St. Andrew Lutheran Church

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Worship Service 9:30 am We're glad you joined us this morning.

YOU ARE WELCOME HERE!

At St. Andrew Lutheran Church, we strive to be a loving and welcoming community of faith. We are centered in the Good News of Jesus Christ, who calls us to reconciliation and wholeness in a world of alienation and brokenness.

All are welcome, without exception, regardless of race, ethnicity, gender, gender identity, sexual orientation, age, physical or mental ability, education, income, or family status.

All are welcome here to worship God, receive the sacraments, and share in fellowship, leadership, and service. We commit to treasuring one another's similarities and differences as one body in Christ.

We are called to provide a safe space in the community as we break down the barriers of isolation. We will continue to discover what it means to be "Reconciling in Christ."

"Welcome one another therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God." Romans 15:7

<u>Masks</u> are not required in our building, however, if you wish to wear one, you are more than welcome to do so. If you do not have a mask, complimentary ones are available in the narthex.

<u>Restrooms</u> are on either side of the elevator, which is left of the coffee bar. A gender-neutral, ADA-compliant restroom is adjacent to the kitchen entrance opposite the elevator.

<u>Green-topped Welcome Cards</u> are found in the pew rack in front of you if you wish to fill one out. Place it on the offering plate or hand it to an usher after the service.

<u>Children are welcome in worship!</u> God put the wiggle in children, so don't feel you have to shush or suppress those wiggles in God's house. All are welcome here! Consider sitting toward the front where it is easier for them to see and hear what is happening. If you have to leave the service with your child, feel free to do so, but please come back. There are worship activity bags available for children in the back of the sanctuary.

Everything for Worship is contained within this service folder. Congregational responses are printed in **bold**. Instructions for the assembly are in Italic print. *Information for the assembly is found in the boxed text*.

Holy Communion is included in this service. All who desire to receive communion may do so. We believe our Lord Jesus is truly present in, with, and under the bread and wine. All of the bread used in communion is both gluten-free and lactose-free. Alcohol-free grape juice is also offered in the second (celadon) chalice.

<u>GATHERING</u>

THE HOLY SPIRIT CALLS US TOGETHER AS THE PEOPLE OF GOD.

The image of the good shepherd shows us how the risen Christ brings us to life. It is the relationship between the shepherd and the sheep, one of mutual knowledge and love, that gives the shepherd authority. The shepherd's willingness to lay down his life for the sheep shows his love. First John illustrates what it means to lay down our lives for one another by the example of sharing our wealth with any sibling in need.

The prelude prepares our hearts and minds for worship. Please remain quietly seated for the duration.

PRELUDE

Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us Bells of Grace arr. Susan Reiser

Dell's of Grace

The hymns for today's worship are found in hymnals in the pew racks. Those hymns prefaced with ELW will be found in Evangelical Lutheran Worship (the cranberry-colored hymnal). Those hymns prefaced with ACS are found in All Creation sings (the indigo-colored hymnal).

Access to the worship folder and hymn list on your smartphone or tablet is available at the following link: https://standrewlutheran.com/worship/worship-bulletins/

GATHERING

THE HOLY SPIRIT CALLS US TOGETHER AS THE PEOPLE OF GOD.

WELCOME

The congregation may stand.

GATHERING HYMN Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing! <u>ELW 385</u>

GREETING

- P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- C: And also with you.

HYMN OF PRAISE

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

- P: Let us pray. O Lord Christ, good shepherd of the sheep, you seek the lost and guide us into your fold. Feed us, and we shall be satisfied; heal us, and we shall be whole. Make us one with you, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C: Amen

The congregation is seated.

Word	GOD SPEAKS TO US IN SCRIPTURE READING, PREACHING, AND SONG.
READING	Acts 4:5-12

L: A reading from Acts:

⁵The next day [the] rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, ⁶with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. ⁷When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, "By what power or by what name did you do this?" ⁸Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers of the people and elders, ⁹if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, ¹⁰let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. ¹¹This Jesus is

'the stone that was rejected by you, the builders;

it has become the cornerstone.'

¹²There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved."

- L: Word of God, word of life.
- C: Thanks be to God.

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READING

L: A reading from 1st John:

¹⁶We know love by this, that [Jesus Christ] laid down his life for us – and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. ¹⁷How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help?

¹⁸Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. ¹⁹And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him ²⁰whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. ²¹Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; ²²and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him.

²³And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. ²⁴All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.

- L: Word of God, word of life.
- C: Thanks be to God.



The congregation may stand.

- L: The holy gospel according to John:
- C: Glory to you, O God.

[Jesus said:] ¹¹"I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. ¹²The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away – and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. ¹³The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. ¹⁴I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, ¹⁵just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. ¹⁶I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. ¹⁷For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. ¹⁸No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father."

- L: The gospel of the Lord.
- C: Praise to you, O Christ.

The congregation is seated.

CHILDRENS SERMON

SERMON

Pr. Laurie Newman

Silence is kept for reflection following the sermon.

The congregation may stand.

HYMN OF THE DAYShepherd Me O GodELW 780The cantor will sing the verses of the hymn with the congregation joining on the refrain.

Pr. Laurie Newman

ACT OF FAITH

- A: Let us affirm our faith using the words of the Apostles' Creed:
- C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

- A: God of grace,
- C: hear our prayer.

Last names are omitted from the Prayers of the People due to privacy and broadcast issues. For more information, check the Weekly News.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

- P: The peace of God be with you always.
- C: And also with you.

We share a sign of God's peace with one another. Putting your hands together in a "praying" position will signal to those around you that you do not wish to physically touch others.

The congregation is seated.

OUR MINISTRY AND MISSION

At the Offering, we return thanks for God's blessing in our lives. Visit <u>http://standrewlutheran.com/give/</u> *for ways you can give to St. Andrew Lutheran Church.*

GOD FEEDS US WITH THE PRESENCE OF JESUS CHRIST

<u>Meal</u> offering

God, Our Ever-Faithful Shepherd Kristie Gladhill, vocalist

J.S. Bach

God, our ever-faithful shepherd, Watches o'er us from above.

When our paths lie steep and narrow, Should we faint in grief and sorrow, God will never leave our care. By his grace he ever spares us; In his arms he gently bears us still.

The congregation may stand.

OFFERING PRAYER

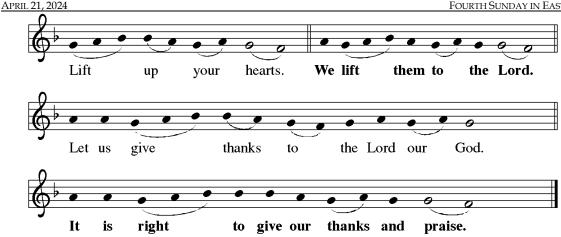
- A: Let us pray. Whatever we ask, in accordance with your will, we receive and our cup overflows. Confident in divine abundance and humbly eager to turn from covetous greed, we return what we have received for the Shepherd's work, that green pastures and safe folds will welcome any who live in fear; that peaceful waters will sustain hurting hearts; that a voice of welcome will be heard at each gate; that a a feast will be prepared for all who hunger and thirst; and all may safely graze. In the names of the One who is our comfort.
- C: Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

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The presider sings the plain text, and the congregation responds singing the bold text.

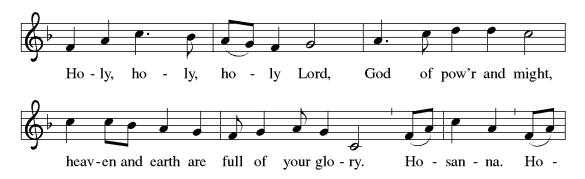




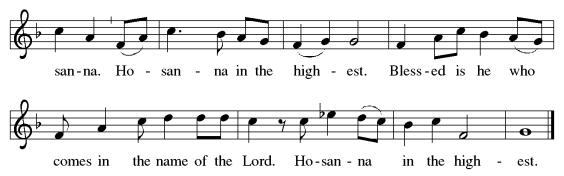
P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ, the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin; who in dying has destroyed death, and in rising has brought us to eternal life. And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

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PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

- P: Holy God, mighty and merciful, your people praise you, saying: Your mercy endures forever.
- **C:** Your mercy endures forever.
- P: By your promise you joined us to Jesus, your Beloved, grafting us into your living Vine, and calling us to bear the fruit of your self-giving love. In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me. Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

With this bread and cup we remember his life laid down and lifted up as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

- C: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.
- P: Send your Holy Spirit upon us and these gifts of bread and wine. Bless us to be a blessing. Make us a sign of your faithfulness. Send us to tend and cherish the earth and to serve the world with mercy and love. We praise you, O God, through Christ Jesus, in your Spirit, now and forever.
- C: Amen.

The congregation is seated.

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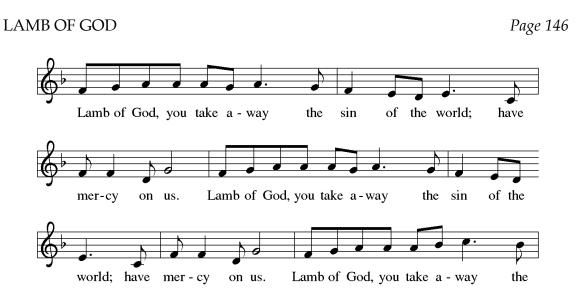
LORD'S PRAYER

- P: Empowered by your promises, and embraced by the Holy Spirit, we pray to you as Jesus taught us to pray:
- C: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is 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 forever. Amen.

DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

We receive the elements by intinction. A piece of bread (gluten and lactose free) is placed in your hand, and you may dip it in a common cup of wine (red chalice) or grape juice (celadon chalice). If you are uncomfortable dipping in the common cup, the Church has long believed that communion 'in one kind' – just the bread – counts fully as partaking in the Lord's Supper. If you do not wish to receive the elements, you may cross your arms over your chest to receive a blessing from the pastor, or simply stay in your seat.

P: The Risen Christ is made known to us in the breaking of the bread. Come and eat at God's Table.





The congregation is seated.

DISTRIBUTION HYMN

My Shepherd, You Supply My Need

<u>ELW 782</u>

The congregation may stand.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

- A: Let us pray. Shepherding God, you have prepared a table before us and nourished us with your love. Send us forth from this banquet to proclaim your goodness and share the abundant mercy of Jesus, our redeemer and friend.
- C: Amen.

SENDING OF EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

- A: Let us pray. Gracious God, loving all your family with a mother's tender care: As you sent the angel to feed Elijah with heavenly bread, assist those who set forth to share your word and sacrament with those who are unable to worship with us. In your love and care, nourish and strengthen those who will receive this sacrament, and give us all the comfort of your abiding presence through the body and blood of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- C: Amen.

<u>Sending</u>

GOD BLESSES US AND SENDS US IN MISSION TO THE WORLD.

BLESSING

- P: Alleluia! Christ is Risen!
- C: Christ is Risen indeed! Alleluia!
- P: Little children, sheep of the Good Shepherd: As we journey toward the fold, we travel through the valley of shadow, growing in grace, becoming a blessing. Baptismal wells restore our souls, a rich feast is spread by

divine abundance, and divisions end as our cup overflows. The God of resurrection power, the Christ of unending joy, and the Spirit of Easter hope + bless you now and always.

C: Amen.

SENDING HYMN Earth Is Full of Wit and Wisdom

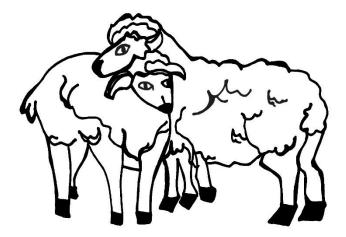
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DISMISSAL

- P: Go in peace. Journey gently on this planet's green pasture.
- C: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

POSTLUDE

Earth Is Full of Wit and Wisdom Susan Werner Reiser, organ Karl Osterland



Today's Worship Leaders

Presider: Pr. Laurie Newman Preacher: Pr. Laurie Newman Acolyte: Altar Flowers: Altar Guild: Patty Jones Assisting Minister: Gordon Teifel Bells of Grace: Janet Vorvick, Christina Mantey, Tammy Piscitelli, Julie Larson, Laura Geczy-Haskins, Liz Hardy, Lynn Santelmann, John Reiser, Robert Casteel, Alison Katsufrakis Cantor: Kristie Gladhill Communion Assistants: Greeters: Patty Jones Lector: Kristie Gladhill Musician: Susan Werner Reiser Nursery Assistant: Elsa McQueen Tech Team: Chase Isaacson and Paul Navarre Ushers: Dan Fako and Tom Lane Worship Coordinator: Sr. India Jensen Kerr Zoom Host:

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