

Welcome to Worship!

Saint Andrew's Lutheran Church



The Third Sunday of Easter

April 14, 2024

10:00 am

Ministers, The People of God
Pastor Elect Jean Dougherty
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Cantor, Cynthia Davis
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Assisting Minister, Grete Kraus
Readers, Joe Kostecki, Ralph Sturchio,
Cindy Davis
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Steve Mathieson, Jane Samuelson

Because God shows His Love through Jesus Christ,
St. Andrew's Lutheran Church, a community of faith,
gathered around Word and Sacrament,
lives to WORSHIP, WITNESS, LEARN, and SERVE,
and welcomes all people to share God's love
and to be workers together in this mission of the Church.

Those with us for the first time are kindly asked to introduce themselves to the pastor and greeters and are welcome to sign our guest book in the narthex. St. Andrew's practices eucharistic hospitality. All are welcome at God's table.



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GATHERING

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

WELCOME

PRELUDE

(The assembly stands.)

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, the wellspring of grace,
our Easter and our joy.

Amen.

Just as God's work of creation never ends, so the gifts we receive in baptism are renewed every day. Let's give thanks together for the life given us in baptism.

A brief silence.

We give you thanks, O God, for the waters of life;
For water to bathe in, water to drink,
For waters to play and waters of beauty,
For water that inspires wonder, and water that gives life to our planet.

We give our thanks, O God, for the waters of life.

We give you thanks, O God, for the waters of this place:
For water from our tap, for rain and snow,
For Blydenburgh Pond, Nissequogue River, Long Island Sound, and the Atlantic Ocean.

We give our thanks, O God, for the waters of this place.

We give you thanks for your salvation through water:
For delivering Noah and his family through the waters of the flood,
for leading your people Israel through the sea into freedom,
for quenching the thirst of the Samaritan woman with living water.

We give our thanks for your salvation through water.

We give you thanks for life in Jesus Christ through your Holy Spirit:
For our entry into Christ's death through these waters,
For our new birth into a life of freedom and service,
For our calling to be your people, sent out for the life of the world.

We give you thanks, †holy Trinity, now and forever. Amen.

GATHERING SONG #522 "As We Gather at Your Table"

GREETING

Alleluia! Christ is risen! **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

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

And also with you.

KYRIE (sung)

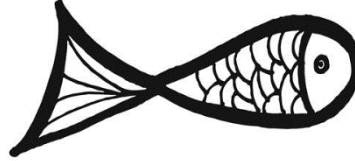
In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,
let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord. **Amen.**



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

Let us pray together,
Holy and righteous God,
you are the author of life,
and you adopt us to be your children.
Fill us with your words of life,
that we may live as witnesses to the resurrection of your Son,
Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever.
Amen.

(please be seated)

ANTHEM (CHOIR) "Lead me", Lord by Samuel Sebastian Wesley

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

FIRST READING: Acts 3:12-19

After healing a man unable to walk, Peter preaches to the people, describing how God's promises to Israel have been fulfilled in Jesus. Through the proclamation of Christ's death and resurrection, God is offering them forgiveness and restoration in Jesus' name.

A reading from Acts.

12[Peter] addressed the people, "You Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made him walk? 13The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our ancestors has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. 14But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, 15and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. 16And by faith in his name, his name itself has made this man strong, whom you see and know; and the faith that is through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you.

17"And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. 18In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. 19Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out."

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 4 (Choir introduces the refrain, assembly repeats. Psalm is chanted responsively)

REFRAIN

Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia!

1 Answer me when I call, O God, defender | of my cause;
you set me free when I was in distress; have mercy on me and | hear my prayer.

2 "You mortals, how long will you dishon- | or my glory;
how long will you love illusions and seek | after lies?"

3 Know that the Lord does wonders | for the faithful;
the Lord will hear me | when I call.

4 Tremble, then, and | do not sin;
speak to your heart in silence up- | on your bed. Refrain

5 Offer the appointed | sacrifices,
and put your trust | in the Lord.

**6 Many are saying, “Who will show us | any good?”
Let the light of your face shine upon | us, O Lord.**

7 You have put gladness | in my heart,
more than when grain and | wine abound.

**8 In peace, I will lie | down and sleep;
for you alone, O Lord, make me | rest secure. Refrain**

SECOND READING: 1 John 3:1-7

God has loved us in order to make us children of God. Though we do not yet know the full details of our future existence, we trust that God will reveal it just as God revealed Jesus to take away our sins.

A reading from 1 John.

1 See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. 2 Beloved, we are God’s children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. 3 And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

4 Everyone who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. 5 You know that he was revealed to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. 6 No one who abides in him sins; no one who sins has either seen him or known him. 7 Little children, let no one deceive you. Everyone who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

(please stand as you are able)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL: Luke 24:36b-48

In this account of an appearance after his resurrection, Jesus opens the minds of the disciples to understand him as Messiah. Jesus convinces them that he has been raised and sends them on a mission to proclaim the message of repentance and forgiveness.

The holy gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

36b Jesus himself stood among [the disciples] and said to them, “Peace be with you.” 37 They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. 38 He said to them, “Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? 39 Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.” 40 And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet.

41While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, “Have you anything here to eat?” 42They gave him a piece of broiled fish, 43and he took it and ate in their presence.

44Then he said to them, “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.” 45Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, 46and he said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, 47and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. 48You are witnesses of these things.”
The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

(please be seated)

SERMON

(please stand as you are able)



HYMN OF THE DAY #743 “Stay With Us” (WOV)



1	Stay with us,	till night has come:	our praise to
2	Walk with us,	our spir - its sigh:	hear when our
3	Walk with us,	the road will bend:	make all our
4	Talk with us,	till we be - hold	a joy - ful
5	Stay with us,	till day is done:	no tears nor



you this day be sung.	Bless our bread,	o - pen our
wea - ry spir - its cry.	Feel a - gain	our loss, our
weep - ing, wail - ing end.	Wipe our tears,	for - give our
life you will un - fold.	Heal our eyes,	to see the
dark shall dim the sun.	Cheer the heart,	your grace im -



eyes:	Je - sus, be our great sur - prise.
pain:	Je - sus, take us to your side.
fears:	Je - sus, lift the heav - y cross.
prize:	Je - sus, take us to the light.
part:	Je - sus, bring e - ter - nal life.



NICENE CREED

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Rejoicing that Jesus is risen and love has triumphed over fear, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need of good news.

A brief silence.

O God our holy one, you feed our deepest hungers. As we share the holy meal that is the body and blood of Jesus given for us, lead us to share all that we have, and find, in generosity, abundant life. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

O God our creator, you bring forth all life on earth. Calm storms, bring water to parched places, and protect the climate, that this planet would sustain life in all its variety. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

O God our savior, you offer wisdom and guidance beyond all human knowledge. Instruct lawmakers, judges, and elected officials to make decisions grounded in your justice and care for all people. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

O God our elder, you care for all your children. Encourage those who are in times of transition, facing the loss of old ways and routines, and anticipating change. Guide those who journey in grief, hope, and uncertainty. Bring healing to Elizabeth, Judy, Jennifer, Rachel, MaryEllen; all on our prayer list, and those we now name silently or allowed. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

O God our center, you bring all people together in you. Help us to remember our identity and purpose in our ministry. Move us to love our neighbors and to bring healing and peace to your beloved community. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

O God our resting place, your Son Jesus promised that we are held in your love forever. As we remember our loved ones who have died and share their love, comfort those who mourn. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Into your hands, most merciful God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your abiding love; through Jesus Christ, our resurrected and living Lord.
Amen.

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

(The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace, and may say, "Peace be with you," or similar words.)

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

(please be seated)

OFFERING

(Thank you for continuing to make your contributions in support of the ministries of Saint Andrew's, by mail or by visiting our website to set up online giving.)

OFFERING HYMN #359 "Where Charity and Love Prevail"

(please stand as you are able)

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

Blessed are you, O God, 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.

***GREAT THANKSGIVING DIALOGUE AND PREFACE**

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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



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.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

Blessed are you, O God of the universe.

Your mercy is everlasting and your faithfulness endures from age to age.

Blessed are you for your Son Jesus, the Word made flesh.

In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
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:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

O God of resurrection and new life:
Pour out your Holy Spirit on us
and on these gifts of bread and wine.
Bless this feast.

Grace our table with your presence.

Come, Holy Spirit.

Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread.
Raise us up as the body of Christ for the world.
Breathe new life into us.

Send us forth,
burning with justice, peace, and love.

Come, Holy Spirit.

With your holy ones of all times and places,
with the earth and all its creatures,
with sun and moon and stars,
we praise you, O God,
blessed and holy Trinity,
now and forever.

Amen.



LORD'S PRAYER

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.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

The risen Christ is made known to us in the breaking of the bread.
Come and eat at God's table where all are welcome.

LAMB OF GOD *(sung)*

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
grant us peace, grant us peace.

(The assembly may be seated during distribution. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request. Children are invited forward to receive a blessing at the rail.)

COMMUNION HYMN #483 "Here Is Bread"

(please stand as you are able)

EUCCHARISTIC BLESSING

May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace and peace.
Amen.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

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.

Amen.

SENDING

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

The God of resurrection power,
the Christ of unending joy,

and the Spirit of Easter hope ✠ bless you now and always.

Amen.

SENDING HYMN #382 “Christ Is Risen! Alleluia! (vs 1,2,4 only)

DISMISSAL

Alleluia! Go in peace. Share the good news.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

POSTLUDE

