



+ Fourth Sunday after Epiphany
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The revelation of Jesus' identity to people of all nations continues in the season after Epiphany. In this week's Gospel reading, Jesus says that he will abide with those who eat and drink of his body and blood, and that they will have eternal life. In John's Gospel, this means not just life in heaven after death, but abundance of life in this world here and now through relationship with God through Jesus. As we gather around God's gifts, sharing the meal of Holy Communion and remembering the promises of Baptism, we give thanks for God's promise expressed by Paul in the Romans reading, that nothing can separate us from the love of God.

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!
- Worship Services are live streamed to multiple online platforms. By attending worship, you agree that your image and voice may be broadcast.
- 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 section.
- 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.

Abbreviations

P: Pastor/Presiding Minister

A: Assisting Minister

L: Lector

C: Congregation

ELW: Evangelical Lutheran Worship hymnal

ACS: All Creation Sings hymnal

Welcome

Prelude

Wade in the Water

Spiritual, arr. Hayes

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,
creator of darkness and light, word of truth,
our life and our salvation.

C: Amen.

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

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: God, our rock and refuge,

**C: We confess that we have sinned against you
and wounded one another.**

We have not loved you and our neighbors as you have loved us.

We have not always recognized the Holy Spirit dwelling in each of us.

Remember your covenant.

Renew your creation.

Restore us,

that we might proclaim your good news to all.

Amen.

P: The voice of the Lord is upon the waters.

God has spoken: The time of grace is now.

In Jesus, the reign of God has come near.

By the authority of † Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven.

You are God's beloved.

C: Amen.

Gathering Hymn Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

ELW 807



1 Come, thou Fount of ev - 'ry bless-ing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;
2 Here I raise my Eb - en - e - zer: "Hith-er by thy help I've come";
3 Oh, to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I'm con-strained to be;



streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing, call for songs of loud - est praise.
and I hope, by thy good plea - sure, safe - ly to ar - rive at home.
let that grace now like a fet - ter bind my wan-d'ring heart to thee.



While the hope of end-less glo - ry fills my heart with joy and love,
Je - sus sought me when a strang - er, wan-d'ring from the fold of God;
Prone to wan - der, Lord, I feel it; prone to leave the God I love.



teach me ev - er to a - dore thee; may I still thy good-ness prove.
he, to res - cue me from dan - ger, in - ter - posed his pre - cious blood.
Here's my heart, oh, take and seal it; seal it for thy courts a - bove.

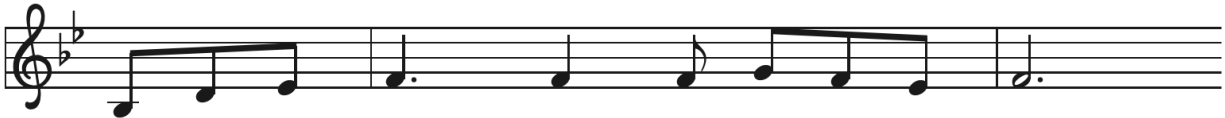
Text: Robert Robinson, 1735–1790, alt.

Music: NETTLETON, J. Wyeth, *Repository of Sacred Music*, Part II, 1813

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.**



1 Glo - ry to you, God, for yours is the earth;
2 Glo - ry to you, God, for yours is the earth;
3 Glo - ry to you, God, for yours is the earth;



yours is the prom - ise, the bless - ing, the birth.
yours the ho - san - nas, the dy - ing, re - birth.
yours the a - noint - ing, the ra - di - ant worth.



Ours the re - joic - ing for Word giv - en frame;
Ours the re - joic - ing for na - ture re - claimed;
Ours the re - joic - ing for spir - its a - flame;



ours the thanks - giv - ing to your ho - ly name.



Ours be the tell - ing of deeds great - ly done;



yours be the glo - ry, O God, yours a - lone.

Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray.

Compassionate God, you gather the whole universe into your radiant presence and continually reveal your Son as our Savior. Bring wholeness to all that is broken, speak your word of truth to us in our confusion, and help us to follow in your way of eternal life, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

Please be seated.

*Children are invited to join the adult leaders at the door and move to the office for Little Church
– Big Faith. We ask that one additional adult from the congregation attend with the children.*

Word

God speaks to us in Scripture reading, preaching, and song

First Reading – Isaiah 42: 1-9

¹Here is my servant, whom I uphold,
my chosen, in whom my soul delights;
I have put my spirit upon him;
he will bring forth justice to the nations.
²He will not cry or lift up his voice,
or make it heard in the street;
³a bruised reed he will not break,
and a dimly burning wick he will not quench;
he will faithfully bring forth justice.
⁴He will not grow faint or be crushed
until he has established justice in the earth;
and the coastlands wait for his teaching.

⁵Thus says God, the LORD,
who created the heavens and stretched them out,
who spread out the earth and what comes from it,
who gives breath to the people upon it
and spirit to those who walk in it:
⁶I am the LORD, I have called you in righteousness,
I have taken you by the hand and kept you;
I have given you as a covenant to the people,
a light to the nations,
⁷to open the eyes that are blind,
to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon,
from the prison those who sit in darkness.
⁸I am the LORD, that is my name;
my glory I give to no other,
nor my praise to idols.
⁹See, the former things have come to pass,
and new things I now declare;
before they spring forth,
I tell you of them.

L: Word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

“Song of Thanksgiving,” a paraphrase of Psalm 111, is sung by an ensemble.

Second Reading – Romans 6: 28-35, 37-39

²⁸We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to God’s purpose. ²⁹For those whom God foreknew God also predestined to be conformed to the image of God’s Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. ³⁰And those whom God predestined God also called; and those whom God called God also justified; and those whom God justified God also glorified.

³¹What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? ³²The one who did not withhold God’s own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will God not with him also give us everything else? ³³Who will bring any charge against God’s elect? It is God who justifies. ³⁴Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. ³⁵Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? ...

³⁷No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. ³⁸For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, ³⁹nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

L: Word of God, word of life.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Please rise as you are able.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia

ACS p. 33



Al-le-lu - ia, al - le-lu - ia, al-le-lu - ia.



Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

Gospel – John 6: 54-60, 66-69

P: The holy Gospel according to St. John.

C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus said:] ⁵⁴Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood have eternal life, and I will raise them up on the last day; ⁵⁵for my flesh is true food and my blood is true drink. ⁵⁶Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. ⁵⁷Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. ⁵⁸This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever." ⁵⁹He said these things while he was teaching in the synagogue at Capernaum.

⁶⁰When many of his disciples heard it, they said, "This teaching is difficult; who can accept it?" ... ⁶⁶Because of this many of his disciples turned back and no longer went about with him. ⁶⁷So Jesus asked the twelve, "Do you also wish to go away?" ⁶⁸Simon Peter answered him, "Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life. ⁶⁹We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God."

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.
As the hymn of the day begins, please rise as you are able.*





1 To Christ be - long, in Christ be - hold God's
 2 The brood - ing Spir - it moves un - seen as
 3 Re - joic - ing in God's prom - ise strong, our



won - ders still un - fold: the bur - ied
 liv - ing wa - ters stream to quench all
 trea - sure and our song, in faith we



grain springs forth a - gain with fruit one hun - dred - fold.
 thirst and bring to birth a new com - mu - ni - ty.
 cling, and glad - ly sing: to Christ we now be - long.



Bap - tized in - to the death of Christ, with
 The bind - ing shroud is here re - leased, the
 In Christ a - bide, in Christ be - hold the



Christ from death we rise, drawn through the
 veil of sin and grief, and in their
 world be - loved and whole. In love re -



night by dawn - ing light in - to a - bun - dant
 place a wreath of grace and robes of joy and
 main, by love pro - claim God's won - ders still un -



life, in - to a - bun - dant life.
 peace, and robes of joy and peace.
 told, God's won - ders still un - told.

Holy Baptism

Presentation

P: God, who is rich in mercy and love, gives us a new birth into a living hope through the sacrament of Holy Baptism. By water and the Word God delivers us from sin and death and raises us to new life in Jesus Christ. We are united with all the baptized in the one body of Christ, anointed with the gift of the Holy Spirit, and joined in God's mission for the life of the world.

Sponsors for each candidate, in turn, present the candidates:

I present name for Baptism.

The presiding minister addresses parents or others who bring for Baptism children who are not able to answer for themselves:

P: Called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have your child baptized into Christ?

Response: I do.

P: As you bring your child to receive the gift of Baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities:
to live with *them* among God's faithful people,
bring *them* to the word of God and the holy supper,
teach *them* the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments,
place in *their* hands the holy scriptures,
and nurture *them* in faith and prayer,
so that *your child* may learn to trust God,
proclaim Christ through word and deed,
care for others and the world God made,
and work for justice and peace.

Do you promise to help your child grow in the Christian faith and life?

Response: I do.

The presiding minister addresses sponsors:

P: Sponsor, do you promise to nurture *this person* in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help *them* live in the covenant of Baptism and in communion with the church?

Response: I do.

The presiding minister addresses the assembly:

P: People of God, do you promise to support name/s and pray for *them* in *their* new life in Christ?

C: We do.

Please rise as you are able.

Profession of Faith

The presiding minister addresses candidates for baptism as well as the parents and sponsors of young children. The assembly may join in the responses.

P: I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

Response:

I renounce them.

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

Response:

I renounce them.

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

Response:

I renounce them.

P: Do you believe in God the Father?

**C: I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

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

**C: I 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.**

P: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**C: I 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. Amen.**

*Or, "he descended into hell," another translation of this text in widespread use.

Thanksgiving at the Font

Water may be poured into the font before or during the thanksgiving.

At the font, the presiding minister begins the thanksgiving:

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P: We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight. Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family, and through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection you set us free from the power of sin and death and raise us up to live in you.

Pour out your Holy Spirit, the power of your living Word, that those who are washed in the waters of Baptism may be given new life. To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Baptism

The presiding minister baptizes the candidate. The candidate is immersed into the water, or water is poured on the candidate's head, as the presiding minister says:

Name, I baptize you in the name of the Father,

The candidate is immersed or water is poured on the candidate's head a second time:

and of the Son,

The candidate is immersed or water is poured on the candidate's head a third time:

and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

The presiding minister continues:

P: Let us pray.

We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your children new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life.

Laying both hands on the head of the newly baptized, the minister prays:

P: Sustain name with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

C: Amen.

The presiding minister marks the sign of the cross on the forehead of each of the baptized. Oil prepared for this purpose may be used. As the sign of the cross is made, the minister says:

P: Name, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

C: Amen.

Welcome

A lighted candle may be given to each of the newly baptized (to a sponsor of a young child) as a representative of the congregation says:

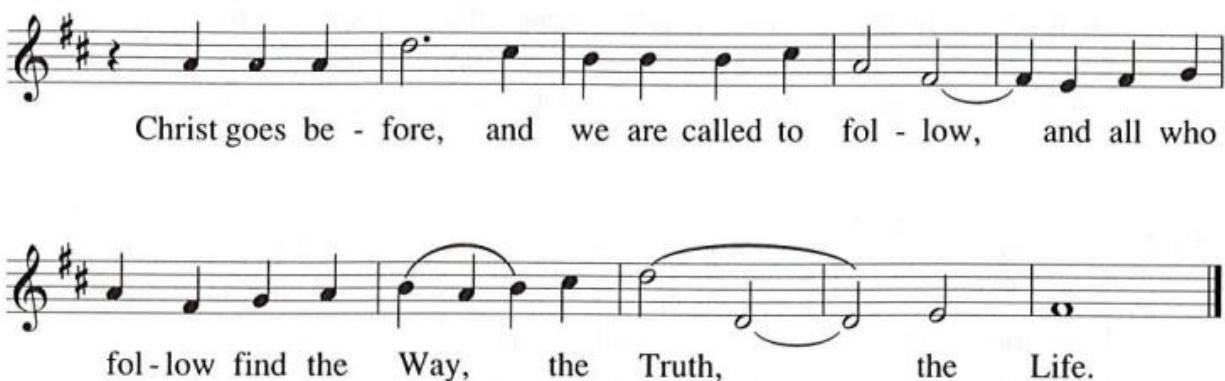
A: Jesus said, I am the light of the world.
Whoever follows me will have the light of life.

*The ministers and the baptismal group face the assembly.
A representative of the congregation leads the assembly in the welcome.*

A: Let us welcome the newly baptized.
**C: We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share:
join us in giving thanks and praise to God
and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.**

As the presiding minister presents the newly baptized, the congregation may offer their support with applause. All are invited to join in singing the congregational refrain in celebration of the gift of Baptism.

Congregational Refrain



Christ goes be - fore, and we are called to fol - low, and all who
fol - low find the Way, the Truth, the Life.

Text: Jaroslav J. Vajda, b. 1919, © 1987
Tune: RIVERSIDE, Irregular; Carl F. Schalk, b. 1929, © 1987, GIA Publications, Inc.

*Those who have gathered at the font return to their places.
Worship continues with the prayers of intercession.*

Prayers of the People

A: Called together to follow Jesus, let us pray for the church, the world,
and all who are in need.

After each petition

A: God of grace,
C: receive our prayer.

The presiding minister concludes the prayers

P: Knowing that the Holy Spirit intercedes for us, we offer these prayers and the silent prayers of our hearts to you, O God, through Jesus Christ, our 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

Plowshare Prayer

LaJoye

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

Offertory Song

God of the Fertile Fields
v. 2-4

ACS 1063



1 God of the fer - tile fields, sha - per of
 2 We would be stew - ards true, hold - ing in
 3 As grows the hid - den seed to fruit that
 4 God of the coun - try - side, dear to the



earth that yields our dai - ly bread: forth from your
 trust from you all that you give; help us in
 serves our need, so your reign grows. Let all our
 Christ who died to make us one: we pledge our



boun - teous hand come gifts your love has planned,
 love to share, teach us like you to care
 toil be used, no gift of yours a - bused,
 lives a - new in faith - ful love to you.



that all in ev - 'ry land be clothed and fed.
 for peo - ple ev - 'ry - where, that all may live.
 no hum - ble task re - fused your love be - stows.
 Guide all we say and do. Your will be done.

Text: Georgia Harkness, 1891–1974, alt.

Music: ITALIAN HYMN, Felice de Giardini, 1716–1796

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Offertory Prayer

A: Let us pray.

Blessed are you,

C: O God, maker of all things.

**Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts:
our selves, our time, and our possessions.**

**Work through us and what we have gathered
to feed the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us,
Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**



Dialogue

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

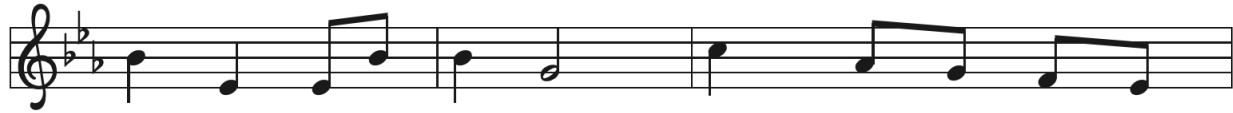
C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Preface

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
that we should at all times and in all places
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,
through our Savior Jesus Christ;
who on this day overcame death and the grave,
and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.
And so, with all the choirs of angels,
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Sanctus

ACS p. 36



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and



God of might, heav - en and earth are full of your



glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.



Bless - ed is the one who comes in the name of the



Lord. Ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.



Ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Eucharistic Prayer

P: Holy God, holy and merciful, your people praise you, saying:
Your mercy endures forever.

C: Your mercy endures forever.

P: By your promise you bound yourself to earth and all its creatures, granting them life and calling them to flourish, setting the sign of the bow in the clouds, the colors of your love and faithfulness. Your mercy endures forever.

C: Your mercy endures forever.

P: By your promise you bound yourself to your people of old,
blessing them with family outnumbering the stars and calling them to be a blessing to others,
showing them steadfast love in every generation and calling them to be a light to the nations.
Your mercy endures forever.

C: Your mercy endures forever.

P: By your promise you joined us to Jesus, your Beloved ...
... Do this for the remembrance of me.

With this bread and cup
we remember his life laid down and lifted up
as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

C: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

P: Send your Holy Spirit upon us ...
... in your Spirit, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Lord's Prayer

P: Gathered as one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**C: 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.**

Fraction and Invitation

P: At Christ's table,
heaven and earth are joined as one.
Come and see.

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
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
world; 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.*
- *Worshippers 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 section.*
- *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

Thy Holy Wings

ELW 613



1 Thy ho - ly wings, O Sav - ior, spread gent - ly o - ver me,
2 Oh, let me nes - tle near thee, with - in thy down - y breast
3 Oh, wash me in the wa - ters of No - ah's cleans - ing flood.



and let me rest se - cure - ly through good and ill in thee.
where I will find sweet com - fort and peace with - in thy nest.
Give me a will - ing spir - it, a heart both clean and good.



Oh, be my strength and por - tion, my rock and hid - ing place,
Oh, close thy wings a - round me and keep me safe - ly there,
Oh, take in - to thy keep - ing thy chil - dren great and small,



and let my ev - 'ry mo - ment be lived with - in thy grace.
for I am but a new - born and need thy ten - der care.
and while we sweet - ly slum - ber, en - fold us one and all.

Text: Carolina Sandell Berg, 1832–1903, sts. 1, 3; Gracia Grindal, b. 1943, st. 2; tr. composite

Music: BRED DINA VIDA VINGAR, Swedish folk tune

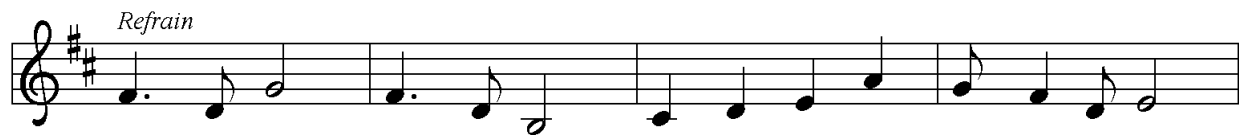
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Hymns during Holy Communion

Eat This Bread, Drink This Cup

ELW 492



Eat this bread, drink this cup. Taste and see the good-ness of God.



Bread of life, cup of love, we re-joice in your pres-ence.



- 1 I will bless the Lord at all times, praise with heart and voice;
- 2 Look up - on the Lord, be ra - dant, nev - er turn a - way.
- 3 An - gels fold their wings a - round us, guard through good and ill.
- 4 Saints of God, bow down and wor - ship, bless the ho - ly name.



Refrain

in my God I glo - ry for - ev - er: lis - ten and re - joice!
God will save in ev - 'ry af - flic - tion, hear us when we pray.
Those who seek the Lord will lack noth - ing; taste, and have your fill.
Rise to tell God's great - ness for - ev - er, won - drous deeds pro - claim!

Text: Jeremy Young, b. 1948, refrain; *With One Voice*, stanzas, based on Ps. 34

Music: STONERIDGE, Jeremy Young

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Hymns during Holy Communion

Here I Am, Lord

ELW 574



1 "I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my peo - ple cry.
2 "I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my peo - ple's pain.
3 "I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.



All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save.
I have wept for love of them. They turn a - way.
I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.



I, who made the stars of night, I will make their dark-ness bright.
I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love a - lone.
Fin-est bread I will pro-vide till their hearts be sat - is - fied.



Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?"
I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?"
I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?"

Refrain



Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you



call-ing in the night. I will go, Lord, if you



lead me. I will hold your peo - ple in my heart.

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.

God of abundance, with this bread of life and cup of salvation you have united us with Christ, making us one with all your people. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: Amen.

Please be seated.

Sending

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world

Announcements

Please rise as you are able.

Benediction

P: God who names you,
Christ who claims you,
and the Holy Spirit who dwells in you,
✠ bless you now and forever.

C: Amen.

Sending Hymn

Rise, Shine, You People!

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- 1 Rise, shine, you people! Christ the Lord has entered our human story; God in him is centered. Christ comes to us, by death and sin surrounded, with grace unbounded.**
- 2 See how he sends the pow'rs of evil reeling; he brings us freedom, light and life and healing. All of God's people who by guilt are driven, now are forgiven.**

**3 Come, celebrate; your banners high unfurling,
your songs and prayers against the darkness hurling.
To all the world go out and tell the story
of Jesus' glory.**

**4 Tell how the Father sent the Son to save us.
Tell of the Son, who life and freedom gave us.
Tell how the Spirit calls from ev'ry nation
God's new creation.**

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Dismissal

A: Go in peace. You are beloved.

C: Thanks be to God!

Postlude

Sunday Joy!

Hayes

Those serving in worship

Altar Care
Assisting Minister
Audio-Visual Ministers

Cantor
Ensemble

Guitar
Lector
Little Church – Big Faith Teacher
Minister of Music
Presiding and Preaching Minister

Jodie Minor
Timothy Kocher-Hillmer
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**St. Andrew Lutheran Church Announcements
January 28th, 2024**

- **Welcome to worship at St. Andrew on the Fourth Sunday after Epiphany, January 28th, 2024** – We are so glad you are here, and we offer a special welcome to all guests who are gathered at the church or online! Children are invited to participate in Little Church – Big Faith, a Bible lesson and activity, after the prayer of the day. 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.

- **Hearts and Hands Crocheting and Knitting Group Meeting on First Sunday of the Month, February 4th, after Worship** – All are welcome, and leaders will teach anyone who would like to learn to crochet. Yarn and hooks will be provided to help get you started! We are currently in need of knitted or crocheted shawls, afghans, and stoles to replenish the congregation's supply. Anyone is welcome to make something and drop it off even if they are not able or choose not to come to the monthly gathering.
- **Monthly Fresh Produce Distribution – Tuesday, February 6th, 5:30-7:00 p.m.** – On the first Tuesday of every month, St. Andrew hosts a fresh produce distribution in partnership with Greater Pittsburgh Community Food Bank. We ask people of the congregation to assist with setup and unloading, usually sometime between 10:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m., and with the distribution itself from 5:30-7:00 p.m. People of St. Andrew are also welcome to come and select produce.
- **Pick Up *Gathered into One: Devotions for Lent 2024* at Church Entrances** – The Christian church's season of Lent, from a word that meant "springtime," begins with Ash Wednesday on February 14th. Many during Lent practice some form of spiritual discipline, with prayer, fasting, or charitable giving. *Gathered into One* offers a brief reading, prayer, and reflection for each day of the Lenten season. We invite everyone to take one for yourself and/or others from the church entrances.
- **Ash Wednesday Worship with Imposition of Ashes and Holy Communion – February 14th, 7:00 p.m.** – Ash Wednesday begins the season of Lent on February 14th this year. This is a day of worship that often includes Imposition of Ashes, an ancient sign of mourning and repentance. On this day, we receive the call to confess our sins and return to God, acknowledging our human vulnerability and dependence on God. Worship with Imposition of Ashes and Holy Communion will be held at 7:00 p.m.
- **Shelter Dinner at East End Cooperative Ministry – Thursday, February 15th, Arrival 6:00 p.m., Dinner 6:30 p.m.** – Each month, on the third Thursday, people 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. If you would like to contribute, please sign up at: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080544AAAC22A1F58-47342991-shelter>.
- **Ukrainian Egg Workshop – A Focused Spiritual Meditation for Lent, Saturday, February 17th, 1:00-4:30 p.m.** – Jimmi and Timothy Kocher Hillmer will lead a workshop on the tradition of Ukrainian egg decoration as a spiritual discipline for the season of Lent. *Pysanky*, the Ukrainian name for the tradition, comes from the word "write," similar to the spiritual practice of "writing" icons, and the process involves both writing on and dyeing the eggs. Due to safety considerations (open flame, hot wax) this workshop is recommended for people 6th grade and up. To ensure ample space and supplies, registration will be limited to 20 participants. If you would like to participate, please sign up at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080B4AAFAF2CABF85-47277468-ukrainian> by Sunday, February 10th. If you have questions, please contact Jimmi at jimmotha@yahoo.com. Please bring an old dish towel on which to work.

- **Support Abuelas Responden – Grannies Respond with Donations of Used Winter Clothing Items** – Abuelas Responden - Grannies Respond is a local organization that supports traveling asylum seekers as they come through Pittsburgh. The group goes to the downtown bus station to meet asylum seekers who have been released from the Moshannon Valley detention center and supply them with much needed items as they travel to join family or friends in other cities. The primary need is for warm winter clothing. A bin will be set up in the social hall to receive these items. Right now the most needed items are:

 - Men’s warm (but not too bulky) coats, jackets, fleece hoodies - People need to be able to fit everything in bags so there is no space for a heavy coat.
 - Men’s Pants and Shoes (Please no sweatpants - this is what the people receive in detention, so we want to avoid outfitting anyone with something that looks like prisoners’ clothes.
 - Men’s gloves
- **Inviting Coffee Hour Signups for Upcoming Sundays** – One way that we at St. Andrew build community is by sharing conversation over food and drinks at coffee hour after worship on Sundays. We invite people of the congregation to serve by getting the coffee brewing, setting out cups, napkins, food items, and cold drinks, and cleaning up afterward. Everything needed is at St. Andrew and instructions are available. If you would be willing to set up coffee hour on any of the upcoming Sundays, please sign up here:
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080B4AAFAF2CABF85-47069030-coffee>.
 Thank you for your consideration!
- **Call for Parishioners to Serve in Worship Roles** – St. Andrew's worship is made possible by many people who serve in various roles – Some people prepare the altar and setup Communion, some run the sound/streaming system, while others teacher Little Church – Big Faith for the children, serve as ushers, wash communion cups, count the offering, and more. It is not just roles like Cantor and Lector that involve being up in front of the congregation! If you are interested in getting more involved in worship, talk to Pastor Ross or Joseph Paetz. Most positions serve once a month or less!
- **Compline Prayer Service, a Ministry of Lutheran Campus Ministry in Greater Pittsburgh, Sundays at 8:00 p.m. at Heinz Chapel** – Compline was traditionally a monastic prayer service, and the Pittsburgh Compline Choir sings a choral version of compline rooted in this thousand-year-old tradition of scripture, song, and silence. This service also streams on Facebook (Pittsburgh Compline Choir) and YouTube (The Pittsburgh Compline Choir). Heinz Chapel is located off of S. Bellefield Ave. in Oakland.
- **Christ in Our Home Devotional Booklets for January - March Available at Church Entrances** – This resource offers a daily Bible reading with a short reflection and prayer, along with additional readings and prayer topics for those who would like to expand their devotional practices. We encourage people of the congregation to take one for yourself, your family unit, or others!