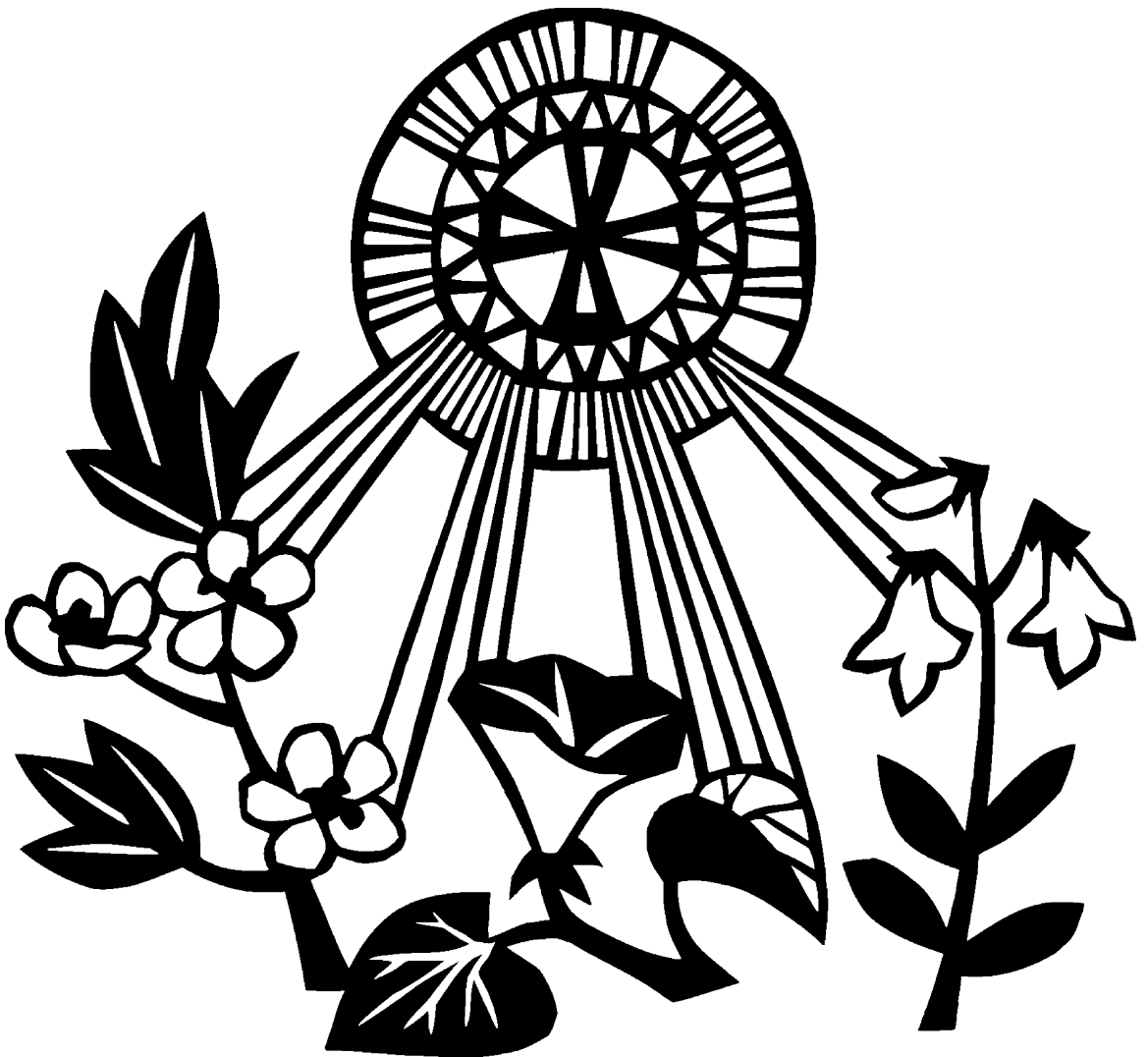


Sixth Sunday of Easter

St. Andrew Lutheran Church

May 10, 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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Jesus does not abandon his followers. Through the Holy Spirit, Jesus comes to abide with his disciples of every generation. As Pentecost draws near, we are reminded that the risen Christ dwells in us as the Spirit of truth. We receive this Spirit in baptism and pray that in our gathering around the Lord's table the Spirit will transform us to be the body of the risen Christ in the world.

PRELUDE

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
2. We are one in the wat-er, we are one in the flow; we are
3. We will walk witheach oth-er we will walk hand in hand, we will
4. All praise the cre - a - tor from whom all things come, and all



one in the Spi-rit we are one in the Lord; and we pray that all
one in the wat-er we are one in the flow; we are one with the
walk witheach oth-er we will walk hand in hand, and to - ge - ther we'll
praise to Christ Je - sus the ri - sen one, and all praise to the

Refrain



un - i - ty will one day be re-stored. And they'll know we are Christ-ians by our
Earth and with the life that we grow.
build a world where hearts can ex-pand.
Spi - rit who makes us one.



love, by our 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 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 page 4.

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 4, 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 ever-living God, you hold together all things in heaven and on earth. In your great mercy receive the prayers of all your children, and give to all the world the Spirit of your truth and peace, 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.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Pr. Colleen Nelson

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.

READING

Acts 17:22-31

A reading from Acts.

²²Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, "Athenians, I see how extremely spiritual you are in every way. ²³For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, 'To an unknown god.' What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. ²⁴The God who made the world and everything in it, who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, ²⁵nor is God served by human hands, as though God needed anything, since it is God who gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. ²⁶From one ancestor were made all peoples to inhabit the whole earth, and God allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, ²⁷so that they would search for God and perhaps fumble about for God and find God – though indeed God is not far from each one of us. ²⁸For 'In God we live and move and have our being'; as even some of your own poets have said, 'For we, too, are God's offspring.' ²⁹Since we are God's offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold or silver or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. ³⁰While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now God commands all people everywhere to repent, ³¹because God has fixed a day on which the world will be judged in righteousness by a man whom God has appointed, and of this God has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead."

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 66:8-20

⁸Bless our God, you peoples; let the sound of praise be heard.

⁹**Our God has kept us among the living
and has not allowed our feet to slip.**

¹⁰For you, O God, have tested us; you have tried us just as silver is tried.

¹¹**You brought us into the net; you laid heavy burdens upon our backs.**

¹²You let people ride over our heads; we went through fire and water,
but you brought us out into a place of refreshment.

¹³**I will enter your house with burnt offerings
and will pay you my vows –**

¹⁴those that I promised with my lips
and spoke with my mouth when I was in trouble.

¹⁵**I will offer you burnt offerings of fatlings with the smoke of rams;
I will give you oxen and goats.**

¹⁶Come and listen, all you who believe,
and I will tell you what God has done for me.

¹⁷**I called out to God with my mouth,
and praised the Lord with my tongue.**

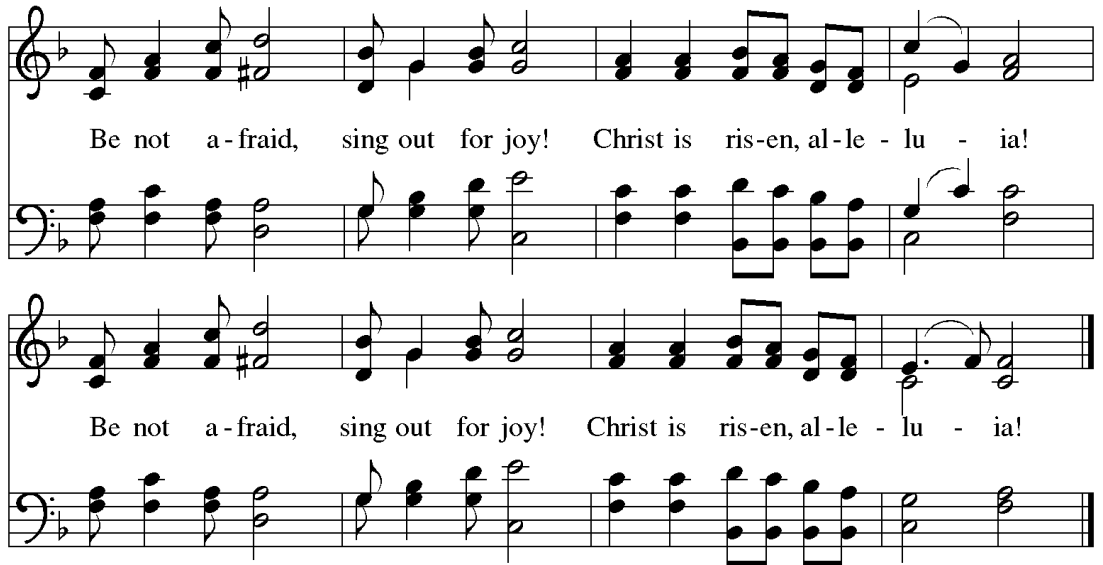
¹⁸If I had cherished evil in my heart, the Lord would not have heard me;

¹⁹**but in truth God has heard me
and has attended to the sound of my prayer.**

²⁰Blessed be God, who has not rejected my prayer,
nor withheld unfailing love from me.

The congregation may stand.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



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 image shows two systems of musical notation for a Gospel Acclamation. Each system consists of a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature is one flat (B-flat major or D minor), 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 is a full musical score, and the second system is a simplified version of the same score, focusing on the melody and basic accompaniment.

GOSPEL

John 14:15-21

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

Jesus said to the disciples: ¹⁵"If you love me, you will keep my commandments. ¹⁶And I will ask the Creator, and to you will be given another Advocate, to be with you forever. ¹⁷This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive because it neither sees her nor knows her. You know her because she abides with you, and she will be in you.

¹⁸I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. ¹⁹In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. ²⁰On that day you will know that I am in the Creator, and you in me, and I in you. ²¹They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me, and those who love me will be loved by the Creator, and I will love them and reveal myself to them."

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 image shows two systems of musical notation for a Gospel Response. Each system consists of a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The music is in a 2/4 time signature with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). 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 also ends with a double bar line.

The congregation is seated.

SERMON

Pr. Colleen Nelson

The congregation may stand.

HYMN OF THE DAY

Mothering God, You Gave Me Birth | ELW 735

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

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 HYMN

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light | ELW 815

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.

SENDING HYMN

Oh, Sing to the Lord | ELW 822

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Praise the Lord. Alleluia!

Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

POSTLUDE

Serving Today in Worship

Presiding Minister: Pr. Colleen Nelson
Preacher: Pr. Colleen Nelson
Assisting Minister: Kim Taylor-Blakemore
Altar Guild: Susan Werner Reiser
Children's Church: Lindsay Delaney
Communion Assistant:
Lector: Tom Mehlhorn

Musicians: The Waters
Nursery Assistant: Sonja Ackman
Tech Team: Chase Isaacson
Ushers: Dana Taylor-Blakemore
Welcome Team: Donna McAlpine
Worship Coordinator:
Zoom Host: Marlan Bell

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