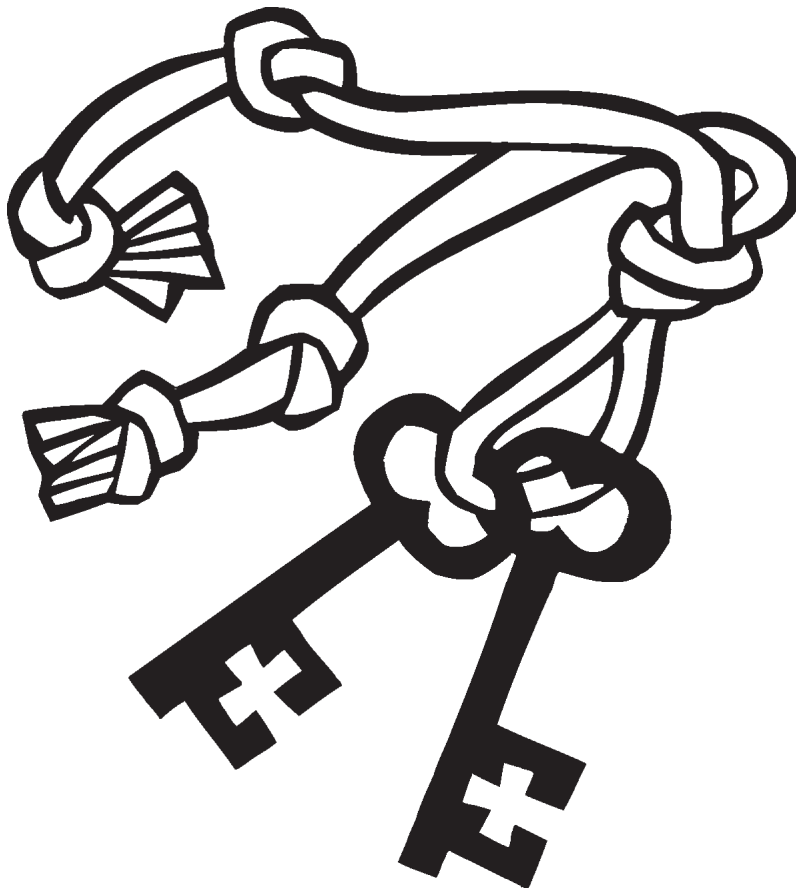


Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

August 23, 2026

Setting 4, p.147



In Isaiah the people are advised to look to their spiritual ancestors as the rock from which they were hewn. Jesus declares that the church will be built on the rock of Peter's bold confession of faith. God's word of reconciliation and God's mercy are keys to the church's mission. Paul urges us to not be conformed to this world but to offer our bodies as a living sacrifice, using our individual gifts to build up the body of Christ. From the table we go forth to offer our spiritual worship through word and deed.



**St. Andrew's
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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.

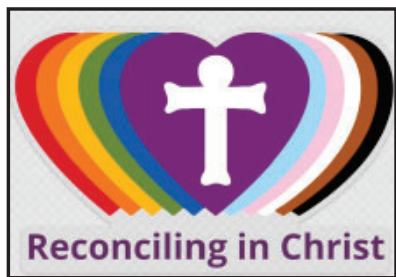
Offering is received as a response to God's grace and blessing, and as an expression of our faith. Jesus tells us, "For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also." (Matthew 6:21)

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 18, 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

8:30

Reckless Love

by Cory Asbury

11:00

Aria on "My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less"

arr. John A. Behnke

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.

GATHERING SONG

Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation

ELW 645

- 1 Christ is made the sure foundation,
Christ, our head and cornerstone,
chosen of the Lord and precious,
binding all the church in one;
holy Zion's help forever
and our confidence alone.
- 2 To this temple, where we call you,
come, O Lord of hosts, and stay;
come, with all your lovingkindness,
hear your people as they pray;
and your fullest benediction
shed within these walls today.
- 3 Here bestow on all your servants
what they seek from you to gain;
what they gain from you, forever
with the blessed to retain;
and hereafter in your glory
evermore with you to reign.
- 4 Praise and honor to the Father,
praise and honor to the Son,
praise and honor to the Spirit,
ever three and ever one:
one in might and one in glory
while unending ages run!

GREETING

ELW p.147

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.

O God, with all your faithful followers of every age, we praise you, the rock of our life. Be our strong foundation and form us into the body of your Son, that we may gladly minister to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

CHILDRENS TIME

✠ WORD ✠

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

FIRST READING

Isaiah 51:1-6

A reading from Isaiah.

¹ Listen to me, you who pursue righteousness,
you who seek the LORD.

Look to the rock from which you were hewn
and to the quarry from which you were dug.

² Look to Abraham your father
and to Sarah, who bore you,
for he was but one when I called him,
but I blessed him and made him many.

³ For the LORD will comfort Zion;
he will comfort all her waste places
and will make her wilderness like Eden,
her desert like the garden of the LORD;
joy and gladness will be found in her,
thanksgiving and the voice of song.

⁴ Listen to me, my people,
and give heed to me, my nation,
for a teaching will go out from me
and my justice for a light to the peoples.
⁵ I will bring near my deliverance swiftly;
my salvation has gone out,
and my arms will rule the peoples;
the coastlands wait for me,
and for my arm they hope.
⁶ Lift up your eyes to the heavens
and look at the earth beneath,
for the heavens will vanish like smoke,
the earth will wear out like a garment,
and those who live on it will die like gnats,
but my salvation will be forever,
and my deliverance will never be ended.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Psalm 138

¹ I will give thanks to you, O LORD, with my whole heart;
before the gods I will sing your praise.
² **I will bow down toward your holy temple and praise your name, because of your
steadfast love and faithfulness;
for you have glorified your name and your word above all things.**
³ When I called, you answered me;
you increased my strength within me.
⁴ **All the rulers of the earth will praise you, O LORD,
when they have heard the words of your mouth.**
⁵ They will sing of the ways of the LORD,
that great is the glory of the LORD.
⁶ **The LORD is high, yet cares for the lowly,
perceiving the haughty from afar.**
⁷ Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you keep me safe;
you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies; your right hand shall save
me.
⁸ **You will make good your purpose for me;
O LORD, your steadfast love endures forever; do not abandon the works of your hands.**

SECOND READING

Romans 12:1-8

A reading from Romans.

¹ I appeal to you therefore, siblings, on the basis of God's mercy, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your reasonable act of worship. ² Do not be conformed to this age, but be transformed by the renewing of the mind, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect.

³ For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. ⁴ For as in one body we have many members and not all the members have the same function, ⁵ so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. ⁶ We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ⁷ ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; ⁸ the encourager, in encouragement; the giver, in sincerity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

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 16:13-20

The holy gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹³ Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" ¹⁴ And they said, "Some say John the Baptist but others Elijah and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." ¹⁵ He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" ¹⁶ Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." ¹⁷ And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you but my Father in heaven. ¹⁸ And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. ¹⁹ I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven." ²⁰ Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

- 1 Built on a rock the church shall stand,
even when steeples are falling;
crumbled have spires in ev'ry land,
bells still are chiming and calling--
calling the young and old to rest,
calling the souls of those distressed,
longing for life everlasting.
- 2 Surely, in temples made with hands
God the Most High is not dwelling--
high in the heav'ns his temple stands,
all earthly temples excelling.
Yet he who dwells in heav'n above
deigns to abide with us in love,
making our bodies his temple.
- 3 Christ builds a house of living stones:
we are his own habitation;
he fills our hearts, his humble thrones,
granting us life and salvation.
Where two or three will seek his face,
he in their midst will show his grace,
blessings upon them bestowing.
- 4 Yet in this house, an earthly frame,
Jesus the children is blessing;
hither we come to praise his name,
faith in our Savior confessing.
Jesus to us his Spirit sent,
making with us his covenant,
granting his children the kingdom.
- 5 Through all the passing years, O Lord,
grant that, when church bells are ringing,
many may come to hear your Word,
who here this promise is bringing:
"I know my own, my own know me;
you, not the world, my face shall see;
my peace I leave with you. Amen."

BLESSING OF STUDENTS AND BACKPACKS

Dear God,

as we get ready to start another year in school, we ask your blessing on these backpacks, and especially on these children who will wear them. As they do the very important work of being students, bless them with:

eagerness to learn, that their world may grow large;
respect for teachers and students, that they may form healthy relationships;
love for nature, that they may become caretakers of your creation;
happiness when learning is easy and stick-to-it-iveness when it is hard;
faith in Jesus as their best teacher and closest friend.

We ask that you would protect these, your own children. Watch over them and keep them safe as they travel to and from school. As they learn, help them also to discover the different gifts that you have given each one of them to be used in your work in the world. As they hear the many voices that will fill their days, help them to listen most carefully for your voice, the one that tells them you will love them always, no matter what. We ask this in Jesus' name.

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

8:30

Reckless Love

by Cory Asbury

- 1 Before I spoke a word You were singing over me
You have been so so good to me
Before I took a breath You breathed Your life in me
You have been so so kind to me

Chorus

- (And) O the overwhelming never-ending reckless
Love of God
O it chases me down fights 'til I'm found
Leaves the ninety-nine
I couldn't earn it I don't deserve it
Still You give Yourself away
O the overwhelming never-ending reckless
Love of God yeah
- 2 When I was Your foe still Your love fought for me
You have been so so good to me
When I felt no worth You paid it all for me
You have been so so kind to me

Bridge

There's no shadow You won't light up
Mountain You won't climb up
Coming after me
There's no wall You won't kick down
Lie You won't tear down
Coming after me

11:00

Rock of Ages

setting, David Lasky

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.

DISTRIBUTION SONG

Change My Heart, Oh God/Cleanse Me

arr. Carol Tornquist

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

We All Are One in Mission

ELW 576

- 1 We all are one in mission;
we all are one in call,
our varied gifts united
by Christ, the Lord of all.
A single great commission
compels us from above
to plan and work together
that all may know Christ's love.
- 2 We all are called for service,
to witness in God's name.
Our ministries are diff'rent;
our purpose is the same:
to touch the lives of others
with God's surprising grace,
so ev'ry folk and nation
may feel God's warm embrace.
- 3 Now let us be united,
and let our song be heard.
Now let us be a vessel
for God's redeeming Word.
We all are one in mission;
we all are one in call,
our varied gifts united
by Christ, the Lord of all.

DISMISSAL

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

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

8:30

Reprise: We All Are One in Mission

11:00

We All Are One in Mission

arr. Mark Sedio

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TODAY'S MINISTERS FOR WORSHIP		
August 23, 2026		
Presiding Minister:	Pr. David Frerichs	
Minister for Music:	Megan Lyon	
Organist:	Sheryl Mehrhoff	
	8:30 AM	11:00 AM
Building Opener:	TBD	
Greeter:	TBD	Jayne Young
Worship Host:	Jenine Loesing	Bryce Bock
Worship Host:	Kim Hickey	Robert Bock
Assisting Minister (Read):	TBD	Joe Mazza
Assisting Minister (Pray):	TBD	Dawn Lessiack
Acolyte:	TBD	TBD
Communion Preparer:	TBD	Gwen Gray
Communion Cleanup:		TBD
Visual Projectionist:	<i>Only if weather</i>	TBD
Zoom Worship Host:		Cathy Richter
Zoom Tech Director:		Susan Goldammer
Building Closer:		TBD

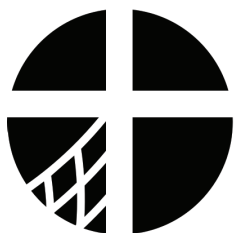
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FINANCIAL SUMMARY

Contributions and expenses through July 31, 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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Pastor David's Phone: 402-741-2935

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.

Episcopal Lutheran Campus Ministry Prepares to Welcome Students: Episcopal Lutheran Campus Ministry (ELCM) will welcome students onto the Mizzou Campus with a focus on Welcome Week beginning August 19-23, as well as persistent tabling in Speakers Circle throughout the first few weeks of classes. After that Rev. Josh and Pastor David settle into more regular schedule of tabling on Wednesday mornings, 9:30-1:00. Beginning Monday, August 24 ELCM will gather at 6:00 pm for Evening Prayer followed by a community meal. Members of Saint Andrew's may provide a meal for one of the Monday gatherings. The signup and instructions can be found here: <https://tinyurl.com/ELCM-Meal-Signup-2027>. Students should contact Pr. David or Rev. Josh for a link to the [GroupMe](#) to get current information. Follow ELCM on TikTok or Instagram [@ELCMComo](#).

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 session will be led by Susan Candea in the conference room and will be offered on: Tuesday, August 25 at 7:00 p.m. For more questions, please contact Susan at susan.candea@gmail.com

Quilt Tying: For those looking for a way to serve and for fellowship, volunteers are needed to sew tops and tie quilts, join in at 9:00 am on the 2nd and 4th Friday of every month. Our next gathering will be August 28th.

Fifth Sunday Offering in August: The mission at The Center Project is to provide a safe, affirming space for LGBTQIA+ Mid-Missourians to learn, grow, build community, and access support and resources. They envision a Central Missouri where LGBTQIA+ people can thrive free from discrimination, connected to affirming support, experiencing equitable health outcomes, and empowered to live authentically and safely. Offerings can be made by using the envelopes on the offering table in the Centrum or through the Fifth Sunday Offering tile on the online giving portal.

Jail Ministry: Participate in a Bible study with women held at the Boone County jail. Guaranteed a meaningful worship opportunity! All volunteers must first be approved after completing and mailing in a background check consent form. Plan Ahead! Contact Maureen Coy (maureencoy@gmail.com) or Susan Goldammer (susan.goldammer@gmail.com) for additional information. Upcoming visit dates are Sunday, August 30 at 2:30 pm and Sunday September 6 at 2:30 pm.

Dinner Church for All Ages: Please join in on Thursday September 3 at 6:00 in the fellowship hall for the first dinner church of the year. During this more casual worship service we will share a light meal, reflect on scripture, share with God and others concerns and then celebrate Holy Communion. For those young ones who need to get the wiggles out, supervised play will be provided. People of all ages and all family sizes are welcome. To help with meal planning please sign up using the link in the newsletter or weekly bulletin or contact Jamie in the office. Signup: <https://tinyurl.com/SALC-Dinner-Church-2026-2027>

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 23, 2026

We add to our prayers this week:

We continue to offer prayers of hope and healing for:

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

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 wildfires 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: Emmanuel Lutheran Church, Wakeeney, KS; Family of Christ Lutheran Church, Imperial, MO; Walsburg Lutheran Church, Leonardville, KS; Oaks Indian Mission.

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 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)

Monday, August 24

- 1:15 pm Contemplative Prayer for Peace (IP)
- 4:45 pm ELCM Bible Study (IP)
- 6:00 pm ELCM Evening Prayer & Dinner (IP)

Tuesday, August 25

- 7:00 pm Greeter Training (IP)

Wednesday, August 26

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

Thursday, August 27

No Events

Friday, August 28 – Office Closed

- 9:00 am Quilt Tying (IP)

Saturday, August 29 – Office Closed

No Events

Sunday, August 30 Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Fifth Sunday Offering - The Center Project

- 8:30 am Worship (IP)
- 11:00 am Worship (IP&Z)
- 2:30 pm Jail Ministry (IP)

Reading for Next Wednesday August 26, 2026

Matthew 26:6-13

Readings for Next Sunday August 30, 2026 Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Jeremiah 15:15-21
Psalm 26:1-8
Romans 12:9-21
Matthew 16:21-28

*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.