

Third Sunday of Easter

April 19, 2026

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**St. Andrew's
Lutheran Church**

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Columbia, MO 65203

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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

What A Beautiful Name

Ben Fielding & Brooke Ligertwood

11:00

Taste and See

setting Edwin T. Childs

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

We Come to the Hungry Feast

ELW 479

- 1 We come to the hungry feast
hungry for a word of peace.
To hungry hearts unsatisfied
the love of God is not denied.
We come, we come to the hungry feast.
- 2 We come to the hungry feast
hungry for a world released
from hungry people of ev'ry kind,
the poor in body, poor in mind.
We come, we come to the hungry feast.
- 3 We come to the hungry feast
hungry that the hunger cease,
and knowing, though we eat our fill,
the hunger will stay with us; still
we come, we come to the hungry feast.

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.

O God, your Son makes himself known to all his disciples in the breaking of bread. Open the eyes of our faith, that we may see him in his redeeming work, 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, 36-41

A reading from Acts.

^{14a} Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed [the crowd]: ³⁶ "Therefore let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified."

³⁷ Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, "Siblings, what should we do?" ³⁸ Peter said to them, "Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. ³⁹ For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him." ⁴⁰ And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, "Save yourselves from this corrupt generation." ⁴¹ So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Psalms 116:1-4, 12-19

¹ I love the LORD, who has heard my voice,
and listened to my supplication,

² **for the LORD has given ear to me
whenever I called.**

³ The cords of death entangled me; the anguish of the grave came upon me;
I came to grief and sorrow.

⁴ **Then I called upon the name of the LORD:**

“O LORD, I pray you, save my life.”

¹² How shall I repay the LORD
for all the good things God has done for me?

¹³ **I will lift the cup of salvation
and call on the name of the LORD.**

¹⁴ I will fulfill my vows to the LORD
in the presence of all God’s people.

¹⁵ **Precious in your sight, O LORD,
is the death of your servants.**

¹⁶ O LORD, truly I am your servant;
I am your servant, the child of your handmaid; you have freed me from my
bonds.

¹⁷ **I will offer you the sacrifice of thanksgiving
and call upon the name of the LORD.**

¹⁸ I will fulfill my vows to the LORD
in the presence of all God’s people,

¹⁹ **in the courts of the LORD’s house,
in the midst of you, O Jerusalem. Hallelujah!**

SECOND READING

1 Peter 1:17-23

A reading from First Peter.

¹⁷ If you invoke as Father the one who judges impartially according to each person’s work, live in fear during the time of your exile. ¹⁸ You know that you were ransomed from the futile conduct inherited from your ancestors, not with perishable things like silver or gold ¹⁹ but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without defect or blemish. ²⁰ He was destined before the foundation of the world but was revealed at the end of the ages for your sake. ²¹ Through him you have come to trust in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your trust and hope are in God.

²² Now that you have purified your souls by your obedience to the truth so that you have genuine mutual affection, love one another deeply from the heart. ²³ You have been born anew, not of perishable but of imperishable seed, through the living and enduring word of God.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

Halle, halle, hallelujah.
Halle, halle, hallelujah.
Halle, halle, hallelujah.
Hallelujah. Hallelujah.

GOSPEL

Luke 24:13-35

The holy gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹³ Now on that same day two [disciples] were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, ¹⁴ and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. ¹⁵ While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, ¹⁶ but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. ¹⁷ And he said to them, "What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?" They stood still, looking sad. ¹⁸ Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?" ¹⁹ He asked them, "What things?" They replied, "The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, ²⁰ and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. ²¹ But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. ²² Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, ²³ and when they did not find his body there they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. ²⁴ Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but they did not see him." ²⁵ Then he said to them, "Oh, how foolish you are and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! ²⁶ Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?" ²⁷ Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

²⁸ As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. ²⁹ But they urged him strongly, saying, "Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over." So he went in to stay with them. ³⁰ When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. ³¹ Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him, and he vanished from their sight. ³² They said to each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?" ³³ That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem, and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. ³⁴ They were

saying, "The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!"³⁵ Then they told what had happened on the road and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

EASTER ACCLAMATION

Alleluia! Christ is Risen!

Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

O Touch That Soothes and Heals: See My Hands and Feet

ACS 939

- 1 Touch that soothes and heals the hurting,
hands that break a loaf of bread;
steps that walk beside the weary,
bearing burdens in their stead:

Refrain

"See my hands and feet," said Jesus,
love arisen from the grave.

"Be my hands and feet," said Jesus,
"live as ones I died to save."

- 2 Feed the hungry, clothe the naked,
visit ones in need of care,
give the homeless warmth and shelter:
Christ will find a welcome there. Refrain
- 3 Love and serve without distinction
all earth's people, first and least.
Know within each act of kindness
hope and wholeness are increased. *Refrain*
- 4 Hands that beckon little children,
bind a wound, prepare a meal,
feet that rush to share good tidings,
Christ arisen, still reveal. Refrain

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

What A Beautiful Name

Ben Fielding & Brooke Ligertwood

- 1 You were the Word at the beginning
One with God the Lord Most High
Your hidden glory in creation
Now revealed in You our Christ

Chorus

What a beautiful name it is
What a beautiful name it is
The name of Jesus Christ my King
What a beautiful name it is
Nothing compares to this
What a beautiful name it is
The name of Jesus

- 2 You didn't want Heaven without us
So Jesus You brought Heaven down
My sin was great Your love was greater
What could separate us now?

Chorus

What a wonderful name it is
What a wonderful name it is
The name of Jesus Christ my King
What a wonderful name it is
Nothing compares to this
What a wonderful name it is
The name of Jesus

Instrumentals

Bridge

Death could not hold You, the veil tore before You
You silenced the boast of sin and grave
The Heavens are roaring the praise of Your glory
For You are raised to life again
You have no rival, You have no equal
Now and forever, God You reign
Yours is the Kingdom, Yours is the glory
Yours is the Name above all names

Chorus

What a powerful name it is
What a powerful name it is
The name of Jesus Christ my King
What a powerful name it is
Nothing can stand against
What a powerful name it is
The name of Jesus
What a powerful name it is
The name of Jesus
What a powerful name it is
The name of Jesus

11:00

Open Our Eyes

by Will C. Macfarlane

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

Here at Your Table, Lord

arr. Mark Hayes

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

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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

This Joyful Eastertide

ELW 391

- 1 This joyful Eastertide,
away with sin and sorrow!
My love, the Crucified,
has sprung to life this morrow.

Refrain

Had Christ, who once was slain,
not burst his three-day prison,
our faith had been in vain.
But now has Christ arisen,
arisen, arisen, arisen.

- 2 My flesh in hope shall rest
and for a season slumber
till trump from east to west
shall wake the dead in number. *Refrain*
- 3 Death's flood has lost its chill
since Jesus crossed the river.
Lover of souls, from ill
my passing soul deliver. *Refrain*

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Praise the Lord. Alleluia!

Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

POSTLUDE**8:30**

Reprise: This Joyful Eastertide

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11:00

This Joyful Eastertide

setting, Kristina Langlois

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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	Nikki Raedeke	Linda Vedder
Worship Hosts	Jenine Loesing	Bryce Bock
	TBD	Robert Bock
Assisting Minsters	Read Andy Raedeke	Maureen Coy
	Pray TBD	TBD
Acolyte	TBD	TBD
Communion Preparer	Shari Freyermuth	Meg Darkow
Communion Cleanup		Linda Vedder
Visual Projectionist	TBD	Phil Wood
Zoom Worship Host		Cathy Richter
Zoom Tech Director		Susan Goldammer
Building Opener	TBD	
Building Closer		TBD

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FINANCIAL SUMMARY

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 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

Sunday Forum: April 26th: "German theologian, Dietrich Bonhoeffer"—Part 2
A continuation of the April 19th Sunday Forum topic regarding the illustrious German theologian, Dietrich Bonhoeffer. Ken and Ann Green will continue their discussion of Bonhoeffer's life and history. 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.

Annual Congregational Election Meeting: The Congregation Council has established the date for the Annual Congregational Election Meeting on Sunday, April 26, 2026. The only agenda item will be the Election of Leaders. Voting will take place immediately following both the 8:30 and 11:00 a.m. services in the Centrum and via Zoom.

Slido Voting from a Smart Device: <https://vimeo.com/670412375?share=copy>

Slido Voting for Multiple Members: <https://vimeo.com/670412692?share=copy>

Slido Voting from a Computer Browser: <https://vimeo.com/670413041?share=copy>

Zoom participants may sign in using the chat function for the purpose of registering attendance by voting members. There will be voting kiosks at church for those who desire assistance with voting with council members as attendants. For those at home, individual members may register their vote either from a unique smart device or computer, or use "private" browsing in their web browser to record unique votes. Those who call into the Zoom meeting by phone, and do not have access to a web browser, will be able to vote by phone. Contact Wilson Freyermuth, President with questions, wilsonfreyermuth@gmail.com

In Christ,

Ros Thorpe, Council Secretary

Prayers for April 19, 2026

We add to our prayers this week:

For Meta George as she enters palliative care.

For Brady Thomas newborn with multiple health concerns; he is Audrey's nephew.

For the family and friends of Joyce Todd who died unexpectedly on Monday of this week; she is Janet Farmer's younger sister.

We continue to offer prayers of hope and healing for:

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

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: Kent Memorial Lutheran Church, Sunrise Beach, MO; Our Saviour's Lutheran Church, Camdenton, MO; St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church, Cole Camp, MO; Lutherans Restoring Creation.

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 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)

Monday, April 20

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

Tuesday, April 21

No Events

Wednesday, April 22

- 8:00 am Men's Bible Study (Z)
- 10:00 am Women in the Word (IP&Z)
- 11:45 am Earth Day Prayer (IP-Memorial Garden)
- 6:15 pm Wednesday Worship (IP)
- 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal (IP)

Thursday, April 23

- 12:00 pm CSS Lunch & Learn Book Study (Z)

Friday, April 24

- 9:00 am Quilt Tying (IP)
- 9:00 am Church Beautification day (IP)

Saturday, April 25

No Events

Sunday, April 26: Fourth Sunday of Easter-

- 8:30 am Worship (IP)—Saint Andrew's Election Meeting
- 9:45 am Sunday Forum (IP&Z)
- 11:00 am Worship (IP&Z)—Saint Andrew's Election Meeting
- 3:30 pm Loaves and Fishes Food Distribution (IP-1509 Ashley Street)

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

Reading for Next Wednesday April 22, 2026

John 21:1-14

Readings for Next Sunday April 26, 2026 Fourth Sunday of Easter

Acts 2:42-47

Psalm 23

1 Peter 2:19-25

John 10:1-10

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.