



+ Fourth Sunday of Easter
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This Sunday is sometimes called “Good Shepherd Sunday.”

Jesus is called the “gate” of the sheep in today’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.

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

HS: Hymnal Supplement (GIA Publications)

PBS: Peace, Be Still

LIW: Living in Wonder

Musical Offering

Timothy Kocher-Hillmer and Tom Leech

Each week, different people from the congregation make an offering of pre-service music, with singing or instrumentation, to help the assembly focus and pray in preparation for worship.

Welcome

Prelude

Just As I Am, I Come

McDonald

Vocal Duet: Timothy Kocher-Hillmer and Colten Rohleder

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 that is marked at Baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Thanksgiving for Baptism

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia! Alleluia!

P: Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne and to the Lamb!

C: Amen.

P: Let us give thanks for the gift of Baptism.

Water may be poured into the font as the presiding minister continues.

P: Merciful God,

you are the one who was, who is, and who is to come.

You lead us beside still waters.

We thank you for the waters of creation:

morning dew, gentle rain, roaring waves.

We thank you for the waters that nourish us.

Blessed are you!

C: You guide us to springs of the water of life.

P: Jesus Christ, you are the faithful witness

who accompanies us on our journeys.

We give you thanks for your life-giving death and resurrection.

We praise you for joining us in joy and sorrow.

Blessed are you!

C: You guide us to springs of the water of life.

P: Holy Spirit, you anoint our head with oil and our cup overflows.

Break down barriers that divide us.

P: Fill us with the breath of peace.
Blessed are you!

C: You guide us to springs of the water of life.

P: Holy One, we thank you for the gifts and grace of Baptism,
and for making us a new creation. We join with saints and angels,
giving you honor and praise, now and forever.

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!

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



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



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.



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.



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 our shepherd,

you know your sheep by name and lead us to safety through the valleys of death.

Guide us by your voice, that we may walk in certainty and security

to the joyous feast prepared in your house, 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 2: 42-47

⁴² [The baptized] devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

⁴³ Awe came upon everyone because many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. ⁴⁴ All who believed were together and had all things in common; ⁴⁵ they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. ⁴⁶ Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, ⁴⁷ praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

L: Word of God, word of life.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 23

The Lord's My Shepherd

ELW 778

*The appointed psalm for this day, Psalm 23, is proclaimed through a sung paraphrase,
"The Lord's My Shepherd," ELW 778, found on the following page.*

1 The Lord's my shep-herd; I'll not want. He makes me down to lie
 2 My soul he doth re - store a - gain, and me to walk doth make
 3 Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale, yet will I fear no ill;
 4 My ta - ble thou hast rich - ly spread in pres - ence of my foes;
 5 Good - ness and mer - cy all my life shall sure - ly fol - low me,

in pas - tures green; he lead - eth me the qui - et wa - ters by.
 with - in the paths of righ - teous - ness, e'en for his own name's sake;
 for thou art with me, and thy rod and staff me com - fort still;
 my head thou dost with oil a - noint, and my cup o - ver - flows.
 and in God's house for - ev - er - more my dwell - ing - place shall be;

He lead - eth me, he lead - eth me the qui - et wa - ters by.
 with - in the paths of righ - teous - ness, e'en for his own name's sake.
 for thou art with me, and thy rod and staff me com - fort still.
 My head thou dost with oil a - noint, and my cup o - ver - flows.
 and in God's house for - ev - er - more my dwell - ing - place shall be.

Text: *The Psalms of David in Meeter*, Edinburgh, 1650

Music: BROTHER JAMES' AIR, James L. Macbeth Bain; arr. Gordon Jacob, 1895–1984

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Second Reading – 1 Peter 2: 19-25

¹⁹ It is a commendable thing if, being aware of God, a person endures pain while suffering unjustly. ²⁰ If you endure when you are beaten for doing wrong, what credit is that? But if you endure when you do good and suffer for it, this is a commendable thing before God. ²¹ For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you should follow in his steps.

²² “He committed no sin,
and no deceit was found in his mouth.”

²³ When he was abused, he did not return abuse; when he suffered, he did not threaten, but he entrusted himself to the one who judges justly. ²⁴ He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, having died to sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. ²⁵ For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

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: 1-10

P: The holy Gospel according to St. John.

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

[Jesus said:] ¹ “Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. ² The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. ³ The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. ⁴ When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. ⁵ They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers.” ⁶ Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

⁷ So again Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. ⁸ All who came before me are thieves and bandits, but the sheep did not listen to them. ⁹ I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved and will come in and go out and find pasture. ¹⁰ 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.*





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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Text: attr. Dorothy A. Thrupp, 1779–1847
 Music: BRADBURY, William B. Bradbury, 1816–1868

The Sacrament of Holy Baptism

*Candidates for Baptism, sponsors, and parents gather with the ministers at the font.
 The assembly is seated.*

Presentation

The presiding minister may address the assembly in these or similar words:

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:

S: 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: Sponsors, 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.

People of the assembly 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.

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

Response: I renounce them.

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

Response: I renounce them.

The presiding minister addresses the candidates and the assembly.

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.**

*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.

The assembly may be seated.

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:

P: 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 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.

**Or, " Name is baptized in the name of the Father, . . ."*

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.

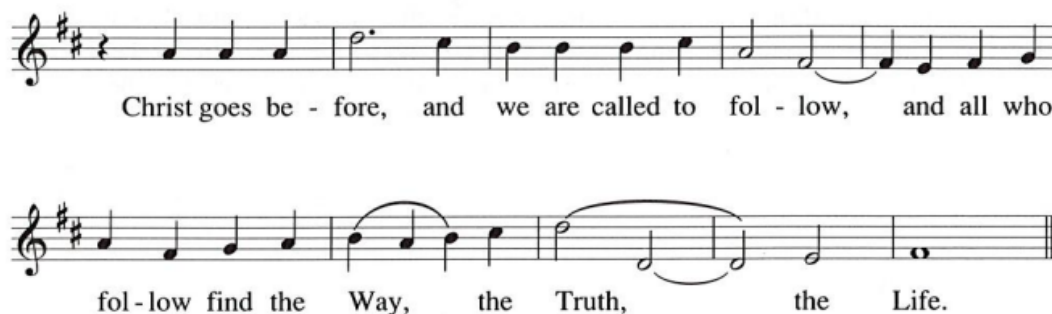
A: Let us welcome the newly baptized.

**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.**

After the welcome, the assembly sings the congregational refrain, featured on special occasions in the life of the congregation.

Congregational Refrain

HS 808



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

During the baptismal hymn, those who have gathered at the font move through the congregation to introduce and celebrate our new sibling in Christ.

1 Bap-tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spir - it, cleansed by the
 2 Bap-tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spir - it, dead in the
 3 Bap-tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spir - it, marked with the

blood of Christ our king: heirs of sal - va - tion, trust - ing his
 tomb with Christ our king: one with his ris - ing, freed and for -
 sign of Christ our king: born of the Spir - it, we are God's

prom - ise, faith - ful - ly now God's praise we sing.
 giv - en, thank - ful - ly now God's praise we sing.
 chil - dren; joy - ful - ly now God's praise we sing.

Text: Michael Seward, b. 1932

Music: BUNESSAN, Gaelic tune; arr. hymnal version

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When all have returned to their places, worship continues with the prayers of the people.

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.

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.

Music during the Offering

I Love to Tell the Story


arr. Keveren

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

Offertory Song

Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful

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,

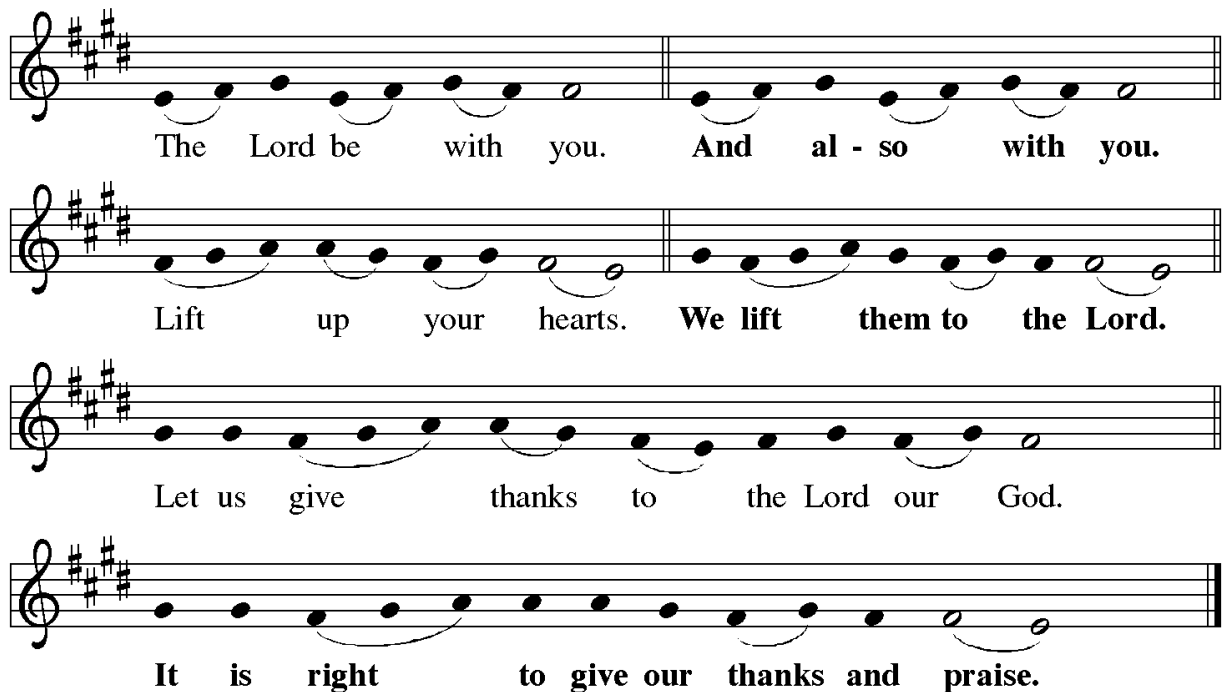
ready to praise you and to respond to those in need,

through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Dialogue

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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.

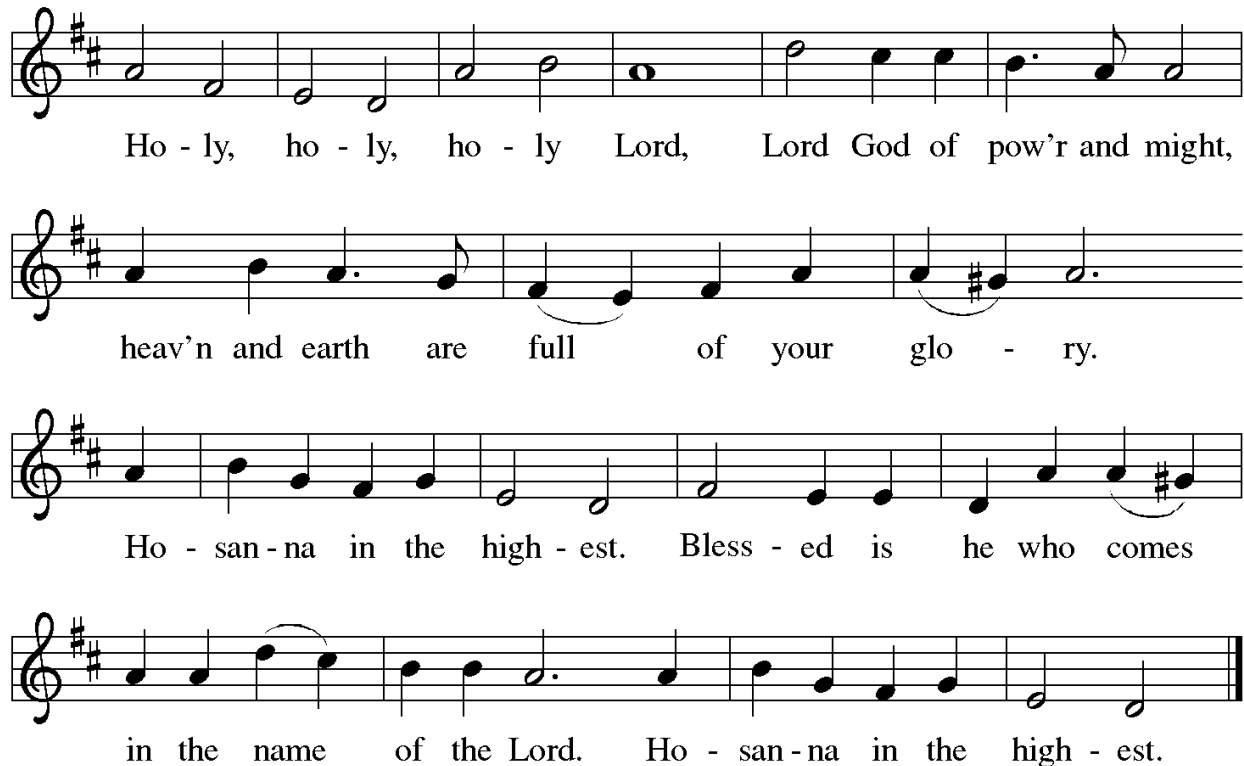
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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

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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 remember 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: Reveals 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 ...
... 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 art 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.**

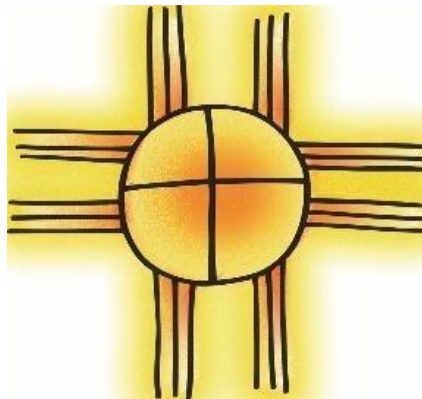
**For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.**

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

Refrain



You sat - is - fy the hun - gry heart with gift of fin - est wheat.




Come give to us, O sav - ing Lord, the bread of life to eat.



- 1 As when the shep-herd calls his sheep, they know and heed his voice;
- 2 With joy - ful lips we sing to you our praise and grat - i - tude
- 3 Is not the cup we bless and share the blood of Christ out-poured?
- 4 The mys - t'ry of your pres-ence, Lord, no mor - tal tongue can tell:
- 5 You give your-self to us, O Lord; then self - less let us be,

Refrain



so when you call your fam-'ly, Lord, we fol - low and re - joi - ce.
that you should count us wor - thy, Lord, to share this heav'n - ly food.
Do not one cup, one loaf, de - clare our one - ness in the Lord?
whom all the world can - not con - tain comes in our hearts to dwell.
to serve each oth - er in your name in truth and char - i - ty.

Text: Omer Westendorf, 1916–1997

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

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Hymns during Holy Communion

How Beautiful, O God, How Good

PBS 78



1 How beau - ti - ful, O God, how good This
2 How pleas - ant and how good it is When
3 How blest, O God, how blest are they Who
4 How stead - fast is your love, O God, Your



boun - ti - ful cre - a - tion: A - bun - dant life, a -
peo - pledwell in u - nion, And stead - fast love and
yearn, like you, for mer - cy, Whose hearts, with - in your
deep de - sire pur - sues us; That all may live their



bun - dant light, Up - held by your com -
gen - tle - ness Em - bod - y your com -
heart, find joy In lov - ing all and
no - ble worth, In - spire us, change us,



pas - sion; All things in you do
mu - nion: Your Spir - it grants the
serv - ing: Where you in Christ our
use us, That we, trans - formed, may



live and move, Ex - ist - ing by your bound - less love.
grace to share And hope, to stand a - gainst de - spair.
lives sup - ply, Five loaves and fish - es mul - ti - ply.
live as Christ, And all may know a - bun - dant life.

Text: Susan Palo Cherwien

Music: NORELIUS, David Cherwien

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Hymns during Holy Communion

Draw Us, O God, into Your Holy Future

LIW 54



1 Draw us, O God, in - to your ho - ly fu - ture,
2 Like as a tree, up - reach - ing to the heav - ens,
3 Out from dark earth, from shad - ow and from si - lence,
4 Leaves fade and fall and feed new gen - er - a - tions;
5 Draw us, O God, in - to your new cre - a - tion,



where we be - come what we were made to be: each life u -
we stretch and grow toward stars and sun a - bove; may we as -
the seed may sprout, the old be - get the new; may we let
new life comes forth from what has gone be - fore; cre - ate in
that we bear fruit for hope and ma - king whole: the fruit of



nique, a loved and pre - cious crea - ture, yet all en -
pire to draw in light and wis - dom, se - cure and
go of all that stunts and binds us, and win - now
us a sense of sure vo - ca - tion: a life of
truth, of beau - ty, and com - pas - sion— a - bun - dant



twined, a man - y - branch - ing tree.
sound, deep - root - ed in your love.
well all that we thought we knew.
grace, for all the world out - poured.
life, of bod - y, mind, and soul.

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Hymns during Holy Communion

Strengthen for Service, Lord

ELW 497



1 Streng-then for ser-vice, Lord, the hands that ho-ly
2 The tongues that sang your ho-ly name now purge of
3 And may the feet that walked your courts be nev-er



things have ta-ken; and let the ears that heard your
all de-cep-tion; keep bright the eyes that saw your
lured to wan-der; but lead the faith-ful nour-ished



word to false-hood nev-er wak-en.
love and sharp-en their per-cep-tion.
here to jour-ney on in splen-dor.

Text: Syriac Liturgy of Malabar; tr. composite
Music: BUCKHURST RUN, Robert A. Hobby, b. 1962
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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

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: Amen.

Sending Hymn

God Be with You Till We Meet Again

ELW 536



1 God be with you till we meet a - gain; by good coun-sels guide, up - hold you,
2 God be with you till we meet a - gain; ho - ly wings se - cure - ly hide you,
3 God be with you till we meet a - gain; when life's per - ils thick con - found you,



with a shep-herd's care en - fold you;
dai - ly man - na still pro - vide you; God be with you till we meet a - gain.
put un - fail - ing arms a - round you;

Refrain



Till we meet, till we meet, till we meet at Je - sus' feet;



till we meet, till we meet, God be with you till we meet a - gain.

Text: Jeremiah E. Rankin, 1828–1904

Music: GOD BE WITH YOU, William G. Tomer, 1833–1896

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

Those serving in worship today

Altar Care

Assisting Minister

Audio-Visual Ministers

Cantor

Lector

Organ

Pre-Service Music

Vocal Duet

Minister of Music

Presiding Minister

Jodie Minor

Kathy Hays

Dave Rollinson

Jered Stratton

Pat Taylor

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St. Andrew Lutheran Church Announcements
April 26th, 2026

- **Happy Easter! Welcome to Worship at St. Andrew as We Celebrate 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! Little Church – Big Faith, a Bible lesson and activity for children up to sixth grade, will take place 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!
- **Blessings to Tristan Elias, Receiving the Sacrament of Holy Baptism!** – Today is a day of celebration at St. Andrew not only because the Easter season continues but also because, in worship, we will welcome our new sibling in Christ, Tristan Elias, through the Sacrament of Holy Baptism! We invite your prayers for Tristan, parents Noël and Colten, godparents, and the whole family as together we give thanks for the gifts of God’s love and grace! Please stay for Coffee hour to continue the celebration with cake!
- **Produce Distribution Supplemental Food of the Month** – St. Andrew collects supplemental food each month to accompany our produce distribution. For April, we ask for donations of lentils and beans. There are collection boxes at the back of the worship space and social hall.
- **Dismantling Antisemitism 101, Today, April 26th, 12:00 p.m. to 1:30 p.m.** – St. Andrew has invited Mr. Noah Schoen, Manager of Community Engagement for the Holocaust Center of Pittsburgh, to lead us in a Dismantling Antisemitism 101 workshop. After worship today, we will have an expanded coffee hour with light lunch foods, and then begin the workshop at 12:00 noon.
- **Next Sunday, May 3rd, is the Day of the Pittsburgh Marathon** – Please look ahead at the map in your Friday email to plan your route to worship!
- **Reparations Offering, Next Sunday, May 3rd during Worship** – In Luke’s Gospel, Jesus tells a story about a compassionate Samaritan, suggesting that God’s people are called to work for healing and restoration for our neighbors, regardless of who or what caused them harm. In light of this, St. Andrew has made a commitment to reparations in regard to African American spiritual songs used in our worship. The text and music of most hymns is attributed to specific authors, with copyrights in place, usage reported, and royalties paid to those whose works are featured in worship. With African American spirituals, this is not possible. In response to many years of such uncredited use, St. Andrew invites the congregation to give a reparations offering. Funds received in worship will be donated to our siblings at Bethel AME Church, whose land and building were taken from them in the 1950s, to fund their development in the Hill District.
- **Spring Cleaning Work Day, Saturday, May 9th, 9:00 a.m.** – It is truly a blessing to see the signs of Spring returning to our landscape, which always means that some Spring Cleanup is surely due. This past winter and the new roof project have left our outdoor spaces desperately in need of some tender loving care. We will be having a work day here at St. Andrew on Saturday, May 9, 2026 which happens to be Mother's Day weekend. We are planning outdoor leaf clean-up, tree trimming and planting of flowers around the front entrances. There will be coffee and donuts ready for the early birds and water to keep you hydrated all day long. You do not need to come early in the morning and you do not need to stay for the entire day.

We ask that if anyone has boxes to recycle please drop them off at the church before cleanup day. Please join us on May 9th to share this love and fellowship...many hands make light work. To sign up, please click this link:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080B4AAFAF2CABF85-63009079-spring>.

- **Alternatives to Violence Project Workshops, Saturday, May 16th and 23rd, 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.** – The AVP workshops will be held at St. Andrew Lutheran Church (304 Morewood Ave, Pittsburgh, PA 15213) and will be open to both teens and adults. AVP is not a lecture or a debate. It is a hands-on, participatory experience that equips people with practical tools for: affirmation and respect, clear communication, cooperation in the midst of tension, transforming conflict rather than avoiding or inflaming it. To learn more, follow the link here: <https://friendspeacetteams.org/cultures-justice-peace/>. You can register to these workshops here: <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfjPOKcnyONx26wqTHzyby9YMi7BYHrUUfUha3PoxXpC50XNw/viewform>.
- **Bible Book Club** – Bible Book Club will meet each Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. This week, the group is finishing its discussion of *Entering the Passion of Jesus: A Beginner's Guide to Holy Week*, by Dr. Amy-Jill Levine,. You can join the Zoom call here: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83196175976?pwd=ejdPOUYrTk4xVFdsdlhHUVJ1L3k2Zz09>.
- **Christ in Our Home Booklets Available** – *Christ in Our Home* is a quarterly devotional resource that encourages readers to live out their faith daily. Each reflective reading is accompanied by a daily scripture reference and prayer for the day. Booklets are available at the entrances. Please feel free to take one home!
- **Coffee Hour Signups** – St. Andrew provides hospitality during a coffee hour after worship each Sunday. If you would like to participate, please sign up using the following form: https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080B4AAFAF2CABF85-47069030-coffee#.