

St. Andrew Lutheran Church

A Congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

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Sunday, April 21st, 2024 – 10a.m.

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Pastor – Rev. Kenneth T. Saurman

WELCOME TO ALL!

A warm welcome to all worshipping at St. Andrew Lutheran Church today! We celebrate together God's work in our lives as we receive His Word and Sacraments to strengthen our relationship with Him and one another. By the blood of Christ, we are made the household of God. Here, God builds us up by grace, through faith, and for service!

HOLY COMMUNION

All are welcome to the Table of the Lord. Holy Communion is the body and the blood, the bread and the wine, given for us by Jesus Christ. Come to the Eucharist, give thanks for all Christ does and has done for you. Come to His Supper knowing that you are forgiven and loved. All are welcome to gather at the communion rail to receive the bread and wine. Come and be blessed. If you choose not to receive communion, simply cross your arms on your chest to indicate you would like a blessing.

WE ARE A CHURCH OF THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN AMERICA (ELCA).

The ELCA is one of the largest Christian denominations in the US, with more than 3.5 million members in 65 synods and nearly 9,300 congregations across the 50 states and the Caribbean. Known as the church of "***God's Work, Our Hands***" the ELCA emphasizes the saving grace of God through faith in Jesus Christ, unity among Christians, and service in the world. The ELCA's roots are in the writings of the German church reformer, The Rev. Dr. Martin Luther.

PLEASE TAKE A MOMENT to silence all devices before worship begins.

'BOLD' indicates congregational responses.

'*' Indicates that all who are able should stand to honor God.

PRELUDE

INTRODUCTION OF THE DAY

*GATHERING HYMN

At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing

ELW #362

*THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

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

C: Amen.

P: Look, here is water!

C: Here is our water of life! Alleluia!

P: Immersed in the promises of baptism, let us give thanks for what God has done for us. We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your voice thundered over the deep and water became the essence of life. Adam and Eve beheld Eden's verdant rivers. The ark carried your creation through the flood into a new day. Miriam led the dancing as your people passed through the sea into freedom's land. In a desert pool the Ethiopian official entered your boundless baptismal life.

Look! Here is water!

C: Here is our water of life! Alleluia!

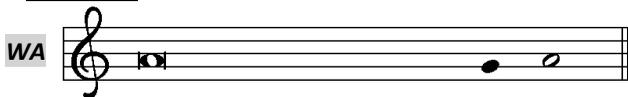
P: At the river your beloved Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection you opened the floodgates of your reconciling love, freeing us to live as Easter people. We rejoice with glad hearts, giving all honor and praise to you, through the risen Christ, our source of living water, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

C: Amen.

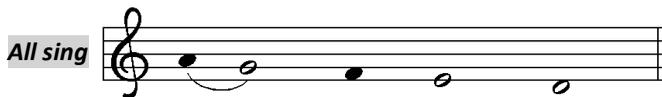
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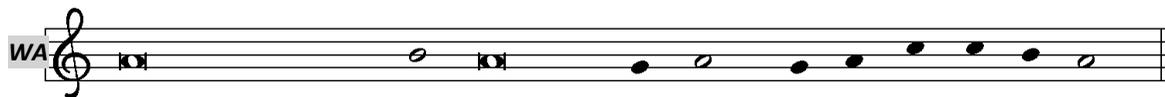
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In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



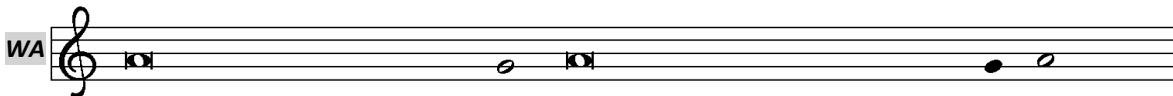
Lord, have mer - cy.



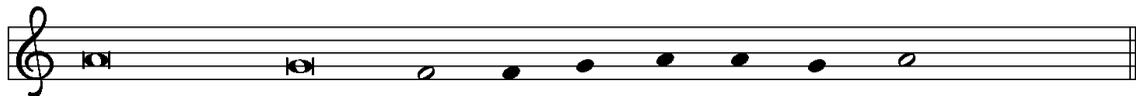
For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



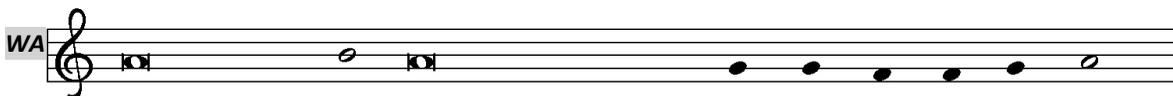
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. Lord have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra-cious Lord. A - men.

*CANTICLE OF PRAISE

Assisting minister



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

Women



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



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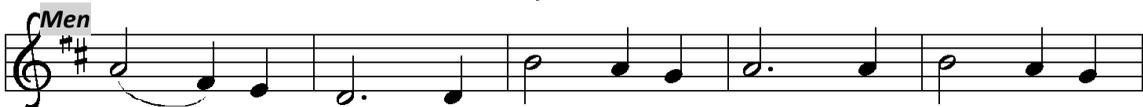


strength, and hon - or and bless - ing and glo - ry are his.

All sing *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.

All sing *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

A: Let us pray.

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.

C: Amen.

FIRST READING

Acts 4:5-12

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.”

A: Holy Wisdom, Holy Word.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM

The King of Love My Shepherd Is

ELW #502

SECOND READING

1 John 3:16-24

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.

A: Holy Wisdom, Holy Word.

C: Thanks be to God.

***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

P: The gospel according to Saint John, tenth chapter:

C: 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.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.



SERMON

Rev. Kenneth Saurman

HYMN OF THE DAY

Have No Fear, Little Flock

ELW #764

Apostles' Creed

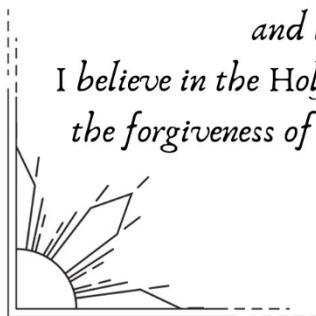


I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

*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.*

*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.*



Amen.

*PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

A: God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

OFFERTORY

*OFFERING (accompanied on piano)

ELW #692

We lift our voic-es, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you: we are an
of-fer-ing. Lord, use our voic-es, Lord, use our hands, Lord, use our

lives, they are yours: we are an of-fer-ing. All that we have, all that we are,
 all that we hope to be, we give to you, we give to you.
 We lift our voic-es, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you:
 we are an of-fer-ing, we are an of-fer-ing.

OFFERING PRAYER

A: 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.

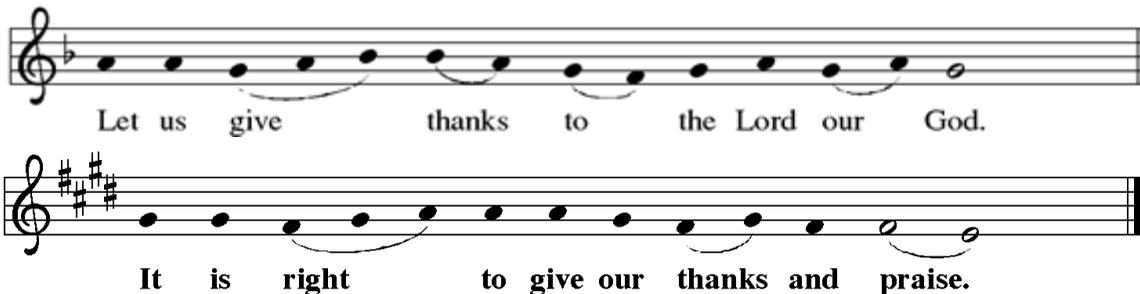
C: Amen.

ANTHEM

Jesus, Good Shepherd Bradley Ellingboe
 St. Andrew Chancel Choir

***THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.
 Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.



P: 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.

In the same way 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.



The 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.

Come To The Table Of Mercy (accompanied on piano) *be seated*



Come to the ta - ble of mer - cy, pre - pared with the wine and the bread.



All who are hun - gry and thirst - y, come, and your souls will be fed.



Come at the Lord's in - vi - ta - tion; re - ceive from his nail - scarred hand.



Eat of the bread of sal - va - tion; drink of the blood of the Lamb.



*INVITATION TO COMMUNION

A: The risen Christ is made known to us in the breaking of the bread.
Come and eat at God's table.

COMMUNION HYMN

You Satisfy the Hungry Heart

ELW #484

*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A: Let us pray.

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.

C: Amen.

*BENEDICTION

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

P: The God of resurrection power, the Christ of unending joy,
and the Spirit of Easter hope ☩ bless you now and always.

C: Amen.

*SENDING HYMN

Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing

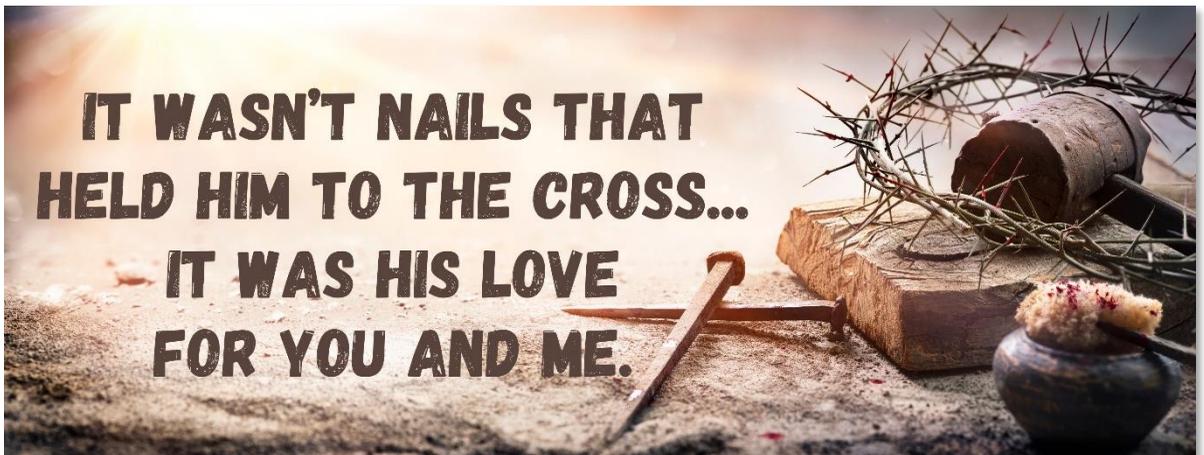
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*DISMISSAL

A: Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad.

C: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

POSTLUDE



NEXT SUNDAY

THE INSTALLATION OF PASTOR SAURMAN

All are invited!

The Rev. Phil Tonnesen (assistant to Bishop Tim Smith) will be here next Sunday, April 28th to preside at the Installation of Pastor Saurman as this congregation's newest pastor. Let's fill the sanctuary for this grand celebration.

I am encouraging anyone and everyone who would like to participate in that worship service to come forward and be known. If someone or a group-of-someones wish to sing – come on! If folks wish to play an instrument or do a “reading” please contact the church office right away as everything needs to be put together for that day. I am hoping to get some of my family to participate as lectors that Sunday. I have no doubt that it will be a great day!

After worship, all are welcome to gather in Weeks Hall for a meal and wonderful fellowship.



OUR MISSION

Dedicated to Living and Spreading God's Word
through Loving Care and Service to All