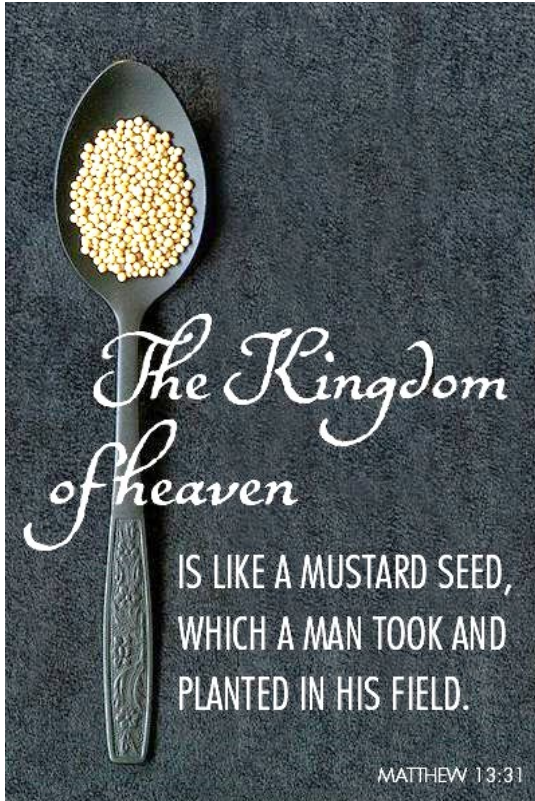


**Sunday October 8, 2023**



**St. Andrew's  
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in this community since 1817  
We acknowledge that we meet on the traditional lands  
of the Anishinaabe and Haudonosaunee peoples.

# ORDER OF SERVICE

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## 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.

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, the power and the glory, for ever. Amen

## SCRIPTURE LESSONS

### Responsive Psalm 25:1-9

To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.

O my God, in you I trust;

**do not let me be put to shame;**

**do not let my enemies exult over me.**

Do not let those who wait for you be put to shame;

let them be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous.

**Make me to know your ways, O Lord;**

**teach me your paths.**

Lead me in your truth, and teach me,

for you are the God of my salvation;

for you I wait all day long.

**Be mindful of your mercy, O Lord,**

**and of your steadfast love,**

**for they have been from of old.**

Do not remember the sins of my youth

or my transgressions;

**according to your steadfast love remember me,**

**for your goodness' sake, O Lord!**

Good and upright is the Lord;

therefore he instructs sinners in the way.

**He leads the humble in what is right,**

**and teaches the humble his way.**

### Exodus 17:1-7

From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the Lord commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. The people quarrelled with Moses, and said, 'Give us water to drink.' Moses said to them, 'Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the Lord?' But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, 'Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?' So Moses cried out to the Lord, 'What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me.' The Lord said to Moses, 'Go on ahead of the people, and take some of

the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink.’ Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarrelled and tested the Lord, saying, ‘Is the Lord among us or not?’

### **Matthew 13:24-35**

He put before them another parable: ‘The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field; but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away. So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, “Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?” He answered, “An enemy has done this.” The slaves said to him, “Then do you want us to go and gather them?” But he replied, “No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.” ’

He put before them another parable: ‘The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches.’

He told them another parable: ‘The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened.’

Jesus told the crowds all these things in parables; without a parable he told them nothing. This was to fulfil what had been spoken through the prophet:

‘I will open my mouth to speak in parables;

I will proclaim what has been hidden from the foundation of the world.’

### **Anthem – We thank you. Lord**

Thank you, Lord, for the freshness of the morning,  
Thank you, Lord, for the clear blue sky above.  
Thank you, Lord, for the bright new day that's dawning,  
Filled with all your love.  
Thank you, Lord, for the valleys and the hillsides.  
Thank you, Lord, for the waves upon the shore.  
Thank you, Lord, for the breezes and the sunshine.  
Hear us, we pray, as we come to thank you, Lord.  
We join this day, as one,  
Our hearts and hands and voices.  
For wondrous gifts of love,  
Your grateful world rejoices.  
Thank you, Lord, for the love within our fam'lies.  
Thank you, Lord, for the fellowship of friends.  
Thank you, Lord, for the quiet, understanding  
Grace that never ends.  
Thank you, Lord, for wonders of creation.  
Thank you for the power of your word.  
Thank you, Lord, for your promise of salvation.  
Hear us, we pray, as we come to thank you,  
Thank you, Lord.

Words: Don Besig, Nancy Price

Music: Don Besig

### **NOTES FROM THE DIRECTOR OF MUSIC**

One of the most inspiring hymns, *Now thank we all our God*, first appeared in a hymn book by Johann Crüger in 1647. The original German words were written during dark times of the thirty years war. Martin Rinckart (1586-1649) was a pastor in Eilenburg which was pillaged three times. Rinckart kept up the courage of his people despite the fact that he had to bury around 5,000 persons during this time. The words of *Nun Danket alle Gott* were intended as a table grace and were based on Ecclesiasticus 50:22-24. It is assumed that Johann Crüger wrote the tune to go along with Rinckart's words. The text has been translated into many languages including the one we use today

by Catherine Winkworth (1827-1878). The tune has inspired many composers. J.S. Bach used it a few times for chorale preludes. The harmonization commonly used today is by Felix Mendelssohn and is used for our last **Hymn**.

The melody is the basis for the first **Prelude** by German organist Johann Christoph Oley (1738-1739). He was largely self-taught but studied with Bach for a short time. The second **Prelude** by Georg Friedrich Kauffman (1679-1735) is a rather straightforward choral prelude with an introduction and a simple embellishment of the hymn tune.

The **Anthem** was composed by contemporary musicians Don Besig and Nancy Price. As a team, they have produced many fine new and inspiring anthems. The tune *Nun Danket* is used in the middle of the anthem.

The **Postlude** by Sigfrid Karg-Elert (1879-1933) is a grand great big thank you to God and the melody of *Nun Danket* is merely a fragment, well hidden within the triumphant sounding chords. "Now thank we all our God... who from our mother's arms has blessed us...with countless gifts of love."

Always, but especially on this day, let us indeed be thankful.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Welcome

We extend a warm welcome to all who are worshipping with us this week, in person and online. We are happy that you're here, and hope you find the service meaningful and satisfying. An especially warm welcome to the Rev. Heather Kern who is once again leading our worship as she has done so often in this time of transition.

### Pastoral Care

If anyone needs Pastoral Care during this time of transition, please contact either Nancy Hancock at (h) 613-546-4951 (c) 613-893-3683 or Dorothy Messenger at (h) 613-767-2835 (c) 902-830-0692.

## Upcoming Worship Leaders

October 15 – The Rev. William Morrow

October 22 – Julielee Stitt

October 29 – Lori-Kim den Otter

## WAYS TO CONTRIBUTE AND REACH OUT

### Circle of Prayer

This team of St. Andrew's members is ready to add their prayers to yours. If you would like to join our circle, or if you have a prayer request (confidentiality assured), please contact our co-ordinator Dorothy at [dotmessenger@gmail.com](mailto:dotmessenger@gmail.com)

### New Ecumenical Christian Education Programs

More information is available at <https://kingstonlutherans.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/09/KULA-Family-Fall-2023.png>

### The Mess Pasta Dinner

Come enjoy a homemade pasta dinner and support the Mess Studio at the same time! The 14<sup>th</sup> annual 'Viva la Mess' is this Thursday, 12 Oct., 6 pm in St. Andrew's Hall. Tickets are \$30, and available at the office.

<b>Financial Review to Sept. 30, 2023</b>	<b>Budgeted</b>	<b>Received</b>
General Offerings	\$160,012	\$146,645
Missions (to Aug. 31)	\$13,000	\$10,535

### SERVING THIS MORNING

<b>Beadle:</b>	Larry
<b>Livestreaming:</b>	Christopher
<b>Flowers:</b>	Various contributors
<b>Ushers this week:</b>	Dixie and Murray
<b>Ushers Oct 15:</b>	Helene and Michael

## Mission Moment – Travelling Teachers



In the book of Acts, the disciples traveled far and wide to share the good news of Christ. The Rural and Remote Ministry Fund offers seminary students the opportunity to gain practical ministry experience in rural communities across the country. This summer,

Nehemia Neuhisa and Howard Tuwaidan, both seminary students, served as student ministers for the Synod of Saskatchewan. Through the experience, Nehemia and Howard were able to lead worship at 10 different congregations, support Vacation Bible School programs, serve as chaplains at Camp Christopher, and volunteer at Saskatoon Native Circle Ministry. Like the early disciples, their commitment to mission and outreach was a blessing to many.



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In 2023, through offerings designated “Mission”, members of St. Andrew’s Kingston have a goal of contributing \$2,330 to

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