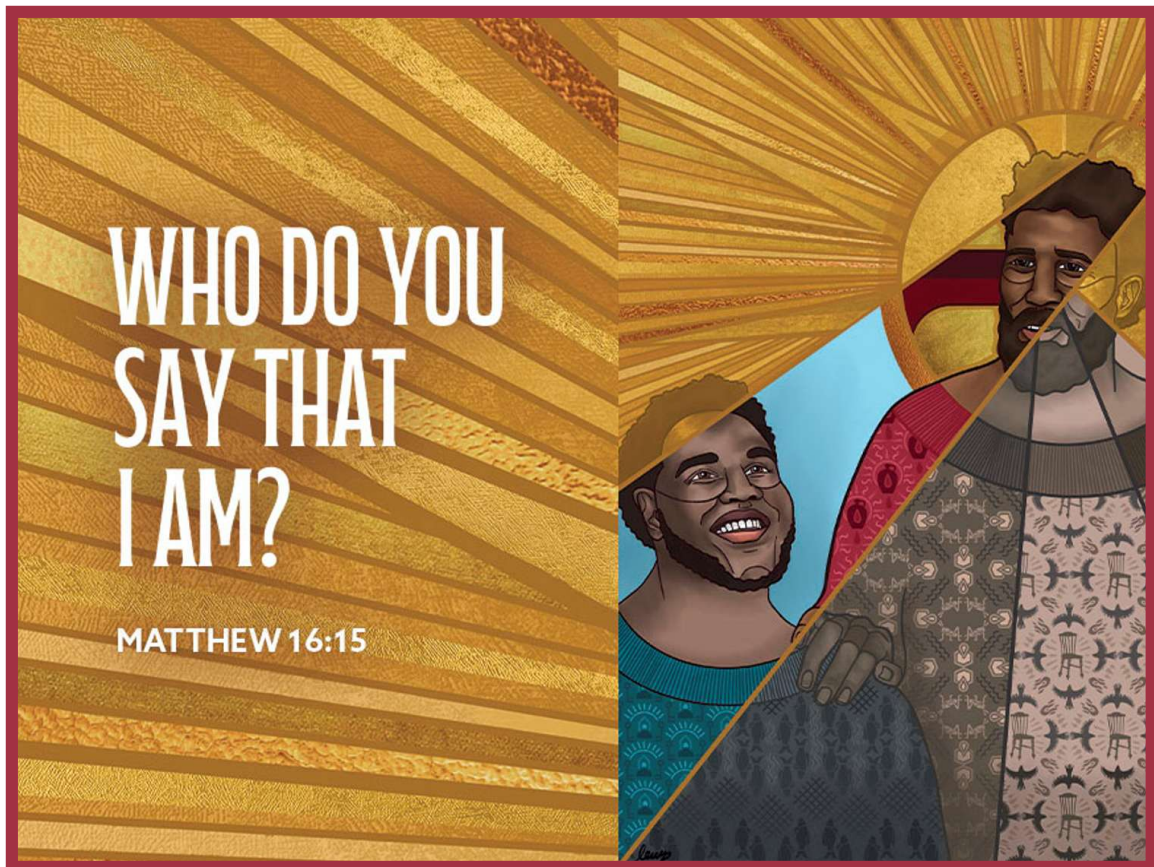




13th Sunday After Pentecost

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, whose compassion 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

"Rock of Ages"

Hymn #623

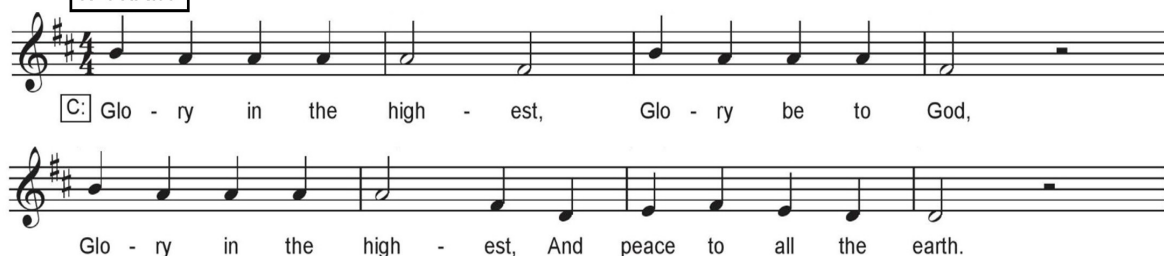
GREETING

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.

HYMN OF PRAISE

REFRAIN



[C:] Glo - ry in the high - est, Glo - ry be to God,
Glo - ry in the high - est, And peace to all the earth.

VERSES



[L:] Sha-per of the U - ni - verse thanks and praise we sing
Je - sus Christ the Lamb of_ God you wash our sins a - way
Ho - ly Spi-rit, source of_ life, bur-ning wild and free

[C:] Sha-per of the U - ni - verse thanks and praise we sing
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[L:] Lo - ving fa - ther, ca - ring mo - ther_
At your ta - ble all are wel come_
You are God the three - in - one_____

[C:] Lo - ving fa - ther, ca - ring mo - ther_
At your ta - ble all are wel come_
You are God the three - in - one_____

[L:] Hold us in your_ wings._____
Hear us as we_ pray._____
such a my - ste - ry._____

[C:] Hold us in your_ wings._____
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such a my - ste - ry._____

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. **O God, with all your faithful followers of every age, we praise you, the rock of our life. Be our strong foundation and form us into the body of your Son, that we may gladly minister to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

Please be seated.

WORD

FIRST READING Isaiah 51:1-6

Just as God had called Abraham and Sarah and given them many descendants, so now God offers comfort to Zion. God's deliverance will come soon and will never end.

¹ Listen to me, you who pursue righteousness,
you who seek the Lord.

Look to the rock from which you were hewn
and to the quarry from which you were dug.

² Look to Abraham your father
and to Sarah, who bore you,
for he was but one when I called him,
but I blessed him and made him many.

³ For the Lord will comfort Zion;
he will comfort all her waste places
and will make her wilderness like Eden,
her desert like the garden of the Lord;
joy and gladness will be found in her,
thanksgiving and the voice of song.

⁴ Listen to me, my people,
and give heed to me, my nation,
for a teaching will go out from me
and my justice for a light to the peoples.

⁵ I will bring near my deliverance swiftly;
my salvation has gone out,
and my arms will rule the peoples;
the coastlands wait for me,
and for my arm they hope.

⁶ Lift up your eyes to the heavens
and look at the earth beneath,
for the heavens will vanish like smoke,
the earth will wear out like a garment,
and those who live on it will die like gnats,
but my salvation will be forever,
and my deliverance will never be ended.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 138

Psalm 138



O LORD, your stead - fast love en - dures for - ev - er.

¹ I will give thanks to you, O Lord, with my whole heart;
before the gods I will sing your praise.

² I will bow down toward your holy temple and praise your name,
because of your steadfast love and faithfulness;
for you have glorified your name and your word above all things.

³ When I called, you answered me;
you increased my strength within me.

Refrain

⁴ All the rulers of the earth will praise you, O Lord,
when they have heard the words of your mouth.

⁵ They will sing of the ways of the Lord,
that great is the glory of the Lord.

⁶ The Lord is high, yet cares for the lowly,
perceiving the haughty from afar.

Refrain

⁷ Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you keep me safe;
you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies; your
right hand shall save me.

⁸ You will make good your purpose for me;
O Lord, your steadfast love endures forever; do not abandon the
works of your hands.

Refrain

SECOND READING Romans 12:1-8

In response to God's merciful activity, we are to worship by living holistic, God-pleasing lives. Our values and viewpoints are not molded by the time in which we live but are transformed by the Spirit's renewing work. God's grace empowers different forms of service among Christians, but all forms of ministry function to build up the body of Christ.

¹ I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, on the basis of God's mercy, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your reasonable act of worship. ² Do not be conformed to this age, but be transformed by the renewing of the mind, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect.

³ For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. ⁴ For as in one body we have many members and not all the members have the same function, ⁵ so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another.

⁶ We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ⁷ ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; ⁸ the encourager, in encouragement; the giver, in sincerity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

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



GOSPEL

Matthew 16:13-20

The holy gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

At a climactic point in Jesus' ministry, God reveals to Peter that Jesus is "the Messiah, the Son of the living God," and Jesus responds with the promise of a church that will overcome the very gates of Hades.

¹³ Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that the Son of Man is?”

¹⁴ And they said, “Some say John the Baptist but others Elijah and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.” ¹⁵ He said to them, “But who do you say that I am?” ¹⁶ Simon Peter answered, “You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.” ¹⁷ And Jesus answered him, “Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you but my Father in heaven. ¹⁸ And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. ¹⁹ I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.” ²⁰ Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ

SERMON

Pastor Chris Steubing

HYMN OF THE DAY

“Built on a Rock”

Hymn #652

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.**

THE PRAYERS

...Merciful God, **receive 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 *"Promise Song"* *Choir Anthem*

The congregation is invited to stand as the offering is brought forward.

OFFERING PRAYER

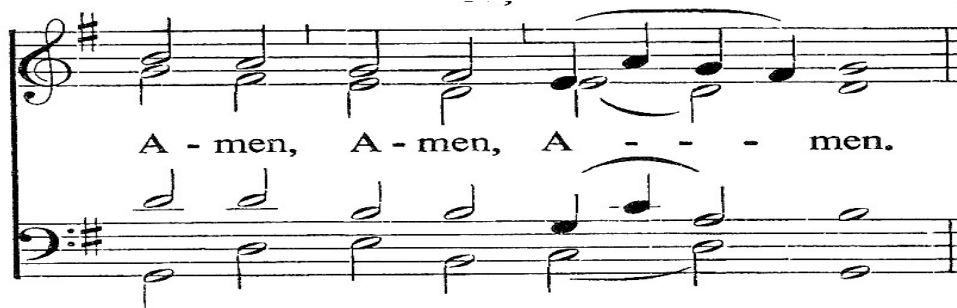
Let us pray. **Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: our selves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. 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. Amen.

BENEDICTION

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



SENDING HYMN *"Just a Closer Walk with Thee"* Hymn #697

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 Mrs. Stacy 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. 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!!!*

WELCOME TO

breeze

WHY JOIN BREEZE?

- Online Church Directory
- Monthly Calendar
- Registrations
- Update your photo and contact information
- Volunteer reminders



JOIN OUR ONLINE CHURCH DIRECTORY! IT'S A BREEZE!

We now have an online church directory (called "Breeze") and we're expanding how we use it to stay connected as a community of faith. Contact the church office to get set up with Breeze access.

On Sunday, August 30th, members of our Welcome and Belonging Team will be offering

learning sessions on how to use Breeze. Find *Paula Lynch* from **9-10 AM** before worship or *Anna Hudson* **after worship until noon** that Sunday in the fellowship hall!

A NEW ELECTRONIC SIGN



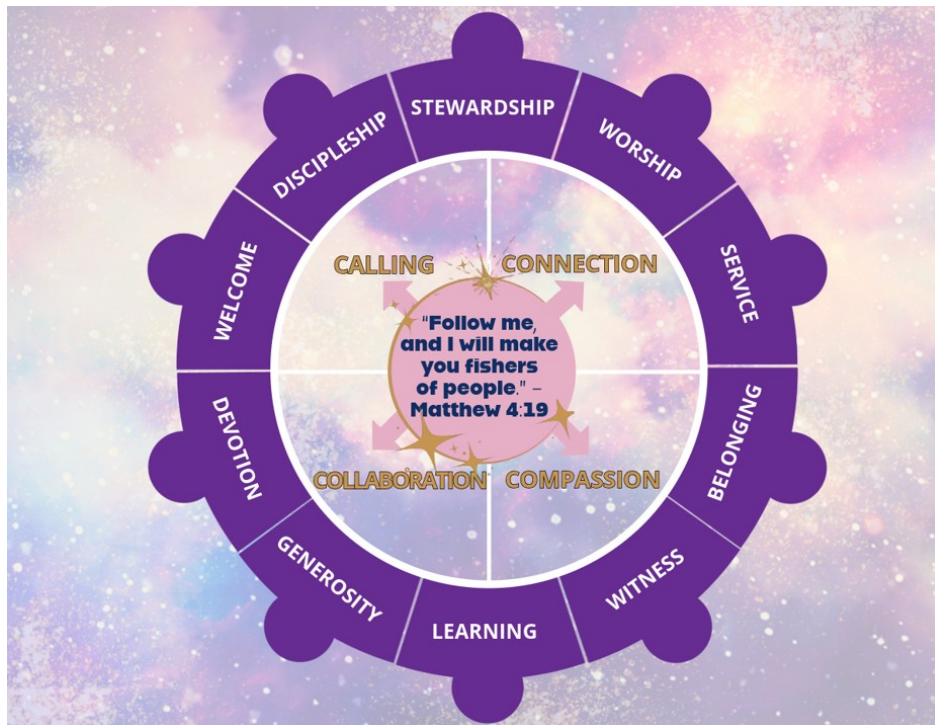
Thanks to the generosity of St. Andrew members, we raised more than enough money to complete the project for a new electronic sign. **\$14,930** was donated, leaving a surplus which will go towards landscaping and other improvements at the entrance to our church property.

The new sign will contain a 3 ft by 8 ft full color Watchfire message center on the bottom and a 2 ft by 8 ft lighted sign on the top. It will be mounted on the existing pole, however there will be a metal enclosure around the pole. Installation

is expected to take place in about 5 weeks.

GOD'S VISION FOR ST. ANDREW

Last Sunday the Vision Team led an event for our community to come together, listen, and share how God's mission and vision takes shape in our lives today. We shared a meal, reflected on how each of us can daily live out our faith in Christ, and explored how God is leading our congregation into the future. The Vision Team will be presenting mission, vision, and values language to the council in September as we prepare to recommend it to the congregation for approval at our annual meeting in November. If you didn't get a chance to attend last week, we invite you to pick up a packet from the ushers in the narthex that provides an overview of the event and an opportunity for you to give your input.



The image above gives a preview of the mission (in the center), vision (the 4 "C"s representing characteristics of God's vision for us), and values expressed as faith practices (in the outer wheel).

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

Church Staff and today's worship leaders:

Pastor—Rev. Chris Steubing

Visitation Pastor—Rev. Judi Miller

Our Reader—Dottie Gilbert

Our Liturgist—Claire Roberts

Organist/Pianist—Jimmy Cheung

Choir and Hand Bell Director—Wendy Kuenemann

Office Administrator—Trista Stubblefield

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