

The background of the entire image is a dramatic, high-contrast photograph of a stormy sky. The top half is dominated by large, billowing clouds in shades of bright yellow and orange, suggesting a sunset or sunrise during a storm. The bottom half shows darker, more turbulent clouds in shades of purple, blue, and grey, with a bright light source breaking through from the left, creating a lens flare effect. In the center of the image, there is a graphic element consisting of a white lightning bolt striking through a white circular swirl, which is positioned between the words 'ST' and 'ORM' of the main title.

STORM

PROOF

PREPARE

**ST. ANDREW LUTHERAN CHURCH
OCTOBER 2, 9:00 AM**



ORDER OF LIVE/ONLINE WORSHIP

PRELUDE

“Allegro (from Trumpet Concerto in C Major)” (John Stanley, arr. by David Lasky)

CALL TO WORSHIP

“God is So Good”

WELCOME

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Most merciful God,
we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.
Amen.

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

HYMN

“Jesus Loves Me!”

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty God, you have prepared us for the storms of life by giving us a Savior who is our refuge and our strength. Keep us steadfast in your Word and anchored in your love so that our hope is built on a foundation of solid rock, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**



ANTHEM

“He’s Got the Whole World in His Hands” (Arr. Stacey Nordmeyer)

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

READING

Matthew 7:24–29

“Everyone then who hears these words of mine and acts on them will be like a wise man who built his house on rock. The rain fell, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house, but it did not fall, because it had been founded on rock. And everyone who hears these words of mine and does not act on them will be like a foolish man who built his house on sand. The rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell—and great was its fall!” Now when Jesus had finished saying these things, the crowds were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority, and not as their scribes.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

“Prepare”

OFFERING

OFFERING OF MUSIC

“Christ the Sure and Steady Anchor” (Matthew Boswell, Matthew Papa)

OFFERING PRAYER

Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: our selves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

PRAYERS OF GOD’S PEOPLE

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.



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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

MUSIC DURING HOLY COMMUNION

"Come Let Us Reason" (Ken Medema)

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life. In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

BEFORE YOU GO

BENEDICTION

The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace.
Amen.

HYMN

"My Hope is Built on Nothing Less"

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SENDING

Go in peace. Live out your faith in daily life. **Thanks be to God!**

POSTLUDE

"Processional on 'Lift High the Cross'" (Donald Busarow)

THE PASTORS OF ST. ANDREW:

Pastor David Lillejord..... Senior Pastor
Pastor Gail Bach.....Pastor of Stewardship & Evangelism
Pastor Sarah Fike.....Pastor of Children, Youth, & Family
Pastor Matthew Ian Fleming .. Pastor of Teaching & Young Adults
Pastor Peter Johnson.....Pastor of Service & Small Groups
Pastor Roger Schindel..... Visitation Pastor

THE MUSICIANS FOR TODAY'S WORSHIP:

Larry Bach.....Canticle Choir Director
Jill Boyd..... Sonshine Singers Director
Barb Carroll.....Organist
Hannah Fleming.....Starlite Singers Director
Sarah Gilbertson..... Spirit Singers Director
Matthew Ian Fleming
Sonshine Singers
Spirit Singers
Starlite Singers

PRAYERS

As a community of faith we are connected through joy, sorrow, worship, and prayer. Please pray for the people listed below. Your prayers are greatly appreciated!

We ask for God's loving embrace to hold all those who mourn, especially:

- » The family of Drew VanOrden
- » Harold Orcutt on the death of his mother, Delores
- Eugene Elvecrog and family on the death of his wife, Paula
- The Tangeman family on the death of, Audrey
- Gordy and JoAnn Tanke on the death of Gordy's brother, David
- The family of Kathy Goldsmith
- The Lillecrap family on the death of their niece and cousin, Laney Danielson

Prayers of Mourning:

Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord; O Lord, hear my voice. **Psalm 130:1–2**

For I am convinced that neither death nor life... nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord. **Romans 8:38–39**

Jesus said to her, 'I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die'. **John 11:25–26**

As we are praying for all members of the St. Andrew community, this week we pray especially for God's comfort, healing, protection, and strength to be present with:

- » Deb Hetherington's Mom, Ardyce Rigg
- Marjean Skoog
- Bob Hennessey
- Marilyn Boorsma's grandson, Ben
- Dave Goble

Long Term Prayers:

- Kathy Hoagland
- Dave & Sherri Anderson's daughter, Sarah Anderson-Jacobson
- Ron Wolfbauer
- Marilyn Boorsma's son, Mark
- Dick Smith
- Paul & Marjean Skoog's sister-in-law, Lois
- Marcia Lund's sister, Jenni Fick
- Seeds of Support Mission in Haiti requests your ongoing prayers for our friends in Haiti. Haiti is experiencing a political and economic crisis that is producing widespread frustration among the population. Fuel shortages, food shortages, and general hopelessness are common. Please pray for Redemption Lutheran Church of Jacmel and all our friends there. Our mission will continue in evolving and vital ways to support their ministry.
- All those in the military serving our country

General Prayers:

Cast your cares on the Lord and he will sustain you. **Psalm 55:22a**

Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. **Matthew 11:28**

» New this week; names will remain listed for three weeks unless otherwise requested.
To add a name to the prayer list, click the 'Prayer Requests' link at the bottom of our website or contact Pastor Peter at pastorpeter@standrewlu.org.