



**+ Fourth Sunday of Easter**  
**April 30, 2023**



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## **+ Fourth Sunday of Easter Order for Worship**

*Today is often called “Good Shepherd Sunday.”*

*Jesus is identified as the “gate” of the sheep in John’s gospel.*

*The risen Christ opens the way to abundant life.*

*He anoints our heads with oil and guides us beside the still waters of our Baptism.*

*Each Sunday he spreads a feast before us amid the world’s violence and war.*

*We go forth to be signs of the resurrection and extend God’s tender care to all creation.*

- Masks are optional at St. Andrew when Covid-19 community level in Allegheny County is in the low and medium categories.
- Worship Services are live streamed to multiple online platforms. By attending worship, you agree that your image and voice may be broadcast.

### **Welcome to St. Andrew!**

- *St. Andrew Lutheran congregation welcomes all who are seeking a place of healing and wholeness – a nurturing, faith-forming spiritual home. Our community embraces people of all ages, ethnicities, cultures, abilities, sexual orientations, gender identities and expressions, and family constellations. Come and See!*
- *Everyone is invited to make a nametag at the black bookcase in the back of the worship space if they would like. There are stickers indicating pronouns on the bookcase if you would like to include them on your name tag.*
- *Children are invited to attend Little Church – Big Faith, a Bible lesson and activity, during worship (after the Prayer of the Day). The group returns to the worship space for the liturgy of Holy Communion.*
- *Worship “toolkits” to help children engage with the service, along with “busy bags” for younger children, are available in the bookcase at the back of the sanctuary. Please feel free to take one to use with/for your children.*
- *Holy Communion is served with bread (gluten-free available) and wine or grape juice. The presiding minister will distribute the bread (host). Please consume this and then pick up an empty glass from the tray. The Communion Assistant will pour wine or grape juice into your glass. Please step to the side to consume the wine or grape juice. Feel free to kneel at the altar for prayer and reflection. As you return to your pew, glasses may be returned to the empty trays on either side of the center aisle.*
- *A restroom is available on the main level of the church, through the doors to the Social Hall and to the right in the main office.*

## Pre-Service Music

## Welcome

## Prelude

## Gathering

*The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.*

## Confession and Forgiveness

*Please rise as you are able.  
All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at Baptism,  
as the presiding minister begins.*

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity,  
✝ one God,  
who creates, redeems, and sustains us  
and all of creation.

**C: Amen.**

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silence is kept for reflection*

P: To you, O God,

**C: all hearts are open, to you all desires known.**

**We come to you, confessing our sins.**

**Forgive us in your mercy, and remember us in your love.**

**Show us your ways; teach us your paths; and lead us in justice and truth,  
for the sake of your goodness in Jesus Christ our Savior.**

**Amen.**

P: By water and the Holy Spirit God gives you a new birth,  
and through the death and resurrection of ✝ Jesus Christ,  
God forgives you all your sins.

The God of mercy and might strengthen you in all goodness  
and keep you in eternal life.

**C: Amen.**

Mfurahini, haleluya / Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia



*M - fu - ra - hi - ni, ha - le - lu - ya,*  
 1 Christ has a - ris - en, al - le - lu - ia.  
 2 For three long days the grave did its worst  
 3 The an - gel said to them, "Do not fear.



*m - ko - mbo - zi a - me - fu - fu - ka.*  
 Re - jice and praise him, al - le - lu - ia.  
 un - til its strength by God was dis - persed.  
 You look for Je - sus who is not here.



*A - me - fu - fu - ka, ha - le - lu - ya,*  
 For our re - deem - er burst from the tomb,  
 He who gives life did death un - der - go.  
 See for your - selves the tomb is all bare.



*m - si - fu - ni sa - sa - yu ha - i.*  
 c - ven from death, dis - pel - ling its gloom.  
 and in its con - quest his might did show.  
 On - ly the grave - clothes are ly - ing there."

*Refrain*



*Tu - mwi - mbi - e so - te kwa fu - ra - ha.*  
 Let us sing praise to him with end - less joy.



*Ye - su a - me - to - ka ka - bu - ri - ni.*  
 Death's fear - ful sting he has come to de - stroy.



*Ka - shi - nda ki - fo, ha - le - lu - ya;*  
 Our sin for - giv - ing, al - le - lu - ia!



*ha - le - lu - ya, Ye - su yu ha - i.*  
 Je - sus is liv - ing, al - le - lu - ia!

- 4 "Go spread the news: he's not in the grave. He has arisen this world to save. Jesus' redeeming labors are done. Even the battle with sin is won."  
*Refrain*
- 5 Christ has arisen to set us free. Alleluia, to him praises be. Jesus is living! Let us all sing; he reigns triumphant, heavenly king.  
*Refrain*

## Greeting

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


C: And also with you.

## Hymn of Praise


## Now the Feast and Celebration

HS p. 4-5


*Refrain*



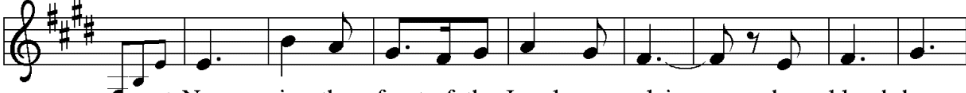
Now the feast and cel - e - bra - tion, all of cre - a - tion



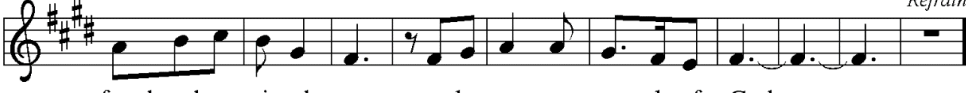
sings for joy to the God of life and love and free-dom;



praise and glo - ry for - ev - er - more!




1 Now is the feast of the Lamb once slain, whose blood has




freed and u - nit-ed us to be one great peo-ple of God.

*Refrain*



2 Pow - er and rich-es, wis-dom and might, all hon - or and



glo - ry to Christ for - ev - er.

*Refrain*



3 For God has come to dwell with us, to make us peo-ple of



God; to make all things new.

*Refrain*



*Refrain*  
All

Shep-herd me, O God, be - yond my wants, be - yond my fears, from

death in - to life. to stanzas 1, 2, 3, 5 to stanza 4 life.

Leader or All

1 God is my shep-herd, so noth-ing shall I want, I  
2 Gent - ly you raise me and heal my wea - ry soul, you  
3 Though I should wan - der the val - ley of death, I

rest in the mead-ows of faith - ful - ness and love, I  
lead me by path - ways of righ - teous - ness and truth, my  
fear no e - vil, for you are at my side, your

*Refrain*

walk by the qui - et wa - ters of peace.  
spir - it shall sing the mu - sic of your name.  
rod and your staff, my com - fort and my hope.

Leader or All

4 You have set me a ban-quet of love in the face of

*Refrain*

ha-tred, crown-ing me with love be-yond my pow'r to hold.

Leader or All

5 Sure-ly your kind-ness and mer-cy fol-low me all the days of my life;

I will dwell in the house of my God for-ev - er - more.

*Final refrain*  
All

Shep-herd me, O God, be - yond my wants, be -

yond my fears, from death in - to life.





<sup>7</sup>So again Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. <sup>8</sup>All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. <sup>9</sup>I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. <sup>10</sup>The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.  
**C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Please be seated.*

## Sermon

*A time of silence for prayer and reflection follows the sermon.  
 When the hymn of the day begins, please rise as you are able.*

## Hymn of the Day      Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us      *ELW 789*



1 Sav-ior like a shep-herd lead us;      much we need your ten-der care.  
 2 We are yours; in love be-friend us,      be the guard-ian of our way;  
 3 You have prom-ised to re-ceive us,      poor and sin-ful though we be;  
 4 Ear-ly let us seek your fa-vor,      ear-ly let us do your will;



In your pleas-ant pas-tures feed us,      for our use your fold pre-pare.  
 keep your flock, from sin de-fend us,      seek us when we go a-stray.  
 you have mer-cy to re-lieve us,      grace to cleanse, and pow'r to free.  
 bless-ed Lord and on-ly Sav-ior,      with your love our spir-its fill.



Bless-ed Je-sus, bless-ed Je-sus,      you have bought us; we are yours.  
 Bless-ed Je-sus, bless-ed Je-sus,      hear us chil-dren when we pray.  
 Bless-ed Je-sus, bless-ed Je-sus,      ear-ly let us turn to you.  
 Bless-ed Je-sus, bless-ed Je-sus,      you have loved us, love us still.



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 Bless-ed Je-sus, bless-ed Je-sus,      hear us chil-dren when we pray.  
 Bless-ed Je-sus, bless-ed Je-sus,      ear-ly let us turn to you.  
 Bless-ed Je-sus, bless-ed Je-sus,      you have loved us, love us still.

## **Nicene Creed**

**C: 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.**

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\*Or, "who proceeds from the Father." The phrase "and the Son" is a later addition to the creed.

## **Prayers of the People**

**A: United in the joy and hope of the resurrection, let us pray for the church, the world,  
and all who are in need.**

*After each petition*

A: Gracious God,

**C: receive our prayer.**

*The presiding minister concludes the prayers*

P: We lift these prayers to you O God, trusting in your abundant mercy, through Jesus Christ our risen Savior.

**C: Amen.**

## **Peace**

*The presiding minister and the assembly greet one another in the peace of the risen Christ.*

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

**C: And also with you.**

*The people may greet those around them with a sign of Christ's peace and may say Peace be with you or similar words. Please be mindful that not everyone will be comfortable with sharing the peace, so please seek consent before shaking hands or hugging. Other possible ways to share the peace include a simple bow with the verbal greeting of peace, or simply a verbal expression of peace.*

*When the greetings of peace have concluded, please be seated.*



## **Meal**

*God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ*

## **Offering**

*We offer ourselves, our gifts, and our faithful service to God.*

*As the offering is gathered for the mission of the church, including the care of those in need, the table is set for Holy Communion.*

## **Music during the Offering**

*As the gifts are brought forward for presentation, please rise as you are able.*

## Offertory Song

## As the Grains of Wheat

ELW 184

*Refrain*



As the grains of wheat once scat-tered on the hill were  
gath-ered in - to one to be - come our bread; so may all your peo-ple from  
all the ends of earth be gath-ered in - to one in you.

1 As this cup of bless-ing is shared with - in our midst,  
2 Let this be a fore - taste of all that is to come when

*Refrain*

may we share the pres - ence of your love.  
all cre - a - tion shares this feast with you.

Text: Didache, 2nd cent.; Marty Haugen, b. 1950

Music: AS THE GRAINS, Marty Haugen

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## Offertory Prayer

A: Let us pray.

Blessed are you, O God,

**C: ruler of heaven and earth.**

**Day by day you shower us with blessings.**

**As you have raised us to new life in Christ,**

**give us glad and generous hearts,**

**ready to praise you and to respond to those in need,**

**through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**

**Amen.**

*Presider:* The Lord be with you. *Congregation:* And al - so with  
 you. *Presider:* Lift up your hearts. *Congregation:* We  
 lift them to the Lord. *Presider:* Let us give  
 thanks to the Lord our God. *Congregation:* It is  
 right to give God thanks and praise.

### Preface *(Sung by the presiding minister)*

P: It is our duty and delight  
 that we should everywhere and always  
 offer thanks and praise to you, O God,  
 through Jesus Christ,  
 who by his death on the cross  
 and his glorious resurrection  
 broke the bonds of sin and death  
 and gave life to all creation.  
 And so with the church on earth,  
 all creation and the hosts of heaven,  
 we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

# Sanctus

HS p. 15

Marty Haugen  
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5 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly are you, God of pow - er and might;—

10 heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est!

13 Bless - ed is the one who comes in your name. Ho -

san - na in the high - est! Ho - san - na in the high - est!

The musical score is written on a single treble clef staff in the key of D major (indicated by two sharps) and 6/8 time. It consists of four lines of music. The first line starts with a 6/8 time signature and contains the lyrics 'Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly are you, God of pow - er and might;—'. The second line contains 'heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est!'. The third line contains 'Bless - ed is the one who comes in your name. Ho -'. The fourth line contains 'san - na in the high - est! Ho - san - na in the high - est!'. The score ends with a double bar line.

## Eucharistic Prayer

P: You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God, ...  
... Do this for the remembrance of me.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup,  
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

*(Presiding minister sings)*

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come, come again.

C:

Congregation:

Christ has died. Christ is

ris - en. Christ will come, come a - gain.

The musical score is written on two treble clef staves in the key of D major (two sharps) and 6/8 time. The first staff is labeled 'Congregation:' and contains the lyrics 'Christ has died. Christ is'. The second staff contains the lyrics 'ris - en. Christ will come, come a - gain.'. The score ends with a double bar line.



## Agnus Dei / Lamb of God

HS p. 18

Marty Haugen

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world: have  
4 you are the bread of life for us all:  
8 mer - cy on us, mer - cy on us, mer - cy on us.  
11 Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world:  
grant us peace, grant us peace, grant us peace.

*Please be seated.*

## Holy Communion

- All who seek God and desire a deeper and stronger life in Christ are welcome to receive Holy Communion.
- Worshipers from the pulpit side will proceed forward first, followed by the center section, and then the lectern side.
- Please inform an usher if you would like the ministers to bring Communion to you.
- Holy Communion will be served with bread and wine/grape juice.
- The presiding minister will first distribute the bread (host) to each communicant. Please indicate if you require a gluten-free host.
- Once you have consumed the bread, please pick up an empty glass from the tray next to the presiding minister. The Communion Assistant will pour wine from the chalice or grape juice from the cruet into your glass.
- Please step to the side to consume the wine or grape juice.
- Feel free to kneel at the altar rail for prayer after receiving the sacrament.
- As you return to your pew, glasses may be returned to the empty trays on either side of the center aisle.
- A blessing will be provided for anyone who does not yet receive the sacrament.
- All are invited to join in singing the hymns during Holy Communion.



# Hymns during Holy Communion

## The King of Love My Shepherd Is

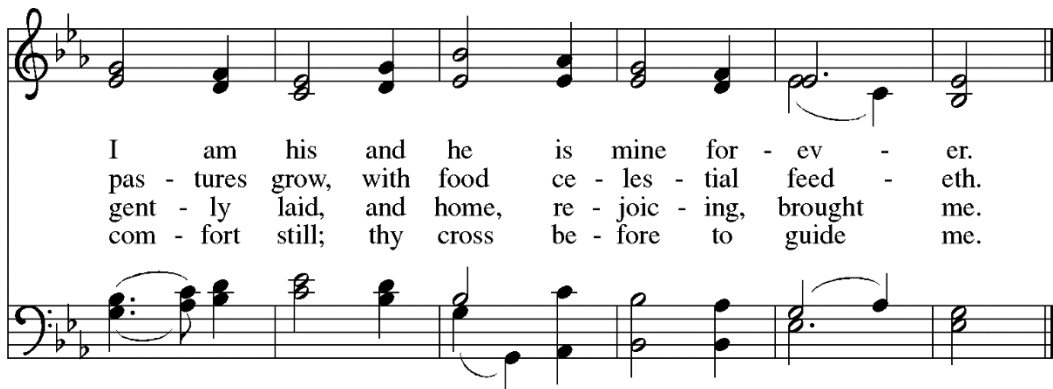
ELW 502



1 The King of love my shep - herd is, whose good - ness  
2 Where streams of liv - ing wa - ter flow, my ran - somed  
3 Per - verse and fool - ish oft I strayed, but yet in  
4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill, with thee, dear



fail - eth nev - er; I noth - ing lack if  
soul he lead - eth and, where the ver - dant  
love he sought me, and on his shoul - der  
Lord, be - side me, thy rod and staff my



I am his and he is mine for - ev - er.  
pas - tures grow, with food ce - les - tial feed - eth.  
gent - ly laid, and home, re - joic - ing, brought me.  
com - fort still; thy cross be - fore to guide me.

5 Thou spreadst a table in my sight;  
thine unction grace bestoweth;  
and, oh, what transport of delight  
from thy pure chalice floweth!

6 And so, through all the length of days,  
thy goodness faileth never.  
Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise  
within thy house forever.

# Hymns during Holy Communion

## Have No Fear, Little Flock

ELW 764



1 Have no fear, lit - tle flock; have no fear, lit - tle  
2 Have good cheer, lit - tle flock; have good cheer, lit - tle  
3 Praise the Lord high a - bove; praise the Lord high a -  
4 Thank - ful hearts raise to God; thank - ful hearts raise to



flock, for the Fa - ther has cho - sen to  
flock, for the Fa - ther will keep you in  
bove, for he stoops down to heal you, up -  
God, for he stays close be - side you, in



give you the king - dom; have no fear, lit - tle flock!  
his love for - ev - er; have good cheer, lit - tle flock!  
lift and re - store you; praise the Lord high a - bove!  
all things works with you; thank - ful hearts raise to God!

Text: Luke 12:32, st. 1; Marjorie Jillson, b. 1931, sts. 2-4  
Music: LITTLE FLOCK, Heinz Werner Zimmermann, b. 1930  
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## Hymns during Holy Communion

### Day by Day

ELW 790



1 Day by day, your mer - cies, Lord, at - tend me, bring - ing com - fort  
2 Day by day, I know you will pro - vide me strength to serve and  
3 Oh, what joy to know that you are near me when my bur - dens



to my anx - ious soul. Day by day, the bless - ings, Lord, you send me  
wis - dom to o - bey; I will seek your lov - ing will to guide me  
grow too great to bear; oh, what joy to know that you will hear me



draw me near - er to my heav'n - ly goal. Love di - vine, be - yond all  
o'er the paths I strug - gle day by day. I will fear no e - vil  
when I come, O Lord, to you in prayer. Day by day, no mat - ter



mor - tal mea - sure, brings to naught the bur - dens of my quest; Sav - ior,  
of the mor - row, I will trust in your en - dur - ing grace. Sav - ior,  
what be - tide me, you will hold me ev - er in your hand. Sav - ior,



lead me to the home I trea - sure, where at last I'll find e - ter - nal rest.  
help me bear life's pain and sor - row till in glo - ry I be - hold your face.  
with your pres - ence here to guide me, I will reach at last the prom - ised land.

Text: Carolina Sandell Berg, 1832–1903; tr. Robert Leaf, 1936–2005

Music: BLOTT EN DAG, Oskar Ahnfelt, 1813–1882

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*When all have returned to their places, please rise as you are able.*

## Blessing

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.  
C: Amen.

## Prayer

A: Let us pray. Life-giving God,  
in the mystery of Christ's resurrection, you send light to conquer darkness,  
water to give new life, and the bread of life to nourish your people.  
Send us forth as witnesses to your Son's resurrection,  
that we may show your glory to all the world,  
through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.  
C: Amen.

*Please be seated.*

## Sending

### Announcements

*Please rise as you are able.*

## Benediction

P: May our glorious God grant you a spirit of wisdom  
to know and love the risen Christ.

Almighty God, holy One, ✙ holy Three,  
bless you now and forever.

C:



**Sending Hymn**

**Build a Longer Table**

*Following Page*



1 Build a long - er ta - ble, not a high - er wall,  
 2 Build a saf - er ref - uge, not a larg - er jail;  
 3 Build a broad - er door - way, not a long - er fence.  
 4 When we lived as ex - iles, ref - u - gees a - broad,



feed - ing those who hun - ger, mak - ing room for all.  
 where the weak find shel - ter, mer - cy will not fail.  
 Love pro - tects all peo - ple, spar - ing no ex - pense.  
 Christ be - came our door - way to the reign of God.



Feast - ing to - geth - er, strang - er turns to friend,  
 For an - y place where jus - tice is de - nied,  
 When we em - brace com - pas - sion more than fear,  
 So must our ta - bles wel - come those who roam.



Christ breaks walls to piec - es; false di - vi - sions end.  
 Christ will breach the jail wall, free - ing all in - side.  
 Christ tears down our fenc - es: all are wel - come here.  
 None can be ex - clud - ed; all must find a home.

Text: David Bjorlin, b. 1984

Music: NOËL NOUVELET, French carol

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## Dismissal

A: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**C: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

A: Go in peace. Share the good news!

**C: Thanks be to God!**

## Postlude

## *Abbreviations*

P: Pastor/Presiding Minister

A: Assisting Minister

L: Lector

**C: Congregation**

**ACS: All Creation Sings hymnal**

**ELW: Evangelical Lutheran Worship hymnal**

**HS: Hymnal Supplement**

## *Those serving in worship today*

Altar Care

Assisting Minister

Audio-Visual Ministers

Cantor

Lector

Minister of Music

Presiding Minister

Jodie Minor

Timothy Kocher-Hillmer

Jason Galyardt

David Rollinson

Joy Givens

Ty Best

Laura Reynolds

Pastor Ross Carmichael

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**St. Andrew Lutheran Church Announcements**  
**April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

- **Happy Easter! Welcome to worship at St. Andrew on April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2023, the + Fourth Sunday of Easter, as we continue to celebrate Christ's Resurrection!** – We are so glad you are here to share in this festive season, and we offer a special welcome to all visitors and guests who are here for the first time! Masks are optional at St. Andrew when Allegheny County's Covid-19 community level is in the low and medium categories. Worship attendees are invited to make a name tag at the back of the worship space if you would like. There are worship “toolkits” to help children engage with worship and “busy bags” for younger children available in the bookcase at the back of the sanctuary. Please feel free to take one to use with/for your children. We pray that everyone has a blessed Easter season!
- **Pennsylvania Interfaith Impact Network (PIIN) Invites You to its 2023 Issues Assembly Today, Sunday, April 30<sup>th</sup>, from 1:30 – 4:30 p.m.** – This event, which is being held at Pittsburgh Mennonite Church, 2018 S. Braddock Ave., Pittsburgh, PA 15218, is free and lunch and beverages will be provided.
- **Seeking Help with Sunday Coffee Hour** – Many in the St. Andrew community enjoy the opportunity to gather for coffee, snacks and conversation after worship each week. We are looking for help with setup / preparation and cleanup each week and the whole process is pretty simple! If you would like to contribute, either for one time or on a rotating monthly schedule, please contact Pastor Ross Carmichael at [PastorRCarmichael@gmail.com](mailto:PastorRCarmichael@gmail.com).
- **May Produce Distribution - Tuesday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 5:30-7:00 p.m.** – Each month, St. Andrew hosts the distribution of produce to local households in partnership with Greater Pittsburgh Community Food Bank. Our next date will be Tuesday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>. We invite people to help with unloading the truck and setup, usually sometime between 10:30 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. (We will call those who sign up to share a more precise time when we hear from the food bank). Then all are welcome to help with the distribution and get to know one another and our neighbors from 5:30-7:00 p.m. Please sign up at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090F45AFAF2BA75-produce3>.
- **Bethel AME Church Invites St. Andrew to Family and Friends Saturday, May 6<sup>th</sup>, 2023** – Due to the Pittsburgh Marathon, Bethel AME is moving its regular Sunday service to Saturday, May 6<sup>th</sup>, at 11:00 a.m., followed by a lunch after the service. For those who have expressed a desire to meet our friends from Bethel and worship with them, this is a great opportunity to do so! Bethel is located at 2720 Webster Avenue, 15219. Dress is casual, blue, purple, and silver. Come join in family, fellowship, fun, and love!
- **Marathon Sunday Transportation Challenges - May 7<sup>th</sup>, 2023** – The Pittsburgh Marathon will be held on Sunday morning, May 7<sup>th</sup>, 2023. St. Andrew is located within the marathon route, and unfortunately the city puts up barriers to mark off the route for the entirety of the event. This makes it difficult for people to attend worship unless you live near the church or drive downtown to catch Bigelow Blvd so please plan ahead! The course maps are available here [Pittsburgh Marathon \(thepittsburghmarathon.com\)](http://thepittsburghmarathon.com), and the full marathon route is here [Marathon\\_Full\\_2023 \(p3r.org\)](http://Marathon_Full_2023(p3r.org)). We will still plan to hold

worship in person on that day, but it will also be available by Zoom, Facebook, and YouTube for those who cannot be here.

- **Returning to Monthly Reparations Offering Sunday, May 14<sup>th</sup>** – With the events of Palm Sunday and Holy Week, St. Andrew did not take its second collection for restorative justice/reparations on the first Sunday of April. With the first Sunday of May being Marathon Sunday, we will hold the May collection on Sunday, May 14<sup>th</sup>. We will then resume our regular schedule for this collection, on the first Sunday of each month, on Sunday, June 4<sup>th</sup>.
- **Monthly Shelter Dinner at East End Cooperative Ministry – Thursday, May 18<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 p.m.** – Each month, members of St. Andrew provide and serve a meal for the guests of the shelter at East End Cooperative Ministry (EECM), 6140 Station St., 15206. Anyone can sign up to prepare or purchase a portion of the meal to bring to EECM at 6:00 p.m. that day, or just come to help serve the meal at 6:30 p.m. Please sign up at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080544AAAC22A1F58-mayshelter1>.
- **St. Andrew Jail Ministry** – St. Andrew has had a long history of participation in the ministry program at the Allegheny County Jail. Until the program was put on hold at the beginning of the Covid pandemic, a group of volunteers from St. Andrew was leading a worship service at the jail on Sunday mornings, typically about one Sunday a month. The jail is hoping to resume this program soon. If any of the previous volunteers are still interested and available, please contact Lester Prince ([lprince@comcast.net](mailto:lprince@comcast.net)). New volunteers are also needed.  
The first step for new volunteers is to complete an online application, which can be accessed here: <https://www.foundationofhope.org/get-involved/volunteer-application/>. On the application form, indicate that the program that you are interested in volunteering with is “Chaplaincy Worship.” Feel free to contact Lester Prince with any questions.
- **Interfaith Prayer Vigil to End Inhumane Conditions at Allegheny County Jail - Thursday, May 4<sup>th</sup>, 3:00 p.m. - City-County Building Portico, 414 Grant St., 15219** – Pennsylvania Interfaith Impact Network (PIIN) and community partners invite you to join in a call for moral and just reform at the Allegheny County Jail. After the vigil, the group will walk prayerfully to the May Jail Oversight Board Meeting across the street in the County Courthouse Fourth Floor Gold Room.

"On the National Day of Prayer, Thursday, May 4<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 p.m., PIIN will host its second Interfaith Prayer Vigil to honor the victims of death, abuse, and neglect, and to call for an end to the inhumane conditions at the Allegheny County Jail. We invite you to join us and stand for just, moral, and humane treatment for all God's people!

PIIN's Allegheny County Jail ((ACJ) Action Group was formed in September in response to the 17 deaths at the Allegheny County Jail since March 2020 and the [county-commissioned survey](#) which exposed inhumane conditions documented at the ACJ. PIIN has held monthly actions and sought to build relationships with the Allegheny County Jail Oversight Board, whose administrative powers and duties include the operation and maintenance of the prison and all alternative housing facilities, the oversight of the health and safekeeping of inmates and the confirmation of the chief executive's selection of a warden. ([Title 61 – PA General Assembly](#)).



PIIN has met with judges, council members, jail staff, and organizations to collaborate on real solutions to the problems at the jail. PIIN works with the Renewal Center to offer returning citizens the opportunity to participate in our Colorful Backgrounds EXPO re-entry program. We were proud to contribute to Allegheny County Controller Corey O'Connor's [recent recommendations](#) to the jail.

- **Camp Agape Spring Work Day - Saturday, May 6<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.** – Lunch will be provided. Please RSVP to [campinfo@campagape.org](mailto:campinfo@campagape.org) or 724-356-2308.
- **Lutherlyn - Camp Opportunities**
  - **Still Seeking Summer Camp Staff: Cabin Leaders, Lifeguards, Kitchen Staff, and Maintenance** – For more information, visit [Summer Employment \(lutherlyn.com\)](#)
  - **Camp Blast - A Day of Fun That Highlights All the Camp Has to Offer - Saturday, May 13<sup>th</sup>, 11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.** – Visit [Camp Blast \(lutherlyn.com\)](#) for more information.
  - **Summer Camp** – To see all the programs available, click here: [Summer Camp Home \(lutherlyn.com\)](#)