

St. Andrews Lutheran Church
Committed to Christ and Community

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THE 16th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST ~ September 12, 2021

Pastor Sonja Gerstenberger

No Matter Where You Are On Life's Journey, You Are Welcome 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.

PRELUDE MUSIC

Take My Life and Let It Be

arr. Stan Pethel

CHOIR ANTHEM

“Alleluia”

William Boyce

WELCOME

- ❖ **Welcome to worship. We are SO glad you are here.** If this is your first time worshipping with us, please reach out and let us know, either introduce yourself in the YouTube Livestream, to an usher, to Pastor Sonja or by contacting the church office so we can answer any questions and connect with you. There is a place for you here.
- ❖ **Bathrooms** – Down the hall, turn left toward the offices and then take your first right.
- ❖ **We LOVE kids in worship!** Should you need to step away, a Nursery is available down the hall from the bathrooms. We hope to staff our nursery soon, but it is currently unstaffed.
- ❖ **Covid Precautions** – Due to infection rates in Story County, and guidance from the CDC, masks and social distancing are required during worship. During fellowship hour we request that people stay masked unless seated at their tables eating.
- ❖ **Bulletins can be recycled** in the bins in the narthex with the Green Recycle Labels. Please do not place anything other than paper in these bins.
- ❖ **Please join us for coffee, snacks, & fellowship** after worship in the Fellowship Hall.

GATHERING

Stand

GATHERING HYMN

ELW 660

Lift High the Cross

Refrain

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro - claim till

all the world a - dore his sa - cred name.

1 Come, Chris - tians, fol - low where our cap - tain trod,
2 All new - born ser - vants of the Cru - ci - fied
3 O Lord, once lift - ed on the glo - rious tree,
4 So shall our song of tri - umph ev - er be:

Refrain

our king vic - to - rious, Christ, the Son of God.
bear on their brows the seal of him who died.
as praise thou hast prom - ised, draw us all to thee.
praise to the Cru - ci - fied for vic - to - ry!

Text: George W. Kitchin, 1827-1912; rev. Michael R. Newbolt, 1874-1956
Music: CRUCIFER, Sydney H. Nicholson, 1875-1947
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CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
whose teaching is life,
whose presence is sure,
and whose love is endless.

C: **Amen.**

P: Let us confess our sins to the one who welcomes us with an open heart.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: God our comforter:

C: **like lost sheep, we have gone astray.
We gaze upon abundance and see scarcity.
We turn our faces away from injustice and oppression.
We exploit the earth with our apathy and greed.
Free us from our sin, gracious God.
Listen when we call out to you for help.
Lead us by your love to love our neighbors as ourselves.
Amen.**

P: All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.
By the gift of grace in † Christ Jesus, God makes you righteous.
Receive with glad hearts the forgiveness of all your sins.
Amen.

GREETING

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

C: **And also with you.**

KYRIE

Assisting Minister:

Refrain



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



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



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

HYMN OF PRAISE

Refrain



Glo - ry to God in the high - est, the high - est, and



peace to God's peo - ple on earth.



1 Lord God, heav-en - ly King, al - might-y God and Fa-ther,



we wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you

Refrain



for your glo - ry. Glo - ry to God in the high-



est, the high - est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



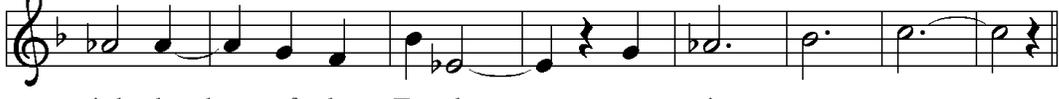
2 Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God,



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



world: have mer - cy on us; you are seat-ed at the



right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.

Refrain

Glo - ry to God in the high - est, the high - est, and
 peace to God's peo - ple on earth. 3 For you a -
 lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,
 you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the
 Ho - ly Spir - it, in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther.
 A - men. A - men. A - men.

Final refrain

Glo - ry to God in the high - est, the high - est, and peace to God's
 peo - ple on earth. Glo - ry to God in the high -
 est, the high - est, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

- P: O God, through suffering and rejection you bring forth our salvation, and by the glory of the cross you transform our lives. Grant that for the sake of the gospel we may turn from the lure of evil, take up our cross, and follow your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
- C: **Amen.**

CHOIR ANTHEM

“Do Not Fear, For You Are Mine”

David Lantz III

WORD

FIRST READING: Isaiah 50:4-9a

⁴The Lord GOD has given me
the tongue of a teacher,
that I may know how to sustain
the weary with a word.
Morning by morning he wakens—
wakens my ear
to listen as those who are taught.
⁵The Lord GOD has opened my ear,
and I was not rebellious,
I did not turn backward.
⁶I gave my back to those who struck me,
and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard;
I did not hide my face
from insult and spitting.

⁷The Lord GOD helps me;
therefore I have not been disgraced;
therefore I have set my face like flint,
and I know that I shall not be put to shame;
⁸he who vindicates me is near.
Who will contend with me?
Let us stand up together.
Who are my adversaries?
Let them confront me.
^{9a}It is the Lord GOD who helps me;
who will declare me guilty?

R: The word of the Lord. C: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM: Psalm 116:1-9

(Read responsively, congregation - even verses, assisting minister - odd verses.)

¹I love the LORD, who has heard my voice,
and listened to my supplication,
²**for the LORD has given ear to me
whenever I called.**
³The cords of death entangled me; the anguish of the grave came upon me;
I came to grief and sorrow.

⁴Then I called upon the name of the LORD:

“O LORD, I pray you, save my life.”

⁵Gracious is the LORD and righteous;
our God is full of compassion.

**⁶The LORD watches over the innocent;
I was brought low, and God saved me.**

⁷Turn again to your rest, O my soul.
for the LORD has dealt well with you.

**⁸For you have rescued my life from death,
my eyes from tears, and my feet from stumbling;**

⁹I will walk in the presence of the LORD
in the land of the living.

SECOND READING: James 3:1-12

¹Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers and sisters, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. ²For all of us make many mistakes. Anyone who makes no mistakes in speaking is perfect, able to keep the whole body in check with a bridle. ³If we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we guide their whole bodies. ⁴Or look at ships: though they are so large that it takes strong winds to drive them, yet they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. ⁵So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great exploits.

How great a forest is set ablaze by a small fire! ⁶And the tongue is a fire. The tongue is placed among our members as a world of iniquity; it stains the whole body, sets on fire the cycle of nature, and is itself set on fire by hell. ⁷For every species of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by the human species, ⁸but no one can tame the tongue—a restless evil, full of deadly poison. ⁹With it we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse those who are made in the likeness of God. ¹⁰From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this ought not to be so. ¹¹Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and brackish water? ¹²Can a fig tree, my brothers and sisters, yield olives, or a grapevine figs? No more can salt water yield fresh.

R: The word of the Lord. C: **Thanks be to God.**

Stand

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: Mark 8:27-38

P: The Gospel according to the 8th Chapter of Mark:

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

²⁷Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that I am?” ²⁸And they answered him, “John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets.” ²⁹He asked them, “But who do you say that I am?” Peter answered him, “You are the Messiah.” ³⁰And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him.

³¹Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. ³²He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. ³³But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, “Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.”

³⁴He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, “If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ³⁵For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. ³⁶For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? ³⁷Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? ³⁸Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.”

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

Sit

SERMON

Pastor Sonja Gerstenberger

Stand

HYMN OF THE DAY

ELW 799

Come, Follow Me, the Savior Spake

1 "Come, fol - low me," the Sav - ior spake, "all in my way a -
 2 "I am the light; I light the way, a god - ly life dis -
 3 "I teach you how to shun and flee what harms your soul's sal -
 4 Then let us fol - low Christ, our Lord, and take the cross ap -

bid - ing; de - ny your - selves, the world for - sake, o -
 play - ing; I bid you walk as in the day; I
 va - tion; from ev - 'ry guile your heart I free, from
 point - ed, and, firm - ly cling - ing to his word, in

bey my call and guid - ing. Oh, bear the cross, what -
 keep your feet from stray - ing. I am the way, and
 sin and its temp - ta - tion. I am the ref - uge
 suf - f'ring be un - daunt - ed. For those who bear the

e'er be - tide; take my ex - am - ple for your guide."
 well I show how you should so - journ here be - low."
 of the soul and lead you to your heav'n - ly goal."
 bat - tle's strain the crown of heav'n - ly life ob - tain.

Text: Johann Scheffler, 1624-1677; tr. Charles W. Shaeffer, 1813-1896, alt.
 Music: MACHS MIT MIR, GOTT, Bartholomäus Gesius, 1555-1613; adapt. Johann Herman Schein, 1586-1630

THE 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: Lord, in your mercy,
C: **hear our prayer.**

WE SHARE GOD'S PEACE

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.
C: **And also with you.**

Sit

OFFERING

At this time, we also 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 through the ELCA. You can give online at www.standrewsames.org by selecting Give Online (also QR code). Thank you for your continued generous support of the ministries in and through St. Andrew's Lutheran Church.



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OFFERTORY

We Pray to God

J.S. Bach/arr. Floyd McCoy

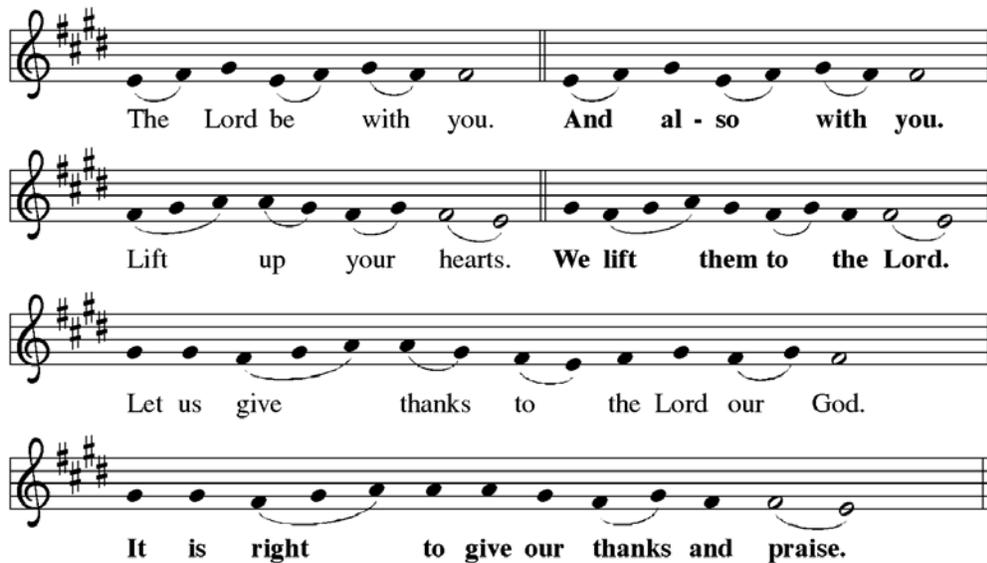
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OFFERING PRAYER

- A: God of abundance, you cause streams to break forth in the desert and manna to rain from the heavens. Accept the gifts you have first given us. Unite them with the offering of our lives to nourish the world you love so dearly; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
- C: Amen.

MEAL

Presiding Minister:



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 our thanks and praise.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

- P: 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:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
 heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry, full of your glo-ry. Ho -
 san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high -
 est. Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
 san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

P: Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord,

heaven and earth are full of your glory.
 In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son,
 who reached out to heal the sick and suffering,
 who preached good news to the poor,
 and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

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, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension,
 we await his coming in glory.

Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord,
 and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food,

the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord;
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
be all honor and glory, now and forever.

C: Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

P: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**C: Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P: All who hunger and thirst, come. The table is ready.

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.

Sit

COMMUNION

Give Me Jesus

Mark Hayes

Livestream: At this time for those who choose, you may commune yourself or those worshipping with you by saying the words, “the body of Christ, given for you.” And, “the blood of Christ, shed for you.”

Those worshipping in person are invited to come down the center aisle, to the front, receive the bread and step to the side to receive white wine or red grape juice from the assistants. Please wait to consume the elements until you receive them both and step to the side.

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.
C: **Amen.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A: Lord of life,
in the gift of your body and blood
you turn the crumbs of our faith into a feast of salvation.
Send us forth into the world with shouts of joy,
bearing witness to the abundance of your love
in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: **Amen.**

SENDING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please email or speak with the presiding pastor before worship each week if you would like to make an announcement at this time.

BLESSING

P: People of God,
you are Christ’s body,
bringing new life to a suffering world.
The holy Trinity, † one God,
bless you now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

1 Great is thy faith-ful-ness, O God my Fa-ther; there is no
 2 Sum-mer and win-ter and spring-time and har-vest, sun, moon, and
 3 Par-don for sin and a peace that en-dur-eth, thine own dear

shad-ow of turn-ing with thee; thou chang-est not, thy com-
 stars in their cours-es a-bove join with all na-ture in
 pres-ence to cheer and to guide; strength for to-day and bright

pas-sions they fail not; as thou hast been, thou for-ev-er wilt be.
 man-i-fold wit-ness to thy great faith-ful-ness, mer-cy, and love.
 hope for to-mor-row, bless-ings all mine, with ten thou-sand be-side!

Refrain

Great is thy faith-ful-ness! Great is thy faith-ful-ness! Morn-ing by

morn-ing new mer-cies I see; all I have need-ed thy

hand hath pro-vid-ed; great is thy faith-ful-ness, Lord, un-to me.

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DISMISSAL

A: Go in peace. The living Word dwells in you.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

Od Yeshoma

arr. Daniel Kelley

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Community-Wide Event for All Ages ~ Renaissance Fair THIS SUNDAY, September 12, 3-6 p.m.



St. Andrew's Lutheran Church invites all to a Renaissance Faire, complete with free food, festivity, fun and music. Spread the word:

- **Free food** - turkey legs, hot dogs, desserts
- **Crafts and games** for everyone
- **Madrigal singers and instrumental music**
- A **garden booth** full of produce and flowers
- Drawings for **prizes** donated by local retailers

ALL AGES Service & Learning Kickoff THIS Sunday, September 12, 9 a.m.

Sunday School and Adult education have joined forces to become SERVICE + LEARNING! We will gather to share a breakfast meal, learn about a fundamental of faith life, hear about a local, national or international service effort, and apply our learning in service in the world! **This Sunday we will:**

- Break bread together around the table for **BREAKFAST**.
- **INTRODUCE** Service & Learning
- Answer your **QUESTIONS**:
 - WHY combine Service & Learning?
 - WHAT is intergenerational?
 - Why start with the BASICS?
 - WHAT will we do each Sunday?
 - WHAT topics will we cover this year?
- Most importantly, **GROW** in relationship with **GOD** and with **ONE ANOTHER** in new ways.



We are offering Service and Learning in person and virtually. To join virtually via zoom go to:

[Service & Learning Zoom](#)

Want to Learn More about St. Andrews and get connected? New Member Classes

Pastor Sonja will be meeting this fall with individuals who want to learn more about the ministries of St. Andrew's Lutheran Church. We will talk about opportunities to get involved and get to know others St. Andrew's; current ministries; hopes and dreams for the future; and basics of faith, worship, the Bible, and grace from a Lutheran perspective. If you are interested in being included or learning more, please contact Pastor Sonja, pastorsonja@standrewsames.org. Pastor Sonja will coordinate meeting dates and times with those interested.

Give Now For Hurricane Ida Relief

Hurricane Ida hit New Orleans on August 30 as a category 4 hurricane, 16 years after Hurricane Katrina devastated the area. Massive flooding, wind damage, and storm surge have left over 1 million people without power and stranded.

The full impact of this storm is yet to be assessed, but the cost will likely be high and it will take years to rebuild from this hurricane. Lutheran Disaster Response is working with local ELCA synods and Lutheran social services to provide immediate needs such as food, basic necessities and temporary housing. But they need your help.

100% of your donations to the hurricane response-U.S. line go directly to assist those affected by the hurricanes. Scan this QR code or go to this link <https://community.elca.org/hurricane-relief> to give to Hurricane Response – U.S.



Help Provide Hospitality and Welcome!

The St. Andrew's Fellowship Committee is looking for additional members to help plan fellowship events to provide hospitality and welcome to all. Fellowship coordinates coffee hour after worship, funeral luncheons, and special meals. If you feel a nudge to get involved, please contact the church office at office@standrewsames.org, or committee chairs Gayle Osterberg osterberggayle@gmail.com and JoAnn Kovar joannkovar31@gmail.com. There is a place for you here!

Love Singing? Choir Begins Wednesday, Sept 1 at 7 p .m.

Come one and all! Director Steve Hoifeldt has a wonderful selection of music planned to enhance worship through choral music. Come to the sanctuary at 7 p.m. and join in the fun. Masks required. Questions? Contact shoifeldt@standrewsames.org.

Happy Anniversary to

Glynn & Dagmar Frank (September 3rd), Jim & Judy Denato (September 4th), John & JoAnn Kovar (September 4th), Jamie & Julie Riesselman (September 28th).

Happy September Birthday to

Emily Frescoln (1st), Lucas Gerstenberger (3rd), David Krumm (9th), Al Jergens (10th), Jamie Riesselman (11th), Harlan Baker (13th), Glynn Frank (13th), JoAnn Kovar (15th), Jim Denato (17th), J. Ben Buck (22nd), Kathryn Baker (25th).

Worship Assistants This Week (9/12/2021)

Assisting Minister – **Dave Putz**
Reader – **Solveig Rice**
Greeters – **Pat Thompson**
Ushers – **John Kovar, Don Boyle**
Communion Setup – **John & Carol Moran**
Communion Servers- **John Kovar**
Tech – **Bruce Boeke**
Fellowship – **Social Concerns Committee**

Worship Assistants Next Week (9/19/2021)

Assisting Minister –
Reader –
Greeters – **Paul & Cheryl White**
Ushers – **Don Boyle**
Communion Setup – **Paul & Cheryl White**
Communion Servers-
Tech – **Don Behning**
Fellowship – **Outreach Committee**

~PRAYERS~

Troy Eagen (Sharon Anderson's son-in-law), **John Litzel, Libby Litzel Gull, Mark Ekeren** (brother of Sarah Buck), **Jane Ellis, Wayne Thompson** (brain tumor), **Marilyn Saunders** (Gene Pollmann's sister), **Alice Becher** (Stephen Loucks' mother), **Marjorie Allison, Gene Takle, Lou Jordan** (Dagmar Frank's cousin), **Nancy Owen** (Carol Putz's cousin, battling cancer), **Susan** (Glynn & Dagmar Frank's daughter), **Roxanne Labandz** (niece of Alice Thompson), **Pat Fawcett, Kolleen Tweed Sogard** (daughter of Violet & Maynard Tweed), **Robert Pollmann** (Gene Pollmann's brother), **Harlan Baker, Stuart** (cousin of Dagmar Frank).

For all those suffering from loneliness and grief, addiction and illness-both mental and physical, poverty and need, war and strife; we pray to the Lord to bless them and give them peace.

We continue to pray for the health and needs of the people in the Ames Community, of Pine Ridge Reservation, and of the Hedaru Parish in Tanzania and all communities throughout the world.

Please send any announcements, prayers, or updates to the office at office@standrewsames.org or call 515-292-2131.