

September 13, 2020  
9:30 am

# Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost



*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.*

*The other reading for today is Exodus 14:19-31. You are encouraged to read this lesson prior to worship or during the week.*

## WELCOME!



- WELCOME TO LIVESTREAM WORSHIP:** It is our joy to welcome you to worship today, from wherever you may be viewing. We give thanks for whatever brought you, and pray that you may experience the love of God surrounding you and upholding you as we gather together online to give thanks to God through Word and Sacrament.
- During this heightened time of awareness and prevention** regarding Coronavirus, we would like to let you know.....
- As part of normal practices, the Altar Guild washes hands prior to preparing the Communion supplies and ensures that common use items are cleaned for use weekly.
  - In consideration for coronavirus, in addition to these practices, the Altar Guild is also:
    - ◊ sanitizing trays and bowls before and after services.
    - ◊ wiping down the altar, railing, and baptismal font before and after services.
  - Communion is set for each worship participant at physically distanced locations in the Sanctuary.
  - Worship participants wash hands and use hand sanitizer before, during, and after worship.
  - At the Peace, a verbal "Peace be with You" is encouraged to maintain physical distancing.
  - We are wiping down "common touch" areas in the Sanctuary, such as the armrests and tops of pews, before each service.
  - Hand sanitizer is available throughout the building for use.
  - Frequent and thorough handwashing is encouraged.
  - "Common touch" areas are being sanitized daily.
  - Furnaces are running full-time to help filter the air in the building.
- HOLY COMMUNION** is God's Word of love made visible in bread and wine. At Communion Distribution, the **BREAD** is gluten free. **RED WINE** is offered by individual cup. **WHITE GRAPE JUICE** is offered by individual cup.
- WE WELCOME CHILDREN TO WORSHIP** and offer a variety of resources to include them:
- "Younger Disciples Tips" are in the bulletin with ideas about how to engage children in worship.
  - "A Time for Younger Disciples" during worship invites all children to listen to a message.
  - Links to download and print an activity sheet for Sunday are in each week's *Trendings* eNews.

### *Cover Image:*

*Women meet to save and lend together in what is known as a "self-help group" in Bihar, India. Women have been empowered and their livelihoods have been strengthened through Partnership Bihar, a Lutheran World Relief initiative that brings better farming techniques, high-quality seeds, improved nutrition for families, and these microfinance self-help groups to communities in one of India's poorest states. Such groups allow women to borrow amongst themselves, avoiding predatory lenders who may take seize house or land. Photo courtesy of LWR.*

Saint Andrew's has been part of a four-year collaborative mission through LWR to support the families of Bihar, India. This collaborative effort ends at the end of September.  
Learn more at [www.salc.church/bihar-india-lutheran-world-relief](http://www.salc.church/bihar-india-lutheran-world-relief)

# *Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost*

## G A T H E R I N G

**C** All  
**A** Assisting Minister  
**P** Pastor

*Welcome to Worship!*

*As we prepare for worship, we invite you to a time of silence and focus.*

*Find a comfortable place in your home for worship.*

*Get some crackers or bread and something to drink so that we can share Communion.*

*Light a candle if you have one.*

### **PRELUDE**

*Just As I Am*  
Teresa Lutterman, harp

[William Bradbury,  
arr. Claudia Place]

### **WELCOME**

Pastor Lara

### **HYMN**

*Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*

ELW Hymn 834

- 1 Immortal, invisible, God only wise,  
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,  
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,  
almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise!
- 2 Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,  
nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might;  
thy justice like mountains high soaring above  
thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.
- 3 To all, life thou givest, to both great and small;  
in all life thou livest, the true life of all;  
we blossom and flourish like leaves on the tree,  
and wither and perish, but naught changeth thee.
- 4 Thou reignest in glory; thou dwellest in light;  
thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;  
all laud we would render; oh, help us to see  
'tis only the splendor of light hideth thee!

*Younger Disciples Tip ~ Confession and Forgiveness: Whisper to your children that this is when we tell God we are sorry.*

### **CONFESSIO AND FORGIVENESS**

**P** Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,  
who creates, redeems, and sustains us and all of creation.

**C** Amen.

**P** Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silence for reflection.*

**P** Faithful God,

**C** have mercy on us.

**We confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves.**

**We turn from your loving embrace and go our own ways.**

**We pass judgment on one another before examining ourselves.**

**We place our own needs before those of our neighbors.**

**We keep your gift of salvation to ourselves.**

**Forgive us and turn us again to life in you,  
through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.**

**P** Hear the truth that God proclaims:

Your sins are forgiven in the name of ☩ Jesus Christ.

Led by the Holy Spirit, live in freedom and newness  
to do God's work in the world.

**C** Amen.

### **APOSTOLIC GREETING**

**A** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the  
Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C** And also with you.

Stanzas 1 and 5



1 Voic - es raised to you we of - fer; tune them, God, for  
5 How can an - y praise we of - fer mea - sure all the



songs of praise. Hearts and hands we bring in trib - ute  
thanks we owe? Take our hearts and hands and voic - es—



for your gifts through all our days. Al - le - lu - ia!  
gifts of love we can be - stow. Al - le - lu - ia!



Al - le - lu - ia! Tri - une God, to you we sing!  
Al - le - lu - ia! Tri - une God, to you we sing!

*PRAYER OF THE DAY*

- A** Let us pray together. O Lord God, merciful judge,
- C** 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.

*A TIME FOR YOUNGER DISCIPLES*

Pastor Lara

**PSALM 114** (*recorded*)

When Israel went out from Egypt,  
 the house of Jacob from a people of strange language,  
 Judah became God's sanctuary,  
 Israel his dominion.  
 The sea looked and fled;  
 Jordan turned back.  
 The mountains skipped like rams,  
 the hills like lambs.  
 Why is it, O sea, that you flee?  
 O Jordan, that you turn back?  
 O mountains, that you skip like rams?  
 O hills, like lambs?  
 Tremble, O earth, at the presence of the LORD,  
 at the presence of the God of Jacob,  
 who turns the rock into a pool of water,  
 the flint into a spring of water.

*This Christian community has significant struggles with diversity. Here Paul helps us understand that despite different practices in worship and personal piety, we do not judge one another. All Christians belong to the Lord Jesus Christ who died for all of us and will judge each of us.*

**READING** (*recorded*)

Romans 14:1-12

Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarreling over opinions. Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. 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. Who are you to pass judgment on servants 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.

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. Those who observe the day, observe it in honor of the Lord. Also those who eat, eat in honor of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honor of the Lord and give thanks to God.

*(continued)*

We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. 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. For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living.

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. For it is written,

“As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me,  
and every tongue shall give praise to God.”

So then, each of us will be accountable to God.

☐ This is the Word of the Lord.

☑ **Thanks be to God.**

### ***MUSICAL INTERLUDE***

*When Peter asks about the limits of forgiveness, Jesus responds with a parable that suggests human forgiveness should mirror the unlimited mercy of God.*

### ***ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE GOSPEL (recorded)***

☐ The Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

☑ **Glory to you, O Lord.**

### ***GOSPEL (recorded)***

Matthew 18:21-35

Peter came and said to [Jesus], “Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?” Jesus said to him, “Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.

“For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.’ And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. 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.’ Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you.’ But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. 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. Then his lord summoned him and said to him,

*(continued)*

‘You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?’ And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart.”

ℒ The Gospel of the Lord.

☩ Praise to you, O Christ.

### *SERMON*

Pastor Lara

### *HYMN*

#### *Forgive Our Sins As We Forgive*

ELW Hymn 605

- 1 “Forgive our sins as we forgive,” you taught us, Lord, to pray;  
but you alone can grant us grace to live the words we say.
- 2 How can your pardon reach and bless the unforgiving heart  
that broods on wrongs and will not let old bitterness depart?
- 3 In blazing light your cross reveals the truth we dimly knew:  
how trifling others’ debts to us; how great our debt to you!
- 4 Lord, cleanse the depths within our souls and bid resentment cease;  
then, by your mercy reconciled, our lives will spread your peace.

### *AFFIRMATION OF FAITH*

Apostles’ Creed

ℒ Trusting in God’s baptismal promises,  
we affirm our faith 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 power of 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.**

*Little Disciples Tip ~ Prayers/Offering: Invite children to write down who they want to pray for this week and one way they can serve their family/community.*

### **THE PRAYERS**

- A** Lord in your mercy,
- C** hear our prayer.

### **THE PEACE**

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

*If you are at home, we encourage you to post the peace on a social media platform.*

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### **OFFERING**

*Love Divine, All Love Excelling*  
Teresa Lutterman, harp

[Rowland Prichard,  
arr. Janet Lanier]

#### **OFFERTORY PRAYER**

- A** Let us pray together. Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things.
- C** You have set before us these gifts of your good creation. Prepare us for your heavenly banquet, nourish us with this rich food and drink, and send us forth to set tables in the midst of a suffering world, through the bread of life, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

## **M E A L**

*Little Disciples Tip ~ Communion: If you have a Spark Story Bible, have your children follow along on page 465. The Lord's Prayer is on page 280.*

### **INVITATION TO COMMUNION AND COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION**

#### **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

- C** 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.

## **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

- A** Let us pray. We give you thanks, gracious God, that you have once again fed us with food beyond compare, the body and blood of Christ. Lead us from this place, nourished and forgiven, into your beloved vineyard, to wipe away the tears of all who hunger and thirst, guided by the example of the same Jesus Christ and led by the Holy Spirit, now and forever.
- C** Amen.

## **S E N D I N G**

*Little Disciples Tip ~ Blessing: Mark the sign of the cross on your child's forehead as a reminder of this sending blessing.*

### **BLESSING**

- P** Almighty God, Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you and lead you into the way of truth and life.
- C** Amen.

### **SENDING HYMN**

#### *O Christ, Our Hope*

ELW Hymn 604

- 1 O Christ, our hope, our hearts' desire, creation's mighty Lord,  
redeemer of the fallen world,  
by holy love outpoured, by holy love outpoured.
- 2 How vast your mercy to accept the burden of our sin,  
and bow your head in cruel death  
to make us clean within, to make us clean within.
- 3 But now the bonds of death are burst, the ransom has been paid;  
you reign above at God's right hand,  
in robes of light arrayed, in robes of light arrayed.
- 4 Oh, let your mighty love prevail to purge us of our pride,  
that we may stand before your throne  
by mercy purified, by mercy purified.
- 5 All praise to you, ascended Lord; all glory ever be  
to Father, Son, and Spirit blest  
through all eternity, through all eternity!

**SENDING** (*dismissal*)

**A** Go in peace, to love and serve the Lord!

**C** **Thanks be to God!**

**POSTLUDE**

*Azaleas in Houston*  
Teresa Lutterman, harp

[Bonnie Goodrich]

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*Assisting Minister* Tom Getzinger

*Altar Guild* Phillip Misner

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*Harp* Teresa Lutterman

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## WELCOME to WORSHIP

**THE FLOWERS** are given to the Glory of God by David and Sherry Grindeland in honor of their anniversary this next week and with gratitude for the many blessings they've received throughout their marriage.

### COMMEMORATIONS:

**John Chrysostom**, *Bishop of Constantinople, died 407* September 13  
John was a priest in Antioch and an outstanding preacher. His eloquence earned him the nickname "Chrysostom" ("golden mouth"). Appointed bishop of Constantinople, seat of the empire, he criticized corruption in the court. As a result, he was exiled by the empress.

**Holy Cross Day** September 14  
Helena, mother of Constantine, made a pilgrimage to the Holy Land and found what may be the actual site of Jesus' crucifixion. Her son built two churches there, and the dedication of one of them gave rise to this celebration of our Lord's victory on the cross.

**Cyprian**, *Bishop of Carthage, martyr, died around 258* September 16  
Cyprian served as a bishop during a time of great persecution of Christians. He insisted on receiving back those who had left the faith under duress. He also provided medical care during a severe epidemic.

**Hildegard**, *Abbess of Bingen, died 1179* September 17  
A mystic who was widely influential within the church, Hildegard advised and reproved kings and popes, wrote poems and hymns, and produced treatises in medicine, theology, and natural history. She was also a musician and artist.

**Dag Hammarskjöld**, *renewer of society, died 1961* September 18  
A Swedish diplomat, Hammarskjöld served as the second Secretary General of the United Nations until his death in a plane crash while trying to negotiate peace in present-day Zambia. His journal, published as *Markings*, revealed the depth of his Christian faith.

## TODAY ~ SEPTEMBER 13

EARLY SUNDAY MORNING DISCIPLESHIP...8:15 AM

### EARLY SUNDAY MORNING STUDY ~ PATRIARCHS OF GENESIS:

Sundays, **September 13 through October 11, 8:15 am**, via Zoom

Led by Kit Bowerman

In this five-week study of Genesis, we will delve into God's chosen family, with all of its beauty and blemishes. See how this family has many similarities to our own, and how God loves us in spite of our faults.

- **September 13:** Creation, Adam and Eve (and if we have time, Cain and Abel)
- **September 20:** Noah and the Ark
- **September 27:** Abraham and Sarah
- **October 4:** Jacob and Esau (the twins)
- **October 11:** Joseph (the dreamer)

Sign up online at <https://salc.church/sunday-morning-bible-study>

**AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM AND CONFIRMATION:**

**Sundays, 10:45 am**, via Zoom, for youth in grades 7-8

The Affirmation of Baptism and Confirmation (ABC) class resumes on Sunday, **September 13**, from 10:45 am - 11:30 am, on Zoom, for Saint Andrew's youth in grades 7 and 8. The ABC class prepares Saint Andrew's youth to understand and affirm their faith.

The ABC teachers ask a parent from each family to attend the first class (September 13) with the youth, at which time Dana Nasby will welcome the youth, present an overview of the year, and introduce the teachers. A Zoom link will be sent directly to families.

**SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP - ONLINE**

Sunday, **September 13, 10:45 am**, via Zoom

**Connecting with One Another:** Join us for fellowship! Bring your own coffee and treats and join the Saint Andrew's Online Fellowship Hour after our livestream service on Sunday, **September 13**. We'll share how we're doing, what's new, and just check in with our Saint Andrew's family. Sherry Grindeland, Fellowship Coordinator, will facilitate this Zoom gathering.

Sign up at [www.salc.church/event/sunday-fellowship-online](http://www.salc.church/event/sunday-fellowship-online) no later than Saturday, **September 12**, so we can get the Zoom link emailed to you in time. Questions? Contact Sherry Grindeland, [sherry@salc.church](mailto:sherry@salc.church) or 425-746-2529.

**SIGN-UPS**

**To sign-up for events and activities:**

- Use the link provided in the event/activity announcement, OR
- visit [www.salc.church/forms-resources](http://www.salc.church/forms-resources) and select the desired button, OR
- contact Susan Hegedus, [susan@SALC.church](mailto:susan@SALC.church) or 425-746-2529, and she will sign you up.

**THIS WEEK ~ SEPTEMBER 14 - SEPTEMBER 19**

**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 14**

**ALTAR GUILD:**

Monday, **September 14 12:00 noon**, via Zoom

The Altar Guild will be meeting online for our fall gathering. The meeting will be Monday, **September 14**, at **12:00 noon** via Zoom. In addition to catching up with each other we will have a few quick discussions and updates on the plan for the remainder of the year. The invite and agenda will be sent out via email. If you'd like to join Altar Guild or are missing the meeting information please contact Altar Guild Chair Phillip Misner.

**PLEASE UPDATE YOUR HOUSEHOLD**

**INFORMATION:** We are finalizing an updated congregation directory this week. If your contact information (address/phone/email) has changed, please make sure we have your current information by Monday, **September 14**. Send updates to [info@salc.church](mailto:info@salc.church) or phone the office, 425-746-2529.

**SAINT ANDREW'S MEN:**

Every Tuesday, **8:30 am**, via Zoom  
 Facilitator: Dick Swaisgood  
 All men are invited as the Saint Andrew's Men's Group (SAM) continues to study racial equality/equity issues. We are currently viewing and discussing a series of courses from "ChurchNext", specifically "Whiteness and Racial Justice" with Kelly Brown Douglas. If you feel inspired to join in the discussion, please fill your coffee cup, no dress code required, shaving is optional, and meet us online Tuesday mornings.  
 Email Dick Swaisgood for instructions on joining this online meeting.

**MIDWEEK BIBLE STUDY:**

**Tuesdays, 10:00 am**, via Zoom  
 Pastor Lara leads this midweek Bible study (via Zoom).  
 Each week, we take an in-depth look at the upcoming Sunday readings. For example, on September 15 we will study the readings for Sunday, September 20. We will still meet via Zoom at 10:00 am, but Pastor Lara will "start" the meeting at 9:45 am so that you have time to check in with each other and get settled prior to our opening prayer. **Please sign up** at <https://salc.church/midweek-bible-study> to get the Zoom link. We look forward to seeing you there!

**O.W.L.S. (OLDER WISER LUTHERAN SAINTS):**

Tuesday, **September 15, 11:45 am**, via Zoom  
**Learn of the Mission Accomplished at O.W.L.S.** Join us for the first online Older Wiser Lutheran Saints luncheon at **11:45 am** on Tuesday, **September 15**. Jean Wahlstrom will lead the program of Saint Andrew's members who went to the Navajo Nation in March. They will share stories and photos of their experiences when they were at the Navajo Evangelical Lutheran Mission in Arizona. No potluck dish needed for this online event. And you don't need to be older or wiser to join this fun group. We will gather via Zoom at 11:45 am for conversation and check-in. The program will begin at 12:00 noon. Reservation deadline is 5:00 pm Monday, **September 14**. And reservations are a **MUST** for this O.W.L.S. gathering so we can email you the Zoom link. Sign up at <https://salc.church/event/o-w-l-s-older-wiser-lutheran-saints> For more information, contact Fellowship Coordinator Sherry Grindeland, [sherry@salc.church](mailto:sherry@salc.church) or 425-746-2529.

**W.E.B.S. (WOMEN'S "EARLY" BOOK STUDY):**

Weekly on Wednesdays, **11:00 am**, via Zoom  
 We are reading and discussing **How to Be an Antiracist** by Ibram X Kendi. Our discussions are led by Manda Shoen. Email Cheryl Jurrus to get the link to join our Zoom discussions.

**BOOK STUDY ~ HOW TO BE AN ANTIRACIST:**

Weekly on Wednesdays, **7:00 pm**, via Zoom  
 Led by Manda Schoen  
 In an effort to grow together in learning how we can better love and serve all people, a small group has been reading **"How to be an Antiracist"** by Ibram X Kendi. The goal is to complete reading the book and then discuss what we have learned and what meaningful changes we can make as a congregation.

## THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

### **KNITWITS:** Thursday, **September 17, 1:00 pm**, via Zoom

Knitting as Witnesses (KnitWits) will gather via Zoom to check in, share ideas, and connect with each other. Bring your knitting and let us know what you've been working on. Contact KnitWits coordinator Dianne Chong or Communications Specialist Susan Hegedus, [susan@salc.church](mailto:susan@salc.church), to get the Zoom link for this meeting.

## SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

### **ALL CHURCH WORK DAY:**

Saturday, **September 19, 9:00 am - 12:00 noon**

Come enjoy some fellowship time with your Saint Andrew's family, and help clean up and fix up the church! We will hold an All Church Work Day **September 19, 9:00 AM until Noon**. As always, there will be jobs for all ages and skills, and snacks! This time, jobs will be primarily focused on outdoor activities, and snacks will be served by masked and gloved servers. We ask that you also use a mask when you are around other people outside your household. Masks and sanitizer will be available. Please sign up ahead of time so we can plan for the number of people.

Sign up on the church's website at <https://salc.church/event/all-church-work-day>

## NEXT SUNDAY ~ SEPTEMBER 20

### WORSHIP

**LIVESTREAM ONLY:** Please log on and worship via livestream at **9:30 am**.

Details and links can be found at [www.SALC.church/media](http://www.SALC.church/media).

*The church is not open for in-person worship.*

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### **Sunday, September 20: Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

Exodus 16:2-15; Psalm 105:1-6, 37-45; Philippians 1:21-30; Matthew 20:1-16

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### AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM AND CONFIRMATION:

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The Affirmation of Baptism and Confirmation (ABC) class resumes on Sunday, **September 13**, from 10:45 am - 11:30 am, on Zoom, for Saint Andrew's youth in grades 7 and 8. The ABC class prepares Saint Andrew's youth to understand and affirm their faith. A Zoom link has been sent directly to families.

### DISCIPLESHIP HOUR FORUM: HOW LUTHERANS INTERPRET THE BIBLE

Sunday, **September 20, 10:45 am**, via Zoom

*Facilitator: Jean Wahlstrom*

This is Session 1 of a 7-session video series by Dr. Mark Allan Powell, a Lutheran pastor and Bible professor. This series invites exploration of important questions about Lutherans and the Bible, with presentation of a variety of Lutheran perspectives. Each session is a lecture followed by discussion guided by questions. The September 20 session is called "The Word of God".

Sign up online at <https://salc.church/event/sunday-discipleship-hour-forum-how-to-interpret-the-bible> no later than Saturday, **September 19**, so we can get the Zoom link emailed to you in time.

## COMING UP

**There are no on-site activities/events/meetings.**

## WORSHIP

**SUNDAY WORSHIP** is via **livestream only**, at **9:30 am**.

Details and links to bulletins and the livestream for each service can be found at [www.SALC.church/media](http://www.SALC.church/media).

Washington State's "Washington State's "Smart Start" approach to reopening does not allow large gatherings until Phase 4. As we continue to follow state and synod guidelines, livestream only (no in-person) worship will continue until further notice.

## EARLY SUNDAY MORNING DISCIPLESHIP

### EARLY SUNDAY MORNING STUDY ~ PATRIARCHS OF GENESIS:

Sundays, **through October 11, 8:15 am**, via Zoom

Led by Kit Bowerman

In this five-week study of Genesis, we will delve into God's chosen family, with all of its beauty and blemishes. See how this family has many similarities to our own, and how God loves us in spite of our faults.

- **September 20**: Noah and the Ark
- **September 27**: Abraham and Sarah
- **October 4**: Jacob and Esau (the twins)
- **October 11**: Joseph (the dreamer)

Sign up online at <https://salc.church/sunday-morning-bible-study>

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**DISCIPLESHIP HOUR FORUM: INTRODUCTION TO RECONCILING IN CHRIST**

Sunday, **September 27, 10:45 am**, via Zoom

*Presenter: Pastor Rick Pribbernow*, Chaplain/Director of Open Door Ministries  
Pastor Pribbernow will begin this session by introducing the ELCA's program of Reconciling in Christ and will provide a broad overview of the process to become a Reconciled in Christ congregation. Additionally, the forum will cover a brief history and insight into the LGBTQ+ community and the long battle for civil rights, and will examine Biblical and theological perspectives on the subject.

Sign up online at <https://salc.church/event/sunday-discipleship-hour-forum-introduction-to-reconciling-in-christ> no later than Saturday, **September 26**, so we can get the Zoom link emailed to you.

Find more information about the LGBTQ+ Inclusion Group in the September 2020 issue of *the VOICE* newsletter (page 10.)

FELLOWSHIP

**PARENT CHECK-IN AND SOCIAL HOUR:**

Thursday, **September 24, 6:00 pm**,  
via Zoom

Open to all parents with youth age birth through grade 12. A time to check-in and see how the start of the year is going and then gather for a fun conversation and socializing over Zoom.

**ALL YOUTH ZOOM YOUTH GROUP:**

Wednesday, **September 30, 5:00 pm**,  
via Zoom

All youth in **grades 6-12** are invited for our first youth group of the year! We will have some fun games and have the opportunity to check-in and see how everyone is doing. Zoom information will be sent out to all youth and families soon

**JOIN US FOR FIRST TUESDAY HAPPY (ONLINE) HOUR:**

Tuesday, **October 6, 5:00 pm**

Fellowship, friendship and conversation make any gathering a happy event. Join us at 5:00 pm Tuesday, **October 6**. It's easy and fun! You don't even need to dress up or find a parking spot. Pick your own snacks and libations, too.

Sign up at [www.salc.church/online-happy-hour](http://www.salc.church/online-happy-hour) by **12:00 noon** on **October 6**. Questions? Contact Fellowship Coordinator Sherry Grindeland at 425-746-2529 [sherry@salc.church](mailto:sherry@salc.church).

**ONGOING OPPORTUNITIES**

**PERK UP! FAIR TRADE COFFEE AVAILABLE:**

Enjoy your guilt-free coffee again. For several years we've been selling Equal Exchange, a fair trade co-op coffee brand, here at Saint Andrew's. We're resuming sales of the whole beans, ground coffee and yes - the chocolate bars.

Joyce and John Nelson or Sherry Grindeland will deliver your order or you can make arrangements to pick it up at church. Contact Fellowship Coordinator Sherry Grindeland, 425-746-2529 or [sherry@salc.church](mailto:sherry@salc.church) for more details.

## **CONTRIBUTE PRAYERS, DEVOTIONS,**

**ETC.:** We invite everyone to share a prayer, devotion/reflection, beloved Bible verse or story, etc. with the congregation. Contributions may be written or an audio or video recording. Include a photo if it seems appropriate. We may use these in *Trendings, the VOICE*, Facebook, YouTube, Instagram, or on our website! Send contributions to Pastor Lara, [pastor@salc.church](mailto:pastor@salc.church), or Communications Specialist Susan Hegedus, [susan@salc.church](mailto:susan@salc.church). Contact Susan if a file is too large to email. You are welcome to come to church to do the recording or record via Zoom - contact Susan Hegedus, [susan@salc.church](mailto:susan@salc.church), to make arrangements.

## **OUTREACH AND SERVANT MINISTRIES**

**UPDATE:** Our outreach ministries and the organizations we support have adapted and responded to the challenges caused by the COVID-19 pandemic. Dick Szabo, Interim Chair of Outreach and Servant Ministries Committee, has recorded a video update of current outreach efforts by Saint Andrew's, including ways you can help! Watch the video at <https://youtu.be/8ZF2BKVUH-8>

## **CONGREGATIONS FOR THE HOMELESS**

**SHELTER UPDATE:** Saint Andrew's hosted Congregations for the Homeless Rotating Men's Shelter from March-June. For much of that time, because of COVID-19, the men were in our building 24 hours a day. Congregation Council Vice President Carolynn Ferris and Facilities Manager Kurt Lutterman have recorded a video to the congregation with impressions of the experience, impacts to our facility, the follow-up cleaning, and what future plans may be. Watch the video at <https://youtu.be/I2YrhBk7qkQ>

**SANCTUARY PRAYER:** While we can't yet hold traditional in-person worship services, **you can come to the Sanctuary for prayer.** Keeping our congregation healthy and safe is our paramount concern, so we are asking everyone to sign up to come to pray. This will limit numbers and maintain physical distancing. The Sanctuary is available **7:00 am - 8:00 pm** Monday through Friday, and **2:00 pm - 8:00 pm** Sunday. Sign up (at least 24 hours in advance) at [www.salc.church/sanctuary-prayer](http://www.salc.church/sanctuary-prayer). You will be sent details and instructions for accessing the building after signing up. Questions? Contact Fellowship Coordinator Sherry Grindeland, [sherry@salc.church](mailto:sherry@salc.church).

**CONVERSATIONS:** Over the last few months, our congregation has committed to having conversations about several socially pertinent issues. This is good! As a Christian community, we are called to engage these topics and consider the ways God is at work in and through them. It is important, however, that we have these conversations with respect for the people with whom we are talking. When you discuss these (or any other) issues, please keep the following guidelines in mind:

### **Respectful Communication Guidelines**

- R = Take **responsibility** for what I say without blaming others
- E = Use **empathetic** listening
- S = Be **sensitive** to differences
- P = **Ponder** what we say, think, and feel
- E = **Examine** our own assumptions
- C = Keep **confidentiality**
- T = **Trust** the Spirit's presence in the midst of ambiguity

**FALL FUNDRAISING EVENTS:** Many of the outreach organizations that we partner with hold fundraising events in the fall. This year these events are virtual (online). Visit the organization's website for information and to participate.

Upcoming events for September are:

- **The Sophia Way:** *Sheltering from the Storm - Virtual Fall Fundraiser*  
Tuesday, **September 15** | 11:45 am - 12:45 pm  
Please join Joyce Arnold in "*Sheltering from the Storm*", a virtual fall fundraiser for The Sophia Way, to support women experiencing homelessness. Contact Joyce Arnold, arnoldaj44@hotmail.com, for details, or visit <https://sophiaway.org/sheltering/> or contact sairah.s@sophiaway.org for information.
- Bridge Disability Ministries: *Building Bridges Auction*  
Saturday, **September 19** | 7:00 pm | Bidding starts on **September 14**  
<https://bridgemin.ejoinme.org/buildingbridges>
- Congregations for the Homeless: *The Journey Home - Virtual Luncheon*  
Thursday, **September 24** | 12:00 noon  
[www.cfhomeless.org/attend-the-cfh-annual-luncheon/](http://www.cfhomeless.org/attend-the-cfh-annual-luncheon/)
- Chicken Soup Brigade – Lifelong: *Dine Out for Life*  
Thursday, **September 24**  
[www.lifelong.org/dofl](http://www.lifelong.org/dofl)

### SAINT ANDREW'S OUTREACH MINISTRIES

Please remember in prayer these organizations we provide ongoing support for....

- **Lantern Hill, Mexico:** Please pray for the health and well being of the children and families of Lantern Hill. Lantern Hill is continuing to provide food staples every other week to the families of the children they serve and continuing to support the higher education of their graduates. Contributions can be sent directly to Friends of Lantern Hill, 1907 Buckingham Drive, Chesterfield, MO 63017; or you can contribute through Saint Andrew's, with "Lantern Hill" in the memo line of your check.
- **Hopelink:**
  - ◆ **Monetary donations** provide the most flexibility and can be made from the Saint Andrew's online giving page ([www.salc.church/giving-options](http://www.salc.church/giving-options) and press the "Donate" button), or via check to Saint Andrew's marked "Hopelink", or directly to Hopelink.
  - ◆ **Amazon Wish List:** Hopelink has set up a wish list (with their greatest needs) through Amazon, where people can order items to be delivered directly to Hopelink. Click [Hopelink Wish List](#) for the link (or go to [https://smile.amazon.com/hz/charitylist/ls/APDBC9GDXAOP/ref=smi\\_ext\\_Ink\\_lcl\\_cl%20%20onclick=](https://smile.amazon.com/hz/charitylist/ls/APDBC9GDXAOP/ref=smi_ext_Ink_lcl_cl%20%20onclick=) ) The link can also be accessed through Hopelink's website: [www.hopelink.org/how-help-hopelink](http://www.hopelink.org/how-help-hopelink). At checkout, select the Hopelink Gift Registry address.
- **The Sophia Way** continues to serve women in need of meals, shelter, and services. Please visit [www.sophiaway.org](http://www.sophiaway.org) and click on the "Amazon Wish List" or "Shelter Needs", or contact Volunteer Coordinator Megan Duncan, [megan@sophiaway.org](mailto:megan@sophiaway.org), for ways to help. Monetary donations can also be made from the Saint Andrew's online giving page ([www.salc.church/giving-options](http://www.salc.church/giving-options) and press the "Donate" button), or via check to Saint Andrew's marked "The Sophia Way".

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- **Lutheran World Relief (LWR):**
  - ◆ **Project Bihar/India:** Monetary support for Bihar can be made from the Saint Andrew's online giving page ([www.salc.church/giving-options](http://www.salc.church/giving-options) and press the "Donate" button), or via check to Saint Andrew's marked "LWR/Bihar".  
LWR has published a new video where you can meet Mangita Devi (age 32) who has learned new farming techniques to increase her income and provide better nutrition to her family. Women like Mangita have been empowered and their livelihoods have been strengthened through Partnership Bihar. Watch Mangita's video at <https://salc.church/bihar-india-lutheran-world-relief>.  
September is the last month of our four-year commitment to support of families in Bihar. More information can be found in the September 2020 issue of *the VOICE* newsletter and at <https://salc.church/bihar-india-lutheran-world-relief>
  - ◆ **Items for Personal Care Kits:** Please keep items at home until we can collect them.
  - ◆ **75,000 More Face Mask Challenge:** LWR invites everyone to make masks as it seeks to collect 75,000 MORE face masks to send out with shipments of personal care kits to communities in need around the world. Visit [lwr.org/masks](http://lwr.org/masks) for more information. If you do not want to make a direct shipment, contact Cheryl Jurrus to make arrangements to deliver your masks to her, and she will ship them to LWR.
- **Congregations for the Homeless** continues to serve men in need of meals, shelter, and services. Visit [www.cfhomeless.org](http://www.cfhomeless.org) for information on the best ways to help during this time. Monetary donations can also be made from the Saint Andrew's online giving page ([www.salc.church/giving-options](http://www.salc.church/giving-options) and press the "Donate" button), or via check to Saint Andrew's marked "Congregations for the Homeless".  
The CFH Rotating Men's Shelter was at Saint Andrew's from March through June. Watch a video update with impressions of the experience, impacts to our facility, the follow-up cleaning, and what future plans may be. The video is at <https://youtu.be/I2YrhBk7qkQ>
- **Navajo Evangelical Lutheran Mission (NELM):** Our Team of volunteers served for a week in March at this Mission and School in Rock Point, Arizona. Please continue to pray for the NELM community, as the Navajo Nation has been severely impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. The Mission continues to provide meals to children, seniors, and anyone who is hungry. Funds for the mission school can be provided through Box Top\$ for Education; use the digital app to scan your grocery receipts.  
Visit [www.nelm.org](http://www.nelm.org) to learn more and/or to donate directly to them.  
Visit [www.salc.church/portfolio/navajo-lutheran-mission](http://www.salc.church/portfolio/navajo-lutheran-mission) to view a slideshow of the Mission Team's week at NELM.
- **Lutheran Community Services Northwest (LCSNW)** is collecting food and hygiene donations. For many of the multicultural families they serve, COVID-19 has had a devastating impact. The requests for food and hygiene products in their Resource Centers are significant, and they are asking for help to keep their community pantries stocked. Visit <https://lcsnw.org/office/north-puget-sound/> to learn more.
- **MaaSAE Girls Lutheran Secondary School (MGLSS) and The Plaster House in Tanzania:** Classes for 350 students have resumed at MGLSS. The Plaster House is currently treating 50 children with 140 on the waiting list. Monetary support for these organizations can be sent to Saint Andrew's. Note the "MGLSS" or "Plaster House" in the memo line of your check.

## WEEKLY PLANNER: SEPTEMBER 13 - SEPTEMBER 20

<b>Sunday</b>			
September 13		<b>Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost</b>	
	8:15 am	Sunday Morning Bible Study - Genesis	online
	<b>9:30 am</b>	Sunday Worship	LIVESTREAM
	10:45 am	Affirmation of Baptism and Confirmation Class	online
	10:45 am	Sunday Fellowship - Online	online
<b>Monday</b>			
September 14		OFFICE CLOSED	
	10:00 am	Music Rehearsal	Sanctuary
	12:00 noon	Altar Guild	online
	1:00 pm	Saint Andrew's Staff	212
	7:00 pm	Congregation Council	online
<b>Tuesday</b>			
September 15		OFFICE CLOSED	
	8:30 am	Saint Andrew's Men	online
	10:00 am	Midweek Bible Study	online
	11:45 am	O.W.L.S. (Older Wiser Lutheran Saints)	online
<b>Wednesday</b>			
September 16		OFFICE CLOSED	
	11:00 am	W.E.B.S. (Women's Evening Book Study)	online
	7:00 pm	Book Study ~ How to Be an Antiracist	online
<b>Thursday</b>			
September 17		OFFICE CLOSED	
	1:00 pm	KnitWits	online
<b>Friday</b>			
September 18		OFFICE CLOSED	
<b>Saturday</b>	9:00 am - 12:00 noon	All Church Work Day	Saint Andrew's
September 19			
<b>Sunday</b>			
September 20		<b>Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost</b>	
	8:15 am	Sunday Morning Bible Study - Genesis	online
	<b>9:30 am</b>	Sunday Worship	LIVESTREAM
	10:45 am	Affirmation of Baptism and Confirmation Class	online
	10:45 am	Discipleship Hour Forum	online

### SAVE THE DATE

ongoing	Worship with Holy Communion, 9:30 am	LIVESTREAM
ongoing	Pray in the Sanctuary, available Sunday-Friday	Saint Andrew's
ongoing	Fair Trade Coffee Available for purchase contact Sherry Grindeland	
September 24	Parent Check-in and Social Hour, 6:00 pm	online
September 30	All Youth (grades 6-12) Zoom Youth Group, 5:00 pm	online
October 6	Online Happy Hour, 5:00 pm	online
October 10	Youth Foot Golf	
October 20	O.W.L.S. (Older Wiser Lutheran Saints), 11:45 am	online
October 25	Reformation Sunday	
November 1	All Saints Day	

Please submit announcements for next Sunday's Bulletin no later than  
Wednesday, **September 16**, at 9:00 am.  
Email submissions to Susan Hegedus, [susan@SALC.church](mailto:susan@SALC.church)

# SAINT ANDREW'S LUTHERAN CHURCH MINISTRY TEAM

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## *Lutheran World Relief*

Our congregation supports the mission and ministries of **Lutheran World Relief**  
[www.lwr.org](http://www.lwr.org)

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