

ST. ANDREW'S LUTHERAN CHURCH
Our Mission: To Be Disciples and To Make Disciples
November 18-19, 2023 – 5:00 P.M. & 10:00 A.M.
-*Twenty Fifth Weekend of Pentecost*-

Restrooms are in the Community Center.
An all-gender restroom is in the preschool.

GATHERING

PRELUDE

"You Never Let Go" [*Beth & Matt Redman*]

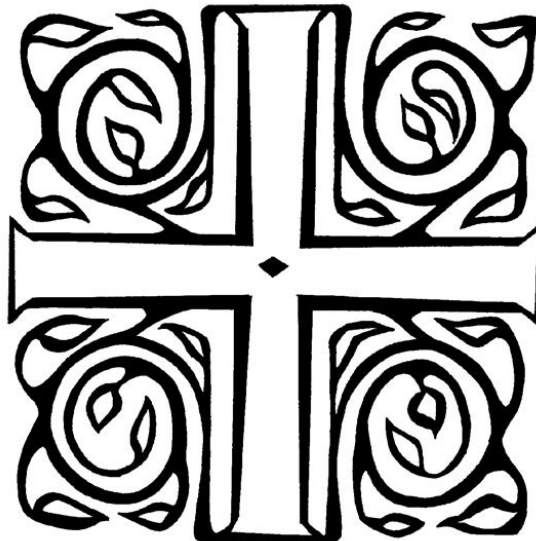
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WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

"Listen to Our Hearts" [*Geoff Moore & Steven Curtis Chapman*]

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OPENING HYMN

Here on Jesus Christ I Will Stand

Refrain



Here on Je - sus Christ I will stand. He's the



sol - id rock of my life. He's the sol - id rock of my



life. He's the sol - id rock of my life.



1 There's no oth - er place I can hide till the
2 It is not the work of my hands that has
3 When my days on this earth are done, and I



storm that rag - es sub - sides. My voice cries to God from the
washed a - way all my sins. I'm re - deemed, and all of my
stand at God's ho - ly throne, my heart will not have an - y



Refrain

flood, and I'm saved be - cause of his blood.
days, Je - sus Christ will be my heart's praise.
fear; in Christ's righ - teous - ness I am here.

Text: Kenyan hymn; adapt. Greg Scheer, b. 1966

Music: KWAKE YESU NASIMAMA, Kenyan melody; adapt. Greg Scheer

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray. Righteous God, our merciful master, you own the earth and all its peoples, and you give us all that we have. Inspire us to serve you with justice and wisdom, and prepare us for the joy of the day of your coming, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

FIRST READING

⁷Be silent before the Lord GOD!

For the day of the LORD is at hand;
the LORD has prepared a sacrifice,
he has consecrated his guests.

¹²At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps,
and I will punish the people
who rest complacently on their dregs,
those who say in their hearts,
“The LORD will not do good,
nor will he do harm.”

¹³Their wealth shall be plundered,
and their houses laid waste.
Though they build houses,
they shall not inhabit them;
though they plant vineyards,
they shall not drink wine from them.

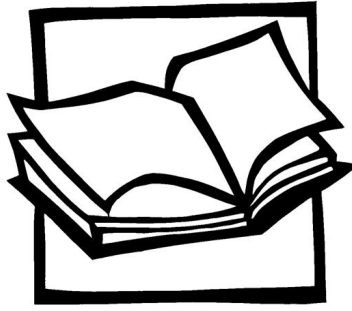
¹⁴The great day of the LORD is near,
near and hastening fast;
the sound of the day of the LORD is bitter,
the warrior cries aloud there.

¹⁵That day will be a day of wrath,
a day of distress and anguish,
a day of ruin and devastation,
a day of darkness and gloom,
a day of clouds and thick darkness,
¹⁶a day of trumpet blast and battle cry
against the fortified cities
and against the lofty battlements.

¹⁷I will bring such distress upon people
that they shall walk like the blind;
because they have sinned against the LORD,
their blood shall be poured out like dust,
and their flesh like dung.

¹⁸Neither their silver nor their gold
will be able to save them
on the day of the LORD’S wrath;
in the fire of his passion
the whole earth shall be consumed;
for a full, a terrible end
he will make of all the inhabitants of the earth.

A: Word of God, Word of Life. C: **Thanks be to God!**



HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 25:14-30

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew the 25th chapter. **C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus said to the disciples:] ¹⁴“For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; ¹⁵to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. ¹⁶The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. ¹⁷In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. ¹⁸But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master’s money. ¹⁹After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. ²⁰Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, ‘Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.’ ²¹His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.’ ²²And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, ‘Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.’ ²³His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.’ ²⁴Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, ‘Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; ²⁵so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.’ ²⁶But his master replied, ‘You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? ²⁷Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. ²⁸So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. ²⁹For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. ³⁰As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’ ”

P: The Gospel of the Lord. **C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

PastorManuel

SONG OF RESPONSE

“Ancient Words” [Lynn DeShazo]

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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 THE CHURCH

When the pastor says "Lord in your mercy" the congregation responds by saying "**Hear our prayer.**"

SHARING OF THE PEACE

P: The Peace of the Lord be with you always!

C: **And also with you!**

MEAL

OFFERING

Choose a way that you can make an offering to God for the good of others. We appreciate your ongoing support of St. Andrew's as you are able. It's easy to give at our website and donate using your credit or debit card, or through Venmo (Find us at @StAndrewsLutheran-Church). Offerings may be made in cash, by check (payable to St. Andrew's Lutheran Church), or electronically on our website using the QR code.



(Scan this QR code with your smartphone to get to our website with ease)

OFFERING SONG

Lord, Let My Heart Be Good Soil

Lord, let my heart be good soil, o-pen to the seed of your word.
Lord, let my heart be good soil, where love can grow and peace is un-der-stood.
When my heart is hard, break the stone a - way. When my heart is cold,
warm it with the day. When my heart is lost, lead me on your way.
Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart be good soil.

The musical score consists of five staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and repetitive, with lyrics written below each staff. The final staff ends with a double bar line.

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CHILDREN'S TIME

GREAT THANKSGIVING

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| P: | The Lord be with you. | C: | And also with you. |
| P: | Lift up your hearts. | C: | We lift them to the Lord. |
| P: | Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. | C: | It is right to give our thanks and praise. |

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

LORD'S PRAYER

**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**

DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

(Christ is present and comes to us through ordinary things.)

Communion will be distributed around the Altar. Following distribution those gathered in the circle will be asked to hold hands during the blessing. If you are unable to come forward or are not comfortable doing so, please let an usher know, and we will bring communion to you.

COMMUNION SONG

“Presence of the King”

[Natalie Grant, Bernie Herms, Jonas Myrin, Laren Strahm & Matt Redman]

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POST COMMUNION PRAYER

A: Lord Jesus, in this simple meal you have set a banquet. Sustain us on the journey, strengthen us to care for the least of your beloved children, and give us glad and generous hearts as we meet you on the way.

C: Amen.

SENDING

BENEDICTION

P: Beloved children of God, you have been equipped with the knowledge of God and the word of God. Created to be disciples, you are sent into the world as a blessing, to love our neighbor. Go now and share your blessedness with the world, in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

Light Dawns on a Weary World



1 Light dawns on a wea - ry world when eyes be - gin to
 2 Love grows in a wea - ry world when hun - gry hearts find
 3 Hope blooms in a wea - ry world when crea - tures, once for -



see all peo - ple's dig - ni - ty. Light dawns on a
 bread and chil - dren's dreams are fed. Love grows in a
 lorn, find wil - der - ness re - born. Hope blooms in a



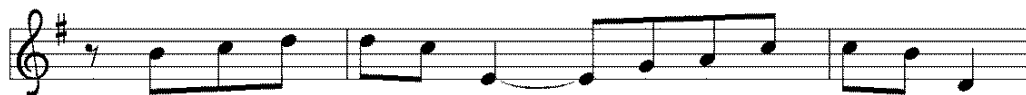
wea - ry world: the prom - ised day of jus - tice comes.
 wea - ry world: the prom - ised feast of plen - ty comes.
 wea - ry world: the prom - ised green of E - den comes.



Refrain
 The trees shall clap their hands; the dry lands, gush with springs;



the hills and moun - tains shall break forth with sing - ing!



We shall go out in joy, and be led forth in peace,



as all the world in won - der ech - oes sha - lom.

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DISMISSAL

A: Go in peace. Be who God created you to be. C: **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

“Love the Lord” [Lincoln Brewster]

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Please remain seated until after the postlude has concluded. Thank you.

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