

Sunday, April 12, 2026
The Second Sunday of Easter



ST. ANDREW'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Sunday, April 12, 2026

9:30am Worship Service

PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please stand as you are able.

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

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

C **Amen.**

The presiding minister addresses the assembly.

P Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight.

Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family. Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By water and your Word you claim us as daughters and sons, making us heirs of your promise and servants of all.

We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life, and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ. Shower us with your Spirit, and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love.

To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds

Red Hymnal #367

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. Almighty and eternal God, the strength of those who believe and the hope of those who doubt, may we, who have not seen, have faith in you and receive the fullness of Christ's blessing, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Please be seated.

PSALM 16 (spoken)

L ¹ Protect me, O God, for I take refuge in you;

I have said to the Lord, "You are my Lord, my good above all other."

C ² **All my delight is in the godly that are in the land,
upon those who are noble among the people.**

L ³ But those who run after other gods shall have their troubles multiplied.

C ⁴ **I will not pour out drink offerings to such gods, never take their names upon my lips.**

L ⁵ O Lord, you are my portion and my cup; it is you who uphold my lot.

C ⁶ **My boundaries enclose a pleasant land; indeed, I have a rich inheritance.**

L ⁷ I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel; my heart teaches me night after night.

C ⁸ **I have set the Lord always before me;**

because God is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken.

L ⁹ My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices; my body also shall rest in hope.

C ¹⁰ **For you will not abandon me to the grave, nor let your holy one see the pit.**

L ¹¹ You will show me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy, and in your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

SECOND READING

L A reading from 1 Peter, the First Chapter.

³ Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead ⁴ and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, ⁵ who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. ⁶ In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, ⁷ so that the genuineness of your faith—being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. ⁸ Although you have not seen him, you love him, and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, ⁹ for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

L The word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand as you are able.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?



You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

GOSPEL: John 20:19-31

P The holy gospel according to St. John, the Twentieth Chapter.

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

P ¹⁹ When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors were locked where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁰ After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹ Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." ²² When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³ If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

²⁴ But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵ So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

²⁶ A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁷ Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." ²⁸ Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" ²⁹ Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

³⁰ Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples that are not written in this book. ³¹ But these are written so that you may continue to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

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.

We Walk By Faith

Red Hymnal #635

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.

PRAYERS

PEACE

P The peace of Christ be with you always.

C And also with you.

Please be seated.

OFFERING

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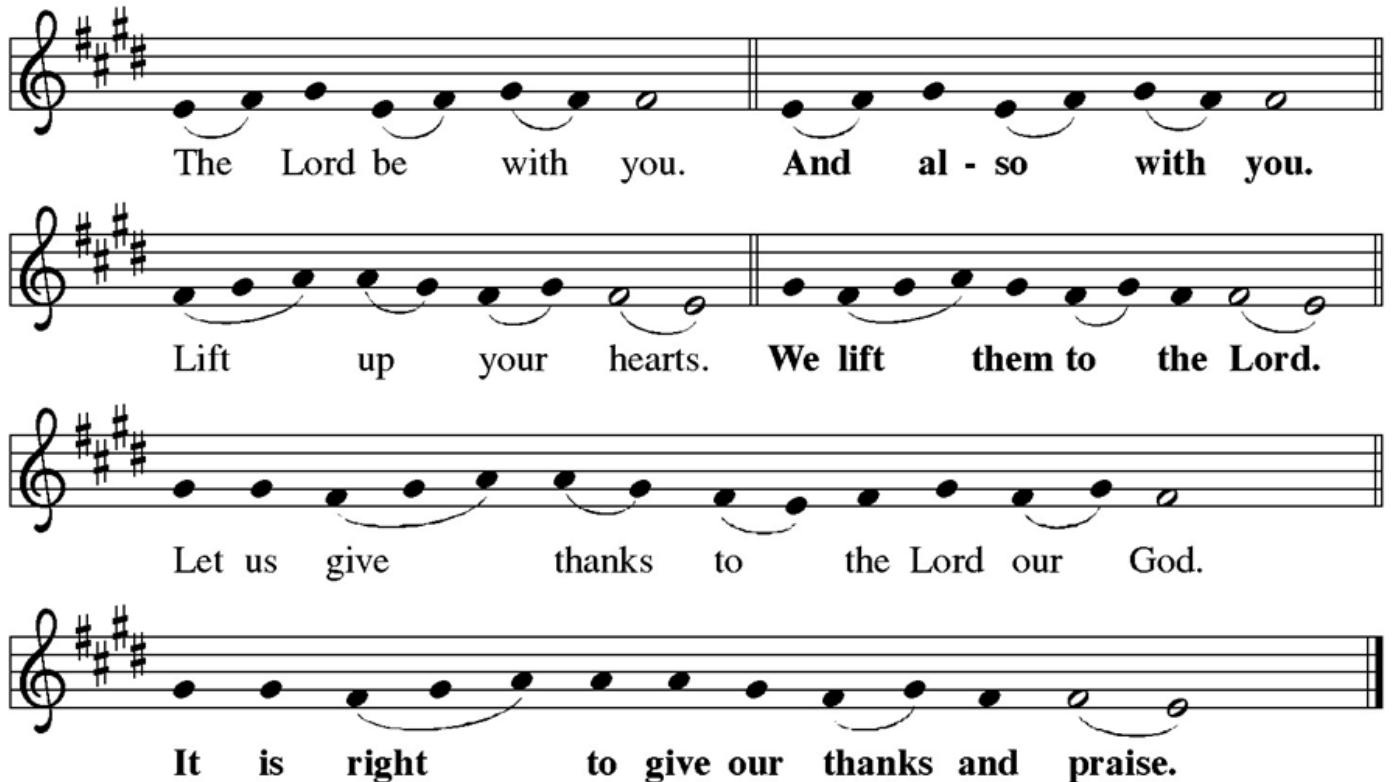
Create In Me A Clean Heart

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.

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.**



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

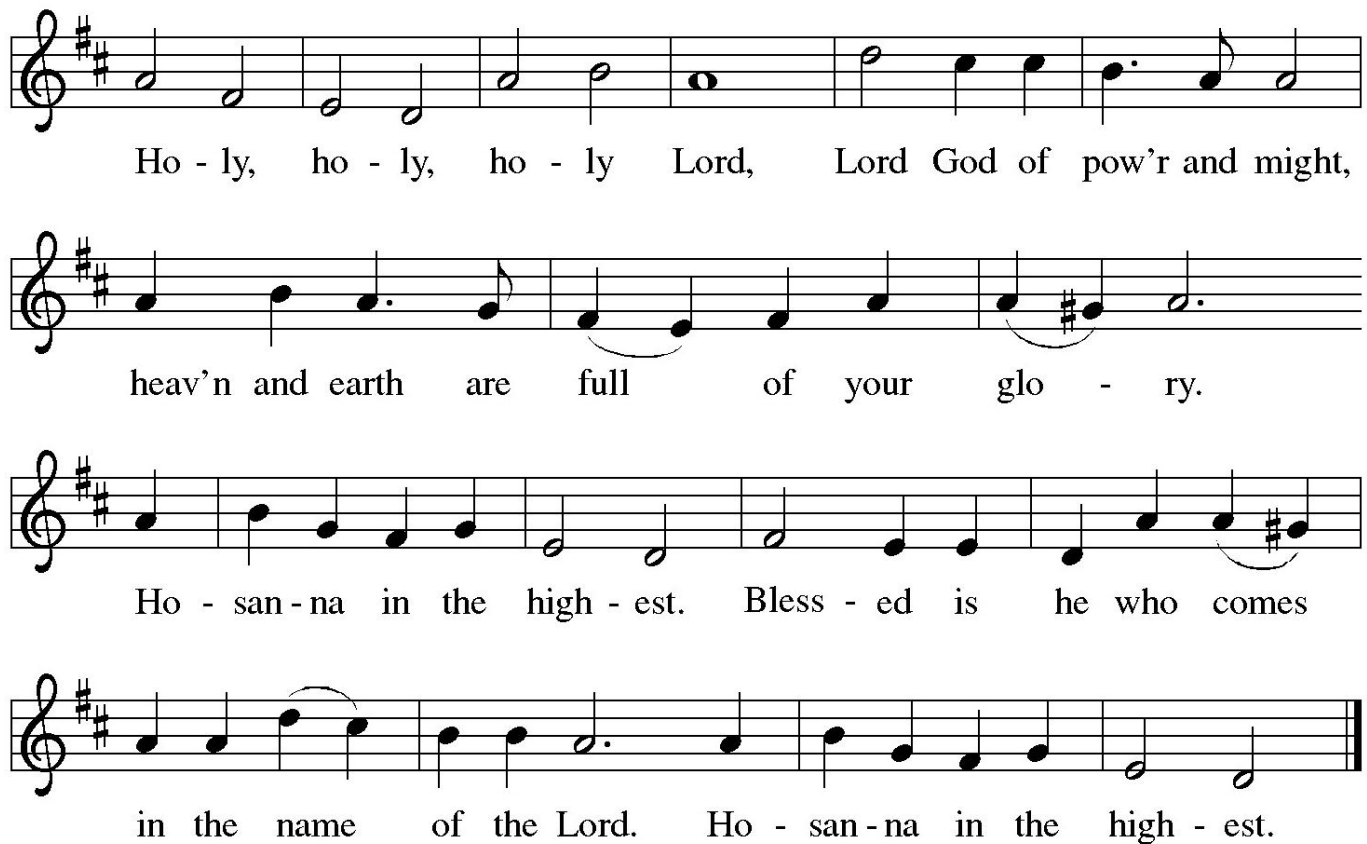
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

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:

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 You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God. You are most holy, and great is the majesty of your glory.

You so loved the world that you gave your only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but have eternal life.

We give you thanks for his coming into the world to fulfill for us your holy will and to accomplish all things for our salvation.

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.

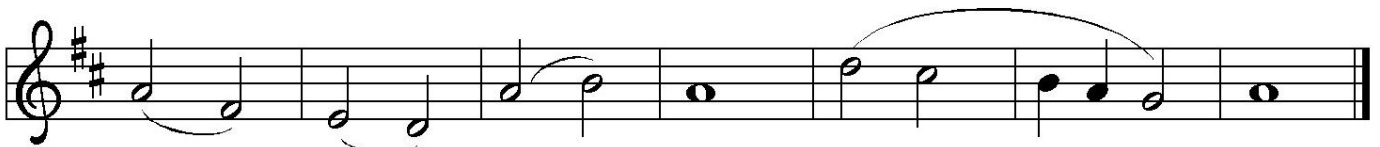
For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.



Christ has died. Christ is ris - en. Christ will come a - gain.

P Remembering, therefore, his salutary command, his life-giving passion and death, his glorious resurrection and ascension, and the promise of his coming again, we give thanks to you, O Lord God Almighty, not as we ought but as we are able; we ask you mercifully to accept our praise and thanksgiving and with your Word and Holy Spirit to bless us, your servants, and these your own gifts of bread and wine, so that we and all who share in the body and blood of Christ may be filled with heavenly blessing and grace, and, receiving the forgiveness of sin, may be formed to live as your holy people and be given our inheritance with all your saints.

To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever.



A - men, a - men, a - men.

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 Taste and see that the Lord is good.

Please be seated.

Lamb of God



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

C **Amen.**

Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing!

Red Hymnal #385

DISMISSAL

A Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

Today's Altar Flowers are given by Linda Trigiani to the Glory of God in loving memory of her littlest angel, granddaughter Avery Grace Lepkowski, on her third heavenly birthday.



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Worship Assistant: David Abel

Ushers: Ed Schaeffer and Ron Roth

Greeter: Chris Lynn

Church Time Nursery: Kathy Brandt and Tracy Payonk

Altar Guild: Linda Trigiani

Offering Counters: Nina Kramer and April Shaheen

THIS WEEK AT ST. ANDREW'S

Monday, April 13: 7:00pm Council Meeting - Zoom
7:00pm Parent Partnership Support Group

Tuesday, April 14: 7:00pm Easton Musical Arts

Thursday, April 16: 7:00pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Friday, April 17: 7:30pm Crossroad AA

Sunday, April 19: 9:30am Worship Service

MEMBERS CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

Karen Hardy-Kutz, Denise Klabunde, Gayle Ryan, Elizabeth Saville, and Alan Schaeffer.



CLOTHING DONATIONS

Donations of used clothing, shoes, and other cloth items can be brought to the church on Sunday March 29 and April 5 and 12. Please put items in plastic bags and leave them under the coat racks. Donation day at Fidelity Bank in Forks Twsp. is Saturday, April 18 from 9:00 – 1:00. Donations benefit the CIT Foundation's high school student Scholarship and Tool Award Fund.

PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

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, Dianna Dillian, Crystal DiLonardo, Michael DiLonardo, Debbie DiLonardo, Carol Ehler, 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.

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