



# **SAINT ANDREW LUTHERAN CHURCH**

September 7, 2025

***Thirteenth 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: Creator God, divine artist, you fashion the universe with skill and beauty.

**Congregation: We praise you!**

L: Jesus the builder has shaped our hearts with loving hands and a steady eye.

**C: We thank you!**

L: Holy Spirit, breath of new creation, you continually fashion us anew.

**C: Loving and holy God open our hearts, hands, feet, and ears as we gather for worship. Amen**

❖ **Welcome Song**

**Take My Life, That I May Be**

**ELW 685**

❖ **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 unifying 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: Direct us, O Lord God, in all our doings with your continual help, that in all our works, begun, continued, and ended in you, we may glorify your holy name; and finally, by your mercy, bring us to everlasting life, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**

**Amen.**

## **HEARING GOD'S WORD**

### ❖ **First Reading**

### **Deuteronomy 30:15-20**

<sup>15</sup> "See, I have set before you today life and prosperity, death and adversity. <sup>16</sup> If you obey the commandments of the Lord your God that I am commanding you today, by loving the Lord your God, walking in his ways, and observing his commandments, decrees, and ordinances, then you shall live and become numerous, and the Lord your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to possess. <sup>17</sup> But if your heart turns away and you do not hear but are led astray to bow down to other gods and serve them, <sup>18</sup> I declare to you today that you shall certainly perish; you shall not live long in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess. <sup>19</sup> I call heaven and earth to witness against you today that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Choose life so that you and your descendants may live, <sup>20</sup> loving the Lord your God, obeying him, and holding fast to him, for that means life to you and length of days, so that you may live in the land that the Lord swore to give to your ancestors, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob."

L: Word of God. Word of Life.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

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

❖ **Gospel**                      **Luke 14:25-35**

<sup>25</sup> Now large crowds were traveling with him, and he turned and said to them, <sup>26</sup> “Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. <sup>27</sup> Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. <sup>28</sup> For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? <sup>29</sup> Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, <sup>30</sup> saying, ‘This fellow began to build and was not able to finish.’ <sup>31</sup> Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? <sup>32</sup> If he cannot, then while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. <sup>33</sup> So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions. <sup>34</sup> “Salt is good, but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? <sup>35</sup> It is useful neither for the soil nor for the manure pile; they throw it away. If you have ears to hear, then hear!”

L: The Gospel of our Lord

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

❖ **Children’s Message**

❖ **Hymn of the Day**                      **Will You Come and Follow Me, vs. 1 and 2**                      **ELW 798**

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

❖ **Hymn of the Day**                      **Will You Come and Follow Me, vs. 4 and 5**                      **ELW 798**

### **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                      **Faith Begins by Letting Go**

## ❖ 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

❖ Special Music                      **Fill My Cup, Lord**                      *Kelly Burkhardt*

❖ Communion Hymn    **O, Jesus, I Have Promised, vs. 1, 3, and 4**                      **ELW 810**

❖ **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                      Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me                      ELW 767**

❖ **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: Joy McCormick*

*Worship Assistant: Bill Kuehl*

*Communion Assistant: Mary Groves*

*Ushers: Doug Smith*

*Alan Wendt*

*Brenda Wendt*

*Audio-Visual: David DeLano*

*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.

