SAINT ANDREW LUTHERAN CHURCH

October 26, 2025 **Reformation Sunday**

what we can do
Change

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: Across time and place, people of faith have gathered to praise God's holy name.

Congregation: As we seek to understand who we are, we praise God's holy name.

L: May God teach us to be seekers in our worship and our daily lives.

C: As we seek to understand who God is, we praise God's holy name.

L: May God teach us to be curious about how God will be revealed to us.

C: As we grow into who we will be, we praise God's holy name. Amen

❖ Welcome Song

O Christ, Our Hope

ELW 604

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: God of all, you created us for humility and grace. Where there is contempt, may we share your mercy. Where there is brokenness, may we turn again toward healing. Hold us in your love, through Jesus Christ, your Son. Amen.

HEARING GOD'S WORD

❖ First Reading Jeremiah 14:7-10, 19-22

⁷ Although our iniquities testify against us, act, O Lord, for your name's sake; our rebellions indeed are many, and we have sinned against you. 8 O hope of Israel, its savior in time of trouble, why should you be like a stranger in the land, like a traveler turning aside for the night? 9 Why should you be like someone confused, like a mighty warrior who cannot give help? Yet you, O Lord, are in the midst of us, and we are called by your name; do not forsake us! 10 Thus says the Lord concerning this people: Truly they have loved to wander; they have not restrained their feet; therefore the Lord does not accept them; now he will remember their iniquity and punish their sins. ¹⁹ Have you completely rejected Judah? Does your heart loathe Zion? Why have you struck us down so that there is no healing for us? We look for peace but find no good, for a time of healing, but there is terror instead. 20 We acknowledge our wickedness, O Lord, the iniquity of our ancestors, for we have sinned against you. ²¹ Do not spurn us, for your name's sake; do not dishonor your glorious throne; remember and do not break your covenant with us. ²² Can any idols of the nations bring rain, or can the heavens give showers? Is it not you, O Lord our God? We set our hope on you, for it is you who do all this.

L: Word of God, Word of Life.

C: Thanks be to God.

❖ Gospel Acclamation Alleluia

❖ Gospel Luke 18:9-14

⁹He also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and regarded others with contempt: ¹⁰ "Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. ¹¹ The Pharisee, standing by himself, was praying thus, 'God, I thank you that I am not like other people: thieves, rogues, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. ¹² I fast twice a week; I give a tenth of all my income.' ¹³ But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even lift up his eyes to heaven but was beating his breast and saying, 'God, be merciful to me, a sinner!' ¹⁴ I tell you, this man went down to his home justified rather than the other, for all who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted."

L: The Gospel of our Lord

C: Praise to you, O Christ

- ❖ Children's Message
- ❖ Hymn of the Day The Church's One Foundation ELW 654
- ❖ Sermon Pastor Melinda Gapen
- Choir Anthem All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

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

Following each petition:

L: God of grace,

C: receive our prayer.

- * Offering
- Offertory Hymn Almighty God, Your Word is Cast ELW 516
- 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 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

Communion Distribution

❖ Communion Hymn O Living Bread From Heaven ELW 542

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 A Mighty Fortress is Our God

ELW 505

Sending

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

C: Thanks be to God.



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

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