

**St. Andrew Lutheran Church
& Early Childhood Campus**

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**Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost
August 25, 2024**

PRESERVICE MUSIC WHILE WE PREPARE FOR WORSHIP

WELCOME & GREET ONE ANOTHER WITH GOD'S PEACE

OPENING HYMN "With the Lord Begin Your Task" LSB 869

INVOCATION

P: In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P: Father in heaven, we look for security and salvation in all the wrong places.

C: Like Paul the Pharisee, we often trust in our own religious efforts.

P: We place confidence in our achievements;

C: And boast in our righteousness;

P: We try to work off guilt by ourselves.

C: We pile up good deeds that we hope will outweigh our sin.

P: When none of this works, we try harder.

C: Leaving some of us arrogant.

P: And leaving most of us anxious, depressed and devoid of joy.

ALL: I consider everything a loss compared to the surpassing greatness of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whose sake I have lost all things. I consider them rubbish, that I may gain Christ.

P: Hear the greatest news you will ever hear. By faith alone you are in Christ, not having a righteousness of your own that comes from the law, but that which is through faith in Christ, the righteousness that comes from God and is by faith.

ALL: I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the fellowship of sharing in his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, and so, somehow, to attain to the resurrection from the dead. Amen.

INTROIT

Ps. 26:8, Ps. 26;1-2, 6-7

P: O Lord, I love the habitation of your house and the place where your glory dwells.

C: Vindicate me, O Lord, for I have walked in my integrity, and I have trusted in the Lord without wavering.

P: Prove me, O Lord, and try me; test my heart and my mind.

C: I wash my hands in innocence and go around your altar, O Lord, proclaiming thanksgiving aloud, and telling all your wondrous deeds.

C: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen

KYRIE

C: ♪ Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.

HYMN OF PRAISE

"Gloria In Excelsis"

(p.204)

SALUTATION AND COLLECT (PRAYER) OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray.

C: Heavenly Father, you warn your people about hucksters and hypocrites in your house. Awaken us to the false teachers of our day, to the end that always and evermore we stand in your grace alone; through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Isaiah 29:11-19

And the vision of all this has become to you like the words of a book that is sealed. When men give it to one who can read, saying, "Read this," he says, "I cannot, for it is sealed." And when they give the book to one who cannot read, saying, "Read this," he says, "I cannot read." And the Lord said: "Because this people draw near with their mouth and honor me with their lips, while their hearts are far from me, and their fear of me is a commandment taught by men, therefore, behold, I will again do wonderful things with this people, with wonder upon wonder; and the wisdom of their wise men shall perish, and the discernment of their discerning men shall be hidden." Ah, you who hide deep from the Lord your counsel, whose deeds

are in the dark, and who say, "Who sees us? Who knows us?" You turn things upside down! Shall the potter be regarded as the clay, that the thing made should say of its maker, "He did not make me"; or the thing formed say of him who formed it, He has no understanding"? Is it not yet a very little while until Lebanon shall be turned into a fruitful field, and the fruitful field shall be regarded as a forest? In that day the deaf shall hear the words of a book, and out of their gloom and darkness the eyes of the blind shall see. The meek shall obtain fresh joy in the Lord, and the poor among mankind shall exult in the Holy One of Israel.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM "Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow" Junior High Winds

EPISTLE

Philippians 3:1-11

Finally, my brothers, rejoice in the Lord. To write the same things to you is no trouble to me and is safe for you. Look out for the dogs, look out for the evildoers, look out for those who mutilate the flesh. For we are the circumcision, who worship by the Spirit of God and glory in Christ Jesus and put no confidence in the flesh though I myself have reason for confidence in the flesh also. If anyone else thinks he has reason for confidence in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless. But whatever gain I had, I counted as loss for the sake of Christ. Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God that depends on faith that I may know him and the power of his resurrection, and may share his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, that by any means possible I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA VERSE

C: ♪ Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

These things are written that you may believe

That Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God.

Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia

HOLY GOSPEL

Mark 7:1-13

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the seventh chapter.

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

Now when the Pharisees gathered to him, with some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem they saw that some of his disciples ate with hands that were defiled, that is, unwashed. (For the Pharisees and all the Jews do not eat unless they wash their hands properly, holding to the tradition of the elders, and when they come from the marketplace, they do not eat unless they wash. And there are many other traditions that they observe, such as the washing of cups and pots and copper vessels and dining couches.) And the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, "Why do your disciples not walk according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?" And he said to them, "Well did Isaiah prophesy of you hypocrites, as it is written, "'This people honors me with their lips, but their heart is far from me; in vain do they worship me, teaching as doctrines the commandments of men.' You leave the commandment of God and hold to the tradition of men." And he said to them, "You have a fine way of rejecting the commandment of God in order to establish your tradition! For Moses said, 'Honor your father and your mother'; and, 'Whoever reviles father or mother must surely die.' But you say, 'If a man tells his father or his mother, "Whatever you would have gained from me is Corban"' (that is, given to God) then you no longer permit him to do anything for his father or mother, thus making void the word of God by your tradition that you have handed down. And many such things you do."

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

CONFESSION OF FAITH

"Nicene Creed"

(p. 206)

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

HYMN OF THE DAY

"Christ the Eternal Lord"

LSB 829

SERMON "All Rubbish Compared to Knowing Christ" Philippians 3:1-11

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are known, grant us a true faith, that we would honor You not only with our lips, but serve You faithfully with all our heart, mind and strength. Lord, in Your mercy, (following each petition the congregation responds)

C: Hear our prayer.

(Our petitions this day)

Into Your hands, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

OFFERING

OFFERTORY “Gracious God, You Send Great Blessing” LSB 782:1

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

Preface (p. 208)

Sanctus

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Lord’s Prayer

The Words of Our Lord

Pax Domini – “The Peace of the Lord” (p. 209)

Agnus Dei – “Lamb of God”

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

“The Gospel Shows the Father’s Grace” LSB 580

“My Faith Looks Up to Thee” LSB 702

“Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart” LSB 806

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE

Nunc Dimittis – “Song of Simeon” (p. 211)

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

C: AMEN

BENEDICTION

P: “The peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.” (Philippians 4:7)

C: “Our God will meet all our needs according to his glorious riches in Christ Jesus.” (Philippians 4:19).

ALL: Amen!

CLOSING HYMN “Almighty Father, Bless the Word” LSB 923

POSTLUDE

OFFICIANT: Rev. Jonathan Vierkant

ORGANIST: Rinda Bye

LAY READER: Margie Hua

JUNIOR HIGH WINDS: Michaela Grande, Simone Manns, Graci Roller

THIS WEEK AT ST. ANDREW

Tuesday, August 27 - 9:30 a.m. Sister’s in Christ Bible Study
Friday, August 30 - 6:00 p.m. Game Night
Saturday, August 31 - 8:30 a.m. Men’s Bible Study Dan B.
Sunday, September 1 - 9:00 a.m. Worship
- 10:15 a.m. Adult Bible Class

DID YOU KNOW?

Please check the bulletin board for other announcements.

SHHHHH. . . THERE IS A “QUIET ROOM” AT ST. ANDREW in the back of the Sanctuary. It has a sound system and the service can be heard in that room. Please be considerate of the worshipful attitude of others and use it as necessary. It is there for your comfort and convenience.

We have **reduced gluten communion wafers**. If you desire to receive one during communion, please identify yourself before the service to the Elder for that service so we can distribute one to you.

TEXAS ROADHOUSE: When you go to Texas Roadhouse in West Bend on a Sunday, take our church bulletin with you and they will donate 10% of your food purchases back to church.

BASKETS are located in the Narthex to collect food for the **FOOD PANTRY**.

THE LUTHERAN HOUR - SUNDAYS: 6 a.m. WGN Chicago 720 AM; 7:30 a.m. WTKM Hartford 104.9 FM; 6:30 a.m. WTMJ Milwaukee 620 AM & 103.3 FM; 5 p.m. WJUB Plymouth 1420 AM; 9 a.m. WIBD West Bend 1470 AM

**Lutheran Church Radio Service – JOY/WJYI (1340 AM)
7 a.m. Sundays**

St. Andrew Financials: If you are interested in seeing our monthly givings and expenses, please check the latest newsletter. Newsletters are sent out once a month and can be found in your email (if you have an email on file), in your mailbox, or on the table in the Narthex.

Reminder: Check your mailboxes regularly.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK: August 25 thru August 31

BIRTHDAY: Laurie Pree, Tina Ratzel, Gary Baertlein, Mert Fischer, Donna Hesprich, Pamela Beaupre', Mark Osgood

BAPTISMAL ANNIVERSARIES: Willow Krueger-Jantz, Gage Ratzel, Joshua Kasuboski, Elizabeth Schultz

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES: Joseph & Stephanie Gutschmidt, Will & Sue Hale, Jim & Carla Peterson

PRAYERS FOR: From (Kathy Muth) Please pray for my daughter-in-law's Aunt Sue who was recently diagnosed with stage 4 lung cancer and is inoperable. From (Sue Harrison) friend Mike Koffman was diagnosed with Bone Cancer. Please pray From (Michele Buehler) Prayers for my daughter's father-in-law, Dwayne Edwards. He has been hospitalized since Saturday with Ecoli and kidney issues. He only has one kidney. They cannot stop his fever. Pray for the doctors and health care professionals.

THE MILITARY: William Bowman (brother of Katie Vierkant), Matthew Speaks-(nephew of Darryl & Laurie Pree) Beau Szczerbinski (brother of Meghan Kelley) maybe heading to Israel. Brandon & Benjamin Roeglin(Grandsons of Joyce & Jim Schmoltdt) are in the military but not being sent overseas..

WELCOME VISITORS! We are glad you chose to worship with us. Sign our Guest Book in the Narthex or one of the cards in the pews and please talk to Pastor, an Usher or Elder if you have any questions.

DIFFERENT CHURCHES HAVE DIFFERENT UNDERSTANDINGS regarding Holy Communion. For this reason, because of what 1Corinthians 11:27-30 tells us, we ask that visitors talk to Pastor if they wish to commune with us. **ALSO**, see the back of the communion cards for a statement by Synod.

WE HAVE A PRAYER CHAIN AT ST. ANDREW. Please contact Josie Pfeiffer at 262-626-4303 or pfeiffer4303@charter.net

ELDER SERVING TODAY: Randy Sheffield, Jeff Grande
Next Sunday: Thai Hua & Randy Sheffield

CLEANING THIS WEEK ENDING August 31 Sue Hetzel, Rory Hetzel, Paul Heinz, Cindy Heinz

NEXT WEEK September 2 thru September 7 Pastor Jon Vierkant, Katie Vierkant, Myron Kraft, Suzanne Woods

Altar Guild for August: Dorene Betz, Kris Sheffield, Judi Riedel, Joanne Miller

September: Katie Vierkant, Debbie Puestow, Cathy Grande

Please contact Pastor Jon (262)808-7974 if you or a loved one is in the hospital, celebrating a milestone, or would just like a visit..

SISTERS IN CHRIST: have a Mission Store we invite you to shop at. Located across from our church member mailboxes, on a wood shelving unit, you will find items displayed for you to take and enjoy or to gift to someone you know. There is a donation box on the shelf. Donations are appreciated but not necessary. All donations help fund our Sisters mission work and activities. Happy Shopping!

SISTERS IN CHRIST: Bible Study Tuesday's @ 9:30 a.m.

PRAYER SHAWLS created by Sisters in Christ, are located in the narthex. Please help yourself to as many as you need throughout the year. These shawls are to be given to someone in need of a warm hug, care, and prayers. It is our hope that these shawls will help spread love, compassion, and prayers from St. Andrew to those suffering and in need of God's love.

SEPTEMBER MONTHLY MISSION Canned vegetables, donations can be placed in basket in back of church.

DARTBALL The Dartball season has been set. League play will start on September 25th with a practice on September 18th at 6:30 PM in the Sunday School area. Could use a few more players to play full or part time if there are enough team members. See signup sheet on bulletin board. If you have questions, you can contact Dave Brehmer or Rick Bruss. We'd love to have you join us!

HIGHWAY CLEANUP: Upcoming date: September 8 Meet at noon in Boltonville.

GAME NIGHT - August 30th 6pm. Bring a game or 2 and some snacks to share if you'd like.