

**SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**  
**July 7, 2024**



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**St. Andrew's Lutheran Church**

*We Live in and Share God's Love with All*

**Unconditional Love ~ Radical Hospitality ~ Selfless Generosity**  
**Faithful Service ~ Compassionate Care ~ Meaningful Worship**  
*No Matter Where You Are on Life's Journey, There Is a Place for You Here!*

*We are a congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. In keeping with the life and teaching of Jesus Christ, we joyfully and unconditionally welcome all people of any age, gender identity, race, culture, ability, or sexual orientation into our community of faith and affirm the worth of all people as unique individuals made in God's image. We are open to the special gifts that each person brings and invite each to participate in the life of our church.*

- ❖ **This service is livestreamed.** You may be included in the livestream recording as a participant or leader in this worship service. If you wish to avoid being on camera, seating in the back few rows of the sanctuary is not captured via the recording.
- ❖ **Welcome to worship. We are SO glad you are here.** All are invited to check in by scanning the QR code on the right which will take you to a fillable form. If you prefer to fill out the welcome folder, one is located on the table by the nametags. **If you are new to worshipping with St. Andrews, please utilize the QR code to provide your contact information so we can reach out and get to know you.** There is a place for you here. 
- ❖ **Offering.** Offerings may be placed in the offering plate located on the table in the middle of the aisle before or at any time during the worship service.
- ❖ **Prayer Requests.** Prayer slips are at the end of each pew to fill out and drop in the basket on the table by the offering plate. *Prayer requests will be read aloud during the intercessory prayers.*
- ❖ **Hearing Assisting Devices Available.** Visit the Sound Booth before worship and request a device.
- ❖ **Bathrooms.** Down the hall, turn left toward the offices, and then take your first right. An all-gender/family, **handicapped accessible bathroom** is available on the east side of Fellowship Hall (to the right as you enter from the main door). A changing table is available in the all-gender/family bathroom and also in the nursery.
- ❖ **We LOVE kids in worship!** Should you need to step away, there is a nursery down the hall from the restrooms with a changing table, toys, and comfy seating for parents.
- ❖ **Bulletins can be recycled** in the bins in the narthex with the Green Recycle Labels.
- ❖ **Want weekly updates about events at St. Andrews?** Email [office@standrewames.org](mailto:office@standrewames.org) and indicate you would like to receive the Friday Flash or scan this QR code to sign up! The Friday Flash includes a weekly message from Pastor Sonja, events coming up in the following week, and opportunities to participate in service and outreach through St. Andrew's and our partners. 

#### **Helpful Hints for worship today:**

- ❖ *The instructions to sit or stand are invitations to do so as you are physically able.*
- ❖ *In the worship liturgy P = Presider, A = Assisting Minister, R = Reader, and C = Congregation. The congregation responds/sings any time words are in **bold print**. The congregation is invited to sing all Hymns.*

**GATHERING**

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

**WELCOME**

*Stand*

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

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

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, the God of manna, the God of miracles, the God of mercy.

C: **Amen.**

P: Drawn to Christ and seeking God’s abundance, let us confess our sin.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

P: God, our provider,

C: **help us. It is hard to believe there is enough to share. We question your ways when they differ from the ways of the world in which we live. We turn to our own understanding rather than trusting in you. We take offense at your teachings and your ways. Turn us again to you. Where else can we turn? Share with us the words of eternal life and feed us for life in the world. Amen.**

P: Beloved people of God ... you are forgiven and loved into abundant life.

C: **Amen.**

**GATHERING SONG**

*Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ*

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**GREETING**

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**KYRIE**

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**CANTICLE OF PRAISE**

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**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P: Let us pray .... in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: **Amen**

*Sit*

## WORD

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

### FIRST READING: Ezekiel 2:1-5

R: <sup>1</sup>[A voice] said to me: O mortal, stand up on your feet, and I will speak with you.<sup>2</sup> And when he spoke to me, a spirit entered into me and set me on my feet; and I heard him speaking to me. <sup>3</sup> He said to me, Mortal, I am sending you to the people of Israel, to a nation of rebels who have rebelled against me; they and their ancestors have transgressed against me to this very day. <sup>4</sup> The descendants are impudent and stubborn. I am sending you to them, and you shall say to them, “Thus says the Lord GOD.” <sup>5</sup> Whether they hear or refuse to hear (for they are a rebellious house), they shall know that there has been a prophet among them.

R: Word of God. Word of Life.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

### PSALM: Psalm 123

*(Read responsively, congregation reads **bold** verses.)*

A: <sup>1</sup> To you I lift up my eyes,  
to you enthroned in the heavens.

C: <sup>2</sup> **As the eyes of servants look to the hand of their masters, and the eyes of a maid to the hand of her mistress, so our eyes look to you, O LORD our God, until you show us your mercy.**

A: <sup>3</sup> Have mercy upon us, O LORD, have mercy,  
for we have had more than enough of contempt,

C: <sup>4</sup> **too much of the scorn of the indolent rich,  
and of the derision of the proud.**

### SECOND READING: 2 Corinthians 12:2-10

R: <sup>2</sup> I know a person in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows. <sup>3</sup> And I know that such a person—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows—<sup>4</sup> was caught up into Paradise and heard things that are not to be told, that no mortal is permitted to repeat. <sup>5</sup> On behalf of such a one I will boast, but on my own behalf I will not boast, except of my weaknesses. <sup>6</sup> But if I wish to boast, I will not be a fool, for I will be speaking the truth. But I refrain from it, so that no one may think better of me than what is seen in me or heard from me, <sup>7</sup> even considering the exceptional character of the revelations. Therefore, to keep me from being too elated, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to torment me, to keep me from being too elated. <sup>8</sup> Three times I appealed to the Lord about this, that it would leave me, <sup>9</sup> but he said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness.” So, I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me. <sup>10</sup> Therefore I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities for the sake of Christ; for whenever I am weak, then I am strong.

R: Word of God. Word of Life.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

### CHILDREN’S SERMON

**Pastor Sonja Gerstenberger**

*Stand*

**GOSPEL:** Mark 6:1-13

**P:** The Holy Gospel according to the 6<sup>th</sup> Chapter of Mark:

**C:** **Glory to you, O Lord.**

**P:** <sup>1</sup> [Jesus] came to his hometown, and his disciples followed him.<sup>2</sup> On the sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astounded. They said, “Where did this man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been given to him? What deeds of power are being done by his hands! <sup>3</sup> Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon, and are not his sisters here with us?” And they took offense at him. <sup>4</sup> Then Jesus said to them, “Prophets are not without honor, except in their hometown, and among their own kin, and in their own house.” <sup>5</sup> And he could do no deed of power there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and cured them. <sup>6</sup> And he was amazed at their unbelief.

Then he went about among the villages teaching. <sup>7</sup> He called the twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. <sup>8</sup> He ordered them to take nothing for their journey except a staff; no bread, no bag, no money in their belts; <sup>9</sup> but to wear sandals and not to put on two tunics. <sup>10</sup> He said to them, “Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave the place. <sup>11</sup> If any place will not welcome you and they refuse to hear you, as you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them.” <sup>12</sup> So they went out and proclaimed that all should repent. <sup>13</sup> They cast out many demons, and anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them.

**P:** The gospel of the Lord.

**C:** **Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Sit*

**SERMON**

**Pastor Sonja Gerstenberger**

*Stand*

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

*Lord, Let My Heart Be Good Soil*

**WOV 713**

**BAPTISM: JACKSON ROY GRINHAUG**

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**PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

**A:** Lord, In your mercy,

**C:** **hear our prayer.**

**A:** Holy God, holy and merciful: into your outstretched arms we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, trusting in the one who is the way, the truth, and the life, Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord.

**C:** **Amen**

**PEACE**

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*Sit*

## MEAL

*God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.*

### LET THE VINEYARDS BE FRUITFUL

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### OFFERING

*At this time, we acknowledge that we offer a portion of what God has first given us for God's work in the world through the ministries of St. Andrew's and its national and global partners. You may place offerings in the offering plate located on the table in the aisle. You can also give online at [www.standrewsames.org](http://www.standrewsames.org) by selecting Give Online (or use this QR code). Thank you for your continued generous support of the ministries in and through St. Andrew's Lutheran Church.*



### OFFERING PRAYER

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*Stand*

### GREAT THANKSGIVING

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### HOLY, HOLY

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### LORD'S PRAYER

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*Sit*

### INVITATION TO COMMUNION

*This is Jesus' table, and all are welcome. Those worshiping in person are invited to come down the center aisle, to the front, receive the bread, and step to the side to receive red wine or white grape juice from the assistants. Gluten-free wafers are available in the glass bowl on the table in the front. Please take one and bring it with you. If you prefer not to come forward, prepackaged communion elements are available from the ushers.*

### LAMB OF GOD

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### TABLE BLESSING

### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

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## SENDING

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

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Stand*

### BLESSING

### SENDING HYMN

*The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve*

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### DISMISSAL

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### POSTLUDE

*Theme from "Star-Spangled Banner"*

W. V. Volckmar

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### ~THIS WEEK AT ST. ANDREW'S~

- Sunday, **Sunday Worship Service**, 10:30 am, Sanctuary & Livestream
- Sunday, **Fellowship**, 11:30 am, Fellowship Hall
- Sunday, **Pine Ridge Donation Day**, 2-4 pm, Room 2
- Tuesday, **Questions and Wonderings**, 7 pm, London Underground
- Wednesday, **Faith Book Study Meeting**, 7 am, Hy-Vee West Market Grill
- For a full listing of events, check out the **St. Andrew's calendar at [standrewsames.org/calendar/](https://standrewsames.org/calendar/)**

#### **Worship Assistants This Sunday (7/7/2024)**

Assisting Minister – **Laurie Evans**  
Reader – **Margaret Sherve**  
Ushers – **John Kovar**  
Communion Setup – **Paul & Cheryl White, Al Jergens**  
Greeters – **Rollie Link**  
Tech – **Bruce Boeke**  
Fellowship – **Pine Ridge and Tanzania**  
Communion Servers – **Carol Putz, Lynn Miller**

#### **Worship Assistants Next Sunday (7/14/2024)**

Assisting Minister – **Kyra Meyer**  
Reader – **Jon Christy**  
Ushers –  
Communion Setup – **Paul & Cheryl White**  
Greeters – **Jeanine Strodtman**  
Tech – **Kris Parsons**  
Fellowship – **EMF / Service and Learning**  
Communion Servers –

#### **Questions and Wonderings, Tuesday, June 11, 7 pm**

We welcome all to join us this Tuesday, June 11 at 7 pm for our monthly meeting of Questions and Wonderings. Come by when you are free with any question you have, or simply come to listen, this is an open and safe place to voice the questions God has placed in your life. Please feel free to reach out to Kyra Meyer for more information at [kyrajensen110@gmail.com](mailto:kyrajensen110@gmail.com). We hope to see you there!

#### **St. Andrew's Extended Ministry Fund College Scholarship**

St. Andrew's Extended Ministry Fund Committee is pleased to announce that applications for college scholarships will be accepted through July 19, 2024. Please use the QR code to access the application information or visit the church website ([standrewsames.org](https://standrewsames.org)). The application letter is to be e-mailed to the church office by July 19 ([office@standrewsames.org](mailto:office@standrewsames.org)) If you have questions, contact the EMF Committee Chair, Lynn Miller ([lynnm8902@yahoo.com](mailto:lynnm8902@yahoo.com)), or the church office ([office@standrewsames.org](mailto:office@standrewsames.org)).



#### **Register Now! 2024 Vacation Bible School July 22-25**

Register for St. Andrew's 2024 Vacation Bible School, July 22-25, from 5:30-7 pm each evening. We will begin the evening with dinner together and engage in a Bible Story and games and crafts as we explore our theme: Tree of Healing. Parents are welcome and encouraged to attend with their children if they would like. Please use the QR code to register for VBS!



#### **Vacation Bible School – Volunteers Needed July 22-25**

St. Andrews needs VBS volunteers July 22-25 from 5:30-7:00 pm. Volunteer opportunities will include decorating, dinner preparation/donation, helping at craft stations, acting in skits, shepherding children from place-to-place, and more. Sign up on the easel in the Narthex!



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