

## WELCOME

### Holy Communion

All are welcome. Distribution is by intinction. A gluten-free station is available. At the invitation, proceed to a station, take a piece of bread, dip it in the wine, and receive both elements at once. *(Please note the communion bread contains no yeast).*

**Offerings** are part of worship and an important part of sharing in the life of Saint Andrew. Scripture teaches us to be “first fruits” givers and to do so with glad and generous hearts. Thank you for all who contribute and thereby share in the work of Christ’s church.

### Noisy Offering

A noisy offering will be received today in support of the Marathon County Humane Society as we bless our pets and animals.

### Personal Care Kits for LWR

In addition to quilts, school bags and school supplies, Saint Andrew contributes personal care kits to Lutheran World Relief (LWR) as well. The kit consists of:

*1 light-weight, dark color, bath-size towel, between 20” x 40” and 27” x 52” : 2-3 bath-size bars of soap equaling 8-9 ounces, any brand, in its original wrapping: 1 adult-size toothbrush in its original packaging: 1 sturdy comb: 1 metal nail clippers*

**Please purchase all five items. Donated items must be new, with no advertising, religious or military symbols.** Look for the Personal Care Kit display in the Narthex.

### Summer Quilting

The Quilting Group is looking for some helping hands to finish quilts for Lutheran World Relief (LWR). Pressing, tying and pinning quilts—no sewing skills needed! Meet on **Tuesday, August 20, 10 am to 3 pm.** Come for as long as you would like. Bring your lunch if you would like to stay through lunch. All help is appreciated!

### New Member Orientation

**Saturday, August 24, 9 am—12 pm**

If you or someone you know is interested in joining Saint Andrew, please call the church office by **Friday,**

*August 16* to sign up. New members will be received during the 9:30 am worship service on **Sunday, August 25.**

### Dartball Practice

**August 26, 7:00 pm**

All are welcome to come and try dartball during practice. Come for fun, fellowship and maybe even a home run!

### Rally Sunday/Church Picnic

**Sunday, September 8, 10:45 am**

Mark your calendar for Rally Sunday and the Church Picnic! Please bring a dish to pass according to the first letter of your last name: **A-M salad or side dish; N-Z dessert.** Volunteers are needed—sign up on the Information Desk!

## THIS WEEK AT SALC

### Sunday, August 18

8:00 am **WORSHIP**  
9:30 am **WORSHIP**-Blessing of Pets and Animals

### Monday, August 19

7:00 pm AA, Alanon & Alateen

### Tuesday, August 20

9:00 am Reading Reflections  
10:00 am Quilting for LWR

### Thursday, August 22

12:15 pm **WORSHIP**  
6:15 pm **WORSHIP**

### Saturday, August 24

9:00 am New Member Orientation

## SERVING in WORSHIP

Pastors Jenn Collins  
Gary Brandenburg  
Pianist Al Freiberg  
Ushers A Team  
Altar Guild Joyce Schoepke, Sue McFaul & Barb Geiger



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## Blessing of Pets and Animals

August 18, 2019

### GREETING

Welcome to worship as we gather in the name of the Father, the Son, and Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

### PSALM 8

O Lord our Lord,

**how majestic is your name in all the earth!**

you whose glory is chanted above the heavens out of the mouths of infants and children;

**you have set up a fortress against your enemies, to silence the foe and avenger.**

When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers,

**the moon and the stars you have set in their courses,**

what are mere mortals that you should be mindful of them,

**human beings that you should care for them?**

Yet you have made them little less than divine;

**with glory and honor you crown them.**

You have made them rule over the works of your hands;

**you have put all things under their feet:**

all flocks and cattle,

**even the wild beasts of the field,**

the birds of the air, the fish of the sea,

**and whatever passes along the paths of the sea.**

O Lord our Lord,

**how majestic is your name in all the earth!**

### HYMN - Morning Has Broken

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| <p><b>1</b> Morning has broken like the first morning,<br/>Black bird has spoken like the first bird.<br/>Praise for the singing! Praise for the morning!<br/>Praise for them springing fresh from the Word!</p> | <p><b>2</b> Sweet the rain's new fall sunlit from heaven,<br/>Like the first dewfall on the first grass.<br/>Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden,<br/>Sprung in completeness where His feet pass.</p> |
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- 3** Mine is the sunlight! Mine is the morning.  
Born of the one light Eden saw play!  
Praise with elation, praise ev'ry morning,  
God's recreation of the new day!



## Prayer of the Day

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray. *(Prayer of St. Francis)*

Lord, make us instruments of your peace.

**Where there is hatred, let us sow love;**

Where there is injury, pardon;

**Where there is doubt, faith;**

Where there is despair, hope;

**Where there is darkness, light;**

Where there is sadness, joy.

O Divine Master, Grant that we may

**not so much seek to be consoled as to console;**

To be understood as to understand;

**To be loved as to love.**

For it is in giving that we receive;

**It is in pardoning that we are pardoned;**

And it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen

A reading from Revelation.

*Revelation 5:13*

Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, singing, "To the one seated on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!"

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## HYMN - All Creatures, Worship God Most High

**1** All Creatures, worship God most high! Sound every voice in earth and sky: Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Sing, brother sun, in splendor bright; sing, sister moon and stars of night:  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

**2** All who for love of God forgive, all who in pain or sorrow grieve: Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Christ bears your burdens and your fears; still make your song amid the tears:  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

**3** O sisters, brothers, take your part, and worship God with humble heart: Alleluia! Alleluia!  
All creatures, bless the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, Three in One:  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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## HYMN - All Things Bright and Beautiful

### Refrain

All things bright and beautiful,  
all creatures great and small,  
all things wise and wonderful,  
the Lord God made them all.

**1** Each little flower that opens,  
each little bird that sings,  
God made their glowing colors,  
God made their tiny wings. *Refrain*

**2** The purple-headed mountains,  
the river running by,  
the sunset, and the morning  
that brightens up the sky. *Refrain*

**3** The cold wind in the winter,  
the pleasant summer sun,  
the ripe fruits in the garden,  
God made them ev'ry one. *Refrain*



## BLESSING OF PETS AND ANIMALS

Let us pray. Almighty and everlasting God, Creator of all things and giver of all life, let your blessing be upon all these animals. May our relationships with them mirror your love, and our care for them be an example of your bountiful mercy. Grant these animals health and peace. Strengthen us to love and care for them as we strive to imitate the love of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## DISMISSAL

Go in peace, serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

## INDIVIDUAL BLESSING OF PETS

*As you and your pets are comfortable, individual blessings with words and water will be shared.*

May you be blessed in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.  
And, may you and your family enjoy life together with God. **Amen.**

The holy gospel according to Matthew.

Matthew 6:25-34

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

"Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you — you of little faith? Therefore do not worry, saying, 'What will we eat?' or 'What will we drink?' or 'What will we wear?' For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. "So do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring worries of its own. Today's trouble is enough for today.

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

**SERMON**

**HYMN - Good Christian Friends, Rejoice**

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| <p><b>1</b> Good Christian friends, rejoice<br/>with heart and soul and voice;<br/>give ye heed to what we say:<br/>Jesus Christ is born today;<br/>ox and ass before him bow,<br/>and he is in the manger now.<br/>Christ is born today!<br/>Christ is born today!</p>                   | <p><b>2</b> Good Christian friends, rejoice<br/>with heart and soul and voice;<br/>now ye hear of endless bliss:<br/>Jesus Christ was born for this!<br/>He has opened heaven's door,<br/>and we are blest forevermore.<br/>Christ was born for this!<br/>Christ was born for this!</p> |
| <p><b>3</b> Good Christian friends, rejoice<br/>with heart and soul and voice;<br/>now ye need not fear the grave;<br/>Jesus Christ was born to save!<br/>Calls you one and calls you all<br/>to gain the everlasting hall.<br/>Christ was born to save!<br/>Christ was born to save!</p> |   |



**PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

Let us pray for the Church and for the world, and all of God's creation.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who praise your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Hear our prayers, gracious God, for the sake of Jesus, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

**PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

**OFFERING**

**HOLY COMMUNION**

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.**

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