

St. Andrews Presbyterian Church



September 13, 2026

16th Sunday after Pentecost

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10:30 A.M.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

THE GATHERING

PRELUDE

"All Things Bright and Beautiful"

Rutter

"Be still and know that I am God."

Psalm 46:10

(Please use this time to prepare for worship in silence.)

WORDS OF WELCOME AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR DISCIPLESHIP

MINUTE FOR STEWARDSHIP – Cathy Stephenson

PASSING THE PEACE

"...I was a stranger and you welcomed me."

Matthew 25:35b

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

(The people may greet each other in the spirit of Christ.)

CALL TO WORSHIP

Liturgist

Come, people of God, rejoice in your Maker!

We will sing songs and hymns, old and new; celebrate with voices and instruments,
with praise and prayers!

Open your eyes to the life-giving presence of Jesus Christ.

For God is already here, among us and within us, bringing new life to all.

Let us praise God together!

OPENING PRAYER

*HYMN 402

"How Lovely Lord"

MERLE'S TUNE

*CONFESSION AND PARDON

Jesus calls us to enter the joy of discipleship, the joy of following in his way. But sin clings closely, and we struggle to respond fully to Christ's invitation. Let us seek God's forgiveness so that we may know more deeply the joy God intends.

Holy God, Creator of all that is, Donor of Grace, and Giver of Life: Hear our prayer. There are chasms in our lives, deep valleys that separate us from one another and from you. We confess that we have allowed those rifts to grow, for fear of admitting our part in the separation for fear of being rejected when we reach out. You call us to a reconciled life, to healed relationships, to a wholeness with one another and with you. Teach us the courage of reaching out to each other in truth and love. Mend us, we pray, and make us new creations through the power and love of Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

Silent Confession

*KYRIE

Lord, have mercy,

Christ, have mercy,

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Friends, hear this Good News: The love of God is beyond measure, and you are included in that love. Know that you are forgiven and thus freed to love and serve. **Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Amen.**

THE WORD

CHILDREN'S BLESSING

THE LORD'S PRAYER (Traditional)

(Page 35 *Glory to God Hymnal*)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Liturgist

ANTHEM

"Thy Word is a Lantern"

Ashdown

THE GOSPEL READING: Matthew 18:21-22

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

"Seventy Seven"

THE RESPONSE

*HYMN 462

"I Love to Tell the Story"

HANKEY

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Responsive)

(From *A Brief Statement of Faith, PC(USA)*)

In life and death we belong to God.

Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit,
we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel,
whom alone we worship and serve.

We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father.

In sovereign love, God created the world good,
acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation,
and makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant.

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God.

Jesus proclaimed the reign of God, was crucified,
and raised from the dead, delivering us from death to life eternal.

We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life.

The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith,
sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor,
and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the church.

**In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit,
we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks
and to live holy and joyful lives,
even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth,
praying, Come, Lord Jesus!**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

OFFERTORY

"We Will Glorify"

Paris/Bock

*DOXOLOGY/Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow (606)

*PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

THE SENDING

*HYMN 13

"The Mighty God with Power Speaks"

KINGSFOLD

*COVENANT OF THE CONGREGATION (Unison)

Let us go forth into the world in peace, have courage, hold on to what is good, return to no person evil for evil, strengthen the fainthearted, support the weak, help the suffering, honor all persons, love and serve the Lord, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

"A Clare Benediction"

Rutter



PARTICIPANTS IN WORSHIP

The Rev. Tim Murtaugh, Guest Pastor
Carol Johnson, Liturgist
Marty Havlin, Barb Newman, Ushers
Mary and Merlin Trausch, Greeters
Diane Pharr, Online Digital Greeter
Michael Beery, Music Director
Polly Mauer, Pianist



OPPORTUNITIES FOR MINISTRY																											
Today 9:00 Adult Ed Bible Study 10:30 Worship 11:30 Coffee Hour 4:00 A.A./Al-Anon Group Tuesday, September 15 1:00 Finance Mtg Wednesday, September 16 10:00 Knitting Group 4:00 Choir Rehearsal Thursday, September 17 2:00 "I Am" Class	Friday, September 18 9:00 Men's Breakfast @ Platte River Inn Saturday, September 19 9:30 "Lux Aeterna" Rehearsal Sunday, September 20 9:00 Adult Ed Bible Study 10:30 Worship 11:30 Coffee Hour 4:00 A.A./Al-Anon Group																										
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MILITARY: All of our US Military deployed and their families. INTERNATIONAL PEACEMAKERS : Rev. Jerome Bizimana & the people of Rwanda Rev. Butros Zaour & family & Majd Lahham, Damascus, Syria MISSION CO-WORKERS: Mark Adams & Miriam Maldonado Escobar, & their children: Cindy Yessenia, Anna Flor & Nathan—Frontera de Cristo; Douglas AZ Efi Latsoudi & Lesvos Solidarity, Greece	MEMBERS AND FRIENDS <table> <tr> <td>Bob Nelson</td><td>The Navin Family</td></tr> <tr> <td>Tim Bergstrom</td><td>Tim, Sarah, Tilly and Family</td></tr> <tr> <td>John Warren Robey</td><td>Casey Beal and Family</td></tr> <tr> <td>Kristin Lehoullier</td><td>Peter Navin</td></tr> <tr> <td>Suzie Anderson</td><td>Linda Koch</td></tr> <tr> <td>Cathy Lane</td><td>Evelyn Sengelaub</td></tr> <tr> <td>Vickie Smith</td><td>Laura and Bryan Sheffield</td></tr> <tr> <td>Bobbie Edwards</td><td>Gwen Baarstad</td></tr> <tr> <td>Sara Crane</td><td>Dottie Patterson</td></tr> <tr> <td>Sara Bruce</td><td>John Sappington</td></tr> <tr> <td>Olivia Dann</td><td>Chris (Harris) Bint</td></tr> <tr> <td>Richard Hug</td><td>Dave Maxton</td></tr> <tr> <td>Mary Heglin</td><td>Susan Eldred</td></tr> </table>	Bob Nelson	The Navin Family	Tim Bergstrom	Tim, Sarah, Tilly and Family	John Warren Robey	Casey Beal and Family	Kristin Lehoullier	Peter Navin	Suzie Anderson	Linda Koch	Cathy Lane	Evelyn Sengelaub	Vickie Smith	Laura and Bryan Sheffield	Bobbie Edwards	Gwen Baarstad	Sara Crane	Dottie Patterson	Sara Bruce	John Sappington	Olivia Dann	Chris (Harris) Bint	Richard Hug	Dave Maxton	Mary Heglin	Susan Eldred
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Calling all bakers: We need your baking skills for treats for the Bazaar. Cookies, cakes, pies, breads, all baked goods are requested. These are favorites among the shoppers at the bazaar. Please contact Mary Trausch if you can help.

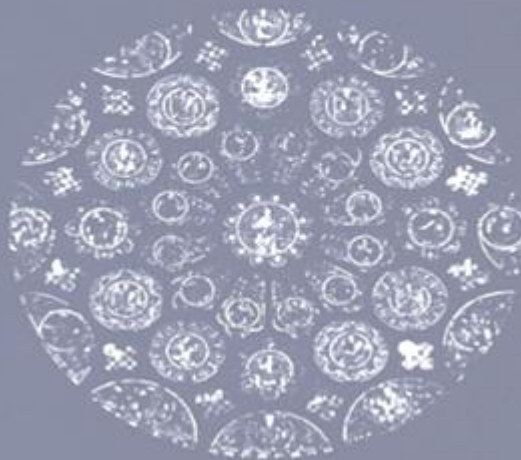
CCE News: Please remember to bring your donations for our School Snacks drive during the month of September. Ideas include boxes of graham, Waverley or animal crackers. Honey Oat granola or breakfast bars. Remember no chocolate, peanut butter or nuts. Thank you for helping provide a mid-morning snack for children who cannot bring their own. Place in black barrel in the Gathering Space labeled, "School Snacks".

REMINDER for next week:

Families please mark your calendars for the **"Blessing of the Backpacks" on Sept. 20**. Please have your child, or grandchild bring their backpack to our service for a special blessing for the oncoming school year. Every child needs God's blessings as they begin their new year!



Morten Lauridsen
LUX AETERNA



Dear Singers,

The Arts on the Hill Series of the St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Beulah Michigan is hosting a performance of Morten Lauridsen's **LUX AETERNA** on **Sunday, October 11, 2026, at 3 pm**. We invite you to join us this year for this wonderful work.



United Through Christ, Bound to Each Other

by Rhonda Mahwood Lee

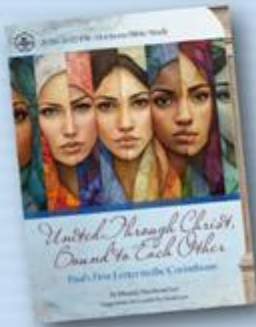
Gather with us to learn about Paul's first letter to the church in Corinth. This Bible study explores the letter's setting, divisions within the congregation, and ultimately, the gifts given to all through the work of Christ.

Join us onsite or online the 2nd Tuesday of each month through May.

Classes begin Tuesday, September 8 at 10:30am

(read Chapter 1 for this class).

This year Adult Ed MT will cover the cost of the books!



The "I AM" Study

Study created by and led by Will Amstutz

Who are you?

If you identify as a Christian, are your beliefs and behavior
in accordance with God's Word?

Does your life reflect who He wants you to **BE** and **DO**?

The study starts on Thursday, September 10 from 2-3:30PM

We will meet at St. Andrews.

The study is planned for 8 weeks.

A personal study guide will be provided.

You provide the commitment!