

# **ST. ANDREW'S LUTHERAN CHURCH**

**Sunday, April 14, 2024**

**Third Sunday of Easter**

**9:30am Holy Communion Worship Service**



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**TODAY IN WORSHIP**

**Worship Leader:** Pastor Thomas Neel  
**Organist:** Mark Jonkman  
**Audio-Video Production:** Warren Rute  
**Usher:** Linda Trigiani  
**Lector:** Debbie Ealer

**PRELUDE**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**GATHERING SONG**                    *Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen!*                    Hymnal #377

**GREETING**

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

**C**     **And also with you.**

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**A**     Let us pray. 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.

**C**     **Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

**FIRST READING**

**L**     A reading from Acts, Chapter 3.

<sup>12</sup>[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?"<sup>13</sup>The 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. <sup>14</sup>But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, <sup>15</sup>and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. <sup>16</sup>And 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.

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

L Word of God, word of life.

C **Thanks be to God.**

## SECOND READING

L A reading from First John, Chapter 3.

<sup>1</sup>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. <sup>2</sup>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. <sup>3</sup>And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

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

L Word of God, word of life.

C **Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand as you are able.*

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



## GOSPEL: Luke 24:36b-48

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the Twenty-fourth chapter.

C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

P <sup>36b</sup>Jesus himself stood among [the disciples] and said to them, “Peace be with you.” <sup>37</sup>They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. <sup>38</sup>He said to them, “Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? <sup>39</sup>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.” <sup>40</sup>And

when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. <sup>41</sup>While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, “Have you anything here to eat?” <sup>42</sup>They gave him a piece of broiled fish, <sup>43</sup>and he took it and ate in their presence.

<sup>44</sup>Then 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.” <sup>45</sup>Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, <sup>46</sup>and he said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, <sup>47</sup>and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. <sup>48</sup>You are witnesses of these things.”

**P** The gospel of the Lord.

**C** Praise to you, O Christ.

## **CHILDREN’S TIME**

### **SERMON**

*Please stand as you are able.*

### **HYMN OF THE DAY**

*We Know That Christ Is Raised*

Hymnal #449

## **THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM**

*Candidates for baptism parents and sponsors gather with the pastor at the font. The assembly is seated.*

**P** 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:** We present Stella Paige for baptism.

**P** Called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have Stella Paige baptized into Christ?

**Parents:** We do.

**Sponsors:** We present Everly Mae for baptism.

**P** Called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have Everly Mae baptized into Christ?

**Parents:** We do.

**P** As you bring Stella Paige and Everly Mae 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 Stella Paige and Everly Mae grow in the Christian faith and life?

**Stella Paige's Parents:** We do.

**Everly Mae's Parents:** We do.

**P** People of God, do you promise to support Stella Paige and Everly Mae and pray for them in their new life in Christ?

**C** **We do.**

*Please stand as you are able.*

### **PROFESSION OF FAITH**

*The presiding minister addresses the parents.*

**P** 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.

*The presiding minister addresses all who are gathered.*

**P** Do you believe in God the Father?

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

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

**C** **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.**

**P** Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**C** **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**

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** **And also with you.**

**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C** **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.

**C Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

### **BAPTISM**

Stella Paige Spadoni, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C Amen.**

Everly Mae Stutz, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C Amen.**

Let us pray.

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

**C Amen.**

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

**C Amen.**

Stella Paige, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

**C Amen.**

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

**C Amen.**

## WELCOME

*A lighted candle is presented as a symbol of the light of Christ.*

A Stella Paige let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

Everly Mae, let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

*The baptismal group face the assembly.*

A Let us welcome Stella Paige and Everly Mae to their new family.

**C 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.*

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

P 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.*

A 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,

**C hear our prayer.**

A 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,

**C hear our prayer.**

A 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,

**C hear our prayer.**

A 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 illness, grief, hope, and uncertainty especially (\_\_\_\_\_, and) those we now name silently in our hearts. God of grace,

**C hear our prayer.**

A 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 as ourselves and to share in beloved community. God of grace,

**C hear our prayer.**

A O God our resting place, your Son Jesus promised that we are held in your love forever. We remember our beloved who have died especially (\_\_\_\_\_, and) those we now name silently in our hearts. As we remember and share their love, comfort those who mourn. God of grace,

**C** hear our prayer.

A We pray for all retired Bishops of the Northeastern PA Synod. God of grace,

**C** hear our prayer.

A We pray for all who are in need of long-term prayers, especially Jessica, Elaine, Rodney, Ella, John, Lisa, Crystal, Michael, Debbie, Niklas, Lori, David, Laura, David, Paul, Barbara, Ethel, Melissa, John, Doug, and those we now name aloud or silently in our hearts. God of grace,

**C** hear our prayer.

A Peaceful God, we plead for an end to the violence in the Ukraine and Gaza. Comfort those who have lost or are separated from their loved ones due to these conflicts. God of grace,

**C** hear our prayer.

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

P 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**

P The peace of Christ be with you always.

**C** And also with you.

*Please be seated.*

## **OFFERING**

**ANTHEM**    *Look at the World*                      Chancel Choir



**OFFERING SONG**    *Create in Me a Clean Heart*



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 to me the joy of  
your sal-va-tion, and up-hold me with your free Spir-it.

*Please stand as you are able.*

**OFFERTORY PRAYER**

**A** 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.

**C** **Amen.**

**GREAT THANKSGIVING**

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** **And also with you.**

**P** Lift up your hearts.

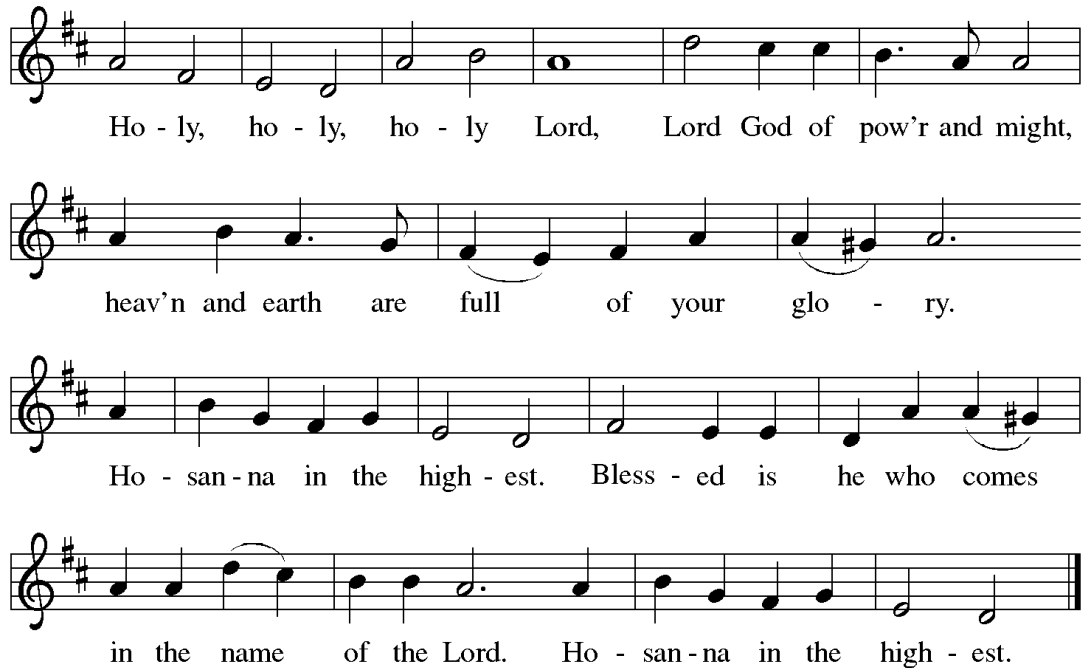
**C** **We lift them to the Lord.**

**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

**P** 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:

## HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



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.

## THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

P Holy, living, and loving God, we praise you for creating the heavens and the earth. We bless you for bringing Noah and his family through the waters of the flood, for freeing your people Israel from the bonds of slavery, and for sending your Son to be our Redeemer. We give you thanks for Jesus who, living among us, healed the sick, fed the hungry, and with a love stronger than death, gave his life for others.

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, therefore, his life-giving death and glorious resurrection, we await your promised life for all this dying world. Breathe your Spirit on us and on this bread and cup: carry us in your arms from death to life, that we may live as your chosen ones, clothed in the righteousness of Christ. Through him all glory and honor is yours, Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy Church, both now and forever.

C Amen.

## LORD'S PRAYER

P Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

C **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

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

*Please be seated.*

## 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.

## Hymns during distribution:

**Now the Silence, Now the Peace**

Hymnal #460

**Now We Join in Celebration**

Hymnal #462

**Amazing Grace**

Hymnal #779

## DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

*Holy Communion will be celebrated at the base of the steps this day or at your seats. All are welcome to receive the bread and the wine. Gluten free wafers are available for those who want them.*

*Please stand as you are able.*

*When all have received Communion:*

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C **Amen.**

### **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

A 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.

C **Amen.**

### **BLESSING**

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 SONG**     *I'm So Glad Jesus Lifted Me*                      Hymnal #860

### **DISMISSAL**

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

C **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

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**BIRTHDAYS...** Logan Brinker, Camiyah George, Samantha Krout, Gayle Ryan, Elizabeth Saville, Meredith Saville, Charles Sensinger.

**Immediate Prayers\*:** Tricia Cappello, Marilyn Cappello, Charlie, Carol Ehler, Niklas Enblom, Rolf Enblom, Maj-Britt Enblom, Pam Garity, Debbie Henry, Jim, Joseph, Rebecca and Mike Lepkowski, Lorenzo, Chris Lynn, Corey Mashintonio, C. David Massey, Matt, Lillian Merrick, Mona, Ron Parks, Rachel, Kamryn Setzer, Diane Shaw, and Bob Sutton.

\*As of March 26, 2024

**Members Homebound/Nursing Home:** Margaret Bennett, Shirley Curto, Lisa Detweiler, Carl Fisher, Theresa Lawhead, Shirley Messenlehner, Irene Neel, Doris Neumeyer, Jim Slater, Ruth Snyder, and Doris Wanamaker.

**Long Term Prayers:**

Jessica Arnoldi, Elaine Bobeck, Rodney Burda, Ella Campbell-Becker, John Clay, Lisa Detweiler, Crystal DiLonardo, Michael DiLonardo, Debbie DiLonardo, Niklas Enblom, Lori Gilbert, David Jackson, Laura Lee Laustsen, David Laustsen, Paul Laustsen, Barbara Lindner, Ethel Shive, Melissa Steckel, John Velekei, and Doug VonNessen.

**Service Members:** MSgt Courtney Baskwell, Lt. Matthew Baskwell, Airman Levi Birchfield, Staff Sgt. Kyle Callantine, PV Anthony Duginski, Captain Vince Franchino, Lt. Elizabeth Gordon, Captain Derek Hartman, Major Kristina Himmelreich, Sgt. Rhiannon Perry, CPO Dennis Shive, Corporal Mark Pollard, and Seaman Recruit Joseph Suhr.

**THIS WEEK AT ST. ANDREW'S**

<b>Sunday, April 14</b>	<b>The Third Sunday of Easter</b> 9:30pm *Holy Communion Worship Service No Confirmation Class
<b>Monday, April 15</b>	7:00pm Parent Partnership Support Group
<b>Tuesday, April 16</b>	7:00pm Easton Musical Arts
<b>Wednesday, April 17</b>	10:00am Comforters/Quilters in Social Room 10:00am Church Administrators at Hope House 7:00pm Bible Study
<b>Thursday, April 18</b>	2:30pm Nursery School Art Show 7:00pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal
<b>Friday, April 19</b>	7:30pm Crossroads AA
<b>Sunday, April 21</b>	<b>The Fourth Sunday of Easter</b> 9:30pm *Holy Communion Worship Service No Confirmation Class

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