

# Welcome to Worship!

## Saint Andrew's Lutheran Church



### Fourth Sunday of Easter

**April 21, 2024 + 10:00 am**

Ministers, The People of God  
Pastor Jean Dougherty  
Director of Music, Nicholas Suminski  
Cantor, Cynthia Davis  
Bell Choir Director, Laura Gustavsen  
Children's Ministry, Mary Fjellstad  
Youth Ministry, Steve O'Hagan  
Preschool Director, Malissa Nelson  
Assisting Minister, Leslee Mathieson  
Readers, John Sanzone, Grete Kraus

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, **Savannah Skye Spector**, child of Ashley Ann (nee Lang) and Daniel Gary Spector, and **Madison Elizabeth McCrum**, child of Christina Marie (nee Murtha) and Matthew Adam McCrum.

We pray God will bless them both until the day of our Lord.



Evangelical  
Lutheran Church  
in America

## GATHERING

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

### WELCOME

### PRELUDE

Please stand as you are able.

### GATHERING SONG #456 "Baptized in Water" (vs. 1,2)

- 1 **Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit,  
cleansed by the blood of Christ our king:  
heirs of salvation, trusting his promise,  
faithfully now God's praise we sing.**
  
- 2 **Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit,  
dead in the tomb with Christ our king:  
one with his rising, freed and forgiven,  
thankfully now God's praise we sing.**

(please be seated)

### HOLY BAPTISM OF Savanna Skye Spector and Madison Elizabeth McCrum

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 Savanna Skye Spector for baptism.

I present Madison Elizabeth McCrum 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 Savanna Skye Spector and Madison Elizabeth McCrum and pray for them in their 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:

Savanna Skye Spector, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Madison Elizabeth McCrum, 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 Savanna Skye Spector and sustain Madison Elizabeth McCrum 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:

Savanna Skye Spector, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

**Amen.**

Madison Elizabeth McCrum, 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.

**Savanna Skye Spector and Madison Elizabeth McCrum,  
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)*

**Hymn of Praise #456 “Baptized in Water” (vs. 3)**

**3 Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit,  
marked with the sign of Christ our king:  
born of the Spirit, we are God's children;  
joyfully now God's praise we sing.**

### **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.**

### **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Let us pray together,

**O Lord Christ, good shepherd of the sheep,  
you seek the lost and guide us into your fold.**

**Feed us, and we shall be satisfied; heal us, and we shall be whole.**

**Make us one with you, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and forever.**

**Amen.**

*(please be seated)*

**ANTHEM** “Lead me, Lord” by Samuel Sebastian Wesley

### **WORD**

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

### **FIRST READING: Acts 4:5-12**

Peter and John had been arrested the previous day because they were proclaiming the news of the *resurrection to the people. In today's reading, Peter is filled with the Holy Spirit so that he can proclaim salvation in Jesus' name to the religious authorities*

A reading from Acts.

5The next day [the] rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, 6with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. 7When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, “By what power or by what name did you do this?” 8Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, “Rulers of the people and elders, 9if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, 10let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead.

11This Jesus is

‘the stone that was rejected by you, the builders;  
it has become the cornerstone.’

12There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved.”

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

### PSALM HYMN #502 “The King of Love”

#### SECOND READING: 1 John 3:16-24

*Jesus’ death on our behalf is the clearest demonstration of divine love. This is the very love we share with others, not just through our words but especially through our deeds. In sharing such love we fulfill God’s commandments.*

A reading from 1 John.

16We know love by this, that [Jesus Christ] laid down his life for us—and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. 17How does God’s love abide in anyone who has the world’s goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help?

18Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. 19And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him 20whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. 21Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; 22and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him.

23And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. 24All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.

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

(please stand as you are able)

#### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

#### GOSPEL: John 10:11-18

In language that recalls the twenty-third psalm, Jesus describes himself as the shepherd who cares for his sheep. He is willing to die for them, and he is able to overcome death for them.

The holy gospel according to John.

#### Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said:] 11“I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. 12The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. 13The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. 14I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, 15just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. 16I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one

flock, one shepherd. 17For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. 18No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father.”

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

*(please be seated)*

## **SERMON**

*(please stand as you are able)*

## **HYMN OF THE DAY #764 “Have No Fear Little Flock”**

## **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.*

Shepherding God, gather your church whenever we wander from you and one another. Empower our church in ministries in this community and around the world to serve in love. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Nurturing God, preserve the health of biomes and ecosystems. Inspire all people to work for the care of your creation, help us be better stewards of the world around us. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Almighty God, lead nations and communities to share resources, cooperate in solving conflicts, and listen to the wisdom of Indigenous peoples. Help all those with power to share it and to use such power for good. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Gracious God, help this and all communities of faith to listen for your voice. Call us away from things that distract us from following you. Invite us to more deeply love and serve people who are lonely, isolated, and on the margins. Bring healing to Elizabeth, Judy, Jennifer, Rachel, and MaryEllen; all on our prayer list, and those we now name silently or aloud. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Today, we pray for the newly baptized, especially Savannah Skye and Madison Elizabeth. Bless them, raise them in your Spirit, form them by your hand, bring them to the water of life and the bread and cup of blessing that with all your people they may praise you forever. Bless parents, especially Ashley and Daniel and Christina and Matthew, and fill all homes with respect, joy, laughter, and prayer. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Living God, we give thanks for our ancestors in faith. Strengthen us to share the good news in our own day. 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.

Risen One,

you call us to believe and bear fruit. May the gifts that we offer here be signs of your abiding love.

Form us to be your witnesses in the world, through Jesus Christ, our true vine.

**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.

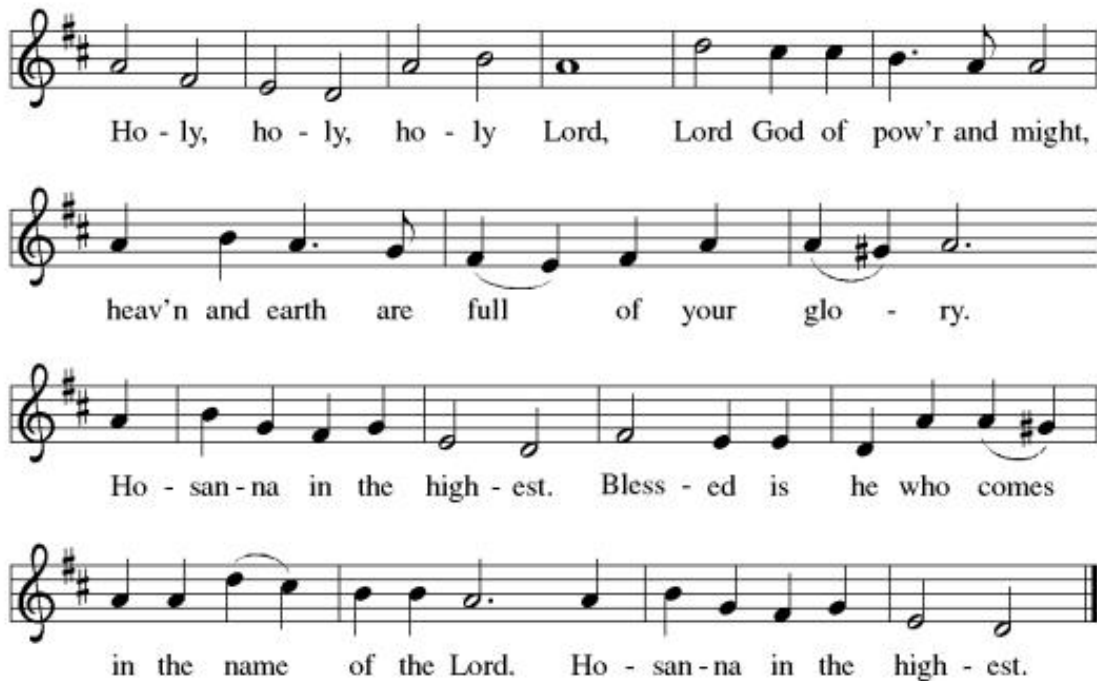
And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures,

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

Holy God, you alone are holy, you alone are God.

The universe declares your praise: beyond the stars; beneath the sea; within each cell; with every breath.

**We praise you, O God.**

Generations bless your faithfulness: through the water; by night and day; across the wilderness; out of exile; into the future.

**We bless you, O God.**

We give you thanks for your dear Son: at the heart of human life; near to those who suffer; beside the sinner; among the poor; with us now.

**We thank you, O God.**

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.

Remembering his love for us  
on the way,  
at the table,  
and to the end,  
we proclaim the mystery of faith:  
**Christ has died.**  
**Christ is risen.**  
**Christ will come again.**

We pray for the gift of your Spirit:  
in our gathering;  
within this meal;  
among your people;  
throughout the world.

Blessing, praise, and thanks  
to you, holy God,  
through Christ Jesus,  
by your Spirit,  
in your church,  
without end.  
**Amen.**

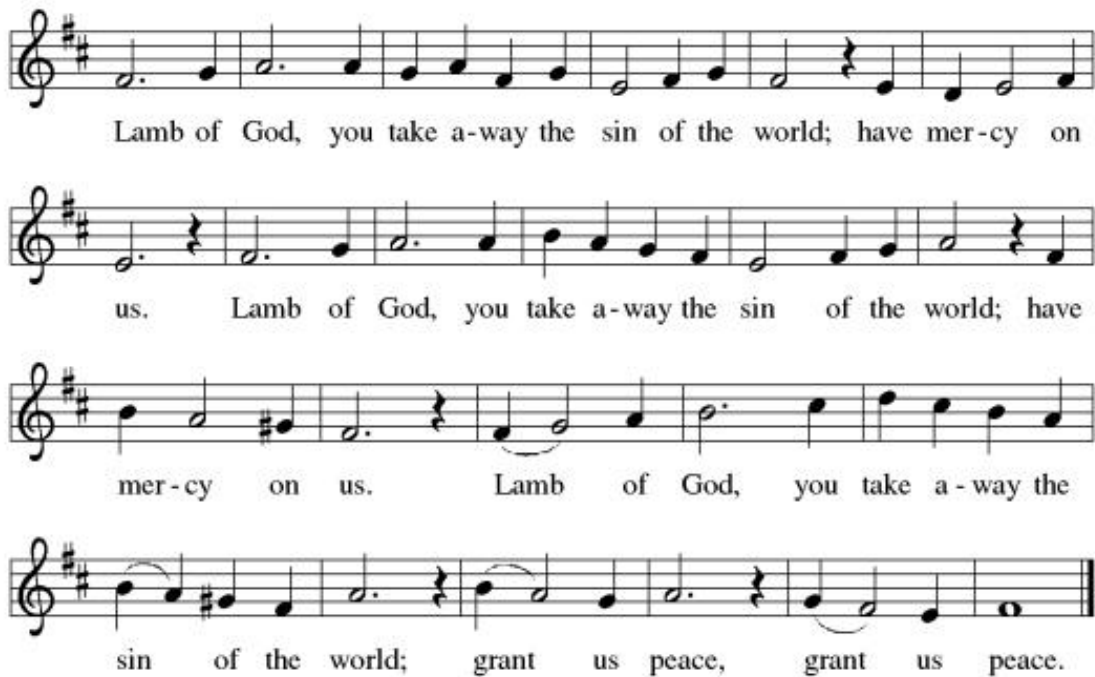
#### **LORD'S PRAYER**

**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. In response to Jesus's command, we celebrate with a worship meal of bread (or gluten-free by request) and red wine or grape juice. Children are invited forward to receive a blessing at the rail.)*

## COMMUNION HYMN #768 "Lead Me, Guide Me"

*(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

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 #385 “Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing!”**

**DISMISSAL**

Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad.

**Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

**POSTLUDE**

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