

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

**Sunday, April 21, 2024  
Fourth Sunday of Easter  
9:30am Holy Communion Worship Service**



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**PRELUDE**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**GATHERING SONG**

*This Joyful Eastertide*

Hymnal #391

**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. 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.

*Please be seated.*

**PSALM 23** (Spoken in unison)

<sup>1</sup>**The LORD is my shepherd;**

**I shall not be in want.**

<sup>2</sup>**The LORD makes me lie down in green pastures**

**and leads me beside still waters.**

<sup>3</sup>**You restore my soul, O LORD,**

**and guide me along right pathways for your name's sake.**

<sup>4</sup>**Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil;**

**for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.**

<sup>5</sup>**You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;**

**you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is running over.**

<sup>6</sup>**Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,**

**and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.**

## READING

L A reading from First John, Chapter 3.

<sup>16</sup>We know love by this, that [Jesus Christ] laid down his life for us—and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. <sup>17</sup>How 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?

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

<sup>23</sup>And 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. <sup>24</sup>All 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.

L Word of God, word of life.

C **Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand as you are able.*

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



## GOSPEL: John 10:11-18

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the tenth chapter.

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

P [Jesus said:] <sup>11</sup>“I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. <sup>12</sup>The 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. <sup>13</sup>The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. <sup>14</sup>I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, <sup>15</sup>just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. <sup>16</sup>I 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. <sup>17</sup>For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. <sup>18</sup>No 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.**

## **CHILDREN’S TIME**

### **SERMON**

*Please stand as you are able.*

### **HYMN OF THE DAY**

*Shepherd Me, O God*

Hymnal #780

### **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.**

### **FREE PRAYERS**

#### **PEACE**

**P** The peace of Christ be with you always.

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

*Please be seated.*

### **OFFERING**

#### **ANTHEM**

*Days of Elijah*

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.

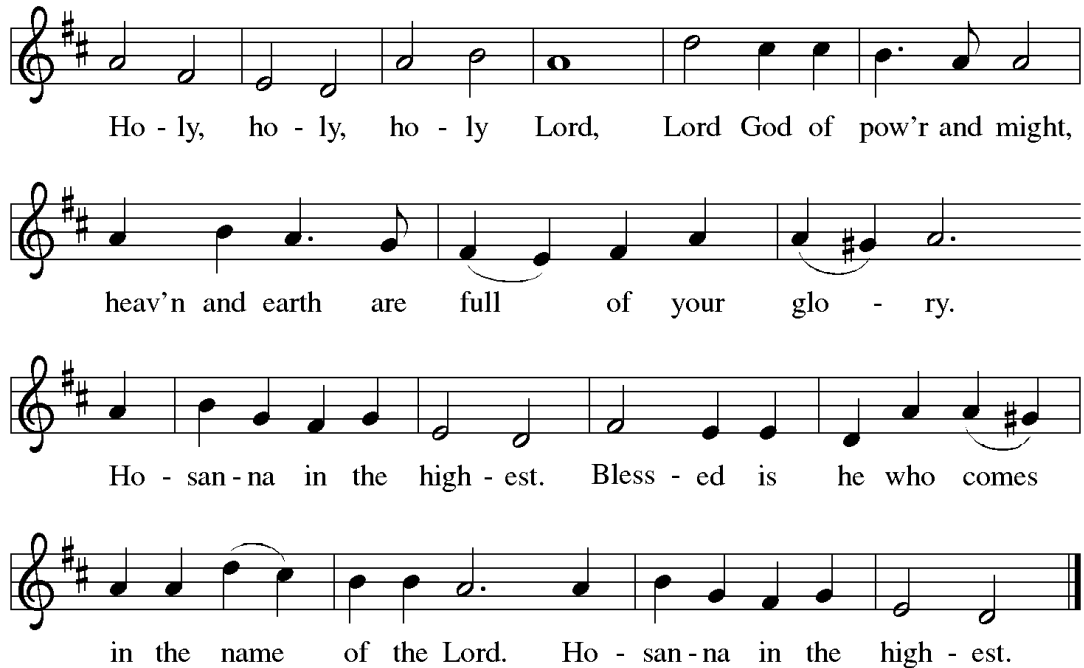
**C** **We lift them to the Lord.**

**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**     *Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us*

Hymnal #789

## DISMISSAL

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

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

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**Immediate Prayers\*:** Tricia Cappello, Marilyn Cappello, Charlie, Carol Ehler, Niklas Enblom, Rolf Enblom, Maj-Britt Enblom, Pam Garity, Jim, Craig Koons, Rebecca and Mike Lepkowski, Lorenzo, Chris Lynn, Corey Mashintonio, C. David Massey, Matt, Ron Parks, Rachel, Diane Shaw, Craig Stecker.

\*As of April 16, 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.

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### **TODAY IN WORSHIP**

<b>Worship Leader:</b>	Pastor Thomas Neel
<b>Worship Assistant:</b>	Guy Ehler
<b>Organist:</b>	Mark Jonkman
<b>Audio-Video Production:</b>	John Costanzo
<b>Usher:</b>	Linda Trigiani

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

<b>Sunday, April 21</b>	<b>The Fourth Sunday of Easter</b> 9:30pm *Holy Communion Worship Service No Confirmation Class
<b>Monday, April 22</b>	7:00pm Parent Partnership Support Group
<b>Tuesday, April 23</b>	<b>Primary Election Day</b> 7:00pm Easton Musical Arts
<b>Wednesday, April 24</b>	7:00pm Bible Study
<b>Thursday, April 25</b>	7:00pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal 7:00pm Community Care Committee via Zoom
<b>Friday, April 26</b>	6:00pm Dinner & Murder Mystery @ United Fellowship Church (Watch email for info) 7:30pm Crossroads AA
<b>Saturday, April 27</b>	<b>Mission District Assembly</b>
<b>Sunday, April 28</b>	<b>The Fifth Sunday of Easter</b> 9:30pm *Holy Communion Worship Service No Confirmation Class

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