

St. Andrew Lutheran Church

A Congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

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Sunday, August 27th, 2023 – 9:30a.m.

Lectionary 21 / Pentecost 13

Interim Pastor – Rev. Kenneth T. Saurman

WELCOME TO ALL!

A warm welcome to all worshiping at St. Andrew Lutheran Church today! We celebrate together God's work in our lives as we receive His Word and Sacraments to strengthen our relationship with Him and one another. By the blood of Christ, we are made the household of God. Here, God builds us up by grace, through faith, and for service!

HOLY COMMUNION

All are welcome to the Table of the Lord. Holy Communion is the body and the blood, the bread and the wine, given for us by Jesus Christ. Come to the Eucharist, give thanks for all Christ does and has done for you. Come to His Supper knowing that you are forgiven and loved. All are welcome to gather at the communion rail to receive the bread and wine. Come and be blessed. If you choose not receive communion, simply cross your arms on your chest to indicate you would like a blessing.

WE ARE A CHURCH OF THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN AMERICA (ELCA).

The ELCA is one of the largest Christian denominations in the US, with more than 3.5 million members in 65 synods and nearly 9,300 congregations across the 50 states and Caribbean region. Known as the church of "God's Work, Our Hands," the ELCA emphasizes the saving grace of God through faith in Jesus Christ, unity among Christians, and service in the world. The ELCA's roots are in the writings of the German church reformer, Martin Luther.

PLEASE TAKE A MOMENT to silence all devices before worship begins.

'BOLD' indicates congregational responses.

'*' Indicates that all who are able should stand to honor God.

PRELUDE

*GATHERING HYMN

O Holy Spirit, Enter In

ELW #786

*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, who greets us in this and every season,
whose word never fails, whose promise is sure.

C: Amen.

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of our neighbors.
Merciful God,

C: we confess that we have sinned. We have hurt our community. We have squandered your blessings. We have hoarded your bounty. In the name of Jesus, forgive us and grant us your mercy.

Silence is kept for reflection.

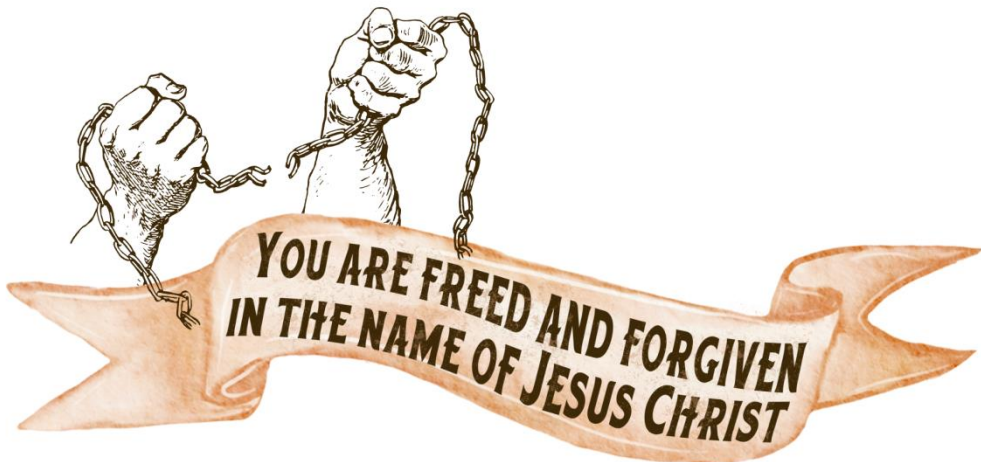
P: Righteous God,

C: we confess that we have sinned. We have failed to be honest. We have lacked the courage to speak. We have spoken falsely. In the name of Jesus, forgive us and grant us your mercy.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: God is a cup of cold water when we thirst. God offers boundless grace when we fail. Claim the gift of God's mercy: you are freed and forgiven in the name of ☩ Jesus Christ.

C: Amen.



*KYRIE

Refrain **All sing**



Ky-ri-e e-lei-son, on our world and on our way.



Ky-ri-e e-lei-son, ev-'ry day.

Assisting

1 For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the

Minister

2 That we may live out your im-passioned re-sponse to the

3 For peace in our hearts, . . . for peace in our homes, . . for

4 For your Spir-it to guide; that you cen-ter our lives in the



u - ni - ty of all; for
hun - gry and the poor; that
friends and fam - i - ly; for
wa - ter and the word; that you



this ho - ly house, for all who wor-ship and praise,
we may live out truth and jus - tice and grace,
life and for love, for our work and our play,
nour-ish our souls . . . with your bod - y and blood,

Refrain



let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.

*CANTICLE OF PRAISE

Refrain All sing



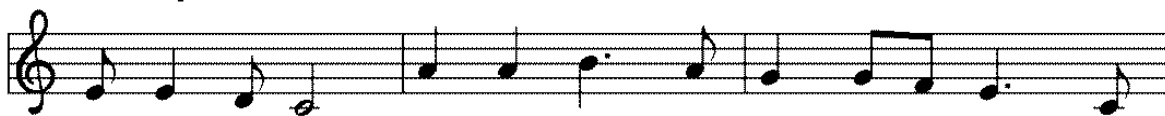
This is the feast of vic - t'ry for our God, for the



Lamb who was slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.



Women 1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be



peo - ple of God. Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and

Refrain All sing



hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his. This is the feast of



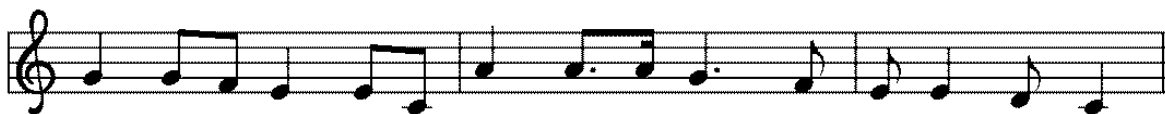
vic - t'ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain has be - gun his reign. Al -



le - lu - ia. *Men* 2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and



join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or,



glo - ry, and might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.



*PRAYER OF THE DAY

A: Let us pray.

O God, with all your faithful followers of every age, we praise you, the rock of our life.
Be our strong foundation and form us into the body of your Son, that we may gladly
minister to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

FIRST READING

Isaiah 51:1-6

¹Listen to me, you that pursue righteousness,
you that seek the LORD.

Look to the rock from which you were hewn,
and to the quarry from which you were dug.

²Look to Abraham your father
and to Sarah who bore you;
for he was but one when I called him,
but I blessed him and made him many.

³For the LORD will comfort Zion;
he will comfort all her waste places,
and will make her wilderness like Eden,
her desert like the garden of the LORD;
joy and gladness will be found in her,
thanksgiving and the voice of song.

⁴Listen to me, my people,
and give heed to me, my nation;
for a teaching will go out from me,
and my justice for a light to the peoples.

⁵I will bring near my deliverance swiftly,
my salvation has gone out
and my arms will rule the peoples;
the coastlands wait for me,
and for my arm they hope.



⁶Lift up your eyes to the heavens,
and look at the earth beneath;
for the heavens will vanish like smoke,
the earth will wear out like a garment,
and those who live on it will die like gnats;
but my salvation will be forever,
and my deliverance will never be ended.

A: Holy Wisdom, Holy Word.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM (sung responsively)

Psalm 138

¹I will give thanks to you, O LORD, with I my whole heart;
before the gods I will I sing your praise.

²I will bow down toward your holy temple and praise your name, because of your
steadfast I love and faithfulness;

for you have glorified your name and your word a- I bove all things.

³When I called, you I answered me;
you increased my I strength within me.

⁴All the rulers of the earth will praise I you, O LORD,
when they have heard the words I of your mouth.

⁵They will sing of the ways I of the LORD,
that great is the glory I of the LORD.

⁶The LORD is high, yet cares I for the lowly,
perceiving the haughty I from afar.

⁷Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you I keep me safe;
you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies; your right I hand shall
save me.

⁸You will make good your pur- I pose for me;

O LORD, your steadfast love endures forever; do not abandon the works I of your
hands.

SECOND READING

Romans 12:1-8

¹I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your
bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual
worship. ²Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your
minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and
perfect.

³For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself
more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to
the measure of faith that God has assigned. ⁴For as in one body we have many
members, and not all the members have the same function, ⁵so we, who are many, are

one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. ⁶We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ⁷ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; ⁸the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

A: Holy Wisdom, Holy Word.

C: Thanks be to God.

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

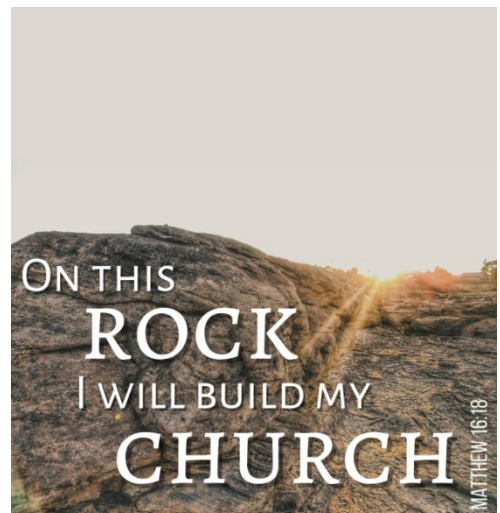
*GOSPEL

Matthew 16:13-20

P: The gospel according to Saint Matthew, the sixteenth chapter:

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

¹³Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that the Son of Man is?” ¹⁴And they said, “Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.” ¹⁵He said to them, “But who do you say that I am?” ¹⁶Simon Peter answered, “You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.” ¹⁷And Jesus answered him, “Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. ¹⁸And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail



against it. ¹⁹I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.” ²⁰Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

P: In many and various ways God spoke to his people of old by the prophets.

C: But now in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son.

SERMON

Rev. Kenneth T. Saurman

HYMN OF THE DAY

My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

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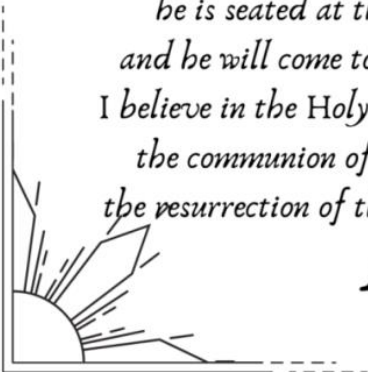
Apostles' Creed

*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.*

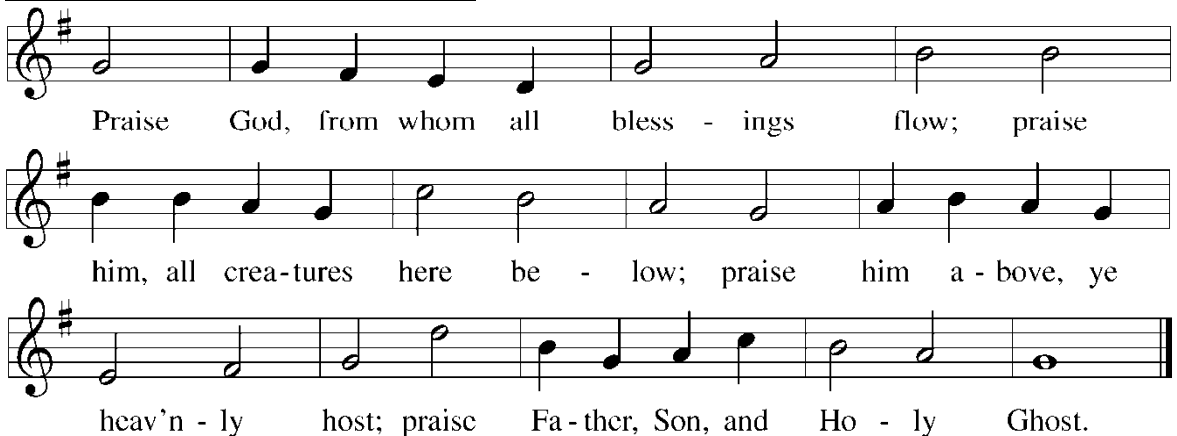
Amen.

*PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

A: Hear us, O God.

C: your mercy is great.

OFFERTORY & *OFFERING



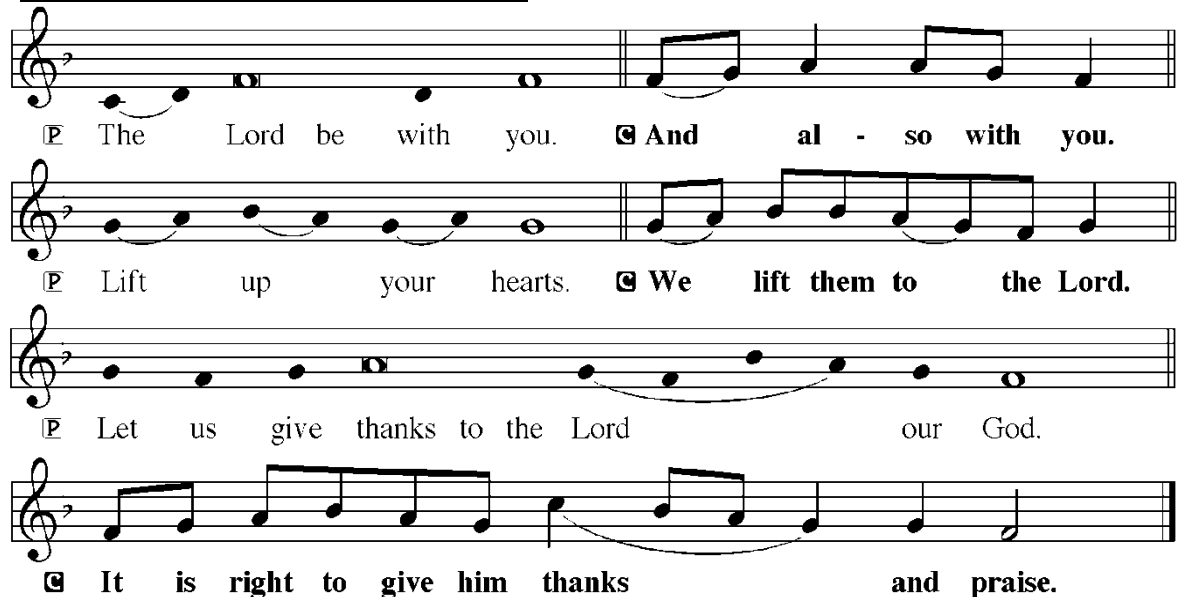
Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise
him, all crea-tures here be - low; praise him a - bove, ye
heav'n - ly host; praise Fa-ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

*OFFERING PRAYER

A: 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.

C: Amen.

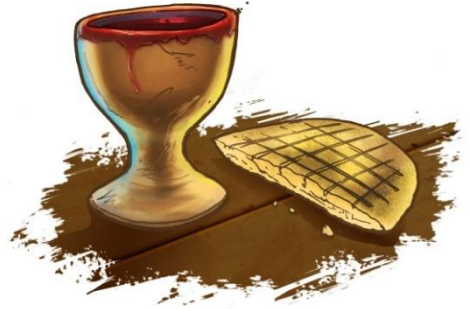
*THE GREAT THANKSGIVING



Ⓔ The Lord be with you. ☩ And al - so 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 him thanks and praise.

P: 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.

In the same way 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.



The 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.

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;

grant us peace, grant us peace, Lamb of God.

*INVITATION TO COMMUNION

A: All people are called to Christ's table. Come, eat what is good.

*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A: 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.

C: Amen.

*BENEDICTION

P: The God who calls across the cosmos and speaks in the smallest seed † bless, keep, and sustain you now and to the end of the age.

C: Amen

*SENDING HYMN

We All Are One in Mission

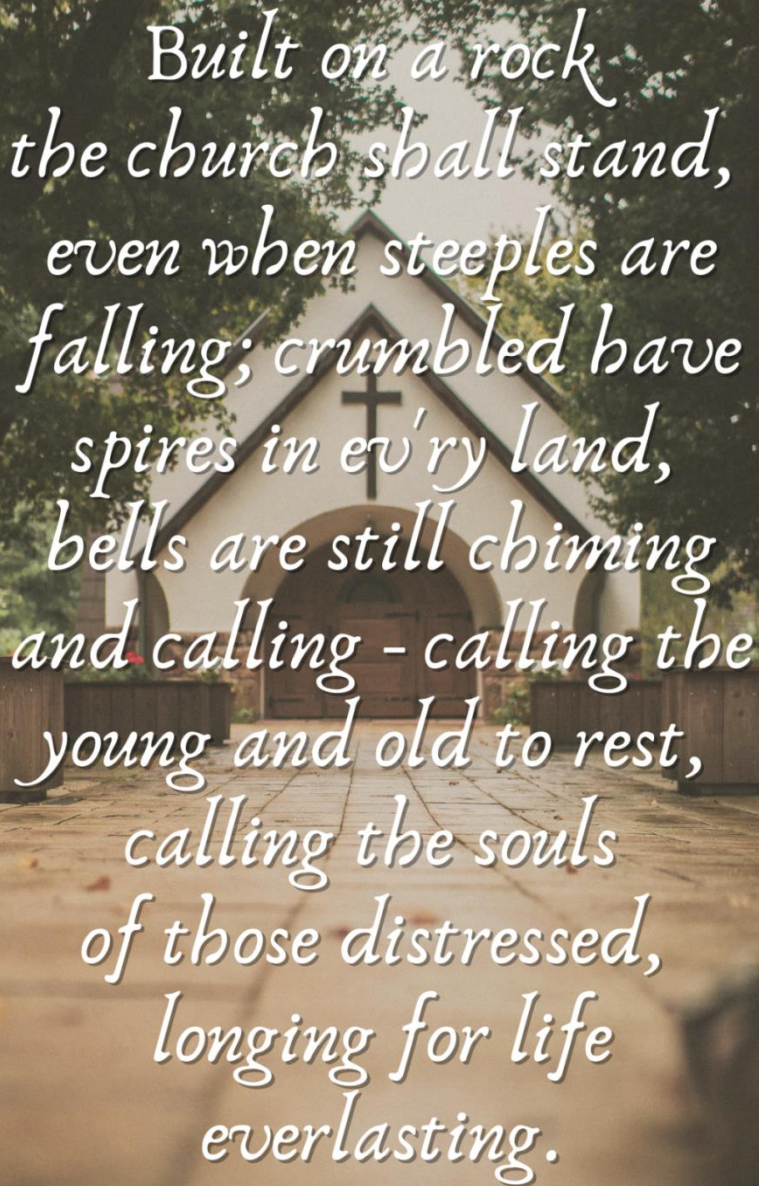
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*DISMISSAL

A: Go in peace. Share the Harvest.

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE



*Built on a rock
the church shall stand,
even when steeples are
falling; crumbled have
spires in ev'ry land,
bells are still chiming
and calling - calling the
young and old to rest,
calling the souls
of those distressed,
longing for life
everlasting.*



OUR MISSION

Dedicated to Living and Spreading God's Word
through Loving Care and Service to All