

ST. ANDREW'S LUTHERAN CHURCH
RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD
EASTER SUNDAY
APRIL 20, 2025



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**WELCOME
ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Please stand as you are able.

GATHERING HYMN *Christ is Risen! Alleluia!*

Hymnal #382

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.**

HYMN OF PRAISE

A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing! (Stanzas 1, 3, & 5)

Hymnal #393

PRAYER OF THE DAY

A Let us pray. O God, you gave your only Son to suffer death on the cross for our redemption, and by his glorious resurrection you delivered us from the power of death. Make us die every day to sin, that we may live with him forever in the joy of the resurrection, through your Son, Jesus Christ 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.

Peter began to speak to [the people]: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality,³⁵but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him.

³⁶You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. ³⁷That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: ³⁸how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. ³⁹We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; ⁴⁰but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, ⁴¹not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. ⁴²He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. ⁴³All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

L Word of God, word of life.

C **Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM***He Is Risen!***

Chancel Choir

SECOND READING

L A reading from First Corinthians, Chapter 15

¹⁹ If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied.

²⁰ But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died. ²¹ For since death came through a human being, the resurrection of the dead has also come through a human being; ²² for as all die in Adam, so all will be made alive in Christ. ²³ But each in his own order: Christ the first fruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. ²⁴ Then comes the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, after he has destroyed every ruler and every authority and power. ²⁵ For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. ²⁶ The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

L Word of God, word of life.

C Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**GOSPEL: John 20:1-18 (The Gospel will be read from the congregation)**

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

C Glory to you, O Lord.

P ¹Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. ²So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him." ³Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. ⁴The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. ⁵He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not

go in. ⁶Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, ⁷and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. ⁸Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; ⁹for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. ¹⁰Then the disciples returned to their homes.

¹¹But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; ¹²and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. ¹³They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him." ¹⁴When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. ¹⁵Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?" Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away." ¹⁶Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to him in Hebrew, "Rabbouni!" (which means Teacher). ¹⁷Jesus said to her, "Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'" ¹⁸Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord"; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

CHILDRENS' TIME

SERMON

Please stand as you are able.

HYMN OF THE DAY

Thine Is the Glory

Hymnal #376

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

P God of resurrection and new life, we come before you in prayer for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

A brief silence.

A Kindle new life in your church. Encourage all who seek creative ways to share the good news of Christ's resurrection. Bless mission developers and new ministries, that their work plant seeds that flourish. God of grace,

C hear our prayer.

A Nourish new life in all of creation. Shower forests and grasslands, deserts, and mountains with life-giving rains. Grant us delight in your glory that shows forth in all that grows this season. God of grace,

C hear our prayer.

A Empower new life among the nations. As you raised Jesus from the dead, bring new hope for peace and reconciliation in places of war and strife. Raise up leaders who are steadfast in their commitment to justice and transformation. God of grace,

C hear our prayer.

A Bring new hope among all who are in need, especially neighbors without homes or food, and those whose housing or food supply is at risk. Bring healing to all who are fearful, ill, or grieving. God of grace,

C hear our prayer.

A Awaken new life in this place. Open our hearts to ways you are calling us to be at work in the world and our community. Give us courage to boldly share your love for all people beyond our walls. God of grace,

C hear our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

A Trusting in the promises of the resurrection, we remember with thanksgiving our beloved dead. Sustain us with a living hope until we are reunited with them and all the saints at the heavenly banquet. God of grace,

C hear our prayer.

P We commend these and all our prayers to you, O God, trusting that you are always with us; in the name of Jesus Christ, our risen Savior.

C **Amen.**

PEACE

P The peace of Christ be with you always.

C **And also with you.**

Please be seated.

OFFERING

ANTHEM

Gloria

Chancel Choir

Please stand as you are able.

OFFERTORY



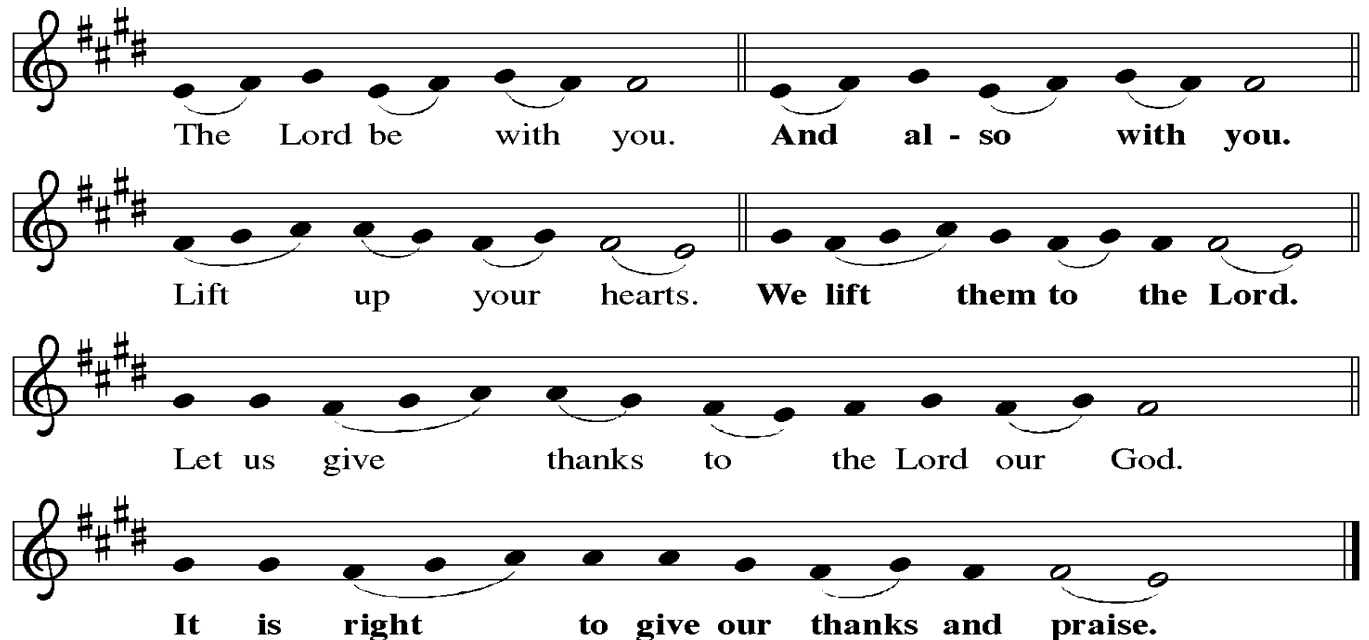
Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right
spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your pres - ence, and take
not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re - store to me the joy of
your sal - va - tion, and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

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



The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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:

HYMN

Now the Green Blade Rises

Hymnal #379

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

P O God most mighty, O God most merciful, O God our rock and our salvation, hear us as we praise, call us to your table, grant us your life.

When the earth was a formless void, you formed order and beauty. When Abraham and Sarah were barren, you sent them a child; When the Israelites were enslaved, you led

them to freedom. Ruth faced starvation, David fought Goliath, and the psalmists cried out for healing, and full of compassion, you granted the people your life.

You entered our sorrows in Jesus our brother. He was born among the poor, he lived under oppression,
he wept over the city. With infinite love, he granted the people your life.

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 his death, we cry out Amen. **[Amen.]**

Celebrating his resurrection, we shout Amen. **[Amen.]**

Trusting his presence in every time and place, we plead Amen. **[Amen.]**

O God, you are Breath: send your Spirit on this meal.

O God, you are Bread: feed us with yourself.

O God, you are Wine: warm our hearts and make us one.

O God, you are Fire: transform us with hope.

O God most majestic, O God most motherly, O God our strength and our song, you show us a vision of a tree of life with fruits for all and leaves that heal the nations. Grant us such life, the life of the Father to the Son, the life of the Spirit of our risen Savior, life in you, 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 Come to the banquet, for all is now ready.

Please be seated.

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 and juice are also available.

Hymns During Distribution:

Now We Join in Celebration	Hymnal #462
As the Grains of Wheat	Hymnal #465
I Received the Living God	Hymnal #477
You Satisfy the Hungry Heart	Hymnal #484

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 The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy
The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace

C **Amen.**

SENDING SONG

Jesus Christ is Risen Today

Hymnal #365

DISMISSAL

A Alleluia! Christ is risen.

C **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

A Go in peace. Tell what God has done.

C **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

TODAY IN WORSHIP

Worship Leader: Pastor Thomas Neel
Organist: Mark Jonkman
Worship Assistant: David Abel
Audio-Video Production: John Costanzo
Ushers: Linda Trigiani, Ron Roth and Ed Schaeffer
Greeter: Chris Lynn

Our Friends Celebrating Birthdays This Week: Logan Brinker, Courtney Gimbar, Victor Machado, Greg Pickel, Mary Saville, and April Shaheen.

Immediate Prayers*: Ayda, Carl Elser, Evelyne Tosini, Kamilah, Jean Pleiss, Marge Weidner, Mary DiEmedio, Mike U, Niklas, Olof and Ashley Kjellberg, Penny, Rose Marie Kjellberg, Robert Griffiths, Shirley, and Sylvia Gallop. **As of April 14, 2025*

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

Long Term Prayers: Jessica Arnoldi, Elaine Bobeck, Rodney Burda, Charlie, John Clay, Crystal DiLonardo, Michael DiLonardo, Debbie DiLonardo, Carol Ehler, Niklas Enblom, Maj-Britt Enblom, Pam Garity, Lori Gilbert, David Jackson, Keith, Ingvar Kjellberg, Laura Lee Laustsen, David Laustsen, Paul Laustsen, Barbara Lindner, Ethel Shive, Melissa Steckel, 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, Major Derek Hartman, Major Kristina Himmelreich, Ensign Jan-Oskar Kjellberg, Lt. Col. (Retired) Sten Kjellberg, Sgt. Rhiannon Perry, Corporal Mark Pollard, and Seaman Recruit Joseph Suhr.

8:30AM LIVE STREAM VIA ZOOM

Zoom link for Live Streaming:

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COMING UP THIS WEEK AT ST. ANDREW'S

Sunday, April 20	Easter Sunday/Resurrection of Our Lord 9:30pm Holy Communion Worship Service
Monday, April 21	Nursery School Closed Church Office Closed 7:00pm Spiritual Gifts 7:00pm Parent Partnership Support Group
Tuesday, April 22	7:00pm Community Care Team via Zoom 7:00pm Easton Musical Arts
Thursday, April 24	6:30pm Bell Choir Rehearsal 7:30pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Friday, April 25	7:30pm Crossroads AA
Sunday, April 27	The Second Sunday of Easter 9:30pm Holy Communion Worship Service

April Offering Counters: Janet Rhymer and Donna George

April Altar Guild: Sue Heater

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Easter Flowers are given to the glory of God by:

Debbie Ashton-Chase in memory of Arlene and Kline Ashton.

Sharon and Charles Bleice in memory of their parents.

Elizabeth Campbell in memory of her father, Raymond, and brother David Campbell.

Betty Detweiler in memory of parents, grandparents, and brother. Flowers were also given in honor of her children and grandsons.

Deborah Ealer in memory of Helen and Walter Ealer and James Ealer.

Sylvia Gallop in honor of her family.

Rich and Sue Heater in memory of Calvin, Viola, and Alan Heater, and in memory of Willard and Marion Border.

The Himmelreich Family in memory of all family members who have entered eternal rest and in honor of our six grandchildren.

David and Louise Kolb in memory of loved ones.

Diane and Dave Laustsen in memory of son, Daniel Matthew Laustsen, and mother, Josephine DiLonardo. Flowers were also given in honor of grandchildren Josephine, Collins, and Welles.

Melanie and Chris Lynn in memory of Christopher B. Lynn, Melvin and Joan Gordon, and Melissa Gordon.

Marie Paulus in memory of husband Jerry Paulus, Sr., and in honor of her children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren.

Bob and Sue Pettit in memory of Cory Pettit, Don Shive, Adam Shive, and Capt. Christopher S. Seifert, and in honor of Sage Donald and Eila Grace Pettit.

Janet Rhymer in memory of her parents and grandparents, and in honor of her children and grandchildren.

Laurie and Ron Roth in memory of their parents and in honor of their grandchildren Morgan, Nora, Joshua, Jack, and Avery.

Marti Sales in memory of Nancy Sales.

Kathy and Ed Schaeffer in honor of their grandchildren Nolan, Spencer, Corbin, and Mia.

Linda Trigiani in memory of parents Arlene and Richard "Lindy" McIntyre and our littlest angel granddaughter Avery Gracy Lepkowski, and in honor of our grandchildren Lambros and Lena Zumas and Finley Lepkowski.

Janet Ward in memory of Joe Rizzolino.