

Second Sunday of Easter

April 12, 2026

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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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PRELUDE

8:30

Because of Your Love

Paul Baloche

11:00

That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright

setting, Wayne L. Wold

EASTER ACCLAMATION

Alleluia! Christ is Risen!

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION TO THE DAY

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Alleluia! Christ is Risen!

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne
and to the Lamb!

Amen.

Let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism.

Merciful God,
you are the one who was, who is, and who is to come.
You lead us beside still waters.

We thank you for the waters of creation:
morning dew, gentle rain, roaring waves.

We thank you for the waters that nourish us (local waters may be named).
Blessed are you.

You guide us to springs of the water of life.

Jesus Christ, you are the faithful witness
who accompanies us on our journeys.

We give you thanks for your life-giving death and resurrection.

We praise you for joining us in joy and sorrow.

Blessed are you.

You guide us to springs of the water of life.

Holy Spirit, you anoint our head with oil and our cup overflows.
Break down barriers that divide us.
Fill us with the breath of peace.
Blessed are you.

You guide us to springs of the water of life.

Holy One, we thank you for the gifts and grace of baptism,
and for making us a new creation.
We join with saints and angels, giving you honor and praise,
now and forever.

Amen.

✠GATHERING✠

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

GATHERING SONG

That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright

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- 1 That Easter day with joy was bright;
the sun shone out with fairer light
when, to their longing eyes restored,
th'apostles saw their risen Lord!
- 2 O Jesus, king of gentleness,
with constant love our hearts possess;
to you our lips will ever raise
the tribute of our grateful praise.
- 3 O Christ, you are the Lord of all
in this our Easter festival,
for you will be our strength and shield
from ev'ry weapon death can wield.
- 4 All praise, O risen Lord, we give
to you, once dead, but now alive!
To God the Father equal praise,
and God the Spirit, now we raise!

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 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

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Let us pray.

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

Amen.

CHILDREN'S TIME

✠WORD✠

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

FIRST READING

Acts 2:14a, 22-32

A reading from Acts.

^{14a} Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed [the crowd]: ²² "Fellow Israelites, listen to what I have to say: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with deeds of power, wonders, and signs that God did through him among you, as you yourselves know ²³ this man, handed over to you according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of those outside the law. ²⁴ But God raised him up, having released him from the agony of death, because it was impossible for him to be held in its power. ²⁵ For David says concerning him,

'I saw the Lord always before me,

for he is at my right hand so that I will not be shaken;

²⁶ therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced;
moreover, my flesh will live in hope.

²⁷ For you will not abandon my soul to Hades
or let your Holy One experience corruption.

²⁸ You have made known to me the ways of life;
you will make me full of gladness with your presence.'

²⁹ "Fellow Israelites, I may say to you confidently of our ancestor David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. ³⁰ Since he was a prophet, he knew that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would put one of his descendants on his throne. ³¹ Foreseeing this, David spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, saying,

'He was not abandoned to Hades,

nor did his flesh experience corruption.'

³² "This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are witnesses."

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Psalm 16

¹ Protect me, O God, for I take refuge in you;
I have said to the LORD, "You are my Lord, my good above all other."

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

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

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

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

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

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

⁸ **I have set the LORD always before me;
because God is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken.**

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

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

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

SECOND READING

1 Peter 1:3-9

A reading from First Peter.

³ Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead ⁴ and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, ⁵ who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. ⁶ In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, ⁷ so that the genuineness of your faith—being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed.

⁸ Although you have not seen him, you love him, and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy,

⁹ for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

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 20:19-31

The holy gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

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

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

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

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

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY *O Sons and Daughters, Let Us Sing*

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*Stanza 1—All Voices; Stanza 2,3—High Voices; Stanza 4,5—Low Voices;
Stanza 6—High Voices, Stanza 7—Low Voices; Stanzas 8,9—All Voices*

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

1 O sons and daughters, let us sing
with heav'nly hosts to Christ our king:
today the grave has lost its sting!
Alleluia!

2 That Easter morn, at break of day,
the faithful women went their way
to seek the tomb where Jesus lay.
Alleluia!

An angel clad in white they see,
who sits and speaks unto the three,
"Your Lord will go to Galilee."
Alleluia!

4 That night the apostles met in fear;
among them came their master dear,
and said, "My peace be with you here."
Alleluia!

5 When Thomas first the tidings heard,
that they had seen the risen Lord,
he doubted the disciples' word.
Alleluia!

6 "My pierced side, O Thomas, see,
and look upon my hands, my feet;
not faithless, but believing be."
Alleluia!

7 No longer Thomas then denied;
he saw the feet, the hands, the side;
"You are my Lord and God!" he cried.
Alleluia!

8 How blest are they who have not seen,
and yet whose faith has constant been,
for they eternal life shall win.
Alleluia!

9 On this most holy day of days,
be laud and jubilee and praise:
to God your hearts and voices raise.
Alleluia!

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

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

Trusting in the power of Christ's resurrection to heal and redeem our broken world, let us pray for the needs of all creation.

Each petition concludes:

Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

The final petition concludes:

...through Jesus Christ, our risen Savior.

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.

MUSICAL OFFERING

8:30

Because of Your Love

Paul Baloche

Intro

Verse 1

As we come in- to Your presence we re- member every blessing
That You've poured out so freely from above
Lifting gratitude and praises for compassion so amazing
Lord, we've come to give You thanks for all You've done

Chorus

Because of Your love, we're forgiven
Because of Your love, our hearts are clean
We lift You up with songs of freedom
For- ever we're changed because of Your love

Instrumental

Verse 2

As we come in- to Your presence we re- member every blessing
That You've poured out so freely from above
Lifting gratitude and praises for compassion so amazing
Lord, we've come to give You thanks for all You've done

Chorus

Because of Your love, we're forgiven
Because of Your love, our hearts are clean
We lift You up with songs of freedom
Forever we're changed because of Your love

Instrumental

Chorus

Because of Your love, we're forgiven
Because of Your love, our hearts are clean
We lift You up with songs of freedom
Forever we're changed because of Your love

Outro

11:00

Witness

by Dick Bolks arr. Jack Halloran

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray,
Merciful God,
accept the fruits of our labor, gathered to give you glory.
You have set a table before us, a glimpse of that great day
when we will hunger and thirst no more.
Nourish us with the body and blood of Jesus,
that goodness and mercy may follow us
and bless the world you love.
In the name of Jesus,
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,
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

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

Receive the gift of new life.

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

Show Us Christ

arr. Faye López

TABLE BLESSING

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

Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Holy One,

through this meal you have made your home among us
and are making all things new.

Send us now to speak peace to anxious hearts,

to love our enemies,

and to bring your healing to the nations.

In the name of Jesus,

Amen.

✠SENDING✠

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

OUR COMMUNITY OF FAITH

ELW p.192

BLESSING

God Almighty, who is the beginning and the end,
Jesus Christ, the firstborn of the dead,
and the Spirit, our advocate and peace,
✠ bless you now and forever.

Amen.

SENDING SONG

Hallelujah! Jesus Lives!

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- 1 Hallelujah! Jesus lives!
He is now the Living One;
from the gloomy halls of death
Christ, the conqueror, has gone,
bright forerunner to the skies
of his people, yet to rise.
- 2 Jesus lives! Why do you weep?
Why that sad and mournful sigh?
Christ who died our brother here
lives our brother still on high,
lives forever to bestow
blessings on his church below.
- 3 Jesus lives! And thus, my soul,
life eternal waits for you;
joined to Christ, your living head,
where he is, you shall be too;
with the Lord, at God's right hand,
as a victor you shall stand.
- 4 Jesus lives! Let all rejoice.
Praise him, ransomed of the earth.
Praise him in a nobler song,
cherubim of heav'nly birth.
Praise the victor king, whose sway
sin and death and hell obey.
- 5 Hallelujah! Angels, sing!
Join with us in hymns of praise.
Let your chorus swell the strain
which our feebler voices raise:
Glory to our God above
and on earth his peace and love!

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Praise the Lord. Alleluia!

Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

POSTLUDE**8:30**

Reprise: Hallelujah! Jesus Lives!

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11:00

Hallelujah! Jesus Lives!

setting, J. Bert Carlson

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Agnus Day

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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	Susan Candeia	Gage & Tara Alstatt
Worship Hosts	Brent Lewis	Janet Farmer
	Kim Hickey	John Farmer
Assisting Minsters	Read Phil Wood	Dawn Lessiack
	Pray Kris Niendorf	Larry Leip
Acolyte	TBD	TBD
Communion Preparer	Kim Hickey	Gwen Gray
Communion Cleanup		Susan Krings
Visual Projectionist	Gwen Gray	Phil Wood
Zoom Worship Host		Michelle Froese
Zoom Tech Director		Susan Goldammer
Building Opener	TBD	
Building Closer		Nathan Williams
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Contributions and expenses through March 31, 2026

	March	YTD
Offerings	\$36,372	\$110,813
Expenses	\$34,619	\$115,114
Over/(under) expenses	(1,753)	(\$4,301)
Nonbudget Special Offerings	\$4,706	\$6,302



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Mon-Thurs: 8:00 am–12:30 pm; 1:00 pm–4:30 pm

Pastor David's Phone: 402-741-2935

Sunday Forum: April 12th: "Como Comunidad" Please join us on April 12th for a special Sunday Forum program by Jaymes Schrock, the Founder and President of Como Comunidad. He will talk about the story and mission of the organization and how it helps Hispanic immigrant families in Mid-Missouri. He will address how local communities can assist and support these immigrant families. He will also touch on immigration issues faced by the Hispanic community. Join in at 9:45 am in the conference room or via Zoom.

Growing Hope Globally: Join us for special overseas visitor from Timor-Leste on April 13 at 11:30 a.m. We just got word that a special Growing Hope Globally overseas speaker from Timor-Leste will be in Columbia on Monday, April 13 at 11:30 for lunch and a presentation. Julio Martins da Costa, who works with the Protestant Church of Timor-Leste, Church World Service and Growing Hope, will tell us about his work helping 300 farm families become food secure! This region is among the country's most deprived areas. The program focuses on improving community agricultural output through sustainable, climate resilient farming techniques. It also works on increasing economic leadership and income generation among women, as well as improving community nutrition. Join us Monday at 11:30 for lunch and speaker in the Fellowship Hall at St. Andrew's Lutheran Church. Bring a friend and RSVP to Karon at speckmank@gmail.com

Central States Synod Event: Fear into Fire 2026 EcoFaith Summit: Join us on Saturday, April 18 at 8:30 am for the 2026 EcoFaith Summit of the Upper Midwest, "From Fear to Fire: Igniting Community for a Planet in Peril." This annual climate justice conference is taking place in Duluth, MN, and St. Andrew's is one of 4 congregations where interested persons in the Central States Synod can gather to see the livestream of this program. Participants from the Central States Synod will also hear from Bishop Donna Simon and Rev. Dr. Barbara Rossing, who will share information about the World Council of Churches Ecumenical Decade for Climate Justice Action. See schedule details in the weekly update, newsletter or narthex display. Sign up with Jamie in the church office. Registration includes a \$10 donation to cover lunch and on-site expenses

Prayer Shawl and Crafting Ministry: Imaginative crafters are needed to help knit Prayer Shawls as well as 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 April 18th.

Sunday Forum: April 19th: “German theologian, Dietrich Bonhoeffer”—Part 1
Our April 19th Sunday Forum will be a very special presentation by Ann and Ken Green about the illustrious German theologian, Dietrich Bonhoeffer. They will discuss his life and history, looking at who was the man, Dietrich Bonhoeffer. The Forum presentation will also explore: key events in Bonhoeffer’s life that influenced his theology and ethics; his involvement with the Abwehr (resistance); and discuss his beliefs as a pacifist vs. “just-war” advocate. Join in at 9:45 am in the conference room or via Zoom.

ELFY Youth Group: All families with youth in grades 6 through 12 will want to sign up for the GroupMe group for announcements about ELFY Gatherings and events. On Sunday April 19 at 6:00 pm, the gathering will be at Saint Andrew’s, with fellowship, games, snacks. This will be the final official meeting of ELFY in 2026.

Earth Day Prayers in the Memorial Courtyard Garden: Join in on Wednesday, April 22, 11:45 am-Noon. Join in-person for a short time of prayer for our Earth Home. We will add our prayers to those of people of all faiths over the world offering their prayers on Earth Day 2026. Together we remember that we are interconnected with our Sacred Earth and all its inhabitants, knowing that what causes harm to one inhabitant causes damage to us all. We have “One Home, One Future.”

Lunch and Learn workshop: Life Together—Bonhoeffer Synod Assembly Voting Members and all other participants with Saint Andrew’s Lutheran Church may join a five week Lunch and Learn series. In preparation for our 2026 Synod Assembly, we will be reading Life Together. We invite you to join us on Thursdays for a lunch-and-learn book study led by the synod staff. We will examine Bonhoeffer’s writings in a time when we feel especially divided. Dates Include: **April 23** - Community; **April 30** - The Day Together; **May 7** - The Day Alone; **May 14** - Service and **May 21** - Confession and the Lord’s Supper. All sessions convene from Noon to 12:45 pm. For more information and the link to join:

<https://www.css-elca.org/workshops>

Saint Andrew’s Lutheran Church “Building Beautification Workday”:

Join in as we foster community and stewardship on Friday, April 24 from 9:00 am - 12:00 pm with a second “Building Beautification Work Day”. We will be focusing on minor repair and maintenance, some small cleaning projects and taking inventory of items stored in mechanical closets. No technical skills are needed for most jobs! Any tools/supplies needed will be provided. Contact Jamie in the office to sign up: office@saintandrewslutheran.org.

Come when you can, stay as long as you can!

Women of the ELCA Spring Gathering: Saturday, April 25, 2026. Registration begins at 9:00 am and the program begins at 10:00 am. Lunch is included. Join in at the Trinity Lutheran Church, 13007 Route C, Russellville, MO 65074. If you plan to attend please RSVP to Carol Braaten or Phyllis Glasker by Monday, April 20th.

Carol Braaten: cbraaten@midamerica.net

Phyllis Glasker: pjgdogcat@yahoo.com

Prayers for April 12, 2026

We add to our prayers this week:

For Ji Bu who received a cancer diagnosis; she is an international seminary student friend of Sarah Freyermuth.

For Nancy Robertson who has been hospitalized since Holy Saturday, and undergone several procedures; she is the former Music Director at Saint Andrew's.

We continue to offer prayers of hope and healing for:

Jerry	Michelle Knipp	Arlene Cunningham
Melissa Stormont	Linnea Geenen	Candi Glancy
Michael Butterworth	Dale Whitman	Patric
Dorcas Leighton	Cathy	Joanne Boomer
Joyce Berschauer	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, Hali, Kimberly, Christina, Gina, Estelle, Monique, Jackie, Marilyn, Emily, Cassandra, Debra, and Denise.

We pray for our partners in ministry in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA), the Central States Synod, and in particular these congregations: Amana Lutheran Church, Scandia, KS; Faith Lutheran Church, Junction City, KS; and St. Paul Lutheran Church, Nevada, MO.

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, April 12: Second Sunday of Easter

- 8:30 am Worship (IP)
- 9:45 am Sunday Forum (IP&Z)
- 11:00 am Worship (IP&Z)
- 12:30 pm Ambassadors for Christ (IP)

Monday, April 13

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

Tuesday, April 14

No Events

Wednesday, April 15

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

Thursday, April 16

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

Friday, April 17

No Events

Saturday, April 18

- 8:00 am Central States Synod Event: Fear Into Fire (IP)
- 11:00 am Prayer Shawl & Crafting Ministry (IP)

Sunday, April 19: Third Sunday of Easter

- 8:30 am Worship (IP)
- 9:45 am Sunday Forum (IP&Z)
- 11:00 am Worship (IP&Z)
- 6:00 pm ELFY Youth Group (IP-Saint Andrew's Lutheran Church)

Reading for Next Wednesday April 15, 2026

Matthew 12:38-42

Readings for Next Sunday April 19, 2026 Third Sunday of Easter

Acts 2:14a, 36-41
Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19
1 Peter 1:17-23
Luke 24:13-35

*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.