

# St. Andrew Lutheran Church

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**April 7, 2024**



**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.

*The Easter season is a week of weeks, seven Sundays when we play in the mystery of Christ's presence, mostly through the glorious Gospel of John. Today we gather with the disciples on the first Easter, and Jesus breathes the Spirit on us. With Thomas we ask for a sign, and Jesus offers us his wounded self in the broken bread. From frightened individuals we are transformed into a community of open doors, peace, forgiveness, and material sharing such that no one among us is in need.*

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

PRELUDE

*Hosanna, Loud Hosanna*  
Lindsey Lane, piano

Zach Unke

*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.

*The congregation may stand*

## 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.**

GATHERING HYMN

*Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain*

ELW 363  
Verses 1-3

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,



## PRAYER OF THE DAY

**P:** Let us pray. Almighty God, with joy we celebrate the day of our Lord's resurrection. By the grace of Christ among us, enable us to show the power of the resurrection in all that we say and do, 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 4:32-35

**L:** A reading from Acts:

<sup>32</sup>Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. <sup>33</sup>With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. <sup>34</sup>There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. <sup>35</sup>They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

**L:** Word of God, word of life.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## READING

1 John 1:1-2:2

**L:** A reading from 1st John:

<sup>1</sup>We declare to you what was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched

with our hands, concerning the word of life — <sup>2</sup>this life was revealed, and we have seen it and testify to it, and declare to you the eternal life that was with the Father and was revealed to us — <sup>3</sup>we declare to you what we have seen and heard so that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. <sup>4</sup>We are writing these things so that our joy may be complete.

<sup>5</sup>This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all. <sup>6</sup>If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; <sup>7</sup>but if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. <sup>8</sup>If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. <sup>9</sup>If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. <sup>10</sup>If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

<sup>2:1</sup>My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; <sup>2</sup>and he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

L: Word of God, word of life.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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.

L: The holy gospel according to John:

C: **Glory to you, O God.**

<sup>19</sup>When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you."

<sup>20</sup>After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. <sup>21</sup>Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." <sup>22</sup>When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. <sup>23</sup>If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

<sup>24</sup>But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. <sup>25</sup>So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

<sup>26</sup>A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." <sup>27</sup>Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." <sup>28</sup>Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!"

<sup>29</sup>Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

<sup>30</sup>Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. <sup>31</sup>But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

L: The gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**



CHILDRENS SERMON

Sister India Jensen Kerr

SERMON

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*Silence is kept for reflection following the sermon.*

*The congregation may stand.*

HYMN

OF THE DAY

*We Walk by Faith*

ELW 635

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

*O Sons and Daughters, Let Us Sing*

Cynthia Anderson

Allison Katsufraakis, vocalist

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

O sons and daughters, let us sing with heavenly hosts to Christ our king:  
today the grave has lost its sting! Alleluia!

That Easter morn, at break of day, the faithful women went their way  
to seek the tomb where Jesus lay. Alleluia!

An angel clad in white they see, who sits and speaks unto the three,  
"Your Lord will go to Galilee." Alleluia!

That night the apostles met in fear; among them came their master dear,  
and said, "My peace be with you here." Alleluia!

When Thomas first the tidings heard that they had seen the risen Lord,  
he doubted the disciples' word. Alleluia!

"My pierced side, O Thomas, see, and look upon my hands, my feet;  
not faithless, but believing be." Alleluia!

No longer Thomas then denied; he saw the feet, the hands, the side;  
"You are my Lord and God!" he cried. Alleluia!

How blest are they who have not seen, and yet whose faith has constant been,  
for they eternal life shall win. Alleluia!

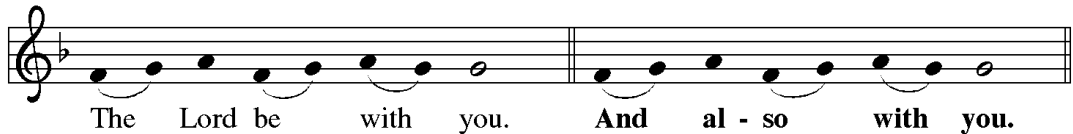
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

*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.**



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

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly are you, God of pow - er and might; -

Heav-en and earth are filled with your glo - ry, Ho - san-na in the high - est!

Bless - ed is the One who comes in your name. — Ho - san - na in the high - est, 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.**

The congregation is seated.

## 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.

## LAMB OF GOD

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.

*The congregation is seated.*

DISTRIBUTION HYMN

*Hallelujah! Jesus Lives!*

ELW 380

*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.*

- 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.**

DISMISSAL

A: Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad.

C: **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

POSTLUDE

*Let the Whole Creation Cry*  
Lindsey Lane, piano

Anne Krentz Organ

Today's Worship Leaders

Presider: Pr. Laurie Newman

Preacher: Sister India Jensen Kerr

Acolyte:

Altar Flowers:

Altar Guild: Liz Hardy

Assisting Minister: Luann Staul

Cantor: Allison Katsuftrakis

Communion Assistants: India Jensen Kerr

Greeters: Jim & Teri Brosh

Lector: Pat Christiansen

Musician: Lindsay Lane

Nursery Assistant: Amy Harker

Sanctuary Choir: Gretchen Bancroft, Pat

Christiansen, Kristie Gladhill, Liz Hardy,

Allison Katsuftrakis, Julie Larson, John Reiser,

Lynn Santelmann, Janet Vorvick, Carol

Werner

Tech Team: Janet Vorvick

Ushers: Ted & Fran Miller

Worship Coordinator:

Zoom Host:

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