



# Saint Andrew Lutheran Church

July 28, 2024

Tenth Sunday After Pentecost

Gather In Community to Serve

1 Thessalonians 5:11

Matthew 18:20

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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

❖ Gathering Words

Leader: Here in this space, we wear our hearts on our sleeves.

**Congregation: There is no use in filters or walls. This space is an authentic space.**

L: This space is a brave space.

**C: For when it comes to God, we are always invited to bring our full selves into the room.**

L: So come into this space with your hurt and your joy, your prayers and your dreams.

**C: All of God's children are welcome here.**

L: Let us worship Holy God.

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❖ Welcome Song            **Open Our Eyes, Lord**

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

❖ Confession and Forgiveness

L: Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, the God of manna, the God of miracles, the God of mercy.

**C: Amen.**

L: When we gather together we are quick to wave and say hello, to pass the peace, to comment on the weather, to make small talk and show hospitality; but how often do we go below the surface? How often do we sit next to the same people, week after week, oblivious to the things they might be carrying? Family of faith, I believe God wants deeper connection for us than that, so listen now to our prayer of confession and then join me in silent prayer following. Let us listen. Let us pray:

*(Time for personal prayer and confession)*

**C: I've been meaning to ask...**

L: How are you? What has your year been like? Did you know that I have been thinking of you?

**C: I have been meaning to ask...**

L: Is your mom okay? Did your sister find a job? Did you ever think we'd still be here?

**C: I've been meaning to ask...**

L: Did it get easier? Did the grief subside? Were you ever able to sleep at night?

**C: I've been meaning to ask but I haven't—**

L: Because it's hard. Because I want to say the right thing. Because I'm not sure what you need.

**C: I've been meaning to ask, so I'm sorry for my silence.**

L: Forgive me. Show me where it hurts.

**C: Let's start again.**

L: Family of faith, we could all use some practice in asking where it hurts. Take a moment of silent prayer to think of the people in your world, in your lives, who may need you to reach out and ask. Give their names to God.

*(Pause for silent prayer).*

**C: Trusting that God hears all things, we say together: Amen.**

L: Family of faith, in the journey to love and care for one another, we are bound to make mistakes. Fortunately for us, we worship a God who showed us how to love, and who extends grace to us when we fail to do so for others.

So hear and believe the good news of the gospel:

**C: We are seen. We are heard. We are loved. We are forgiven. Thanks be to God for this endless grace. Amen.**

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## ❖ **Gathering Hymn**      **Look Who Gathers at Christ's Table**

### ❖ **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: Holy God, today we will read a story of someone who has known hurt— someone who has carried shame, who has lived with grief, who has felt alone and ignored, who has seen the depths of suffering.**

**As we listen, we will be reminded of the hurt we have carried during these fragile days— memories and regrets co-mingling in our chests.**

**And as we listen, we will be reminded that our neighbors, our siblings in faith, also come to this space carrying burdens.**

**So dust off our ears and stretch open the canvases of our hearts so that in our pain, we might lean into one another as we lean into you.**

**Pull us close.**

**We are listening.**

**Amen**

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*(Please be seated)*

## HEARING GOD'S WORD

### ❖ Scripture Song                      Halle Halle Halleljah

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

### ❖ Scripture Reading            1 Samual 1:1-18

<sup>1</sup>There was a certain man of Ramathaim, a Zuphite from the hill country of Ephraim, whose name was Elkanah son of Jeroham son of Elihu son of Tohu son of Zuph, an Ephraimite. <sup>2</sup>He had two wives; the name of the one was Hannah, and the name of the other Peninnah. Peninnah had children, but Hannah had no children. <sup>3</sup>Now this man used to go up year by year from his town to worship and to sacrifice to the LORD of hosts at Shiloh, where the two sons of Eli, Hophni and Phinehas, were priests of the LORD. <sup>4</sup>On the day when Elkanah sacrificed, he would give portions to his wife Peninnah and to all her sons and daughters; <sup>5</sup>but to Hannah he gave a double portion, because he loved her, though the LORD had closed her womb. <sup>6</sup>Her rival used to provoke her severely, to irritate her, because the LORD had closed her womb. <sup>7</sup>So it went on year by year; as often as she went up to the house of the LORD, she used to provoke her. Therefore Hannah wept and would not eat. <sup>8</sup>Her husband Elkanah said to her, "Hannah, why do you weep? Why do you not eat? Why is your heart sad? Am I not more to you than ten sons?" <sup>9</sup>After they had eaten and drunk at Shiloh, Hannah rose and presented herself before the LORD. Now Eli the priest was sitting on the seat beside the doorpost of the temple of the LORD. <sup>10</sup>She was deeply distressed and prayed to the LORD, and wept bitterly. <sup>11</sup>She made this vow: "O LORD of hosts, if only you will look on the misery of your servant, and remember me, and not forget your servant, but will give to your servant a male child, then I will set him before you as a nazirite until the day of his death. He shall drink neither wine nor intoxicants, and no razor shall touch his head." <sup>12</sup>As she continued praying before the LORD, Eli observed her mouth. <sup>13</sup>Hannah was praying silently; only her lips moved, but her voice was not heard; therefore Eli thought she was drunk. <sup>14</sup>So Eli said to her, "How long will you make a drunken spectacle of yourself? Put away your wine." <sup>15</sup>But Hannah answered, "No, my lord, I am a woman deeply troubled; I have drunk neither wine nor strong drink, but I have been pouring out my soul before the LORD. <sup>16</sup>Do not regard your servant as a worthless woman, for I have been speaking out of my great anxiety and vexation all this time." <sup>17</sup>Then Eli answered, "Go in peace; the God of Israel grant the petition you have made to him." <sup>18</sup>And she said, "Let your servant find favor in your sight." Then the woman went to her quarters, ate and drank with her husband, and her countenance was sad no longer.

L: The Gospel of our Lord

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

### ❖ Children's Message

### ❖ Hymn of the Day                      God You See Your Loved Creation

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

❖ **Choir Anthem**                **Come Unto Me**

**RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD**

❖ **Words of Faith**

L: Let us join our hearts and voices together as we confess our faith using these words:

**C: On my best days, I believe that God is there—standing in the sun with me, laughing a contagious laugh and cheering me on.**

**On my hardest days, I believe that God is there—standing in the rain with me, holding me up and sharing in my grief. No matter where I go— in joy or in loss, in pain or in love, in heartache or in gratitude— I believe that God is there, leaning in, noticing where it hurts, and carrying me through it.**

**And so, I believe we are called to care for each other as God cares for us. On your best days in the sun and on your worst days in the rain, I will do my best to be there for you too. Amen.**

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❖ **Prayers of the People**

*Following each petition*

**In my life, Lord**

**Be glorified today**

❖ **Offering**

❖ **Offertory**                      **Come to the Table**                      **ELW 481**

❖ **Prayer of Blessing**

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

L: Let us pray

**C: Jesus, Bread of life, you have set this table with your very self, and called us to the feast of plenty. Gather what has been sown among us, and strengthen us in this meal. Make us to be what we receive here, your body for the life of the world. Amen.**



# 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:***

*Interim Director of Music and Worship: Mary Cornelius*

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*Communion Assistant: Mary Groves*

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