

Luther's Rose



508th Anniversary of the Protestant Reformation

20th Sunday after Pentecost
October 26th, 2025

St. Andrew's United Church

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***Those who are able, please stand as marked**

The St. Andrew's family warmly welcomes all visitors and newcomers!

If you are worshiping with us for the first time, please sign our Guest Book in the Narthex and join us for coffee and snacks after service.

Musical Prelude

Announcements

WELCOME TO OUR SERVICE

***Lighting of the Christ Candle** *Together we sing –*

Jesus Comes to Me:

Jesus comes to me as an autumn tree, and I receive him as an autumn tree. Season of ripeness, brightly ablaze like a torch in the quietness of closing days and carrying the wood of winter.

***Share the Peace of Christ**

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Across time and place, people of faith have gathered to praise God's holy name.

C: As we seek to understand who we are, we praise God's holy name.

L: May God teach us to be seekers in our worship and daily lives.

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L: May God teach us to be curious about how God will be revealed to us.

C: As we grow into who we will be, we praise God's holy name.

L: For we know that name of God is a strong tower, the righteous run into it and they are safe.

Opening Hymn: VU #342 – *You Servants of God
(lyrics on screen)

OPENING PRAYER

(in-unison)

Creator God, I rest in the circle of your love; and am filled with the wonder of your presence.

Redeemer Christ, I rest in the circle of your forgiveness; and know the joy of being washed clean.

Sustainer Spirit, I rest in the circle of your guidance; and am counselled by your wisdom.

God who is One, God who is three, you draw all life into the sacred circle of your Sabbath rest.

Let us rest within the circle of new life, walk the path of your leading. Amen.

THE LESSONS

The Old Testament

Joel 2:23-32

Psalm 65

The New Testament

The Gospel of St. Matthew 25:35-40

These are the words of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Hymn: VU #681 – *Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life
(lyrics on screen)

Guest Presentation – 100 Years of Service

Gayle Simonson

Hymn: VU #232 – *Joyful, Joyful We Adore You *(lyrics on screen)*

WE RESPOND IN LOVE

Offering

Offering Dedication: VU #538 – *For the Gift of Creation*

(lyrics on-screen)

Offertory Prayer *(in unison)*

Although silent, we ask you, bless the gifts that have been gathered especially for you, our Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

(responsively)

‘Merciful God, hear your people praying.’

COMMISSIONING *(in unison)*

We go now with God, called to love and care for all whom we meet.

We go now with Jesus, called to lead others. As our lives are reformed, so may others hear the call to be reformed also.

We go now with the Holy Spirit, called to equip and encourage others. As we share our gifts of the Holy Spirit may others hear the call to share their gifts also.

We go now, blessed and reformed in the name of our Triune God. Amen.

THE BENEDICTION

Go now in humble confidence, trusting in God's love for you; yet sure you have more to learn and to give. And may grace, peace and mercy from God who creates, redeems and saves us be with all of you, now and always. Amen.

***Closing Hymn: VU#151 - *Lift High the Cross* (lyrics on screen)**

Musical Postlude



Thank you

Worship Leaders

Rev. Scott Brown - Presider

Vince Anderson – Lead Musician

Robert Woodbury – Cantor

Maureen deRegt– Scripture Reader

Gayle Simonson – Guest Presenter

Technical Support

Eldon Wilson – Live streaming & Sound

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