



SAINT ANDREW LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Sixteenth Sunday After Pentecost

what we
can do

Opening Our Eyes

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.

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 God of Grace and God of Glory, vs. 1, 3, and 4 ELW 705

❖ 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 confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

(Time for personal reflection and prayer)

L: God of all,

C: You have given us all that we need and you ask that we share your abundance. We confess that we have not responded to your call to be open channels of your grace. We clench our fists when you ask for open hands; we close our minds when you ask for grace toward our neighbors. Open our hearts to live in the abundance of your creation; loosen our grip and restore our souls, that we may freely give and receive. Amen.

L: Beloved in Christ, God makes all things new. In the name of Christ, you are forgiven and loved. You are free to live as flowing streams of God's abundant grace and love. 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: Eternal God, you open our eyes to envision a world where all may have enough. Call us into relationship with you and with one another, that our lives may be shaped by generosity and joy. Amen.

HEARING GOD'S WORD

❖ First Reading Psalm 146

¹ Praise the Lord!

Praise the Lord, O my soul!

² I will praise the Lord as long as I live;

I will sing praises to my God all my life long.

³ Do not put your trust in princes,

in mortals, in whom there is no help.

⁴ When their breath departs, they return to the earth;

on that very day their plans perish.

⁵ Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob,

whose hope is in the Lord their God,

⁶ who made heaven and earth,

the sea, and all that is in them;

who keeps faith forever;

⁷ who executes justice for the oppressed;

who gives food to the hungry.

The Lord sets the prisoners free;

⁸ the Lord opens the eyes of the blind.

The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down;
the Lord loves the righteous.

⁹ The Lord watches over the strangers;
he upholds the orphan and the widow,
but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.

¹⁰ The Lord will reign forever,
your God, O Zion, for all generations.
Praise the Lord!

L: Word of God, Word of Life.

C: Thanks be to God.

❖ Second Reading

L: Word of God, Word of Life.

C: Thanks be to God.

❖ Gospel Acclamation Alleluia

❖ Gospel Luke 16:19-31

¹⁹ “There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. ²⁰ And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, ²¹ who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man’s table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. ²² The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. ²³ In Hades, where he was being tormented, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. ²⁴ He called out, ‘Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am in agony in these flames.’ ²⁵ But Abraham said, ‘Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things and Lazarus in like manner evil things, but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony. ²⁶ Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us.’ ²⁷ He said, ‘Then I beg you, father, to send him to my father’s house ²⁸ for I have five brothers—that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment.’ ²⁹ Abraham replied, ‘They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them.’ ³⁰ He said, ‘No, father Abraham, but if someone from the dead goes to them, they will repent.’ ³¹ He said to him, ‘If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.’ ”

L: The Gospel of our Lord

C: Praise to you, O Christ

❖ **Children's Message**

❖ **Hymn of the Day** **The Church of Christ, in Every Age, vs. 1 and 2** **ELW 729**

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

❖ **Sermon Song** **The Church of Christ, in Every Age, vs. 3, 4, and 5** **ELW 729**

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** **We Give Thee But Thine Own** **ELW 686**

❖ **Prayer of Blessing**

L: Let us pray

C: God of life, You have blessed us with every good gift. Open us to share all that we have been given and to love the world in Jesus' name. 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 Now We Remain ELW 500

❖ 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: Abundant God, you have nourished us with life, love, and grace. Fill us to the
brim with your care, that we may go into the world with open arms and open
hearts to share your peace with the world. Amen.**

❖ Blessing

L: May God bless you and keep you. May God's mercy flow freely through you. May
you be filled with the abundance of God's love and held in God's peace.

C: Amen

GOD SENDS US OUT TO SERVE

❖ Sending Hymn I'm So Glad Jesus Lifted Me ELW 860

❖ Sending

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

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:

Director of Music and Worship: Chip Love

Reader: Keith Brooks
Worship Assistant: Bill Kuehl
Communion Assistant: Connie Bishop
Ushers: Alan Wendt
Brenda Wendt

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Joy McCormick
Alan Brown
Andrea Lee
Christian Beamer
Valerie Moreno

2 Cent Sunday



\$61.69 was collected in August to benefit ELCA World Hunger
Add your change to the 2-cent jar this week!

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.



PRAYER

There will be a Prayer Circle member located near the altar each Sunday after the service for anyone that would like individual prayers. You are invited to come up with your prayer request when the service concludes.