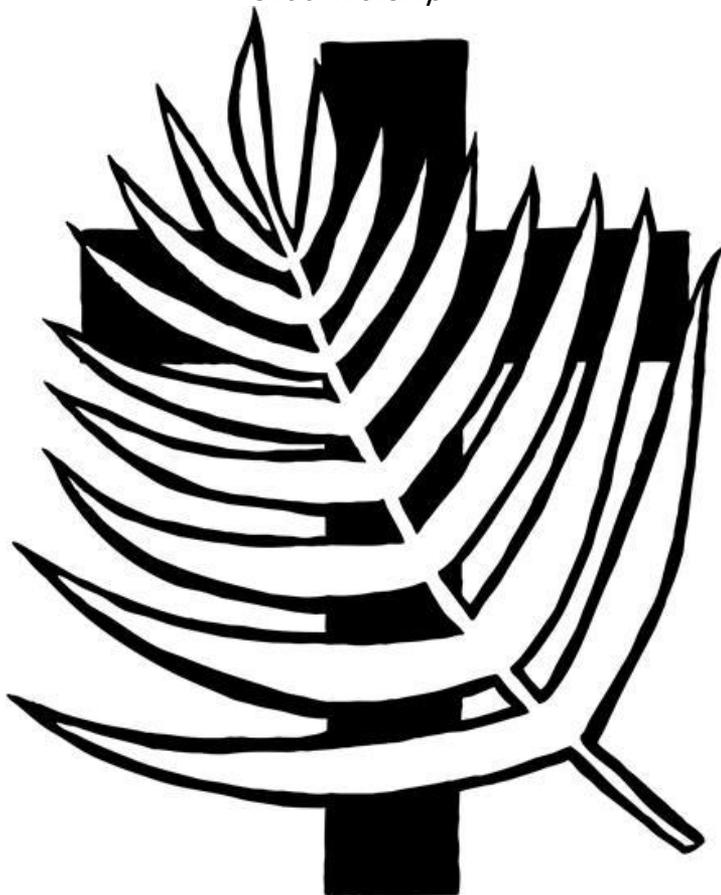


St. Andrew's Lutheran Church

Sunday, September 3, 2017

"13th Sunday after Pentecost"

9:00 Worship



Our Mission

REACHING OUT – SHARING GRACE

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GATHER

*Please stand as you are able.

PRELUDE

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

***OPENING SONG** *"Lift High the Cross"* #660

LITANY OF LABOR

℣ Let us pray to the Lord of all creation, from whom comes life and work and purpose. Almighty God, when you formed us lovingly out of the dust of the earth, you breathed into us the breath of life and gave us work and purpose for living.

☩ You placed Adam in the garden of Eden to till and keep it.

℣ Through our work, you made us co-creators with you, shaping the world in which we live.

☩ You gave dignity to our labor by sending your Son to labor with us.

℣ By our labor, you enrich the world.

☩ By our labor, we enjoy the fruits of creation.

℣ By our labor, we find direction and purpose.

☩ By our labor, our families are made secure.

℣ For providing varieties of work and for blessing us by our labor:

☩ We give you thanks, O Lord.

℣ For those who plow the field and those who make the plow; for farmers and farm workers, for steelworkers and machinists; for those who work with their hands and those who move the earth:

☩ We give you thanks, O Lord.

📖 For those who tend the sick and those who seek new cures; for doctors and nurses, for scientists and technicians; for those who keep notes and those who transcribe:

🙏 We give you thanks, O Lord.

📖 For those who think and those who create; for inventors and explorers, for artists and musicians; for those who write books and those who entertain:

🙏 We give you thanks, O Lord.

📖 For those who work in offices and those who work in warehouses; for secretaries and receptionists, for stockers and bookkeepers; for those who market products and for those who move them:

🙏 We give you thanks, O Lord.

📖 For those who inspire our minds and those who motivate us; for teachers and preachers, for public servants and religious servants; those who help the poor and those who work with our children:

🙏 We give you thanks, O Lord.

📖 For those whose labor is tidiness and cleanliness; for janitors and sanitary workers, for drycleaners and maids; for those who produce cleaning products and those who use them:

🙏 We give you thanks, O Lord.

📖 For those who sail the waves and those who fly the skies; for captains and attendants, for astronauts and deep sea divers; for those who chart and those who navigate:

🙏 We give you thanks, O Lord.

📖 You bless us all with skills and gifts for labor.

🙏 You provide us opportunities to use them, for the benefit of others as well as ourselves.

📖 Guard and protect those who labor in the world.

🙏 Bless the work of our hands, O Lord.

📖 Look kindly upon the unemployed and the disabled.

🙏 Give health to the sick, hope to the bereaved.

📖 Keep us from laboring only for greed.

🙏 Make us loving and responsible in all that we do.

℣ Creator Lord, you are the source of all wisdom and purpose, you are the blessing of those who labor. Be with us in our labor to guide and govern our world. Give all men and women work that enhances human dignity and bonds us to one another. Give us pride in our work, a fair return for our labor, and joy in knowing that our work finds its source in you; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

☩ **Amen.**

***GREETING**

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

☩ **And also with you.**

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

℣ O God,

☩ **we thank you for your Son, who chose the path of suffering for the sake of the world. Humble us by his example, point us to the path of obedience, and give us strength to follow your commands, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

***PEACE**

℣ The peace of Christ be with you always.

☩ **And also with you.**

All are encouraged to share a greeting of peace.

PRAISING GOD THROUGH SONG

"Day After Day"

WORD

READING

Romans 12:9-21

⁹Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; ¹⁰love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. ¹¹Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. ¹²Rejoice in hope, be patient in

suffering, persevere in prayer. ¹³Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers. ¹⁴Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. ¹⁵Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. ¹⁶Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. ¹⁷Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. ¹⁸If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. ¹⁹Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord." ²⁰No, "if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads." ²¹Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

℣ Word of God, word of life.

☩ **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM

Psalm 26:1-8

℣ Give judgment for me, O LORD, for I have lived with integrity; I have trusted in the LORD and have not faltered.

☩ **Test me, O LORD, and try me; examine my heart and my mind.**

℣ For your steadfast love is before my eyes; I have walked faithfully with you.

☩ **I have not sat with the worthless, nor do I consort with the deceitful.**

℣ I have hated the company of evildoers; I will not sit down with the wicked.

☩ **I will wash my hands in innocence, O LORD, that I may go in procession round your altar,**

℣ singing aloud a song of thanksgiving and recounting all your wonderful deeds.

☩ **LORD, I love the house in which you dwell and the place where your glory abides.**

***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

*Alleluia, alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?
You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia!*

GOSPEL

Matthew 16:21-28

²¹From that time on, [after Peter confessed that Jesus was the Messiah,] Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. ²²And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, "God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you." ²³But he turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things." ²⁴Then Jesus told his disciples, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ²⁵For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. ²⁶For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life? ²⁷For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. ²⁸Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom."

℣ The Gospel of the Lord!

☩ **Praise to you, O Christ!**

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY *"For the Beauty of the Earth"* #879

APOSTLES' CREED

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PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

(Prayer response "Hear Our Prayer")

OFFERING/OFFERING SONG

"My Heart Is Yours"

I give you my life, I give You my trust, Jesus.

And You are my God, And You are enough, Jesus.

Jesus. My heart is Yours, my heart is Yours.

Take it all, take it all, my life in Your hands.

My heart is Yours, my heart is Yours.

Take it all, take it all, my life in Your hands.

I lay down my life, I take up my cross, Jesus.

For You are my God whatever the cost, Jesus.

Oh, Jesus.

My heart is Yours, my heart is Yours.

Take it all, take it all, my life in Your hands.

My heart is Yours, my heart is Yours.

Take it all, take it all, my life in Your hands.

Take it all, take it all, my life in Your hands.

And all to Jesus I surrender.

All to You I freely give.

Oh, I will ever love and trust You.

In Your presence I will live.

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All to You I freely give.

Oh, I will ever love and trust You.

And in Your presence I will live.

My heart is Yours, my heart is Yours.

Take it all, take it all, my life in Your hands.

My heart is Yours, my heart is Yours.

Take it all, take it all, my life in Your hands.

My heart is Yours, my heart is Yours.

Take it all, take it all, my life in Your hands.

Take it all, take it all, my life in Your hands.

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

☞ Blessed be the ☩ holy Trinity, the one who fashions us, the one who heals us, the one who reforms us again and again.

☞ **Amen.**

☞ Let us confess our sin, calling for God's transforming power.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

☞ Source of all life,

☞ we confess that we have not allowed your grace to set us free. We fear that we are not good enough. We hear your word of love freely given to us, yet we expect others to earn it. We turn the church inward, rather than moving it outward. Forgive us. Stir us. Reform us to be a church powered by love, willing to speak for what is right, act for what is just, and seek the healing of your whole creation. Amen.

☞ God hears our cry and sends the Spirit to change us and to empower our lives in the world. Our sins are forgiven,

☩ God's love is unconditional, and we are raised up as God's people who will always be made new, in the name of Jesus Christ.

☞ **Amen.**

MEAL

***WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

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***LORD'S PRAYER**

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INVITATION TO COMMUNION

☞ This is the table, not of the church, but of God. So come, you who have great faith and you who wish you had more. Come, you who have been here often and you who have not been for a long time. Come, you who have tried to follow and you who have 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.*

LAMB OF GOD



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world. have
Lamb of God, you break the chains of ha-tred and fear: have
Lamb of God, you are the way of jus-tice and peace: have
Lamb of God, you are the way of mer-cy and love. Have



mer-cy on us, mer-cy on us, mer-cy on us.
mer-cy on us, mer-cy on us, mer-cy on us.
mer-cy on us, mer-cy on us, mer-cy on us.
mer-cy on us, mer-cy on us, mer-cy on us.

Final Stanza



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world:



grant us peace, grant us peace, grant us peace.

COMMUNION SONGS

"Blest Be the Tie That Binds"

#656

"Cannons"

It's falling from the clouds, a strange and lovely sound.

I hear it in the thunder and the rain.

It's ringing in the skies like cannons in the night;

The music of the universe plays.

We're singing: You are holy, great and mighty.

The moon and the stars declare who You are.

I'm so unworthy, but still You love me.

Forever my heart will sing of how great You are.

*Beautiful and free, the song of galaxies,
reaching far beyond the Milky Way.
Let's join in with the sound,
come on, let's sing it out
as the music of the universe plays.
We're singing: You are holy, great and mighty.
The moon and the stars declare who You are.
I'm so unworthy, but still You love me.
Forever my heart will sing of You.
All glory, honor, power is Yours, amen.
All glory, honor, power is Yours, amen.
All glory, honor, power is Yours forever, amen.
You are holy, great and mighty.
The moon and the stars declare who You are.
I'm so unworthy, but still You love me.
Forever my heart will sing of You.
You are holy, great and mighty.
The moon and the stars declare who You are.
I'm so unworthy, but still You love me.
Forever my heart will sing of how great You are.*

***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**

📖 Holy and compassionate God, in bread and wine you give us gifts that form us to be humble and courageous. May your words come to life in our serving and in our witness, that we might speak a living voice of healing and justice to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our rock and our redeemer.

🗣️ **Amen.**

SENDING

*BLESSING

☒ God, creator of all things, speaking reformation into being; Jesus Christ, savior of the world, raising the dead; Holy Spirit, living voice, calling and enlightening the church: Almighty God, Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

☒ Amen.

*CLOSING SONG

"I Will Boast"

*Let not the wise man boast in his wisdom
or the strong man boast in his strength;
Let not the rich man boast in his riches
but let the humble come and give thanks
to the One Who made us, the One Who saved us.
I will boast in the Lord, my God;
I will boast in the One Who's worthy;
I will boast in the Lord, my God;
I will boast in the One Who's worthy;
He's worthy.*

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I will boast in the Lord, my God;
I will boast in the One Who's worthy;
He's worthy.*

*I will make my boast in Christ alone;
I will boast in the Lord, my God;
I will boast in the One Who's worthy;
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I will boast in the One Who's worthy;
I will boast in the Lord, my God;
I will boast in the One Who's worthy;
He's worthy; He's worthy.*

***DISMISSAL**

℣ When Jesus calls us to come and follow him, he calls us to come and die.

☩ **May we have courage to resist systems of injustice, strength to reject structures of oppression, and wisdom to unmask powers of evil.**

℣ May we learn to live as faith-full disciples whose lives belong to the Lord.

☩ **Let us go now from this time of worship, Reaching Out—Sharing Grace! Thanks be to God!**

POSTLUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Offering For August 27, 2017

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Last Week's Attendance Figures

9:00 - 123

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

1st 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.

WORSHIP SURVEYS... Today, September 3rd is the final day to cast your vote for worship services. Do you prefer 9am blended? 8:30am traditional? Or 10:45 contemporary? To be sure your opinion is heard, please complete your survey.

WEDS NITE DINNERS AND CHOIR/CONFIRMATION SCHEDULE will be resuming on Sept 13, mark your calendars!

RALLY SUNDAY is September 17!

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDIES will meet Sept. 11th at 7 p.m.; Sept 13th at 1:30 p.m. and Sept. 14th at 9:30 a.m. The Apostle's Creed is the topic for the next three months. September will focus on "I Believe in God." Materials are provided.

COME ONE! COME ALL! To the 2nd Annual BBQ Cook-off & Picnic on Sept. 17! Contestants for the BBQ Cook-off will be given \$50 reimbursement for the meat they cook and a free potholder. A signup sheet is at the Connection Center. The picnic will begin at 6 p.m. There will be entertainment for the kids. Fried chicken, beverages and homemade ice cream will be provided. Please bring a side dish or two to share. See you all there!

SABBATICAL CONVERSATION...Pastor Kim and the Sabbatical team will be holding a Sabbatical Conversation on Sunday, September 24th in the Atrium. The purpose will be to reflect on both the Pastor's and the congregation's learning experiences from the summer. Please join us!

MEADOWLANE APPRECIATION DINNER...The Meadowlane teachers and staff appreciation dinner will be held October 3rd at 5:30pm. Many teachers and staff have already RSVP'ed and are excited to attend.

SEPTEMBER M.O.M...God's Work-Our Hands. We will be assembling hygiene kits for the Mental Health Association of NE. The goal is to assemble 125 kits. Along with a note of encouragement, we are hoping to include a pack of gently-used playing cards in each kit, so please check your junk drawers! Assembly event is September 10th and lunch will be provided. Sign up in the Narthex to provide an accurate lunch count.

BLOOD DRIVE...American Lutheran is having a blood drive on Sunday, September 17 from 9:30am-3:30pm. Contact (402) 466-6488 or go to www.redcrossblood.org to schedule an appointment.

ASSISTING WITH WORSHIP

GREETERS: Council Members

USHERS: Council Members

READER: Council Members

COMMUNION ASST: Council Members

SLIDE PRESENTER: Bryce McBride

SOUND: Geoff Weller

Church Office hours M-F 8am to 4pm

THIS WEEK AT ST. ANDREW'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

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SUN	9/3	9:00 a.m.	Worship
MON	9/4	LABOR DAY-OFFICE CLOSED	
		9:30 a.m.	Salt Breakfast
TUES	9/5	9:00 a.m.	Quilting
		6:30 p.m.	Cub Scouts
WED	9/6	7:00 p.m.	Outreach Meeting
		7:00 p.m.	Praise Team
THUR	9/7	1:00 p.m.	Pitch Club
		7:00 p.m.	Boy Scouts
FRI	9/8	6:30 p.m.	Scouts
SAT	9/9		
SUN	9/10	9:00 a.m.	Worship
		10:00 a.m.	God's Work-Our Hands
		11:30 p.m.	The FEAST

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