



**+ Fourth Sunday of Easter**  
**May 11, 2025**



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

*The gift of new life, eternal life, is the gift of the risen Christ. It is the promise of Jesus. It was true for Dorcas in Joppa. It was true for those “who have come out of the great ordeal” in the Revelation vision. It is true for us and for all the baptized: Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.*

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

- St. Andrew welcomes all who are seeking a place of healing, wholeness, and acceptance in a nurturing and faith-forming spiritual home. We are striving toward racial equity worldwide and we seek to honor the lived experience of all individuals regardless of background. 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 name tag 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.
- A nursery is available through the doors at the left side of the sanctuary and across from the doorway to the Social Hall. Look for a purple-colored room.
- 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***

## Pre-Service Music

Timothy Kocher-Hillmer

## Welcome

## Prelude

*The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want* Irvine/arr. Keveren

## Gathering

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

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

## Confession and Forgiveness

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God,  
who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

**C: Amen.**

P: God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people,  
turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit,  
that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness,  
and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C: Amen.**

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

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

P: Most merciful God,  
**we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves.  
We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed,  
by what we have done and by what we have left undone.  
We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.  
For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us.  
Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will  
and follow in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

P: God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin,  
and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved.

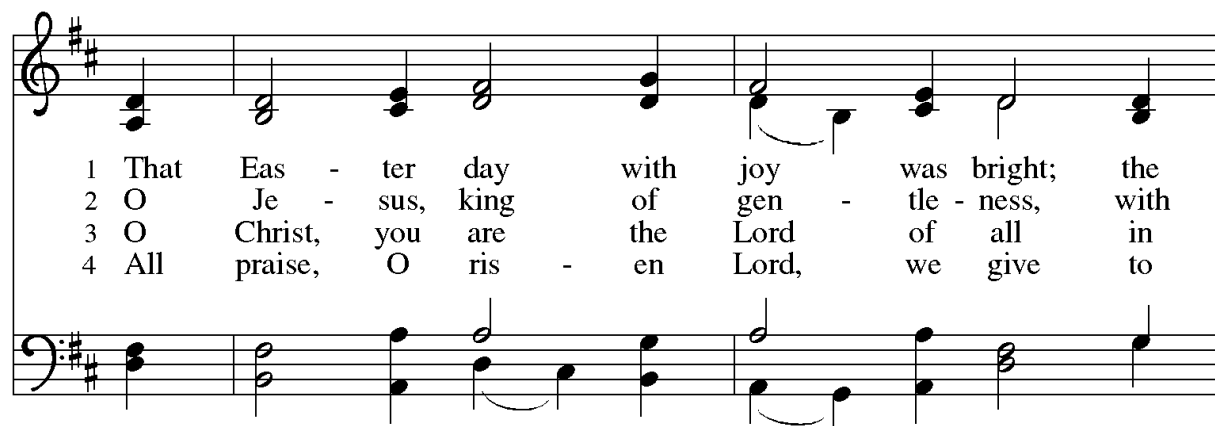
In the name of ✠ Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven.

Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit,  
that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

**C: Amen.**

# Gathering Hymn    That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright

ELW 384



1 That Eas - ter day with joy was bright; the  
 2 O Je - sus, king of gen - tle - ness, with  
 3 O Christ, you are the Lord of all in  
 4 All praise, O ris - en Lord, we give to



sun shone out with fair - er light when, to their long - ing  
 con - stant love our hearts pos - sess; to you our lips will  
 this our Eas - ter fes - ti - val, for you will be our  
 you, once dead, but now a - live! To God the Fa - ther



eyes re - stored, the a - pos - tles saw their ris - en Lord!  
 ev - er raise the trib - ute of our grate - ful praise.  
 strength and shield from ev - 'ry weap - on death can wield.  
 e - qual praise, and God the Spir - it, now we raise!

Text: Latin hymn, 5th cent.; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818–1866, alt.  
 Music: PUER NOBIS, European tune, adapt. Michael Praetorius, 1571–1621

## 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

### *This Is the Feast*

ELW p. 149-150

*Refrain*

Assisting minister



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia.

All



1 Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo-ple of God. Pow-er and rich-es and wis-dom and



strength, and hon-or and bless-ing and glo-ry are his.

*Refrain*



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia.



2 Sing with all the peo-ple of God and join in the



hymn of all cre-a-tion: Bless-ing and hon-or and glo-ry and



might be to God and the Lamb for-ev-er. A-men.

*Final refrain*



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain



has be-gun his reign. Al-le-lu-ia. Al-le-lu-ia.

## Prayer of the Day

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Let us pray.

O God of peace,

you brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great shepherd of the sheep.

By the blood of your eternal covenant, make us complete in everything good,

that we may do your will, and work among us all that is well-pleasing in your sight,

through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,

one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

*Children are invited to join the adult leader(s) at the side door for Little Church – Big Faith.*

*We ask that an additional adult from the congregation attend with the children.*

## Word

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

### First Reading – Acts 9: 36-43

<sup>36</sup> Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. <sup>37</sup> At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. <sup>38</sup> Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, “Please come to us without delay.” <sup>39</sup> So Peter got up and went with them, and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. <sup>40</sup> Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, “Tabitha, get up.” Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. <sup>41</sup> He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. <sup>42</sup> This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. <sup>43</sup> Meanwhile, he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

L: Word of God, word of life.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

### Psalm 23

*The psalm will be sung responsively, led by the cantor,  
with the congregation responding with the bold verses and refrain.*

### *Psalm tone*



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### *Psalm refrain*



The LORD is my shep-herd; I shall not be in want.

Psalm 23:1

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<sup>1</sup> The Lord | is my shepherd;

I shall not | be in want.

<sup>2</sup> **The Lord makes me lie down | in green pastures  
and leads me be- | side still waters.**

<sup>3</sup> You restore my | soul, O Lord,  
and guide me along right pathways | for your name's sake.

<sup>4</sup> **Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall | fear no evil;  
for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they | comfort me. R**

<sup>5</sup> You prepare a table before me in the presence | of my enemies;  
you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is | running over.

<sup>6</sup> **Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days | of my life,  
and I will dwell in the house of the | Lord forever. R**

## **Second Reading – Revelation 7: 9-17**

<sup>9</sup> After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. <sup>10</sup> They cried out in a loud voice, saying,

“Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne and to the Lamb!”

<sup>11</sup> And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, <sup>12</sup> singing,

“Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom  
and thanksgiving and honor  
and power and might  
be to our God forever and ever! Amen.”

<sup>13</sup> Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, “Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?” <sup>14</sup> I said to him, “Sir, you are the one who knows.” Then he said to me, “These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

<sup>15</sup> For this reason they are before the throne of God  
and worship God day and night within God’s temple,  
and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.

<sup>16</sup> They will hunger no more and thirst no more;  
the sun will not strike them,  
nor any scorching heat,

<sup>17</sup> for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd,  
and he will guide them to springs of the water of life,  
and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.”

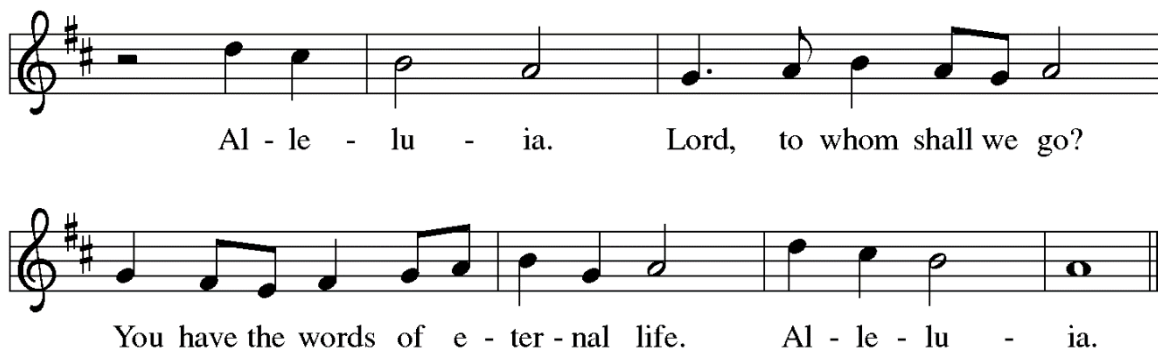
L: Word of God, word of life.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

*Please rise as you are able.*

## Gospel Acclamation

ELW p. 151



## Gospel – John 10: 22-30

P: The holy Gospel according to St. John.

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

<sup>22</sup> At that time the Festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, <sup>23</sup> and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. <sup>24</sup> So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, “How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly.” <sup>25</sup> Jesus answered, “I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father’s name testify to me, <sup>26</sup> but you do not believe because you do not belong to my sheep.

<sup>27</sup> My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. <sup>28</sup> I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. <sup>29</sup> My Father, in regard to what he has



given me, is greater than all, and no one can snatch them out of the Father's hand. <sup>30</sup> The Father and I are one."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

*Please be seated.*

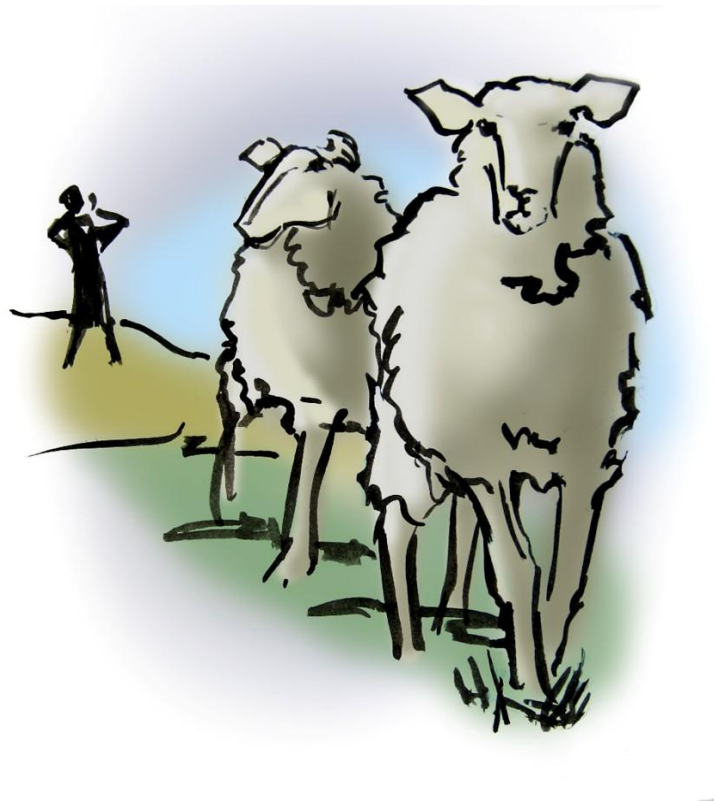
## Sermon

*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

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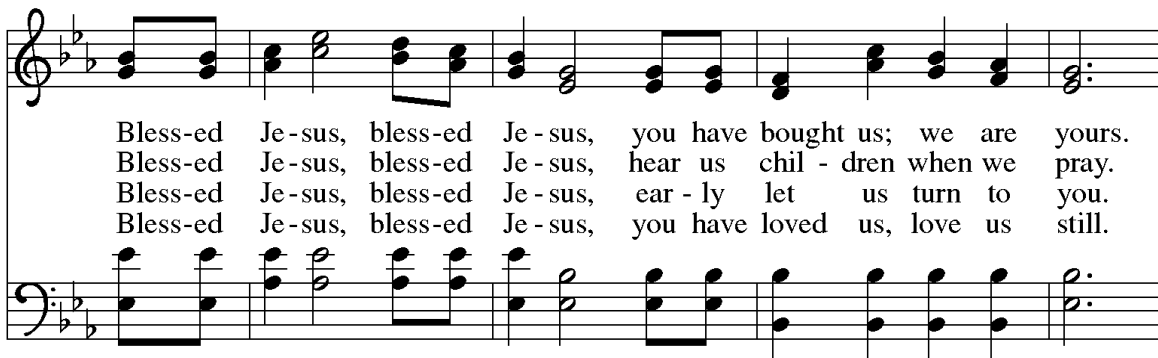




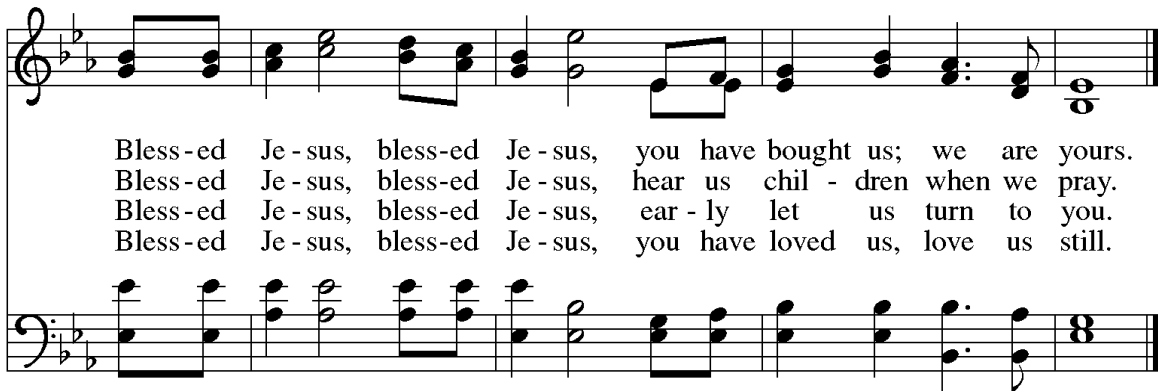
1 Sav - ior like a shep - herd lead us; much we need your ten - der care.  
2 We are yours; in love be - friend us, be the guard - ian of our way;  
3 You have prom - ised to re - ceive us, poor and sin - ful though we be;  
4 Ear - ly let us seek your fa - vor, ear - ly let us do your will;



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.



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.

## **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.**

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.*

*There are laminated giving cards in the pew racks that feature a QR code for anyone who would  
like to give online. Those who give using the QR code, as well as those who give regularly online  
or through their bank are encouraged to place the laminated card in the plate as an expression  
of your offering.*

## **Musical Offering**

*It Is Enough*

Mendelssohn/arr. Castleton

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

## Offertory Song

## Let the Vineyards

*ELW 184*

Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of  
bless-ing. Gath-er a har-vest from the seeds that were sown, that  
we may be fed with the bread of life. Gath-er the hopes and dreams of  
all; u-nite them with the prayers we of-fer. Grace our ta-ble  
with your pres-ence, and give us a fore-taste of the feast to come.

## 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.**

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

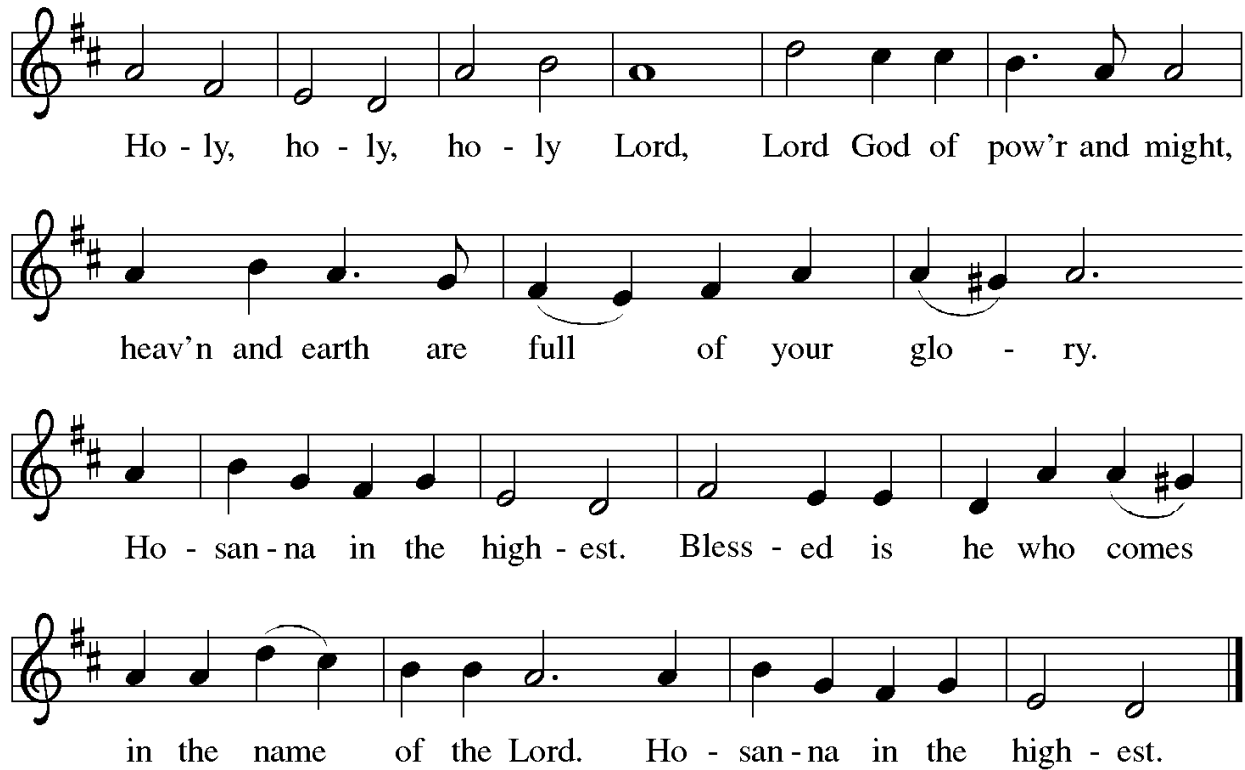
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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

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,  
for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ,  
the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin;  
who in dying has destroyed death,  
and in rising has brought us to eternal life.  
And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter  
and all the witnesses of the resurrection,  
with earth and sea and all their creatures,  
and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim,  
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

## Sanctus

ELW p. 153



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,  
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.  
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.

## Eucharistic Prayer

P: Blessed are you, O God of the universe ...  
... Do this for the remembrance of me.

With this bread and cup  
we proclaim our Lord's passover from death to life  
as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**C: Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

P: O God of resurrection and new life ...  
... Grace our table with your presence.

**C: Come, Holy Spirit.**

P: Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread ...  
... Send us forth, burning with justice, peace, and love.

**C: Come, Holy Spirit.**

P: With your holy ones of all times and places ...  
... O God, blessed and holy Trinity,  
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, who are in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.**

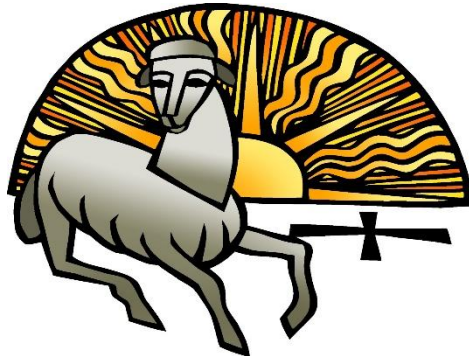
**For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
forever and ever. Amen.**

## **Fraction and Invitation**

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

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

P: This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Come, share the feast.





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.*

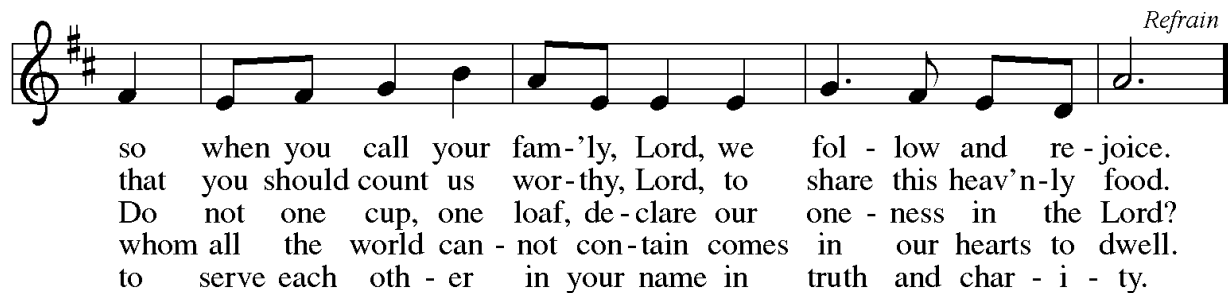
## **Holy Communion**

- *All who seek God and desire a deeper and stronger life in Christ are welcome to receive Holy Communion.*
- *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 (red) or grape juice (white).*
- *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 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 rail for prayer after receiving the sacrament.*
- *As you return to your pew, glasses may be returned to the empty tray on the 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

### You Satisfy the Hungry Heart

ELW 484



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Music: BICENTENNIAL, Robert E. Kreutz, 1922–1996

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# Hymns during Holy Communion

## Bring Many Names

ACS 1094



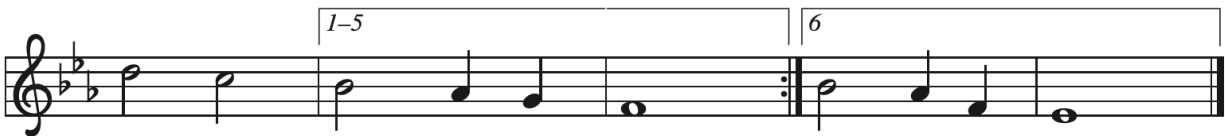
1 Bring man - y names, beau - ti - ful and good,  
 2 Strong moth - er God, work - ing night and day,  
 3 Warm fa - ther God, hug - ging ev - 'ry child,  
 4 Old, ach - ing God, gray with end - less care,  
 5 Young, grow - ing God, ea - ger, on the move,  
 6 Great, liv - ing God, nev - er ful - ly known,



cel - e - brate, in par - a - ble and sto - ry, ho - li - ness in  
 plan - ning all the won - ders of cre - a - tion, set - ting each e -  
 feel - ing all the strains of hu - man liv - ing, car - ing and for -  
 calm - ly pierc - ing e - vil's new dis - guis - es, glad of good sur -  
 say - ing no to false - hood and un - kind - ness, cry - ing out for  
 joy - ful dark - ness far be - yond our see - ing, clos - er yet than



glo - ry, liv - ing, lov - ing God. Hail and ho -  
 qua - tion, gen - i - us at play: Hail and ho -  
 giv - ing till we're rec - on - ciled: Hail and ho -  
 pris - es, wis - er than de - spair: Hail and ho -  
 jus - tice, giv - ing all you have: Hail and ho -  
 breath - ing, ev - er - last - ing home: Hail and ho -



san - na! Bring man - y names!  
 san - na, strong moth - er God!  
 san - na, warm fa - ther God!  
 san - na, old, ach - ing God!  
 san - na, young, grow - ing God!  
 san - na,

6 great, liv - ing God!

Text: Brian Wren, b. 1936

Music: WESTCHASE, Carlton R. Young, b. 1926

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# 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

### Holy God, We Praise Your Name

ELW 414



1 Ho - ly God, we praise your name; Lord of all, we  
2 Hark! The glad ce - les - tial hymn an - gel choirs a -  
3 Lo, the ap - os - tol - ic train join your sa - cred  
4 Ho - ly Fa - ther, ho - ly Son, Ho - ly Spir - it,



bow be - fore you. All on earth your scep - ter claim,  
bove are rais - ing; cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim,  
name to hal - low; proph - ets swell the glad re - frain,  
three we name you, though in es - sence on - ly one;



all in heav'n a - bove a - dore you. In - fi - nite your  
in un - ceas - ing cho - rus prais - ing, fill the heav'ns with  
and the white - robed mar - tyrs fol - low; and from morn to  
un - di - vid - ed God we claim you and, a - dor - ing,



vast do - main, ev - er - last - ing is your reign.  
sweet ac - cord: "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord!"  
set of sun through the church the song goes on.  
bend the knee while we own the mys - ter - y.

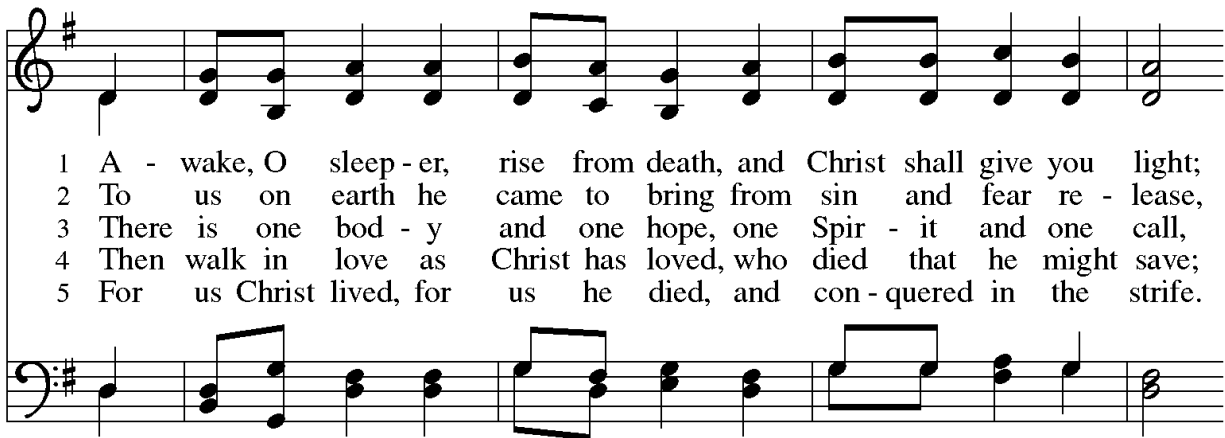
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Music: GROSSER GOTT, *Katholisches Gesangbuch*, Vienna, 1774

## Hymn during Holy Communion

### Awake, O Sleeper, Rise from Death

ELW 452



1 A - wake, O sleep - er, rise from death, and Christ shall give you light;  
2 To us on earth he came to bring from sin and fear re - lease,  
3 There is one bod - y and one hope, one Spir - it and one call,  
4 Then walk in love as Christ has loved, who died that he might save;  
5 For us Christ lived, for us he died, and con - quered in the strife.



so learn his love, its length and breadth, its full - ness, depth, and height.  
to give the Spir - it's u - ni - ty, the ver - y bond of peace.  
one Lord, one faith, and one bap - tism, one God who made us all.  
with kind and gen - tle hearts for - give as God in Christ for - gave.  
A - wake, a - rise, go forth in faith, and Christ shall give you life.

Text: F. Bland Tucker, 1895–1984

Music: AZMON, Carl G. Gläser, 1784–1829

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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**

*God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world*

*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: Amen.**

## **Sending Hymn**

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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**



1 Praise the Lord, rise up re - joic - ing, wor - ship, thanks, de -  
 2 Scat - tered flock, one shep - herd shar - ing, lost and lone - ly,  
 3 Sins for - giv - en, wrongs for - giv - ing, we go forth a -



vo - tion voic - ing: glo - ry be to God on high!  
 one voice hear - ing, ears at - ten - tive to your word;  
 lert and liv - ing in your Spir - it, strong and free.



Christ, your cross and pas - sion shar - ing, by this eu - cha -  
 by your blood new life re - ceiv - ing, in your bod - y,  
 Part - ners in your new cre - a - tion, seek - ing peace in



rist de - clar - ing yours the fi - nal vic - to - ry.  
 firm be - liev - ing, we are yours, and you the Lord.  
 ev - 'ry na - tion, may we faith - ful fol - l'wers be.

Text: Howard C. A. Gaunt, 1902–1983, alt.

Music: ALLES IST AN GOTTES SEGEN, Johann Löhner, 1645–1705, adapt.

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**St. Andrew Lutheran Church Announcements**  
**May 11<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

- **Happy Easter! Welcome to Worship at St. Andrew on the Fourth Sunday of Easter!**  
– 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! 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. A nursery is available through the door to the left of the worship space and across the social hall (look for a purple room). We pray that everyone has a blessed Easter season!

- **May Shelter Dinner for Guests of East End Cooperative Ministry – Third Thursday of the Month, May 15<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 p.m.** – Each month, people of St. Andrew provide dinner for guests of East End Cooperative Ministry (EECM), 6140 Station St. (East Liberty), 15206. We invite you to prepare or purchase one menu item and bring it to the shelter by 6:00 p.m., or just come to help serve at 6:30 p.m. If you would like to contribute, please sign up at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080544AAAC22A1F58-56438583-mayshelter>.
- **Southwestern Pennsylvania Synod Assembly and Process for Election of New Bishop Begin Next Saturday, May 17<sup>th</sup>!** – Bishop Kurt Kusserow of our local Southwestern Pennsylvania Synod is concluding his third term in office and will not be seeking reelection. This means that this synod will be electing a new bishop for only third time since the founding of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America 1988. We invite your prayers for the Church, the ELCA, and the Southwestern Pennsylvania Synod as we discern who will be called as our new bishop. Initial nominations of candidates for bishop will be made on a first ballot on May 17<sup>th</sup>, and nominees will have one week to remove their names from consideration. The remaining candidates will be on the ballot when synod assembly continues on June 12-14<sup>th</sup>. St. Andrew will be represented at synod assembly by voting members Kelly Spanninger, Cynthia Holden, and Pastor Ross along with visiting member Colleen Cooke – we invite your prayers for them, also!
- **Noisy Offering Next Sunday, May 18<sup>th</sup>, during Worship** – On the third Sunday of each month, St. Andrew's children lead the congregation in a Noisy Offering, in which people are invited to throw their change into buckets that the children carry around the church and bring forward as an additional offering. Each month's Noisy Offering supports a local, national, or international church-related or otherwise charitable organization. This month's offering will benefit ReconcilingWorks: Lutheran for Full Participation, the organization that sponsors St. Andrew's Reconciling in Christ designation and provides resources for congregations seeking to fully welcome, include, and affirm LGBTQIA+ siblings in the life of the church, congregations, and society. For more information, please visit [Home - Reconciling Works](#).
- **St. Andrew Ministry Fair – Sunday, May 18<sup>th</sup> during Coffee Hour** – St. Andrew strives to make opportunities for ministry and service easily understandable and accessible to everyone in the community, but it is not always easy for someone new to get involved. The council is seeking to share information and make it easier for people to connect by holding a ministry fair after worship on Sunday, May 18<sup>th</sup>, during Coffee Hour. Council members that work with each ministry area will be available at various places in the social hall to share more about what that ministry team does and how people can get involved. The “committees” or ministry teams are Christian Education, Community ministry, Congregational ministry, Evangelism and Advocacy, Property, Stewardship, and Worship. We will feature brief information about each in the weeks around the 18<sup>th</sup>.
- **St. Andrew Ministry Area – Community Ministry** – St. Andrew's Community Ministry team focuses on serving people in need in our neighborhoods and building connections and partnerships with other local organizations doing the same. The team coordinates the stocking of the free library and pantry in front of the church, a monthly distribution of fresh produce in partnership with Greater Pittsburgh Community Food Bank, a monthly meal for guests of East End Cooperative Ministry; leads our Reconciling

in Christ (LGBTQIA+ affirming) ministries; supports ministries of our friends at Bethel AME Church; and works with local organizations supporting immigrants and refugees. The current council liaison to Community Ministry is Tyler Rietze and he can be reached at [community@standrewpittsburgh.org](mailto:community@standrewpittsburgh.org). Please contact Tyler or connect with him before or on May 18<sup>th</sup> to learn more about St. Andrew's community ministries!

- **Represent St. Andrew at Pittsburgh Pride – Saturday, May 31<sup>st</sup>, in Two Hour Blocks from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.** – St. Andrew is a Reconciling in Christ (RIC) congregation, publicly supporting the full welcome, participation, and affirmation of LGBTQIA+ siblings in church and society. As a part of this ministry, we participate in Pittsburgh Pride each year with other RIC congregations in the area. This year's booth will be at the Pride festival on the North Side on Saturday, May 31<sup>st</sup>. We are asking people to represent the church – greeting people, sharing conversation and information about the church, and connecting people to resources – in two-hour increments from 10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. If you have any questions, please speak with Kelly Spanninger. Please sign up at: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080B4AAFAF2CABF85-56727383-pittsburgh>.
- **Coffee Hour Signups Available** – One way that St. Andrew builds community is by sharing conversation over food and drinks at coffee hour after worship on Sundays. We invite people of the congregation to sign up to coordinate coffee hour each week, which includes brewing the coffee; setting out cups, napkins, food items, and cold drinks; and cleaning up afterward. Everything needed is at St. Andrew and instructions are available. Please sign up to host coffee hour here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080B4AAFAF2CABF85-47069030-coffee>.
- **New *Christ in Our Home* Devotional Booklets for July-September Now Available at 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/household, or others. There are still some copies of the April-June edition available, too!