

St. Andrew's Episcopal Church
Seventh Sunday after Pentecost
Sunday, July 19, 2020 (10:30 am)
Presider: The Rev. Dr. John Schaefer
Preacher: The Rev. Dr. John Schaefer
Lector: Kelly Bourne
Organist: Dr. Michael Bauer
Music Director: Ms. Susie Thorne

Prelude: "The Lone, Wild Bird"

Emma Lou Diemer

Announcements

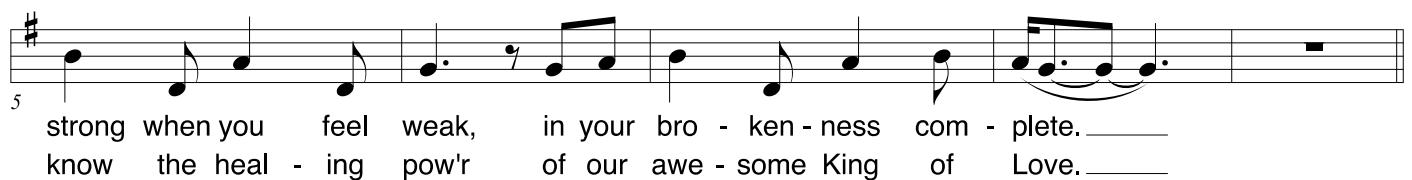
Opening Hymn: "Shout To The North"

Words & music by Delirious



Men of faith rise up and sing, of the great and glo - rious King. You are

wom - en of the truth, stand and sing to bro - ken hearts. Who can



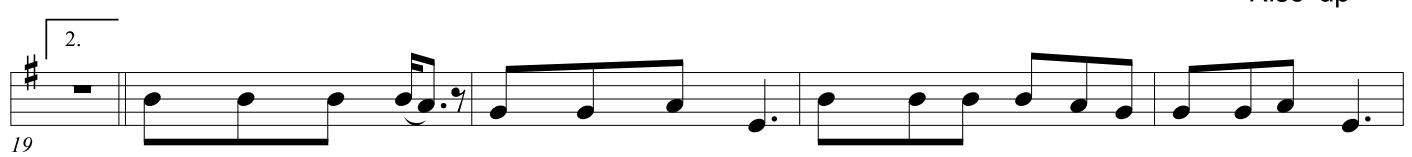
5 strong when you feel weak, in your bro - ken - ness com - plete. _____
 know the heal - ing pow'r of our awe - some King of Love. _____



8
 10 Shout to the north and the south. Sing to the east and the west.



14 Je - sus is sav-ior to all, Lord of heav-en and earth. 1. _____
 Rise up



2. _____
 19 We've been through fire, we've been through rain, We've been re-fined by the pow'r of His name.



D.S. al Coda
 24 We've fall-en deep-er, in love with you, you've burned the truth on our lips. _____

29

Shout to the north and the south. Sing to the east and the west.

33

Je - sus is sav - ior to all, Lord of heav-en and earth.

Liturgy of the Word

Opening Acclamation

Presider: Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit

People: And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever.

Collect for Purity

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you 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 Christ our Lord. Amen.

Gloria: "Spirit of the Living God"

Words & music by Jacob Sooter & Mia Fieldes

Spir-it of the liv-ing God. Spir-it of the liv-ing God we on-ly want to hear your voice.

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We're hang-ing on ev' - ry word. Spir-it of the liv-ing God. Spir-it of the liv-ing God

7

we want to know you more and more. We're hang-ing on ev' - ry word.

10 'Cause when you speak and when you move when you do what on - ly you can do

12 it chang-es us, it chang - es ev' - ry thing.

14 Spir-it of the liv-ing God. Spir-it of the liv-ing God we on-ly want to hear your voice.

17 We're hang-ing on ev' - ry word. Spir-it of the liv-ing God. Spir-it of the liv-ing God

20 we want to know you more and more. Come and speak to us O Lord

Presider: God be with you.

People: And also with you.

Presider: Let us pray.

Almighty God, the fountain of all wisdom, you know our necessities before we ask and our ignorance in asking: Have compassion on our weakness, and mercifully give us those things which for our unworthiness we dare not, and for our blindness we cannot ask; through the worthiness of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

First Reading: Genesis 28:10-19a

Jacob left Beer-sheba and went toward Haran. He came to a certain place and stayed there for the night, because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones of the place, he put it under his head and lay down in that place. And he dreamed that there was a ladder set up on the earth, the top of it reaching to heaven; and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it. And the LORD stood beside him and said, "I am the LORD, the God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac; the land on which you lie I will give to you and to your offspring; and your

offspring shall be like the dust of the earth, and you shall spread abroad to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south; and all the families of the earth shall be blessed in you and in your offspring. Know that I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land; for I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you." Then Jacob woke from his sleep and said, "Surely the LORD is in this place—and I did not know it!" And he was afraid, and said, "How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven."

So Jacob rose early in the morning, and he took the stone that he had put under his head and set it up for a pillar and poured oil on the top of it. He called that place Bethel.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 139:1-11, 22-23

- 1 LORD, you have searched me out and known me; ***
you know my sitting down and my rising up;
you discern my thoughts from afar.
- 2 You trace my journeys and my resting-places ***
and are acquainted with all my ways.
- 3 Indeed, there is not a word on my lips, ***
but you, O LORD, know it altogether.
- 4 You press upon me behind and before ***
and lay your hand upon me.
- 5 Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; ***
it is so high that I cannot attain to it.
- 6 Where can I go then from your Spirit? ***
where can I flee from your presence?
- 7 If I climb up to heaven, you are there; ***
if I make the grave my bed, you are there also.
- 8 If I take the wings of the morning ***
and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea,
- 9 Even there your hand will lead me ***
and your right hand hold me fast.
- 10 If I say, "Surely the darkness will cover me, ***
and the light around me turn to night,"

11 Darkness is not dark to you;
the night is as bright as the day; *
darkness and light to you are both alike.

22 Search me out, O God, and know my heart; *
try me and know my restless thoughts.

23 Look well whether there be any wickedness in me *
and lead me in the way that is everlasting.

The Epistle: Romans 8:12-25

Brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh-- for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, "Abba! Father!" it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ-- if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn: : Father, we thank thee

Hymnal #302

1 Fa - ther, we thank thee who hast plant - ed thy ho - ly Name with -
 2 Watch o'er thy Church, O Lord, in mer - cy, save it from e - vil,

 in our hearts. Know - ledge and faith and life im - mor - tal Je - sus thy
 guard it still, per - fect it in thy love, u - nite it, cleansed and con -

 Son to us im - parts. Thou, Lord, didst make all for thy plea - sure,
 formed un - to thy will. As grain, once scat - tered on the hill - sides,

 didst give us food for all our days, giv - ing in Christ the
 was in this bro - ken bread made one, so from all lands thy

 Bread e - ter - - nal; thine is the power, be thine the praise.
 Church be gath - - ered in - to thy king - dom by thy Son.

The Holy Gospel: Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

Priest: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus put before the crowd 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.'"

Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, "Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field." He answered, "The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!"

Priest: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon

The Rev. Dr. John Schaefer

The Nicene Creed

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,

**the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.**

Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation

**he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.**

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;

he suffered death and was buried.

**On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;**

**he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.**

With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.

He has spoken through the Prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

**We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

Song: "Be Not Afraid"

Soloist: Kaitlan Pettiford

Tom Trenney

Prayers of the People

O Most mighty and merciful God, in this time of grievous sickness, we flee unto thee for comfort. Deliver us, we beseech thee, from our peril; give strength and skill to all those who minister to the sick; prosper the means made use of for their cure; and grant that, perceiving how frail and uncertain our life is, we may apply our hearts unto that heavenly wisdom which leadeth to eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. (From the 1928 BCP)

Bound together in Christ in the communion of the Holy Spirit, let us pray with one heart and mind to God: Holy Trinity, your Church is splintered and sorrowful. We hunger for the bread only you can give; we long for the solace of an absent embrace from our friends. Gather us close, hide us under the shadow of your wings, and strengthen us to be your ministers amidst the uncertainties that lie ahead, Lord, in your mercy:

Hear our prayer

We pray that the Holy Spirit might shield those who work who work in health care, grant healing in the lives of those affected and, by the power of God, bring this pandemic to a quick end. Lord, in your mercy:

Hear our prayer

For this holy gathering, and for those who come with faith and reverence for God. We pray especially for those who in these days feel isolated or alone, and for those with little access to healthcare. We pray for all who have lost their jobs, are in financial insecurity, hungry, or feeling hopeless. Lord, in your mercy:

Hear our prayer

Lord, Jesus Christ, who reached across the ethnic boundaries between Samaritan, Roman and Jew, who offered fresh sight to the blind and freedom to captives, help us to break down the barriers in our community, enable us to see the reality of racism and bigotry, and free us to challenge and uproot it from ourselves, our society and our world. Lord, in your mercy:

Hear our prayer

For the welfare of the holy churches of God, and for the unity of all. In our diocesan cycle of prayer, we pray for Church of Our Savior in North Platte, The Rev. Mary Hendricks, and Camp Canterbury. Lord in your mercy:

Hear our prayer

Bless and guide all leaders and ministers, especially Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury; Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Scott, our Bishop; and for the presbyters, the deacons and all who minister in Christ, and for all the holy people of God. Lord in your mercy:

Hear our prayer

For the world and its leaders, our nation and its people. Lead all those who govern and judge, especially Donald, our President; Pete, our Governor; and Jean, our Mayor. Forgive us for our hatred and divisions. Lord in your mercy:

Hear our prayer

For ourselves, our families, and those we love. We give thanks for those celebrating birthdays, especially Ken, Eric, Molly, Charlotte, Caeli, James, Kelly and for those celebrating anniversaries, especially Warren and Betty. In our parish cycle of prayer, we give thanks for the Hankins, Hansen, Harner, Harter, and Hartman families. Lord in your mercy:

Hear our prayer

We pray for those who are sick or in need of our prayers. Especially for John, Greg, Sheila and Henry, Peggy, Terry and Sharon, Jeanette, Pam, Rinda and those we pray for now (pause, people may add their own petitions, please write petitions in the comment section of Facebook) Lord in your mercy:

Hear our prayer

For all those in need, the suffering and the oppressed, travelers and prisoners, the dying and the dead. Grant to all who have died a dwelling place in your house forever, (pause, people may add their own petitions, please write petitions in the comment section of Facebook) Lord in your mercy:

Hear our prayer

Remembering the Blessed Virgin Mary, St. Andrew and all the saints, let us offer ourselves and one another to the living God through Christ.

To you, O Lord our God.

O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and for ever. *Amen.*

The priest says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

Minister and People

**Most merciful God,
we confess that 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.**

We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.

**For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. *Amen.***

The Bishop, when present, or the Priest, stands and says

**Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins
through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all
goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in
eternal life. *Amen.***

Peace:

Presider: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And also with you.

The Ministers and the People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

Prayer for St. Andrew's Parish

Gracious God, who called the Apostle Andrew to follow Jesus; give each of us at St. Andrew's parish the same grace to follow Jesus without delay. Through our worship, work and daily lives may we bring others into your gracious presence. Grant that each of us be guided and directed by the Holy Spirit so that our lives will reflect your love in the world. Through Christ our Savior. Amen

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

People and Celebrant

**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,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

Officiant and People

**Almighty God, Father of all mercies,
we thine unworthy servants
do give thee most humble and hearty thanks
for all thy goodness and loving-kindness
to us and to all people.
We bless thee for our creation, preservation,
and all the blessings of this life;
but above all for thine inestimable love
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And, we beseech thee,
give us that due sense of all thy mercies,
that our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful;
and that we show forth thy praise,
not only with our lips, but in our lives,
by giving up our selves to thy service,
and by walking before thee
in holiness and righteousness all our days;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost,
be all honor and glory, world without end. *Amen.***

A Prayer of St. Chrysostom

**Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one
accord to make our common supplication to you; and you
have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two
or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the
midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions
as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of
your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. *Amen.***

Blessing:

**The blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be
among you, and remain with you always. Amen.**

Closing Hymn: "Shout To The North" Reprise

Verse 3

**Rise up church with broken wings
Fill this place with songs again
Of our God who reigns on high
By His grace again we'll fly**

Chorus (2x)

**Shout to the North and the South
Sing to the East and the West
Jesus is savior to all
Lord of heaven and earth**

Dismissal

Postlude: "Pennies From Heaven"

Words & music by John Burke & Arthur Johnston

Musicians (band): Dan Cerveny – keyboard/pedal base; John Worsham – guitar/vocal; Joey Gulizia – drums; Susie Thorne -- vocals.

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Vision Statement

***We are a Christ-centered community,
joyfully making a difference by....***

Worshipping, Loving, Welcoming, Including, Supporting

**The Rt. Rev. Scott Barker-----Bishop, Diocese of Nebraska
The Rev. Dr. John Schaefer-----Rector
The Rev. Robert A. Gross-----Assisting Priest
The Rev. LaClaire Atkins-----Bishop's Society Curate**