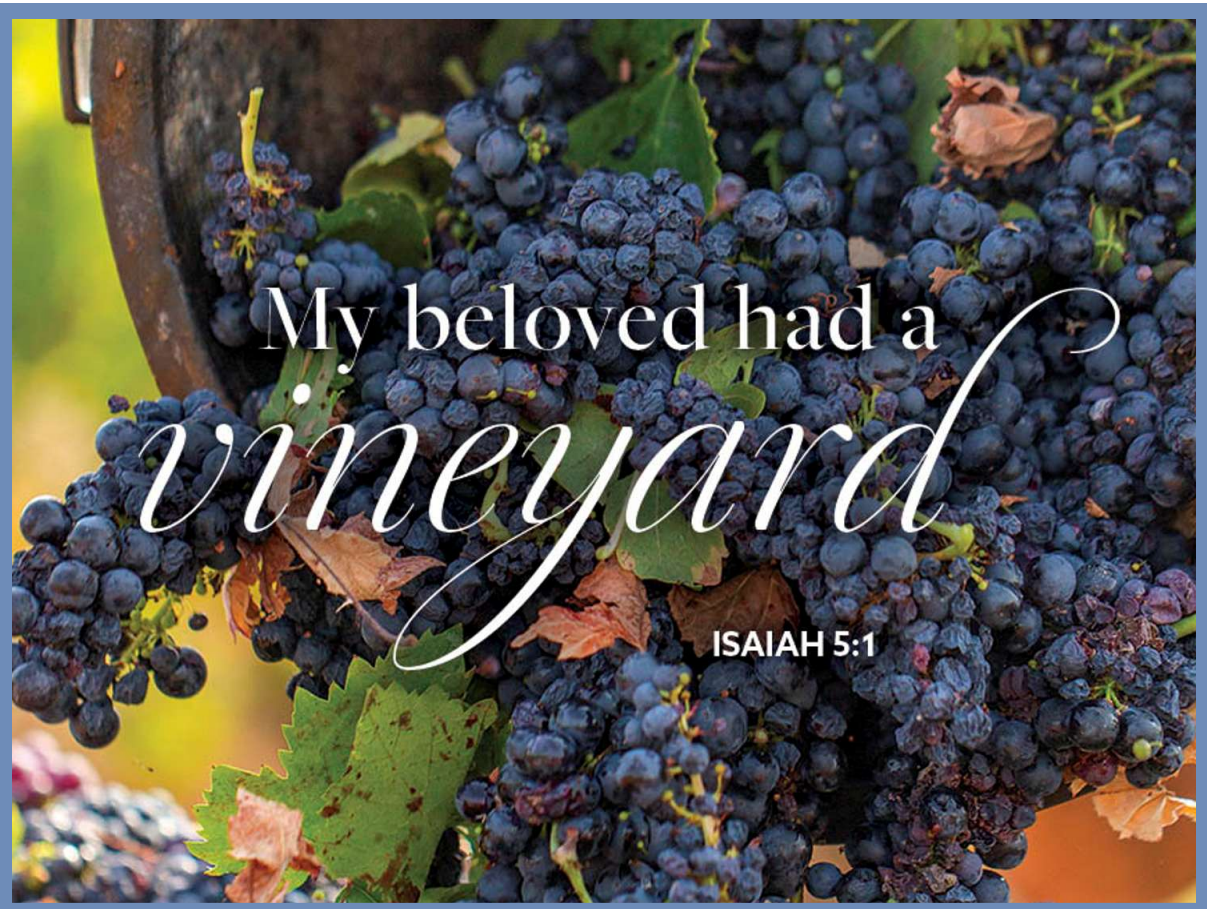




19th Sunday after Pentecost

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 pours love into our hearts and healing upon the earth. **Amen.**

Confident that God justifies us by grace through faith, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Compassionate God, **we confess that we struggle to embody your goodness in the world and in our own hearts. Creation groans from overuse. Jealousy and bitterness strain our relationships. Indifference keeps us from seeking justice. Divisions disrupt your call to show genuine love to others. Turn our hearts back to you. Restore our world and reconcile us to one another. Renew us to live as your holy people, following the way of Jesus Christ. Amen.**

Hear this good news: We have peace with God through ✙ Jesus Christ, in whom there is no condemnation, but only forgiveness and the promise of eternal life. Receive freely this healing gift of grace. **Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN

“Thy Word”

See next page

Thy Word

Refrain

Thy word is a lamp un-to my feet and a light un-to my path.

1 When I feel a - fraid, think I've lost my way,
2 I will not for - get your love for me and yet my

still you're there right be - side me, and noth-ing will I fear as
heart for - ev - er is wan - der-ing. Je - sus, be my guide and

Refrain

long as you are near. Please be near me to the end.
hold me to your side, and I will love you to the end.

Text: Amy Grant, b. 1960

Music: THY WORD, Michael W. Smith, b. 1957; arr. Keith Phillips, b. 1957

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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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. **Beloved God, from you come all things that are good. Lead us by the inspiration of your Spirit to know those things that are right, and by your merciful guidance, help us to do them, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**

Amen.

Please be seated.

WORD

FIRST READING Isaiah 5:1-7

The prophet sings a sad, parable-like love song about the relationship between God and Israel. In this song Israel is compared to a promising vineyard. Despite God's loving care, the vineyard that is Israel has brought forth "rotten grapes" of injustice and distress, when fine grapes of justice and righteousness were expected.

- ¹ I will sing for my beloved
my love song concerning his vineyard:
My beloved had a vineyard
on a very fertile hill.
- ² He dug it and cleared it of stones
and planted it with choice vines;
he built a watchtower in the midst of it
and hewed out a wine vat in it;
he expected it to yield grapes,
but it yielded rotten grapes.

³ And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem
and people of Judah,
judge between me
and my vineyard.

⁴ What more was there to do for my vineyard
that I have not done in it?
When I expected it to yield grapes,
why did it yield rotten grapes?

⁵ And now I will tell you
what I will do to my vineyard.
I will remove its hedge,
and it shall be devoured;
I will break down its wall,
and it shall be trampled down.

⁶ I will make it a wasteland;
it shall not be pruned or hoed,
and it shall be overgrown with briars and thorns;
I will also command the clouds
that they rain no rain upon it.

⁷ For the vineyard of the LORD of hosts
is the house of Israel,
and the people of Judah
are his cherished garden;
he expected justice
but saw bloodshed;
righteousness
but heard a cry!

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 80

Psalm 80:7-15



- ⁷ Restore us, O God of hosts;
let your face shine upon us, and we shall be saved.
⁸ You have brought a vine out of Egypt;
you cast out the nations and planted it.
⁹ You cleared the ground for it;
it took root and filled the land.

Refrain

- ¹⁰ The mountains were covered by its shadow
and the towering cedar trees by its boughs.
¹¹ You stretched out its tendrils to the sea
and its branches to the river.
¹² Why have you broken down its wall,
so that all who pass by pluck off its grapes?

Refrain

- ¹³ The wild boar of the forest has ravaged it,
and the beasts of the field have grazed upon it.
¹⁴ Turn now, O God of hosts,
look down from heaven;
¹⁵ behold and tend this vine;
preserve what your right hand has planted.

Refrain

SECOND READING

Philippians 3:4b-14

Paul reviews some of his supposed credentials, which no longer have any bearing in comparison to the right relationship he has been given through the death of Christ. The power of Christ's resurrection motivates him to press on toward the ultimate goal, eternal life with Christ.

[Paul writes:] ^{4b} If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: ⁵ circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; ⁶ as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.

⁷ Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. ⁸ More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ ⁹ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. ¹⁰ I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, ¹¹ if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

¹² Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal, but I press on to lay hold of that for which Christ has laid hold of me. ¹³ Brothers and sisters, I do not consider that I have laid hold of it, but one thing I have laid hold of: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, ¹⁴ I press on toward the goal, toward the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Pastor Chris Steubing

Please stand as you are able for the gospel reading.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL

Matthew 21:33-46

The holy gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus tells a parable to the religious leaders who are plotting his death, revealing that their plans will, ironically, bring about the fulfillment of scripture.

[Jesus said:] ³³“Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a winepress in it, and built a watchtower. Then he leased it to tenants and went away. ³⁴When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. ³⁵But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. ³⁶Again he sent other slaves, more than the first, and they treated them in the same way. ³⁷Then he sent his son to them, saying, ‘They will respect my son.’ ³⁸But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, ‘This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance.’ ³⁹So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. ⁴⁰Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those

tenants?” ⁴¹ They said to him, “He will put those wretches to a miserable death and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time.”

⁴² Jesus said to them, “Have you never read in the scriptures:

‘The stone that the builders rejected

has become the cornerstone;

this was the Lord’s doing,

and it is amazing in our eyes’?

⁴³ “Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces its fruits. ⁴⁴ The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces, and it will crush anyone on whom it falls.”

⁴⁵ When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them. ⁴⁶ They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Pastor Chris Steubing

HYMN OF THE DAY

“My Song is Love Unknown”

Please stand as you are able.

THE PRAYERS

...Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

SHARING THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

Let us share God’s peace with one another.

OFFERING

My Song Is Love Unknown



1 My song is love un - known, my Sav - ior's love to me,
 2 He came from his blest throne, sal - va - tion to be - stow;
 3 Some-times they strew his way and his sweet prais - es sing;
 4 Why, what hath my Lord done? What makes this rage and spite?



love to the love - less shown, that they might love - ly be.
 but men made strange, and none the longed-for Christ would know.
 re - sound-ing all the day ho - san - nas to their King.
 He made the lame to run, he gave the blind their sight.



Oh, who am I, that for my sake my Lord should take frail
 But, oh, my friend, my friend in - deed, who at my need his
 Then "Cru - ci - fy!" is all their breath, and for his death they
 Sweet in - ju - ries! Yet they at these them - selves dis - please, and



flesh and die? My Lord should take frail flesh and die?
 life did spend; who at my need his life did spend!
 thirst and cry, and for his death they thirst and cry.
 'gainst him rise; them - selves dis - please, and 'gainst him rise.

7 Here might I stay and sing—
 no story so divine!
 Never was love, dear King,
 never was grief like thine.
 This is my friend, in whose sweet praise
 I all my days could gladly spend!

OFFERING MUSIC "Make Me a Channel of Your Peace"

1 Make me a chan - nel of your peace.
 2 Make me a chan - nel of your peace.
 4 Make me a chan - nel of your peace.

Where there is ha - tred, let me bring your
 Where there's de - spair in life, let me bring
 It is in par - don - ing that we are

love; where there is in - ju -
 hope; where there is dark - ness,
 par - doned, in giv - ing of our -

last time to Coda ⊕

ry, your par - don, Lord; and
 on - ly light; and
 selves that we re -

where there's doubt, true faith in you.
 where there's sad - ness, ev - er joy.

2

3 O Mas - ter, grant that I may nev - er

seek so much to be con - soled as to con -

sole, to be un - der - stood

as to un - der - stand, to be

D.C. (stanza 4) al coda

loved as to love with all my soul.

⊕ *Coda*

ceive and in dy - ing that we're

born to e - ter - nal life.

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray. **God of creation, you send rain and the earth springs forth abundantly. All blessings are from you; make us generous with what we have. Use our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts in service to you and in love to our neighbors, today and always. Amen.**

MEAL

THE 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. . . We praise your name and join their unending hymn.

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry, full of your glo-ry. Ho -
san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high -
est. Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, 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.

With this bread and cup we remember our Lord's Passover from death to life as we proclaim the mystery of faith;

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

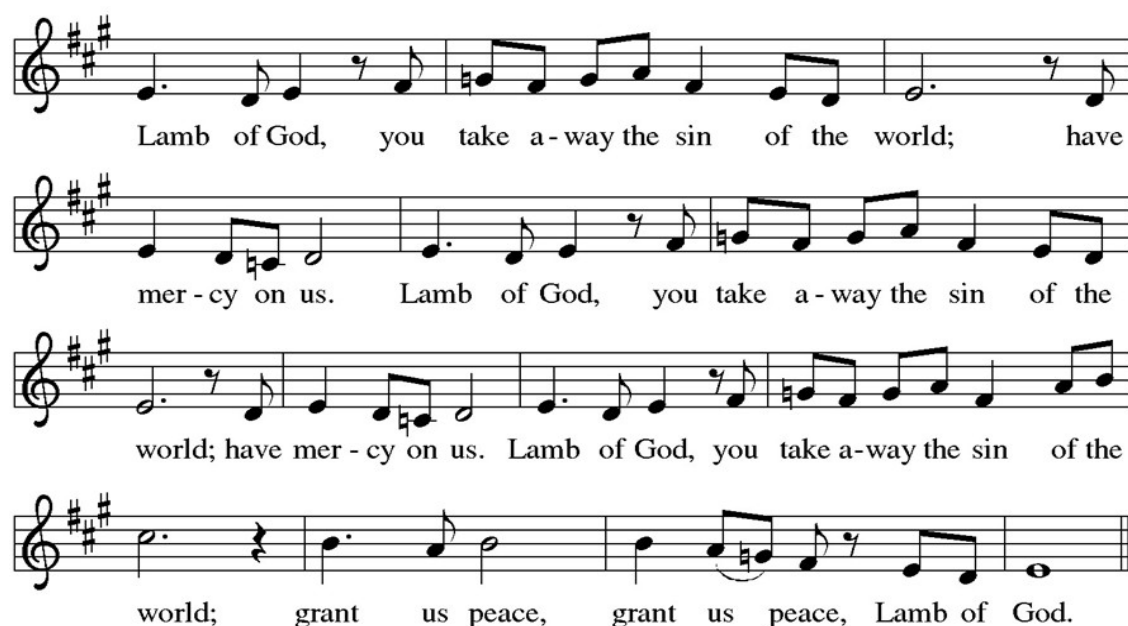
Remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray...

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 invites you to this table. All who are thirsty, all who are hungry, come!

All are welcome to receive Holy Communion at the Lord's table. We practice a continuous communion distribution. You are invited to come forward at the direction of the ushers and kneel or stand at the altar rail, filling in spaces starting from the center as they become available. If you'd like to receive a blessing instead, you may simply come forward and cross your arms over your chest. If you are unable to come forward, please notify an usher and we will bring the sacrament to you. The communion cups contain wine (red) or grape juice (white). Gluten-free wafers are available upon request.



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
world; grant us peace, grant us peace, Lamb of God.

Communion Hymns

Hymn #595 "Jesus Loves Me"

Hymn #483 "Here is Bread"

Hymn #608 "Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling"

Hymn #528 "Come and Fill Our Hearts" (3 times)

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

Please stand as you are able.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray. **Sustaining God, with this bread and cup, you nourish us with mercy and abundant life. By your Spirit, send us from this table to serve a needy world. Make us living signs of your liberation, healing, and love, following the way of Jesus, in whose name we pray. Amen.**

BENEDICTION

The God of love
draw you into full accord and one mind,
in the body of Christ Jesus.

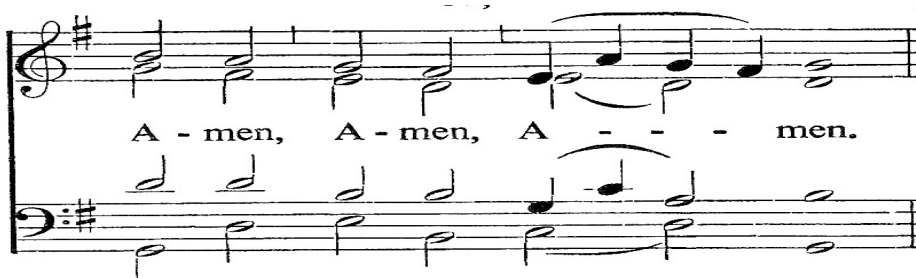
Amen.

The God of hope
grant you strength and joy in all circumstances
through the interceding of the Spirit.

Amen.

The God of grace

✙ bless you now and forever.



SENDING HYMN *"Sent Forth by God's Blessing" Hymn #547*

DISMISSAL

Go out in joy. Be led forth in peace.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

ST. ANDREW LUTHERAN
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EKLESIA CANTEMUS GROUP

Join us for a vibrant celebration of music, culture,
and faith with musicians Georgie Padilla, Jaime
Laureano, Nelson Velasquez & friends from Iglesia
Luterana San Pablo in San Antonio.

- Live Latin Music
- Rhythm Demonstration
- Bilingual Hymn Singing
- Refreshments to Follow

OCTOBER

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4:00 PM

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Announcements/Reminders

For children and parents:

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
9:30 AM—Choir Practice in the music room
10:00 AM—Worship in the sanctuary
11:00 AM—Fellowship in the fellowship hall

Calendar This Week

October 6th—3:00 PM Vision Team meeting in the library
October 7th—2:00 PM Worship & Devotion Team meeting in the library
October 10th—8:00 AM Men's Breakfast in the fellowship hall

Church Staff and today's worship leaders:

Pastor—Rev. Chris Steubing
Visitation Pastor—Rev. Judi Miller
Our Reader—Kathy Lenhardt
Our Liturgist—Ken Kleid
Our Communion Assistants —Amy & Asher Steubing
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