

Seventh Sunday of Easter

May 12, 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 18, 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 *Alleluia! Sing to Jesus* setting, Charles Callahan

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

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus

ELW 392

- 1 Alleluia! Sing to Jesus;
his the scepter, his the throne;
Alleluia! his the triumph,
his the victory alone.
Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion
thunder like a mighty flood:
“Jesus out of ev’ry nation
has redeemed us by his blood.”
- 2 Alleluia! Not as orphans
are we left in sorrow now;
Alleluia! he is near us;
faith believes, nor questions how.
Though the cloud from sight received him
when the forty days were o’er,
“I am with you evermore”?
- 3 Alleluia! Bread of heaven,
here on earth our food, our stay;
Alleluia! here the sinful
flee to you from day to day.
Intercessor, friend of sinners,
earth’s redeemer, hear our plea
where the songs of all the sinless
sweep across the crystal sea.
- 4 Alleluia! King eternal,
Lord omnipotent we own;
Alleluia! born of Mary,
earth your footstool, heav’n your throne.
As within the veil you entered,
robed in flesh, our great high priest,
here on earth both priest and victim
in the eucharistic feast.
- 5 Alleluia! Sing to Jesus;
his the scepter, his the throne;
Alleluia! his the triumph,
his the victory alone.
Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion
thunder like a mighty flood:
“Jesus out of ev’ry nation
has redeemed us by his blood.”

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

ELW p.184

**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.

Gracious and glorious God, you have chosen us as your own, and by the powerful name of Christ you protect us from evil. By your Spirit transform us and your beloved world, that we may find our joy in your Son, 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 1:15-17, 21-26

A reading from Acts.

¹⁵In those days Peter stood up among the believers (together the crowd numbered about one hundred twenty persons) and said, ¹⁶"Friends, the scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit through David foretold concerning Judas, who became a guide for those who arrested Jesus—¹⁷for he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry." ²¹So one of the men who have accompanied us during all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, ²²beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us—one of these must become a witness with us to his resurrection." ²³So they proposed two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also known as Justus, and Matthias. ²⁴Then they prayed and said, "Lord, you know everyone's heart. Show us which one of these two you have chosen ²⁵to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place." ²⁶And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias; and he was added to the eleven apostles.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Psalms 1

¹Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked,
nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the seats of the scornful!

²**Their delight is in the law of the LORD,
and they meditate on God's teaching day and night.**

³They are like trees planted by streams of water, bearing fruit in due season,
with leaves that do not wither;
everything they do shall prosper.

⁴**It is not so with the wicked;
they are like chaff which the wind blows away.**

⁵Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes,
nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.

**⁶For the LORD knows the way of the righteous,
but the way of the wicked shall be destroyed.**

SECOND READING

1 John 5:9-13

A reading from First John.

⁹If we receive human testimony, the testimony of God is greater; for this is the testimony of God that he has testified to his Son. ¹⁰Those who believe in the Son of God have the testimony in their hearts. Those who do not believe in God have made him a liar by not believing in the testimony that God has given concerning his Son. ¹¹And this is the testimony: God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. ¹²Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life.

¹³I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know that you have eternal life.

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 17:6-19

The holy gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus prayed:] ⁶"I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. ⁷Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; ⁸for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. ⁹I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. ¹⁰All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. ¹¹And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one. ¹²While I was with them, I protected them in your name that you have given me. I guarded them, and not one of them was lost except the one destined to be lost, so that the scripture might be fulfilled. ¹³But now I am coming to you, and I speak these things in the world so that they may have my joy made complete in themselves. ¹⁴I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. ¹⁵I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one. ¹⁶They do not belong to the world, just as I do

not belong to the world. ¹⁷Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. ¹⁸As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. ¹⁹And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth.”

The gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

MINISTRY MINUTE: BUILDING AND GROUNDS

HYMN OF THE DAY

Oh, Love, How Deep

ELW 367

- 1 Oh, love, how deep, how broad, how high,
beyond all thought and fantasy,
that God, the Son of God, should take
our mortal form for mortals' sake!
- 2 God sent no angel to our race,
of higher or of lower place,
but wore the robe of human frame,
in Christ our Lord to this world came.

For us baptized, for us he bore
his holy fast and hungered sore;
for us temptation sharp he knew;
for us the tempter overthrew.
- 4 For us he prayed; for us he taught;
for us his daily works he wrought,
by words and signs and actions thus
still seeking not himself, but us.
- 5 For us by wickedness betrayed,
for us, in crown of thorns arrayed,
he bore the shameful cross and death;
for us he gave his dying breath.
- 6 For us he rose from death again;
for us he went on high to reign;
for us he sent his Spirit here
to guide, to strengthen, and to cheer.
- 7 All glory to our Lord and God
for love so deep, so high, so broad;
the Trinity whom we adore
forever and forevermore

BLESSING OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES

Saint Andrew's marks faith milestones. Graduation from high school is one such milestone. Today we recognize twelve young participants in the life of the congregation who are graduating from high school. I invite those who are present to come forward to be recognized.

They are:

Laura Kassel

Kaleb Plowman

Logan Walls

High school graduation is a time of great transition. It can be filled with hopes and dreams as well as anxieties and fears. This is a time when each graduate will be able to embrace greater autonomy; as they do we pray they know the continuing support of families, friends, mentors, and so many others. At Saint Andrew's Lutheran Church, this congregation has sought to mark milestones of faith from baptism, to first entering school, to receiving a Bible in third grade, and Affirmation of Baptism in ninth grade. With each milestone, we have remembered together God's promises of forgiveness, salvation and eternal life. These are steady promises as you venture forth into whatever your adventures might hold.

In Psalm 139 we hear these promises:

For it was you [Lord] who formed my inward parts;
you knit me together in my mother's womb.
I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made.
Wonderful are your works;
that I know very well. (13-14)

and

If I ascend to heaven, you are there;
if I make my bed in Sheol, you are there.
If I take the wings of the morning
and settle at the farthest limits of the sea,
even there your hand shall lead me,
and your right hand shall hold me fast.
If I say, "Surely the darkness shall cover me,
and the light around me become night,"
even the darkness is not dark to you;
the night is as bright as the day,
for darkness is as light to you. (8-12)

Wherever you go, God is already there with you. Wherever you are, know that you can seek out community of faith and support. Saint Andrew's remains ready to walk with you on the journey.

Let us pray.

Great Giving and Sending God, you have given all people gifts and talents to serve you in the world. Teach these young adults to listen for the callings within themselves that identify their blessings and strengths. Guide the insights of their community—parents and families, teachers, coaches, employers, mentors and friends—as they help these young adults to discern and affirm these gifts and call forth others still unnamed. Teach them to continually search for truth, to patiently endure frustration and to lay aside their fear of failure. Calling and caring God, through the gift of life you give us in Christ, you invite these

graduates into your presence; you send them into the world, and you free them to serve their neighbors in your name. Through the life of Jesus, you make holy all of life; you sanctify their rising and their resting, and you fill their labor with love. Give them the ability to provide support and encouragement where aid is needed and to seek solutions where answers are not readily available. We pray all this in the name of the one who claims, names, accompanies and empowers, the creator, redeemer, and sanctifier. **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.

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**

ELW p. 190

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:

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

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

ELW p.191

The body of Christ, given for you.
The blood of Christ, shed for you.
Amen.

DISTRIBUTION SONG

8:30 am	<i>The Lord's My Shepherd</i>	arr. Lloyd Larson
11:00 am	<i>10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)</i>	arr. John Cumberland

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

Crown Him with Many Crowns

ELW 855

- 1 Crown him with many crowns,
the Lamb upon his throne;
hark, how the heav'nly anthem drowns
all music but its own.
Awake, my soul, and sing
of him who died for thee,
and hail him as thy matchless king
through all eternity.
- 2 Crown him the virgin's Son,
the God incarnate born,
whose arm those crimson trophies won
which now his brow adorn;
fruit of the mystic rose,
yet of that rose the stem,
the root whence mercy ever flows,
the babe of Bethlehem.
- 3 Crown him the Lord of love--
behold his hands and side,
rich wounds, yet visible above,
in beauty glorified.
No angels in the sky
can fully bear that sight,
but downward bend their burning eyes
at mysteries so bright.
- 4 Crown him the Lord of life,
who triumphed o'er the grave
and rose victorious in the strife
for those he came to save.
His glories now we sing,
who died and rose on high,
who died, eternal life to bring,
and lives that death may die.

- 5 Crown him the Lord of years,
the potentate of time,
creator of the rolling spheres,
ineffably sublime.
All hail, Redeemer, hail!
For thou hast died for me;
thy praise and glory shall not fail
throughout eternity.

DISMISSAL

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Go in peace. Serve the Risen One.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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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	TBD	Janet Farmer John Farmer
Assisting Minsters	Read	Dawn Lessiack
	Pray	Larry Leip
Acolyte	TBD	TBD
Communion Preparer	Kim Hickey	Shari Freyermuth
Communion Cleanup		Debbie Hedlund
Visual Projectionist	No VP—Worship On Lawn	TBD
Zoom Worship Host		TBD
Zoom Tech Director		TBD
Building Opener	Jenine Loesing	
Building Closer		Meg Darkow
Offering Steward		Carol Braaten Paul Speckman

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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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Quilt Tying: For those looking for a way to serve and for fellowship, join in the second and fourth Friday of each month at 9:00 am in the Fellowship Hall. All are welcome!

Sunday Forum: Early Church History—A Common Ground: Join the conversation led by Michael Volz on Sunday, May 12th, 9:45 am in the conference room and via Zoom, when we will discuss how did the early Christians in the first centuries find common ground and discern what is trustworthy and true? How did they sort things out and begin to build a system of authority? There were no bylaws or constitutions, things we take for granted today. This beginning of the church was a messy human process guided by the Holy Spirit.

Recognition of High School Graduates: All High School seniors who will graduate this May can join in worship on Sunday, May 12, at either service to receive a blessing and gifts from the congregation. Mark your calendars today!

Worship On the Lawn: Back by popular demand, Worship on the Lawn returns this summer on the third Sunday of the Month, May through September. Bring a lawn chair or blanket. Join in worship at 8:30 on Sunday, May 19 (and June 16, July 21, August 18 and September 15), on the south lawn. Use a smart device to download the bulletin and join in praising God on the south lawn at Saint Andrew's. A limited number of paper bulletins will be available for distribution.

Want to assist with set up? Contact Rich Waudby to assist with setting up the "chancel/stage" beforehand. Or, join in the set up routine beginning at 7:30 am on Sunday morning. We'll also need assistance putting it all away!

Sunday Forum: Early Church History—The Patristic Period: Join the conversation led by Larry Leip on Sunday, May 19th, 9:45 am in the conference room and via Zoom, when we will discuss the Patristic Period where Church Fathers and learned teachers shaped the theological landscape as they tried to find their way and make sense of the Jesus event. Each following generation has wrestled with the essentials of faith based on these ideas and concepts.

Episcopal Lutheran Youth Ministry : The ELFY Youth Group will meet at Saint Andrew's on Sunday, May 19, 6:00 pm, to celebrate this first year together. Walk with us, gather with us, join the celebration. We'll gather for games and snacks and friendship at Saint Andrew's Lutheran Church on the South Lawn, weather permitting.

Queer Christian Game Night: I wanted to share that we've picked a date for our SECOND ecumenical Queer Christian Game Night – this time on a Friday (yay!). You are all invited to join us at a Hexagon Alley for a Game Night at 7:00 p.m. on Friday, May 24! There's a \$5 fee per person to play games, and food and drinks will be available for purchase.

Accessibility Note: There is an accessible entrance off of 9th Street in the City Center. There is an elevator in the City Center that goes down to Hexagon Alley, and the center will stay open until Hexagon Alley closes, in case anyone needs to use a stair-free entrance to Hexagon Alley. However, last time we met, the door was locked and not quite "accessible." (If anyone plans to use this entrance and runs into any trouble/needs to be let in, feel free to call or text me at (573) 821-5738, and I'll happily run and find a way to let you in!

Loaves and Fishes: We are thankful for the congregation's donations and support as we continue to feed those in our community who are in need. Please consider supporting this ministry in the following ways:

- Donate money through the usual channels being sure to designate the funds for Loaves and Fishes.
- Donate garden produce or fresh fruit.
- Donate your time baking, cooking, or serving the fourth week of each month.
- Pray for this ministry and for the people we serve.

We know there are more families and individuals suffering because they are unable to secure life sustaining necessities. Monetary donations to support this ministry may be made directly to Saint Andrew's Lutheran Church. We are looking for volunteers to bake, cook or distribute meals each month. Meal distribution begins at 4:00 p.m. May 26th at 1509 Ashley Street from 3:30 to 6:30 p.m. (look for a yellow structure off the Business Loop, behind the power plant).

Plant Watering Schedule: Stop and smell the flowers while watering them at St. Andrew's this Summer: Small time commitment: 1-2 hrs. total during 1 week this Spring, Summer or Fall. Benefits: Get outside. Feel valuable part of St. Andrew's community. Plants do not complain; you'll see them thrive under your care. One or two people per week needed to water outside plants/trees during Spring, Summer and early Autumn. More detailed instructions will be provided, and demonstration, if wanted. For more information, contact Mary Ellen Degnan medhpl47@gmail.com or use the Flocknote to sign up: <https://standrewslutheran.flocknote.com/signup/166430>

Weeks beginning on Sundays:

- May 19, 26
- June 2, 9, 16, 23, 30
- July 7, 14, 21, 28
- August 4, 11, 18, 25
- September 1, 8, 15
- October 6, 13

Office Closed for Holiday: The Saint Andrew's Lutheran Church office will be closed in observance of Memorial Day on Monday, May 27, 2024.

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 May 12, 2024

We add to our prayers this week:

We continue to offer prayers of hope and healing for:

Walter Bargaen	Laura Vanderbeek	Candi Glancy
Atticus Bannister	Tom Sheldon	Patric
Isabel Miller	Thomas Hamm	Michelle Thomas
Gregg Williams	John Winslow	Joanne Boomer
Katie Koopman	Chuck Headley	Christy Provancha
Dennis Schulte	Izabelle Zurovski	Debbie Franklin
Brian Gillig	Arlene Cunningham	Kati Donaghy
John Degnan	Stephanie Mattson	Valencia Clemons-Bush
Bill Wiebold	Meggan Brooks	
Dan Hofstetler	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, Namhia, Yaquelin, Nicole, Tyisha, Lavosha, Rebecca, Alainia, Katasia, Angelica, Heather, Cariah, and Erin.

We pray for our partners in ministry in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA), the Central States Synod particularly: Redeemer Lutheran Church, Salina, KS; Hope Lutheran Church, St. Charles, MO; Christ Lutheran Church, Wichita, KS; Women of the ELCA.

THIS WEEK AT ST. ANDREW'S

Sunday, May 12—Blessing of High School Graduates

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

Monday, May 13

No Events

Tuesday, May 14

No Events

Wednesday, May 15

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

Thursday, May 16

- 6:00 pm Council Meeting (IP&Z)

Friday, May 17

No Events

Saturday, May 18

- 10:00 am Prayer Shawl & Crafting Ministry (IP)

Sunday, May 19

- 8:30 am Worship Service (IP)—**Worship on the Lawn**
- 9:45 am Sunday Forum (IP&Z)
- 9:45 am Final Family Forum (IP&Z)
- 11:00 am Worship Service (IP&Z)
- 6:00 pm ELFY Youth Ministry event (IP)
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**Reading for Next Wednesday
May 15, 2024**

Mark 16:16-24

**Readings for Next Sunday
May 26, 2024
Day of Pentecost**

Acts 2:1-21
Psalm 104:24-34, 35b
Romans 8:22-27
John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15

*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.