



everything
[in] between
lost & found



Fourth Sunday in Lent

St. Andrew Lutheran Church

Sunday, March 30, 2025

Welcome to St. Andrew!

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

Orientation to the Service

This bulletin will guide you through the entire service. Starting on page 3, words printed in **bold** are for everyone to say aloud together. Instructions and information are printed in *italics*.

Hymns (songs) are found in the hymnals in the pew racks in front of your seat.

ELW = Evangelical Lutheran Worship (red hymnal)

ACS = All Creation Sings (blue hymnal)

Green-topped Welcome Cards are found in the pew racks in front of your seat. We would love for guests, visitors, and anyone in need of prayer or more information about the church to fill one out. Please place it in the offering plate or hand it to an usher after the service.

Children are welcome in worship! God put the wiggle in children, so please do not 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 children to see and hear what is happening in the service. There are worship activity bags available for children on a shelf in the back of the sanctuary, and a staffed nursery is available for very young ones. Ask an usher if you need help locating it.

Restrooms can be found by exiting the back of the sanctuary and turning right. Walk straight until you pass the coffee bar, and you will find the women's and men's restrooms to your right. A gender-neutral, ADA-compliant restroom will be found to your left, near the entrance to the kitchen.

Online access to the bulletin and hymns: standrewlutheran.com/worship/worship-bulletins/

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Herding sheep is a never-ending task. As soon as one is found, another may go missing. Our lives have a similar ebb and flow – in one moment we might feel like we have it all together, and in the next, we're struggling to survive. The promise of this parable is that no matter how "lost" we feel, the Good shepherd is by our side.

PRELUDE

*O God, My Faithful God, Johannes Brahms
Susan Werner Reiser, organ*

GATHERING

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

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

The congregation may stand.

INVOCATION

God meets us in the night –
**before the sun rises, before the wound heals,
before there are answers, before there is closure.**

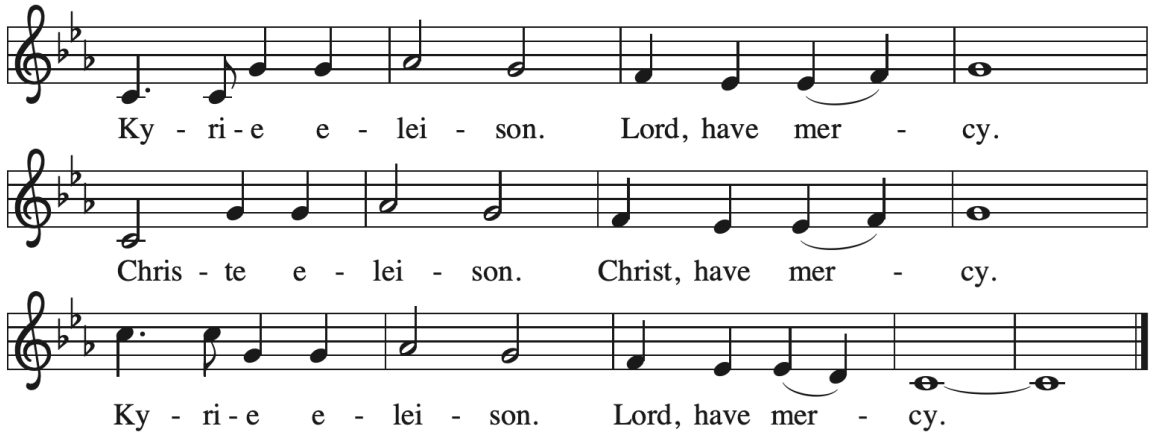
God meets us in the light –
**where joy is effervescent, where laughter is contagious,
where flowers bloom from cracks in the sidewalk,
where people gather around tables.**

God meets us in between –
**at the edge of the water, at the beginning of the wilderness,
at the start of something new, on the edge of faith.**

And if God meets us in all those places,
**then surely God meets us everywhere –
at the water's edge, at the start of something new,
after the baptism, and before the call.**

We are not alone. God is all around.
Let us worship the God of everything.

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS



Ky - ri - e e - lei - son. Lord, have mer - cy.
Chris - te e - lei - son. Christ, have mer - cy.
Ky - ri - e e - lei - son. Lord, have mer - cy.

Friends, in the Christian tradition...

Pause for silent confession.

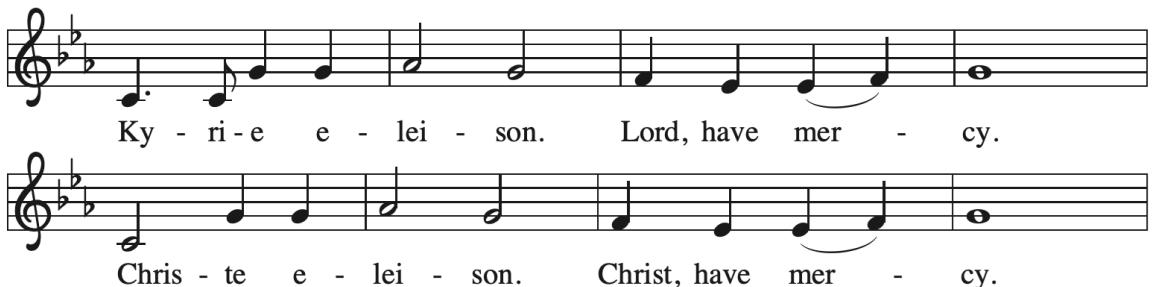
If God is a painter,
let us be the brush.

If God is a musician,
let us be the song.

If God is an architect,
let us be the tools. Let us be the hands. Let us be the builders.

But if God is a shepherd, who never stops seeking,
let us be willing to be found, no matter how lost we feel.

Our God is never far away.
Forgive us for forgetting this good news.



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Family of faith, we are all a little bit lost and a little bit found. We grumble. We push back. We doubt God. We doubt ourselves. We leave the flock and lose our way. But fortunately for us, our God is a shepherding God who is always by our side.

So hear and believe the good news of the gospel:
**No matter how far we wander,
we can never wander from the bounds of God's grace.
We are loved. We are forgiven. We are not alone. Thanks be to God!**

The congregation is seated.

WORD

GOD SPEAKS TO US IN SCRIPTURE READING, PREACHING, AND SONG.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Pastor Allison Bengfort

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Let us pray together.

Shepherding God, you look for us. You search for us. You turn every corner and climb every mountain. You call our name until your voice is hoarse. When we lose our way, you never stop seeking after us. So once again we pray, find us in this moment. Look for us. And then surround us with your presence, so that we might feel you near. With hope we pray, with hope we listen. Amen.

POEM FOR REFLECTION

“The Good Shepherd” by Rev. Sarah A. Speed

Jesus said, “Who among you wouldn’t leave the 99?
Who among you wouldn’t look for the one?”

Someone in the crowd probably rolled their eyes.
Someone squirmed and looked at their palms.
Someone sighed and thought to themselves,

“This man doesn’t understand the business.
What fool would leave 99 to look for one?”

But maybe God was not talking about us.
Maybe God was talking about
her own reckless love.
Maybe God was talking about
her own willingness
to turn the world upside down
for me.

The congregation may stand.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Noth-ing in all cre - a - tion can sep - a - rate us from the love of God.



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GOSPEL

Luke 15:1-7

The holy gospel according to Luke.
Glory to you, O Lord.

¹Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to Jesus.
²And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, “This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them.” ³So he told them this parable: ⁴“Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it? ⁵And when he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices.
⁶And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbors, saying to them, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found my lost sheep.’ ⁷Just so, I

tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance.

The gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

The congregation is seated.

SERMON

Sister India Jensen Kerr

The congregation may stand.

HYMN OF THE DAY

Beautiful Things (ACS 925, vs. 3, repeated once)

All a - round hope is spring-ing up from this old ground. Out of cha-os,
life is be-ing found in you. You make beau-ti-ful things,
— you make beau-ti-ful things out of the dust. You make beau-ti-ful things,
— you make beau-ti-ful things out of us.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

God, in your mercy,
receive our prayer.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

*All are invited to share a sign of peace with one another (handshake, hug, peace sign, etc.).
Placing your hands together in a praying position will signal to those around you that you prefer not to physically touch others.*

The congregation is seated.

MEAL

GOD FEEDS US WITH THE PRESENCE OF JESUS CHRIST.

INVITATION TO OFFERING

Siblings in Christ, we believe in a God who journeys with us through the wilderness of our lives. As we offer our gifts today, we remember God's sustaining presence. I invite you to lift up an offering today as a sign of hope and an act of compassion that reflects the love of Christ.

Contributions to St. Andrew Lutheran Church may be placed in the offering plate or made online (standrewlutheran.com/give). Thank you for your generosity!

OFFERING

*I Want Jesus to Walk with Me, Richard Billingham
Susan Werner Reiser, organ*

The congregation may stand.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Let us pray together.

God of goodness and growth, all creation is yours, and your faithfulness is sure. Word and water, wine and bread: these are signs of your abundant grace. Receive the gifts we bring, and nourish us to proclaim your abiding love in our communities and in the world, through Jesus Christ, our strength and our song. Amen.

DIALOGUE

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

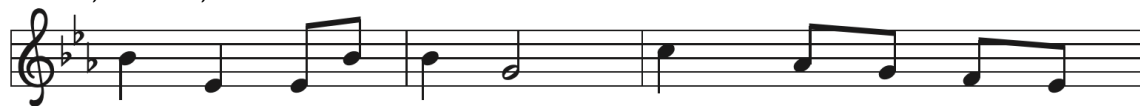
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



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



God of might, heav - en and earth are full of your



glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.



Bless - ed is the one who comes in the name of the



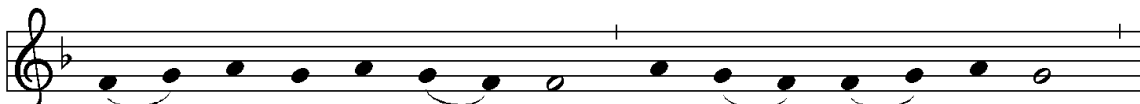
Lord. Ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.



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THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

LORD'S PRAYER



Our Fa - ther in heav - en, hal - lowed be your name,



your king - dom come, your will be done, on earth as in heav - en.

Give us to-day our dai - ly bread. For - give us our sins as we
 for-give those who sin a-against us. Save us from the time of tri - al
 and de - liv - er us from e - vil. For the king - dom, the pow'r,
 and the glo - ry are yours, now and for - ev - er. A - men.

The congregation is seated.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

All who are hungry, come! The feast of grace is spread.

All are invited to commune without exception! At the direction of an usher, those wishing to commune may proceed down the center aisle. A piece of gluten-free bread will be placed in your hands. You may dip the bread in the cup of wine (red chalice) or the cup of grape juice (light-colored chalice), or you may choose to partake of the bread only. If you prefer not to receive communion but would like to receive a blessing, please cross your arms across your chest to indicate this preference. If you would like to receive communion in your seat, please alert an usher, and the elements will be brought to you.

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, grant us peace.

DISTRIBUTION HYMN

I Want Jesus to Walk with Me (ELW 325)

The congregation may stand.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray together.

We thank you, O God, that you have strengthened our hearts through this feast of life and salvation. Shine the light of Christ on our path, that we may do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with you, now and forever. Amen.

SENDING

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

BLESSING

As you leave this place, may you find God in every messy middle. May you know that the world is bigger than two sides. May you trust that you are made in the image of God, and therefore, you contain multitudes. May you move through this world with an open heart, with a curious mind, and with the confidence that you do not go alone. God the Creator, the Christ, and the Holy Spirit be with you in the mountains, in the valleys, and everywhere in between.

Amen.

SENDING HYMN

Jesus Is a Rock in a Weary Land (ELW 333)

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Care for others as God cares for you.

Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

Jesus Is a Rock in a Weary Land, Edwin Childs
Susan Werner Reiser, organ

Serving in Worship

Presider: Pr. Allison Bengfort

Preacher: Sr. India Jensen Kerr

Assisting Minister: Sr. India Jensen Kerr

Altar Flowers:

Altar Guild: Susan Werner Reiser

Communion Assistants:

Greeter:

Lectors: Julie & Jim Aageson

Musician: Susan Werner Reiser

Nursery Attendants:

Tech Team: Janet Vorvick,

Chase Isaacson

Ushers: Ron & Jan Wismer

Worship Coordinator:

Zoom Host: Marlan Bell

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