

# Welcome to Worship!

## Saint Andrew's Lutheran Church



### **Second Sunday of Easter** (*Setting Four*)

**April 7, 2024 + 10:00 am**

Ministers, The People of God

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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.

Baptized today, Lyla Mae Drost, child of Paige Helene (nee Anthony) and Brett Robert Drost. We pray God will bless her until the day of our Lord.



## GATHERING

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

### WELCOME

### PRELUDE

Please stand as you are able.

### ACCLAMATION

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

### GATHERING SONG

Refrain



Come, O come, come to the riv - er  
flow - ing from the bod - y of Christ.  
We'll go down, deep in the wa - ter,  
but in the Lord we shall a - rise.

Verses



1. Washed in wa - ters of re-birth,  
2. Priest - ly peo - ple are we,  
3. Blest are those who thirst  
4. Let us walk in the light  
5. Those who sow in tears

to Refrain



1. we have put on Christ Je - sus.  
2. sealed and sent by the Spir - it.  
3. for the reign of God's jus - tice.  
4. of God's ho - ly prom - ise.  
5. reap the har - vest re - joic - ing.

\*Repeat phrase final time.

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(please be seated)

## **HOLY BAPTISM OF LYLA MAE DROST**

**PRESENTATION** Candidates for baptism, sponsors, and parents gather with the ministers at the font.

God, who is rich in mercy and love, gives us a new birth into a living hope through the sacrament of 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 present the candidate:**

I present Lyla Mae Drost for baptism.

**The minister addresses parents:**

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.

As you bring your children 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 children 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 children grow in the Christian faith and life?

Response: I do.

**The minister addresses sponsors:**

Sponsors, do you promise to nurture these persons in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help her live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church?

Response: I do.

(please stand as you are able):

People of God, do you promise to support Lyla Mae Drost and pray for her in her new life in Christ?

**We do.**

## **PROFESSION OF FAITH**

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

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, the powers of this world that rebel against God and the ways of sin that draw you from God?

Response:

**I renounce them.**

Do you believe in God the Father?

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

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

**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.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**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.**

### **THANKSGIVING AT THE FONT**

**Water may be poured into the font before or during the thanksgiving. At the font, the minister begins the thanksgiving:**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

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.

**Amen.**

**The assembly may be seated.**

### **BAPTISM**

**The minister baptizes each candidate. Water is poured on the candidate's head, as the presiding minister says:**

Lyla Mae Drost, I baptize you in the name of the Father,  
and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

## CHRISTENING

Let us pray.

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

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

Sustain Lyla Mae Drost 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. **Amen.**

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

Lyla Mae Drost, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

**Amen.**

## WELCOME

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

Jesus said, I am the light of the world.

Whoever follows me

will have the light of life.

Let your light so shine before others

that they may see your good works

and glorify your Father in heaven.

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

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

Lyla Mae Drost, 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.

**Those who have gathered at the font may return to their places.**

**(please stand as you are able)**

## GREETING

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, pg. 147)

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-ty 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,

**Almighty God, with joy we celebrate the day of our Lord's resurrection.**

**By the grace of Christ among us,**

**enable us to show the power of the resurrection in all that we say and do,**

**through 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)

## WORD

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

### FIRST READING: ACTS 4:32-35

While the apostles testified to others about the resurrection of Jesus, the early Christian community shared what they owned or sold their possessions to help their fellow believers who were in need.

A reading from Acts

32Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. 33With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all.

34There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. 35They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

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

### PSALM 133 (chanted responsively)

REFRAIN

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

The image shows musical notation for the Refrain of Psalm 133. It consists of three systems of music. The first system has a vocal line (treble clef) and a bass line (bass clef). The vocal line has three phrases: 'Al-le - lu - ia!', 'Al-le - lu - ia!', and 'Al-le - lu - ia!'. The second system continues the vocal and bass lines. The third system shows a single vocal line with a final cadence.

- 1 How good and how pleas- | ant it is,  
when kindred live togeth- | er in unity!
- 2 **It is like fine oil upon the head, flowing down up- | on the beard,  
upon the beard of Aaron, flowing down upon the collar | of his robe. Refrain**
- 3 It is like the dew of Hermon flowing down upon the | hills of Zion.  
For there the Lord has commanded the blessing: life for- | evermore. **Refrain**



## SECOND READING: 1 John 1:1--2:2

The opening of this letter serves as a reality check. The reality of God is light, but our confessed reality has been sin. God cleanses us from our sinful reality through Christ's death so that we live in fellowship with Christ and walk in God's light.

A reading from First John.

1We declare to you what was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life—2this life was revealed, and we have seen it and testify to it, and declare to you the eternal life that was with the Father and was revealed to us—3we declare to you what we have seen and heard so that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. 4We are writing these things so that our joy may be complete.

5This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all. 6If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; 7but if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. 8If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. 9If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. 10If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

2:1My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; 2and he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

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

(please stand as you are able)

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION





## **GOSPEL: John 20:19-31**

The story of Easter continues as the risen Jesus appears to his disciples. His words to Thomas offer a blessing to all who entrust themselves in faith to the risen Lord.

The holy gospel according to John. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

19 When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." 20 After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side.

Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. 21 Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." 22 When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. 23 If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

24 But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. 25 So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

26 A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." 27 Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." 28 Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" 29 Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

30 Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. 31 But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

(please be seated)

## **SERMON**

(please stand as you are able)

## **HYMN OF THE DAY #635 "We Walk by Faith"**

## **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.**

Your church cries out, O God, and you listen. As you drew near to the disciples, draw near to us this day. Breathe on us your Holy Spirit, that our faith is renewed and we witness to your love. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Your creation cries out, O God, and you listen. Nurture trees, crops, wildflowers, and all growing things. Guide farmers, gardeners, arborists, and others who tend the soil and nurture plants into life. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Your children cry out, O God, and you listen. Hear your people crying out for justice, for an end to racism and other oppression, and for a world where all are fed and safe. We pray for all who cry out and are in need of healing, Elizabeth, Judy, Jennifer, Rachel, MaryEllen; and those we now name before you silently or aloud (pause), all on our prayer list and those we now name silently or aloud... God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Your congregations cry out, O God, and you listen. Renew pastors, deacons, musicians, administrators, and all volunteers. Open our hearts to discern where God calls each of us to serve. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Today, we pray for the newly baptized, especially Lyla Mae Drost. Bless her, raise her in your Spirit, form her by your hand, bring her to the water of life and the bread and cup of blessing that with all your people she may praise you forever. Bless parents especially Paige and Brett Drost, and fill all homes with respect, joy, laughter and prayer. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Accept our gratitude, O God, for the lives of those who now rest in you especially Dietrich Bonhoeffer and all whose lives have been given in faithfulness to the gospel. Grant us your peace amid our fears. 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 Prevails"**

*(please stand as you are able)*

## **OFFERING PRAYER**

Let us pray.

Blessed are you, O God, ruler of heaven and earth. You shower us with blessings day by day. As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise you and 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



## EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

Holy God, mighty Lord, gracious Father:  
Endless is your mercy and eternal your reign.  
You have filled all creation with light and life;  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.

We praise you for the grace shown to your people in every age:  
the promise to Israel,  
the rescue from Egypt,  
the gift of the promised land,  
the words of the prophets;  
and, at this end of all the ages, the gift of your Son,  
who proclaimed the good news in word and deed  
and was obedient to your will, even to giving his life  
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.

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

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

Therefore, O God, with this bread and cup  
we remember the life our Lord offered for us.  
And, believing the witness of his resurrection,  
we await his coming in power  
to share with us the great and promised feast.

**Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

Send now, we pray, your Holy Spirit,  
that we who share in Christ's body and blood  
may live to the praise of your glory  
and receive our inheritance with all your saints in light.

**Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.**

Join our prayers with those of your servants  
of every time and every place,  
and unite them with the ceaseless petitions of our great high priest  
until he comes as victorious Lord of all.

Through him, with him, in him,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
all glory and honor is yours, almighty Father,  
now and forever.

**Amen.**

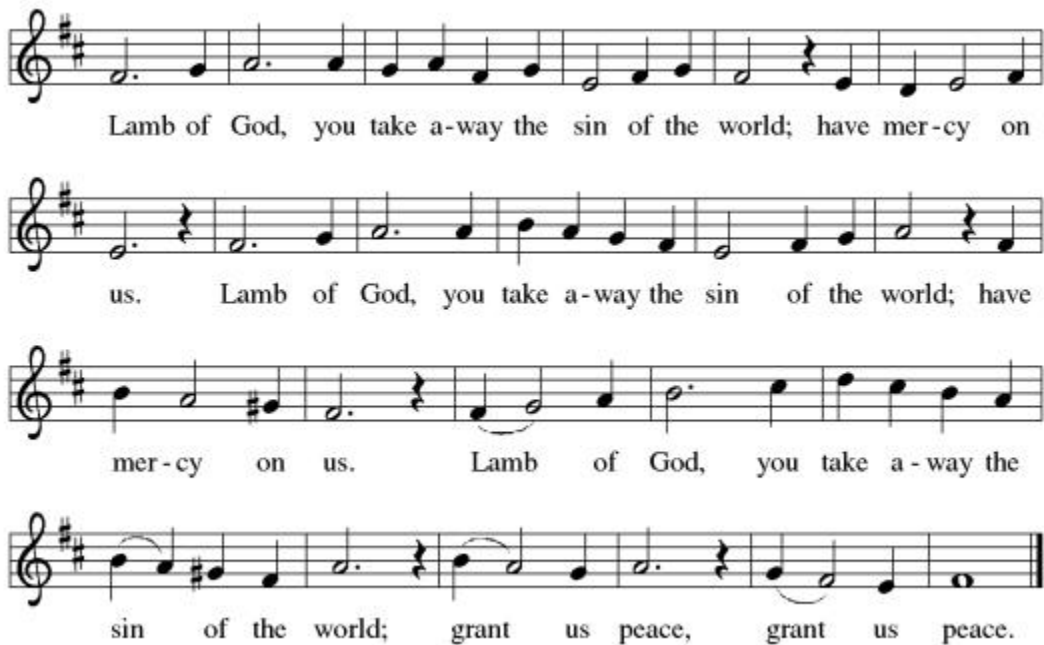
## LORD'S PRAYER

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



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.

## COMMUNION

(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 #815 I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light”

(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**

Shepherding God,  
you have prepared a table before us and nourished us with your love.  
Send us forth from this banquet to proclaim your goodness and share the abundant mercy of Jesus, our redeemer and friend. **Amen.**

### **SENDING**

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

### **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 #376 “Thine Is the Glory”**

### **DISMISSAL**

Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad.  
**Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

### **POSTLUDE**

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