



# Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

August 26, 2018 | 8:30 + 11:00 am

## We Gather in the Presence of the Triune God

**Gathering Music** | As the Deer *red hymnal, #503* please join in singing

### Welcome + Announcements

**Prelude** | Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above *setting by Barry Bobb*

### \*Call to Worship

The living God has sent the living bread from heaven to fill our hearts with strength!  
In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

Praise the Lord, you messengers, you mighty ones who do his bidding, who obey his word.

**\*Gathering Hymn** | Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above *red hymnal, #572*

## We Seek Renewal in God's Presence

### \*Call to Confession

Let us confess our sins to the One whose eyes are open day and night to heed our cry and our prayer.

*Silence for personal confession*

### \*Prayer of Confession

**Watchful God, you know our plight. Offended, we have not believed your words. Complaining, we have betrayed your love. We are weak, estranged, wandering, and lost. Seeking to stand in our own strength, we fall. Strangers to your holiness, we wander. Defenseless against evil within and without, we are lost. Shine your light in our darkness, and guide us back to our place in you. Amen.**

### \*Assurance

Hear the good news! Christ himself is the Word that offers eternal life to all who receive him.

**This proves God's love for us!**

In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

**Thanks be to God!**

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**Hymns + Songs** | *Lift Up Your Hearts* (red hymnal)

**Bold Print** | Speak or sing together in unison

*\*Please rise in body or in spirit*

**\*The Peace** | time of greeting  
The peace of Christ be with you always.  
**And also with you.**

## The Word of the Lord

**Psalm Lesson** | Psalm 84 *Bible*, pg. 472  
The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

**Old Testament Lesson** | Joshua 24:1-2a, 14-18 *Bible*, pg. 187  
The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

**Time for Young Disciples** | Heather Woodin, Director of Children's and Family Ministry  
*Parents who would like to have their children (3 year old-Kindergarten) participate in Children's Time are welcome to accompany their children downstairs during the congregational hymn.*

**Congregational Hymn** | I Will Hide Your Word Inside My Heart *red hymnal*, #761  
Verse 1: soloist  
Verse 1 & 2: all

**Gospel Lesson** | John 6:56-69 *Bible*, pg. 868  
The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

**Message** | An Initial Offering Rev. Dr. Daniel deBeer

## Responding to the Word

### Worship with Tithes and Offerings

*Prayer requests may be written on a prayer card and placed in the offering plate.*

**Offertory** | Psalm 84 *by* John Carter  
When I enter your sanctuary,  
your presence there makes it beautiful  
and I cannot keep from singing.  
When I am in your sanctuary,  
I know I have found my true home.  
Your presence is my light and my protection.  
I know that you will shower me with good things  
if I will only trust you.

-Psalm 84 paraphrase by May Kay Beall

**\*Offertory Response** | Doxology *red hymnal*, #965  
**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;**  
**Praise him, all creatures here below;**  
**Praise him above, ye heavenly host;**  
**Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

**\*Prayer of Dedication**



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## Prayers of the People + The Lord's Prayer

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.

Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors;  
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

## Sending

**\*Sending Hymn** | My Friends, May You Grow In Grace *red hymnal*, #938

**\*Charge + Blessing**

**\*Postlude** | Blessed Assurance! Jesus Is Mine *setting by John Carter*

*You are invited to remain for the postlude. Soli Deo Gloria! Glory to God Alone!*

*If you desire a personal time of prayer, we're here to pray with you and for you. Please join a prayer partner at the Prayer Room at the back of the Sanctuary immediately following the worship service.*

## Today's Worship Participants

Matthew Penning, *director of music*

(8:30) Deb Wretman; (11:00) Rebecca Benson, *worship leaders*

## Leadership

Interim Senior Pastor .....	Rev. Dr. Danie deBeer
Associate Pastor .....	Rev. Kyle Otterbein
Pastor Emeritus .....	Rev. Mark Martin
Music Director .....	Matthew Penning
Assistant Director of Instrumental Ministries .....	Lee Rabe
Assistant Director of Children's Vocal Ministries .....	Nelda Wittig
Assistant Director of Handbell Ministries .....	Laura Kastens
Children's & Family Ministry Director .....	Heather Woodin
Youth Ministries Director .....	Randy Hausler
Finance Administrator .....	John Benson
Office & Communications Administrator .....	Sarah Dyck

# Announcements

**Welcome!** We are happy to have you here with us today. If you would like more information about St. Andrew, please indicate your interest on the Connection Card. Join us for a time of fellowship and refreshments after the service. This is a wonderful way to meet the St. Andrew family.

**Prayer:** If you desire a personal time of prayer, we're here to pray with you and for you. Please join a prayer partner at the Prayer Room at the back of the Sanctuary immediately following the worship service.

**All ages are welcomed in our worship services.** Worship materials for children and adults, including large print hymnals, bibles, and bulletins are available on the shelves outside the north sanctuary doors. A T-Coil hearing assist loop is also available for those with this feature on their hearing aids.

If needed, **infant and toddler care** (up to age 2) is provided downstairs in the Nursery. Children's Time, for ages 3 years through Kindergarten, is also downstairs.

**Prayer Requests** may be written on a blue Prayer Request Card and placed in the offering plate.

**QR Coding for Giving:** The QR code in the Sunday bulletin is an electronic code that links to the giving page on our church website. In worship, we respond to God's love with our offering. We hope that people who like technology will use these prompts to connect their gifts to our worship.

**Connection Cards** are one way we can extend welcome and hospitality to our guests while also helping us consider steps we can take in the mission and ministry of Jesus Christ. We ask each person to fill out the card and place it in the offering plate. Members, once your contact information is correct, you only need to write your name.

For Further Action and Reflection...

- ◇ Every time I eat food, or drink, or touch water, I'll remember that Jesus uses bread, wine, flesh, blood, and water to teach about the gift of life, eternal life—not immortality, but a life filled with meaning – a way of living that deprives fear of having the upper hand.
- ◇ How are you guilty of preferring religion to Jesus – Christian theology and teaching above the reality of the flesh and blood Christ?
- ◇ Have you considered leaving the “company of believers” recently? Why?

- The **flowers** are given by Mary Roffman-Nixon and Mike Nixon in celebration of their daughter, Cecelia Nixon's 3rd birthday on August 30..
- **Monthly Birthdays & Anniversaries:** Beginning next month, we will be including a list of birthdays and anniversaries in the bulletin on communion Sundays. If you want to make sure your birthday or anniversary is on the list, please send the dates (including the year of birth or marriage) to the office. Thank you!

