



# Saint Andrew Lutheran Church

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Sixteenth Sunday of the Pentecost Season

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**Welcome to worship as we come together in praise and thanksgiving to our living Savior!**

**Holy Spirit, blow through our church with power. Open our hearts to follow your call.**

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❖ **Welcome and Announcements**

❖ **Call to Worship**

Leader: It is a gift to gather for worship in the sanctuary and online.

**Congregation: Worship is a time to be renewed and restored in God's love.**

L: There is a place for you. No one is turned away. God's love is for all.

**C: The least and the lost; the homeless and hopeless are always welcome in this time of worship.**

L: Praise to God who shelters us all in love and hope.

**C: Praise to God who heals and sends us forth to serve. Amen.**

❖ **Gathering Hymn: Lift High the Cross**

(see insert)

*(please rise in body, spirit, or both)*

❖ **Confession and Forgiveness**

L: Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, whose teaching is life, whose presence is sure, and whose love is endless.

**C: Amen.**

L: Let us confess our sins to God who welcomes us with an open heart.

(moment of reflection)

L: God our comforter:

**C: 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.**

L: 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. You are forgiven and loved.

**C: Amen.**

❖ **Greeting**

L: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C: And also with you**

❖ **Prayer of the Day**

L: Let us pray

**C: O God, through suffering and rejection you bring forth our salvation, and by the glory of the cross you transform our lives. Grant that for the sake of the gospel we may turn from the lure of evil, take up our cross, and follow your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

*(please be seated)*

❖ **Children's Time**

❖ **First Reading**                      James 3: 1-12                      (see insert)

L: Word of God, Word of Life

**C: Thanks be to God**

❖ **The Gospel**                      Mark 8: 27-38                      (see insert)

*(please rise in body, spirit, or both)*

L: The Gospel of our Lord

**C: Praise to you, O Christ**

*(please be seated)*

❖ **Sermon**                      Pastor Kari Williamson

❖ **Hymn: Take Up Your Cross, the Savior Said**                      (see insert)

❖ **Offering Prayer**

L: Let us pray

**C: O Gracious God, bless our offering that it may reach and touch those who hunger, who hurt, who seek new hope. Renew in us a sense of our abundance in all times and a never-failing compassion for all, for we pray in the Spirit of Jesus Christ who is the source of hope and joy, of our gifts and our open hands. Amen**

❖ **Prayers of the People**

*(following each petition)*

L: Lord in your Mercy

**C: Hear our Prayers.**

❖ **Words of Institution**

❖ **Lord's Prayer**

Our Father, who are in heaven, hallowed be thy name.

Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as 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

❖ **Post Communion Blessing**      *(please rise in body, spirit, or both)*

L: Jesus, Bread of life, we have received from your table more than we could ever ask. As you have nourished us in this meal, now strengthen us to love the world with you own life. In your name we pray. **Amen.**

❖ **Benediction**

L: The blessing of God, who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us, Father, Son and Holy Spirit be with you now and forever.

**C: Amen**

❖ **Sending Hymn      Take My Life, That I May Be**

*(see insert)*

❖ **Sending**

L: Go in peace. You are the body of Christ sent into the world.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

welcome

Thank you for joining us for worship. A special welcome to our guests. If you are interested in learning more about Saint Andrew, please feel free to call Pastor Kari at 602-942-5811

***Thank you to our worship leaders:***

*Worship Assistant:*      8:00:      *Curt Holder*  
   9:30:      *Rhonda Redies*

*Ushers:*                      8:00:      *Frank and Linda Gaber*  
   9:30:      *Joe Shonerd*

*Musicians:*              *Gary Quamme*  
                                    *David DeLano*  
                                    *Joy McCormick*

*Sound:*                      *David DeLano*  
                                    *Joy McCormick*  
                                    *Jane Upham*

# LIFT HIGH THE CROSS

Refrain:

Lift high the cross,  
The love of Christ proclaim  
Till all the world adore his sacred name.

Come, Christians, follow where our captain trod,  
Our king victorious, Christ, the Son of God.

Refrain

All newborn soldiers of the Crucified  
Bear on their brows the seal of him who died.

Refrain

O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree,  
As thou hast promised, draw us all to thee.

Refrain

So shall our song of triumph ever be:  
Praise to the crucified for victory!

## **TAKE UP YOUR CROSS, THE SAVIOR SAID**

"Take up your cross," the Savior said,  
"if you would my disciple be;  
forsake the past, and come this day,  
and humbly follow after me."

Take up your cross; let not its weight  
pervade your soul with vain alarm;  
his strength shall bear your spirit up,  
sustain your heart, and nerve your arm.

Take up your cross, nor heed the shame,  
nor let your foolish heart rebel;  
for you the Lord endured the cross  
to save your soul from death and hell.

Take up your cross and follow Christ,  
nor think till death to lay it down;  
for those who humbly bear the cross  
one day will wear the glorious crown.

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## TAKE MY LIFE, THAT I MAY BE

Take my life, that I may be  
Consecrated, Lord, to thee;  
Take my moments and my days;  
Let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Take my hands and let them move  
At the impulse of thy love;  
Take my feet and let them be  
Swift and beautiful for thee.

Take my voice and let me sing  
Always, only, for my King;  
Take my lips and let them be  
Filled with messages from thee.

Take my silver and my gold,  
Not a mite would I withhold;  
Take my intellect, and use  
Ev'ry pow'r as thou shalt choose.

Take my will and make it thine;  
It shall be no longer mine.  
Take my heart, it is thine own;  
It shall be thy royal throne.

Take my love; my Lord, I pour  
At thy feet its treasure store;  
Take myself, and I will be  
Ever, only, all for thee.



## FIRST READING: JAMES 3: 1-12

<sup>1</sup>Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers and sisters, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. <sup>2</sup>For all of us make many mistakes. Anyone who makes no mistakes in speaking is perfect, able to keep the whole body in check with a bridle. <sup>3</sup>If we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we guide their whole bodies. <sup>4</sup>Or look at ships: though they are so large that it takes strong winds to drive them, yet they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. <sup>5</sup>So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great exploits.

How great a forest is set ablaze by a small fire! <sup>6</sup>And the tongue is a fire. The tongue is placed among our members as a world of iniquity; it stains the whole body, sets on fire the cycle of nature, and is itself set on fire by hell. <sup>7</sup>For every species of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by the human species, <sup>8</sup>but no one can tame the tongue — a restless evil, full of deadly poison. <sup>9</sup>With it we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse those who are made in the likeness of God. <sup>10</sup>From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this ought not to be so. <sup>11</sup>Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and brackish water? <sup>12</sup>Can a fig tree, my brothers and sisters, yield olives, or a grapevine figs? No more can salt water yield fresh.

Leader: Word of God, Word of Life

**Congregation: Thanks be to God**

## THE GOSPEL: MARK 8: 27-38

<sup>27</sup>Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that I am?" <sup>28</sup>And they answered him, "John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets." <sup>29</sup>He asked them, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter answered him, "You are the Messiah." <sup>30</sup>And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him.

<sup>31</sup>Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. <sup>32</sup>He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. <sup>33</sup>But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

<sup>34</sup>He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. <sup>35</sup>For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. <sup>36</sup>For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? <sup>37</sup>Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? <sup>38</sup>Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

Leader: The Gospel of our Lord

**Congregation: Praise to you, O Christ**



## **Sunday School Starts Today!**

Have you heard the news- Sunday School has a new format!

Everyone will worship together at the 9:30 service.  
During the 9:30 service the Sunday School crew will come forward for a Children's Time.

After the Children's time the crew will be dismissed with the Sunday School teachers for Sunday School.

Sunday School will finish a little after the 9:30 service.

We are so excited to see you!!

The Theme for September - December  
The Heart Of God

Dear friends,

After a lengthy hiatus, I am thrilled to announce that the St. Andrew Choir will regather beginning Sunday, September 12. If you have a love of singing, you are invited to join us! We will gather for a short rehearsal of the day's hymns this Sunday, beginning at 8:45 A.M., and will rehearse each week on Wednesdays, beginning at 6:00 P.M. If you have questions, do not hesitate to reach out to me.

Thank you!

Gary Quamme  
Director of Worship and Music  
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*Are you interested in serving on Sunday morning? We have a need for Greeters/Ushers, Worship Assistants and Fellowship Hosts.*

*Sign up sheets are available each Sunday. Or you can contact the church office!*



For the Food Pantries at Lakeview and Cholla Schools

**Canned Goods\*\***

Ravioli  
Pasta in Sauce (Chef Boyardee, etc.)  
Soup  
Tuna  
Chicken

**Dry Goods**

Pasta  
Rice  
Ramen/Cup-o-Noodles  
Mac & Cheese Microwaveable Cups  
Individual Cereal Boxes  
Oatmeal Packets  
Pancake Mix

**Snacks –Single Serving**

Cereal Bars  
Granola Bars  
Cheese/Peanut Butter Crackers  
Fruit Cups  
Fruit Snacks  
Pop Tarts/Toaster Pastries  
Nut Bars  
Chips  
Individually Wrapped Candies\*

**Miscellaneous**

Peanut Butter  
Jelly in **unbreakable containers**

**Non-Food Items**

Tissue Boxes  
Anti-bacterial Wipes  
Water Bottles  
Small Toys\*

\*Small toys, such as Hot Wheel cars, Stickers, Stamps, Hair Ties, etc., and Individually Wrapped Candies are used by the Social Workers as instant reward items. If they see a child doing a good deed, making a good choice, trying something new, working hard at a task, they hand them a “reward” for this good behavior.

\*\*Please try to find easy-open cans. Remember, children are often feeding themselves or other children in the home while the parent(s) are at work.

**Bring to church September 26**