

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*

Masks 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.

Restrooms 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.

Green-topped Welcome Cards 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.

Children are welcome in worship! 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.

GATHERING

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

This Sunday's image of how the risen Christ shares his life with us is the image of the vine. Christ the vine and we the branches are alive in each other, in the mystery of mutual abiding described in the gospel and the first letter of John. Baptism makes us a part of Christ's living and life-giving self and makes us alive with Christ's life. As the vine brings food to the branches, Christ feeds us at his table. We are sent out to bear fruit for the life of the world.

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

PRELUDE

Now the Green Blade Rises
Susan Werner Reiser, organist

Richard Proulx

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

Now the Green Blade Rises

ELW 379

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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Refrain

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,

al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb

who was slain, whose blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.

Refrain

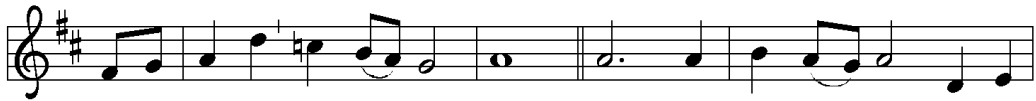
This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,

al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and

strength, and hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.

Refrain

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of



God, and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or,



glo - ry, and might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God. Al - le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 4 For the Lamb who was



slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray. O God, you give us your Son as the vine apart from whom we cannot live. Nourish our life in his resurrection, that we may bear the fruit of love and know the fullness of your joy, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you 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 8:26-40

L: A reading from Acts:

²⁶An angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Get up and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." (This is a wilderness road.) ²⁷So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship ²⁸and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. ²⁹Then the Spirit said to Philip, "Go over to this chariot and join it." ³⁰So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?" ³¹He replied, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him.

³²Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this:
"Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter,
and like a lamb silent before its shearer,
so he does not open his mouth.

³³In his humiliation justice was denied him.
Who can describe his generation?
For his life is taken away from the earth."

³⁴The eunuch asked Philip, "About whom, may I ask you, does the

prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?" ³⁵Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. ³⁶As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, "Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?" ³⁸He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. ³⁹When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. ⁴⁰But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

L: Word of God, word of life.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

READING

1 John 4:7-21

L: A reading from 1st John:

⁷Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. ⁸Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. ⁹God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. ¹⁰In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. ¹¹Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. ¹²No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us.

¹³By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. ¹⁴And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Savior of the world. ¹⁵God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. ¹⁶So we have known and believe the love that God has for us.

God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in

them. ¹⁷Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgment, because as he is, so are we in this world. ¹⁸There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. ¹⁹We love because he first loved us. ²⁰Those who say, "I love God," and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. ²¹The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

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

The congregation may stand.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

GOSPEL

John 15:1-8

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

[Jesus said:] ¹I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. ²He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. ³You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. ⁴Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the

vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. ⁵I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. ⁶Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. ⁷If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. ⁸My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.”

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

The congregation is seated.

CHILDRENS SERMON

Pr. Laurie Newman

SERMON

Pr. Laurie Newman

Silence is kept for reflection following the sermon.

The congregation may stand.

HYMN OF THE DAY

Let All Things Now Living

ELW 881

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 <http://standrewlutheran.com/give/> for ways you can give to St. Andrew Lutheran Church.*

MEAL

GOD FEEDS US WITH THE PRESENCE OF JESUS CHRIST

OFFERING

Christ is the Vine

James & Marilyn Biery

The anthem is sung by the Sanctuary Choir. The congregation may join on the refrain after each verse.

**Refrain: Christ Is the Vine, we are the branches: Growing in
unity with each new strand.**

**Christ Is the Vine, we are the branches nurtured
and pruned by the Vine grower's hand.**

- 1. The vine which God is tending is bursting with new life,
Its reach is never ending, while pruned with sharpest knife.

It stretches to the sunshine with yearning born of need,
And bears good fruit for new wine, love born from tiny seed. *Refrain*

2. The vine was born in darkness and from the earth it grew;
A rose pure in its starkness, caressed by Spirit dew.
As Moses once saw branches with holy brightness glow,
We see our spreading branches through all creation grow. *Refrain*

3. And we who twice together are rooted in the Vine;
With love in Christ we gather, to share the bread and wine.
In Christ we are abiding, we grow within God's care
And spread this joyful tidings everywhere. *Refrain*

The congregation may stand.

OFFERING PRAYER

A: Let us pray. Risen One, you call us to believe and bear fruit. May the gifts that we offer here be signs of your abiding love. Form us to be your witnesses in the world, through Jesus Christ, our true vine.

C: **Amen.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING

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

The Lord be with you. **And al - so with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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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Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,

heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -

san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who



comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

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.**

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.**

The congregation is seated.

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.

LAMB OF GOD

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Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
 mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
 world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
 sin of the world; grant us peace.

DISTRIBUTION HYMN *There in God's Garden*

ELW 342

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

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

BLESSING

- P: Alleluia! Christ is Risen!
- C: **Christ is Risen indeed! Alleluia!**
- P: 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

Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds

ELW 367

DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE

Let All Things Now Living
Susan Werner Reiser, organist

Timothy Albrecht

Today's Worship Leaders

Presider: Pr. Laurie Newman
Preacher: Pr. Laurie Newman
Acolyte:
Altar Flowers:
Altar Guild: Liz Hardy
Assisting Minister: Gordon Teifel
Cantor: Liz Hardy
Communion Assistants:
Greeters:
Lector: Tara Harper
Musician: Susan Werner Reiser

Nursery Assistant: Halvorson Family
Sanctuary Choir: Gretchen Bancroft, Pat Christiansen, Kristie Gladhill, Liz Hardy, Julie Larson, John Reiser, Lynn Santelmann, Janet Vorvick, Carol Werner
Tech Team: Chase Isaacson and Paul Navarre
Ushers: Tom & Noelle Mehlhorn
Worship Coordinator: Pam Jelineo
Zoom Host:



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