

# WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

Sunday, October 5, 2025



Today is World Communion Sunday which is a celebration observed by several Christian denominations, taking place on the first Sunday of every October which is today. World Communion Sunday promotes Christian unity and ecumenical cooperation. It focuses on an observance of the Sacrament of Communion. Come and celebrate with us with the bread and the wine.

## Our Vision

To live as Christ would have us live,  
in love, with compassion and seeking justice,  
by sharing God's grace,  
learning from scripture,  
growing through the Spirit and being transformed by faith.

There are many ways to get involved at St. Andrew's. Everyone is welcome so please reach out and step into places that inspire you the most. More details on our website.

## FIND YOUR PLACE

**WASHROOMS:** A wheelchair-accessible and gender-neutral bathroom is located in the hallway North of the lower auditorium. It can be accessed by the elevator near the office or any of the stairways and is available to all 24 / 7. The Childcare and Nursery have full and exclusive use of the washrooms in the lower hallway Monday to Friday 7:00 AM to 6:00 PM. The use of the lower Narthex washrooms is for church use 24 / 7 plus the lower hallway washrooms may be used by all on evenings and weekends when the childcare and nursery are closed.

**Bible Study** is on Wednesday mornings at 9:30am in the lounge. We will be studying together, Luke 18:1-8. All are welcome to attend.

## Upcoming Services:

- Sunday, October 12<sup>th</sup> - Thanksgiving
- Sunday, October 19<sup>th</sup> – Rev. Jeff Cook

**Rev. Karen Lumley** will be on Study Leave from October 13<sup>th</sup> to October 20<sup>th</sup>.

If you are in need of pastoral care, please contact Rev. Tricia Gerhard by phone or text at 431-294-3149, call Westworth at the church office 204-489-6974; or email at Westworth [minister@westworth.ca](mailto:minister@westworth.ca)

Make sure to subscribe to our weekly eblast to know what is happening in the Church community!

<https://standrewsriverheights.com/news-4/newsletter/>



**OUR LAND** - We remember, as we celebrate God's presence in Worship that St. Andrew's River Heights United Church gathers in Treaty 1 land, the traditional territory of the Anishinaabe, Cree, Oji-Cree, and Dakota peoples and in the heart of the Metis Nation. As Treaty people, we seek to live with respect on this land, and live in peace and friendship with all our relations.

## World Communion Sunday

GATHERING MUSIC: *Let us break bread together*  
arr. Raymond Haan

WELCOME & WORK OF THE CHURCH

INVITATION TO WORSHIP: *The Minister's Annual Manual, 2004-2005(based on Habakkuk 2:1-4)*

We come together to seek a great vision.

**We seek your call in our time, O God.**

We have eyes to see, ears to hear, and hands to serve.

**We seek your direction in this day, O God.**

HYMN: **VU660** *How Firm a Foundation*

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

PRAYER

CHILDREN'S TIME

HYMN: **VU643** *Faith, While Trees Are Still in Blossom*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION: *The Minister's Annual Manual, 2013-2014, adapted.*

**Loving God, we know that at times we have a lack of faith, and we are unable to trust in you at times. We have a lack of faith and find it hard to accept your promises or fully embrace your call. We are not always obedient to your will. Sometimes we have neglected the work and ministry to which you have called the church to. We have at times followed our own path and our own way. Forgive us God.**

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

SCRIPTURE READING: Luke 17:5-10 read by Susanne Reimer

This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God**

ANTHEM: *Come Before the Table* (words and music, Karen Marrolli)

Come before the table,  
O come before the table,  
O come before the Lord.

Come and share the love that makes us one.

Come with one spirit, come with one hope,  
Come with one song, come and share the love.  
Come as you are, knowing we all belong.  
Come and share the blessing,  
O come and share the promise,

O come and share the love.

Come and share the love that makes us one.

Come with one mission, come with one love,  
Come with one voice, come and share the love.  
Come all near and far, let all the world rejoice!

Come before the table,  
O come before the table,  
O come before the Lord.

Thee we adore, O hidden Saviour, thee,  
Who at this blessed feast art pleased to be.

Come and share the blessing,  
O come and share the promise,  
O come and share the love.  
Come and share the love that makes us one.

SERMON

HYMN: **VU461** *Bread of the World*

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION  
Communion Setting D VU941/942

May God be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to God.**

Let us give thanks to God most holy.

**It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

Blessed are you, Creator God.

You formed the universe in all its wonder, gave us all that we could need,  
made us caregivers of all that You have made.

**Praise be to you, Creator of this wondrous world.**

We give you thanks for the amazing diversity of creation:

from the prairies and lakes to the dusty deserts,  
from the majestic mountains to the vast seas.

**Praise be to you, Creator of this wondrous world.**

We give you thanks for the multiplicity of humanity with our complexity of color and culture,  
called into oneness-of-being through Christ.  
With many tongues, yet with one voice, we worship you:

**Praise be to you, Creator of this wondrous world.**

We are grateful...sing your praise:

**Holy, holy, holy, God of power and might:  
 Heaven and earth are full, full of your glory.  
 Hosanna in the highest.  
 Bless'd is the One who comes, who comes in God's name.  
 Hosanna in the highest.**

Mighty and tender God...proclaim the mystery of faith:  
**Christ has died. Christ is risen, Christ will come again.**

Send, O God...now and forever.  
**Amen, Amen, Amen Amen!**

## SHARING THE BREAD AND THE CUP

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION:  
**Life-giving God, we thank you.  
 That you have called your people from east and west,  
 And north and south, to feast at the table of Jesus Christ.  
 May we, who share Christ's body, live his risen life;  
 we, who drink his cup, bring new life to others;  
 we, whom the Spirit lights, give light to the world. Amen.**

OFFERING/OFFERTORY: *Blessed Jesus, at your word* (Liebster Jesu) J. S. Bach

OFFERING/OFFERTORY SUNG RESPONSE: *There's Enough for All* (Words and music: Bryan Moyer Suderman)

♪ **There's enough for all if we would learn to share it,  
 there's enough for all, oh help us to believe.  
 There's enough for all. Let's bring our loaves and fishes,  
 and offer them to Jesus. There's more than enough for you and me.** ♪

## OFFERTORY PRAYER

## BLESSING

BENEDICTION: *May the Peace of Christ Be with You* (words & music by Izumi Shiota, additional text by Lori Tru)

♪ **May the peace of Christ be with you.  
 May the love of Christ dwell deep in your heart.  
 May the Spirit enlighten your way.  
 May you live in the comfort of God's care.** ♪

POSTLUDE: *Dialogue on 'Te Deum'* Denis Bedard

## ST. ANDREW'S CONTACT LIST

Our heartfelt thanks go out to everyone who helped with today's service—we couldn't have pulled it off without you.

Thank you to our singers and our scripture reader, Susanne Reimer. Thank you to the communion servers, and Fred Cross, who will co-lead the communion.

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### **Music Note**

Today's first hymn, "How Firm a Foundation," is well-known to us; however, the author of the text remains a mystery almost 250 years after it was written! The words appear in John Rippon's book, "A Selection of Hymns," published in 1787, with the attribution given simply as "K." No one is sure who K might be! One likely candidate is Robert Keen, who served as precentor in Rippon's church, but this has never been definitely proven.

### **Announcements**

**Do you want to learn** about your faith, the church, how it came to be, and is supposed to function? Come to Confirmation Classes that are going to be offered in the fall for adults and in the spring for youth. If you are interested, please contact Rev. Karen Lumley.

**Book Study** is starting up again in October! We meet on Sunday afternoons after the service for fellowship and lively discussions. Our book this fall is still being decided; if you'd like to join us (and have a say in our chosen title!), please email Loralie at [loraliefriesen@gmail.com](mailto:loraliefriesen@gmail.com) to be added to the email list. We hope to see you there!

**Girl Guide Cookies** are for sale today, next week, and Karen has some in her office. One of our youth, Jocelyn Carlson, will be attending the Girl Guide Conference in Quebec this year and is raising money for that trip. Let's support her and her troop as they work to-

wards this. Cookies are \$6.00 a box.

### **Aaron Hutton Sings the Crooner Collection**

If you enjoy those sentimental favourites popularized by the likes of Tony Bennett, Sinatra, and maybe Bobby Darin, then St. Andrew's has the concert for you. The concert features our very own Aaron Hutton, accompanied by a terrific Jazz pianist. Aaron has performed as tenor lead in the St. Andrew's choir for approximately 3 years and is well recognized throughout the Winnipeg arts and musical community, both in musical theatre and the classical scene.

But in this concert, he will jam to those familiar tunes that will send you home humming your favourites.

It is happening here at St. Andrew's, in our sanctuary, on Saturday, October 18 at 7:30 pm. Tickets are \$20. Available after each Service in the narthex or from the Church Office. Or get tickets at the door.

**The St. Andrew's River Heights United Church Harvest Supper is back!** Join us on Sunday, November 2nd with seatings at 4:30pm & 6pm. Tickets are \$25 for adults, \$10 for youth (ages 6-12) & children under 5 eat free! Tickets are available through the church office Monday-Friday 9am-3pm, Sundays after church service in the narthex, or through Eventbrite. We look forward to seeing you there.

**Walks on Tuesdays** with Westworth continue every week at 1pm.

### **YOUR GIFTS MATTER.**

Get the benefits of a Tax Receipt for your Donation! Let us know who you are and sign up for PAR. Pre-authorized remittances throughout the year make it easy to donate to the United Church.

Donations are always accepted either through your weekly giving envelopes, the weekly worship offering, through E-transfer by contacting Bill Craddock, our Treasurer at 204-488-1130 just leave a message on the phone and Bill will return it, or can be dropped off at any time through the church office.

Check out our website for more information and forms. The church is very grateful for any and all donations. Thank you so much.

If you would like to be informed about the routes of these walks and would like to have your email provided to the organizers, please let the church office know.

### **Coming Up...**

#### **MONDAY, OCTOBER 6**

*Rental—AFG (lounge) @ 7pm*

#### **TUESDAY, OCTOBER 7**

*Worship meeting (board room) @ 10am*

*P&A meeting (board room) @ 7:30pm*

#### **WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 8**

*Bible study (lounge) @ 9:30am*

*Rental—River City Sound (auditorium) @ 5:15pm*

*Rental—Joy Cooper (lounge) @ 6:15pm*

#### **THURSDAY, OCTOBER 9**

*Rental—Charmaine Bacon (sanctuary) @ 4pm*

*Choir practice (sanctuary) @ 7:30pm*

#### **MONDAY, OCTOBER 13**



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