



St. Andrews Lutheran Church

Committed to Christ and Community

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THE 19th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST ~ October 3, 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

Andante Alexandre Guilmant

CALL TO WORSHIP (CHOIR)

You Are Holy

ELW 525

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 526

God Is Here!



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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.

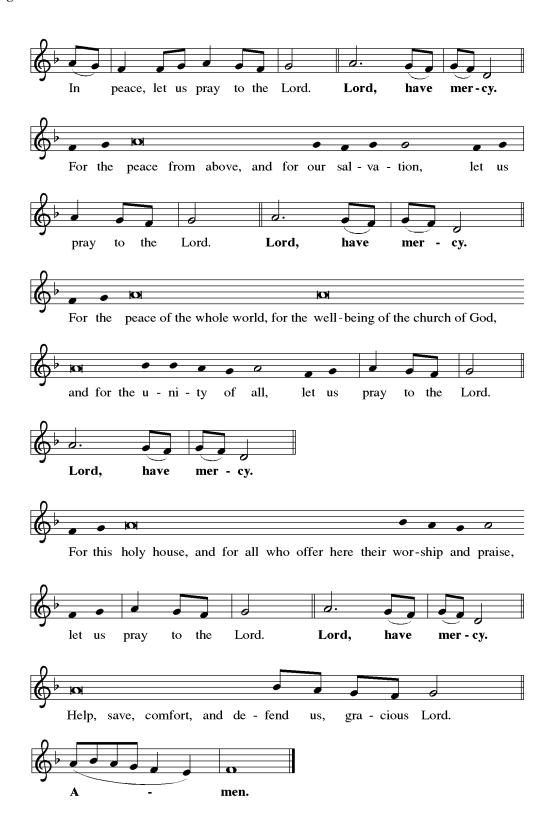
GREETING

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:



HYMN OF PRAISE



PRAYER OF THE DAY

- P: Sovereign God, you have created us to live in loving community with one another. Form us for life that is faithful and steadfast, and teach us to trust like little children, that we may reflect the image of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
- C: Amen.

CHOIR ANTHEM

Make Me a Channel of Your Peace

arr. Mark Hayes

Sit

WORD

FIRST READING: Genesis 2:18-24

¹⁸The LORD God said, "It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper as his partner." ¹⁹So out of the ground the LORD God formed every animal of the field and every bird of the air, and brought them to the man to see what he would call them; and whatever the man called every living creature, that was its name. ²⁰The man gave names to all cattle, and to the birds of the air, and to every animal of the field; but for the man there was not found a helper as his partner. ²¹So the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and he slept; then he took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. ²²And the rib that the LORD God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man. ²³Then the man said,

"This at last is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; this one shall be called Woman, for out of Man this one was taken."

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

²⁴Therefore a man leaves his father and his mother and clings to his wife, and they become one flesh.

PSALM: Psalm 8

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

¹O LORD our Lord,

how majestic is your name in all the earth!—

²you whose glory is chanted above the heavens out of the mouths of infants and children; you have set up a fortress against your enemies, to silence the foe and avenger.

³When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars you have set in their courses,

⁴what are mere mortals that you should be mindful of them, human beings that you should care for them?

⁵Yet you have made them little less than divine; with glory and honor you crown them.

⁶You have made them rule over the works of your hands; you have put all things under their feet:

⁷all flocks and cattle,

even the wild beasts of the field,

8the birds of the air, the fish of the sea, and whatever passes along the paths of the sea.

⁹O LORD our Lord,

how majestic is your name in all the earth!

SECOND READING: Hebrews 1:1-4, 2:5-12

¹Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, ²but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds. ³He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, ⁴having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

^{2:5}Now God did not subject the coming world, about which we are speaking, to angels. ⁶But someone has testified somewhere,

"What are human beings that you are mindful of them,

or mortals, that you care for them?

⁷You have made them for a little while lower than the angels;

you have crowned them with glory and honor,

⁸subjecting all things under their feet."

Now in subjecting all things to them, God left nothing outside their control. As it is, we do not yet see everything in subjection to them, but we do see Jesus, who for a little while was made lower than the angels, now crowned with glory and honor because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone.

¹⁰It was fitting that God, for whom and through whom all things exist, in bringing many children to glory, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through sufferings. ¹¹For the one who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one Father. For this reason Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters, ¹²saying,

"I will proclaim your name to my brothers and sisters, in the midst of the congregation I will praise you."

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

Stand

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e-ter-nal life.

GOSPEL: Mark 10:2-16

P: The Gospel according to the 10th Chapter of Mark:

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

²Some Pharisees came, and to test [Jesus] they asked, "Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?" ³He answered them, "What did Moses command you?" ⁴They said, "Moses allowed a man to write a certificate of dismissal and to divorce her." ⁵But Jesus said to them, "Because of your hardness of heart he wrote this commandment for you. ⁶But from the beginning of creation, 'God made them male and female.' ⁷'For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, ⁸and the two shall become one flesh.' So they are no longer two, but one flesh. ⁹Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate."

¹⁰Then in the house the disciples asked him again about this matter. ¹¹He said to them, "Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her; ¹²and if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery."

¹³People were bringing little children to him in order that he might touch them; and the disciples spoke sternly to them. ¹⁴But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, "Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. ¹⁵Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it." ¹⁶And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.

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

Sit

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Pastor Sonja Gerstenberger

SERMON

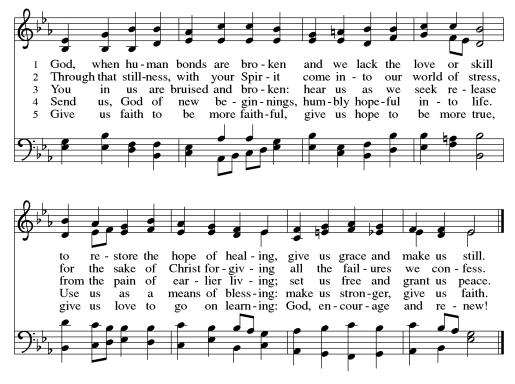
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HYMN OF THE DAY

ELW 603

God, When Human Bonds Are Broken



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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.



Scoon to Chro

OFFERTORY

Upon Thy Table, Lord

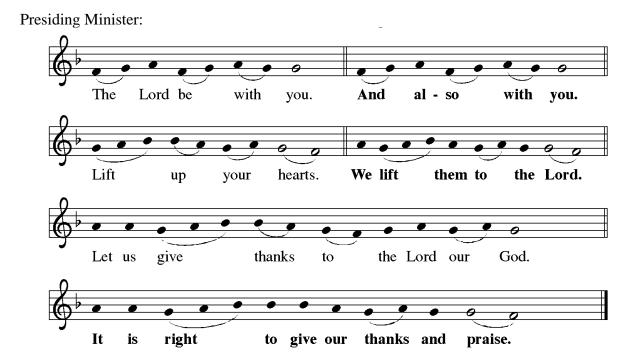
arr. Dale Wood

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OFFERING PRAYER

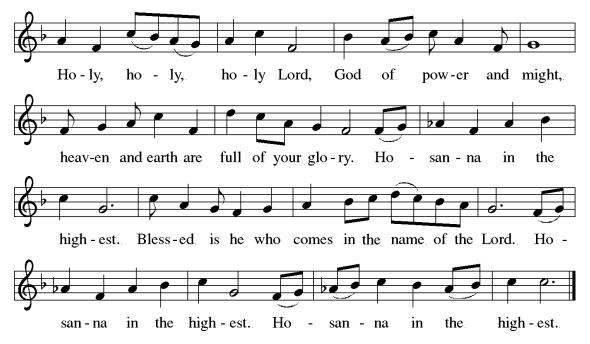
- A: God of abundance, you cause streams to break forth in the desert and manna to rain from the heavens. Accept the gifts you have first given us. Unite them with the offering of our lives to nourish the world you love so dearly; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
- C: Amen.

MEAL



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:



THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

P: You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God. You are most holy, and great is the majesty of your glory.

You so loved the world that you gave your only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but have eternal life.

We give you thanks for his coming into the world to fulfill for us your holy will and to accomplish all things for our salvation.

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.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.



P: Remembering, therefore, his salutary command, his life-giving passion and death, his glorious resurrection and ascension, and the promise of his coming again, we give thanks to you, O Lord God Almighty, not as we ought but as we are able; we ask you mercifully to accept our praise and thanksgiving and with your Word and Holy Spirit to bless us, your servants, and these your own gifts of bread and wine, so that we and all who share in the body and blood of Christ may be filled with heavenly blessing and grace, and, receiving the forgiveness of sin, may be formed to live as your holy people and be given our inheritance with all your saints.

To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever.

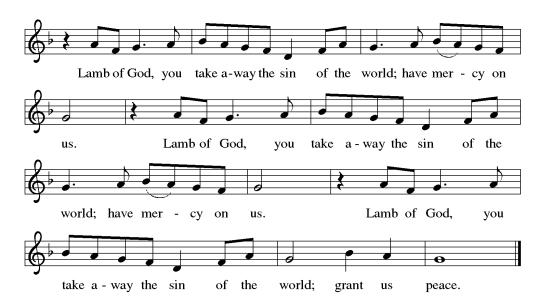


LORD'S PRAYER

- 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.



Sit

COMMUNION

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.

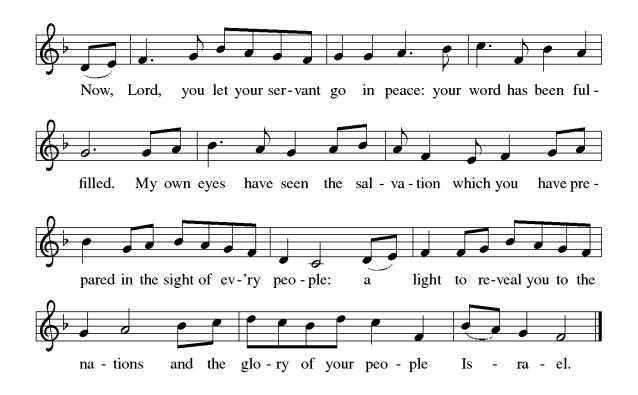
P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

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.

SENDING HYMN ELW 781

Children of the Heavenly Father

Tryggare kan ingen vara



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DISMISSAL

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

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Sent Forth by God's Blessing

arr. Dale Wood

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Take a Leap of Faith!

Join in ALL AGES Service & Learning Sundays at 9 a.m.

Sunday School and Adult education have joined forces to become SERVICE + LEARNING! We gather each week 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**.
- WRITE a Covenant together for Service & Learning Time
- 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: standrewsames.org/ and scroll down to Connect Virtually and select the Service and Learning Zoom button.

St. Andrew's Cross Water Bottles, Coffee Mugs, and Decals Available



Carry the St. Andrew's cross with you into the world and remember Christ goes with you always! Check out the Water bottles (\$20), Coffee mugs (\$15), and Decals (\$3) with the St. Andrew's Cross available for purchase (retail cost) on the table by the coffee table in Fellowship Hall and in the Narthex. The decals can go on anything! Purchases are on the honor system: leave payment in the envelope, drop off in the church office or place in the offering plate with a note in the memo line what item you are purchasing.

New Member Classes October 3, 10, and 17 at 11:45 a.m.

Pastor Sonja will meet with individuals who want to learn more about the ministries of St. Andrew's Lutheran Church the first three Sundays in October. 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.

Giving Garden Seeks Volunteers for Fall Produce Transport

The St. Andrew's Giving Garden supporting Story County Plant-A-Row for the Hungry will continue collecting produce through October 10. Volunteers are needed to transport produce to Reiman Gardens on Sundays after worship and to assist harvesting produce for an hour each weekend at the Plant-A-Row community garden on Maple Street in Ames. Please sign up here: https://standrewsames.org/local-ministries/.

Pine Ridge October Meeting & Donations

The October Pine Ridge Ministry Team meeting is cancelled and we will be taking donations by appointment only. It is a busy month. Please contact Kris Parsons 515-231-9318 or Almira Uemura 5157081617 for appointments.

Edwards School Needs Snacks

You can bring snacks for Edwards School to St. Andrew's between 9am-3:30pm weekdays to drop off or on Sundays before/after worship. The kids at Edwards Elementary thank you!

Be a worship volunteer! It's fun and easy!

You are invited to consider how you may feel led to use your gifts in worship. The following volunteers are currently needed each week: Assisting Minister, Reader, Greeters, Ushers, Communion Setup, Communion Servers. You can see the volunteer needs and signup at www.standrewsames.org/worship, or call the church office at 515-292-2131 and Heather will help you sign up.

Happy Anniversary to

Jennie LeGates & Fritz Wehrenberg (October 10th), Don & Monica Behning (October 15th), Dan & Kris Parsons (October 25th), Phil & Shirley Parsons (October 27th).

Happy October Birthday to

Molly Putz (7th), Philip Dixon (8th), Daniel Andersen (8th), Helen Gjerde (8th), Harold Dorr (9th), Lori Paulson (9th), Dean Janssen (10th), Solveig Rice (13th), Spencer Geisinger (14th), Lowell Elwick (18th), Daniel Parsons (21st), Sharon Prochnow (28th), Richard Engen (30th).

Worship Assistants This Week (10/3/2021)

Assisting Minister – Janeen Christy
Reader – Laurie Evans
Greeters – Don Boyle
Ushers –
Communion Setup – Kris & Daniel Andersen
Communion Servers- Laura Frescoln
Tech – Kris Parsons
Fellowship – Pine Ridge & Tanzania Teams

Worship Assistants Next Week (10/10/2021)

Assisting Minister – Laurie Evans
Reader – Jennie LeGates
Greeters – Ruth Shreve
Ushers –
Communion Setup –
Communion ServersTech – Don Behning
Fellowship – Fellowship 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), Forrest & Joan Dubberke.

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.

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