

ST. ANDREW'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

The Fifth Sunday of Lent
Sunday, April 6, 2025



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9:30am Holy Communion Service

The Zoom link can now be found at the end of the bulletin.

TODAY IN WORSHIP

Presiding:	Pastor Thomas Neel
Organist:	Mark Jonkman
Worship Assistant:	David Abel
Ushers:	Kathy Brandt and Sue Pettit
Church Time Nursery:	Sharon Bleice and Abby Stutz
Greeter:	Ed Schaeffer
Audio/Visual:	John Costanzo

PRELUDE

SPECIAL MUSIC *Thanksgiving at the Table*
The Congregation is invited to sing with the Chancel Choir.

Thanksgiving at the Table

SATB Choral Part

Mark S Jonkman
Written for St. Andrew's Church in 2013

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Piano

We praise you, O God. We

5

bless you, O God. We thank you, O

9

God. Christ has died. Christ is

13

ri - sen Christ will come a - gain.

17

A men

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please stand as you are able.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P In the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

A brief silence.

P Gracious God, have mercy on us.

C We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen

P God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of ✠ Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

C Amen.

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

This is the Feast

Refrain

Assisting minister



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al - le - lu - ia.

All



1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo-ple of God. Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and



strength, and hon - or and bless-ing and glo - ry are his.

Refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al - le - lu - ia.

2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God and join in the

hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing and hon - or and glo - ry and

might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

Final refrain

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain

has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

A Let us pray.

Creator God, you prepare a new way in the wilderness, and your grace waters our desert. Open our hearts to be transformed by the new thing you are doing, that our lives may proclaim the extravagance of your love given to all through 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.

PSALM 126



¹ When the Lord restored the for- | tunes of Zion,
then were we like | those who dream.

² **Then was our mouth filled with laughter, and our tongue with | shouts of joy.**
Then they said among the nations, "The Lord has done great | things for them."

³ The Lord has done great | things for us,
and we are | glad indeed.

⁴ **Restore our for- | tunes, O Lord,**
like the watercourses | of the Negeb.

⁵ Those who | sowed with tears
will reap with | songs of joy.

⁶ **Those who go out weeping, carry- | ing the seed,**
will come again with joy, shoulder- | ing their sheaves.

SECOND READING

L A reading from Philippians Chapter 3

[Paul writes:] ^{4b} If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: ⁵ circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; ⁶ as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.

⁷ Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. ⁸ More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ ⁹ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. ¹⁰ I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, ¹¹ if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

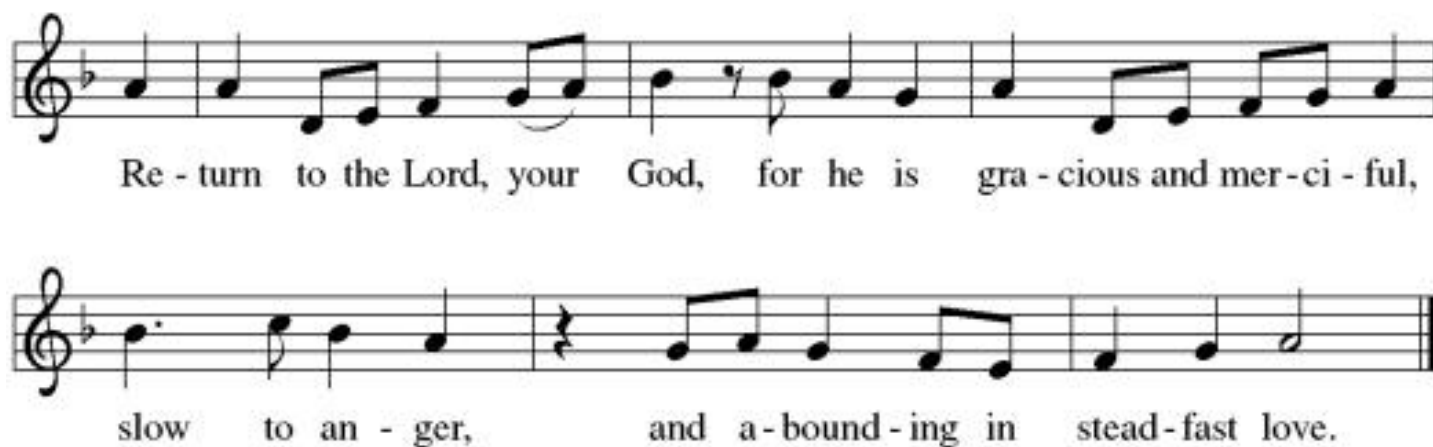
¹² Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. ¹³ Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, ¹⁴ I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

L Word of God, word of life.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand as you are able.

LENTEN SENTENCE



GOSPEL: JOHN 12:1-8

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

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

P ¹Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. ²There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him. ³Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. ⁴But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, ⁵"Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?" ⁶(He said this not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.) ⁷Jesus said, "Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. ⁸You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me."

P The gospel of the Lord.

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

Please be seated.

CHILDREN'S TIME

SERMON

Please stand as you are able.

HYMN OF THE DAY

As the Deer Runs to the River

ELW 331

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

Renew Us, O Lord

Chancel Choir

Please stand as you are able.

OFFERING SONG



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

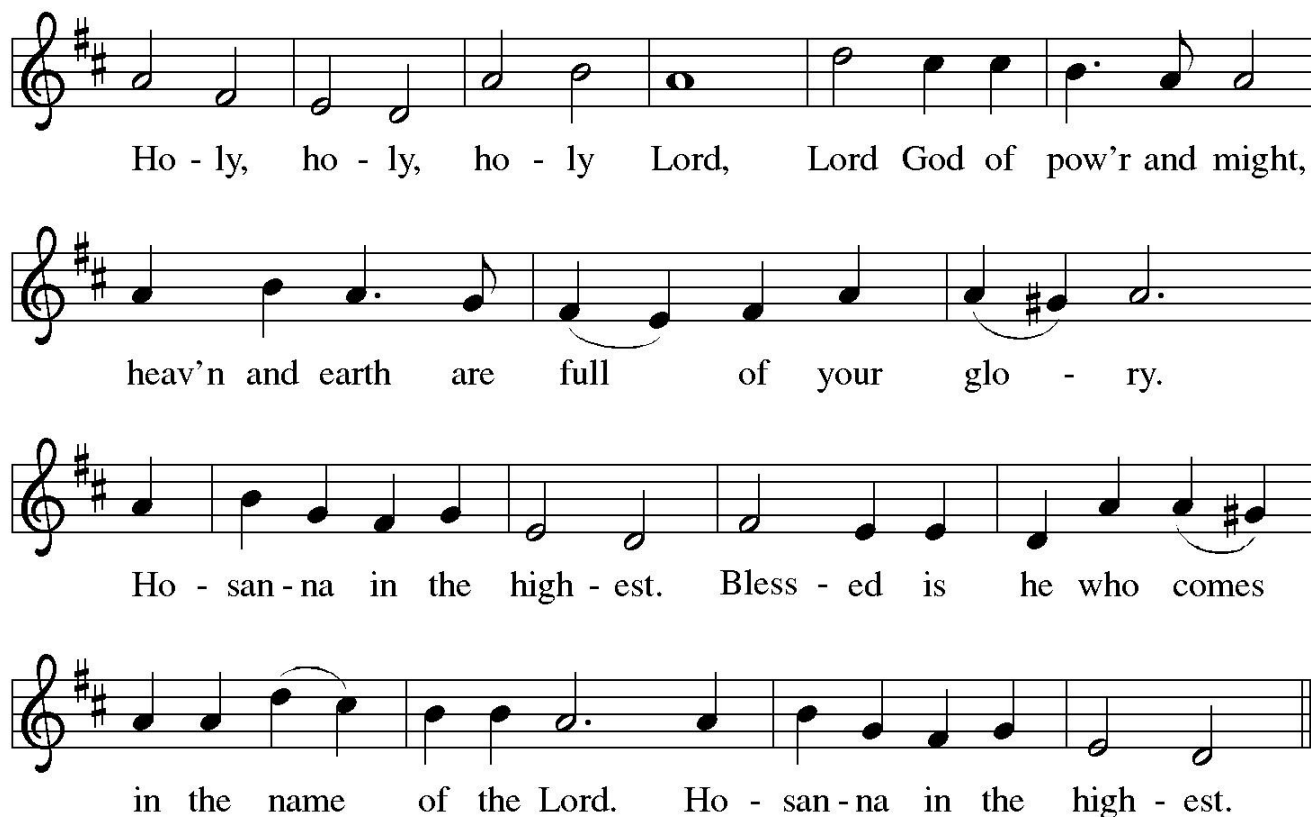
- A Let us pray. God our provider, you have not fed us with bread alone, but with words of grace and life. Bless us and these your gifts, which we receive from your bounty, through Jesus Christ our Lord.
- C Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING



- 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, through our Savior Jesus Christ.
- You call your people to cleanse their hearts and prepare with joy for the paschal feast, that, renewed in the gift of baptism, we may come to the fullness of your grace.
- And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, 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.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

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.

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.

LORD'S PRAYER

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

C **Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P Taste and see that the Lord is good.

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:

The King of Love My Shepherd Is

We Come to the Hungry Feast

What Feast of Love

Hymnal #502

Hymnal #479

Hymnal #487

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, wine or grape juice. Gluten free wafers and grape juice are also available.

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. Compassionate God, you have fed us with the bread of heaven. Sustain us in our Lenten pilgrimage: may our fasting be hunger for justice; our alms, a making of peace; and our prayer, the song of grateful hearts, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

BLESSING

P Almighty God, Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

C Amen.

SENDING SONG

Go Out with Joy

(following page)

Go out with joy

Em Am CM⁷

Go out with joy and be led forth in peace, the moun - tains and the hills

Bm⁷ Em Em

shall break forth sing - ing. sing - ing. And

Am⁷ D⁷ GM⁷ Em Am

all the trees of the field shall clap their hands, the Lord al -

D Em B⁷/F# Em/G Em Am⁷ D⁷

might-y shall be praised. And all the trees of the field

GM⁷ CM⁷ Am Bm⁷ Em

shall clap their hands, the word of the Lord shall be for - ev - er.

DISMISSAL

A Go in peace. Christ is with you.

C Thanks be to God.

This Week in the Life of St. Andrew's:

Monday, April 7	7:00pm Worship and Music Committee, Hope House 7:00pm Parent Partnership Support Group
Tuesday, April 8	7:00pm Easton Musical Arts
Wednesday, April 9	10:00am St. Andrew's Women, Social Room 6:00pm Soup Supper at St. Andrew's 7:00pm Lenten Service at St. Andrew's
Thursday, April 10	6:30pm Handbell Choir Rehearsal 7:30pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Friday, April 11	7:30pm Crossroads AA
Sunday, April 13	9:30am Palm/Passion Sunday *Holy Communion Worship Service *This service is live broadcast and recorded.

April Altar Guild: Sue Heater

April Offering Counters: Donna George & Janet Rhymer

Zoom link for Live Broadcast

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82677651018?pwd=d1NSZ2V4NTVtMnFJaGp0Mm5GdTZrQT09>

By phone: +1 646-558-8656 (New York) or +1-312-626-6799 (Chicago) TOLL CHARGES MAY APPLY.

Meeting ID: 826 7765 1018

Passcode: 454700

Celebrating Birthdays This Week:

Niklas Enblom, Lucas Foulk, Quamere Grant, Laura Heebner, Bonny Reese, David Sales, Alan Schaeffer, and Susan Thorpe.

Please Keep These Friends and Family Members in Your Prayers:

Immediate Prayers*: Ashley and Olaf Kjellberg, Carl Elser, Evelynne Tosini, Gary Trigiani, Gerry Heebner, Guy Ehler, Jean Pleiss, Kamilah, Marge Weidner, Mary DiEmedio, Mike U, Penny, Niklas Enblom, Robert Griffiths, Rose Marie Kjellberg, Shirley, and Sylvia Gallop. **as of March 27th*

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

Long Term Prayers: Barbara Lindner, Carol Ehler, Charlie, Crystal DiLonardo, David Jackson, David Laustsen, Debbie and Michael DiLonardo, Doug VonNessen, Elaine Bobeck, Ethel Shive, Frances Rankin, Ingvar Kjellberg, Jennifer, Jessica Arnoldi, John Clay, Karyn Israel, Keith, Laura Lee Laustsen, Lori Gilbert, Maj-Britt Enblom, Melissa Steckel, Nancy, Pam Garity, Paul, Paul Laustsen, Rodney Burda, and Wes Webber.

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.

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