

Fifth Sunday of Easter

April 28, 2024

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**St. Andrew's
Lutheran Church**

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A congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

Welcome to worship! Whether you are here for the first time or have been a life-long member, we pray that you experience God’s presence in worship.

All God’s Children are Welcome! If you have children, know that all of you are welcome in worship. Little people sounds tell us that everyone is here. If your little one becomes fussy, feel free to step out for a moment. Families may want to sit near the pray ground in the front left side of the Worship space. There are speakers in the gathering space.

Pastoral Concerns occasionally come up. In cases of severe illness, hospitalization, death, birth of a child, marriages, joys and sadness, many people would like a pastor to visit with them. Please be sure to contact the office to let us know of your desire.

Offering is received as a response to God’s grace and blessing, and as an expression of our faith. Jesus tells us, “For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.” (Matthew 6:21)

Holy Communion is celebrated at nearly every service. Admission to the Sacrament is by invitation of the Lord, presented through the Church to those who are baptized. All are welcome.

Interested in growing in faith? If you have questions about what it means to enter into partnership in our shared ministry feel free to contact Pastor David.

Announcements: The announcements begin on page 17, following the worship service.

Saint Andrew’s Lutheran Church Welcome Statement



At St. Andrew’s Lutheran Church (ELCA), we hold space for you—the full you—including your race, age, ethnic background, personality, experiences, gender identity, sexual orientations, gender expressions, and mental, spiritual, and physical needs. Here, you are invited to worship, pray, play, be baptized, get married, and celebrate Holy Communion.

Together, we strive to eliminate human-caused barriers to a holy relationship with Jesus Christ and with one another. We hear the call to love our neighbor as a commitment to antiracism and welcome for our LGBTQIA+ siblings. We pledge to work intentionally to further justice and inclusion. We strive to glorify God in the ways we care for each other, our communities, and our planet. Recognizing that we are all siblings in Christ, we celebrate, affirm, and welcome individuals and families in all their beautiful and varied compositions. As a church that holds space just for you, we are better for having you and your unique voice here! Come just as you are!

Welcome to St. Andrew's Lutheran Church

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‡GATHERING‡

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

PRELUDE

Wade in the Water

Traditional Spiritual

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION TO THE DAY

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ‡ one God,
the wellspring of grace,
our Easter and our joy.

Amen.

Look, here is water!

Here is our water of life! Alleluia!

Immersed in the promises of baptism,
let us give thanks for what God has done for us.
We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning
your voice thundered over the deep
and water became the essence of life.

Adam and Eve beheld Eden's verdant rivers.

The ark carried your creation through the flood into a new day.

Miriam led the dancing as your people passed through the sea
into freedom's land.

In a desert pool the Ethiopian official
entered your boundless baptismal life.

Look, here is water!

Here is our water of life! Alleluia!

At the river your beloved Son was baptized by John
and anointed with the Holy Spirit.

By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection
you opened the floodgates of your reconciling love,
freeing us to live as Easter people.

We rejoice with glad hearts,

giving all honor and praise to you,

through the risen Christ, our source of living water,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

Amen.

Look, here is water!

Here is our water of life! Alleluia!

GATHERING SONG

There in God's Garden

ELW 342

Stanza 1: All; Stanza 2: High Voices; Stanza 3: Low Voices;

Stanza 4: All; Stanza 5: Solo Voice; Stanza 6: All

1 There in God's garden
stands the Tree of Wisdom,
whose leaves hold forth
the healing of the nations:
Tree of all knowledge,
Tree of all compassion,
Tree of all beauty.

2 Its name is Jesus,
name that says, "Our Savior!"
There on its branches
see the scars of suffering;
see where the tendrils
of our human selfhood
feed on its lifeblood.

3 Thorns not its own
are tangled in its foliage;
our greed has starved it,
our despite has choked it.
Yet, look! it lives!
its grief has not destroyed it
nor fire consumed it.

4 See how its branches
reach to us in welcome;
hear what the Voice says,
"Come to me, ye weary!
Give me your sickness,
give me all your sorrow,
I will give blessing."

5 This is my ending,
this my resurrection;
into your hands, Lord,
I commit my spirit.
This have I searched for;
now I can possess it.
This ground is holy.

6 All heav'n is singing,
"Thanks to Christ whose passion
offers in mercy
healing, strength, and pardon.
Peoples and nations,
take it, take it freely!"
Amen! My Master!

GREETING

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The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
And also with you.

KYRIE

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**Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way,
Kyrie eleison, ev'ry day.**

For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the unity of all;
for this holy house, for all who worship and praise,
let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord
**Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way,
Kyrie eleison, ev'ry day.**

That we may live out your impassioned response to the hungry and the
poor;
that we may live out truth and justice and grace,
let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord
**Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way,
Kyrie eleison, ev'ry day.**

For peace in our hearts, for peace in our homes, for friends and family;
for life and for love, for our work and our play,
let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord
**Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way,
Kyrie eleison, ev'ry day.**

For your Spirit to guide; that you center our lives in the water and the Word;
that you nourish our souls with your body and blood,
let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord
**Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way,
Kyrie eleison, ev'ry day.**

CANTICLE OF PRAISE *The Trumpets Sound, The Angels Sing* ELW 531

1 The trumpets sound, the angels sing,
the feast is ready to begin.
The gates of heav'n are open wide
and Jesus welcomes you inside.

Refrain

Sing with thankfulness songs of pure delight.
Come and revel in heaven's love and light.
Take your place at the table of the King.
The feast is ready to begin; the feast is ready to begin.

2 Tables are laden with good things;
oh, taste the peace and joy he brings.
He'll fill you up with love divine;
he'll turn your water into wine. *Refrain*

3 The hungry heart he satisfies,
offers the poor his paradise.
Now hear all heav'n and earth applaud
the amazing goodness of the Lord. *Refrain*

PRAYER OF THE DAY

ELW p.188

Let us pray.

O God, you give us your Son as the vine apart from whom we cannot live.
Nourish our life in his resurrection, that we may bear the fruit of love and
know the fullness of your joy, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Amen.

✠WORD✠

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

CHILDREN'S TIME

FIRST READING

Acts 8:26-40

A reading from Acts.

²⁶An angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Get up and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." (This is a wilderness road.) ²⁷So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship ²⁸and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. ²⁹Then the Spirit said to Philip, "Go over to this chariot and join it." ³⁰So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?" ³¹He replied, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. ³²Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this:

"Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter,
and like a lamb silent before its shearer,
so he does not open his mouth.

³³In his humiliation justice was denied him.
Who can describe his generation?

For his life is taken away from the earth."

³⁴The eunuch asked Philip, "About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?" ³⁵Then Philip began to speak, and

starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus.
³⁶As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, "Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?" ³⁸He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. ³⁹When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. ⁴⁰But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Psalm 22:25-31

²⁵From you comes my praise in the great assembly;

I will perform my vows in the sight of those who fear the LORD.

²⁶**The poor shall eat and be satisfied,**

Let those who seek the LORD give praise! May your hearts live forever!

²⁷All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD;

all the families of nations shall bow before God.

²⁸**For dominion belongs to the LORD,
who rules over the nations.**

²⁹Indeed, all who sleep in the earth shall bow down in worship;

all who go down to the dust, though they be dead, shall kneel before the LORD.

³⁰**Their descendants shall serve the LORD,**

whom they shall proclaim to generations to come.

³¹They shall proclaim God's deliverance to a people yet unborn,
saying to them, "The LORD has acted!"

SECOND READING

1 John 4:7-21

A reading from First John.

⁷Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. ⁸Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. ⁹God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. ¹⁰In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. ¹¹Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. ¹²No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us.

¹³By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. ¹⁴And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Savior of the world. ¹⁵God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. ¹⁶So we have known and believe the love that God has for us.

God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. ¹⁷Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgment, because as he is, so are we in this world. ¹⁸There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and

whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. ¹⁹We love because he first loved us. ²⁰Those who say, "I love God," and hate their siblings are liars; for those who do not love a sibling whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. ²¹The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their siblings also.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *Halle, Halle, Hallelujah*

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Halle, halle, hallelujah.

Halle, halle, hallelujah.

Halle, halle, hallelujah.

Hallelujah. Hallelujah.

GOSPEL

John 15:1-8

The holy gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said:] ¹"I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. ²He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. ³You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. ⁴Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. ⁵I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. ⁶Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. ⁷If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. ⁸My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples."

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY *Now the Green Blade Rises*

ELW 379

- 1 Now the green blade rises from the buried grain,
wheat that in dark earth many days has lain;
love lives again, that with the dead has been;
love is come again like wheat arising green.
- 2 In the grave they laid him, love by hatred slain,
thinking that he would never wake again;
laid in the earth like grain that sleeps unseen;
love is come again like wheat arising green.
- 3 Forth he came at Easter, like the risen grain,
he that for three days in the grave had lain;
raised from the dead, my living Lord is seen;
love is come again like wheat arising green.

- 4 When our hearts are wintry, grieving, or in pain,
your touch can call us back to life again,
fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been;
love is come again like wheat arising green.

NICENE CREED

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Having heard of God's steadfast love, let us commit ourselves to that relationship of love using the words of the 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

Rejoicing that Jesus is risen and love has triumphed over fear, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need of good news.

Each petition concludes:

God of grace,
hear our prayer.

The final petition concludes:

...trusting in your abiding love; through Jesus Christ, our resurrected and living Lord.

Amen.

SHARING THE PEACE

ELW p.189

We open Zoom microphones to speak Peace to one another.

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

✠MEAL✠

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

OFFERING

Please remember that Saint Andrew's Lutheran Church continues important ministry. Consider making offerings by any of these means:

- **Offering Basket:** Place your offering in the basket as you enter or leave worship;
- **Mail:** send offerings to Saint Andrew's Lutheran Church weekly or monthly;
- **Online:** visit the SaintAndrewsLutheran.org website and click the Donate Now button;
- **Bill pay:** use the convenience of the bill pay feature through your financial institution.
- **Give by Text:** Use a smart phone to text the contribution amount to 844-989-4094. Return text will provide a link for recording credit/debit card information and your contact information.

OFFERING HYMN *Take My Life, That I May Be*

ELW 583

Refrain

Take my life, that I may be
consecrated, Lord, to thee;
take my moments and my days;
let them flow in ceaseless praise.

- 1 Take my hands and let them move
at the impulse of thy love;
take my feet and let them be
swift and beautiful for thee. *Refrain*
- 2 Take my silver and my gold,
not a mite would I withhold;
take my intellect and use
ev'ry pow'r as thou shalt choose. *Refrain*

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.
Risen One,
you call us to believe and bear fruit.
May the gifts that we offer here
be signs of your abiding love.
Form us to be your witnesses in the world,
through Jesus Christ, our true vine.
Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

Dialogue

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The Lord be with you.
And also 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.

PREFACE

ELW p. 190

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

Holy, Holy, Holy

ELW 473

Santo, santo, santo.
Mi corazon te adora.
Mi corazon te sabe decir:
Santo eres Señor.

Holy, holy, holy,
my heart, my heart adores you.
My heart is glad to say the words:
You are holy, God.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

ELW p. 190

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.

THE LORDS PRAYER

ELW p. 191

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

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

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

Holy Communion at Saint Andrew's

- *At the table of our Lord Jesus Christ, God nourishes faith, forgives sin, and calls us to be witnesses to the Gospel. In this sacrament the crucified and risen Christ is present, giving his true body and blood as food and drink. This real presence is a mystery. Admission to the Sacrament is by invitation of the Lord, presented through the Church to those who are baptized. This Table of the Lord is open to all the baptized.*
- *Grape juice is available in the center ring of glasses. Gluten-free wafers are available: Please speak to those serving the bread when you come to the rail.*
- *Please follow the guidance of the Worship Hosts, going forward on one side of your section and returning to your seat on the other side.*

COMMUNION

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The body of Christ, given for you.

The blood of Christ, shed for you.

Amen.

DISTRIBUTION SONG

Remembrance

Fred B. Binckes

TABLE BLESSING

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in eternal life.

Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Shepherding God,
you have prepared a table before us
and nourished us with your love.
Send us forth from this banquet
to proclaim your goodness
and share the abundant mercy of Jesus,
our redeemer and friend.

Amen.

✠SENDING✠

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

OUR COMMUNITY OF FAITH

ELW p.192

BLESSING

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

The God of resurrection power,
the Christ of unending joy,
and the Spirit of Easter hope
✠ bless you now and always.

Amen.

SENDING SONG

Awake, O Sleeper, Rise from Death

ELW 452

- 1 Awake, O sleeper, rise from death,
and Christ shall give you light;
so learn his love, its length and breadth,
its fullness, depth, and height.
- 2 To us on earth he came to bring
from sin and fear release,
to give the Spirit's unity,
the very bond of peace.
- 3 There is one body and one hope,
one Spirit and one call,
one Lord, one faith, and one baptism,
one God who made us all.

- 4 Then walk in love as Christ has loved,
who died that he might save;
with kind and gentle hearts forgive
as God in Christ forgave.
- 5 For us Christ lived, for us he died,
and conquered in the strife.
Awake, arise, go forth in faith,
and Christ shall give you life.

DISMISSAL

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Go in peace. Serve the Risen One.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Toccata in E minor

Johann Pachelbel

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TODAY'S MINISTERS FOR WORSHIP

Presiding Minister: Pr. David Frerichs
Minister for Music: Clara Smith
Organist Sheryl Mehrhoff

	8:30	11:00
Greeter	TBD	TBD
Worship Hosts	Debbie Hedlund TBD	Bryce Bock Robert Bock
Assisting Minsters	Read Shari Freyermuth Pray Wilson Freyermuth	Larry Leip Brad Lockenvitz
Acolyte	TBD	Paige Boomer
Communion Preparer	Wendy Kvam	Scherrie Goetsch
Communion Cleanup		Meg Darkow
Visual Projectionist	Merri Chapman	Joanne Boomer
Zoom Worship Host		TBD
Zoom Tech Director		Paul Boomer
Building Opener	TBD	
Building Closer		TBD Wilson Freyermuth Maureen Coy

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FINANCIAL SUMMARY		
Contributions and expenses through March 31, 2024		
	March	YTD
Offerings	\$72,318	\$130,072
Expenses	\$35,598	\$115,882
Over/(under) expenses	\$36,720	14,190
Nonbudget Special Offerings	\$5,288	\$6,055



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Sunday Forum: On Our Way—Living in the Presence of God: In this session of the continuing series “On Our Way”, Susan Briehl explores seeing the world with eyes made new by Christ, seeing God in the little and the least, and become by grace what God created us to be: merely, fully, human beings. Join the conversation on Sunday, April 28, 9:45 am in the conference room and via Zoom

Annual Congregation Election Meeting: To all voting members of Saint Andrew's Lutheran Church, The Congregation Council has established the date for the Annual Congregational Election Meeting on Sunday, April 28, 2024. The only agenda item will be Election of Leaders. Voting will take place immediately following both the 8:30 and 11:00 a.m. services in the Centrum and via Zoom. 2024 Nominees are listed below.

Congregation Council

Joanne Boomer (3-year term)
Anne Edwards (3-year term)
Melissa Stormont (3-year term)

Mutual Ministry

Paul Blanchard (4-year term)
Scherrie Goettsch (4-year term)

Endowment Board

Larry Leip (3-year term)
Sam Miller (3-year term)

Ministry Chairs (1-year terms)

- Discipleship Youth Co-Chair—Merri Went-Chapman
- Discipleship Youth Co-Chair—Gwen Gray
- Discipleship Adult Co-Chair—Larry Leip
- Discipleship Adult Co-Chair—Michael Volz
- Discipleship Women in the Word—Maureen Coy
- Discipleship Men's Breakfast—Harry Lewis

Ministry Chairs (1-year terms)

- Global Ministry Co-chair (*Growing Hope Globally*)—Karon Speckman
- Global Ministry Co-chair (*Lutheran World Relief*)—Linda Vedder
- Shepherds Ministry Co-Chair Barb Lewis
- Community Ministry Co-Chair Susan Goldammer
- Building and Grounds Chair Rich Waudby
- Finance Chair—Paul Speckman
- Finance Vice Chair—Randy Johnson
- Courtyard Memorial Garden Chair Susan Krings

Family Dinner Church: Families with young children may gather Thursday, May 2nd, 6:00 pm, in Room 105 for Dinner Church, an informal monthly worship time designed for families with preschool children. Discuss the lesson, talk about parenting young children, eat dinner and enjoy fellowship with other families while children engage in supervised activities nearby. Sign up using the Flocknote link <https://tinyurl.com/Family-Dinner-Church-Church> or with the QR code.

Prayer Shawl & Crafting Ministry: Imaginative crafters are needed to help knit Prayer Shawls as well Hats, Gloves, and other similar cold weather items. We meet at 11:00 am, the 1st and 3rd Saturday of the month in Room 112. We next meet on Saturday May 4th. Please contact Holly Heidlage holly0917@centurytel.net or Carol Waudby (cjwaudby@gmail.com) with additional questions.

Men's Breakfast: Men may join in a time of fellowship and discussion, Saturday, May 4th, 8:00 am, Fellowship Hall. Contact Harry Lewis for more information.

Ministry Lab: Sowing the Seeds of Collaboration: Join Director for Evangelical Mission Rev. Donna Simon for a conversation about how four congregations came together to form a parish that is working really well, and examples of how other collaborative arrangements are serving the church and its people. Perhaps your church has considered collaborative ministry with others around you, but you're not sure how to get started. How do you come to a mutually beneficial agreement about working together? How do you handle the nuts and bolts—who, what, where, and how do we pay for this? Registration is free for the Zoom hosted Central States Synod webinar on May 9, 2024, 6:30p–8:30p.

Information and registration: www.css-elca.org/lab

Ministry Scheduler Preferred Dates: Please review your June, July, and August schedules and indicate which dates work best for you. Send an email to Jamie at the office (office@saintandrewslutheran.org) with your chosen dates or enter them into the Ministry Scheduler Terminal before May 12th. <https://secure.rotundasoftware.com/30/web-terminal/login/saintandrews>

Family Forum: Come to the fellowship hall and join in the activities for the final month of Family Forum! We have activities planned to wrap up the celebration of Easter and the beginning of Pentecost. We'll also be saying good-bye to one of our regular families (we're still in denial). Join us!

Pastoral Care: Pastoral Concerns occasionally come up. In cases of severe illness, hospitalization, death, birth of a child, marriages, joys and sadness, many people would like a pastor to visit with them.

Prayers for April 28, 2024

We add to our prayers this week:

For Ida Gastler who is hospitalized with severe congestive heart failure; she is Bev Casey's mother.

We continue to offer prayers of hope and healing for:

Atticus Bannister	Tom Sheldon	Candi Glancy
Isabel Miller	Thomas Hamm	Patric
Gregg Williams	Lyndsay Monson	Michelle Thomas
Katie Koopman	John Winslow	Joanne Boomer
Dennis Schulte	Chuck Headley	Christy Provanča
Brian Gillig	Izabelle Zurovski	Debbie Franklin
John Degnan	Arlene Cunningham	Kati Donaghy
Bill Wiebold	Stephanie Mattson	Valencia Clemons-Bush
Dan Hofstetler	Meggan Brooks	
Laura Vanderbeek	Rev. Dr. C.W. Dawson	

We pray for those in the military:

Eric Childers, Brayden Coy, Matthew Lee, and those serving throughout the world.

We pray for those with other kinds of needs:

For all who live in times of war and conflict, particularly in Israel/Palestine, Ukraine, Sudan and Congo.

For LGBTQIA youth and adults experiencing distress and pain in light of hostile legislation.

Those who are incarcerated with whom we minister: Brooke, Robin, Rebecca, Deasha, Katarasia, Carrah, Nicole, Rachelle, Star, Denisha.

We pray for our partners in ministry in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA), the Central States Synod particularly: New Hope Lutheran Church, Onaga, KS; Peace Lutheran Church, Joplin, MO; Ada Lutheran Church, Courtland, KS; Southern Sudanese Worshiping Community, St. Joseph, MO.

THIS WEEK AT ST. ANDREW'S

Sunday, April 28

- 8:30 am Worship Service (IP)
- 9:45 am Sunday Forum: Living in the Presence of God (IP&Z)
- 11:00 am Worship Service (IP&Z)
- 3:00 pm Loaves and Fishes (IP)
1509 Ashley St. Columbia

Monday, April 29

- 4:45 pm ELCM Bible Study (at Calvary Episcopal) (IP)
- 6:00 pm Campus Student Ministry (at Calvary Episcopal) (IP)

Tuesday, April 30

No Events

Wednesday, May 1

- 8:00 am Men's Bible Study (Z)
- 10:00 am Women in the Word (IP&Z)
- 6:15 pm Wednesday Worship (IP&Z)
- 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal (IP)

Thursday, May 2

- 1:00 pm Saint Andrew's Communion
Lenoir Woods Chapel (IP)
- 6:00 pm Family Dinner Church (IP)

Friday, May 3

No Events

Saturday, May 4

- 8:00 am Men's Breakfast
- 11:00 am Prayer Shawl and Crafting Ministry

Sunday, May 5

- 8:30 am Worship Service (IP)
- 9:45 am Sunday Forum (IP&Z)
- 11:00 am Worship Service (IP&Z)

Reading for Next Wednesday May 1, 2024

John 14:18-31

Readings for Next Sunday May 5, 2024 Sixth Sunday of Easter

Acts 10:44-48
Psalm 98
1 John 5:1-6
John 15:9-17

*Key: **IP**—In Person; **Z**—Zoom; **IP&Z**—In Person and Zoom

Online Resources

- Find St. Andrew's Lutheran Church at SaintAndrewsLutheran.org.
 - Links to all online services and meetings are posted on our website. SaintAndrewsLutheran.org/online-events
 - Links to all worship bulletins are at SaintAndrewsLutheran.org/worship.
- Go to StAndrewsLutheran.flocknote.com or text StAndy to 84576 to get church email and text communications.
- Miss the livestream of worship? If you want to hear the sermon from Sunday worship, there is now a podcast available at SaintAndrewsLutheranChurch.podbean.com.