

Sixth Sunday of Easter

St. Andrew Lutheran Church

May 25, 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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Visions abound in the readings for the sixth Sunday of Easter. Paul has a vision about what to do. John has a vision of what will be. Jesus provides visions of peace that surpasses human understanding and power beyond human imagination.

PRELUDE *Alleluia! O Sons and Daughters, Let Us Sing*, Flor Peeters (1903-1986)
Matthew Smith, organ

GATHERING

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

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

The congregation may stand.

GATHERING HYMN

Welcome Table | ACS 969

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen, indeed. Alleluia!

In the name of + the One who was, who is, and who is to come.

Amen.

Baptized into Christ's death and resurrection, and called to live the baptized life, let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism.

Holy God, we give you thanks for the waters of baptism, waters that make a people your own, that restore to wholeness, and empower us to be witnesses in your name. Baptized into you, O Living One,
make us one as you are one.

We give you thanks for the waters of baptism, waters that strengthen believers and give new life to beloved servants of your church; waters that extend your boundless love and cross barriers of our own making. Baptized into you, O Living One,
make us one as you are one.

We give you thanks for the waters of baptism, waters that open the hearts of believers and give a voice in the night to those in captivity; waters that set your people on a new path, rejoicing in the Spirit's power. Baptized into you, O Living One,
make us one as you are one.

Grant us grace, love, and life, O Living One, that our every day is shaped by these waters that give us our very lives in you. We ask this in the name of Jesus, the Crucified and Risen One.
Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE

*During the singing, the congregation is sprinkled with water in remembrance of baptism.
You are invited to make the sign of the cross after the water touches you.*

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,
you a - lone are the Lord, you a - lone are the most High,
Je - sus Christ with the Ho - ly Spi - rit in the
glo - ry of God Al - might - ty. A men.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray together.

Bountiful God, you gather your people into your realm, and you promise us food from your tree of life. Nourish us with your word, that empowered by your Spirit we may love one another and the world you have made, 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

Kyler Vogt

READING

Acts 16:9-15

A reading from Acts.

⁹During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, "Come over to Macedonia and help us."

¹⁰When he had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them. ¹¹We therefore set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis, ¹²and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city for some days. ¹³On the Sabbath day we went outside the gate by the river, where we supposed there was a place of prayer, and we sat down and spoke to the women who had gathered there. ¹⁴A certain woman named Lydia, a worshiper of God, was listening to us; she was from the city of Thyatira and a dealer in purple cloth. The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul. ¹⁵When she and her household were baptized, she urged us, saying, "If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home." And she prevailed upon us.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

¹May God be merciful to us and bless us;
may the light of God's face shine upon us.

²**Let your way be known upon earth,
your saving health among all nations.**

³Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

⁴**Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,
for you judge the peoples with equity
and guide all the nations on earth.**

⁵Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

⁶**The earth has brought forth its increase;
God, our own God, has blessed us.**

⁷May God give us blessing, and may all the ends of the earth stand in awe.

The congregation may stand.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

ELW 172

Hal-le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal -

- le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le -

lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah.

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

²³Jesus answered Judas (not Iscariot), “Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. ²⁴Whoever does not love me does not keep my words, and the word that you hear is not mine but is from the Father who sent me. ²⁵“I have said these things to you while I am still with you. ²⁶But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything and remind you of all that I have said to you. ²⁷Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid. ²⁸You heard me say to you, ‘I am going away, and I am coming to you.’ If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father, because the Father is greater than I. ²⁹And now I have told you this before it occurs, so that when it does occur you may believe.”

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

GOSPEL RESPONSE

ELW 172



Hal-le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal -
 - le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le -
 lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah.

The congregation is seated.

The congregation may stand.

HYMN OF THE DAY

Deep Peace | ACS 1018

NICENE CREED

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

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). Thank you for your generosity!

OFFERING *Nun freut euch, lieben Christen g'mein (Dear Christians All Rejoice)*
Composer unknown, source Achtliederbuch, Nurenburg 1524
Matthew Smith, organ

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

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 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.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

LORD'S PRAYER

Our loving God in heaven, may your name be remembered as holy. May people forever look up to you in praise. May your will be done here, now, and everywhere on earth. Give us our holy bread today. Forgive us of our sins, as in return we will forgive all other sinners. Keep us from all anxiety, and free us from all that is evil. For you are the king, you are the glorious, you are the powerful, for all of eternity. 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

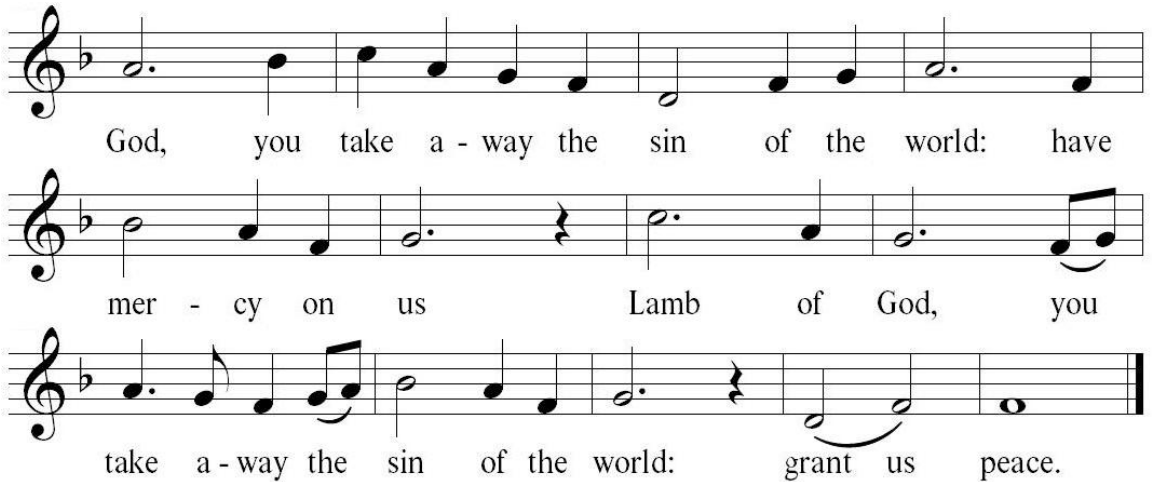
Come to the table of grace. Receive the gift of new life.

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

The musical notation is for the hymn "Lamb of God". It is written in 2/2 time and uses a single treble clef. The melody is simple and consists of two lines. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first line of music has a whole rest followed by a half note G4, a half note A4, a half note B4, a half note C5, and a half note D5. The second line of music has a half note E5, a half note D5, a half note C5, a half note B4, a half note A4, a half note G4, a half note F4, and a half note E4. The lyrics are: "Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of".

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sin of the world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of



DISTRIBUTION HYMN

Jerusalem, My Happy Home | ELW 628

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.

SENDING OF EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Eternal God, whose glory is revealed in the crucified and risen Christ:
Bless those who go forth to share your word and sacrament with our absent
siblings. In your love and care, nourish and strengthen those to whom we
bring this communion that we may all feast upon your abundant love made
known in Jesus Christ.

Amen.

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.

SENDING HYMN

This Is My Song | ELW 887

DISMISSAL

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

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

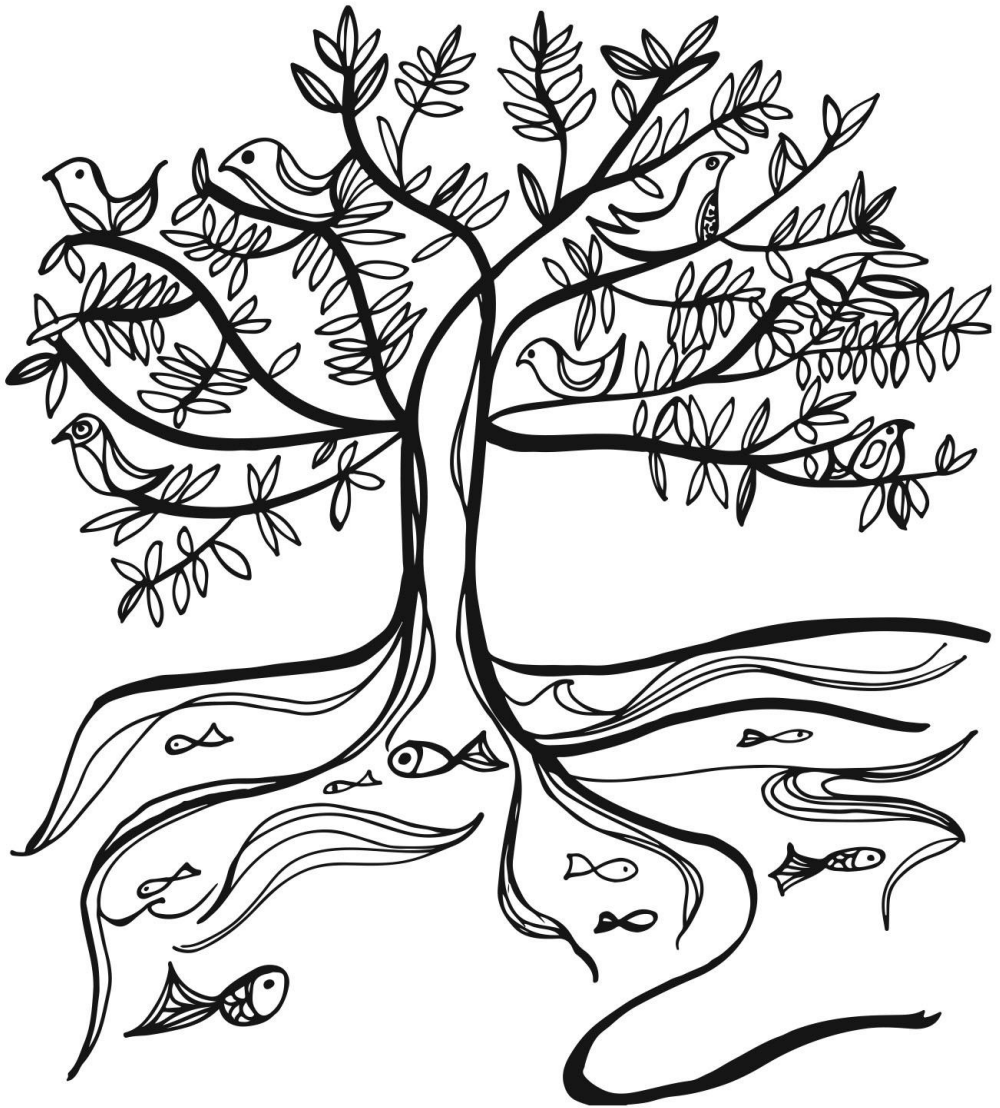
Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

POSTLUDE

Christ lag in Todesbanden (Christ lay in the bonds of death)

Johann Heinrich Buttstedt (1666-1727)

Matthew Smith, organ



Serving in Worship

Presider: Pr. Colleen Nelson
Preacher: Sr. India Jensen Kerr
Assisting Minister: Kim Taylor-Blakemore
Acolyte:
Altar Flowers:
Altar Guild: Noelle Mehlhorn
Communion Assist.: Sr. India Jensen Kerr
Greeters:

Lector: Tom Mehlhorn
Musician: Matthew Smith
Nursery Attendants: Janet Vorvick
Tech Team: Chase Isaacson
Ushers: Barb & Tom Lane
Worship Coordinator: Pat Christiansen
Zoom Host: Marlan Bell

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