

ST. ANDREW'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

Sunday, May 5, 2024

Sixth Sunday of Easter

9:30am Holy Communion Worship Service



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TODAY IN WORSHIP

Worship Leader: Pastor Thomas Neel

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Organist: Mark Jonkman

Audio-Video Production: John Costanzo

Lector: Stefanie Stoudt

Usher: Ed Schaeffer

PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING SONG *Majesty* See Bulletin Page 10.

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 God, you have prepared for those who love you joys beyond understanding. Pour into our hearts such love for you that, loving you above all things, we may obtain your promises, which exceed all we can desire; through Jesus Christ, your Son and our 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 10.

⁴⁴While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. ⁴⁵The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, ⁴⁶for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, ⁴⁷"Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?" ⁴⁸So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days

L Word of God, word of life.

C **Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READING

L A reading from First John, Chapter 5.

¹Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. ²By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. ³For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, ⁴for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. ⁵Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

⁶This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth.

L The word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand as you are able.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL: John 15:9-17

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

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

P [Jesus said:] ⁹“As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. ¹⁰If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commandments and abide in his love. ¹¹I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

¹²“This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. ¹³No one has greater love than this, to lay down one’s life for one’s friends. ¹⁴You are my friends if you do what I command you. ¹⁵I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. ¹⁶You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. ¹⁷I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.”

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

Here I Am, Lord

Hymnal #574

AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM

P Dear friends, we give thanks to God for the gift of baptism and for this confirmand, one with us in the body of Christ, who affirm their baptism this day as a sign of their participation in the life of this community of faith and its mission in the world.

Presentation

L I present the following who desire to affirm their baptism: Kaylee McGowan.

Prayer

P Let us pray. Merciful God, we thank you for this confirmand whom you have made your own by water and the word in baptism. You have called her to yourself, enlightened her with the gifts of your Spirit, and nourished her in the community of faith. Uphold your servant as she affirms the gifts and promises of baptism, and unites the hearts of all whom you have brought to new birth through this holy sacrament. We ask this in the name of Christ.

C Amen.

Renunciation

P As you affirm your baptism, I ask you to reject sin, profess your faith in Christ, and confess the faith of the church. Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

R I renounce them.

P Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

R I renounce them.

P Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

R I renounce them.

Please stand as you are able.

P With the whole church, let us confess our faith. 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 in to 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. Amen.

{The confirmand shall kneel. Parents will come forward at this time}

Please be seated.

Commitment

P Kaylee, you have made public profession of your faith. Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in holy baptism: to live among God's faithful people, to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper, to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed, to serve all people, following the example of Jesus, and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth? If so, answer individually, "I do, and I ask God to help and guide me."

R I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.

P People of God, do you promise to support Kaylee and pray for her in her life in Christ?

C We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.

Blessing

P Let us pray. We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give us new birth, wash us from sin, and raise us to eternal life.

P Father in heaven, for Jesus' sake, stir up in Kaylee the gift of your Holy Spirit; confirm her faith, guide her life, empower her in her serving, give her patience in suffering, and bring her to everlasting life.

C Amen

Please stand as you are able.

Acclamation

P Let us rejoice with Kaylee in Christ.

C We rejoice with you in the life of baptism. Together we will give thanks and praise to God and proclaim the good news to all the world.

FREE PRAYER

PEACE

P The peace of Christ be with you always.

C And also with you.

Please be seated.

OFFERING

ANTHEM You Are The Rock of My Salvation 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:

You Are Holy	Hymnal #525
Let Us Go Now to the Banquet	Hymnal #523
O Living Bread from Heaven	Hymnal #542

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 *On Our Way Rejoicing* Hymnal #537

DISMISSAL

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

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

Congratulations to our Confirmand, Kaylee McGowan, who will be confirmed today at this service. Please greet her in the Narthex after the service to wish her well. Our best wishes and blessings go out to her.

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

*As of April 30, 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.

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THIS WEEK AT ST. ANDREW'S

Sunday, May 5	The Sixth Sunday of Easter 9:30pm *Holy Communion Worship Service/Confirmation
Monday, May 6	7:00pm Parent Partnership Support Group 7:00pm Worship & Music at Hope House
Tuesday, May 7	7:00pm Property Team via Zoom 7:00pm Easton Musical Arts
Wednesday, May 8	10:00am St. Andrew's Women 7:00pm Bible Study
Thursday, May 9	10:00pm Safety Committee at Hope House 7:00pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Friday, May 10	7:30pm Crossroads AA
Saturday, May 11	2:00pm Ladies' Tea
Sunday, May 12	The Seventh Sunday of Easter Mother's Day 9:30pm *Holy Communion Worship Service

*This service is live broadcast and recorded.

Majesty

G Am⁷ G/B C G⁶/B Am⁷ C/D D

Maj - es - ty, wor - ship his maj - es - ty: un - to

G D/F# Em⁷ A⁷ D⁷ sus D⁷

Je - sus be all glo - ry, hon - or, and praise.

G Am⁷ G/B C G⁶/B

Maj - es - ty, king - dom au - thor - i - ty

Am⁷ Cm/Eb G/D Am⁷ D⁷ C/D D⁷

flows from his throne un - to his own; his an - them

G C/G G Bm⁷ Bbdim⁷ Am⁷ D⁷ C/D D⁷

raise. So ex - alt, lift up on high the name of

G C/G G Bm⁷ Bbdim⁷ Am⁷

Je - sus. Mag - ni - fy, come glo - ri -

D⁷ C/D D⁷/C B Am⁷ D

fy Christ Je - sus, the king.

G Am⁷ G/B C G⁶/B

Maj - es - ty, wor - ship his maj - es - ty: