

# 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time



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**Thought for Reflection**

“To be commanded to love God at all, let alone in the wilderness, is like being commanded to be well when we are sick, to sing for joy when we are dying of thirst, to run when our legs are broken. But this is the first and great commandment nonetheless. Even in the wilderness—especially in the wilderness—you shall love him.” — **Frederick Buechner**

**Welcome + Announcements**

**Prelude** | Go Down Moses arr. Jerome Naulais

✠ **Call to Gather**

In a world that cries out, “Fear me!” ...

**we will listen to Jesus’ words:**

**“Don’t be afraid!”**

In a world that wants us to hate the other. ...

**we will live Jesus’ call:**

**“Love God and love your neighbor as you love yourself.”**

In a world that radicalizes ...

**we, too, will be radical:**

**Radical with our hospitality.**

**Radical with our hope.**

**Radical with our love.**

Then come to this place,

ready to be who we are called to be.



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**Hymns + Songs** | Pages are listed for the printed bulletin

Numbers (#) are listed for music in the *Lift Up Your Hearts* (red) hymnal

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

✠ Please rise in body or in spirit.

**Let us gather together  
and worship God.**

✠ **Gathering Hymn** | “Praise My Soul, the God of Heaven,” pg. 7

✠ **Prayer of Confession and Promise of Ever-Present Grace**

Our God is a wellspring of salvation,  
who hears the prayers of the poor,  
who raises up the lowly,  
and who pours out the Divine Spirit on young and old alike.  
Let us come before God now, praying together:

**God of Faithful Surprises,  
throughout the ages  
you have made known your love and power  
in unexpected ways and places.  
You give strength to all who humbly confess their transgressions  
and who place their hope in you.  
You save us from vain displays of righteousness,  
and you give us grace to keep faith.  
Help us now and always to open our eyes and hearts.  
Help us now to perceive the joy and wonder of your abiding presence.  
Help us always to offer our lives in gratitude for your blessings. Amen.**

*A Time for Silent Confession*

Hear the Good News:  
God hears and answers our prayers.  
Our Redeeming Sustainer will save us from vain displays of righteousness  
and give us grace to keep faith.  
**Thanks be to God. Amen**

✠ **Musical Response** | “Glory to God” / “*Gloria a Dios*”

Leader: *¡Gloria a Dios, gloria a Dios,  
gloria en los cielos!  
¡A Dios la gloria por siempre!  
¡Alleluya, Amén!*

Everyone: ***Glory to God, glory to God,  
glory in the highest!  
To God be glory forever!  
Alleluia, Amen!***

### ✠ **Sharing of Christ's Peace & Compassion**

And now, as a visible sign  
of what it means to live together  
in the care and context  
of Christ's community,  
let us extend Christ's  
peace and compassion  
to those around us!

The peace of Christ be with you all!  
And also with you!

### **Epistle Reading** | 1 Thessalonians 2:1-8 (*Bible*, pg. 959)

The Word of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

### **Musical Response** | *Let All God's Children Sing*, by Mark Patterson

### **Time for Young Disciples** | Emily Neddermeyer

### **Gospel Reading** | Matthew 22:34-46 (*Bible*, pg. 804)

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### **The Prompting** | *An Undivided Heart* | Rev. W. Robert Martin III

### ✠ **Hymn** | "When the Poor Ones," vs. 1, 2, and 4; pg. 8

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✠ Following the *Time for Young Disciples*, Kindergartners and younger children are welcome to join activities in the Lower Level Children's Area.

## Congregational Meeting to Elect Officers

### Nominees for Elder

- **Class of 2024:** Jason Gehrs and Karen Raynor
- **Class of 2025:** Donald Burch

### Election of Nominees

### Prayer

## Worship in Tithes and Offerings

**Offertory** | *Come Dwell in Solomon's Walls*, by Z. Randall Stroope

✠ **Response to Our Offerings** | “Now Thank We All Our God,” vs. 1

*Now thank we all our God  
with heart and hands and voices,  
who wondrous things hath done,  
in whom this world rejoices;  
who, from our mothers' arms,  
hath blessed us on our way  
with countless gifts of love,  
and still is ours today.*

## Welcoming New Members

## 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 Hymn** | “For the Fruit of All Creation,” pg. 9

✠ **Benediction**

**Postlude** | *O God Our Help*, arr. Dana F. Everson

## Today’s Worship Participants

Rev. W. Robert Martin III, *pastor*

Karen Raynor, worship leader

Austen Wilson, *director of music ministries*

Brass Ensemble | Lee Rabe, *assistant director of instrumental ministries*

Logos Chor | Abby Chen, *organist & accompanist*

Philia Singers

**The Flowers on the Chancel** are given by the Schmidt-Rundell family in loving memory of Rich and Tim Schmidt as the family honors their birthdays at the end of October and early November.

## Sunday School & Adult Education Today

- **2 & 3 Year Olds** | Children’s Area
- **4, 5 & Kindergarten** | Children’s Area
- **1st & 2nd Grade** | Children’s Area
- **3rd & 4th Grade** | Children’s Area
- **5th & 6th Grade** | Room 19 (meet in the Children’s Area first)
- **Jr. High** | Room 18
- **High School & Adult: Moore & Martin: Spiritual Inventories and Spiritual Influencers** | *Pastor Rob Martin* and *Matt Moore* will be team teaching a weekly class on a range of topics from Spiritual Gifts to the theologians who have inspired them. The class will be open to all ages from high school to retirement. | *Conference Room (#128)*
- **Bonhoeffer for Armchair Theologians | Oct. 8 - Nov. 12** | David Timmer, a professor emeritus of Central College (and father to Becky Benson), will offer a six-week course on the theology and the enduring legacy of Dietrich Bonhoeffer (1906-1945), whose ideas about Christian community, cheap and costly grace, moral responsibility, and the “non-religious” future of Christianity continue to challenge us in the present. | *The Hub*

# Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven 619

(Psalm 103)

1 Praise, my soul, the God of heav - en; glad of heart your  
 2 Praise God for the grace and fa - vor shown our fore - bears  
 3 Like a lov - ing par - ent car - ing, God knows well our  
 4 An - gels, teach us ad - o - ra - tion; you be - hold God

car - ols raise; ran - somed, healed, re - stored, for - giv - en,  
 in dis - tress; God is still the same for - ev - er,  
 fee - ble frame, glad - ly all our bur - dens bear - ing,  
 face to face. Sun and moon and all cre - a - tion,

who, like me, should sing God's praise? Al - le - lu - ia!  
 slow to chide, and swift to bless. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 still to count - less years the same. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 dwell - ers all in time and space: Al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu - ia! Praise the Mak - er all your days!  
 Al - le - lu - ia! Sing our Mak - er's faith - ful - ness!  
 Al - le - lu - ia! All with - in me, praise God's name!  
 Al - le - lu - ia! Praise with us the God of grace!

This adaptation of an older paraphrase of Psalm 103 (see no. 620) is informed by an awareness that much of the received language of religious traditions enshrines social values that obscure the goodness of God, which far transcends all our labels and categories and hierarchies.

# When the Poor Ones

## *Cuando el pobre*



- 1 Cuan-do el po-bre na-da tie-ne y aún re-par-te,  
 1 When the poor ones, who have noth-ing, still are giv-ing;  
 2 When com-pas-sion gives the suf-f'ring con-so-la-tion;  
 3 When our spir-its, like a chal-ice, brim with glad-ness;  
 4 When the good-ness poured from heav-en fills our dwell-ings;



cuan-do al-guien pa-sa sed y a-gua nos da,  
 when the thirst-y pass the cup, wa-ter to share;  
 when ex-pect-ing brings to birth hope that was lost;  
 when our voic-es, full and clear, sing out the truth;  
 when the na-tions work to change war in-to peace;



cuan-do el dé-bil a su her-ma-no for-ta-le-ce:  
 when the wound-ed of-fer oth-ers strength and heal-ing;  
 when we choose love, not the ha-tred all a-round us:  
 when our long-ings, free from en-vy, seek the hum-ble:  
 when the strang-er is ac-cept-ed as our neigh-bor:

### *Refrain / Estribillo*



Va Dios mis-mo en nues-tro mis-mo ca-mi-nar;  
 We see God, here by our side, walk-ing our way;



va Dios mis-mo en nues-tro mis-mo ca-mi-nar.  
 we see God, here by our side, walk-ing our way.

- 2 *Cuando alguno sufre y logra su consuelo,* 3 *Cuando crece la alegría y nos inunda,*  
*cuando espera y no se cansa de esperar,* *cuando dicen nuestros labios la verdad,*  
*cuando amamos, aunque el odio nos rodee:* *cuando amamos el sentir de los sencillos:*  
 Estribillo Estribillo

- 4 *Cuando abunda el bien y llena los hogares,*  
*cuando alguien donde hay guerra pone paz,*  
*cuando "hermano" le llamamos al extraño:*  
 Estribillo

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# For the Fruit of All Creation 36

1 For the fruit of all cre - a - tion, thanks be to God.  
 2 In the just re - ward of la - bor, God's will be done.  
 3 For the har - vests of the Spir - it, thanks be to God.

For the gifts to ev - ery na - tion, thanks be to God.  
 In the help we give our neigh - bor, God's will be done.  
 For the good we all in - her - it, thanks be to God.

For the plow - ing, sow - ing, reap - ing, si - lent growth while we are  
 In our world - wide task of car - ing for the hun - gry and de -  
 For the won - ders that as - tound us, for the truths that still con -

sleep - ing, fu - ture needs in earth's safe - keep - ing, thanks be to God.  
 spair - ing, in the har - vests we are shar - ing, God's will be done.  
 found us, most of all that love has found us, thanks be to God.

Originally called "Harvest Hymn," this text is much more comprehensive than that title implies. It also deals with stewardship, thanksgiving, and God's endless gifts that continue to astound us. It is set to a familiar Welsh tune whose name means "throughout the night."

# Questions about Worship @ St. Andrew?

- **Welcome!** We are happy to have you join us today. If you would like more information about St. Andrew, please email [office@saintandrew-ic.org](mailto:office@saintandrew-ic.org) or visit <https://bit.ly/sapc-connection>.
- Our worship services begin **in-person and online at 9:30 a.m. on Sunday mornings**, followed by Sunday School and Adult Christian Education offerings from September to April and a variety of After Worship activities from May to August. *The service usually begins with Welcome & Announcements a few minutes before 9:30 a.m.*
- All ages are welcome in our worship services. Worship materials for all ages are available in **The Maker's Toolbox** outside the north entrance to the Sanctuary.
- **Nursery care** (up to age 2) is provided in the Lower Level throughout the morning. Programming for children (through Kindergarten age) begins in the Lower Level after the **Time for Young Disciples** on most Sundays and after the **Sharing of Christ's Peace and Compassion** on Communion Sundays.
- Large print hymnals, bibles, and bulletins also are available outside the Sanctuary doors. A T-Coil hearing assist loop is also available for those with this feature on their hearing aids.
- **Prayer Requests** may be written on a blue **Prayer Request Card** and placed in the offering plates as they are passed.
- Unless otherwise designated, gifts given to the weekly **offering**—either in the offering plates or through our website—support the annual church budget, including staff salaries, utilities, mission outreach, and all aspects of ministry at St. Andrew.
- To log into the **St. Andrew Connect** system, either download the **St. Andrew App** through the **App Store/Google Play** or visit [saintandrew.ccbchurch.com](http://saintandrew.ccbchurch.com).
- Permission to livestream the music in this service is from CCLI (#617801) and One License (A-711114).



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## Elders

**Class of 2024:** Cade Benson, Thomas Hartley, Sara Penn, Rebecca Schuchert, and **2 VACANCIES\***

**Class of 2025:** Helen Bryce, Eric Goers, Jon Swearingen, Bruce Walker, and **VACANCY\***

**Class of 2026:** Aaron Gibson, Mary Hausler, Virginia Ibrahim-Olin, Josh Schilling, Gregs Thomopoulos

## Deacons

**Class of 2024:** Kathi Anderson, Katherine Habley, Cody Neddermeyer, Pam & Phil Karp, Jenny Wilcox, and Elizabeth Young

**Class of 2025:** Erika Law Tuttle, Pat Penn, Amy & Jason Schmidt-Rundell, Kathy & Dave Duys, & Dedi Walker

**Class of 2026:** Daniel Chappo, Jim Halverson, Scott Hoffman, Jamie Tanas, and Mettie Thomopoulos

## Finance Team

**Class of 2024:** Jason Schuchert, *treasurer* | Michelle DeGroot, *assistant treasurer*

## Personnel Team (at large)

**Class of 2024:** Kent Short | **Class of 2025:** Lisa Shileny and Wes Habley | **Class of 2026:** Twila Finkelstein

## Nominating Team (at large)

**Class of 2024:** Kyle Bernard, Nichole Hoffman, Lori Hudson, Emily Neddermeyer

\* A Congregational Meeting has been called for today to fill three vacancies on Session:

Class of 2024: Jason Gehrs and Karen Raynor

Class of 2025: Donald Burch



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## Upcoming in Worship @ St. Andrew

### November 5:

- **Theme:** All Saints Sunday
- **Prompting:** Pastor Rob Martin
- **Music:** Grade 3-6 Ringers
- **After Worship:** Sunday School & Adult Education

### November 12:

- **Prompting:** Pastor Rob Martin
- **Music:** Resound! Handbells & Percussion
- **After Worship:** Sunday School & Adult Education

### November 19:

- **Theme:** Stewardship Sunday
- **Prompting:** Pastor Rob Martin
- **Music:** Agape Ringers & Angelic Voices
- **After Worship:**
  - Sunday School & Adult Education
  - Alternative Gift Market
  - Coffee with Leaders

### November 26:

- **Prompting:** Pastor Rob Martin
- **Music:** Wind Ensemble & Matins Bells
- **After Worship:** Sunday School & Adult Education

## Reminder of Upcoming Events

- Congregational Meeting for Filling Session Vacancies | Today
- Trunk or Treat | Today
- Homemade with Heart: Holiday Craft Fair | Nov. 4
- Alternative Gift Market | Nov. 19
- ETC/BASIC Thanksgiving Dinner | Nov. 19
- Food Market Distribution | Nov. 30
- Student Ministry Cookie Decorating Fundraiser | Dec. 3
- “Lessons & Carols” and last day of Sunday School and Adult Ed for 2023 | Dec. 10
- Kids Christmas Pageant and “Cocoa & Carols” | Dec. 17
- Services on Christmas Eve Day | Dec. 24 | 9:30 a.m. (4th Week of Advent) | 5, 7, & 11 p.m. (Christmas Eve)
- St. Andrew Hosts the Cub Scouts Pinewood Derby | Jan. 20, 2024
- St. Andrew Talent Show | Jan. 27, 2024
- Women’s Retreat | Feb. 2-3, 2024
- Flipping Tables Retreat | Feb. 24, 2024