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Welcome to St. (Andrew's

# **The Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

10:00 AM Holy Eucharist • October 12, 2025

# Thank you for joining us for worship today!

Please fill out a welcome card, found in the pew rack, then put it in the offering plate or give it to one of the clergy following the service so that we can be in touch with you. For more information about St. Andrew's please visit our website at standrewsaa.org.

If you have a hearing aid equipped with telecoil capability, please note that the church sanctuary has been equipped with this technology.

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### The Rev. Paul Frolick, Rector

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#### **Children**

We welcome children of all ages at worship, and hope you will help them follow along in the service as best they can. Busy Bags are available in the narthex for young children. Please return them at the end of the service for others to use.

A Nursery for infants through toddler age is available during the service, located on the second floor of the Parish Hall. Children and youth in preschool through high school attend Sunday School from 9:45 am until they join their families during the Children's Entrance Hymn. *Preschoolers need to be picked up by a parent.* 

## Sunday, October 12, 2025

8:00 AM Holy Eucharist

8:45 AM Coffee Hour (Lobby)

9:15 AM Family Service (Chapel)

9:45 AM Sunday School

10:00 AM Holy Eucharist

11:15 AM Coffee Hour (Lounge)

Today's altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of

JOAN POLONCHEK RICHARD T. KELLEY by Dennis & Jeanie Powers

### **Leaders in Today's Liturgy**

Celebrant: Sally Boelter

Preacher/Asst.: JoAnn Kennedy Slater Seminarian: Felicity Thompson

Director of Music & Organist: Deborah Friauff

Organ Scholar: Oliver Steissberg

Acolytes: Nathan Sten, Luke Thompson,

Sam Halgren

Lectors: Rodger Piehl, Jim Galezewski

*Intercessor*: Aileen Gatten

Eucharistic Ministers: Norm Richert, Ron Luker,

Kathryn Barnes, Marty Gillen Ushers: Steph Barker, Lauren Gillen

Bell Ringer: Marty Gillen

Lay Eucharistic Visitor: AnnGarvin

Coffee Hour Host: Mary Bates

Altar Guild: Ian McCaul, Harry McLaughlin, Claire McLaughlin, Susan Wakefield, Carol Himelhoch

Bread Baker: Stephen Bates

### **Prayer List**

We're grateful to be able to pray for our parishioners, family members, and friends who are in need, and we think it is important to make these concerns known to our community. If we've removed a prayer request which should still be active, please contact Fr. Paul or the church office.

Margaret Bennett, Bry Dennison, Richard Engdahl, Leslie Henry, Hilli Hockett, Luke, Nunu Lysloff, Tish Neidhardt, Virginia Nordby, Jean Peirce, Barbara Powers, David Powers, Teres Raglow, Veena Kulkarni-Rankin, Mary Richards, Ann Staiger, Nancy Stanley, Marcia Stillwagon, Nan Sudia, Larry Tweedle, Carlotta Wilson, Leslie Stainton, Deborah Fries, Dan Berry, Charlie Gillen, Matilda, Bertha Blount, Nancy Borgeson, Anne Zwart, Tim, Peggy, Maureen Zatirka, Charles Witke, Bill Colsman, Kari Paetzold, Judy Garton-Zavesky, Sean O'Keefe and family, Jennifer Whiteford, Phillip Scott, Marty Gillen, Roger Eva, Lisa Jaqua, Bob Cahan and family, and John Ramsey

#### **Anglican Cycle of Prayer**

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for *The Church of the Province of Uganda*.

In our own diocese we pray for the clergy and people of *Trinity Church* (*Farmington Hills*).

We pray for the clergy and people of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America.

And we pray for all those throughout the world who suffer for their faith.

# THE WORD OF GOD

#### Hymn

O bless the Lord, my soul!

#411, *The Hymnal 1982* (Blue Book)

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

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

All

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

*Mass of the Holy Spirit* 

Susan Calvin Fletcher



#### COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray. Lord, we pray that your grace may always precede and follow us, that

we may continually be given to good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.** 

Please be seated.

## THE FIRST LESSON 2 Kings 5:1-3, 7-15c

Naaman, commander of the army of the king of Aram, was a great man and in high favor with his master, because by him the LORD had given victory to Aram. The man, though a mighty warrior, suffered from leprosy. Now the Arameans on one of their raids had taken a young girl captive from the land of Israel, and she served Naaman's wife. She said to her mistress, "If only my lord were with the prophet who is in Samaria! He would cure him of his leprosy."

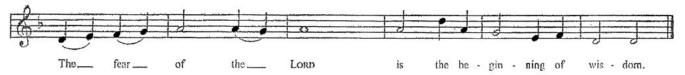
When the king of Israel read the letter, he tore his clothes and said, "Am I God, to give death or life, that this man sends word to me to cure a man of his leprosy? Just look and see how he is trying to pick a quarrel with me."

But when Elisha the man of God heard that the king of Israel had torn his clothes, he sent a message to the king, "Why have you torn your clothes? Let him come to me, that he may learn that there is a prophet in Israel." So Naaman came with his horses and chariots, and halted at the entrance of Elisha's house. Elisha sent a messenger to him, saying, "Go, wash in the Jordan seven times, and your flesh shall be restored and you shall be clean." But Naaman became angry and went away, saying, "I thought that for me he would surely come out, and stand and call on the name of the LORD his God, and would wave his hand over the spot, and cure the leprosy! Are not Abana and Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? Could I not wash in them, and be clean?" He turned and went away in a rage. But his servants approached and said to him, "Father, if the prophet had commanded you to do something difficult, would you not have done it? How much more, when all he said to you was, 'Wash, and be clean'?" So he went down and immersed himself seven times in the Jordan, according to the word of the man of God; his flesh was restored like the flesh of a young boy, and he was clean.

Then he returned to the man of God, he and all his company; he came and stood before him and said, "Now I know that there is no God in all the earth except in Israel."

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

#### **PSALM 111**



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<sup>1</sup> Hallelujah!

I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart, \* in the assembly of the upright, in the congregation.

- <sup>2</sup> Great are the deeds of the LORD! \* they are studied by all who delight in them. **All Sing Antiphon**
- <sup>3</sup> His work is full of majesty and splendor, \* and his righteousness endures for ever.
- <sup>4</sup> He makes his marvelous works to be remembered; \* the LORD is gracious and full of compassion. **All Sing Antiphon**
- <sup>5</sup> He gives food to those who fear him; \* he is ever mindful of his covenant.
- <sup>6</sup> He has shown his people the power of his works \* in giving them the lands of the nations. All Sing Antiphon
- <sup>7</sup> The works of his hands are faithfulness and justice; \* all his commandments are sure.
- <sup>8</sup> They stand fast for ever and ever, \*

because they are done in truth and equity. All Sing Antiphon

- <sup>9</sup> He sent redemption to his people; he commanded his covenant for ever; \* holy and awesome is his Name.
- The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom; \* those who act accordingly have a good understanding; his praise endures for ever. All Sing Antiphon

# **THE SECOND LESSON** 2 Timothy 2:8-15

Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, a descendant of David-- that is my gospel, for which I suffer hardship, even to the point of being chained like a criminal. But the word of God is not chained. Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, so that they may also obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus, with eternal glory. The saying is sure:

If we have died with him, we will also live with him; if we endure, we will also reign with him; if we deny him, he will also deny us; if we are faithless, he remains faithful-for he cannot deny himself.

Remind them of this, and warn them before God that they are to avoid wrangling over words, which does no good but only ruins those who are listening. Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved by him, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly explaining the word of truth.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

### SEQUENCE HYMN

Come, thou fount of every blessing

#686, The Hymnal 1982

**THE GOSPEL** *Luke 17:11-19* 

Reader The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. As he entered a village, ten lepers approached him. Keeping their distance, they called out, saying, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!" When he saw them, he said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went, they were made clean. Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. He prostrated himself at Jesus' feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. Then Jesus asked, "Were not ten made clean? But the other nine, where are they? Was none of them found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?" Then he said to him, "Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well."

Reader The Gospel of the Lord.
People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON

The Rev. JoAnn Kennedy Slater

#### 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.

Please stand or kneel. THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

> Creator God, you call us to love and serve you with body, mind, and spirit through loving your creation and our sisters and brothers. Open our hearts in compassion and receive these petitions on behalf of the needs of the church and the world. Brief Silence Accept, O Lord, our thanks and praise for all that you have done for us. We thank you for the splendor of the whole creation, for the beauty of the world, for the wonder of life, and for the mystery of love.

People God of grace and healing, hear our prayer.

> We give thanks for the gift of this congregation and for the good work done in your Name. Increase our faith, gracious God. Turn our hearts to the love of you and one another, trusting in your will to guide us along the path of life. God of grace and healing, hear our prayer.

In this season of plentiful harvests, make us especially mindful of those in need in our community and around the world. Shape our hearts and actions that we may work to ensure that all people have enough to eat, a safe place to live, and meaningful employment. God of grace and healing, hear our prayer.

We pray for the people of Ukraine, Gaza, Sudan, and all those impacted by the devastation of war. May all peoples be gathered under the banner of the Prince of Peace. God of grace and healing, hear our prayer.

Merciful God, you lift up those who are bowed down. Be with those who are lonely, hurting, depressed, and all who are in need of your loving presence. We pray for all who are ill, including those on our prayer list and all whose suffering is known to you alone. *Pause* Be with all doctors, nurses, caregivers, and chaplains, that through their ministries the health of your people may be strengthened and your creation glorified. God of grace and healing, hear our prayer.

Guide and protect all those who are dear to each of us. Silence Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them and love one another as he loves us. God of grace and healing, hear our prayer.

We pray for Joan Polonchek and Richard T. Kelley, in whose memory the flowers are given this week, and all those we love but see no longer. Silence Give to the departed eternal rest. Let light perpetual shine upon them.

O God, you have given so much to us, give one thing more: a grateful heart. Not grateful when it pleases us, as if your blessings have spare days, but such a heart whose pulse may be your praise. **Amen.** (adapted from a poem by George Herbert)

### **CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

Celebrant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor. Silence

People Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; in your compassion forgive us

our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone; and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Celebrant 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.

THE PEACE

*Celebrant* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS



your offering during the Offertory or you can give online via Realm eGiving using the QR code.

# **OFFERTORY ANTHEM**

Gloria (Missa Brevis)

The St. Andrew's Adult Choir Jonathan Dove (b. 1959)

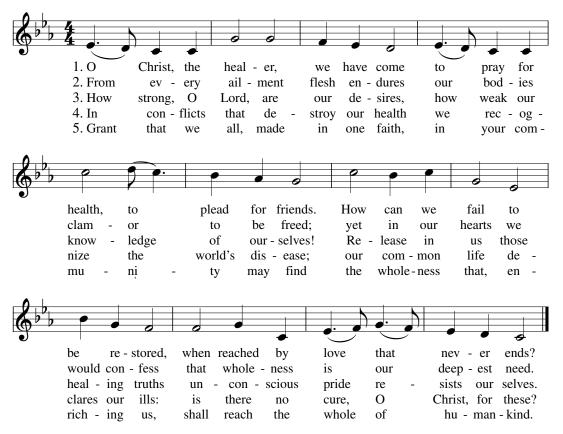
Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father; receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

### CHILDREN'S ENTRANCE HYMN

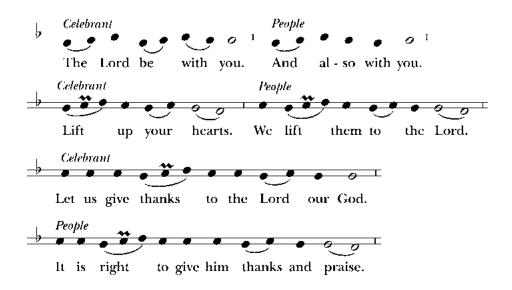
O Christ, the healer



# THE HOLY COMMUNION

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Eucharistic Prayer A



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#### Celebrant

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. For you are the source of light and life, you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

#### **SANCTUS**



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Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **Amen.** 

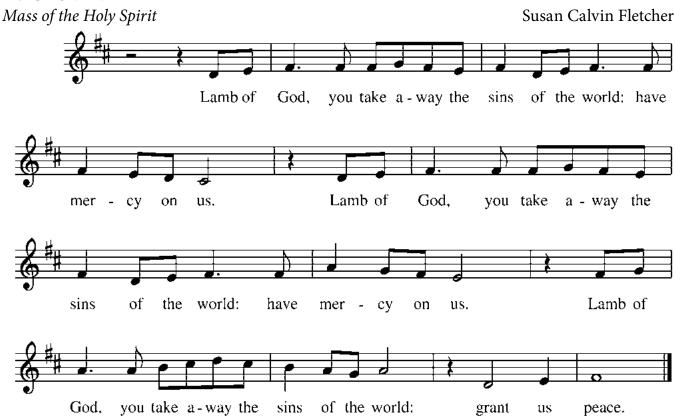
As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen.

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.* 

A period of silence is kept.





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> Please come forward and stand or kneel at the rail. The priest will place the bread in your outstretched palm (Consecrated rice wafers are available for those with wheat allergies - simply ask the priest). You may dip (intinct) the bread in the wine in the small cup held by the first Eucharistic minister, or drink from the large chalice held by the second Eucharistic minister.

Please know that Christ is fully present in both the bread and the wine - there is no requirement to receive both. If you do not wish to receive communion, you may come forward, cross your hands over your chest, and receive a blessing.

# Music at Communion

Adagio, K 622

The St. Dunstan Handbell Choir W.A. Mozart (1756-1791), arr. Malcom C. Wilson

#### **COMMUNION HYMN**

Taste and See

#154, LEVAS II (Red and Black Book)

### COMMISSIONING OF LAY EUCHARISTIC VISITORS

Celebrant In the name of this congregation, we send you forth bearing these holy gifts,

that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's

body and blood.

We who are many are one body, because we all share one bread, one cup. People

#### Post-communion Thanksgiving

Celebrant Let us pray.

People Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living

members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### THE BLESSING

#### CLOSING HYMN

Now thank we all our God

#397, The Hymnal 1982

The young people are invited to come forward to offer the dismissal after the choir processes out.

*Young people* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God. People

#### **POSTLUDE**

March Triomphale: Nun danket alle Gott

Sigfried Karg-Elert (1877-1933)

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# THIS WEEK -

Sunday,	Octobe	· 12
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## Ann Arbor Marathon

8:00 ам	Holy Eucharist (C)
8:45 am	Coffee Hour (Lobby)
9:15 ам	Family Service (Cpl)
9:45 am	Sunday School
10:00 ам	Holy Eucharist (C)
11:15 am	Coffee Hour (L)

# Monday, October 13 Church Office Closed

# Tuesday, October 14

2:00 рм	Celebration of Life for
	Ernest and Adèle
	McCarus (C/PH)

# Wednesday, October 15

7:00 ам	Holy Eucharist (Cpl)
10:00 ам	Centering Prayer &
	Psalms (Cpl/Z)
4:30 рм	Jr Handbell Choir (C)
4:30 рм	Cherub Choir (CL)
5:15 рм	Junior Choir (CL)
6:00 рм	Evensong (Cpl)
6:30 рм	Handbell Choir (C)

# Thursday, October 16

10:00 ам	Bible Study (Z)
12:15 рм	Division Street Pipes:

Ye Mee Kim (C)

7:15 PM Adult Choir (CL)

# Friday, October 17

8:15 am	St. Andrew's Gets Outside
	[Walking Group]
12:15 рм	Holy Eucharist (Cpl)
7:00 рм	Alcoholics Anonymous (PH)

# Saturday, October 18

11:00 ам	Rehearsal: Our Scottish
	Connexion (C)

# Sunday, October 19

# Flu Shots/Medication Disposal Event

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8:00 am	Holy Eucharist (C)
8:45 am	Coffee Hour (Lobby)
9:15 am	Family Service (Cpl)
9:45 am	Sunday School
10:00 ам	Holy Eucharist (C)
11:15 ам	Coffee Hour (L)
11:15 ам	Outreach & Social
	Justice Meeting
11:15 ам	Playground Dedication
	+ Young Adults & Young
	Families Meetup (PG)
4:00 рм	Choral Sundays:
	Choral Evensong (C)

(C): Church; (CL): Choir Loft; (Cpl): Chapel; (L): Lounge; (PG): Playground; (PH): Parish Hall; (Z): Zoom



# **EWEEKLY WORD**

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## TODAY AT ST. ANDREW'S

## Happy Birthday, October!

We'll celebrate October birthdays at coffee hour after the service. Join us in the Lounge for cake!

**Blood Pressure Screenings:** The Episcopal Health Ministers will provide blood pressure screenings in the church office after the service this morning.

### **UPCOMING EVENTS** -

Centering Prayer & Psalms: Please join Paul on Wednesday mornings at 10:00 am in the Chapel. We will spend about twenty minutes in silence, read and reflect on a psalm together, and then return to silence. If you are unable to join us in person in the Chapel, you can join us on Zoom (Meeting ID: 881 1661 6360 Passcode: 508660), or sit in silence at home. On Wednesday, October 15, we'll read and reflect on Psalm 121, found on page 779 in the Book of Common Prayer. All are welcome.

### St. Andrew's Gets Outside Walking Group:

You're invited to take a walk with us every Friday at 8:15 am - meet us at the south entrance of County Farm Park. If you want to leave after one lap of the park, you can still make it to work downtown by 9:00 am! If you want to keep going, we usually finish by 9:30 am. We are flexible, talkative, happy and manage to get in our steps for the day!

Flu Shots: Next Sunday, October 19 from 8:30-11:00 am in the Lounge. Get your flu shot at church - no appointment necessary! Two vaccines will be offered. The "regular" vaccine is for anyone age 9 to 64 (9-17 year olds are required to have parent or guardian present). The "high-dose" vaccine also has four influenza strains, all with a higher antigen dose; this will be given to adults age 65 and above. BC/BS, Aetna, Cigna and Medicaid/MI-Child; Medicare, Blue Care Network, Priority Health, and HAP are accepted with no co-pay required. Selfpay? The cost is \$45.20 for the regular vaccine and \$71.20 for the "high dose" (check and credit cards accepted; no cash). EHM will sponsor a collection of expired and unwanted medications during the vaccine program, in the Chapel Lobby.

# Young Adults and Young Families Meetup:

Please join us in the play yard after the 10:00 am service next Sunday, October 19! To learn more about this group and be notified of future events, contact Bill Bryan (williamabryan@gmail.com).

**Outreach and Social Justice Meeting:** Next Sunday, October 19 at 11:15 am in the Chapel. Don't miss this meeting as we discuss plans for the fall! We will have short presentations about International Samaritan and their work in 'garbage dump' communities around the world; and Habitat for Humanity and volunteering for the build or the ReStore. For more information, contact Merilynne Rush at msh.rush@gmail.com.

Choral Evensong: Next Sunday, October 19 at 4:00 pm in the Church. Don't miss the start of our "Choral Sundays" series! Sung by the St. Andrew's Early Music Ensemble and Compline Choir, this service features Thomas Weelkes' Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis, Richard Ayleward's Preces and Responses, and Henry Loosemore's O Lord, Increase Our Faith.

Caregivers' Luncheon: An open invitation is extended to parishioners who may be giving care to a loved one. We'll meet for an hour on Tuesday, October 21 at noon in the Lounge for lunch, reflection, and mutual encouragement. For more information, or to make a reservation for lunch, please contact Fr. Paul at pfrolick@standrewsaa.org or 585-241-9317.

# **COMMUNITY EVENTS -**

Division Street Pipes at St. Andrew's! Thursdays at 12:15 pm in the Church, through December 4. Each recital will feature talented students and faculty of the U-M Organ Department. These 30-minute performances are free and open to the public.

Join us this Thursday, October 16, for a performance by Ye Mee Kim, a DMA student studying Organ and Sacred Music. Her program features the awe-inspiring Adagio from Vierne's third symphony, as well as a rich Praeambulum by Krebs. Contrasting these two works are two

pieces by living South Korean composer Young Jo Lee which combine elements from German and Korean music to create something new and fantastic.

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

Volunteers Needed! With our bulletin now in user-friendly booklet form printing 200+ copies each week has become a bigger job than our office staff can handle alone. We're looking for volunteers who could come in on Friday mornings at 10:00 am to help with folding, assembling, and stapling the bulletins. If you have an hour or two to spare, your help would make a big difference! It's also a nice chance to enjoy some fellowship while serving behind the scenes. Please let the office know if you'd like to join the Friday bulletin team. Thank you!

### **MUSIC NOTES**

## Hymn 411: O bless the Lord, my soul!

This hymn text, based on the opening verses of Psalm 103, was part of the development of hymns from psalm-singing in the 18th century: the words are not the exact text of the psalm, but are a looser paraphrase, moving towards the free creation of hymn texts. James Montgomery wrote paraphrases for this and many other psalms, and then went on to write more than 400 hymn texts. The tune also comes from the 18th century; it was paired with many psalms and spread widely in several different versions. Its sprightly movement fits the words' happy recounting of God's blessings. -- Donna Wessel Walker

### Missa Brevis: Gloria

The choir sang the *Agnus Dei* from Jonathan Dove's (b. 1959) *Missa Brevis* three weeks ago. It's Gloria is very much a lovely dance with a Stravinskisn tinge to its irregular meters. The sparkling organ writing is full of colour. This is immediate, vibrant music that jumps off the page without being self-indulgently theatrical. The thrilling, toccata-like writing for both choir and organ doesn't really let up except, very briefly, at the "Qui tollis" section. -- *Dennis Powers* 

