



St. Andrew Church's "Why" Statement... *To come together as a worshipping community, nourished by God's love so that we may reflect God's love to others.* Adopted April 2023

June 11, 2023

2nd Sunday after Pentecost

Though Jesus was a devout Jew who practiced his faith, he was criticized for eating with tax collectors and sinners—the religiously nonobservant. Jesus criticizes the self-righteous and reminds us that mercy is to be at the heart of our religious practices. God continues to be made known in those on the margins of society, like Matthew the tax collector and the hemorrhaging woman. As we gather each Lord's day we receive the healing that makes us well and sends us forth to be signs of God's mercy for the world.

+GATHERING+

The Holy Spirit calls us together as people of God.

WELCOME

PRELUDE

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

The assembly stands. All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God,
who looks upon us in compassion,
forgives our sin, and heals our lives.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.
Silence is kept for reflection.

Have mercy, O God,
**against you, you alone,
we have sinned.**
**In your compassion,
cleanse us from our sin
and take away our guilt.**
**Create in us a new heart
and give us a steadfast spirit.**
**Do not cast us away,
but fill us with your Holy Spirit
and restore your joy within us.**
Amen.

As tender as parent to child,
 so deep is God's compassion for you.
 As high as heaven is above earth,
 so vast is God's love for you.
 As far as east is from west,
 so far God removes your sin from you,
 renewing your life through Jesus Christ.
 Blessed be God who crowns us with mercy and love.
Blessed be God forever.

GATHERING HYMN O, Sing to God Above ELW 555

1 Oh, sing to God above
 a hymn of joyful greeting,
 a song of grateful love
 in the new day's light repeating:
 you made the sea and sky,
 the sun and stars in splendor;
 delight shone in your eye—
 all your works were filled with wonder.

Refrain

Alleluia! Alleluia!
 Oh, sing to God above: Alleluia!
 Alleluia! Alleluia!
 Oh, sing to God above: Alleluia!

2 Oh, sing to God above
 a hymn of praise and blessing,
 a song of grateful love,
 hope and faith our hearts expressing:

creation lifts its voice
to tell your might and glory,
and we, too, will rejoice
to proclaim the saving story. *Refrain*

Oh, sing to God above: Alleluia!

GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY.

Let us pray.

O God, you are the source of life and the ground of our being. By the power of your Spirit bring healing to this wounded world, and raise us to the new life of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

+WORD+

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching and song.

FIRST READING

Hosea 5:15—6:6

Because the people have trusted in military powers and not God, God decides to withdraw from the scene until Israel acknowledges its guilt and seeks God's face. The response of the people does not acknowledge this guilt and is as fickle as fog or dew burned away quickly by the sun. God desires loyalty rather than words or meaningless deeds.

A read from Hosea.

¹⁵I will return again to my place
until they acknowledge their guilt and seek my face.
In their distress they will beg my favor:

^{6:1}“Come, let us return to the LORD;
for it is he who has torn, and he will heal us;
he has struck down, and he will bind us up.

²After two days he will revive us;
on the third day he will raise us up,
that we may live before him.

³Let us know, let us press on to know the LORD;
his appearing is as sure as the dawn;
he will come to us like the showers,
like the spring rains that water the earth.”

⁴What shall I do with you, O Ephraim?
What shall I do with you, O Judah?
Your love is like a morning cloud,
like the dew that goes away early.

⁵Therefore I have hewn them by the prophets,
I have killed them by the words of my mouth,
and my judgment goes forth as the light.

⁶For I desire steadfast love and not sacrifice,
the knowledge of God rather than burnt offerings.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM Psalm 50:7-15

⁷“Listen, my people, and I will speak: Israel, I will bear witness against you;

for I am God, your God.

⁸**I do not accuse you because of your sacrifices;
your burnt offerings are always before me.**

⁹I will not accept a calf from your stalls,
nor goats from your pens;

¹⁰**for all the wild animals of the forest are mine,
the cattle on a thousand hills.**

¹¹I know every bird of the mountains,
and the creatures of the fields are mine.

¹²**If I were hungry, I would not tell you,
for the whole world is mine and all that is in it.**

¹³Do you think I eat the flesh of bulls,
or drink the blood of goats?

¹⁴Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving
and make good your vows to the Most High.

¹⁵Call upon me in the day of trouble;
I will deliver you, and you shall honor me.

SECOND READING

Romans 4:13-25

Paul presents Abraham as a living model of right relationships. For Abraham and for us, a right relationship with God involves trusting that God's promises will be fulfilled because God makes the dead alive and calls into existence what otherwise does not exist.

A reading from Romans

¹³The promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. ¹⁴If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. ¹⁵For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation.

¹⁶For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, ¹⁷as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations")—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. ¹⁸Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become "the father of many nations," according to what was said, "So numerous shall your descendants be." ¹⁹He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah's womb. ²⁰No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, ²¹being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. ²²Therefore his faith "was reckoned to him as righteousness." ²³Now the words, "it was reckoned to him," were written not for his sake alone, ²⁴but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, ²⁵who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

ELW pg. 205



GOSPEL **Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26**

Jesus demonstrates God's mercy and power, accepting the unacceptable and curing the incurable. Even the dead receive new life

The holy gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

⁹As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax booth; and he said to him, "Follow me." And he got up and followed him.

¹⁰And as he sat at dinner in the house, many tax collectors and sinners came and were sitting with him and his disciples. ¹¹When the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?" ¹²But when he heard this, he said, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those

who are sick. ¹³Go and learn what this means, 'I desire mercy, not sacrifice.' For I have come to call not the righteous but sinners."

¹⁸While he was saying these things to them, suddenly a leader of the synagogue came in and knelt before him, saying, "My daughter has just died; but come and lay your hand on her, and she will live." ¹⁹And Jesus got up and followed him, with his disciples. ²⁰Then suddenly a woman who had been suffering from hemorrhages for twelve years came up behind him and touched the fringe of his cloak, ²¹for she said to herself, "If I only touch his cloak, I will be made well." ²²Jesus turned, and seeing her he said, "Take heart, daughter; your faith has made you well." And instantly the woman was made well. ²³When Jesus came to the leader's house and saw the flute players and the crowd making a commotion, ²⁴he said, "Go away; for the girl is not dead but sleeping." And they laughed at him. ²⁵But when the crowd had been put outside, he went in and took her by the hand, and the girl got up. ²⁶And the report of this spread throughout that district.

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY Healer of Our Every Ill ELW 612

Refrain

Healer of our ev'ry ill,
light of each tomorrow,
give us peace beyond our fear,
and hope beyond our sorrow.

1 You who know our fears and sadness,
grace us with your peace and gladness;

Spirit of all comfort, fill our hearts. *Refrain*

- 2 In the pain and joy beholding
how your grace is still unfolding,
give us all your vision, God of love. *Refrain*
- 3 Give us strength to love each other,
ev'ry sister, ev'ry brother;
Spirit of all kindness, be our guide. *Refrain*
- 4 You who know each thought and feeling,
teach us all your way of healing;
Spirit of compassion, fill each heart. *Refrain*

APOSTLES' CREED

**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 INTERCESSION

A Trusting in God's abundant mercy, let us offer our prayers for a world in need.

A brief silence.

A We pray, O God, for the church. Unite us with any on the margins, that the whole world recognizes that your mercy is greater than our human capacity to restrict it.

God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

A We pray, O God, for creation. Tend forests and fields and safeguard all cattle, birds, and wild animals. Preserve lakes, rivers, and oceans and send rains to water the earth. Revive lands recovering from natural disasters.

God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

A We pray, O God, for the nations. Awaken in our leaders compassion for people who have too often felt forgotten or neglected, and inspire policy solutions that promote equity and inclusion.

God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

A We pray, O God, for all who are in need. Accompany anyone enduring chronic illness, any who suffer in secret, and those grieving a loved one's death. Send healing for all who plead for relief from sickness or pain especially Bill, Marge, Arthur, Jim, Callum, Paul,

Charles, Steven, Johanna, Carole, Trudi, Anna, Nancy, Susan, Marie and Jean, and those we name, here aloud or in the silence of our hearts.

(Pause for silence)

God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

A We pray, O God, for the eradication of racial hatred. On this week when we commemorate the Emanuel Nine, we implore you to cast out the demons of white supremacy that make us believe lies about ourselves and our neighbors.

God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

A We give thanks, O God, for Barnabas and all the saints. Renew our faith that you can do what you have promised and raise us, with all our beloved dead, to new life.

God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

A Receive our prayers and answer us, O God, in the name of Jesus Christ.

Amen.

SHARE THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

+MEAL+

God feeds us in the presence of Jesus Christ.

OFFERING *An offering is gathered for the mission of the church, including the care of those in need.*

CHOIR ANTHEM - *Dwell in the Light Forevermore*

words by S.B.Boersma; music by L.Larson

Into the valley of shadows, under a veil of gray,
God calls the good and faithful, then guides us on the way,
Through the valley of shadows, lost in the dark of night,
our God goes before us to lead us to the light.

Refrain: There will be no more night! No need for lamp or ray of sun,
the Lamb will be the light. There will be no more night!
No need to fast, to watch, to weep around the throne so bright.

Out of the valley of shadows, we step into the day.
We see the Lamb upon the throne and hear the Savior say,
"Well done, well done, my good and faithful one!
Well done, well done! Come, dwell in the Light of Life
forevermore!

Refrain.

OFFERTORY HYMN Accept, O Lord, the Gifts We Bring ELW 691

Accept, O Lord, the Gifts We Bring



- 1 Ac - cept, O Lord, the gifts we bring to place up - on your ta - ble.
- 2 The vines were plant - ed, seeds were sown. They grew in your good plea - sure.
- 3 Our hopes and dreams, our toils and cares we lift in prayer be - fore you.



We do not wor - ship as we ought but on - ly as we're a - ble.
 What once was com - mon, dail - y food be - comes a ho - ly trea - sure.
 Lord, by your grace now come to us, as hum - bly we a - dore you.

Text: Beth Bergeron Folkemer, b. 1957
 Music: BARBARA ALLEN, English folk tune
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OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray:

God of field and forest, sea and sky,
 you are the giver of all good things.
 Sustain us with these gifts of your creation,
 and multiply your graciousness in us,
 that the world may be fed with your love,
 through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

DIALOGUE

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
that we should at all times and in all places
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,
through our Savior Jesus Christ;
who on this day overcame death and the grave,
and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting
life.

And so, with all the choirs of angels,
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Generations bless your faithfulness:
through the water;
by night and day;
across the wilderness;
out of exile;
into the future.

We bless you, O God.

We give you thanks for your dear Son:
at the heart of human life;
near to those who suffer;
beside the sinner;
among the poor;
with us now.

We thank you, O God.

In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread,
and gave thanks; broke it,
and gave it to his disciples,
saying: Take and eat;
this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper,
he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink,
saying: This cup
is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people
for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering his love for us
on the way,
at the table,
and to the end,
we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

We pray for the gift of your Spirit:
in our gathering;
within this meal;
among your people;
throughout the world.

Blessing, praise, and thanks
to you, holy God,
through Christ Jesus,
by your Spirit,
in your church,
without end.

Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

Our Fa - ther, — who art in heav - en, — hal - low - ed

be thy name; — thy king - dom come; — thy will be

done — on earth as it is in heav - en.

Give us this day — our dai - ly bread; — and for -

give us our tres - pass - es — as we for - give those —

who tres - pass a - gainst us; — and lead us — not in - to temp -

ta - tion, — but de - liv - er us from e - vil. —

For the king - dom, the pow'r, and the

glo - ry — are yours, for - ev - er and ev - er. —

A - - - - men. A - - - - men. —

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

You are invited to come forward down the center aisle to the altar railing receive the Meal today. Please fill in along the railing from the pulpit to lectern sides. You may either stand or kneel to receive the Meal. The Meal will be served continuously. After you have received the Meal and after a quiet prayer of thanksgiving you may return to your seats via the side aisles. Gluten free wafers are available as an alternative. Please ask. White grape juice, in the center ring of each serving tray, is available as an alternative to the wine. Praise God for the life giving presence of the crucified-risen Christ in the bread and wine of this holy meal!

Come to the banquet, for all is now ready!

COMMUNION

COMMUNION HYMN “Lamb of God” ELW p. 208



- 1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
- 2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
- 3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;



you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.
 you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.
 e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

BLESSING AFTER COMMUNION

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

Amen

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray:

We thank you, generous God,
for the refreshment we have received
at your banquet table.

Send us now to spread your generosity into all the world,
through the one who is our dearest treasure,
Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.


Amen.

+SENDING+

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING

The peace of God,
which surpasses all understanding,
keep your hearts and your minds
in  Christ Jesus.

Amen.

SENDING HYMN May God Bless Us ACS 986
Sing 2 times

May God Bless Us
Bwana awabariki



Bwa - na a - wa - ba - ri - ki, Bwa - na a - wa - ba - ri - ki,
 May God bless us and keep us; may God bless us and keep us;



Bwa - na a - wa - ba - ri - ki mi - le - le.
 may God bless us and keep us ev - er - more.



U - ki - mcha Bwa - na; Bwa - na a - wa - ba - ri - ki.
 Re - vere the Lord; . . . may God bless us and keep us.

Text: Swahili folk hymn, based on Numbers 6:24
 Music: BWANA AWABARIKI, Traditional

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Risen One. **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE**WORSHIP LEADERS for Sunday, June 11, 2023**

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