

Second Sunday of Easter

St. Andrew Lutheran Church

April 12, 2026



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, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, 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 understand that being truly welcoming involves actively working against racism, heteronormativity, sexism, transphobia, ageism, ableism, classism, and other forces that seek to divide and oppress. We commit to continuing 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. An all-gender, ADA-compliant restroom will be found to your left, near the door to the kitchen.

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

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In today's gospel the risen Christ appears to the disciples and offers them the gift of peace. Even amid doubts and questions, we experience the resurrection in our Sunday gathering around word and meal, and in our everyday lives. Throughout the coming Sundays of Easter the first two readings will be from the Acts of the Apostles and the first letter of Peter. Even as the early Christians proclaimed the resurrection, we rejoice in the new birth and living hope we receive in baptism.

PRELUDE

*Concerto in D Minor, mvt. I, J. S. Bach, arr. Cicely Parnas
Pr. Allison Bengfort, violin; Dave Leon, double bass*

GATHERING

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

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

The congregation may stand.

GROUNDING IN OUR VALUES

The congregation sings verse 1:



1. We are one in the Spi-rit we are one in the Lord; we are one in the
2. We are one in the wat-er, we are one in the flow; we are one in the
3. We will walk with each oth-er we will walk hand in hand, we will walk with each



Spi-rit we are one in the Lord; and we pray that all un - i - ty will
wat-er we are one in the flow; we are one with the Earth and with the
oth-er we will walk hand in hand, and to - ge - ther we'll build a world where

Refrain



one day be re - stored. And they'll know we are Christ-ians by our love, by our
life that we grow.
hearts can ex - pand.



love, yes they'll know we are Christ-ians by our love

In the waters of baptism, we are joined to the death and resurrection of Christ. In a world filled with violence and suffering, we celebrate that resurrection is always possible and always all around us.

Christ is alive! Love is planting seeds and finding new paths!

Like the Israelites crossing the sea from slavery into freedom, the path through the water leads us from bondage to liberation.

Christ is alive! Through death, God brings us to new life!

In our worship today, we attend to our five most important relationships: our relationship with God, with the earth, with our community, with our neighbor, and with ourselves. In each of these relationships, we look for signs of resurrection.

People of God, where do you experience resurrection in your relationship with God?

We experience resurrection as we ground ourselves in the Divine. As our bodies find comfort in the rhythm of the liturgy. As our hearts re-center on love, and as our minds are opened to new possibilities. We experience resurrection as the Spirit breathes new life into our bones, returning us to who we are meant to be and who we have always been.

People of God, where do you experience resurrection in your relationship with the Earth?

We experience resurrection as we watch spring unfold. As we see flowers blooming and feel the breeze on our arms. As we sink our hands into the soil, and when we walk barefoot on the grass. We experience resurrection as we watch the flow of a stream sparkling in the sun. We experience resurrection with every hint of new life.

The congregation sings verse 2, printed on the facing page.

People of God, where do you experience resurrection in your relationship with your Community?

We experience resurrection when we find community that aligns with our values. When we feel known and needed. When we share our resources with one another and find a way to use our gifts. We experience resurrection when we are able to make a collective impact on the wider world. When we stand in solidarity with the oppressed, singing songs of hope and speaking justice into being.

People of God, where do you experience resurrection in your relationship with your Neighbor?

We experience resurrection when we love deeply and when we are deeply loved. When we share who we are, and when we learn something new about another. We experience resurrection when a broken relationship is healed. When a new connection is made, or an existing connection is deepened. We experience resurrection when part of ourselves is healed through the love of another.

The congregation sings verse 3, printed on the facing page.

People of God, where do you experience resurrection in your relationship with Yourself?

We experience resurrection when we honor the Life that is in us. When we attend to our bodies, and listen to the wisdom they carry. When we respect our hearts and our intuitions. We experience resurrection when we accept ourselves and are compassionate towards ourselves. We experience resurrection when we take the time to get to know ourselves.

Christ is alive! Love is planting seeds and finding new paths!
Christ is alive! Through death, God brings us to new life!

The congregation sings verse 1, printed on page 4.

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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray together.
Almighty and eternal God, the strength of those who believe and the hope of those who doubt, may we, who have not seen, have faith in you and receive the fullness of Christ's blessing, 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

Elementary-aged children (grades K-5) are invited to attend The Roots Children's Church, led by trained St. Andrew volunteers and located in the Children's Library downstairs. Parents are welcome to observe. The children will return to worship in time to receive communion.

A reading from Acts.

^{14a}Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd:
²²"Fellow Israelites, listen to what I have to say: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with deeds of power, wonders, and signs that God did through him among you, as you yourselves know ²³this man, handed over to you according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of those outside the law. ²⁴But God raised him up, having released him from the agony of death, because it was impossible for him to be held in its power. ²⁵For David says concerning him, 'I saw the Lord always before me, for he is at my right hand so that I will not be shaken; ²⁶therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced; moreover, my flesh will live in hope. ²⁷For you will not abandon my soul to Hades or let your Holy One experience corruption. ²⁸You have made known to me the ways of life; you will make me full of gladness with your presence.'

²⁹"Fellow Israelites, I may say to you confidently of our ancestor David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. ³⁰Since he was a prophet, he knew that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would put one of his descendants on his throne. ³¹Foreseeing this, David spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, saying, 'He was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh experience corruption.'³²"This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are witnesses."

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

PSALM 16

¹Protect me, O God, for I take refuge in you;
I have said to the LORD, "You are my Lord, my good above all other."

**²All my delight is in the godly that are in the land,
upon those who are noble among the people.**

³But those who run after other gods shall have their troubles multiplied.

**⁴I will not pour out drink offerings to such gods,
never take their names upon my lips.**

⁵O LORD, you are my portion and my cup; it is you who uphold my lot.

**⁶My boundaries enclose a pleasant land;
indeed, I have a rich inheritance.**

⁷I will bless the LORD who gives me counsel;
my heart teaches me night after night.

**⁸I have set the LORD always before me;
because God is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken.**

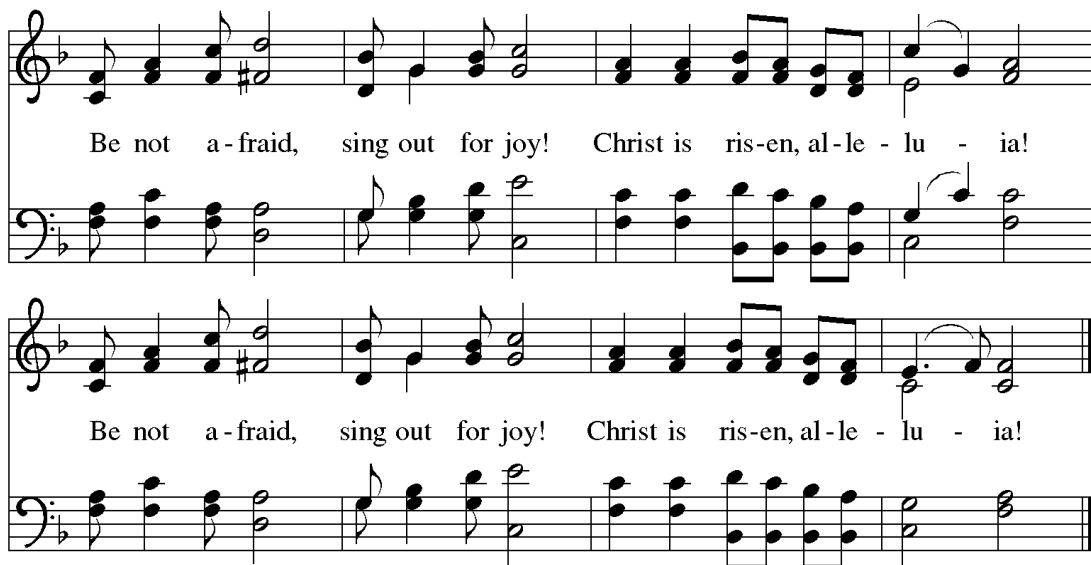
⁹My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices;
my body also shall rest in hope.

**¹⁰For you will not abandon me to the grave,
nor let your holy one see the pit.**

¹¹You will show me the path of life;
in your presence there is fullness of joy,
and in your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

The congregation may stand.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Be not a-fraid, sing out for joy! Christ is ris-en, al-le - lu - ia!

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The image shows a musical score for a Gospel Acclamation. It consists of two systems of music. Each system has a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature is one flat (B-flat), and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are: "Be not a-fraid, sing out for joy! Christ is ris-en, al-le - lu - ia!". The first system ends with a double bar line, and the second system continues the same melody and accompaniment.

GOSPEL

John 20:19-31

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

¹⁹When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors were locked where the disciples were, for fear of the Temple authorities, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁰After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Creator has sent me, so I send you." ²²When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

²⁴But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵So 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."

²⁶A 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." ²⁷Then 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." ²⁸Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" ²⁹Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

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

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

GOSPEL RESPONSE

Be not a-fraid, sing out for joy! Christ is ris-en, al-le - lu - ia!

Be not a-fraid, sing out for joy! Christ is ris-en, al-le - lu - ia!

The congregation is seated.

SERMON

Kyler Vogt

The congregation may stand.

HYMN OF THE DAY

We Walk by Faith | ELW 635, vs. 1, 4 & 5

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

The congregation is seated.

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

Merciful God,
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.

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 share your offerings now, so that together, we might roll away every stone of injustice, oppression, and harm so that all may know the true power of Love.

Contributions to St. Andrew Lutheran Church may be placed in the offering plate or made online by scanning the QR code to the right. Thank you for your generosity!



OFFERING

The congregation may stand.

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray together.

Merciful God, accept the fruits of our labor, gathered to give you glory. You have set a table before us, a glimpse of that great day when we will hunger and thirst no more. Nourish us with the body and blood of Jesus, that goodness and mercy may follow us and bless the world you love. In the name of Jesus, 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 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.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come,
your will be done, on earth as 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.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

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 wine (red chalice) or the grape juice (light-colored chalice), or you may choose to partake of bread only. If you prefer 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.

COMMUNION SONG

Je - sus Christ, bread of life, those who come to you will not hun - ger.

Je - sus Christ, ris - en Lord, those who trust in you will not thirst.

DISTRIBUTION MUSIC *Concerto in D Minor, movt. II*, J. S. Bach, arr. Cicely Parnas
Pr. Allison Bengfort, violin; Dave Leon, double bass

The congregation may stand.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray together.

Holy One, through this meal you have made your home among us and are making all things new. Send us now to speak peace to anxious hearts, to love our enemies, and to bring your healing to the nations. In the name of Jesus, Amen.

SENDING

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

BLESSING

God Almighty, who is the beginning and the end, Jesus Christ, the firstborn of the dead, and the Spirit, our advocate and peace, † bless you now and forever.

Amen.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Praise the Lord. Alleluia!
Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

POSTLUDE *Concerto in D Minor, excerpt from mot. III, J. S. Bach, arr. Cicely Parnas*
Pr. Allison Bengfort, violin; Dave Leon, double bass

Serving Today in Worship

Presiding Minister: Pr. Colleen Nelson
Preacher: Kyler Vogt
Assisting Minister: Tom Mehlhorn
Altar Guild: Kim Taylor-Blakemore
Children's Church:
Communion Assistant:
Lector:

Musician: Karl Gustafson
Nursery Assistant: Janet Vorvick
Tech Team: Chase Isaacson
Ushers: Diane & Ken Reiner
Welcome Team:
Worship Coordinator: Pam Jelineo
Zoom Host: Marlan Bell

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