

# Seventh Sunday of Easter

May 17, 2026

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In these days between Ascension and Pentecost, we gather with the disciples in the upper room, waiting for the Spirit to transform the church around the world. In today's gospel Jesus prays for his followers and for their mission in his name. Amid religious, social, and economic divisions, we seek the unity that Jesus had with his Father. Made one in baptism, we go forth to live our faith in the world, eager for the unity that God intends for the whole human family.



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Lutheran Church**

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**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.

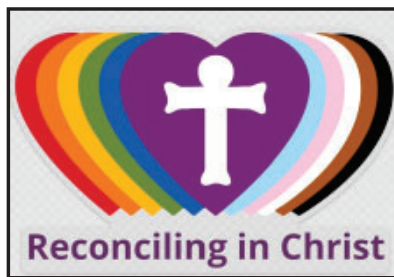
**Offering** is received as a response to God's grace and blessing, and as an expression of our faith. Jesus tells us, "For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also." (Matthew 6:21)

**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 *You Never Let Go* by Beth and Matt Redman  
11:00 *Like the Murmur of the Dove's Song* arr. James Biery

## 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**

*Oh, Love, How Deep*

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*Stanza 1 ALL; Stanza 2 High Voices; Stanza. 3 Low Voices; Stanza 4 ALL;  
Stanza 5 Low Voices; Stanza 6 High Voices; Stanza 7 ALL*

- 1 Oh, love, how deep, how broad, how high,  
beyond all thought and fantasy,  
that God, the Son of God, should take  
our mortal form for mortals' sake!
- 2 God sent no angel to our race,  
of higher or of lower place,  
but wore the robe of human frame,  
in Christ our Lord to this world came.
- 3 For us baptized, for us he bore  
his holy fast and hungered sore;  
for us temptation sharp he knew;  
for us the tempter overthrew.
- 4 For us he prayed; for us he taught;  
for us his daily works he wrought,  
by words and signs and actions thus  
still seeking not himself, but us.
- 5 For us by wickedness betrayed,  
for us, in crown of thorns arrayed,  
he bore the shameful cross and death;  
for us he gave his dying breath.
- 6 For us he rose from death again;  
for us he went on high to reign;  
for us he sent his Spirit here  
to guide, to strengthen, and to cheer.

7 All glory to our Lord and God  
for love so deep, so high, so broad;  
the Trinity whom we adore  
forever and forevermore.

**GREETING**

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

**KYRIE**

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

For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the unity of all;  
for this holy house, for all who worship and praise,  
let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord

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

That we may live out your impassioned response to the hungry and the poor;  
that we may live out truth and justice and grace,

let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord

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

For peace in our hearts, for peace in our homes, for friends and family;  
for life and for love, for our work and our play,  
let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord

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

For your Spirit to guide; that you center our lives in the water and the Word;  
that you nourish our souls with your body and blood,

let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord

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

**CANTICLE OF PRAISE**

*The Trumpets Sound, The Angels Sing*

ELW 531

1 The trumpets sound, the angels sing,  
the feast is ready to begin.

The gates of heav'n are open wide  
and Jesus welcomes you inside.

### *Refrain*

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

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

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

### **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

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Let us pray.

O God of glory, your Son Jesus Christ suffered for us and ascended to your right hand. Unite us with Christ and each other in suffering and in joy, that all the world may be drawn into your bountiful presence, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

### **CHILDRENS TIME**

#### **✠ WORD ✠**

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

### **FIRST READING**

Acts 1:6-14

A reading from Acts.

<sup>6</sup> When [the apostles] had come together, they asked [Jesus], "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" <sup>7</sup> He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. <sup>8</sup> But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." <sup>9</sup> When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. <sup>10</sup> While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. <sup>11</sup> They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."

<sup>12</sup> Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a Sabbath day's journey away. <sup>13</sup> When they had entered the city, they went to the

room upstairs where they were staying: Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. <sup>14</sup> All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM

Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35

- <sup>1</sup> Let God arise, and let God's enemies be scattered;  
let those who hate God flee.
- <sup>2</sup> **As smoke is driven away, so you should drive them away;  
as the wax melts before the fire, so let the wicked perish at the presence of  
God.**
- <sup>3</sup> But let the righteous be glad and rejoice before God;  
let them also be merry and joyful.
- <sup>4</sup> **Sing to God, sing praises to God's name; exalt the one who rides the clouds;  
I AM is that name, rejoice before God!**
- <sup>5</sup> In your holy habitation, O God,  
you are a father to orphans, defender of widows;
- <sup>6</sup> **you give the solitary a home and bring forth prisoners into freedom;  
but the rebels shall live in desert places.**
- <sup>7</sup> O God, when you went forth before your people,  
when you marched through the wilderness,
- <sup>8</sup> **the earth quaked, and the skies poured down rain, at the presence of God, the  
God of Sinai,  
at the presence of God, the God of Israel.**
- <sup>9</sup> You sent a bountiful rain, O God;  
you restored your inheritance when it languished.
- <sup>10</sup> **Your people found their home in it;  
in your goodness, O God, you have made provision for the poor.**
- <sup>32</sup> Sing to God, O kingdoms of the earth;  
sing praises to the Lord.
- <sup>33</sup> **You ride in the heavens, O God, in the ancient heavens;  
you send forth your voice, your mighty voice.**
- <sup>34</sup> Ascribe power to God,  
whose majesty is over Israel; whose strength is in the skies.
- <sup>35</sup> **How wonderful you are in your holy places, O God of Israel,  
giving strength and power to your people! Blessed be God!**

## SECOND READING

1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11

A reading from First Peter.

<sup>12</sup> Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that is taking place among you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. <sup>13</sup> But rejoice insofar as you are sharing Christ's sufferings, so that you may also be glad and shout for joy when his glory is revealed. <sup>14</sup> If you are reviled for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the spirit of glory, which is the Spirit of God, is resting on you.

<sup>5:6</sup> Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God, so that he may exalt you in due time. <sup>7</sup> Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you. <sup>8</sup> Discipline yourselves; keep alert. Like a roaring lion your adversary the devil prowls around, looking for someone to devour. <sup>9</sup> Resist him, steadfast in your faith, for you know that your siblings in all the world are undergoing the same kinds of suffering. <sup>10</sup> And after you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, support, strengthen, and establish you. <sup>11</sup> To him be the power forever and ever. Amen.

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*Halle, Halle, Hallelujah*

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Halle, halle, hallelujah.

Halle, halle, hallelujah.

Halle, halle, hallelujah.

Hallelujah. Hallelujah.

## GOSPEL

John 17:1-11

The holy gospel according to John.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup> After Jesus had spoken these words [to his disciples,] he looked up to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, <sup>2</sup> since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. <sup>3</sup> And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent. <sup>4</sup> I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. <sup>5</sup> So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed.

<sup>6</sup> "I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. <sup>7</sup> Now they know that everything you have given me is from you, <sup>8</sup> for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you, and they have believed that you sent me. <sup>9</sup> I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. <sup>10</sup> All mine are yours, and yours are mine, and I have been glorified in them. <sup>11</sup> And now I am no longer in

the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one.”

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **SERMON**

### **HYMN OF THE DAY**

*Like the Murmur of the Dove's Song*

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- 1 Like the murmur of the dove's song,  
like the challenge of her flight,  
like the vigor of the wind's rush,  
like the new flame's eager might:  
come, Holy Spirit, come.
- 2 To the members of Christ's body,  
to the branches of the vine,  
to the church in faith assembled,  
to our midst as gift and sign:  
come, Holy Spirit, come.
- 3 With the healing of division,  
with the ceaseless voice of prayer,  
with the power to love and witness,  
with the peace beyond compare:  
come, Holy Spirit, come.

### **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**

*You Never Let Go*

by Beth and Matt Redman

1 Even though I walk through the valley  
Of the shadow of death  
Your perfect love is casting out fear  
And even when I'm caught in the middle  
Of the storms of this life  
I won't turn back I know You are near

#### *Pre-Chorus*

And I will fear no evil  
For my God is with me  
And if my God is with me  
Whom then shall I fear  
Whom then shall I fear

#### *Chorus 1*

Oh no You never let go  
Through the calm and through the storm  
Oh no You never let go  
In ev'ry high and ev'ry low  
Oh no You never let go  
Lord You never let go of me

2 And I can see a light that is coming  
For the heart that holds on  
A glorious light beyond all compare  
And there will be an end to these troubles  
But until that day comes  
We'll live to know You here on the earth

*Chorus 2*

Oh no You never let go  
Through the calm and through the storm  
Oh no You never let go  
In ev'ry high and ev'ry low  
Oh no You never let go  
Lord You never let go of me  
You keep on runnin' and You never let go  
Singin'

*Bridge x 2*

Yes I can see a light  
That is coming for the heart that holds on  
And there will be an end to these troubles  
But until that day comes  
Still I will praise You  
Still I will praise You

**11:00**

*The Lord Bless You & Keep You*

by John Rutter

**OFFERING PRAYER**

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 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 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***Bind Us Together, Lord*

arr. Bill Wolaver

**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.**

- 1 Thine the amen thine the praise  
alleluias angels raise  
thine the everlasting head  
thine the breaking of the bread  
thine the glory thine the story  
thine the harvest then the cup  
thine the vineyard then the cup  
is lifted up lifted up.
- 2 Thine the life eternally  
thine the promise let there be  
thine the vision thine the tree  
all the earth on bended knee  
gone the nailing gone the railing  
gone the pleading gone the cry  
gone the sighing gone the dying  
what was loss lifted high.
- 3 Thine the truly thine the yes  
thine the table we the guest  
thine the mercy all from thee  
thine the glory yet to be  
then the ringing and the singing  
then the end of all the war  
thine the living thine the loving  
evermore evermore.
- 4 Thine the kingdom thine the prize  
thine the wonder full surprise  
thine the banquet then the praise  
then the justice of thy ways  
thine the glory thine the story  
then the welcome to the least  
then the wonder all increasing  
at thy feast at thy feast.

5 Thine the glory in the night  
no more dying only light  
thine the river thine the tree  
then the Lamb eternally  
then the holy holy holy  
celebration jubilee  
thine the splendor thine the brightness  
only thee only thee.

**DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Praise the Lord. Alleluia!

**Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

**POSTLUDE**

**8:30**

*Reprise: Thine the Amen*

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**11:00**

*Fugue*

Dietrich Buxtehude

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## Agnus Day

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**TODAY'S MINISTERS FOR WORSHIP**

**May 17, 2026 - Seventh Sunday of Easter**

<b>Presiding Minister:</b>	Pr. David Frerichs	
<b>Minister for Music:</b>	Megan Lyon	
<b>Organist:</b>	Sheryl Mehrhoff	
	<b>8:30</b>	<b>11:00</b>
<b>Greeter:</b>	<b>TBD</b>	Larry Leip
<b>Worship Hosts:</b>	George Kracke	Debbie Hedlund
<b>Worship Hosts:</b>	Kim Hickey	<b>TBD</b>
<b>Assisting Minister (Read):</b>	<b>TBD</b>	Larry Leip
<b>Assisting Minister (Pray):</b>	<b>TBD</b>	Phil Wood
<b>Acolyte:</b>	<b>TBD</b>	<b>TBD</b>
<b>Communion Preparer:</b>	Suzanne Neff	Gwen Gray
<b>Communion Cleanup:</b>		<b>TBD</b>
<b>Visual Projectionist:</b>	Gwen Gray	<b>TBD</b>
<b>Zoom Worship Host:</b>		John Nelson
<b>Zoom Tech Director:</b>		<b>TBD</b>
<b>Building Opener:</b>	George Kracke	
<b>Building Closer:</b>		<b>TBD</b>

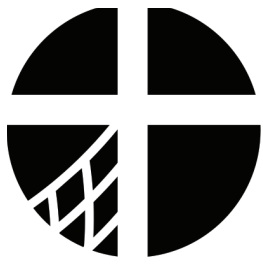
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**FINANCIAL SUMMARY**

Contributions and expenses through April 30, 2026.

	April	YTD
Offerings	\$34,920	\$145,733
Expenses	\$34,370	\$149,485
Over/(under) expenses	\$550	(\$3,752)
 Nonbudget Special Offerings	 \$1,185	 \$7,209



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Pastor David's Phone: 402-741-2935

**Sunday Forum:** The final part of the three-part Sunday Forum series presented by Tom Holte on the book "Misquoting Jesus: The Story Behind Who Changed the Bible and Why", written by Bart Denton Ehrman, will be rescheduled for a later date. We will host a Stump the Pastor on May 17th in its place -- description is below.

**Stump the Pastor:** People of all ages are welcome to join in conversation with Pastor David during the Sunday Forum on May 17th at 9:45 am. This will be a time for Pastor to share reflections on what he is thinking about. It is also a time for participants to wonder aloud together about what they are thinking about. Join in for this interactive conversation and be ready to challenge the pastor with your theological, biblical, or personal questions! Participate in person in the conference room or via Zoom.

**Ministry Schedule is Live:** Please look at the schedule for June, July and August, determine when you can serve, and sign up using the MSP web terminal found on the [saintandrewslutheran.org](http://saintandrewslutheran.org) website or send your preferred or unavailable dates to Jamie in the office ([office@saintandrewslutheran.org](mailto:office@saintandrewslutheran.org)) by May 20th. If you haven't reached out by May 20th, Jamie will run the auto-scheduler and create assignments for June, July and August.

**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. Remaining dates Include: **May 21** - Confession and the Lord's Supper. All sessions convene from 12:00 pm to 12:45 pm.

For more information and the link to join: <https://www.css-elca.org/workshops>

**Meta George Memorial Service:** The memorial service for Meta George will be on Friday, May 22, 11:00 am. We give thanks for the ministry we shared with Meta throughout her life. For those unable to attend, the service will be on Zoom using the Saint Andrew's Worship Zoom link.

**Summer Worship on the Lawn:** Bring a lawn chair or blanket. Join in worship at 8:30 on Sunday May 24th for our first Summer Worship on the Lawn. We will gather on the south lawn. Use a smart device to download the bulletin and join in praising God at Saint Andrew's. A limited number of paper bulletins will be available for distribution. Also, last year Saint Andrew's renewed radio broadcast of the sound so those who wish to attend the early service but find the lawn difficult to traverse may remain in their cars. Just make sure the worship hosts know where you are so they can make sure you receive Holy Communion.

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

**Loaves and Fishes:** Our next opportunity to feed those in our community who are in need will be May 24th. Meals are distributed at 1509 Ashley Street from 3:30 to 6:30 p.m. (look for a yellow structure off the Business Loop, behind the power plant). Contact Susan Goldammer or Jenine Loesing if you are interested in baking, cooking, or serving meals. We are thankful for the congregation's support.

**Office Closed for Holiday:** The Saint Andrew's Lutheran Church office will be closed in observance of Memorial Day on Monday, May 25, 2026.

**Work at the Wardrobe:** Join in volunteering at the Wardrobe on Friday May 29th from 1:00pm to 4:00 pm. The Wardrobe collects and sells donated clothes and household goods. Proceeds go to fund shoe vouchers, so qualifying school aged children have shoes that fit. Onsite training will be provided. Sign-up using the sheets in the Narthex next to the Wardrobe display.

**Jail Ministry:** Participate in a Bible study with women held at the Boone County jail. Guaranteed a meaningful worship opportunity! All volunteers must first be approved after completing and mailing in a background check consent form. Plan Ahead for the next meeting on Sunday, May 31st from 2:30 - 3:30.

**Fifth Sunday Offering in May:** The fifth Sunday offering for May will go to Caring Hearts and Hands of Columbia (CHHC), a small hospice facility in West Columbia. CHHC's purpose is to provide 24/7 care and comfort to its guests, allowing family/friends to simply be with their loved one. There is no fee for the hospice service they provide; so please join in supporting Caring Hearts and Hands of Columbia to ensure their important work continues.

## Prayers for May 17, 2026

### **We add to our prayers this week:**

### **We continue to offer prayers of hope and healing for:**

Randy Spiehs	Michael Butterworth	Cathy
Roger Page	Dorcas Leighton	Mo Champion-Garthe
Brady Thomas	Joyce Berschauer	Arlene Cunningham
Ji Bu	Michelle Knipp	Candi Glancy
Jerry	Linnea Geenen	Patric
Melissa Stormont	Dale Whitman	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, Estelle, Natalie, Kaylee, Cassandra, Kyia, Diamond, Makale, Amy, Angel, Debra, Lisa, Shannon, Angelique.

We pray for our partners in ministry in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA), the Central States Synod, and in particular these congregations: Holy Cross Lutheran Church, Overland Park, KS; Peace Lutheran Church, Manhattan, KS; Trinity Lutheran Church, Chesterfield, 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 was recently sentenced to 2 years and 8 months in prison, and a fine of \$4000.

## THIS WEEK AT ST. ANDREW'S

### Sunday, May 17: Seventh Sunday of Easter

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

### Monday, May 18

No Events

### Tuesday, May 19

No Events

### Wednesday, May 20

- 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, May 21

- 12:00 pm CSS Lunch & Learn Book Study (Z)
- 6:00 pm Council Meeting (IP&Z)

### Friday, May 22

- 11:00 am Meta George Memorial Service (IP&Z)

### Saturday, May 23

- 10:00 am Loaves and Fishes Cooking (IP)

### Sunday, May 24: Day of Pentecost

- 8:30 am Worship (IP)
- 9:45 am Summer Coffee (IP)
- 11:00 am Worship (IP&Z)
- 3:30 pm Loaves and Fishes Distribution (IP)

<b>Reading for Next Wednesday May 20, 2026</b>
John 3:31-36
<b>Readings for Next Sunday May 24, 2026 Day of Pentecost</b>
Acts 2:1-21 Psalm 104:24-34, 35b 1 Corinthians 12:3b-13 John 20:19-23

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

#### Online Resources

Find St. Andrew's Lutheran Church at [SaintAndrewsLutheran.org](http://SaintAndrewsLutheran.org).

Links to all online services and meetings are posted on our website.

[SaintAndrewsLutheran.org/online-events](http://SaintAndrewsLutheran.org/online-events)

Links to all worship bulletins are at [SaintAndrewsLutheran.org/worship](http://SaintAndrewsLutheran.org/worship).

Go to [StAndrewsLutheran.flocknote.com](http://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](http://SaintAndrewsLutheranChurch.podbean.com).