



**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 25, 2023**

**4th Sunday after Pentecost**

God does not promise that the path of the disciple will be easy. Jeremiah feels the pain of rejection from those who do not want to hear what he has to say. Jesus declares that his words may bring stark division. Even so, we need not be afraid for God accounts for each hair on our heads. Though we may experience rejection, frustration, division, and death, God's grace and love make us a new creation each day. Marked with the cross and filled with holy food, we are sent from worship to witness to Christ in the world.

## **+GATHERING+**

*The Holy Spirit calls us together as people of God.*

### **WELCOME**

**PRELUDE** *If You But Trust in God to Guide You* J.S. Bach

### **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 Let The Whole Creation Cry ELW 876**

- 1 Let the whole creation cry,  
 "Glory to the Lord on high!"  
 Heav'n and earth, awake and sing,  
 "Praise to our almighty king!"  
 Praise God, angel hosts above,  
 ever bright and fair in love;  
 sun and moon, lift up your voice;  
 night and stars, in God rejoice.
- 2 Servants striving for the Lord,  
 prophets burning with the word,  
 those to whom the arts belong  
 add their voices to the song.  
 Pow'rs of knowledge and of law,  
 to the glorious circle draw;  
 all who work and all who wait,  
 sing, "The Lord is good and great!"
- 3 Men and women, young and old,  
 raise the anthem loud and bold,  
 and let children's happy hearts

in this worship take their parts;  
from the north to southern pole  
let the mighty chorus roll:  
"Holy, Holy, Holy One;  
glory be to God alone!"

## **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.

Teach us, good Lord God, to serve you as you deserve, to give and  
not to count the cost, to fight and not to heed the wounds, to toil  
and not to seek for rest, to labor and not to ask for reward, except  
that of knowing that we do your will, through Jesus Christ, our Savior  
and Lord.

**Amen.**

## **+WORD+**

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

## **FIRST READING**

### **Jeremiah 20:7-13**

*Jeremiah accuses God of forcing him into a ministry that brings him only  
contempt and persecution. Yet Jeremiah is confident that God will be a  
strong protector against his enemies and commits his life into God's hands.*

reading from Jeremiah

<sup>7</sup>O Lord, you have enticed me,  
and I was enticed;  
you have overpowered me,  
and you have prevailed.

I have become a laughingstock all day long;  
everyone mocks me.

<sup>8</sup>For whenever I speak, I must cry out,  
I must shout, "Violence and destruction!"  
For the word of the Lord has become for me  
a reproach and derision all day long.

<sup>9</sup>If I say, "I will not mention him,  
or speak any more in his name,"  
then within me there is something like a burning fire  
shut up in my bones;  
I am weary with holding it in,  
and I cannot.

<sup>10</sup>For I hear many whispering:  
"Terror is all around!  
Denounce him! Let us denounce him!"  
All my close friends  
are watching for me to stumble.

"Perhaps he can be enticed,  
and we can prevail against him,  
and take our revenge on him."

<sup>11</sup>But the Lord is with me like a dread warrior;  
therefore my persecutors will stumble,  
and they will not prevail.  
They will be greatly shamed,

for they will not succeed.  
 Their eternal dishonor  
 will never be forgotten.  
<sup>12</sup>O Lord of hosts, you test the righteous,  
 you see the heart and the mind;  
 let me see your retribution upon them,  
 for to you I have committed my cause.

<sup>13</sup>Sing to the Lord;  
 praise the Lord!  
 For he has delivered the life of the needy  
 from the hands of evildoers.

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

## **PSALM Psalm 69:7-10, 16-18**

<sup>7</sup>Surely, for your sake I have suffered reproach,  
 and shame has covered my face.  
<sup>8</sup>**I have become a stranger to my own kindred,  
 an alien to my mother's children.**  
<sup>9</sup>Zeal for your house has eaten me up;  
 the scorn of those who scorn you has fallen upon me.  
<sup>10</sup>**I humbled myself with fasting,  
 but that was turned to my reproach.**  
<sup>16</sup>**Answer me, O LORD, for your love is kind;  
 in your great compassion, turn to me.**  
<sup>17</sup>Hide not your face from your servant;  
 be swift and answer me, for I am in distress.  
<sup>18</sup>**Draw near to me and redeem me;  
 because of my enemies deliver me.**

## SECOND READING    **Romans 6:1b-11**

*In baptism we were incorporated into the reality of Christ's death and resurrection. We have been made new in Christ through his death and resurrection to live freed from sin.*

A reading from Romans

<sup>1b</sup>Should we continue in sin in order that grace may abound? <sup>2</sup>By no means! How can we who died to sin go on living in it? <sup>3</sup>Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? <sup>4</sup>Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life.

<sup>5</sup>For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. <sup>6</sup>We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to sin. <sup>7</sup>For whoever has died is freed from sin. <sup>8</sup>But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. <sup>9</sup>We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. <sup>10</sup>The death he died, he died to sin, once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. <sup>11</sup>So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

ELW pg. 205



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav - ing word.



Let it burn like fire with - in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

## GOSPEL **Matthew 10:24-39**

*Jesus warns his disciples that their ministry in his name will meet with opposition. However, he assures them that they need not fear for the truth will come to light. Life is found in Christ.*

The holy gospel according to Matthew.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus said to the twelve:] <sup>24</sup>“A disciple is not above the teacher, nor a slave above the master; <sup>25</sup>it is enough for the disciple to be like the teacher, and the slave like the master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household!

<sup>26</sup>“So have no fear of them; for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered, and nothing secret that will not become known. <sup>27</sup>What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light; and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops. <sup>28</sup>Do not fear those



who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. <sup>29</sup>Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. <sup>30</sup>And even the hairs of your head are all counted. <sup>31</sup>So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows.

<sup>32</sup>“Everyone therefore who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven; <sup>33</sup>but whoever denies me before others, I also will deny before my Father in heaven.

<sup>34</sup>“Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth; I have not come to bring peace, but a sword.

<sup>35</sup>For I have come to set a man against his father, and a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law;

<sup>36</sup>and one's foes will be members of one's own household.

<sup>37</sup>Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; <sup>38</sup>and whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me. <sup>39</sup>Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it.”

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

## SERMON

### HYMN OF THE DAY    **Will You Come and Follow Me    ELW 798**

- 1 "Will you come and follow me  
if I but call your name?  
Will you go where you don't know  
and never be the same?  
Will you let my love be shown,  
will you let my name be known,

will you let my life be grown  
in you and you in me?

- 2 "Will you leave yourself behind  
if I but call your name?  
Will you care for cruel and kind  
and never be the same?  
Will you risk the hostile stare,  
should your life attract or scare?  
Will you let me answer pray'r  
in you and you in me?"
- 3 "Will you let the blinded see  
if I but call your name?  
Will you set the pris'ners free  
and never be the same?  
Will you kiss the leper clean,  
and do such as this unseen,  
and admit to what I mean  
in you and you in me?"
- 4 "Will you love the you you hide  
if I but call your name?  
Will you quell the fear inside  
and never be the same?  
Will you use the faith you've found  
to reshape the world around,  
through my sight and touch and sound  
in you and you in me?"
- 5 Lord, your summons echoes true  
when you but call my name.

Let me turn and follow you  
 and never be the same.  
 In your company I'll go  
 where your love and footsteps show.  
 Thus I'll move and live and grow  
 in you and you in me.

## **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** You entice your church to speak truth that challenges false notions of peace. Prevail upon us with the good news of Christ's death and resurrection, that we are compelled to share the gospel with all the world.

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

**A** Under your watch not even a sparrow goes unnoticed. Safeguard plant and animal habitats threatened by melting glaciers, rising oceans, and receding coastlines. Amplify the voices of those calling for responsible stewardship of the earth's resources.

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

**A** Our world is enduring violence and destruction. Rescue your people in nations experiencing conflict or crisis. Thwart the efforts of those who sow chaos and terror, and guide those working to bring about peace and reconciliation.

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

**A** You have counted even the hairs of our heads. Reassure anyone experiencing poverty, homelessness, unemployment, or exploitation that every life has value. Look favorably upon all who struggle especially Bill, Marge, Arthur, Jim, Callum, Paul, Charles, Steven, Johanna, Carole, Trudi, Anna, Nancy, Susan, Marie, Jean, Tracey, and those we name, here aloud or in the silence of our hearts.

Answer us, for your steadfast love is good.

(Pause for silence)

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

**A** Even when we experience rejection your love invites us to new life. Lift up anyone who feels shunned or excluded on account of their gender, race, sexual orientation, gender identity, national origin, or any other human distinction. Make your people one. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

**A** All who have died with Christ also live with him. We give thanks for *Philipp Melanchthon* and all the saints whose faithful confession inspired our own discipleship, and raise us, with them, to eternal 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.*

## 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.

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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:

**HOLY, HOLY, HOLY****ELW pg. 207**

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,



heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san - na in the high - est.



Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -



san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

**GREAT THANKSGIVING**

Holy God,  
 you alone are holy,  
 you alone are God.

The universe declares your praise:  
 beyond the stars;  
 beneath the sea;  
 within each cell;  
 with every breath.

**We praise you, O God.**



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**

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

**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.**

## **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.*

## NEWS NOTES

### BLESSING

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ✝ give you peace.

**Amen.**

### SENDING HYMN     *If You But Trust in God to Guide You*    **ELW 769**

- 1 If you but trust in God to guide you  
with gentle hand through all your ways,  
you'll find that God is there beside you  
when crosses come, in trying days.  
Trust then in God's unchanging love;  
build on the rock that will not move.
  
- 2 What gain is there in anxious weeping,  
in helpless anger and distress?  
If you are in your Savior's keeping,  
in sorrow will he love you less?  
For Christ who took for you a cross  
will bring you safe through ev'ry loss.
  
- 3 The Lord our restless hearts is holding,  
in peace and quietness content.  
We rest in God's good will unfolding,  
what wisdom from on high has sent.  
God, who has chosen us by grace,  
knows very well the fears we face.

- 4 Sing, pray, and keep God's ways unswerving,  
offer your service faithfully.  
Trust heaven's word; though undeserving,  
you'll find this promise true to be.  
This is our confidence indeed:  
God never fails in time of need.

## **DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Share the good news. **Thanks be to God.**

## **POSTLUDE**

### **WORSHIP LEADERS for Sunday, June 25, 2023**

The Rev. Les Swenson, Deacon Gwynne Hopko

**Assistant Minister:** Mike Beaudoin

**Lector:** Bob Herold

**Tech Team:** Abigail Griffin, Ken Griffin, Kyle Galvin, Noah Galvin,  
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## **THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR**

### **Tuesday, June 27, 2023**

6:30 p.m. Summer Bells

### **Wednesday, June 28, 2023**

7:00 pm. Bible Study (Youth Room)

### **Thursday, June 29, 2023**

7:00 p.m. AA (Fellowship Hall)

7:00 p.m. Al Anon (Youth Room)

### **Sunday, July 2, 2023;**

9:30 5th Sunday after Pentecost

9:30 a.m. Service of Holy Communion (Sanctuary, You Tube, Facebook)

10:30 a.m. Coffee Hour