Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 13, 2026

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In today's second reading Paul questions why we judge one another, since we all stand before the judgment of God. Yet we do sin against one another, and Jesus' challenge that we forgive seventy-seven times reveals God's boundless mercy. When we hear the words of forgiveness in worship and sign ourselves with the cross, we are renewed in baptism to be signs of reconciliation in the world.

St. Andrew's Lutheran Church

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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	*Way Maker*	Osinachi Kalu Okoro Egbu
11:00	*10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)*	arr. John Cumberland

Welcome and Introduction to the Day

Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✢ one God,
who pours love into our hearts
and healing upon the earth.
Amen.

Confident that God justifies us by grace through faith,
let us confess our sin.

Compassionate God,
we confess that we struggle to embody your goodness
in the world and in our own hearts.
Creation groans from overuse.
Jealousy and bitterness strain our relationships.
Indifference keeps us from seeking justice.
Divisions disrupt your call to show genuine love
to others.
Turn our hearts back to you.
Restore our world and reconcile us to one another.
Renew us to live as your holy people,
following the way of Jesus Christ.
Amen.

Hear this good news:
We have peace with God through ✢ Jesus Christ,
in whom there is no condemnation,
but only forgiveness and the promise of eternal life.
Receive freely this healing gift of grace.
Amen.

GATHERING SONG *Ten Thousand Reasons: Bless the Lord, O My Soul* ACS 1097

Refrain
Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul;
worship his holy name,
sing like never before, O my soul;
I'll worship your holy name.

1 The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning;
it's time to sing your song a-gain.
what ev-er may pass, and what ev-er lies be-fore me,
let me singing when the eve-ning comes. *Refrain*

2 You're rich in love and you're slow in anger.
Your name...great, and your heart is kind.
For all...your good'ness, I will keep...on singing—
ten thousand reasons for my heart to find. *Refrain*

3 And on that day when my strength is failing,
the end...draws near, and my time has come;
still, my soul will sing your praise un-ending
ten thousand years and then for-ev-er more! *Refrain*

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 Lord God, merciful judge, you are the inexhaustible fountain of forgiveness. Replace our hearts of stone with hearts that love and adore you, that we may delight in doing your will, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

Childrens Time

☩ Word ☩

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

First Reading Genesis 50:15-21

A reading from Genesis.
15 Realizing that their father was dead, Joseph's brothers said, "What if Joseph still bears
a grudge against us and pays us back in full for all the wrong that we did to him?" 16 So
they approached Joseph, saying, "Your father gave this instruction before he died, 17 'Say to
Joseph: I beg you, forgive the crime of your brothers and the wrong they did in harming you.'
Now therefore please forgive the crime of the servants of the God of your father." Joseph
wept when they spoke to him. 18 Then his brothers also wept, fell down before him, and said,
"We are here as your slaves." 19 But Joseph said to them, "Do not be afraid! Am I in the place
of God? 20 Even though you intended to do harm to me, God intended it for good, in order to

preserve a numerous people, as he is doing today. 21 So have no fear; I myself will provide for you and your little ones." In this way he reassured them, speaking kindly to them.

Word of God, word of life.
Thanks be to God.

Psalm

Psalm 103:8-13

8 **LORD, you are full of compassion and mercy,**
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love;
9 you will not always accuse us,
nor will you keep your anger forever.
10 **You have not dealt with us according to our sins,**
nor repaid us according to our iniquities.
11 For as the heavens are high above the earth,
so great is your steadfast love for those who fear you.
12 **As far as the east is from the west,**
so far have you removed our transgressions from us.
13 As a father has compassion for his children,
so you have compassion for those who fear you, O LORD.

Second Reading

Romans 14:1-12

A reading from Romans.
1 Welcome those who are weak in faith but not for the purpose of quarreling over opinions.
2 Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. 3 Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgment on those who eat, for God has welcomed them. 4 Who are you to pass judgment on slaves of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand.

5 Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. 6 Those who observe the day, observe it for the Lord. Also those who eat, eat for the Lord, since they give thanks to God, while those who abstain, abstain for the Lord and give thanks to God.

7 For we do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. 8 If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. 9 For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living.

10 Why do you pass judgment on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God.

11 For it is written,
"As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me,
and every tongue shall give praise to God."
12 So then, each one of us will be held accountable.

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 18:21-35

The holy gospel according to Matthew.
Glory to you, O Lord.
21 Peter came and said to [Jesus,] "Lord, if my brother or sister sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?" 22 Jesus said to him, "Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.

23 "For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. 24 When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him, 25 and, as he could not pay, the lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions and payment to be made. 26 So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' 27 And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. 28 But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii, and seizing him by the throat he said, 'Pay what you owe.' 29 Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' 30 But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. 31 When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. 32 Then his lord summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. 33 Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?' 34 And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. 35 So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart."

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

Sermon

HYMN OF THE DAY *God's Work, Our Hands* ACS 1000

1 God's work, our hands: working together,
building a future, repairing the world,
raising up homes, planting new gardens,
feeding the hungry and shelt'ring the cold.
Bless, God, our hands as we work in your name,
sharing the good news of your gospel.

2 God's work, our feet: trav'ling together,
following Jesus to places unknown,
walking as friends, marching for freedom,
running the race with God's future the goal.
Bless, God, our feet as we follow your way,
sharing the good news of your gospel.

3 God's work, our voice: singing together,
praising, proclaiming to all who will hear,
praying for peace, shouting for justice,
claiming God's love for the lost and the least.
Bless, God, our voice as we speak in your name,
sharing the good news of your gospel.

4 God is at work in and around us:
seedlings are sprouting and bread's on the rise!
Washed and set free, humbled and honored,
gifted by grace, we respond in God's love.
Bless, God, our lives as we answer your call,
sharing the good news of your gospel.

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

Reminded of God's gracious and abundant love, we offer our prayers, confident that God hears us.

Each petition concludes:
Hear us, O God.
Your mercy is great....

The final petition concludes:
…We ask this in Jesus' name.
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 *Way Maker* by Osinachi Kalu Okoro Egbu

1 You are here moving in our midst
I worship You I worship You
You are here working in this place
I worship You I worship You

Chorus
(You are) Way Maker Miracle Worker Promise Keeper
Light in the darkness my God that is who You are

2 You are here touching ev'ry heart
I worship You I worship You
You are here healing ev'ry heart
I worship You I worship You

3 You are here turning lives around
I worship You I worship You
You are here mending ev'ry heart
I worship You yeah I worship You Lord

Tag

That is who You are
That is who You are
That is who You are
That is who You are

Bridge

Even when I don't see it You're working
Even when I don't feel it You're working
You never stop You never stop working
You never stop You never stop working

11:00 *The Lord Bless You and Keep You* by John Rutter

Offering Prayer

God of creation,
you send rain and the earth springs forth abundantly.
All blessings are from you;
make us generous with what we have.
Use our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts
in service to you and in love to our neighbors,
today and always.
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

Christ invites you to this table.
All who are thirsty, all who are hungry, come!

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

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The body of Christ, given for you.
The blood of Christ, shed for you.
Amen.

Distribution Song

Mercy arr. John Cumberland.

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

Sustaining God,
with this bread and cup,
you nourish us with mercy and abundant life.
By your Spirit, send us from this table to serve a needy world.
Make us living signs of your liberation, healing, and love,
following the way of Jesus, in whose name we pray.
Amen.

✢ Sending ✢

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

Our Community of Faith ELW p.155

Blessing

The God of love
draw you into full accord and one mind,
in the body of Christ Jesus.
Amen.

The God of hope
grant you strength and joy in all circumstances
through the interceding of the Spirit.
Amen.

The God of grace
✢ bless you now and forever.
Amen.

Sending Song *Praise the Lord, Rise Up Rejoicing* ELW 544

1 Praise the Lord, rise up rejoicing,
worship, thanks, devotion voicing:
glory be to God on high!
Christ, your cross and passion sharing,
by this eucharist declaring
yours the final victory.

2 Scattered flock, one shepherd sharing,
lost and lonely, one voice hearing,
ears attentive to your word;
by your blood new life receiving,
in your body, firm believing,
we are yours, and you the Lord.

3 Sins forgiven, wrongs forgiving,
we go forth alert and living
in your Spirit, strong and free.
Partners in your new creation,
seeking peace in ev'ry nation,
may we faithful foll'wers be.

Dismissal

Go out in joy. Be led forth in peace.
Thanks be to God.

Special Congregational Meeting

After 8:30 service Only

Agenda

1. **Call to Order (at conclusion of 8:30 a.m. Worship)**
   Prayer: Almighty God, you have called us to labor in your vineyard, and without you we can do nothing. Grant us your gracious presence at this meeting, that what we do will build up your Church. May the Holy Spirit govern and direct us, that we may consult together peacefully, pleasing you with all that we say and do; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**
2. **Approval of Proposed Constitutional Amendments**
3. **Adjournment**
   Prayer: Almighty God, as the apostle Andrew readily obeyed the call of Christ and followed him without delay, grant that we, called by your holy word, may in glad obedience offer ourselves to your service, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Postlude

11:00 *Praise the Lord, Rise Up Rejoicing* setting Walter Pelz

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Today's Ministers for Worship		
September 13, 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:	Kim Hickey	Gage & Tara Alstatt
Worship Host:	Linda Romine	Debbie Hedlund
Worship Host:	Paul Romine	**TBD**
Assisting Minister (Read):	Brad Lockenvitz	Yolanda Williams
Assisting Minister (Pray):	**TBD**	**TBD**
Acolyte:	**TBD**	**TBD**
Communion Preparer:	Linda Romine	Gwen Gray
Communion Cleanup:		Susan Krings
Visual Projectionist:	Gwen Gray	Michael Volz
Zoom Worship Host:		Larry Leip
Zoom Tech Director:		Susan Goldammer
Offering Steward:		Michael Volz
Offering Steward:		Maureen Coy
Building Closer:		**TBD**

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Financial Summary

Contributions and expenses through August 31, 2026.

	August	YTD
Offerings	$42,794	$299,368
Expenses	$36,086	$291,648
Over/(under) expenses	$6,708	$7,720
Nonbudget Special Offerings	$409	$8,852

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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

Wilson Freyermuth, President, SALC Congregational Council

2027 Local Growing Hope Calendar: The local Growing Hope calendar with bird photos by Paul Speckman are available. You can pick up a calendar with a donation envelope attached on the Growing Hope table in the gathering space Suggested donation is $20! Just take a calendar and turn in your envelope to the church offering plate or make the donation online. For questions, email Karon at speckmank@gmail.com.

Episcopal Lutheran Campus Ministry: 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 onTikTok or Instagram @ELCMComo.

New Office Hours: The Saint Andrew's Lutheran Church office has new hours; Sunday 7:00 am - 3:00 pm and Monday - Thursday 8:00 - 4:00 pm.

Women in the Word: The Weekly Women in the Word bible study will resume this Wednesday, September 9th at 10:00 a.m. in the conference room. We will begin a study on Isaiah, and you may attend in person or via Zoom. You can access the learnbing materials here: https://tinyurl.com/Women-in-the-Word-Isaiah If you would like more information or to receive an email of the lessons please contact Maureen Coy or Ann Green.

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.

Reconciling in Christ Sunday: Please help us to celebrate Reconciling in Christ Sunday on Sept. 20. Our guest preacher and forum speaker on September 20 (Reconciling in Christ Sunday) is DeWayne Trainer. He serves as the Missioner for LGBTQIA+ Engagement and Ministry for the Episcopal Diocese of Missouri, having been appointed to this volunteer lay leadership role in 2023 by the Rt. Rev. Deon K. Johnson, Bishop of Missouri. In this capacity, he supports and advocates for LGBTQIA+ people across the Diocese, serves as a resource to congregations and clergy, coordinates the annual Pride Evensong, leads diocesan participation in PrideFest St. Louis, and facilitates both virtual and in-person gatherings that foster connection, fellowship, and spiritual growth. He also represents the Bishop and Diocese in matters related to LGBTQIA+ inclusion, hospitality, and engagement within the Church and the wider community.

Reconciling Work Special Offering: As a Reconciling in Christ congregation, Saint Andrew's has committed to make a meaningful gift to Reconciling Works, the organization that supports and trains congregations in matters of LGBTQIA+ inclusion and anti-racism. On September 20th, Saint Andrew's will gather an offering, in addition to regular giving, for the sake of this support for Reconciling Works. Offerings may be made by check payable to Saint Andrew's memo Reconciling Works (envelopes at the offering basket), or by online giving using the Memorial Gift line, then designating it to Reconciling Works on the memorial line provided.

Sunday Forum: September 20th – We have a special Sunday Forum entitled, "Welcoming God's Beloved: LGBTQ+ Lives, Language, Law, and the Church Today." DeWayne Trainer, from the Episcopal Diocese of Missouri will discuss questions we face. What do current LGBTQ+ legal issues in Missouri mean for our neighbors? How has LGBTQ+ language evolved, and why does it matter? What is The Episcopal Church doing to live more fully into its commitment that LGBTQ+ people have a "full and equal claim" on the life of the Church? Join us for an interactive conversation about inclusion, hospitality, and faithful witness in a changing world. We will meet at 9:45AM in the Conference Room or you can attend via Zoom at 9:45AM.

Join Saint Andrew's at the Mid Missouri Pride Fest: Saint Andrew's Lutheran Church will host a table at the Mid Missouri Pride Fest on both Saturday, September 26 and Sunday, September 27 from Noon to 7:00 pm.Sign up today to assist with the table. There are 2 spots per date.You can sign up for 1-hour blocks or more using the paper sheet in the Narthex, scanning the purple QR code on the display table or using the following link: https://tinyurl.com/2026-PrideFest Contact Kris Niendorf kris.niendorf@gmail.com or Anne Edwards EdwardsA@missouri.edu for more information.

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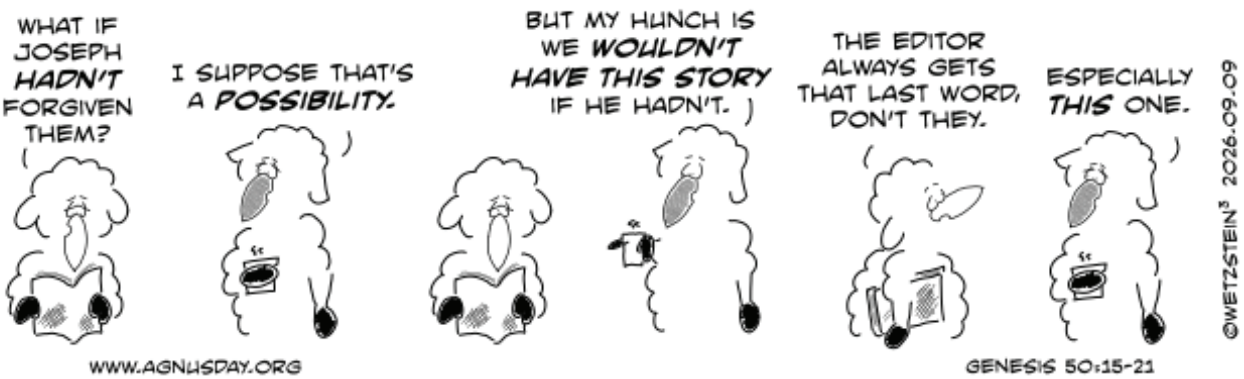

Prayers for September 13, 2026

We add to our prayers this week:

For Ann Edwards who had surgery this week (she reports that surgery was successful, but the recovery will take longer than expected).

We continue to offer prayers of hope and healing for:

Phyllis Glasker
Jennifer Vining
Paul Christensen
Brady Thomas
Ji Bu
Jerry
Melissa Stormont
Michael Butterworth
Michelle Knipp
Dale Whitman
Cathy
Mo Champion-Garthe
Arlene Cunningham
Candi Glancy
Patric
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 wildfires in Canada, France, Spain, Oregon and every continent, earthquakes in Mexico, Central America, Columbia and Japan, and Hurricane Lowell in Hawaii.

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: Sidney, Rebecca, Christy, Sunkia, Kaylee, Ashley, Joy, Jessica, Crystal, Hope, Susana, Sierra, Marly, Sam, Kilaya, Hayley, and Samantha.

We pray for our partners in ministry in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA), the Central States Synod, and in particular these ministries: First Lutheran Church, St. Joseph, MO; St. John Lutheran Church, Ellis, KS; St. Mark Evangelical Lutheran Church, St. Louis, MO; Trinity Lutheran Church, 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, September 13 - Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost
God's Work. Our Hands Sunday

8:30 am Worship (IP)
9:30 am Congregation Constitutional Election Meeting (IP&Z)
11:00 am Worship (IP&Z)

Monday, September 14

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

Tuesday, September 15

No Events

Wednesday, September 16

8:00 am Men's Bible Study (Z)
10:00 am Women in the Word (IP&Z)
6:15 pm Wednesday Worship (IP&Z)
7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal (IP&Z)

Thursday, September 17

6:00 pm Council Meeting (IP)

Friday, September 18 — Office Closed

No Events

Saturday, September 19 — Office Closed

11:00 am Prayer Shawl & Crafting Ministry (IP)

Sunday, September 20 - Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost
Reconciling in Christ Sunday

8:30 am Worship (IP)
9:45 am Sunday Forum (IP&Z)
11:00 am Worship (IP&Z)
6:00 pm ELFY Youth Group (IP-Saint Andrew's Lutheran Church)

Reading for Next Wednesday
September 9, 2026

Matthew 21:18-22

Readings for Next Sunday
September 20, 2026
Reconciling in Christ Sunday

Jonah 3:10—4:11
Psalm 145:1-8
Philippians 1:21-30
Matthew 20:1-16

*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.