

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

August 16, 2026

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In Isaiah we hear that God's house shall be a house of prayer for all people and that God will gather the outcasts of Israel.

The Canaanite woman in today's gospel is a Gentile, an outsider, who is unflinching in her request that Jesus heal her daughter. As Jesus commends her bold faith, how might our church extend its mission to those on the margins of society? In our gathering around word and meal we receive strength to be signs of comfort, healing, and justice for those in need.



**St. Andrew's
Lutheran Church**

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A congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

Welcome to worship! Whether you are here for the first time or have been a life-long member, we pray that you experience God's presence in worship.

All God's Children are Welcome! If you have children, know that all of you are welcome in worship. Little people sounds tell us that everyone is here. If your little one becomes fussy, feel free to step out for a moment. Families may want to sit near the pray ground in the front left side of the Worship space. There are speakers in the gathering space.

Pastoral Concerns occasionally come up. In cases of severe illness, hospitalization, death, birth of a child, marriages, joys and sadness, many people would like a pastor to visit with them. Please be sure to contact the office to let us know of your desire.

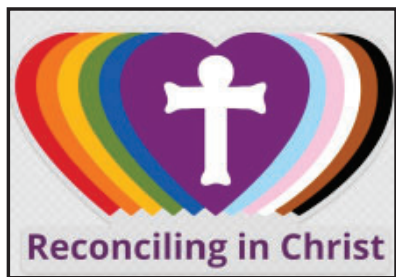
Offering is received as a response to God's grace and blessing, and as an expression of our faith. Jesus tells us, "For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also." (Matthew 6:21)

Holy Communion is celebrated at nearly every service. Admission to the Sacrament is by invitation of the Lord, presented through the Church to those who are baptized. All are welcome.

Interested in growing in faith? If you have questions about what it means to enter into partnership in our shared ministry feel free to contact Pastor David.

Announcements: The announcements begin on page 19, following the worship service.

Saint Andrew's Lutheran Church Welcome Statement



At St. Andrew's Lutheran Church (ELCA), we hold space for you—the full you—including your race, age, ethnic background, personality, experiences, gender identity, sexual orientations, gender expressions, and mental, spiritual, and physical needs. Here, you are invited to worship, pray, play, be baptized, get married, and celebrate Holy Communion.

Together, we strive to eliminate human-caused barriers to a holy relationship with Jesus Christ and with one another. We hear the call to love our neighbor as a commitment to antiracism and welcome for our LGBTQIA+ siblings. We pledge to work intentionally to further justice and inclusion. We strive to glorify God in the ways we care for each other, our communities, and our planet. Recognizing that we are all siblings in Christ, we celebrate, affirm, and welcome individuals and families in all their beautiful and varied compositions. As a church that holds space just for you, we are better for having you and your unique voice here!

Come just as you are!

Welcome to St. Andrew's Lutheran Church

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✠ GATHERING ✠

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

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION TO THE DAY

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God,
whose compassion endures forever.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin to God.

Compassionate God,

we confess to you all our sins.

Our burden is heavy, and we cannot free ourselves.

In your mercy, call us back to you.

Your yoke is easy and your burden is light.

Restore us to dwell in your peace.

In Christ's name we pray,

Amen.

Jesus says, "Come to me,
all you who are weary
and are carrying heavy burdens,
and I will give you rest."

In the name of God,
Father, ✠ Son, and Holy Spirit,
your sins are forgiven.

Rest in God's love.

Amen.

- 1 Let us build a house where love can dwell
and all can safely live,
a place where saints and children tell
how hearts learn to forgive.
Built of hopes and dreams and visions,
rock of faith and vault of grace;
here the love of Christ shall end divisions:

Refrain

All are welcome, all are welcome,
all are welcome in this place.

- 2 Let us build a house where prophets speak,
and words are strong and true,
where all God's children dare to seek
to dream God's reign anew.
Here the cross shall stand as witness
and as symbol of God's grace;
here as one we claim the faith of Jesus: *Refrain*

- 3 Let us build a house where love is found
in water, wine and wheat:
a banquet hall on holy ground
where peace and justice meet.
Here the love of God, through Jesus,
is revealed in time and space;
as we share in Christ the feast that frees us: *Refrain*

- 4 Let us build a house where hands will reach
beyond the wood and stone
to heal and strengthen, serve and teach,
and live the Word they've known.
Here the outcast and the stranger
bear the image of God's face;
let us bring an end to fear and danger: *Refrain*

- 5 Let us build a house where all are named,
their songs and visions heard
and loved and treasured, taught and claimed
as words within the Word.
Built of tears and cries and laughter,
prayers of faith and songs of grace,
let this house proclaim from floor to rafter: *Refrain*

GREETING

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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.

CANTICLE OF PRAISE

You Are Holy

ELW 525

Sung twice; First time unison; second time as a round

You are holy, you are whole.
You are always ever more
than we ever understand.
You are always at hand.
Blessed are you coming near.
Blessed are you coming here
to your church in wine and bread,
raised from soil, raised from dead.

You are holy,
you are wholeness,
you are present.
Let the cosmos praise you, Lord!
Sing hosanna in the highest!
Sing hosanna!
Sing hosanna to our God!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

ELW p.150

Let us pray.

God of all peoples, your arms reach out to embrace all those who call upon you. Teach us as disciples of your Son to love the world with compassion and constancy, that your name may be known throughout the earth, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

CHILDRENS TIME

✠ **WORD** ✠

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

FIRST READING

Isaiah 56:1, 6-8

A reading from Isaiah.

¹ Thus says the LORD:

Maintain justice, and do what is right,
for soon my salvation will come
and my deliverance be revealed.

⁶ And the foreigners who join themselves to the LORD,
to minister to him, to love the name of the LORD,
and to be his servants,
all who keep the Sabbath and do not profane it
and hold fast my covenant—

⁷ these I will bring to my holy mountain
and make them joyful in my house of prayer;
their burnt offerings and their sacrifices
will be accepted on my altar,
for my house shall be called a house of prayer
for all peoples.

⁸ Thus says the Lord GOD,
who gathers the outcasts of Israel:
I will gather others to them
besides those already gathered.

Word of God, word of life.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Psalm 67

- ¹ May God be merciful to us and bless us;
may the light of God's face shine upon us.
- ² **Let your way be known upon earth,
your saving health among all nations.**
- ³ Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.
- ⁴ **Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,
for you judge the peoples with equity and guide all the nations on earth.**
- ⁵ Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.
- ⁶ **The earth has brought forth its increase;
God, our own God, has blessed us.**
- ⁷ May God give us blessing,
and may all the ends of the earth stand in awe.

SECOND READING

Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32

A reading from Romans.

[Paul writes:] ¹ I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. ^{2a} God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew.

²⁹ For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. ³⁰ Just as you were once disobedient to God but have now received mercy because of their disobedience, ³¹ so also they have now been disobedient in order that, by the mercy shown to you, they also may now receive mercy. ³² For God has imprisoned all in disobedience so that he may be merciful to all.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

ELW p.151

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

GOSPEL

Matthew 15:10-28

The holy gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

[¹⁰ [Jesus] called the crowd to him and said to them, "Listen and understand:¹¹ it is not what goes into the mouth that defiles a person, but it is what comes out of the mouth that defiles." ¹² Then the disciples approached and said to him, "Do you know that the Pharisees took offense when they heard what you said?" ¹³ He answered, "Every plant that my heavenly Father has not planted will be uprooted. ¹⁴ Let them alone; they are blind guides of the blind. And if one blind person guides another, both will fall into a pit." ¹⁵ But Peter said to him, "Explain this parable to us." ¹⁶ Then he said, "Are you also still without understanding? ¹⁷ Do you not see that whatever goes into the mouth enters the stomach and goes out into the sewer? ¹⁸ But what comes out of the mouth proceeds from the heart, and this is what defiles. ¹⁹ For out of the heart come evil intentions, murder, adultery, sexual immorality, theft, false witness, slander. ²⁰ These are what defile a person, but to eat with unwashed hands does not defile."]

²¹ Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. ²² Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, "Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon." ²³ But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, "Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us." ²⁴ He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." ²⁵ But she came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me." ²⁶ He answered, "It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." ²⁷ She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." ²⁸ Then Jesus answered her, "Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." And her daughter was healed from that moment.

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

ELW 587

- 1 There's a wideness in God's mercy,
like the wideness of the sea;
there's a kindness in God's justice
which is more than liberty.
There is no place where earth's sorrows
are more felt than up in heav'n.
There is no place where earth's failings
have such kindly judgment giv'n.

- 2 There is welcome for the sinner,
and a promised grace made good;
there is mercy with the Savior;
there is healing in his blood.
There is grace enough for thousands
of new worlds as great as this;
there is room for fresh creations
in that upper home of bliss.
- 3 For the love of God is broader
than the measures of our mind;
and the heart of the Eternal
is most wonderfully kind.
But we make this love too narrow
by false limits of our own;
and we magnify its strictness
with a zeal God will not own.
- 4 'Tis not all we owe to Jesus;
it is something more than all:
greater good because of evil,
larger mercy through the fall.
Make our love, O God, more faithful;
let us take you at your word,
and our lives will be thanksgiving
for the goodness of the Lord.

Apostles' CREED

ELW p.104

Having heard of God's steadfast love, let us commit ourselves to that relationship of love using the words of 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

With bold trust in God's unfailing provision, we pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

Each petition concludes:

Merciful God,
receive our prayer...

The final petition concludes:

...All this we ask in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

SHARING THE PEACE

ELW p.152

We open Zoom microphones to speak Peace to one another.

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

✝ MEAL ✝

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

OFFERING

We respond to God's grace with offerings that represent giving our whole selves to Jesus. Consider making offerings by any of these means.

- **Offering Basket:** Place your offering in the basket as you enter or leave worship;
- **Mail:** send offerings to Saint Andrew's Lutheran Church weekly or monthly;
- **Online:** visit the SaintAndrewsLutheran.org website and click the Donate Now button;
- **Bill pay:** use the convenience of the bill pay feature through your financial institution.
- **Give by Text:** Use a smart phone to text the contribution amount to 844-989-4094. Return text will provide a link for recording credit/debit card information and your contact information.

MUSICAL OFFERING

Oceans (Where Feet May Fail)

Hillsong UNITED

- 1 You call me out upon the waters
The great unknown where feet may fail
And there I find You in the mystery
In oceans deep my faith will stand

Chorus 1

And I will call upon Your name
And keep my eyes above the waves
When oceans rise
My soul will rest in Your embrace
For I am Yours and You are mine

Interlude

- 2 Your grace abounds in deepest waters
Your sov'reign hand will be my guide
Where feet may fail and fear surrounds me
You've never failed and You won't start now

Chorus 1

And I will call upon Your name
And keep my eyes above the waves
When oceans rise
My soul will rest in Your embrace
For I am Yours and You are mine

Interlude

Bridge x2

Spirit lead me where my trust is without borders
Let me walk upon the waters
Wherever You would call me
Take me deeper than my feet could ever wander
And my faith will be made stronger
In the presence of my Saviour

Interlude

Chorus 2

I will call upon Your name
Keep my eyes above the waves
My soul will rest in Your embrace
For I am Yours and You are mine

OFFERING PRAYER

Loving God,
we offer at your table the gifts of our hearts.
Help us take heart in you and share freely of your love,
so that all creation can taste your abundance.
We ask this in the name of Jesus,
through the Spirit abiding with us now and forever.
Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

DIALOGUE

ELW p.152

The Lord be with you.

And also 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.

PREFACE

ELW p.153

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:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Holy, Holy, Holy

ELW p.153

Holy, holy, holy Lord,

Lord God of pow'r and might:

Heav'n and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

ELW p.153

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.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

ELW p.154

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

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

Heaven has come near.

Come, share in the feast!

HOLY COMMUNION AT SAINT ANDREW'S

- *At the table of our Lord Jesus Christ, God nourishes faith, forgives sin, and calls us to be witnesses to the Gospel. In this sacrament the crucified and risen Christ is present, giving his true body and blood as food and drink. This real presence is a mystery. Admission to the Sacrament is by invitation of the Lord, presented through the Church to those who are baptized. This Table of the Lord is open to all the baptized.*
- *Grape juice is available in the center ring of glasses. Gluten-free wafers are available: Please speak to those serving the bread when you come to the rail.*
- *Please follow the guidance of the Worship Hosts, going forward on one side of your section and returning to your seat on the other side.*

COMMUNION

ELW p.154

The body of Christ, given for you.

The blood of Christ, shed for you.

Amen.

TABLE BLESSING

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ make you strong to do God's will and keep you in grace.

Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Compassionate God,
through the gifts of bread and wine
our hearts are filled with the abundance of your love.
Strengthen us that we, through this holy meal,
may share your love freely, as you have shared with us.
We ask this in the name of Jesus,
through the Spirit nourishing us now and forever.

Amen.

✠ SENDING ✠

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

OUR COMMUNITY OF FAITH

ELW p.155

BLESSING

Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer,
✠ one God,
bless, heal, and hold you
today and always.

Amen.

SENDING SONG

My Faith Looks Up to Thee

ELW 759

- 1 My faith looks up to thee,
thou Lamb of Calvary,
Savior divine!
Now hear me while I pray,
take all my guilt away,
oh, let me from this day
be wholly thine!
- 2 May thy rich grace impart
strength to my fainting heart,
my zeal inspire;
as thou hast died for me,
oh, may my love to thee
pure, warm, and changeless be,
a living fire!

- 3 While life's dark maze I tread
and griefs around me spread,
be thou my guide;
bid darkness turn to day,
wipe sorrow's tears away,
nor let me ever stray
from thee aside.
- 4 When ends life's transient dream,
when death's cold, sullen stream
shall o'er me roll;
blest Savior, then, in love
fear and distrust remove;
oh, bear me safe above,
a ransomed soul!

DISMISSAL

Heaven has come near. Go, share the good news!

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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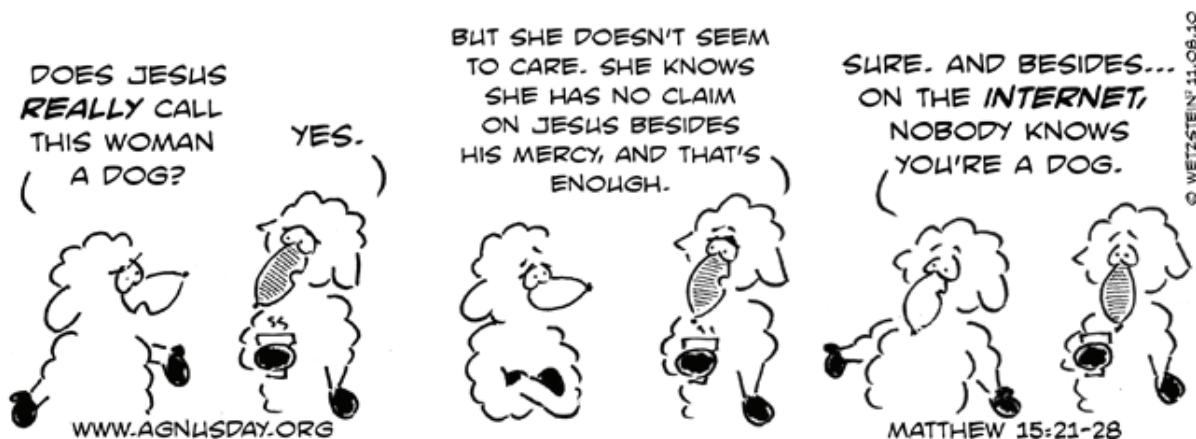
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TODAY'S MINISTERS FOR WORSHIP		
August 16, 2026		
Presiding Minister:	Pr. David Frerichs	
Minister for Music:	Megan Lyon	
Organist:	Sheryl Mehrhoff	
	8:30 AM	11:00 AM
Building Opener:	Paul Romine	
Greeter:	TBD	Gage & Tara Alstatt
Worship Host:	Linda Romine	Debbie Hedlund
Worship Host:	Paul Romine	TBD
Assisting Minister (Read):	TBD	Brad Lockenvitz
Assisting Minister (Pray):	TBD	Larry Leip
Acolyte:	TBD	TBD
Communion Preparer:	Merri Wente-Chapman	TBD
Communion Cleanup:		TBD
Visual Projectionist:	Merri Wente-Chapman	Michael Volz
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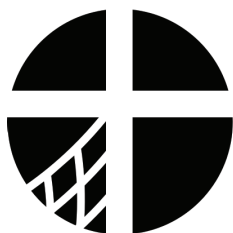
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FINANCIAL SUMMARY

Contributions and expenses through June 30, 2026.

	July	YTD
Offerings	\$27,358	\$256,574
Expenses	\$34,606	\$255,562
Over/(under) expenses	(7,248)	\$1,012
Nonbudget Special Offerings	\$60	\$8,443



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Friends of Palestinian Detainees: There are still thousands of Palestinians, including those for whom we have been praying each Sunday and hundreds of medical workers, being held without charge or trial in inhumane conditions in Israeli prisons. You are invited to learn more and to participate in a letter writing campaign in the narthex after each service on August 16th.

Greeter Training: You are invited to attend a training session that will explore the way we welcome others and extend hospitality but also how to do it more intentionally and effectively. All individuals who have volunteered to be worship greeters are invited but also any and all members of the St. Andrew's community are welcomed as well. Creating a community that is truly welcoming, where people (both visitors and members) experience hospitality takes all of us. The sessions will be led by Susan Candea and offered on: Sunday, August 16 at 9: 40 a.m. and again on Tuesday, August 25 at 7:00 p.m. Both sessions will be held in the conference room. For more questions, please contact Susan at susan.candea@gmail.com

Women in the Word: Women's Bible Study will have an adjusted schedule this summer and will meet this summer on the third Wednesday of June, July, and August at 10:00 in the conference room. You can participate in person or via zoom at our next meeting on Wednesday, August 19th. Ann Green will lead a study on Joshua. If you have any questions contact [Ann Green](#).

Worship on the Lawn: Bring a lawn chair or blanket. Join in worship at 8:30 on Sunday, August 23 on the south lawn. Use a smart device to download the bulletin and join in praising God at Saint Andrew's. Want to help with Summer Fellowship after Worship on the Lawn ? Sign up to bring treats to the final Summer Coffee of 2026. The August 23 theme is Cool desserts. To sign up use the paper list in the Narthex, the [flocknote signup](#), the QR code or email Jamie at office@saintandrewslutheran.org or Shari Freyermuth at freyermuthsk@gmail.com.

Blessing of Students and Backpacks: For this Faith Milestone we invite Students of any age to bring their backpack on Sunday, August 23, at either worship service, to receive a blessing and a gift to remind them that wherever they are, Jesus accompanies them. This milestone repeats from year to year as an ever present invitation to walk in faith as students learn, meet challenges, and build relationships.

Loaves and Fishes: Our next opportunity to feed those in our community who are in need will be August 23. Meals are distributed at 1509 Ashley Street from 3:30 to 6:30 p.m. (look for a yellow structure off the Business Loop, behind the power plant). Contact Susan Goldammer or Jenine Loesing if you are interested in baking, cooking, or serving meals. Don't forget we can always use your home grown produce! Cucumbers, Zuccinis, Tomatoes, Peppers all can be used. Just bring it to the church so that it can be added to the dishes our cooks prepare. We are thankful for the congregation's support.

Package Food at the Food Bank: Help package food at the Food Bank on Saturday September 12 from 8:30–11:00 am. Close toed shoes and covered hair is a requirement.

NOTICE OF SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2026, 9:30 a.m. (at conclusion of 8:30 a.m. service)

The Church Council has established the date and time for a special congregational meeting. The purpose of the meeting is to approve changes to the Constitution of St. Andrew's Lutheran Church, in order to bring it into compliance with ELCA and Central States Synod requirements. The meeting will be held on Sunday, September 13, and will begin at 9:30 a.m. (or immediately following the conclusion of the 8:30 a.m. service). You may participate in person or via Zoom. At the following link, you will find a "redlined" copy of the proposed amendments to the SALC Constitution for your review or you can click on the attachment below.

<https://saintandrewslutheran.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/07/Constitution-Proposal-Final-St.-As-Proposal-w-CSS-Approval-C5.05-26.07.10.pdf>

Please note that Sunday, September 13 is also "God's Work. Our hands." Sunday! Come to the meeting, and then stay after for some baked treats and help with one of the many "God's Work. Our hands." projects that will be going on in our building that morning! Thank you!

Wilson Freyermuth
President, SALC Congregational Council

God's Work. Our Hands t-shirts: It's almost time for God's Work. Our hands. A time when Saint Andrew's Lutheran Church celebrates God by doing community service. The first step is to make sure you have a GWOH t-shirt. If you don't have a t-shirt, please use the signup in the Narthex to purchase one. If you have one already that you have outgrown, check out the Narthex display table and swap or trade if one is available.

God's Work. Our Hands Sunday: Saint Andrew's will be hosting community service activities between the services on September 13th for BIG hands and small! We're going to write and making cards for veterans, making pillowcases for MU Women and Children's Hospital as well as packaging Health Kits. We could use funds or supply donations for the Health Kits. Items needed include Adult sized toothbrushes in original packaging, combs, nail clippers, soap and show strings. Please join in on September 13th and don't forget to wear your GWOH T-shirt.

Casserole Roundup for Coyote Hills: We're trying something new for God's Work. Our hands. this year. We're making freezer meals for Foster Families. If you have a child friendly recipe then please take one or more of the disposable pans in the Narthex, sign up for your delivery date and return it ready to freeze with the recipe. Drop off dates include both Sunday, September 13 and Sunday, September 27.

Prayers for August 16, 2026

We add to our prayers this week:

For Phyllis Glasker who is hospitalized after a stroke this week.

We continue to offer prayers of hope and healing for:

Jennifer Vining	Melissa Stormont	Mo Champion-Garthe
Paul Christensen	Michael Butterworth	Arlene Cunningham
Brady Thomas	Michelle Knipp	Candi Glancy
Ji Bu	Dale Whitman	Patric
Jerry	Cathy	Joanne Boomer

We pray for those in the military:

Eric Childers, Matthew Lee, and those serving throughout the world.

We pray for those with other kinds of needs:

For those affected by wild fires in Canada, France, Spain, Oregon and every continent, and earthquakes in Mexico, Central America, Columbia and Japan.

For all who live in times of war and conflict, particularly in the United States, Israel, Iran and all middle eastern Countries, Palestine, Ukraine, Sudan and Congo; we pray in particular for these Palestinian detainees: Shadi Khoury, and Hadeel Shatara.

Those who are incarcerated with whom we minister: Brooke, Madison, Sunkia, Kerry, Jacquelynn, Andrea, Abby, Alexis, Destiny, Deangel, Shelby, Mama K, Kelsey, Kaylie, Ashley, Jana, Tiffany.

We pray for our partners in ministry in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA), the Central States Synod, and in particular these ministries: The campus ministries of this synod including Bethany College Campus Ministry, Lindsborg, KS; Ekklesia Campus Ministry, Springfield, MO; Episcopal Lutheran Campus Ministry, Columbia, MO; LuMin St. Louis, St. Louis, MO; Lutheran Campus Ministry at KSU; Manhattan, KS; Lutheran Campus Ministry at SE MO State University, Cape Girardeau, MO; Us 4 U, Fort Hays State University, Hays, KS; and Westwood House at KU, Lawrence, KS.

Background on Palestinian detainees for whom we pray:

We pray for Hadeel Shatara, our FOSNA Palestinian partner, an advancement officer at Birzeit University near Ramallah. She is a fierce advocate of Palestinians and has been detained in the past for speaking out. She asks us to pray for peace for her homeland. We pray for Shadi Khoury, a Palestinian boy who was recently sentenced to 2 years and 8 months in prison, and a fine of \$4000.

THIS WEEK AT ST. ANDREW'S

Sunday, August 16 Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

- 8:30 am Worship (IP)
- 9:45 am Greeter Evangelism Training (IP)
- 9:45 am Friends of Palestinian Detainees Letter Writing Campaign (IP)
- 11:00 am Worship (IP&Z)
- 12:15 pm Friends of Palestinian Detainees Letter Writing Campaign (IP)

Monday, August 17

- 1:15 pm Contemplative Prayer for Peace (IP)

Tuesday, August 18

No Events

Wednesday, August 19

- 8:00 am Men's Bible Study (Z)
- 6:15 pm Wednesday Worship (IP)

Thursday, August 20

- 11:00 am Council Meeting (IP&Z)

Friday, August 21 – Office Closed

No Events

Saturday, August 22 – Office Closed

No Events

Sunday, August 23 Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Blessing of Students and Backpacks

- 8:30 am Worship on the Lawn (IP)
- 9:45 am Summer Coffee (IP)
- 11:00 am Worship (IP&Z)
- 3:30 pm Loaves and Fishes Distribution (IP)

Reading for Next Wednesday August 19, 2026

Matthew 8:1-13

Readings for Next Sunday August 23, 2026 Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Isaiah 51:1-6

Psalms 138

Romans 12:1-8

Matthew 16:13-20

*Key: **IP**—In Person; **Z**—Zoom; **IP&Z**—In Person and Zoom

Online Resources

Find St. Andrew's Lutheran Church at SaintAndrewsLutheran.org.

Links to all online services and meetings are posted on our website.

SaintAndrewsLutheran.org/online-events

Links to all worship bulletins are at SaintAndrewsLutheran.org/worship.

Go to StAndrewsLutheran.flocknote.com or text StAndy to 84576 to get church email and text communications.

Miss the live stream of worship? If you want to hear the sermon from Sunday worship, there is now a podcast available at SaintAndrewsLutheranChurch.podbean.com.