



**St. Andrew
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CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

Baptism with Communion

10:30 A.M.

✠ 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time ✠

November 3, 2024

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

** Please stand in body or in spirit.*

A WORD OF WELCOME AND RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP

*CALL TO WORSHIP (*responsive*)

We are marked as God's beloved ones.

What have we done to deserve God's love.

God's love is God's free gift to us, always and forever.

Even when we are difficult and turn away from God,

God's love never vanishes from us.

Thanks be to God who is ever faithful to us, AMEN.

*HYMN

Lord, We Have Come at Your Own Invitation

GtG # 503

Lord, we have come at your own invitation, chosen by you, to be counted your friends;

Yours is the strength that sustains dedication; ours, a commitment we know never ends.

Here, at your table, confirm our intention; give it your seal of forgiveness and grace;

Teach us to serve without pride or pretension, Lord, in your kingdom, whatever our place.

When, at your table, each time of returning, vows are renewed and our courage restored,

May we increasingly glory in learning all that it means to accept you as Lord.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*unison*)

Eternal and merciful God, you have loved us with a love beyond our understanding, and you have set us on paths of righteousness for your name's sake. Yet, we have strayed from your way; we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, and we have wandered from your pathway. As we remember the cleansing water of baptism, O God, we praise you and give you thanks that you forgive us yet again. Grant us now, we pray, the grace to die

daily to sin, and to rise daily to new life in Christ, who lives and reigns with you,
and in whose strong name we pray. Amen.

Time for silent reflection.

ASSURANCE OF GRACE

People of God, you are known and loved by the Creator. You are marked as God's chosen ones to bring hope and peace to others. Be at peace and live in hope. Amen.

GLORIA PATRI

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Sharing Joys and Concerns

Song of prayer: *Come and Fill* (*pew song sheet*)

Prayers lifted to God

The Lord's Prayer (*unison*)

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.

BAPTISM of Rhye Zephyr Glaum (See Insert)

*HYMN

Child of Blessing, Child of Promise

GtG #486

Child of blessing, child of promise, baptized with the Spirit's sign, with this water God has sealed you unto love and grace divine.

Child of love, our love's expression, love's creation, loved indeed! Fresh from God, refresh our spirits; into joy and laughter lead.

Child of joy, our dearest treasure, God's you are, from God you came. Back to God we humbly give you: live as one who bears Christ's name.

Child of God, your loving Parent, learn to listen for God's call. Grow to laugh and sing and worship; trust and love God more than all.

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (*unison*)

As water splashed across our face awakens us in the morn, may your Word awaken us to your presence. Wash us in your wisdom, bathe us in your goodness, refresh us with your grace, by the power of your Holy Spirit. Amen.

FIRST LESSON

Ephesians 4:1-4

NT pages #193

I therefore, the prisoner in the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling,

SECOND LESSON

Mark 12:28-34

NT page #49

One of the scribes came near and heard them disputing with one another, and seeing that he answered them well, he asked him, "Which commandment is the first of all?" Jesus answered, "The first is, 'Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God, the Lord is one; you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.' The second is this, 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no other commandment greater than these." Then the scribe said to him, "You are right, Teacher; you have truly said that 'he is one, and besides him there is no other'; and 'to love him with all the heart, and with all the understanding, and with all the strength,' and 'to love one's neighbor as oneself,' —this is much more important than all whole burnt offerings and sacrifices." When Jesus saw that he answered wisely, he said to him, "You are not far from the kingdom of God." After that no one dared to ask him any question.

SERMON

Greatest Commandment

The Rev. Anne McAnelly

WE RESPOND IN FAITH

OFFERING

Anthem

Bread of the World

Choir

Doxology

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.

Offering Prayer (*unison*)

Through the power of your Spirit, bless these gifts that they might be used to the glory of your name. Seal us in our baptismal waters to put them to faithful work, that they might support the missions of our calling. This we pray in your abundant name. Amen.

COMMUNION (*please see insert*)

WE LIVE TO SERVE

*HYMN

Like a Mother Who Has Borne Us (alt tune Stuttgart)

GtG #44

Like a mother who has borne us, held us close in her delight, fed us freely from her body, God has called us into life.

Like a father who has taught us, grasped our hand and been our guide, lifted us and healed our sorrows, God has walked with us in life.

Though as children we have wandered, placed our trust in power and might, left behind our brothers, sisters, God still calls us into life.

When we offer food and comfort, grasp our neighbor's hand in love, tread the path of peace and justice, God still walks with us in life.

BENEDICTION (responsive)

You are a blessed people.

We will go to be a blessing in the world.

You are the face of Jesus.

We will go to be love and compassion to all.

You are the family of God.

**We will go to serve our sisters and brothers
wherever we may find them.**

The service of worship ends, the service of neighbor and world begins!

Upcoming Events

Monday, November 4	Bell Choir @ 2:30 PM
Tuesday, November 5	Nurture Meeting @ 10 am Enrichment Meeting @ 2 pm
Thursday, November 7	Office Closed Choir Rehearsal @ 2-3 PM
Saturday, November 9	Men's Breakfast @ 8:30 am Hubler Hall

TODAY'S WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS

COFFEE HOST: Michele Pomroy

GREETER: Michele Pomroy

LITURGIST: Carolyn Crocker

COUNTER: Pam Arnsberger

COMMUNION SERVERS: Myles Billheimer, Kathryn Adkins, Michele Pomroy