Genesis 18:20-33

Then the Lord said, "Because the outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah is great and their sin is very grave, I will go down to see whether they have done altogether according to the outcry that has come to me. And if not, I will know." So the men turned from there and went toward Sodom, but Abraham still stood before the Lord. Then Abraham drew near and said, "Will you indeed sweep away the righteous with the wicked? Suppose there are fifty righteous within the city. Will you then sweep away the place and not spare it for the fifty righteous who are in it? Far be it from you to do such a thing, to put the righteous to death with the wicked, so that the righteous fare as the wicked! Far be that from you! Shall not the Judge of all the earth do what is just?" And the Lord said, "If I find at Sodom fifty righteous in the city, I will spare the whole place for their sake." Abraham answered and said, "Behold, I have undertaken to speak to the Lord, I who am but dust and ashes. Suppose five of the fifty righteous are lacking. Will you destroy the whole city for lack of five?" And he said, "I will not destroy it if I find forty-five there." Again he spoke to him and said, "Suppose forty are found there." He answered, "For the sake of forty I will not do it." Then he said, "Oh let not the Lord be angry, and I will speak. Suppose thirty are found there." He answered, "I will not do it, if I find thirty there." He said, "Behold, I have undertaken to speak to the Lord. Suppose twenty are found there." He answered, "For the sake of twenty I will not destroy it." Then he said, "Oh let not the Lord be angry, and I will speak again but this once. Suppose ten are found there." He answered, "For the sake of ten I will not destroy it." And the Lord went his way, when he had finished speaking to Abraham, and Abraham returned to his place.

Colossians 2:6-15

Therefore, as you received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in him, rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving. See to it that no one takes you captive by philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the world, and not according to Christ. For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, and you have been filled in him, who is the head of all rule and authority. In him also you were circumcised with a circumcision made without hands, by putting off the body of the flesh, by the circumcision of Christ, having been buried with him in baptism, in which you were also raised with him through faith in the powerful working of God, who raised him from the dead. And you, who were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive together with him, having forgiven us all our trespasses, by canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This he set aside, nailing it to the cross. He disarmed the rulers and authorities and put them to open shame, by triumphing over them in him.

Luke 11:1-13

Now Jesus was praying in a certain place, and when he finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples." And he said to them, "When you pray, say: "Father, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come. Give us each day our daily bread, and forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive everyone who is indebted to us. And lead us not into temptation." And he said to them, "Which of you who has a friend will go to him at midnight and say to him, 'Friend, lend me three loaves, for a friend of mine has arrived on a journey, and I have nothing to set before him'; and he will answer from within, 'Do not bother me; the door is now shut, and my children are with me in bed. I cannot get up and give you anything?? I tell you, though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, yet because of his impudence he will rise and give him whatever he needs. And I tell you, ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks it will be opened. What father among you, if his son asks for a fish, will instead of a fish give him a serpent; or if he asks for an egg, will give him a scorpion? If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!"

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+ SO I SAY TO YOU +

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July 23 & 27, 2025

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost-C

WELCOME to where God gives us His abundant Grace in Christ! Others have rejected it, but now it is given to you! If you are desiring to commune, prepare by reviewing the Christian Questions with their Answers on page 329 in the hymnal. If you are a guest, kindly speak to pastor before the service concerning your intentions to accept the privilege of communing.

WORSHIP PRAYER: O Lord, let Your merciful ears be attentive to the prayers of Your servants, and by Your Word and Spirit teach us how to pray that our petitions may be pleasing before You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

<u>FIRST READING</u>: Genesis 18:(17-19) 20-33 Abraham asks the Lord to spare Sodom and Gomorrah.

EPISTLE: Colossians 2:6-15 (16-19) "You, who were dead in your trespasses...God made alive together with Him."

GOSPEL: Luke 11:1-13 *The church is taught to pray the Lord's Prayer.*

<u>CATECHETICAL LESSON</u> Ten Commandments: <u>Fourth</u> <u>Commandment</u>- **Honor you father and mother**. What does this mean? We should fear and love God so that we do not despise or anger our parents and other authorities, but honor them, serve and obey them, love and cherish them.

OPPORTUNITIES THRU CHURCH ACTIVITIES

Sun/July 27	7 th Sunday after Pentecost				
	Worship w/Holy Communion, 9am				
	YABS @ Immanuel, 6pm				
Mon/July 28					
Tues/July 29	Bd of Ed Meeting, 6pm				
Wed/July 30	Worship w/Holy Communion, 7pm				
Thurs/July 31	Chapel at Edgewood Vista, 10:30am				
Fri/ Aug 1					
Sat/Aug 2					
Sun/Aug 3	8th Sunday after Pentecost				
	Worship w/Holy Communion, 9am				
	YABS @ Immanuel, 6pm				

BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS this week: David Morse, Landyn Anderson, Sara Moreland, Donald Collins, Alan Hall, Philip Berg, Tom Duerr, Celeste Moltzan

<u>ANNIVERSARY BLESSINGS</u> this week: Jeremy & Kathy Nelson, Robert & Audrey Berry

VOLUNTTERS NEEDED FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL As we prepare for the upcoming Sunday School year, we are looking for volunteers to help make it a meaningful and fun experience for our kids! If you feel called to serve, we have opportunities for teachers, helpers, music leaders, a craft coordinator, and substitutes.

Whether you can commit weekly or occasionally, your time and talents are greatly appreciated. If you're interested, please reach out to anyone on the Board of Education or contact Becca Hinckley at 218.457.0088.

7th Sunday after Pentecost-C July 23 & 27, 2025

July 23 & 27, 2025				
Processional Hymn	#504			
Confession & Absolution	p. 167			
Introit	see insert			
Kyrie	p. 168			
This is the Feast	p. 171			
Salutation and Collect	p. 172			
Old Testament	see back			
Gradual	insert			
Epistle	see back			
Alleluia & Verse	p.173			
Gospel	see back			
Hymn	#528			
Sermon Colossians 2:6-15 "God's Promise in the Mysteries of Christ"				
Nicene Creed	p. 175			
Prayers				
Offering				
Preface	p. 177			
Sanctus	p. 178			
Lord's Prayer & Institution	p. 179			
Agnus Dei	p. 180			
Distribution & Hymns #623, #603, #773				
"Thank the Lord"	p. 181			
Prayer & Benediction	p. 183			
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Closing Hymn

BY THE NUMBERS

ST. ANDREW LUTHERAN FINANCIAL UPDATE

	JUNE	YTD
General Fund Income:	\$30,834	\$215,409
General Fund Expenses:	- <u>\$30,257</u>	- <u>\$174,285</u>
Net Revenue	\$ 577	\$ 41,124

- General Fund Income for June was \$30,834. Our 2025 annual budget is \$420,400, which breaks down to a monthly income goal of \$35,033. (This is almost a \$2,000 a month increase from last year). General Fund income covers normal operating expenses such as payroll, utilities, missions, maintenance, etc. **This month we were short of our goal by \$4,199.**
- Our 2025 budget for Expenses (this is the last month without an additional Called Worker) is \$381,002, which breaks down to \$31,750 monthly. In June we were able to keep our expenses in check at \$30,257, \$1,493 less than budget. As a result, we netted a very small "In the Black" amount of \$577 for June.
- This is the 2nd month in a row where our General Fund income has not met our budget goal. This is a concerning trend, especially since our staff increases this month with our new Associate Pastor. Having a second pastor will increase our expenses at **least \$6K every month for salary and benefits**. Our General Fund monthly giving needs to improve to cover this, or else the Ministry Fund will be tapped to cover any shortfall. While our non-payroll expenses have been lower the past several months, we expect increases in the future with upcoming Education events, monthly utilities at the parsonage, fall preparation and potential church repairs and maintenance yet to be completed before winter.
- Year to Date Net Revenue sits at \$41,124. We will be locking down the results under Budget #1 (No additional Called Worker) and resetting QuickBooks for Budget #3 (Adding an Associate Pastor) starting in mid-July and for the remainder of the year. This will allow us to track our new expenses and giving income accurately.

Attendance Last Week -34 (Wed) +79 = 113

COMMUNICATING CHRIST OVER THE AIR:

OUR WEB SITE includes podcasts of sermons, links to livestreams and electronic forms of our newsletters, bulletins, and other information www.standrewlcms.org

"THE LUTHERAN HOUR" Sundays on KFGO AM 790 at 7:30am. Upcoming topics are posted on the LLL bulletin board. www.lutheranhour.org.

"CHRIST THE WAY" a radio program featuring ND District LCMS Pastors on KSJB 600AM at 7:30am on Sundays.

MAIN STREET LIVING NORTH: www.mainstreetliving.com

OUR SYNOD'S RADIO STATION: www.kfuo.org

DAILY DEVOTIONS www.lhm.org/dailydevotions.asp

MEN'S NETWORK: www.lhmmen.com

ISSUES, ETC: Current events from a Lutheran view. www.issuesetc.org

OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE FOR NEXT WEEK: (7/30 & 3) ELDERS: Wed: Glenn Murphy

9am: Kevin Crawford

AV: Wed: Ken Koehler/VOLUNTEER

9am: Jeff Pierce/Jocelyn Osmondson

USHERS: Wed: Sandie Eaton*, Mae Murphy

9am: Al Hall*, Brady Graveline, Steve Vogel

ACOLYTES: Wed: VOLUNTEER

9am: Kathryn Osmondson

MUSICIANS: Wed: Jodi Pierce

9am:

ALTAR: Rachel Kitzman & Sara Sell/Gary & Bonnie Muhl

<u>USHERS NEEDED</u> There are several tasks, none of them difficult, but all very important. You can even choose early or late service and the date. If you have questions, ask one of the ushers after service or contact Mary in the office. If you wish to become an usher, let Mary in the office know with your preferred service.

FROM PRESIDENT CHEPULIS Shepherd's Hill at the Crossroads (SHCR) has been operating in the North Dakota District for many years. Last January the convention delegates voted to support our one and only Lutheran Camp with an annual donation of \$10,000. Shepherds Hill, located near St. John, ND (14 miles southeast of the International Peace Gardens), provides a place of retreat to enjoy God's creation and to learn and study God's Word. Each summer, the staff of SHCR stays busy providing various summer camps for youth and families. Alora Woodruff and her staff do a fantastic job. Check them out at www.shretreat.org. -Rev. Mark Chepulis, North Dakota District President

BUILDING HEALTHY Whether it's your growing awareness of the number of hours in your day tinged with anxiety or depression, or a gnawing feeling in your gut about the distance you're feeling from your spouse, know that you don't have to wait for a crisis to seek support. It's often easier to prevent a problem from growing worse than to recover from one in full bloom. Pay attention to your mental, emotional, spiritual, and relational health. Talk to your pastor, a trusted Christian friend, or an LFS counselor, and remember (as the tee shirt says): It's okay to have Jesus and a therapist, too! Lutheran Family Service www.LutheranFamilyService.org

WEEKLY YOUNG ADULTS BIBLE STUDY (YABS) on Sunday evenings at 6pm this summer at Immanuel! YABS is for college students and young adults (20s 30s) in the area.

<u>GLS BRAT STAND</u> Grace Lutheran School will host the Brat Stand at Northport Hornbachers (2510 Broadway Fargo) on August 8th & 9th from 11am to 7pm. All proceeds go toward the new playground.

YOU ARE INVITED to attend the "**SEEKER'S" Bible Study & Fellowship** whenever it works for you on the **1st & 3rd Thursdays** of each month starting at **1:00pm**. Topics vary, and suggested topics are invited. Coffee, dessert, and fellowship follow each study. For questions, please contact Ken Koehler @ 701-429-3092.

FOOD PANTRY is in need of donations. Specifically, it is empty/low on laundry detergent, shampoo, conditioner, Kleenex, peanut butter, cereal, canned fruit, canned ravioli, canned chicken, and rice packets, but all nonperishable donations are welcome.

MAIN STREET LIVING NORTH TV PROGRAM July 27th: Rev. Justin Whitmore, St. John's Lutheran Church, Perham, MN, presents the message: "Baptism: God's Gift of Grace" based on Colossians 2:11-12. This Is the Life program: "A Different Way" - In this Fisher family episode, Cousin Stanley visits and creates a difficult situation with a neighbor. MAIN STREET LIVING" is a locally produced TV program that includes a 30-minute worship service led by participating pastors of the ND and MN North Districts of our LCMS, along with a 30-minute Lutheran Hour program. Programs are broadcast at 9am Central time on FOX station KVRR Channel 15.1, AND 10am Central on WDAY & affiliate Xtra Channels: WDAY Xtra Channel 6.3 and archived on www.mainstreetliving.com (then click on "North").



UPDATE!

We sent out a plea in March to help with additional costs for both the Parsonage Remodel and the new Sound System. It's quite a feat that we can even consider doing these two large projects at the same time! **Thankfully, our members are responding!**

Parsonage Remodel - We need to collect about an extra \$23,000 to cover the extra beams and huge foundation/concrete repairs that had to be done. As of July 13th, we have collected \$15,980 towards that amount. We are short about \$7K for this portion. Our completion goal is still Aug 1st.

Sound System – The upgrade total cost is \$32,395 and has been broken down into two sections. Part 1 is all the equipment needed to improve our audio which costs about \$24,100 of which we have collected \$21,715. We are short \$2,385. We have received in the full \$2,385 which covers the audio portion! Part 2 is the video portion which will cost another \$8,300. This means we need to raise another \$8,300 to fully cover this project. Some equipment is already being installed. The goal is to have this upgrade completed by Rally Sunday.

Plus, Frank still has the other long list of projects we have mentioned many times. Summer is going to be a busy and exciting time for St. Andrew!

We need your support for FFT more than ever! Please consider supporting Frank and this list of projects!

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