

# Fourth Sunday of Easter

St. Andrew Lutheran Church

May 11, 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/](http://standrewlutheran.com/worship/worship-bulletins/)

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Good Shepherd Sunday, May 11, 2025 | 9:30 AM

*The gift of new life, of eternal life, is the gift of the risen Christ. It is the promise of Jesus. It was true for those “who have come out of the great ordeal” in the Revelation vision. It is true for us and for all the baptized: Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.*

PRELUDE

*The Love of the Lord/The Lord's My Shepherd*  
arr. by Jeanne Cotter/Larry Shackley  
Lindsey Lane, piano

## ***GATHERING***

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

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*The congregation may stand.*

PROCESSIONAL HYMN     Christ the Lord Is Risen Today; Alleluia! | ELW 369

GREETING

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**Christ is risen, indeed. Alleluia!**

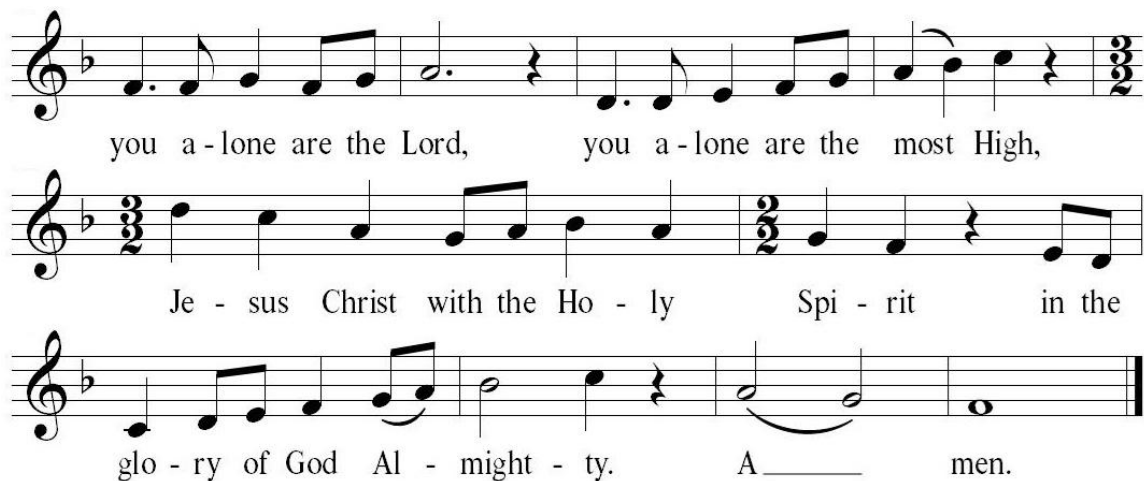
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**And also with you.**

HYMN OF PRAISE

Glo - ry to God in the  
high - est, and peace, \_\_\_\_\_ to God's

peo - ple on earth, — O God, heav'n - ly One,  
 al-might-y God and Sov - reign, we wor-ship you, we  
 give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.  
 O Je - sus Christ, On-ly be-got-ten One. True God,  
 Lamb of God, you take a - way the —  
 sin of the world: have mer - cy on us; you are  
 seat - ed at the right hand of Ma - jes-ty: re - ceive our  
 prayer. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,



## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray together.

**O God of peace, you brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great shepherd of the sheep. By your eternal covenant, make us complete in everything good that we may do your will, and work among us all that is well-pleasing in your sight, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

*The congregation is seated.*

## WORD

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

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Pr. Allison Bengfort

## READING

Revelation 7:9-17

A reading from the Revelation to John.

<sup>9</sup>After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. <sup>10</sup>They cried out in a loud voice, saying, "Salvation belongs to our God

who is seated on the throne and to the Lamb!" <sup>11</sup>And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, <sup>12</sup>singing, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen." <sup>13</sup>Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" <sup>14</sup>I said to him, "Sir, you are the one who knows." Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. <sup>15</sup>For this reason they are before the throne of God and worship day and night within the temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them. <sup>16</sup>They will hunger no more and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat, <sup>17</sup>for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd, and the Lamb will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM

## Psalms 23

<sup>1</sup>The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not be in want.

**<sup>2</sup>The LORD makes me lie down in green pastures  
and leads me beside still waters.**

<sup>3</sup>You restore my soul, O LORD,  
and guide me along right pathways for your name's sake.

**<sup>4</sup>Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,  
I shall fear no evil; for you are with me;  
your rod and your staff, they comfort me.**

<sup>5</sup>You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;  
you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is running over.

**<sup>6</sup>Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,  
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.**

*The congregation may stand.*



## GOSPEL

John 10:22-30

The holy gospel according to John.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>22</sup>At that time the Festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, <sup>23</sup>and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. <sup>24</sup>So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly." <sup>25</sup>Jesus answered, "I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me, <sup>26</sup>but you do not believe because you do not belong to my sheep. <sup>27</sup>My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. <sup>28</sup>I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. <sup>29</sup>My Father, in regard to what he has given me, is greater than all, and no one can snatch them out of the Father's hand. <sup>30</sup>The Father and I are one."

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**



*The congregation is seated.*

## SERMON

Pr. Allison Bengfort

*The congregation may stand.*

## HYMN OF THE DAY

Mothering God, You Gave Me Birth | ELW 735

*During the Hymn of the Day, the new members being recognized gather in front of the Altar.*

## WELCOMING NEW MEMBERS THROUGH AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM

Dear friends, we give thanks for the gift of baptism and for these beloveds, one with us in the body of Christ, whom we welcome as new members into the life and ministry of this congregation.

*New members may introduce themselves.*

People of St. Andrew, I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and affirm your baptismal covenant.

People of God, do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

**We renounce them.**

Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

**We renounce them.**



Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

**We renounce them.**

Do you believe in God the Father?

**We believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**We 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 to judge the living and the dead.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**We 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.**

In baptism, we are welcomed into the body of Christ and sent to share in the mission of God. We are called to live among God's faithful people, to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper, to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed, to serve all people, following the example of Jesus, and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth.

Siblings in Christ, do you intend to continue in the covenant of your baptism among God's people in this place?

*New Members:* I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.

People of St. Andrew, do you promise to support and pray for these new members in their life in Christ?

**We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.**

Let us welcome these siblings in Christ to this community of faith.

**We rejoice with you in the life of baptism. Together we will give thanks and praise to God and proclaim the good news to all the world!**

*The congregation may applaud.*

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

## 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

As resurrection people, every moment offers us an opportunity to divest from the power of death and invest in the power of new life. How are you being called to use whatever resources you have to co-create a world of flourishing for all? You are invited to bring your life-affirming, resurrecting intentions to this offering so that together, we might roll away every stone of injustice, oppression, and harm until all know the true power of Love.

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

## OFFERING

*Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us, William Bradley Roberts  
Sanctuary Choir*

Savior, like a shepherd lead us; much we need your tender care;  
in your pleasant pastures feed us for our use your folds prepare.  
Blessed Jesus! Blessed Jesus! You have bought us, yours we are.

Early let us seek your favor, early let us learn your will;  
do Lord, our only Savior, with your love our bosoms fill.  
Blessed Jesus! Blessed Jesus! You have loved us; love us still.

*The congregation may stand.*

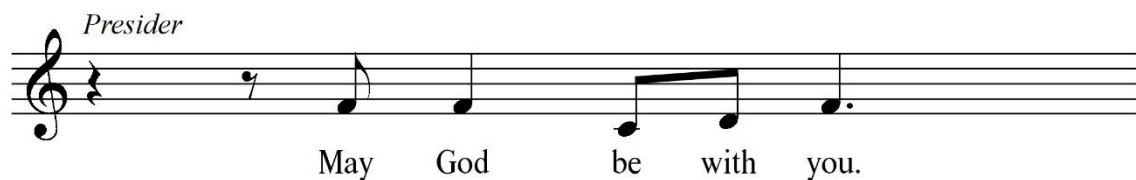
## OFFERTORY PRAYER

Let us pray together.

**Risen One, you have gathered us around your table of grace along with these gifts we bring. Come among us again, breathe your life into us, and enliven us with this meal, that we may live as your risen body in the world. Amen.**

## DIALOGUE

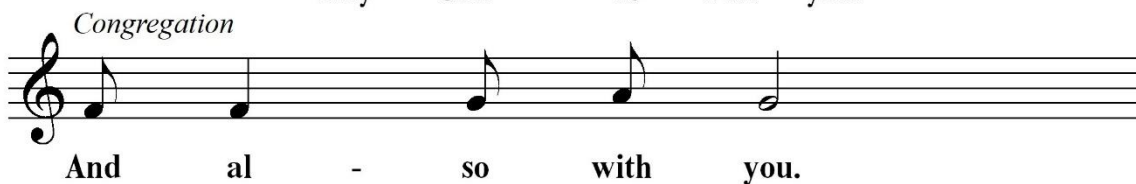
*Presider*



May God be with you.

The musical notation for the Presider's part consists of a single staff in treble clef. It begins with a whole rest, followed by a quarter note on G4, a quarter note on A4, a half note on B4, and a quarter note on A4 with a fermata.

*Congregation*



And al - so with you.

The musical notation for the Congregation's part consists of a single staff in treble clef. It begins with a quarter note on G4, a quarter note on A4, a quarter note on B4, a quarter note on A4, and a half note on G4.

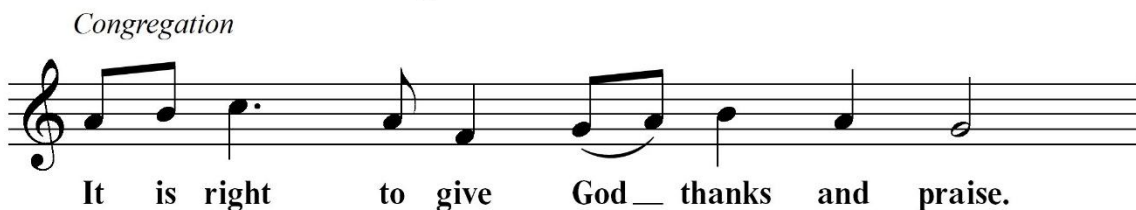
*Presider*



Let us \_\_\_\_ sing our \_\_\_\_ thanks to God.

The musical notation for the Presider's part consists of a single staff in treble clef. It begins with a quarter note on G4, followed by a half note on A4, a quarter note on B4, a half note on A4, a quarter note on G4, a quarter note on F#4, a quarter note on E4, and a quarter note on D4. There are two horizontal lines (\_\_\_\_) under the words 'us' and 'our'.

*Congregation*



It is right to give God \_\_\_\_ thanks and praise.

The musical notation for the Congregation's part consists of a single staff in treble clef. It begins with a quarter note on G4, a quarter note on A4, a half note on B4, a quarter note on A4, a quarter note on G4, a half note on F#4, a quarter note on E4, and a quarter note on D4. There is a horizontal line (\_\_\_\_) under the word 'God'.

## PREFACE

## HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly are you, God of  
pow'r and might heav'n and earth are—  
full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the  
high - est. Blessed is the One who  
comes in your name. Ho -  
san - na in the— high - est.

The musical score is written on six staves in G major (one sharp) and 3/2 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The score includes rests, ties, and a double bar line in the fifth measure of the fifth staff.

## THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

## LORD'S PRAYER

**Our father God, let all hold your name holy. May your peace and love prevail throughout the world. Let your desires be true. Give us the bread of life, so we may stay true in our faith. Forgive us of our wrongdoings, so we may forgive our wrongdoers. Carry us through our trials, and help us resist the evil. May your reign of peace and love last forevermore. Amen.**

*The above rendition of the Lord's Prayer is by one of St. Andrew's confirmation students.*

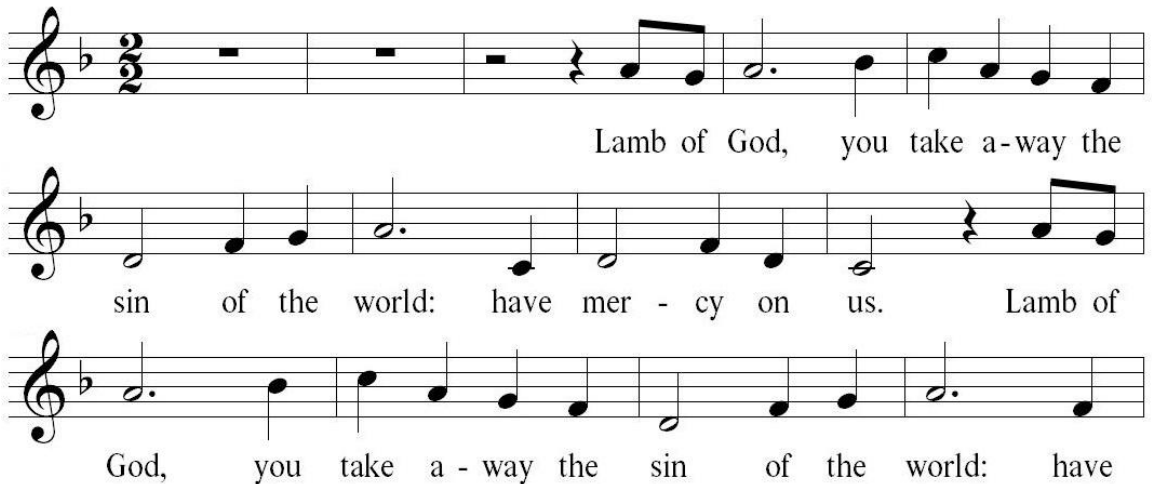
*The congregation is seated.*

## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

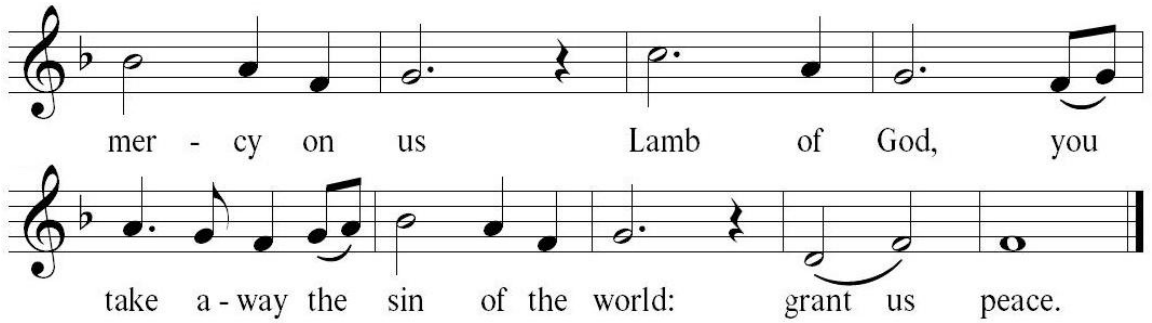
**Come to the table of grace. Receive the gift of new life.**

*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



DISTRIBUTION HYMN

The King of Love My Shepherd Is | ELW 502

*The congregation may stand.*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray together.

**Living One, in this feast you have made yourself known to us. Send us now to tell of your wonders, sing of your glory, and proclaim your risen life to a wounded and weary world. Amen.**

## ***SENDING***

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

BLESSING

The triune God, who was, who is, and who is to come, Sovereign, + Savior, and Spirit, light your way with resurrection dawn, now and always.

**Amen.**

RECESSIONAL HYMN

Guide My Feet | ACS 987

Leader All

1 Guide my feet  
2 Hold my hand  
3 Stand by me while I run this race.  
4 I'm your child  
5 Search my heart



Guide my feet  
 Hold my hand  
 Stand by me while I run this race.  
 I'm your child  
 Search my heart



Guide my feet  
 Hold my hand  
 Stand by me while I run this race,  
 I'm your child  
 Search my heart



for I don't want to run this race in vain.

Text: African American spiritual

Music: GUIDE MY FEET, African American spiritual

## DISMISSAL

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Go in peace. In Christ you are made new. Alleluia! Alleluia!

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

## POSTLUDE

*Hosanna, Loud Hosanna*, setting by Zach Unke  
 Lindsey Lane, piano

## Serving in Worship

Presider: Pr. Allison Bengfort  
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Assisting Minister: Kristie Gladhill  
Acolytes: Elsa McQueen,  
Kim Taylor-Blakemore  
Altar Flowers:  
Altar Guild: Susan Werner Reiser  
Communion Assistant:  
Kim Taylor-Blakemore

Greeters: Fran & Ted Miller  
Lector:  
Musician: Lindsey Lane  
Nursery Attendants:  
Tech Team:  
Ushers: Clay & Debi Gustafson  
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Sr. India Jensen Kerr  
Zoom Host: Marlan Bell

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