

Today's Worship Participants

The Rev. Dr. Carl Anderson, transitional pastor
Ted Potter, worship leader
Logos Choir | Austen Wilson, director
Brass Ensemble | Abby Chen, director, accompanist, and organist
Alpha Ringers & Friends
Thomas Hartley, time for young disciples



After Worship Today

- · PreK-5th Grade: Children's Gathering Area
- Middle School: Middle School Classroom (#17)
- High School (adults welcome): Faith Beyond Youth Group, led by Matt Moore and Pastor Carl Anderson | Hospitality/Bridal Room (#103)
- Learning Academy (teens welcome): "Finding Hope in the Cancer Journey" with Sharon Fogleman, Paula McCue, and friends | The Hub
- Small Group Starter Class: For anyone interested in joining (or starting) a small group, with Ted & Annie Potter | Conference Room (#128)



Bulletin Cover

 "Lazarus and Dives," illumination from the 11th-century Codex Aureus of Echternach, Source: Wikicommons.



Flowers on the Chancel

• Flowers are given by Steve and Katie Martin in celebration of their 12th anniversary and the birth of James John (JJ) on 8/22/25.

Questions for Reflection

- In the Gospel story, the rich man steps over Lazarus each day. Who might we be stepping over now, and what would it take to truly see them?
- Today's anthem quotes Micah 6:8: "What does the LORD require of you? To act justly, love mercy, and walk humbly." How can we act justly this week?
- Jeremiah bought a field during a siege as a sign of hope. What act of faith might God be calling us to in a world that feels hopeless?
- The hymn When the Poor Ones says we see God "here by our side" when compassion is shared. How does our view of God shift when we see the divine in the hungry and hurting?
- Psalm 91 promises God's shelter and protection. How might that promise free us to open our lives more fully to those longing for refuge?





The 26th Sunday In Ordinary Time

9:30 a.m. | September 28, 2025 St. Andrew Presbyterian Church | Iowa City, Iowa

Welcome + Announcements

Prelude

■ Call to Gather | adapted from Psalm 91

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Today, we gather seeking shelter in the shadow of El Shaddai, the All-Sufficient God.

My shelter, my mighty fortress, my God, I place all my trust in you.

Like a bird protecting her young, God will cover and protect you.

My shelter, my mighty fortress, my God, I place all my trust in you.

God's faithfulness will form a shield around you, a rock-solid wall to protect you.

My shelter, my mighty fortress, my God, I place all my trust in you.

You will not dread the terrors that haunt the night or enemy arrows that fly in the day.

My shelter, my mighty fortress, my God, I place all my trust in you.

⊞ Gathering Hymn | "Gather Us In," pg. 7 (hymnal, #529)

⊞ Prayer of Confession and Promise of Ever-Present Grace | adapted from 1 Timothy 6:6-19

The author of 1 Timothy reminds us:

"We came into this world with nothing, and nothing is going with us on the way out! So as long as we are clothed and fed, we should be happy.

But those who chase riches are constantly falling into temptation and snares. ...

For the love of money—and what it can buy—is the root of all sorts of evil."

Let us turn to God, together, and confess how often the love of money has distracted us from our "guest for justice, godliness, faithfulness, love, perseverance, and gentleness."

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.

God of the Poor, God of the Discarded, God of the Outcast,
when we are feeling high and mighty,
when we are ready to gamble everything on mere riches,
remind us that all we have comes from you.

Remind us that any wealth we have is given to us to use for others.

Help us invest in the realm you are creating on earth as it is in heaven.

Help us act in accordance with your economics of "justice, godliness, and faithfulness."

Help us earn interest on the "love, perseverance, and gentleness" we invest in others.

And forgive us for the many times we have chosen to follow the wrong master in this world.

Time for Silent Confession

Friends, take heart. You are forgiven.

You stand "spotless" and with an "indisputable record" before God, the life-giving Creator of all things, and before Jesus, the Anointed One, who comes to set this world straight.

Let us work together to build on the amazing foundation God has laid for us.

■ Musical Response | "Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me"

1 Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me, and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me, and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

2 World without end, without end. Amen.World without end, without end. Amen.World without end, without end. Amen.As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. 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!**

Old Testament Reading | Jeremiah 32:1-3a, 6-15 (*The Voice*)

The word of the prophets for the people of God. Thanks be to God.

Time for Young Disciples ♥

Gospel Reading | Luke 16:19-31 (The Voice)

The word of the prophets for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

The Message | Pastor Carl Anderson

ቜ Hymn | "When the Poor Ones / Cuando el pobre," pg. 8 🕆 🕆

Offering Our Time, Treasure, and Talents

Offertory | Offertory, by John Ness Beck

■ Response to Our Offerings | "All Together in God's Presence"

All together in God's presence, we are gathered here today. Now upon his holy union for God's blessing let us pray. Thank you, God for all your give us, all that's faithful, good, and true. Life and love are your creation. We are here because of you.



[♦] Children in Kindergarten and younger are invited to move down to the Lower Level Children's Area following the Time for Young Disciples.

The Note on the Hymns: Little is known about José Antonio Olivar and Miguel Manzano, the two Roman Catholic priests from Spain who collaborated on the text for "When the Poor Ones." They reflect the spirit of the 1970s in Catholicism when liberation theology was rising in its influence. Noted church musician Carlton Young remarked: "The central teaching is the classic liberation motif that God in Christ is seen and experienced in the plight of the rejected of society: the homeless, the poor, and the parentless. In life's journey, we are closer to God when we love them and share from our abundance of food, clothing, and shelter." Each verse has a similar structure, starting with cuando (when) and ending with "We see God, here by our side, walking our way." Perhaps this is a way of centering the poor and others who need compassion.

Prayers of the People

Lord's Prayer | adapted from Matthew 6:9-14 (The Voice)

Abba, our father in heaven,
let your name remain holy.
Bring about your kingdom.
Manifest your will here on earth,
as it is manifest in heaven.
Give us each day that day's bread—no more, no less—and forgive us our debts
as we forgive those who owe us something.
Lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
But let Your kingdom be,
and let it be powerful and glorious forever. Amen.

★ Sending Hymn | "God of Grace, and God of Glory," pg. 9 (hymnal, #926)

⊞ Benediction

Postlude | Canzona No. 29, by G. Frescobaldi

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Here in This Place

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The "you/your" mentioned in every stanza is never identified, but this 1979 hymn is clearly a corporate prayer to God on behalf of the diverse congregation who have assembled for worship, longing to be transformed and used as God's witnesses and for God's purposes.

When the Poor Ones

Cuando el pobre



- 2 Cuando alguno sufre y logra su consuelo, cuando espera y no se cansa de esperar, cuando amamos, aunque el odio nos rodee: Estribillo
- 3 Cuando crece la alegría y nos inunda, cuando dicen nuestros labios la verdad. cuando amamos el sentir de los sencillos: Estribillo
- 4 Cuando abunda el bien y llena los hogares, cuando alguien donde hay guerra pone paz, cuando "hermano" le llamamos al extraño: Estribillo

Text: José Antonio Olivar, b. 1939; tr. Martin A. Seltz, b. 1951

Music: EL CAMINO, Miguel Manzano, b. 1934
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307 God of Grace and God of Glory



This stirring hymn used at the opening of Riverside Church in New York in 1930 was penned by its widely-known and influential pastor, and it has gained a firm place in English-language hymnals around the world. The Welsh tune name honors the Rhondda Valley in Glamorganshire.











Visit from Impacto's Pastor Luis Martinez (Oct. 2-5)

We are delighted to welcome **Pastor Luis Martinez** from **Impacto Ministry** in **Guatemala** to St. Andrew from **October 2–5, 2025**. Impacto is one of our valued Mission Partners, and over the past decade more than 80 members of St. Andrew have traveled to Guatemala to serve alongside them. This visit will be a special opportunity to reconnect, hear ministry updates, and look ahead to future trips in **Summer 2026** and **Spring 2027**.

Thursday, October 2 (The Hub)

 7:00 p.m.: Pastor Luis and Kathi Anderson will share stories during St. Andrew's monthly alternative worship service.

Friday, October 3 (The Hub)

- 9:30–10 a.m. | Coffee Meet & Greet: A casual time to connect with Pastor Luis.
- 10 a.m.–Noon. | Conversation with Impacto: Join Pastor Luis and Impacto staff for updates on the Stitches of Blessings sewing ministry, supported through our Sewing for Others program. Friends from Hillside Community Church will also be present.
- 5–7:30 p.m. | Friends of Impacto Potluck: Bring a dish to share! Dinner begins at 5:30 p.m., followed by dessert and a ministry overview from Pastor Luis at 6 p.m.. This gathering is a chance to reconnect with past trip participants, long-time supporters, and those exploring future opportunities.

Sunday, October 5 (The Sanctuary)

 9:30 a.m. | Worship: Pastor Luis will bring the morning message as we celebrate World Communion Sunday together.

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Elders

2026: Chloe Goers, Aaron Gibson, Mary Hausler, Virginia Ibrahim-Olin, Josh Schilling, and Gregs Thomopulos

2027: Becky Benson, Scott Fisher, Austin Kannegieter, Emily Neddermeyer, and Munir Tanas

2028: Helen Bryce, Don Burch, Paula McCue, Judy Swafford, and Jon Swearingen

Deacons

2026: Jim Halverson, Scott Hoffman, Emmit Schmidt-Rundell, Jamie Tanas, Mettie Thomopulos and David Weitzel

2027: Jordan Barrett, Kathy & Dave Duys, Lynne Ginsberg, Cody Neddermeyer, and Jenni Stacy-Adams

2028: Laurel Crusinberry, Vern Dengler, Rick Graf, Cindy Seyfer, and Allison Van Iddekinge

Personnel Team (at large)

2026: Twila Finkelstein | 2027: Kent Short | 2028: Ernie Found and Mindy Egeland

Nominating Team (at large)

2026: Kyle Bernard, Hillary Chappo, Paul Heidger, and Toni Van Voorhis

Finance Team (elected by Session)

Treasurer: Emily Nedderymeyer (2026); Assistant Treasurer: Michelle DeGroot (2026)

Questions about Worship?

- **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** or fill out this short form: **https://tinyurl.com/sapc-guest**.
- Our worship services begin in-person and online shortly before 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.
- 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.
- Unless otherwise designated, gifts given to the weekly offering support the church budget, including staff salaries, utilities, mission outreach, and all aspects of ministry.
- To log into the St. Andrew Connect system, either download the St. Andrew App through the App Store/Google Play or visit https://saintandrew.ccbchurch.com.
- There are wheelchairs available for use as needed in the lower level entrance foyer and by the coat racks near the upper level entrance.
- There is an AED near the Coffee Kitchen should a medical emergency arise.

Upcoming Events

- Party for Pastor Mark Martin | Sept. 28
- At the Table | Oct. 2
- Impacto Reunion | Oct. 3
- "Sound of Friendship" Concert | Oct. 3
- World Communion Sunday | Oct. 5
- BASIC Pancake Breakfast | Oct. 5
- Pilot Club Breakfast | Oct. 11
- Hayrides @ Dane Farm | Oct. 11
- Senior Moments | Oct. 21
- Trunk or Treat | Oct. 26
- Organ Recital: Abby Chen | Oct. 27

- Food Market | Oct. 22
- Minds Matter Resource Fair | Nov. 1
- Homemade from the Heart Sale | Nov. 1
- Caregiver Wellness Day | Nov. 6
- At the Table | Nov. 6
- AGO Organ Recital | Nov. 8
- Gifts of the Heart Packing | Nov. 15
- 'No Grinch Here' Food Drive | Nov. 16 to Dec. 7
- Next Steps | Nov. 16
- Food Market | Nov. 19
- Alternative Gift Market | Nov. 23