

**St. Andrew's Lutheran Church**

Sunday, July 30, 2017

*"8<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost"*

*9:00 Worship*



**Our Mission**

**REACHING OUT – SHARING GRACE**

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in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart toward you; and you have kept for him this great and steadfast love, and have given him a son to sit on his throne today. <sup>7</sup>And now, O LORD my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David, although I am only a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in. <sup>8</sup>And your servant is in the midst of the people whom you have chosen, a great people, so numerous they cannot be numbered or counted. <sup>9</sup>Give your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern your people, able to discern between good and evil; for who can govern this your great people?" <sup>10</sup>It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. <sup>11</sup>God said to him, "Because you have asked this, and have not asked for yourself long life or riches, or for the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, <sup>12</sup>I now do according to your word. Indeed I give you a wise and discerning mind; no one like you has been before you and no one like you shall arise after you."

📖 Word of God, word of life.

🙏 **Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM

*Psalm 119:129-136*

📖 Your decrees are wonderful; therefore I obey them with all my heart.

🙏 **When your word is opened it gives light; it gives understanding to the simple.**

📖 I open my mouth and pant because I long for your commandments.

🙏 **Turn to me and be gracious to me, as you always do to those who love your name.**

📖 Order my footsteps in your word; let no iniquity have dominion over me.

🙏 **Rescue me from those who oppress me, and I will keep your commandments.**

📖 Let your face shine upon your servant and teach me your statutes.

**☞ My eyes shed streams of tears, because people do not keep your teaching.**

**GOSPEL**

*Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52*

<sup>24</sup>[Jesus] put before [the crowds] another parable: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field;<sup>25</sup>but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away. <sup>26</sup>So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. <sup>27</sup>And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, 'Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?' <sup>28</sup>He answered, 'An enemy has done this.' The slaves said to him, 'Then do you want us to go and gather them?' <sup>29</sup>But he replied, 'No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. <sup>30</sup>Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.'" <sup>36</sup>Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, "Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field." <sup>37</sup>He answered, "The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; <sup>38</sup>the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, <sup>39</sup>and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. <sup>40</sup>Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. <sup>41</sup>The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, <sup>42</sup>and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. <sup>43</sup>Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!"

📖 The Gospel of the Lord!

**☞ Praise to you, O Christ!**

## **CHILDREN'S SERMON**

### **SERMON**

#### **HYMN OF THE DAY**

*"Thy Word"*

*Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet  
and a light unto my path.*

*Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet  
and a light unto my path.*

*When I feel afraid,  
And think I've lost my way,  
still You're there right beside me.  
Nothing will I fear  
as long as You are near.*

*Please be near me to the end.*

*Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet  
and a light unto my path.*

*Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet  
and a light unto my path.*

*I will not forget  
Your love for me, and yet  
my heart forever is wandering.  
Jesus, be my guide  
and hold me to Your side;  
I will love You to the end.*

*Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet  
and a light unto my path.*

*Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet  
and a light unto my path.*

*And a light unto my path,  
You're the light unto my path.*

#### **APOSTLES' CREED**

*p. 105*

#### **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

*(Prayer response "Hear Our Prayer")*

#### **OFFERING/OFFERING SONG**

*"We Are an Offering"*

*#692*

## **CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS**

℣ Creator God, we gather as your children in need of forgiveness.

☩ **We have all sinned against you in thought, word, and deed.**

℣ For the times we have failed to put you first in our hearts,

☩ **God, forgive our lack of faith.**

℣ For the people we have failed to help because of our selfishness,

☩ **God, forgive our lack of concern.**

℣ Most merciful God, forgive our sins, and hear the prayers of our hearts.

*(pause for reflection)*

℣ God has heard our prayers and forgives our sin. We are no longer held captive by the chains of sin. We are free to fly like the eagle, released from the bonds of death. Jesus loves us! This is all we need to know, for we do not receive the keys to the community of God because of our great faith, or by our kind deeds. It is because Jesus died on the cross and rose victorious over death that we have become heirs to everlasting life. Praise God from whom all blessing flow!

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## **MEAL**

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**\*WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

*p. 108*

**\*LORD'S PRAYER**

*p. 154*

## **INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

℣ This is the table, not of the church, but of God. So come, you who have much faith and you who have little, you who have been here often and you who have not been for a long time, you who have tried to follow and you who have tried, but fallen short. Come, not because I invite you, but because God desires to meet you here.

## **COMMUNION**

- *Everyone is welcome at the Lord's Table.*
- *The trays contain individual glasses with purple wine or white grape juice. Receptacles for empty glasses are found at the far end of the front pews.*
- *A blessing is offered for those not communing.*
- *Gluten-free wafers are available – please ask your server.*

## **COMMUNION SONGS**

### *"Seek Ye First"*

*Seek ye first the kingdom of God,  
and His righteousness.*

*And all these things  
shall be added unto you,  
Allelu, alleluia.*

*Man shall not live by bread alone  
but by every word.*

*That proceeds  
from the mouth of God,  
Allelu, alleluia.*

*Ask and it shall be given unto you.*

*Seek and ye shall find,  
Knock and the door  
shall be opened unto you,  
Allelu, alleluia.  
Allelu, alleluia.*

### *"Shine On Us"*

*Lord, let Your light,  
light of Your face shine on us.*

*Lord, let Your light,  
Light, of Your face shine on us.*

*That we may be saved,  
that we may have life;  
To find our way in the darkest night,  
let Your light shine on us.  
Lord, let Your grace,*

*grace from Your hand fall on us.  
Lord, let Your grace,  
grace from Your hand fall on us.  
That we may be saved,  
that we may have life;  
To find our way in the darkest night,  
let Your grace fall on us.  
Lord, let Your love,  
love with no end come over us.  
Lord, let Your love,  
love with no end come over us.  
That we may be saved,  
that we may have life;  
To find our way in the darkest night,  
let Your love come over us,  
let Your light shine on us.*

**\*WORDS AFTER COMMUNION**

📖 May the body and blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ give us strength for today and hope for tomorrow.

🗣️ **Amen.**

**\*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

📖 Jesus Christ, host of this meal, you have given us not only this bread and cup, but your very self, that we may feast on your great love. Filled again by these signs of your grace, may we hunger for your reign of justice, may we thirst for your way of peace, for you are Lord forevermore.

🗣️ **Amen.**

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**SENDING**

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**\*BLESSING**

📖 May the Lord walk beside you to comfort you.  
May the Lord walk above you to watch over you.  
May the Lord walk before you to show you the way.  
In the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

🗣️ **Amen.**

**\*CLOSING SONG**

"*God of Grace and God of Glory*"

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**\*DISMISSAL**

📖 Go out into the world in peace, to love and serve the Lord!

🗨️ **We go, reaching out-sharing grace!**

**POSTLUDE**

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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**Offering For July 23, 2017**

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**Last Week's Attendance Figures**

9:00 - 121

**PRAYER CONCERNS:** *Inez Herbert, Marian Anderson, Esther Erickson, Pat Kent, Verna Smith, Frank Mook, Joyce Hall, and our congregation.*

**1<sup>st</sup> TIME GUESTS...** We hope you will find our congregation warm and friendly and that our worship together will be a blessing to you.

**NURSERY/CHILD CARE** is available during service. Please ask an Usher for directions.

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL...**We will be holding vacation bible school for preschool and school age children beginning July 9th through July 30<sup>th</sup> from 10:30 to 11:30am.

**OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY SURROUNDS** the family of Adeline Schulz. Adeline passed away on Sunday July 23<sup>rd</sup>. The family has chosen to have a private visitation and burial. Cards of sympathy may be sent in care of the family to 1012 West 1st Street, Pella IA 50219.

**NO FEAST IN AUGUST**-due to a calendar mix-up at Our Saviour's there will be no Feast in August.

**THANK YOU** for your commitment to the 2017-2018 Backpack Program. Because of your generosity we can continue our 10th year of support for this important outreach ministry. If you missed Linda and Daryl's temple talk and signup Sunday, it is not too late to volunteer. Please include name, phone # and email address on the appropriate clip board found on the south wall of the narthex. You and other volunteers will receive an email or call from Mary Porter before September 1st.

### **ASSISTING WITH WORSHIP TODAY**

**USHERS:** Marvin & Marlys Beuning

**GREETERS:** Pat Alber

**READER:** Samantha McBride

**COMMUNION ASST:** Samantha McBride, Pat Alber

**SLIDE PRESENTER:** Lois Muhlbach

**SOUND:** Harry Muhlbach

**PREACHER:** Rev. Adam White

**ASSISTING MINISTER:** Samantha McBride

**CHILDREN'S SERMON:** Rev. Adam White

Church Office hours M-F 8am to 4pm

**THIS WEEK AT ST. ANDREW'S LUTHERAN CHURCH**

<b>SUN</b>	<b>7/30</b>	9:00 a.m.	Worship
<b>MON</b>	<b>7/31</b>		
<b>TUES</b>	<b>8/1</b>	9:00 a.m.	Quilting
<b>WED</b>	<b>8/2</b>	7:00 p.m.	Praise Team
		7:00 p.m.	Outreach Meeting
<b>THUR</b>	<b>8/3</b>	1:00 p.m.	Pitch Club
		7:00 p.m.	Boy Scouts
<b>FRI</b>	<b>8/4</b>		
<b>SAT</b>	<b>8/5</b>		
<b>SUN</b>	<b>8/6</b>	9:00 a.m.	Worship

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