



Sundays after Pentecost  
Autumn 2021

# St. Andrew's Lutheran Church

*A congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America  
(ELCA)*



**God calls us to become –  
Connected to Christ, Connected to Each Other,  
and Connected to Community**

Welcome to worship.

Please participate as you feel comfortable.

All are invited to receive Holy Communion.

Lutherans believe that Christ is present in, with and under the bread and wine of the sacrament. This real presence is a mystery and a gift.

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Tuesday & Thursday 10 am – 2 pm

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✝ GATHERING ✝

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

*\*Please stand as you are able.*

PRELUDE

WELCOME

\*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism.*

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.**

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.**

**\*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**

*The presiding minister leads the prayer of the day which may be  
found on the front of the Celebrate insert. The assembly is seated.*

✝ **WORD** ✝

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

**FIRST READING**

*The reading may be concluded:* Word of God, word of life.  
*The assembly responds:* **Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM**

**SECOND READING**

*The reading may be concluded:* Word of God, word of life.  
*The assembly responds:* **Thanks be to God.**

**\*GOSPEL**

*The gospel is announced.*    The holy gospel according to \_\_\_\_.  
**Glory to you, O Lord.**

*The gospel concludes:*    The gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*The assembly is seated.*

**SERMON**

*Silence for reflection follows the sermon.*

**MUSICAL OFFERING**

**\*APOSTLES' CREED**

**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.**

## **\*PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

*The prayers are printed on the back page of the weekly Celebrate insert. Individuals are invited to pray a petition aloud, as so moved.*

## **\*PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you always.  
**And also with you.**

*The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace, and may say, "Peace be with you," or similar words. The assembly is seated.*

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*Brief announcements may be made, especially those related to the assembly's participation in God's mission in the world. Affirmation of Christian Vocation may be used here.*

## **✠ MEAL ✠**

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

## **OFFERING**

*An offering is gathered for the mission of the church, including the care of those in need. Offerings may be placed in the basket at church, sent electronically or by mail.*

## **\*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.**

**\*DIALOGUE**

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.**

**\*PREFACE**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,  
that we should at all times and in all places  
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and  
merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ;  
who on this day overcame death and the grave,  
and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the  
way of everlasting life.

And so, with all the choirs of angels,  
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,  
we praise your name and join their unending  
hymn:

**\*HOLY, HOLY, HOLY**

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

**\*THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE**

Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son,  
who reached out to heal the sick and suffering,  
who preached good news to the poor,  
and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

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

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection,  
and ascension,  
we await his coming in glory.



Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord,  
and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly  
food,  
the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord;  
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,  
be all honor and glory, now and forever.  
**Amen.**

**\*LORD'S PRAYER**

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as  
Jesus taught us.

**Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those  
who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours,  
now and forever. Amen.**

✠ SENDING ✠

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

**\*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.**

**\*DISMISSAL**

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

**\*INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

All who hunger and thirst, come.  
The table is ready.

*The assembly is seated.*

*An usher will invite you to exit the narthex to receive communion outdoors. Those seated in the back of the church will be invited to exit first.*

*Please enjoy the music and time of reflection.*

*Anyone at home is welcome to drive over to church to receive communion or make an appointment with Pastor Beth to receive communion at home.*

**\*COMMUNION**

*When giving the bread and cup, the communion ministers say*

The body of Christ, given for you.

The blood of Christ, shed for you.

*and each person may respond* Amen.

**\*DISMISSAL**

Go in peace.

**Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE**

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