



Reformation Sunday

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

VISION MOMENT: Wendy Kuenemann & Jeff Meyer

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 *"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" Hymn #504*

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. **Almighty God, gracious Lord, we thank you that your Holy Spirit renews the church in every age. Pour out your Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep them steadfast in your word, protect and comfort them in times of trial, defend them against all enemies of the gospel, and bestow on the church your saving peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

Please be seated.

WORD

FIRST READING

Jeremiah 31:31-34

The renewed covenant will not be breakable, but like the old covenant it will expect the people to live upright lives. To know the Lord means that one will defend the cause of the poor and needy (Jer. 22:16). The renewed covenant is possible only because the Lord will forgive iniquity and not remember sin. Our hope lies in a God who forgets.

³¹ The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. ³² It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the Lord. ³³ But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts, and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. ³⁴ No longer shall they teach one another or say to each other, “Know the Lord,” for they shall all know me, from the least of

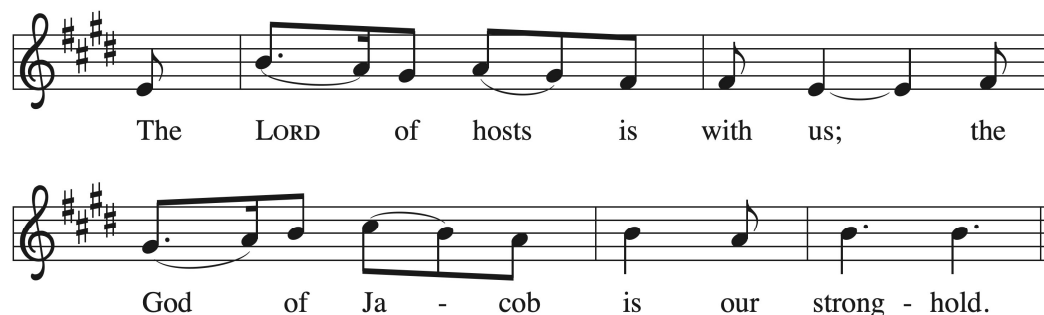
them to the greatest, says the Lord, for I will forgive their iniquity and remember their sin no more.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 46

"Psalm 46"



- ¹ God is our refuge and strength,
a very present help in trouble.
- ² Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be moved,
and though the mountains shake in the depths of the sea;
- ³ though its waters rage and foam,
and though the mountains tremble with its tumult.

Refrain

- ⁴ There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,
the holy habitation of the Most High.
- ⁵ God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be shaken;
God shall help it at the break of day.
- ⁶ The nations rage, and the kingdoms shake;
God speaks, and the earth melts away.

Refrain

- ⁷ The Lord of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.
- ⁸ Come now, regard the works of the Lord,
what desolations God has brought upon the earth;

⁹ behold the one who makes war to cease in all the world;
who breaks the bow, and shatters the spear, and burns the
shields with fire.

¹⁰ “Be still, then, and know that I am God;
I will be exalted among the nations; I will be exalted in the
earth.”

Refrain

SECOND READING Romans 3:19-28

Paul's words stand at the heart of the preaching of Martin Luther and other Reformation leaders. No human beings make themselves right with God through works of the law. We are brought into a right relationship with God through the divine activity centered in Christ's death. This act is a gift of grace that liberates us from sin and empowers our faith in Jesus Christ.

¹⁹ Now we know that, whatever the law says, it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be silenced and the whole world may be held accountable to God. ²⁰ For no human will be justified before him by deeds prescribed by the law, for through the law comes the knowledge of sin.

²¹ But now, apart from the law, the righteousness of God has been disclosed and is attested by the Law and the Prophets, ²² the righteousness of God through the faith of Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction, ²³ since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; ²⁴ they are now justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, ²⁵ whom God put forward as a sacrifice of atonement by his blood, effective through faith. He did this to demonstrate his righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over the sins previously committed; ²⁶ it was to demonstrate at the present time his own

righteousness, so that he is righteous and he justifies the one who has the faith of Jesus.

²⁷ Then what becomes of boasting? It is excluded. Through what kind of law? That of works? No, rather through the law of faith. ²⁸ For we hold that a person is justified by faith apart from works prescribed by the law.

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



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

John 8:31-36

The holy gospel according to John

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus speaks of truth and freedom as spiritual realities known through his word. He reveals the truth that sets people free from sin.

³¹ Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, "If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples, ³² and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free." ³³ They answered him, "We are descendants of Abraham and have never been slaves to anyone. What do you mean by saying, 'You will be made free'?"

³⁴ Jesus answered them, "Very truly, I tell you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. ³⁵ The slave does not have a permanent place in the household; the son has a place there forever. ³⁶ So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed."

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Pastor Chris Steubing

HYMN OF THE DAY

Hymn #729

"The Church of Christ, in Every Age"

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

...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 the peace with one another.

OFFERING

OFFERING MUSIC

"God of Grace"

Choir Anthem

OFFERTORY *"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"* Hymn #885

The musical score is written for two staves, Treble and Bass clef, in the key of D major (indicated by two sharps). The melody is primarily in the Treble clef, while the bass clef provides a harmonic accompaniment. The lyrics are written below the staves.

Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow; praise him, all crea-tures here be-low;

praise him a-bove, ye heav'n-ly host; praise Fa-ther, Son, and Ho-ly Ghost.

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.

The musical score is written for a single voice part in treble clef, with a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#). The melody is composed of eighth and quarter notes, with some phrases spanning across bar lines. The lyrics are written below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span multiple notes. The score consists of five lines of music. The first line ends with a fermata over a half note. The second line ends with a quarter rest. The third line ends with a quarter note. The fourth line ends with a quarter note. The fifth line ends with a double bar line. The lyrics are: 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.

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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.

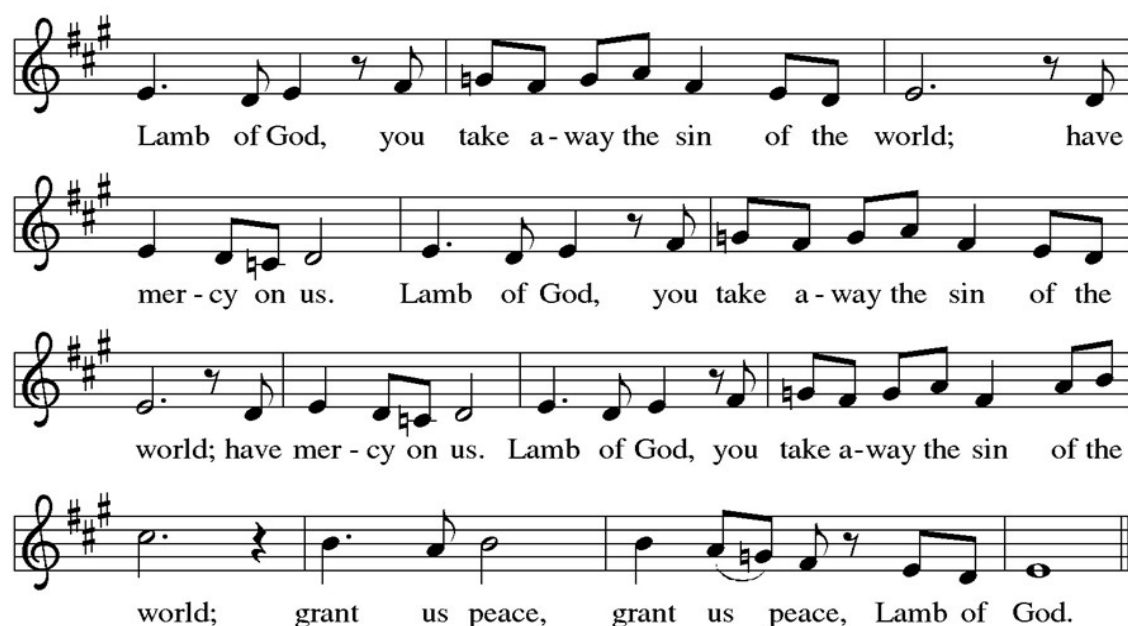
Remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray...

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 #494 *"For the Bread Which You Have Broken"*
Hymn #517 *"Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word"*
Hymn #665 *"Rise, Shine, You People!"*

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

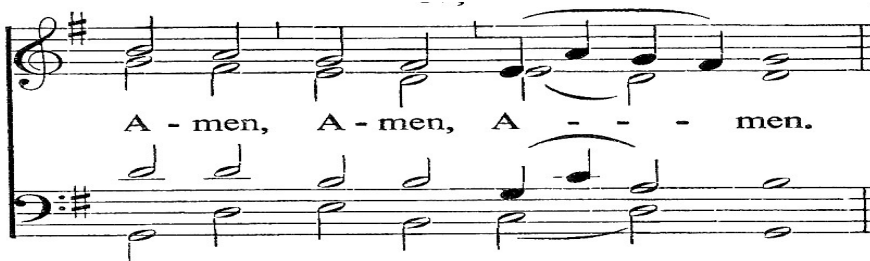
The God of love draw you into full accord and one mind,
in the body of Christ Jesus.

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 *"Go, Make Disciples"* Hymn #540

DISMISSAL

Go out in joy. Be led forth in peace.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

The Vision Team and Church Council have recommended the following statements for formal adoption by the congregation at our annual meeting on November 8th.



Our vision describes the kind of community God is calling us to become.

We will be a community that embodies these four characteristics— both when we gather together and as we go about our daily lives.

CALLED

We will affirm and nurture each person's unique gifts and calling to follow Jesus and participate in God's mission.

CONNECTED

We will cultivate deep connections with God, one another, and a world in need, building spiritual and relational bridges across distance and difference.

COLLABORATIVE

We will equip and encourage everyone to share in ministry, working together to build up the body of Christ and spread his love.

COMPASSIONATE

Moved by the heart of Jesus, we will live out his compassion by sharing hope, healing, mercy, and love with one another, our community, and beyond.

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GOD'S MISSION FOR US:
**Follow Jesus
and
Fish for People.**

Our mission describes who we are and what we are called to do.



**OUR VALUES EXPRESSED
AS FAITH PRACTICES**

These describe how we live our mission in all of life.

Stewardship • Worship • Service • Belonging • Witness • Learning •
Generosity • Devotion • Welcome • Discipleship



Announcements/Reminders

STAFF UPDATE!

WELCOME SHEILA PERRY
OUR NEW CHILDREN AND YOUTH MINISTRY COORDINATOR



We have been praying and searching for a Children and Youth Ministry Coordinator for some time. Sheila brings experience working with children and youth in her professional career and as a church volunteer. She has a deep faith and is excited to help us grow our ministry with children, youth, and their families. Welcome Sheila!

“My name is Sheila. I am a proud wife and mother, fortunate to be blessed with five children and seven grandchildren. I take great pleasure in spending time in the outdoors, appreciating the splendor that Nature provides. Activities such as hiking, biking, swimming, tubing, cruising, or simply unwinding on the beach brings me joy. My life is centered around Faith, family, friends and enjoying all the blessings God has given me.”

For children and parents:

After the children’s sermon, children are invited to go with Mrs. Sheila 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. Sheila 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 sheila.perry@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!!!

Reformation Sunday, October 25th

Wear Red! But why?

Wearing red on Reformation Sunday is a common practice in some Protestant denominations, particularly Lutheran churches, because red is the liturgical color of the Holy Spirit, which symbolizes the Spirit's fire, passion, and power in renewing the church. This tradition is a way to celebrate how the Holy Spirit empowered the Reformation and continues to work in believers' lives today.

- **Holy Spirit:** Red is the color used to represent the Holy Spirit, and its use on Reformation Sunday highlights the Spirit's active role in reforming the church, as seen in the actions of Martin Luther and others.
- **Martyrdom:** The color red can also remind people of those who have been martyred for their faith in Jesus.
- **Celebration of faith:** Wearing red serves as a visual reminder of the fire of the Holy Spirit and a celebration of faith.



WELCA Bible Study, Wednesday, October 28th **Business Mtg.~9:30 AM Bible Study ~10 AM**

Come join us on October 28th in the fellowship hall and participate in the Bible study led by Pastor Chris.

Faith often leads us down paths we didn't expect—into wilderness places, across unfamiliar lands, and through seasons of grief and hope. This three-session study takes us on a journey with Hagar, Ruth and Mary Magdalene, women whose bold faith transformed their unexpected stories. Their encounters with God remind us that we, too, are seen, sustained and sent to carry good news into the world.

Session 2: Choosing loyalty, finding love

Scripture: Ruth 1:1-22; 2:8-12; 4:13-17

Our meeting begins at 9:30 AM with refreshments and a business session. At 10 AM Pastor Chris leads us in our study. Come, join us!

WELCA

Cheryl Wilder, President
Cathy Peebles, V. President
Sharon VanderBand, Secretary
Kathy Laney, Treasurer



GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP STARTS WED. NOV. 4th

Blessed are those who mourn
for they will be comforted.
Matthew 5:4 NRSVUE



Losing a loved one starts a journey of grief that may last a very long time. No matter where you are on that journey, we don't want you to be alone. Please consider joining with others as we learn about grief, share our stories, and support one another. We will be meeting on Wednesdays for 8 sessions. When you attend it's up to you if you just want to listen, or if you would like to participate during some of the group activities. Just showing up is an important first step.

***Wednesdays from 1:00-2:30 in the Fellowship Hall
November 4- January 6th (no sessions the week of Thanksgiving or Christmas)***

All are welcome so please feel free to share this information with neighbors, friends or relatives. To register, call the church office (830)899-2273 or send your full name and phone number to admin@standrewofcl.org. For more information contact Pastor Judi Miller(830) 730-3315 or pastorjudi@aol.com or Wendy Kuenemann (210) 316-8085 or wendyk9@icloud.com

Today

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

This week

October 28—9:30 AM WELCA in the fellowship hall
October 31—1:00 PM Sharon VanderBand birthday party in the YAC

New network wifi available now!

Wifi name: St Andrew Guest
Password: HisIcdno7420

The password is an acronym for Martin Luther's confessional statement, "Here I stand. I can do no other."
Plus our church address.

Church Staff and today's worship leaders:

Pastor—Rev. Chris Steubing
Visitation Pastor—Rev. Judi Miller
Our Reader—Judy Hillegeist
Our Liturgist—Claire Roberts
Communion Assistants—Marv Dettloff and Judy Hillegeist
Organist/Pianist—Vicki Lautner
Choir and Hand Bell Director—Wendy Kuenemann
Office Administrator—Trista Stubblefield
Children & Youth Ministry Coordinator—Sheila Perry

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