

Sunday of the Passion / Palm Sunday

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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 20, 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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Hymn numbers (such as ELW 605) refer to large numbers associated with songs—typically at the top of the page.*

‡GATHERING‡

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

PRELUDE

The Palms

Jean Baptiste Faure

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION TO THE DAY

CHILDREN'S TIME

ACCLAMATION

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Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

PROCESSIONAL GOSPEL

Matthew 21:1-11

The holy gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹ When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, ² saying to them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. ³ If anyone says anything to you, just say this, 'The Lord needs them.' And he will send them immediately." ⁴ This took place to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet:

⁵ "Tell the daughter of Zion,
Look, your king is coming to you,
humble and mounted on a donkey,
and on a colt, the foal of a donkey."

⁶ The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; ⁷ they brought the donkey and the colt and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. ⁸ A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. ⁹ The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting,

"Hosanna to the Son of David!

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

Hosanna in the highest heaven!"

¹⁰ When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, "Who is

this?" ¹¹ The crowds were saying, "This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee."

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

BLESSING OF PALMS

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The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

We praise you, O God,

for redeeming the world through our Savior Jesus Christ.

Today he entered the holy city in triumph

and was proclaimed messiah and king

by those who spread garments and branches along his way.

Bless these branches and those who carry them.

Grant us grace to follow our Lord in the way of the cross,

so that, joined to his death and resurrection,

we enter into life with you;

through the same Jesus Christ,

who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,

one God, now and forever.

Amen.

PROCESSION *All Glory, Laud, and Honor*

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Let us go forth in peace.

in the name of Christ. Amen

Refrain

All glory, laud, and honor

to you, redeemer, king,

to whom the lips of children

made sweet hosannas ring.

- 1 You are the king of Israel
and David's royal Son,
now in the Lord's name coming,
our King and Blessed One. *Refrain*
- 2 The company of angels
are praising you on high;
creation and all mortals
In chorus make reply. *Refrain*
- 3 The multitude of pilgrims

with palms before you went;
our praise and prayer and anthems
before you we present. *Refrain*

4 To you, before your passion,
they sang their hymns of praise.
To you, now high exalted,
our melody we raise. *Refrain*

5 Their praises you accepted;
accept the prayers we bring,
great author of all goodness,
O good and gracious King. *Refrain*

ANTHEM

Hosanna

by Brooke Ligertwood

1 I see the King of glory
Coming on the clouds with fire
The whole earth shakes
The whole earth shakes

2 I see His love and mercy
Washing over all our sin
The people sing
The people sing

Chorus

Hosanna hosanna
Hosanna in the highest
Hosanna hosanna
Hosanna in the highest

3 I see a generation
Rising up to take their place
With selfless faith
With selfless faith

4 I see a near revival
Stirring as we pray and seek
We're on our knees
We're on our knees

Bridge

Heal my heart and make it clean
Open up my eyes to the things unseen
Show me how to love like You have loved me
Break my heart for what breaks Yours
Everything I am for Your Kingdom's cause
As I walk from earth into eternity

PRAYER OF THE DAY

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Let us pray.

Almighty God, your Son came into the world to free us all from sin and death. Breathe upon us the power of your Spirit, that we may be raised to new life in Christ and serve you in righteousness all our days, 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.

FIRST READING

Isaiah 50:4-9a

A reading from Isaiah.

⁴ The Lord GOD has given me
a trained tongue,
that I may know how to sustain
the weary with a word.

Morning by morning he wakens,
wakens my ear
to listen as those who are taught.

⁵ The Lord GOD has opened my ear,
and I was not rebellious;
I did not turn backward.

⁶ I gave my back to those who struck me
and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard;
I did not hide my face
from insult and spitting.

⁷ The Lord GOD helps me;
therefore I have not been disgraced;
therefore I have set my face like flint,
and I know that I shall not be put to shame;

⁸ he who vindicates me is near.

Who will contend with me?

Let us stand in court together.

Who are my adversaries?

Let them confront me.

^{9a} It is the Lord God who helps me;
who will declare me guilty?

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

Philippians 2:5-11

A reading from Philippians.

⁵ Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,

⁶ who, though he existed in the form of God,
did not regard equality with God
as something to be grasped,

⁷ but emptied himself,
taking the form of a slave,
assuming human likeness.

And being found in appearance as a human,

⁸ he humbled himself
and became obedient to the point of death—
even death on a cross.

⁹ Therefore God exalted him even more highly
and gave him the name

that is above every other name,

¹⁰ so that at the name given to Jesus
every knee should bend,

in heaven and on earth and under the earth,

¹¹ and every tongue should confess

that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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Glory and praise to you, O Lord Jesus Christ.

Christ humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death^l on a cross.* Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above^l ev'ry name.

(Phil. 2:8-9)

Glory and praise to you, O Lord Jesus Christ.

GOSPEL

Matthew 26:14–27:66

The holy gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.*Be seated.*

¹⁴ One of the twelve, who was called Judas Iscariot, went to the chief priests ¹⁵ and said, "What will you give me if I betray him to you?" They paid him thirty pieces of silver. ¹⁶ And from that moment he began to look for an opportunity to betray him.

¹⁷ On the first day of Unleavened Bread the disciples came to Jesus, saying, "Where do you want us to make the preparations for you to eat the Passover?" ¹⁸ He said, "Go into the city to a certain man and say to him, 'The Teacher says, My time is near; I will keep the Passover at your house with my disciples.' " ¹⁹ So the disciples did as Jesus had directed them, and they prepared the Passover meal.

²⁰ When it was evening, he took his place with the twelve disciples, ²¹ and while they were eating he said, "Truly I tell you, one of you will betray me." ²² And they became greatly distressed and began to say to him one after another, "Surely not I, Lord?" ²³ He answered, "The one who has dipped his hand into the bowl with me will betray me. ²⁴ The Son of Man goes as it is written of him, but woe to that one by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! It would have been better for that one not to have been born." ²⁵ Judas, who betrayed him, said, "Surely not I, Rabbi?" He replied, "You have said so."

²⁶ While they were eating, Jesus took a loaf of bread, and after blessing it he broke it, gave it to the disciples, and said, "Take, eat; this is my body." ²⁷ Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you, ²⁸ for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. ²⁹ I tell you, I will never again drink of this fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father's kingdom."

³⁰ When they had sung the hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives.

³¹ Then Jesus said to them, "You will all fall away because of me this night, for it is written,

'I will strike the shepherd,
and the sheep of the flock will be scattered.'

³² "But after I am raised up, I will go ahead of you to Galilee." ³³ Peter said to him, "Even if all fall away because of you, I will never fall away." ³⁴ Jesus said to him, "Truly I tell you, this very night, before the cock crows, you will deny me three times." ³⁵ Peter said to him, "Even though I must die with you, I will not deny you." And so said all the disciples.

³⁶ Then Jesus went with them to a place called Gethsemane, and he said to his disciples, "Sit here while I go over there and pray." ³⁷ He took with him Peter and

the two sons of Zebedee and began to be grieved and agitated.³⁸ Then he said to them, "My soul is deeply grieved, even to death; remain here, and stay awake with me."³⁹ And going a little farther, he threw himself on the ground and prayed, "My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from me, yet not what I want but what you want."⁴⁰ Then he came to the disciples and found them sleeping, and he said to Peter, "So, could you not stay awake with me one hour?"⁴¹ Stay awake and pray that you may not come into the time of trial; the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak."⁴² Again he went away for the second time and prayed, "My Father, if this cannot pass unless I drink it, your will be done."⁴³ Again he came and found them sleeping, for their eyes were heavy.⁴⁴ So leaving them again, he went away and prayed for the third time, saying the same words.⁴⁵ Then he came to the disciples and said to them, "Are you still sleeping and taking your rest? Now the hour is at hand, and the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners."⁴⁶ Get up, let us be going. Look, my betrayer is at hand."

⁴⁷ While he was still speaking, Judas, one of the twelve, arrived; with him was a large crowd with swords and clubs, from the chief priests and the elders of the people.⁴⁸ Now the betrayer had given them a sign, saying, "The one I will kiss is the man; arrest him."⁴⁹ At once he came up to Jesus and said, "Greetings, Rabbi!" and kissed him.⁵⁰ Jesus said to him, "Friend, do what you are here to do." Then they came and laid hands on Jesus and arrested him.⁵¹ Suddenly one of those with Jesus put his hand on his sword, drew it, and struck the slave of the high priest, cutting off his ear.⁵² Then Jesus said to him, "Put your sword back into its place, for all who take the sword will die by the sword."⁵³ Do you think that I cannot appeal to my Father, and he will at once send me more than twelve legions of angels?⁵⁴ But how then would the scriptures be fulfilled, which say it must happen in this way?"⁵⁵ At that hour Jesus said to the crowds, "Have you come out with swords and clubs to arrest me as though I were a rebel? Day after day I sat in the temple teaching, and you did not arrest me."⁵⁶ But all this has taken place, so that the scriptures of the prophets may be fulfilled." Then all the disciples deserted him and fled.

⁵⁷ Those who had arrested Jesus took him to Caiaphas the high priest, where the scribes and the elders had gathered.⁵⁸ But Peter was following him at a distance, as far as the courtyard of the high priest, and going inside he sat with the guards in order to see how this would end.⁵⁹ Now the chief priests and the whole council were looking for false testimony against Jesus so that they might put him to death,⁶⁰ but they found none, though many false witnesses came forward. At last two came forward⁶¹ and said, "This fellow said, 'I am able to destroy the temple of God and to build it in three days.'"⁶² The high priest stood up and said, "Have you no answer? What is it that they testify against you?"⁶³ But Jesus was silent. Then the high priest said to him, "I put you under oath before the living God, tell us if you are the Messiah, the Son of God."⁶⁴ Jesus said to him,

“You have said so. But I tell you,
From now on you will see the Son of Man
seated at the right hand of Power
and coming on the clouds of heaven.”

⁶⁵ Then the high priest tore his clothes and said, “He has blasphemed! Why do we still need witnesses? You have now heard his blasphemy. ⁶⁶ What do you think?” They answered, “He deserves death.” ⁶⁷ Then they spat in his face and struck him, and some slapped him, ⁶⁸ saying, “Prophecy to us, you Messiah! Who is it that struck you?”

⁶⁹ Now Peter was sitting outside in the courtyard. A female servant came to him and said, “You also were with Jesus the Galilean.” ⁷⁰ But he denied it before all of them, saying, “I do not know what you are talking about.” ⁷¹ When he went out to the porch, another female servant saw him, and she said to the bystanders, “This man was with Jesus the Nazarene.” ⁷² Again he denied it with an oath, “I do not know the man.” ⁷³ After a little while the bystanders came up and said to Peter, “Certainly you are also one of them, for your accent betrays you.” ⁷⁴ Then he began to curse, and he swore an oath, “I do not know the man!” At that moment the cock crowed. ⁷⁵ Then Peter remembered what Jesus had said: “Before the cock crows, you will deny me three times.” And he went out and wept bitterly.

^{27:1} When morning came, all the chief priests and the elders of the people conferred together against Jesus in order to bring about his death. ² They bound him, led him away, and handed him over to Pilate the governor.

³ When Judas, his betrayer, saw that Jesus was condemned, he repented and brought back the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and the elders. ⁴ He said, “I have sinned by betraying innocent blood.” But they said, “What is that to us? See to it yourself.” ⁵ Throwing down the pieces of silver in the temple, he departed, and he went and hanged himself. ⁶ But the chief priests, taking the pieces of silver, said, “It is not lawful to put them into the treasury, since they are blood money.” ⁷ After conferring together, they used them to buy the potter’s field as a place to bury foreigners. ⁸ For this reason that field has been called the Field of Blood to this day. ⁹ Then was fulfilled what had been spoken through the prophet Jeremiah, “And they took the thirty pieces of silver, the price of the one on whom a price had been set, on whom some of the people of Israel had set a price, ¹⁰ and they gave them for the potter’s field, as the Lord commanded me.”

¹¹ Now Jesus stood before the governor, and the governor asked him, “Are you the king of the Jews?” Jesus said, “You say so.” ¹² But when he was accused by the chief priests and elders, he did not answer. ¹³ Then Pilate said to him, “Do you not hear how many accusations they make against you?” ¹⁴ But he gave him no answer, not even to a single charge, so that the governor was greatly amazed.

¹⁵ Now at the festival the governor was accustomed to release a prisoner for the crowd, anyone whom they wanted. ¹⁶ At that time they had a notorious prisoner called Jesus Barabbas. ¹⁷ So after they had gathered, Pilate said to them, "Whom do you want me to release for you, Jesus Barabbas or Jesus who is called the Messiah?" ¹⁸ For he realized that it was out of jealousy that they had handed him over. ¹⁹ While he was sitting on the judgment seat, his wife sent word to him, "Have nothing to do with that innocent man, for today I have suffered a great deal because of a dream about him." ²⁰ Now the chief priests and the elders persuaded the crowds to ask for Barabbas and to have Jesus killed. ²¹ The governor again said to them, "Which of the two do you want me to release for you?" And they said, "Barabbas." ²² Pilate said to them, "Then what should I do with Jesus who is called the Messiah?" All of them said, "Let him be crucified!" ²³ Then he asked, "Why, what evil has he done?" But they shouted all the more, "Let him be crucified!"

²⁴ So when Pilate saw that he could do nothing but rather that a riot was beginning, he took some water and washed his hands before the crowd, saying, "I am innocent of this man's blood; see to it yourselves." ²⁵ Then the people as a whole answered, "His blood be on us and on our children!" ²⁶ So he released Barabbas for them, and after flogging Jesus he handed him over to be crucified.

²⁷ Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus into the governor's headquarters, and they gathered the whole cohort around him. ²⁸ They stripped him and put a scarlet robe on him, ²⁹ and after twisting some thorns into a crown they put it on his head. They put a reed in his right hand and knelt before him and mocked him, saying, "Hail, King of the Jews!" ³⁰ They spat on him and took the reed and struck him on the head. ³¹ After mocking him, they stripped him of the robe and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him away to crucify him.

³² As they went out, they came upon a man from Cyrene named Simon; they compelled this man to carry his cross.

Please stand

³³ And when they came to a place called Golgotha (which means Place of a Skull), ³⁴ they offered him wine to drink, mixed with gall, but when he tasted it, he would not drink it. ³⁵ And when they had crucified him, they divided his clothes among themselves by casting lots; ³⁶ then they sat down there and kept watch over him. ³⁷ Over his head they put the charge against him, which read, "This is Jesus, the King of the Jews."

³⁸ Then two rebels were crucified with him, one on his right and one on his left. ³⁹ Those who passed by derided him, shaking their heads ⁴⁰ and saying, "You who would destroy the temple and build it in three days, save yourself! If you are the Son of God, come down from the cross." ⁴¹ In the same way the chief priests also,

along with the scribes and elders, were mocking him, saying, ⁴² "He saved others; he cannot save himself. He is the King of Israel; let him come down from the cross now, and we will believe in him. ⁴³ He trusts in God; let God deliver him now, if he wants to, for he said, 'I am God's Son.' " ⁴⁴ The rebels who were crucified with him also taunted him in the same way.

⁴⁵ From noon on, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. ⁴⁶ And about three o'clock Jesus cried with a loud voice, "Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?" that is, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" ⁴⁷ When some of the bystanders heard it, they said, "This man is calling for Elijah." ⁴⁸ At once one of them ran and got a sponge, filled it with sour wine, put it on a stick, and gave it to him to drink. ⁴⁹ But the others said, "Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to save him." ⁵⁰ Then Jesus cried again with a loud voice and breathed his last.

Silence

⁵¹ At that moment the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. The earth shook, and the rocks were split. ⁵² The tombs also were opened, and many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised. ⁵³ After his resurrection they came out of the tombs and entered the holy city and appeared to many. ⁵⁴ Now when the centurion and those with him, who were keeping watch over Jesus, saw the earthquake and what took place, they were terrified and said, "Truly this man was God's Son!"

⁵⁵ Many women were also there, looking on from a distance; they had followed Jesus from Galilee, ministering to him. ⁵⁶ Among them were Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James and Joseph, and the mother of the sons of Zebedee.

⁵⁷ When it was evening, there came a rich man from Arimathea named Joseph, who also was himself a disciple of Jesus. ⁵⁸ He went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus; then Pilate ordered it to be given to him. ⁵⁹ So Joseph took the body and wrapped it in a clean linen cloth ⁶⁰ and laid it in his new tomb, which he had hewn in the rock. He then rolled a great stone to the door of the tomb and went away. ⁶¹ Mary Magdalene and the other Mary were there, sitting opposite the tomb.

⁶² The next day, that is, after the day of Preparation, the chief priests and the Pharisees gathered before Pilate ⁶³ and said, "Sir, we remember what that impostor said while he was still alive, 'After three days I will rise again.' ⁶⁴ Therefore command the tomb to be made secure until the third day; otherwise, his disciples may go and steal him away and tell the people, 'He has been raised from the dead,' and the last deception would be worse than the first." ⁶⁵ Pilate said to them, "You have a guard of soldiers; go, make it as secure as you can." ⁶⁶ So they went with the guard and made the tomb secure by sealing the stone.

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

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

Ride On, Ride On in Majesty!

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- 1 Ride on, ride on in majesty!
Hear all the tribes hosanna cry;
O Savior meek, your road pursue,
with palms and scattered garments strewed.
- 2 Ride on, ride on in majesty!
In lowly pomp ride on to die.
O Christ, your triumphs now begin
o'er captive death and conquered sin.
- 3 Ride on, ride on in majesty!
The hosts of angels in the sky
look down with sad and wond'ring eyes
to see the approaching sacrifice.
- 4 Ride on, ride on in majesty!
In lowly pomp ride on to die,
bow your meek head to mortal pain,
then take, O Christ, your pow'r and reign!

PRAYERS OF THE INTERCESSION

Reconciled by God's mercy and sustained by God's presence, let us pray for the world and its needs.

Each petition concludes:

Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

The final petition concludes:

...through Jesus Christ, our strength and salvation.

Amen.

SHARING THE PEACE

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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

Restore, in Us, O God setting, Christopher Uehlein

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

O God, maker of heaven and earth,
your steadfast love embraces all creation.

You send rain and sunshine to nourish the earth
and bring forth its bounty.

Through these gifts of bread and wine,
draw us into the death and life of your Son,
who calls us to bear witness to his saving work.

We ask this in Jesus' name.

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

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It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
that we should at all times and in all places
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,
through our Savior Jesus Christ.

You call your people to cleanse their hearts
and prepare with joy for the paschal feast,
that, renewed in the gift of baptism,
we may come to the fullness of your grace.

And so, with all the choirs of angels,
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Holy, Holy, Holy

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**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of pow'r and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

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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 LORD'S PRAYER

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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

Come to the table.

Feast on God's goodness and mercy.

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

There Is a Redeemer and One Bread, One Body

settings, Joel Raney

TABLE BLESSING

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ make you strong do God's will and keep you in grace.

Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray,
God of our salvation,
we give you thanks for this meal that restores our souls,
reconciles us to you, and strengthens us for the journey.
Through the body and blood of your Son,
may we become Christ's body in the world,
bearing witness to your love for all creation,
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

✠SENDING✠

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

OUR COMMUNITY OF FAITH

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BLESSING

Receive the blessing of the holy Trinity:
God, who calls all things into existence,
Jesus Christ, who redeems us,
and the Holy Spirit, whose breath sustains creation,
✠ bless you now and always.

Amen.

SENDING SONG

On My Heart Imprint Your Image

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On my heart imprint your image,
blessed Jesus, king of grace,
that life's troubles nor its pleasures
ever may your work erase.
Let the clear inscription be:
Jesus, crucified for me,
is my life, my hope's foundation,
all my glory and salvation!

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Believe the good news.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

The Royal Banners Forward Go

setting, Ludwig Lenel

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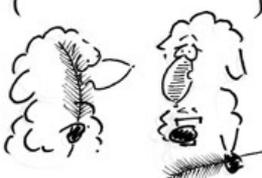
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SO, TODAY, AFTER THE PROCESSION, WE'RE GOING TO HEAR THE STORY OF THE SUFFERING OF JESUS. RIGHT.



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AND THEN, ON FRIDAY, WE'RE GOING TO HEAR IT ALL OVER AGAIN? RIGHT.



BECAUSE YOU CAN'T HAVE TOO MUCH OF A GOOD THING! RIGHT!



MATTHEW 21:1-11

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TODAY'S MINISTERS FOR WORSHIP

Presiding Minister:	Pr. David Frerichs	
Minister for Music:	Megan Lyon	
Organist	Sheryl Mehrhoff	
	8:30	11:00
Greeter	TBD	Jayne Young
Worship Hosts	Kim Hickey	Debbie Hedlund
	TBD	TBD
Assisting Ministers	Read	Wilson Freyermuth
	Pray	Shari Freyermuth
		Joanne Boomer
		Karon Speckman
Acolyte	TBD	TBD
Communion Preparer	Scherrie Goettsch	Gwen Gray
Communion Cleanup		Jayne Young
Visual Projectionist	Gwen Gray	Paige Boomer
Zoom Worship Host		Cathy Richter
Zoom Tech Director		Paul Boomer
Building Opener	TBD	
Building Closer		TBD
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		Paul Speckman

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FINANCIAL SUMMARY

Contributions and expenses through February 28, 2026

	February	YTD
Offerings	\$39,781	\$74,442
Expenses	\$41,312	\$80,496
Over/(under) expenses	(1,531)	(\$6,054)
Nonbudget Special Offerings	\$552	\$1,596



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Pastor David's Phone: 402-741-2935

Wednesday Midweek Service during Holy Week: There will be no Wednesday worship service on Wednesday, April 1st. Regular Wednesday Worship will resume on April 8th at 6:15 pm.

Fifth Sunday Offering: Every month with 5 Sundays St. Andrew's designates a local charity for a special offering. On March 29th we will collect donations for Loaves and Fishes. 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.

Holy Week Worship Services: The Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Vigil Saturday services function as one service continued from evening to evening with building themes that follow Jesus from his final instruction with the new commandment to love one another as he has loved us on Thursday, through his passion and death on Friday, to a rehearsal of Old Testament texts that the Christian tradition understands as ground for understanding God's love throughout scripture and concluding the first celebration of the resurrection on Saturday. It is one big worship service and calls the faithful to pace themselves.

- **Maundy Thursday**, April 2nd–7:00 pm in-person or Zoom
- **Good Friday**, April 3rd–7:00 pm in-person or Zoom
- **Easter Vigil**, April 4th–7:30 pm in-person or Zoom
- **Easter Sunday**, April 5th–8:30 in-person & 11:00 am in-person or Zoom

Men's Breakfast: Men may join in a time of fellowship and discussion, the first Saturday of every Month. We next meet on Saturday April 4th at 8:00 am in the Fellowship Hall. Contact Harry Lewis for more information hlewis25@gmail.com

Prayer Shawl & Craft Ministry: Come, join in at the Prayer Shawl & Crafting Ministry where we knit or crochet prayer shawls, caps, scarves, baby blankets and other items to encourage those in need. We meet the 1st and 3rd Saturday of every month at 11:00 am in room 112 inside the Fellowship Hall. Your creative ideas are welcome. Contact Holly Heidlage holly0917@centurytel.net for more information. Our next gathering is on Saturday, April 4th.

Easter Brunch: Join in on Easter Sunday, April 5th, between the services at 9:45 am in the Fellowship, for a potluck Easter brunch! We encourage you to bring any visiting family and friends with you! Join in to celebrate Christ's glorious resurrection in the way Lutherans know best – with food, fun and fellowship! Signup sheets are in the Narthex! Thank you for your contributions . . . we look forward to seeing you on Easter morning!

Food Bank Barrels: The Food Bank barrels are going away at the end March. Please bring your nonperishable food items to leave in the blue barrels to help those struggling with food security. Thank you for your contributions!

Prayers for March 29, 2026

We add to our prayers this week:

For the family and friends of Jerry recently diagnosed with pancreatic Cancer. Jerry is a friend of Ericca and Travis Thornhill.

We continue to offer prayers of hope and healing for:

Melissa Stormont	Phyllis Glasker	Arlene Cunningham
Michael Butterworth	Linnea Geenen	Candi Glancy
Dorcas Leighton	Dale Whitman	Patric
Joyce Berschauer	Cathy	Joanne Boomer
Michelle Knipp	Mo Champion-Garthe	

We pray for those in the military:

Eric Childers, 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 the United States, Israel, Iran and all middle eastern Countries, Palestine, Ukraine, Sudan and Congo; we pray in particular for these Palestinian detainees: Shadi Khoury, Layan Nasir, and Hadeel Shatara.

Those who are incarcerated with whom we minister: Brooke, Chastity, Shelena, Rose, Jackie, Sandra, Gina, Kim, Sage, Estelle, Leonna, Hali, Jane, Dana, and Angelica.

We pray for our partners in ministry in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA), the Central States Synod and these congregations: Bethany Lutheran Church, Lindsborg, KS; St. Paul Lutheran Church, Peabody, KS; Zion Lutheran Church, Hanover, KS.

Background on Palestinian detainees for whom we pray:

We pray for Layan Nasir, a Christian Palestinian student. She has been subjected to ongoing military trials for four years. In 2024, she was re-arrested and held for eight months under administrative detention. Today, she still faces the threat of an 8-month prison sentence, based on proceedings in a military court system that denies basic legal protections and presumes guilt rather than justice.

We pray for Hadeel Shatara, our FOSNA Palestinian partner, an advancement officer at Birzeit University near Ramallah. She is a fierce advocate of Palestinians and has been detained in the past for speaking out. She asks us to pray for peace for her homeland.

We pray for Shadi Khoury, a Palestinian boy who we have been holding in our prayers each week, was recently sentenced to 2 years and 8 months in prison, and a fine of \$4000. According to Shadi's mother:

- Shadi was beaten and taken from his home in the middle of the night when he was 16 years old. Only after 41 days in detention was he charged with participating in a demonstration and throwing rocks at an Israeli settler car.
- While in detention, he was beaten to the point of losing consciousness three times and suffered a broken nose.
- His first trial was delayed when a Palestinian boy, who was supposed to be a key witness against Shadi, said he had not seen Shadi before, but that jailers said they would beat him more if he did not testify against Shadi. The judge ruled that the prosecution should have more time to gather evidence.
- Despite beatings and being in and out of detention and house arrest over 3 years, Shadi never confessed to wrongdoing. As a result his sentence was longer than other boys who did confess.

THIS WEEK AT ST. ANDREW'S

Sunday, March 29: Fifth Sunday Offering—Loaves and Fishes

- 8:30 am Worship (IP)
- 9:45 am Sunday Forum (IP&Z)
- 11:00 am Worship (IP&Z)
- 2:00 pm Faith Milestone: Communion Instruction (IP-Saint Andrew's)
- 2:30 pm Jail Ministry (IP-Boone County Jail)

Monday, March 30

- 4:45 pm ELCM Bible Study (IP)
- 6:00 pm ELCM Evening Prayer & Dinner (IP-Calvary Episcopal Church)

Tuesday, March 31

No Events

Wednesday, April 1

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

Thursday, April 2

- 7:00 pm Maundy Thursday Worship (IP&Z)

Friday, April 3

- 7:00 pm Good Friday Worship (IP&Z)

Saturday, April 4

- 8:00 am Men's Breakfast (IP)
- 11:00 am Prayer Shawl & Craft Ministry (IP&Z)
- 7:30 pm Easter Vigil Worship (IP&Z)

Sunday, April 5:

- 8:30 am Worship (IP)
- 9:45 am Easter Brunch (IP)
- 11:00 am Worship (IP&Z)

Reading for Next Wednesday April 1, 2026

No Wednesday Worship
During Holy Week

Readings for Next Sunday April 5, 2026

Resurrection of Our Lord: Easter Day

Acts 10:34-43
Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24
Colossians 3:1-4
Matthew 28:1-10

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

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 - 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.