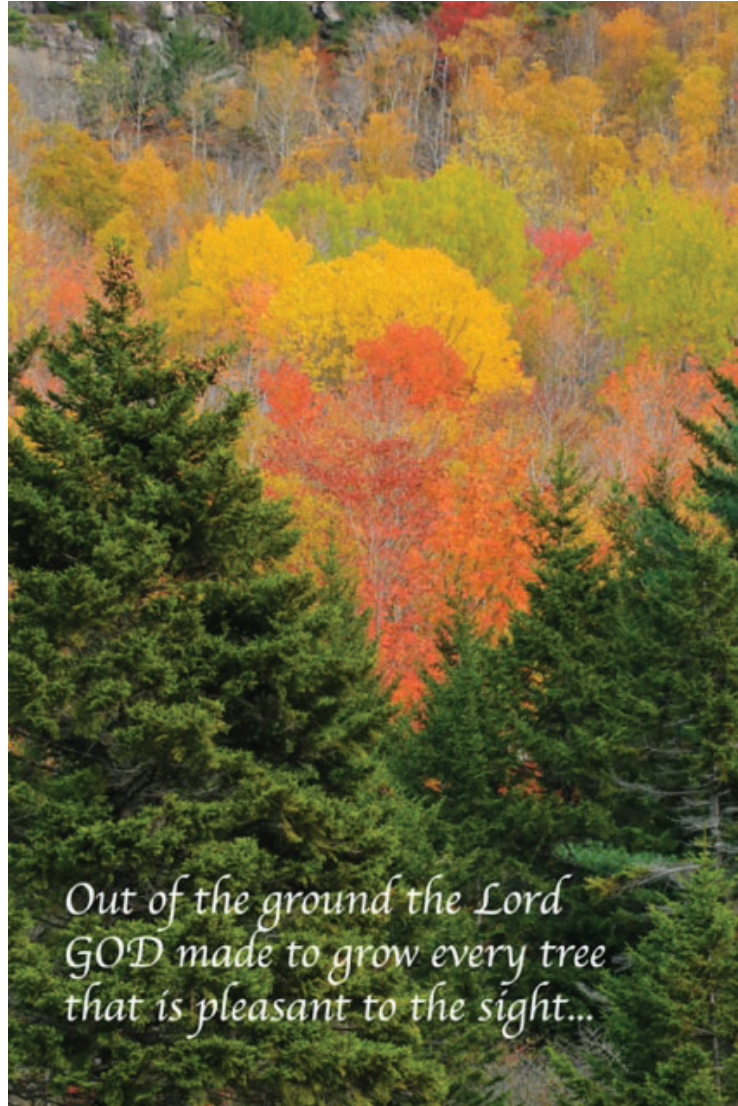


First Sunday of Creation Forest Sunday

September 27, 2026

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**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.

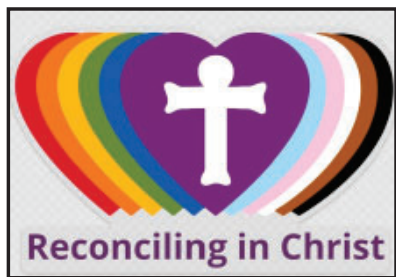
Offering is received as a response to God's grace and blessing, and as an expression of our faith. Jesus tells us, "For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also." (Matthew 6:21)

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

8:30

All Creatures of Our God and King

arr. Chris Tomlin

11:00

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

setting, J. Wayne Kerr

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION TO THE DAY

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God, who so loves the world and all who live in it.
Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God, Creation, and one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Reconciling God,

we expect nature to serve our needs, and we have damaged it in the process. We trample every wild place and pollute your waters. We abuse your good Earth until it cries out in pain. Forgive us, loving God. Remind us of the covenant you made with the whole Earth. Nourish us so we can restore your awe-inspiring Creation. Amen.

Christ, the one who was buried into the heart of the Earth and then raised up to new life, forgives you all your sin. Freed from your burdens, be led by the Spirit to do God's healing work in the world. **Amen.**

GATHERING SONG

Light Dawns on a Weary World

ELW 726

- 1 Light dawns on a weary world
when eyes begin to see
all people's dignity.
Light dawns on a weary world:
the promised day of justice comes.

Refrain

The trees shall clap their hands;
the dry lands, gush with springs;
the hills and mountains shall break forth with singing!
We shall go out in joy,
and be led forth in peace,
as all the world in wonder echoes shalom.

- 2 Love grows in a weary world
when hungry hearts find bread
and children's dreams are fed.
Love grows in a weary world:
the promised feast of plenty comes. *Refrain*
- 3 Hope blooms in a weary world
when creatures, once forlorn,
find wilderness reborn.
Hope blooms in a weary world:
the promised green of Eden comes. *Refrain*

GREETING

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

CANTICLE OF PRAISE

Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee

ELW 836, st.1-2

- 1 Joyful, joyful we adore thee,
God of glory, Lord of love!
Hearts unfold like flow'rs before thee,
praising thee, their sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness,
drive the gloom of doubt away.
Giver of immortal gladness,
fill us with the light of day.
- 2 All thy works with joy surround thee,
earth and heav'n reflect thy rays,
stars and angels sing around thee,
center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain,
flow'ry meadow, flashing sea,
chanting bird, and flowing fountain
call us to rejoice in thee.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

O Lord, maker of all things, you planted the trees of the Earth and raised them up to give the breath of life for all creatures. As your Son was lifted up on the tree bringing new life to all Creation, stir us by your Spirit to protect the world you have made. We join the forests in praising you, through Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

CHILDRENS TIME

✠ WORD ✠

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

FIRST READING

Genesis 2:4b-22

A reading from Genesis.

⁴ These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created.

In the day that the LORD God made the earth and the heavens, ⁵ when no plant of the field was yet in the earth and no vegetation of the field had yet sprung up—for the LORD God had not caused it to rain upon the earth, and there was no one to till the ground, ⁶ but a stream would rise from the earth and water the whole face of the ground—⁷ then the LORD God formed man from the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living being. ⁸ And the LORD God planted a garden in Eden, in the east, and there he put the man whom he had formed. ⁹ Out of the ground the LORD God made to grow every tree that is pleasant to the sight and good for food, the tree of life also in the midst of the garden, and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

¹⁰ A river flows out of Eden to water the garden, and from there it divides and becomes four branches. ¹¹ The name of the first is Pishon; it is the one that flows around the whole land of Havilah, where there is gold, ¹² and the gold of that land is good; bdellium and onyx stone are there. ¹³ The name of the second river is Gihon; it is the one that flows around the whole land of Cush. ¹⁴ The name of the third river is Tigris, which flows east of Assyria. And the fourth river is the Euphrates.

¹⁵ The LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it.

¹⁶ And the LORD God commanded the man, "You may freely eat of every tree of the garden, ¹⁷ but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die."

¹⁸ Then the LORD God said, "It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper as his partner." ¹⁹ So out of the ground the LORD God formed every animal of the field and every bird of the air and brought them to the man to see what he would call them, and whatever the man called every living creature, that was its name.

²⁰ The man gave names to all cattle and to the birds of the air and to every animal of the field, but for the man there was not found a helper as his partner. ²¹ So the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and he slept; then he took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. ²² And the rib that the LORD God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Psalm 96

¹ Sing to the LORD a new song;
sing to the LORD, all the earth.

² **Sing to the LORD, bless the name of the LORD;
proclaim God's salvation from day to day.**

³ Declare God's glory among the nations
and God's wonders among all peoples.

⁴ **For great is the LORD and greatly to be praised,
more to be feared than all gods.**

⁵ As for all the gods of the nations, they are but idols;
but you, O LORD, have made the heavens.

⁶ **Majesty and magnificence are in your presence;
power and splendor are in your sanctuary.**

⁷ Ascribe to the LORD, you families of the peoples,
ascribe to the LORD honor and power.

⁸ **Ascribe to the LORD the honor due the holy name;
bring offerings and enter the courts of the LORD.**

⁹ Worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness;
tremble before the LORD, all the earth.

¹⁰ **Tell it out among the nations: "The LORD is king!
The one who made the world so firm that it cannot be moved will judge the peoples
with equity."**

¹¹ Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad;
let the sea thunder and all that is in it; let the field be joyful and all that is therein.

¹² **Then shall all the trees of the wood shout for joy at your coming, O LORD,
for you come to judge the earth.**

¹³ You will judge the world with righteousness
and the peoples with your truth.

SECOND READING

Acts 10:34-42

A reading from Acts.

³⁴ Then Peter began to speak to them: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, ³⁵ but in every people anyone who fears him and practices righteousness is acceptable to him. ³⁶ You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. ³⁷ That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: ³⁸ how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. ³⁹ We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree, ⁴⁰ but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, ⁴¹ not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. ⁴² He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Our hearts burn within us

as you open to us the scriptures.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

GOSPEL

John 3:1-16

The holy gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹ Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. ² He came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God, for no one can do these signs that you do unless God is with that person." ³ Jesus answered him, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above." ⁴ Nicodemus said to him, "How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?" ⁵ Jesus answered, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. ⁶ What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. ⁷ Do not be astonished that I said to you, 'You must be born from above.' ⁸ The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit." ⁹ Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?" ¹⁰ Jesus answered him, "Are you the teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?"

¹¹ "Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen, yet you do not receive our testimony. ¹² If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? ¹³ No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. ¹⁴ And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵ that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

¹⁶ "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

There in God's Garden

ELW 342

1 All

There in God's garden
stands the Tree of Wisdom,
whose leaves hold forth
the healing of the nations:
Tree of all knowledge,
Tree of all compassion,
Tree of all beauty.

2 Low voices

Its name is Jesus,
name that says, "Our Savior!"
There on its branches
see the scars of suff'ring;
see where the tendrils
of our human selfhood
feed on its lifeblood.

3 High voices

Thorns not its own
are tangled in its foliage;
our greed has starved it,
our despite has choked it.
Yet, look! it lives!
its grief has not destroyed it
nor fire consumed it.

4 *Low voices*

See how its branches
reach to us in welcome;
hear what the Voice says,
"Come to me, ye weary!
Give me your sickness,
give me all your sorrow,
I will give blessing."

5 *High voices*

This is my ending,
this my resurrection;
into your hands, Lord,
I commit my spirit.
This have I searched for;
now I can possess it.
This ground is holy.

6 *All*

All heav'n is singing,
"Thanks to Christ whose passion
offers in mercy
healing, strength, and pardon.
Peoples and nations,
take it, take it freely!"
Amen! My Master!

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 the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

Each petition concludes:

Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great....

The final petition concludes:

...through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

Amen.

SHARING THE PEACE

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

All Creatures of Our God and King

arr. Chris Tomlin

- 1 All creatures of our God and King
Lift up your voice and with us sing
O praise Him alleluia
Thou burning sun with golden beam
Thou silver moon with softer gleam
O praise Him O praise Him
Alleluia alleluia alleluia
- 2 Thou rushing wind that art so strong
Ye clouds that sail in Heav'n along
O praise Him alleluia
Thou rising moon in praise rejoice
Ye lights of evening find a voice
O praise Him O praise Him
Alleluia alleluia alleluia
- 3 Let all things their Creator bless
And worship Him in humbleness
O praise Him alleluia
Praise praise the Father praise the Son
And praise the Spirit three in One
O praise Him O praise Him
Alleluia alleluia alleluia

Ending

O alleluia alleluia
O alleluia alleluia
O alleluia alleluia
O alleluia alleluia alleluia

11:00

For the Beauty of the Earth

arr. John Rutter

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

Loving Creator,

all Creation comes from you – forests, lands and prairies, wild places, rivers and streams. As we bring our offerings to you, we ask that you bless them so that your kingdom comes on Earth as it is in heaven; in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

DIALOGUE

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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

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

ACS p.36

Holy, holy, holy Lord,

**God of pow'r and God of might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

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

Hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

Hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

O God triune, how majestic is your name in all the earth.
Over the eons your merciful might evolved our home, a fragile tree of life.
Here by your wisdom are both life and death, growth and decay,
the nest and the hunt, sunshine and storm, darkness and light.
Sustained by these wonders, we creatures of dust join in the ancient song:
The earth is full of your glory.

The earth is full of your glory.

O God triune, you took on our flesh in Jesus our healer.
In Christ you bring life from death; we remember his cross, we laud his resurrection.
Broken like bread, he enlivens our body.
Outpoured like wine, he fills the earth with goodness.
Receiving this mystery, we mortals sing our song:
The earth is full of your glory.

The earth is full of your glory.

We praise you for the heart of Jesus,
so filled with your love for this earth.

On 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.

Gathered around this table, we your children unite in this song:
The earth is full of your glory.

The earth is full of your glory.

O God triune, you create the worlds, you uphold the living, you embrace the dead.
Send forth your Spirit and renew the face of the earth.
Strengthen us for our journey with this meal, the body and blood of Christ.
Give us a future that trusts in you and cares for your earth.
Empowered by your promises, we rise from our deaths to praise you again:
The earth is full of your glory.

The earth is full of your glory.

Amen, and Amen.

Amen, and Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

Come to the banquet, for all is now ready.

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

The body of Christ, given for you.

The blood of Christ, shed for you.

Amen.

DISTRIBUTION SONG

For the Beauty of the Earth

arr. Larry Shackley.

TABLE BLESSING

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in God's grace.

Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray,

God, you never give up on your beautiful yet damaged Creation. Though Jesus was broken on the cross, in the resurrection the Risen Lord encounters us with new life. Send us, who have received his body and blood, as signs of your redeeming power that restores our relationship with all of Creation and unites us with the risen life of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

✠ SENDING ✠

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

OUR COMMUNITY OF FAITH

FAREWELL AND GODSPEED TO MEGAN LYON, MINISTER FOR MUSIC

Megan Lyon, as you leave Saint Andrew's Lutheran Church, we wish to bid you farewell.

A reading from Exodus: The Lord said, "I am going to send an angel in front of you, to guard you on the way and to bring you to the place that I have prepared." (*Exodus 23:20*)

When you came to this congregation we rejoiced to welcome you into the mission we share as the people of God. In this community you have come to know and to share in God's loving purpose for you and for all creation. God has blessed you in this community, and God has blessed us through you.

We encourage you to continue to receive and share God's gifts in Lee's Summit, united with us in the body of Christ and the mission we share.

Let us pray.

Gracious God, we thank you for the work and witness of your servant Megan , who has enriched this congregation and shared her gifts with her colleagues.

Now bless and preserve her at this time of transition.

Day by day, guide her and give her what is needed,
friends to cheer her way,

and a clear vision of that to which you are now calling her.

By your Holy Spirit be present in her pilgrimage,
that she may travel with the one who is the way, the truth, and the life,
Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

BLESSING

Almighty God, who breathes life into you and all living things, who heals all the world, and who sustains all Creation, give you peace and purpose, in the name of the Father, and the ✠ Son, and the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

SENDING SONG

God Created Heaven and Earth

ELW 738

- 1 God created heav'n and earth,
all things perfect brought to birth;
God's great pow'r made dark and light,
earth revolving day and night.
- 2 Let us praise God's mercy great;
for the Lord in hope we wait;
God, who fashions all that lives,
to each one a blessing gives.
- 3 God's rich grace beyond compare
saves us all from death's despair.
All earth's creatures, small and great,
praise God for that blessed state!

DISMISSAL

Go in peace to seek justice for all people.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

8:30

Reprise: God Created Heaven and Earth

11:00

God Created Heaven and Earth

setting, Jayne Latva

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September 27, 2026		
Presiding Minister:	Pr. David Frerichs	
Minister for Music:	Megan Lyon	
Organist:	Sheryl Mehrhoff	
	8:30 AM - On the Lawn	11:00 AM
Building Opener:	TBD	
Greeter:	TBD	Linda Vedder
Worship Host:	Brent Lewis	Idolene Mazza
Worship Host:	TBD	TBD
Assisting Minister (Read):	Ann Green	Joanne Boomer
Assisting Minister (Pray):	TBD	Joe Mazza
Acolyte:	TBD	Meg Darkow
Communion Preparer:	TBD	Gwen Gray
Communion Cleanup:		Linda Vedder
Visual Projectionist:	Gwen Gray	Paige Boomer
Zoom Worship Host:		Cindy Vedder
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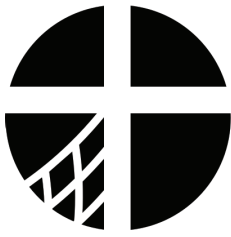
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FINANCIAL SUMMARY

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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Sunday Forum: Please join us on September 27th for this special Sunday Forum to learn more about Coyote Hill, the realities facing children and families who are navigating foster care, and the many ways each of us—both as individuals and as a church family—can support this ministry with justice, mercy, humility, and welcome. Our presenter is Joe Knight, the Development Director at Coyote Hill. He has been involved with Coyote Hill for several years in various capacities. Join in at 9:45 am in the Conference room or via Zoom.

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.

Loaves and Fishes: Our next opportunity to feed those in our community who are in need will be September 27th. Meals are distributed from 3:30 to 6:30 p.m. at the Opportunity Campus located in Columbia at 1300 Bowling Street. Contact [Susan Goldammer](#) or [Jenine Loesing](#) if you are interested in baking, cooking, or serving meals. We are thankful for the congregation's support.

Family Forum on the Go: Are you passionate about faith formation and encouragement of our youngest members? ***We need someone willing to serve as the Coordinator for our "Family Forum to Go" program.*** We gather Christian Education materials and assemble them into Family Forum to Go bags and distribute them to Saint Andrew's households with young children for study at home. There's also weekly communication regarding videos that families can incorporate into their home lessons. We assemble the bags seasonally in the fall (Sundays after Pentecost), November (Advent, Christmas, and Epiphany), and February (Lent, Easter, Pentecost). The communications involve weekly Flocknote messages to families. It's a task that doesn't take a lot of time, but is of great importance to families with young children. Contact Wilson Freyermuth (wilsonfreyermuth@gmail.com) to express interest in this important ministry.

Dinner Church for All Ages: Gather over Dinner for Church, yes, Dinner Church! We gather on the first Thursday of each month. We'll serve dinner at 5:30 pm with prayer and conversation, the scripture reading and reflection, prayers together, and share Holy Communion. To assist with meal planning please SignUp (or call Jamie in the office with the names in your party) and make plans for a chill worship service focused on the fellowship of a meal. Don't forget to put Thursday, October 1 at 5:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall on your calendar. Questions? Reach out to Pastor David or Jenine Loesing. You can signup using the link below: <https://tinyurl.com/SALC-Dinner-Church-2026-2027>

Prayer Shawl & Crafting Ministry: Imaginative crafters are needed to help knit Prayer Shawls as well as Hats, Gloves, and other similar cold weather items. We meet at 11:00 am, the 1st and 3rd Saturday of the month in Room 112. We next meet on Saturday, October 3. Questions? Please contact: Holly Heidlage hollyhl48@gmail.com

ELFY Youth Group: Calling all youth in grades six through twelve. ELFY Youth Group's next gathering will be Sunday, October 4, at 6:00 pm. The group will meet at Calvary Episcopal Church. 123 South Ninth, enter the church through the 8th Street parking lot door.

Campus Ministry - TIDES Collective Worship: Each month during the semester the welcoming and affirming Christian campus ministries and congregations gather to worship, praise God, and grow in fellowship. The service rotates among the Campus Ministries and congregations who participate in this collaboration among ministries. In September, The Neighborhood at Missouri United Methodist Church hosted. On October 6, we will gather at First Baptist Church, 7:00 pm. We celebrate the collaboration among the Tides Collective congregations and ministries.

Holy Communion at Lenoir Woods: All who worship with Saint Andrew's Lutheran or Calvary Episcopal may join the community at Lenoir Woods for Holy Communion in Epplen Chapel, at 11:00 am on Thursday, October 8. For those who desire the rite of healing with anointing, Rev. Josh and Pastor David offer this rite following the worship service. Come! Be church with some who cannot attend at regular weekly worship.

Agnus Day

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Prayers for September 27, 2026

We add to our prayers this week:

We continue to offer prayers of hope and healing for:

Mary Coffman	Ji Bu	Cathy
Ann Edwards	Jerry	Mo Champion-Garthe
Phyllis Glasker	Melissa Stormont	Arlene Cunningham
Jennifer Vining	Michael Butterworth	Candi Glancy
Paul Christensen	Michelle Knipp	Patric
Brady Thomas	Dale Whitman	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 natural disasters near and far.

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: Mikala, Eitaly, Ashley, Manya, Hailey, Kilaya, Samantha, Joy, Crystal, Jasmin, Diana and Brooke.

We pray for our partners in ministry in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA), the Central States Synod, and in particular these ministries: Our Savior's Lutheran Church, Topeka, KS; St. John Lutheran Church, Pittsburg, KS; St. Mark Hope and Peace Lutheran Church, Kansas City, MO; Lutheran World Relief

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 27 - Season of Creation: Forest Sunday

- 8:30 am Worship On the Lawn (IP)
- 9:45 am Sunday Forum (IP&Z)
- 11:00 am Worship (IP&Z)
- 12:00 pm Mid-Mo Pride Fest Day 2
- 3:30 pm Loaves and Fishes Distribution (IP-1300 Bowling Street)

Monday, September 28

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

Tuesday, September 29

No Events

Wednesday, September 30

- 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, October 1

- 5:30 pm Dinner Church (IP)

Friday, October 2 – Office Closed

No Events

Saturday, October 3 – Office Closed

- 9:00 am Men's Breakfast (IP)
- 11:00 pm Prayer Shawl & Crafting Ministry (IP)

Sunday, October 4 - Season of Creation: Land & Prairie 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-Calvary Episcopal Church)

Reading for Next Wednesday September 30, 2026

Matthew 9:2-8

Readings for Next Sunday October 4, 2026

Season of Creation: Land & Prairie Sunday

Genesis 3:14-19, 4:8-16

Psalms 139:1-18

Romans 5:12-17

Matthew 12:38-40

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

Online Resources

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

SaintAndrewsLutheran.org/online-events

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

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