

St. Andrew Lutheran Church

A Congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

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Sunday, March 17th, 2024 – 10a.m.

Fifth Sunday in Lent

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 Caribbean region. 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, 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

*GATHERING HYMN

A Lamb Goes Uncomplaining Forth

ELW #340

*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who writes the law on our hearts, who draws all people together through Jesus.

C: Amen.

P: Held in God's mercy, let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

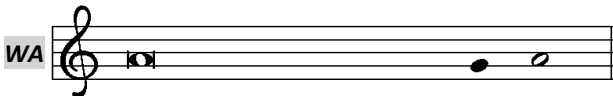
P: Holy God,

C: we confess that we are caught in snares of sin and cannot break free. We hoard resources while our neighbors are hungry and cold. We speak in ways that silence others. We are silent when we should speak up. We keep score in our hearts. We let hurts grow into hatred. For all these things and for sins only you know, forgive us, Lord. Amen.

P: Here is a flood of grace: Out of love for the whole world, God draws near to us, breaks every snare of sin, washes away our wrongs, and restores the promise of life through † Jesus Christ.

C: Amen.

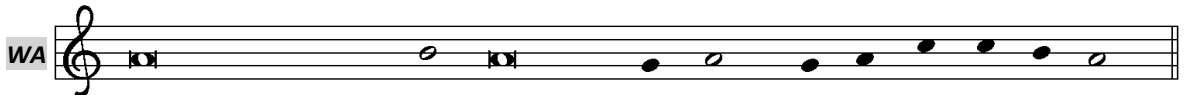
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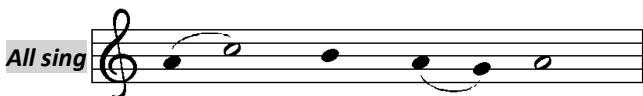
In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



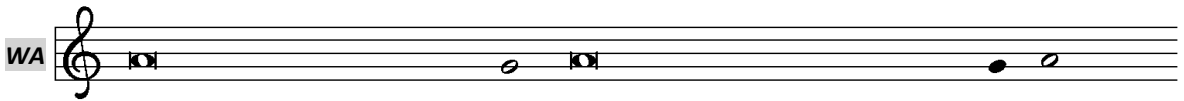
Lord, have mer - cy.



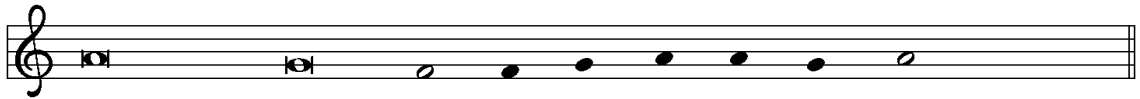
For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



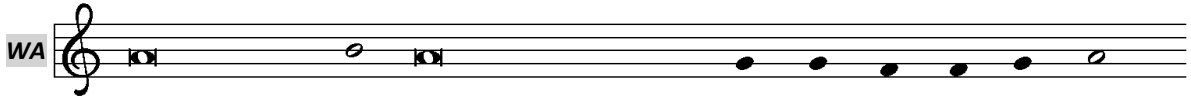
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



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 worship and praise,



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



Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord. A - men.

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

A: Let us pray.

O God, with steadfast love you draw us to yourself, and in mercy you receive our prayers. Strengthen us to bring forth the fruits of the Spirit, that through life and death we may live in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

FIRST READING

Jeremiah 31:31-34

³¹The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. ³²It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the LORD. ³³But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. ³⁴No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other,

“Know the LORD,” for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the LORD; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

A: Holy Wisdom, Holy Word.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM (sung responsively)

Psalm 51:1-12

¹Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love;
in your great compassion blot out my offenses.

²**Wash me through and through from my wickedness,
and cleanse me from my sin.**

³For I know my offenses,
and my sin is ever before me.

⁴**Against you only have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight;
so you are justified when you speak and right in your judgment.**

⁵Indeed, I was born steeped in wickedness,
a sinner from my mother's womb.

⁶**Indeed, you delight in truth deep within me,
and would have me know wisdom deep within.**

⁷Remove my sins with hyssop, and I shall be clean;
wash me, and I shall be purer than snow.

⁸**Let me hear joy and gladness;
that the body you have broken may rejoice.**

⁹Hide your face from my sins,
and blot out all my wickedness.

¹⁰**Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and renew a right spirit within me.**

¹¹Cast me not away from your presence,
and take not your Holy Spirit from me.

¹²**Restore to me the joy of your salvation
and sustain me with your bountiful Spirit.**

SECOND READING

Hebrews 5:5-10

⁵Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him,

“You are my Son,
today I have begotten you”;

⁶as he says also in another place,

“You are a priest forever,
according to the order of Melchizedek.”

⁷In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because

of his reverent submission. ⁸Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; ⁹and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, ¹⁰having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

A: Holy Wisdom, Holy Word.

C: Thanks be to God.

***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**



Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for he is gra - cious and mer - ci - ful,



slow to an - ger, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

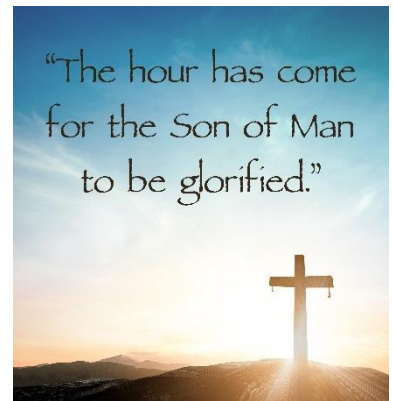
***GOSPEL**

John 12:20-33

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

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

²⁰Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. ²¹They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, “Sir, we wish to see Jesus.” ²²Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. ²³Jesus answered them, “The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. ²⁴Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. ²⁵Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. ²⁶Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honor.



²⁷“Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say—‘Father, save me from this hour’? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. ²⁸Father, glorify your name.” Then a voice came from heaven, “I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.” ²⁹The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, “An angel has spoken to him.” ³⁰Jesus answered, “This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. ³¹Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. ³²And I, when I

am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.”³³He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.

P: In many and various ways God spoke to his people of old by the prophets.

C: But now in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son.

SERMON

Rev. Kenneth T. Saurman

HYMN OF THE DAY

Seed That in Earth Is Dying

ELW #330



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

A: Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

OFFERTORY & *OFFERING



Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right
spir-it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your pres-ence, and
take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re - store un - to me the
joy of your sal - va - tion, and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

*OFFERING PRAYER

A: Jesus, you are the bread of life and the host of this meal. Bless these gifts that we have gathered that all people may know your goodness. Feed us not only with this holy food but with hunger for justice and peace. We pray this in your name.

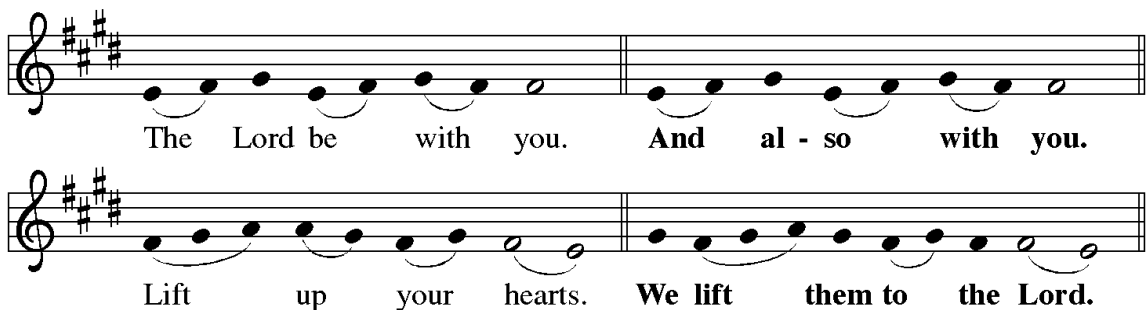
C: Amen.

ANTHEM

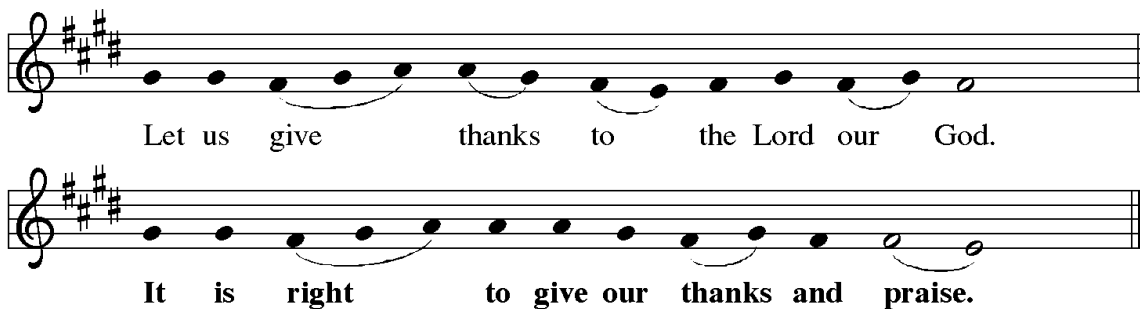
Hymn of Supplication
Have Mercy on Me, O God
St. Andrew Chancel Choir

Donald McAfee
Carl Shalk

*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.

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.

***INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

A: Bread for the journey. A feast for hungry hearts. Come!

COMMUNION HYMN

My Faith Looks Up to Thee

ELW #759

***PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

A: Let us pray.

Generous God, at this table we have tasted your immeasurable grace. As grains of wheat are gathered into one bread, now make us one loaf to feed the world; in the name of Jesus, the Bread of life.

C: Amen.

***BENEDICTION**

P: Beloved, we are God's own people, holy, washed, renewed. God bless you and keep you, shower you with mercy, fill you with courage, and ☩ give you peace.

C: Amen

***SENDING HYMN**

Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing

ELW #545

***DISMISSAL**

A: Go in peace. Share your bread.

C: Thanks be to God.



Lenten Calendar



2/14	6PM	ASH WEDNESDAY
2/18	10AM	FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT
2/21	6PM	1ST MID-WEEK LENTEN WORSHIP
2/25	10AM	SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT
2/28	6PM	2ND MID-WEEK LENTEN WORSHIP
3/3	10AM	THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT
3/6	6PM	3RD MID-WEEK LENTEN WORSHIP
3/10	10AM	FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT
3/13	6PM	4TH MID-WEEK LENTEN WORSHIP
3/17	10AM	FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT
3/20	6PM	5TH MID-WEEK LENTEN WORSHIP
3/24	10AM	PALM SUNDAY / PASSION SUNDAY
3/28	6PM	MAUNDY THURSDAY
3/29	6PM	GOOD FRIDAY
3/30	9AM-5PM	EASTER EVE PRAYER VIGIL



**NO MATTER HOW
DISTANT YOU FEEL,
GOD IS IN YOUR MIDST.**



OUR MISSION

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