



# **SAINT ANDREW LUTHERAN CHURCH**

September 14, 2025

***Fourteenth Sunday After Pentecost***

***PROMISE, PRAYER, POSSIBILITY***  
**Luke 11:1**

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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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GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

❖ Prelude

❖ Welcome

❖ Call to Worship

Leader: As we draw near to God

**Congregation: God will draw near to us.**

L: Let us approach God with child-like faith.

**C: For God loves those who humble themselves.**

L: God's arm reaches out to those who are weak.

**C: God's help is near to those who are troubled.**

L: Let us come together to worship our God of love and peace.

❖ Welcome Song                      **Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise**                      **ELW 834**

❖ Confession and Forgiveness

L: Blessed be the Holy Trinity, one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

**C: Amen**

L: Let us return to God, confessing our sin in the assurance of God's abiding love.

*(Time for personal reflection and prayer)*

L: Merciful God,

**C: you free us to love others, but we neglect our neighbors and follow our own way. You lead us by the Spirit of joy and peace, but we turn away from the abundant life you offer. You surround us with patience, kindness, and generosity, but we grow weary in doing what is right. In your mercy, forgive us. Do not give up on us. Heal us and show us the path of life. Amen.**

L: You belong to Christ Jesus and you are God's children through faith. In the cross of Christ, and through the power of the Holy Spirit, your sins are forgiven. Clothed with Christ, you are a new creation. **Amen.**

## ❖ Sharing of God's Peace

L: Beloved community, as renewed, forgiven people, let us share the unifying love and peace of God with one another now, saying, "The peace of God be with you."

**C: And also with you.**

L: Let us share God's peace with one another.

## ❖ 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, overflowing with mercy and compassion, you lead back to yourself all those who go astray. Preserve your people in your loving care, that we may reject whatever is contrary to you and may follow all things that sustain our life in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

## HEARING GOD'S WORD

### ❖ First Reading

### Psalm 51:1-10

*The Psalm is read responsively by whole verse*

L: <sup>1</sup> Have mercy on me, O God,  
according to your steadfast love;  
according to your abundant mercy,  
blot out my transgressions.

**C: <sup>2</sup> Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity,  
and cleanse me from my sin.**

L: <sup>3</sup> For I know my transgressions,  
and my sin is ever before me.

**C: <sup>4</sup> Against you, you alone, have I sinned  
and done what is evil in your sight,  
so that you are justified in your sentence  
and blameless when you pass judgment.**

L: <sup>5</sup> Indeed, I was born guilty,  
a sinner when my mother conceived me.

**C: <sup>6</sup> You desire truth in the inward being;  
therefore teach me wisdom in my secret heart.**

**L: <sup>7</sup> Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean;  
wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.**

**C: <sup>8</sup> Let me hear joy and gladness;  
let the bones that you have crushed rejoice.**

**L: <sup>9</sup> Hide your face from my sins,  
and blot out all my iniquities.**

**C: <sup>10</sup> Create in me a clean heart, O God,  
and put a new and right spirit within me.**

**L: Word of God, Word of Life.**

**C: Thanks be to God.**

❖ **Gospel Acclamation**                      **Alleluia**

❖ **Gospel**                      **Luke 15:1-10**

<sup>1</sup> Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to him. <sup>2</sup> And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, “This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them.” <sup>3</sup> So he told them this parable: <sup>4</sup> “Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it? <sup>5</sup> And when he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. <sup>6</sup> And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbors, saying to them, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found my lost sheep.’ <sup>7</sup> Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance. <sup>8</sup> “Or what woman having ten silver coins, if she loses one of them, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it? <sup>9</sup> And when she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.’ <sup>10</sup> Just so, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents.”

**L: The Gospel of our Lord**

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

❖ **Children’s Message**

❖ **Hymn of the Day**

**Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us**

**ELW 789**

❖ **Sermon**                      **Pastor Kari Williamson**

❖ **Choir Anthem**              **Psalm 98: All the Ends of the Earth**

**RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD**

❖ **Words of Faith**

**L:** Let us join our hearts and voices together using the words of the Apostle’s Creed:

**C:** **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 the People**

*Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying, ELW 752, is sung in response following each petition*

**C: Lord, listen to your children praying,**

**Lord, send your Spirit in this place;**

**Lord, listen to your children praying,**

**Send us love, send us pow’r, send us grace**

❖ **Offering**

❖ **Offertory Hymn**                      **Create in Me a Clean Heart**                      **ELW 188**

❖ **Prayer of Blessing**

**L:** Let us pray

**C: Blessed are you, O God, source of every gift of your creation. By these gifts and with our lives, help us to serve one another and all in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen**

## **GOD COMES TO US AT THE MEAL**

### **❖ Words of Institution**

### **❖ Lord's Prayer**

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.

### **❖ Communion Distribution**

### **❖ Communion Hymn    O Christ, Our Light, O Radiance True                    ELW 675**

### **❖ Prayer After Communion**

L: May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in His grace. Amen

Let us pray:

**C: God, you gathered us to your table and we drank deeply of your grace. Send us out by your Spirit to love our neighbors as ourselves and proclaim your love in Jesus' name. Amen.**

### **❖ Blessing**

L: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

**C: Amen.**

## **GOD SENDS US OUT TO SERVE**

### **❖ Sending Hymn                    On Our Way Rejoicing                    ELW 537**

### **❖ Sending**

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

**C: Thanks be to God.**



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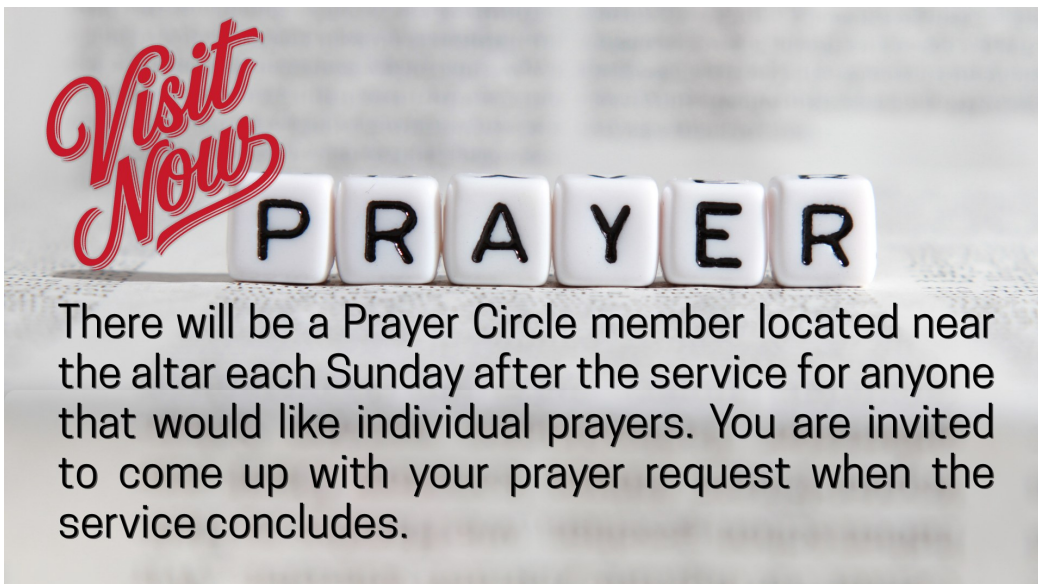
Thank you for joining us for worship. A special welcome to our guests. If you are interested in learning more about Saint Andrew, please feel free to call Pastor Kari at 602-942-5811

## *Thank you to our worship leaders:*

*Director of Music and Worship: Chip Love*

*Reader: Kim Smith*  
*Worship Assistant: Rhonda Redies*  
*Communion Assistant: Kim Smith*  
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*Andrew Beamer*

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*Joy McCormick*  
*Alan Brown*  
*Andrea Lee*  
*Christian Beamer*  
*Valerie Moreno*





## Fill the PANTRY

OATMEAL PACKETS  
PASTA IN SAUCE (CHEF BOYARDEE, ETC.)  
CHICKEN  
TUNA  
POP TARTS/TOASTER PASTRIES  
MAC & CHEESE  
INDIVIDUAL CEREAL BOXES/BOWLS  
RAMEN/CUP-O-NOODLES  
FRUIT CUPS

COLLECTING FROM SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 7  
THRU SEPTEMBER 28 WITH DELIVERY TO  
CHOLLA AND LAKEVIEW ON SEPTEMBER 30.



## Patio Memorial Pavers

As we prepare for All Saints' Sunday on November 2nd, you are invited to order a memorial paver for a loved one.

The deadline to order is October 12th. Cost is \$69. See Alan Wendt with any questions.

