Sunday, April 5, 2026
Resurrection of Our Lord

ST. ANDREW'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Resurrection of Our Lord: Easter Sunday
April 5, 2026

Welcome to all who are worshipping here today. All Baptized Christians are welcome to receive communion at the Lord's table.

For those you may need assistance hearing the service, as Assistive Listening System is available from the ushers or at the Audio/Visual Table.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please stand as you are able.

GATHERING HYMN ***Christ Is Risen! Alleluia!*** Red 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) Red 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, [35]but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. [36]You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. [37]That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: [38]how 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.

[39]We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; [40]but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, [41]not 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. [42]He 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. [43]All 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 ***The Day That Changed Everything*** Chancel Choir

SECOND READING

L A reading from Colossians, Chapter 3.

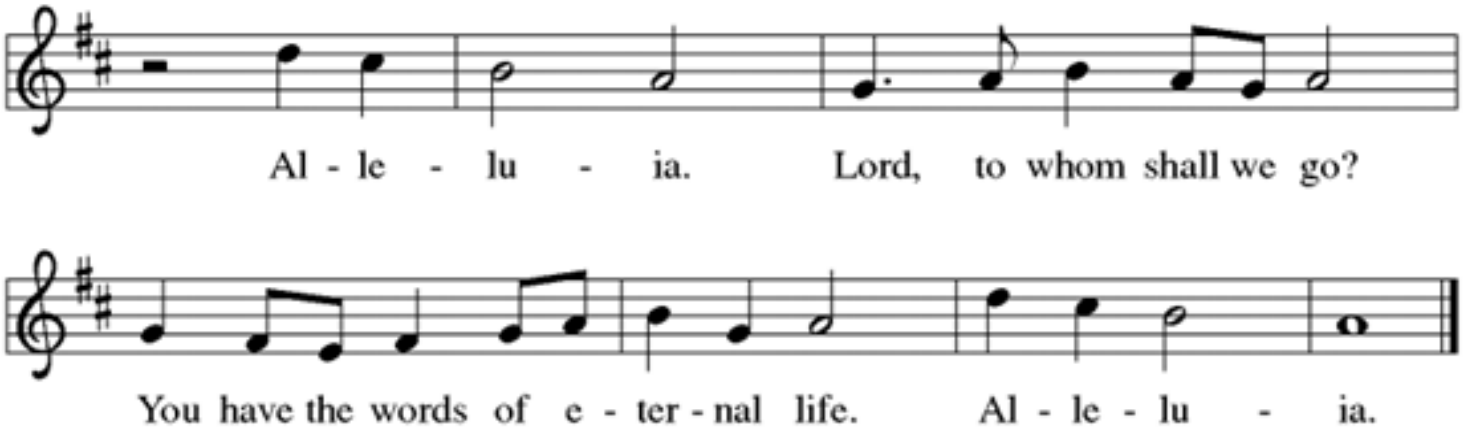
[1] If you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. [2] Set your minds on the things that are above, not on the things that are on earth, [3] for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. [4] When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

L Word of God, word of life.

C Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



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GOSPEL: John 20:1-18

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

C Glory to you, O Lord.

P [1] Early 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. [2] So 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." [3] Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. [4] The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. [5] He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. [6] Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, [7] and the cloth that had been on Jesus's head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. [8] Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed, [9] for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. [10] Then the disciples returned to their homes.

[11] But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb, [12] and 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. [13] They 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." [14] When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. [15] Jesus 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." [16] Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to him in Hebrew, "Rabbouni!" (which means Teacher). [17] Jesus said to her, "Do not touch 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.' " [18] Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord," and she told them that he had said these things to her.

L Word of God, word of life.

C Thanks be to God.

Please be seated.

CHILDRENS' TIME

SERMON

Please stand as you are able.

HYMN OF THE DAY ***Thine Is the Glory*** Red 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 Trusting in the power of Christ's resurrection to heal and redeem our broken world, let us pray for the needs of all creation.

A brief silence.

A Risen Savior, you have conquered death and opened the gates of everlasting life. Dispel our doubts and fears and renew our faith and hope in you. Merciful God,

C receive our prayer.

A Life-giving God, the created world rejoices in Christ's victory over death. May all the earth be renewed by the light of Jesus' resurrection, and may we be faithful stewards of all you have made. Merciful God,

C receive our prayer.

A Sovereign God, let the nations acknowledge your reign of justice and truth. Where violence, oppression, and corruption hold sway, pour out your holy and life-giving Spirit to transform and redeem. Merciful God,

C receive our prayer.

A Gentle Shepherd, like the women at the empty tomb, many grieve or feel lost and afraid. Draw near to those who are ill or in pain. Reveal yourself to them as the Risen One. Merciful God,

C receive our prayer.

A Faithful God, we thank you for the living hope you give us through Christ's resurrection. Bless this community, that we may boldly proclaim Christ's victory over death in word and deed. Merciful God,

C receive our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

A Eternal One, we give thanks for all who have died and now share in the joy of your resurrection. Bring us, with them, to the unending feast of your victory. Merciful God,

C receive our prayer.

P God of resurrection power, use us and these prayers to proclaim the good news of new life to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Savior.

C Amen.

PEACE

P The peace of Christ be with you always.

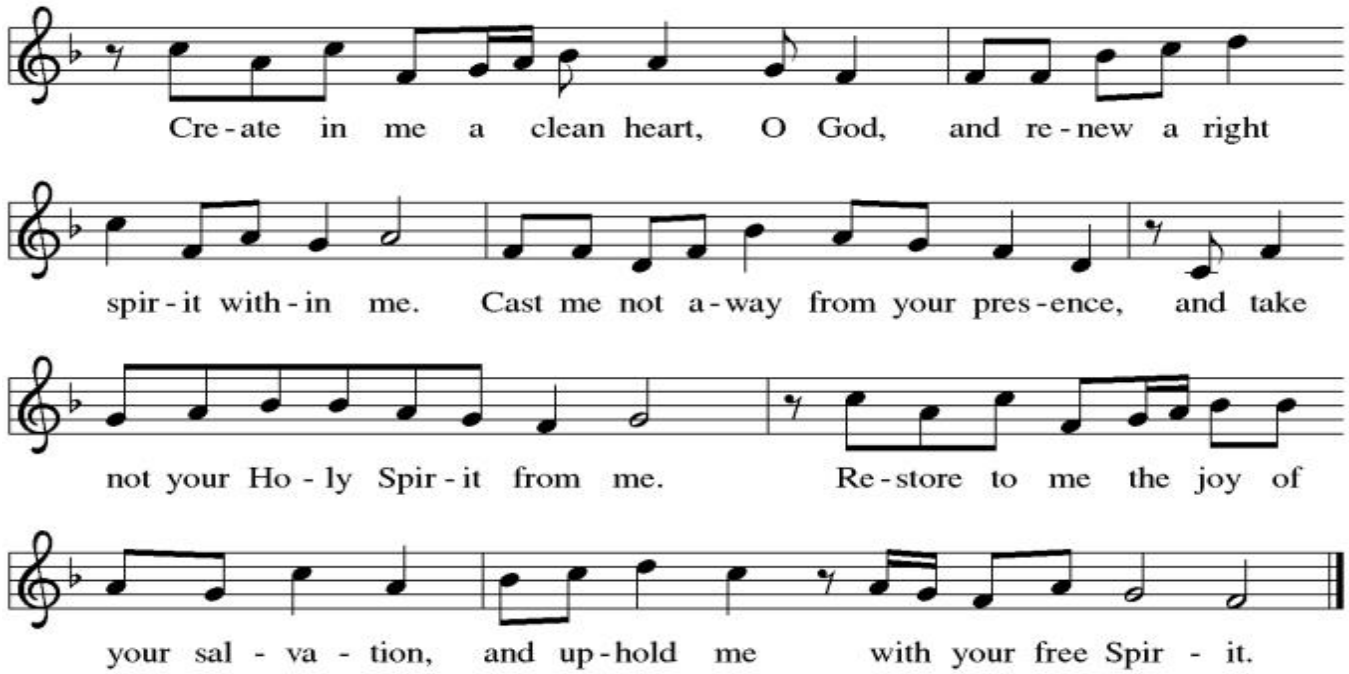
C And also with you.

Please be seated.

OFFERING

ANTHEM ***Joy in the Morning*** Chancel Choir

Please stand as you are able.

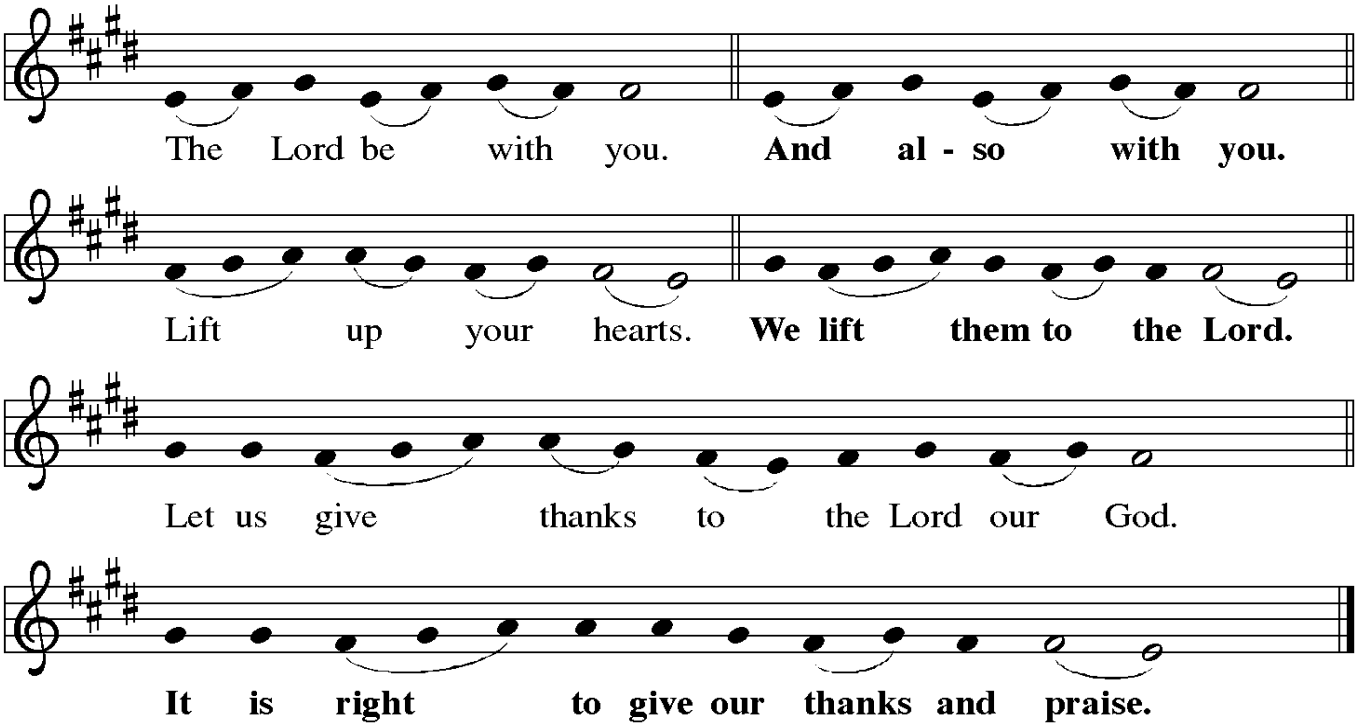


OFFERTORY PRAYER

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



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

Please be seated.

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 or at your seats. All are welcome to receive the bread and the wine. Gluten free wafers and grape juice are also available. Children are welcome to receive a blessing and a fish cracker.

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*** Red 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
Audio-Video Production: John Costanzo
Worship Assistant: Lois Ritchie
Lector: Stefanie Stoudt
Ushers: Ed Schaeffer, Linda Trigiani, and Ron Roth

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Immediate Prayers: Kevin Gallagher, Rich Heater, Deb Henry, Doug LaFauci, Carol Laustsen, Chris Lynn, Jim Pennoyer, Kevin Prendergast, and Danielle Smith.

Members Homebound/Nursing Home: Margaret Bennett, Shirley Curto, Lisa Detweiler, Carol Ehler, Carl Fisher, Joan Holland, Theresa Lawhead, Irene Neel, Doris Neumeyer, Jean Pleiss, Doris Wanamaker, and Marge Weidner.

Long Term Prayers: Jessica Arnoldi, Elaine Bobeck, Rodney Burda, Charlie, John Clay, Dianna Dillian, Crystal DiLonardo, Michael DiLonardo, Debbie DiLonardo, Carol Ehler, Niklas Enblom, Maj-Britt Enblom, Lori Gilbert, Ryan Gorrie, Karen Israel, David Jackson, Sandy Joyce, Jennifer, Kamilah, Keith, Ingvar Kjellberg, Laura Lee Laustsen, Barbara Lindner, Nancy, Paul, Penny, Dan Philipps, Rachel, Lisa and Jim Reinish, Shirley, Ethel Shive, Andi Steckel, 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.

THIS WEEK AT ST. ANDREW'S

Sunday, April 5	**Easter Sunday/Resurrection of Our Lord**
	9:30am Worship Service
Monday, April 6	**Church Office Closed**
	Nursery School Closed
	1:00pm Worship and Music at Hope House
	7:00pm Parent Partnership Support Group
Tuesday, April 7	Nursery School Closed
	7:00pm Property Committee via Zoom
	7:00pm Easton Musical Arts
Wednesday, April 8	10:00am St. Andrew's Women – Social Room
Thursday, April 9	7:00pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Friday, April 10	7:30pm Crossroads AA
Sunday, April 12	**The Second Sunday of Easter**
	9:30am Worship Service

Easter Flowers are given to the glory of God by

David Abel in memory of mother, Shirley D. Abel.

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

Laura, Carl, Tyler, Heather, Chase, and Willow Azzalina in memory of our parents and grandparents Lucille and Chester Miers and Ruth and James Mowery.

Charles and Sharon Bleice in memory of Herbert and Katherine Bleice and Edmund and Bertha Becker.

Rene Boylan in memory of mother, Marion Hinkle.

Betty Detweiler in memory of her parents and grandparents and in honor of her children and grandsons.

Sylvia Gallop in memory of her Heavenly Family.

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

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

Linda and Jim Pennoyer in memory of Patricia and Mark Kist and Pauline Kist.

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

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

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

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

Linda Trigiani in memory of parents Richard (Lindy) and Arlene McIntyre and granddaughter Avery Grace Lepkowski and in honor of grandchildren Lambros, Lena, Finley, Ella, and Logan.

Malena Viscomi in memory of Pauline and Terry Miller and Rosa and Joe Viscomi.

Janet Ward and Family in memory of Joe Rizzolino.