

Holy Trinity Sunday

May 31, 2026

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Though the word trinity is not found in the scriptures, today's second reading includes the apostolic greeting that begins the liturgy: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. In the gospel Jesus sends his disciples forth to baptize in the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit. More than a doctrine, the Trinity expresses the heart of our faith: we have experienced the God of creation made known in Jesus Christ and with us always through the Holy Spirit. We celebrate the mystery of the Holy Trinity in word and sacrament, as we profess the creed, and as we are sent into the world to bear witness to our faith.



**St. Andrew's
Lutheran Church**

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A congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

Welcome to worship! Whether you are here for the first time or have been a life-long member, we pray that you experience God's presence in worship.

All God's Children are Welcome! If you have children, know that all of you are welcome in worship. Little people sounds tell us that everyone is here. If your little one becomes fussy, feel free to step out for a moment. Families may want to sit near the pray ground in the front left side of the Worship space. There are speakers in the gathering space.

Pastoral Concerns occasionally come up. In cases of severe illness, hospitalization, death, birth of a child, marriages, joys and sadness, many people would like a pastor to visit with them. Please be sure to contact the office to let us know of your desire.

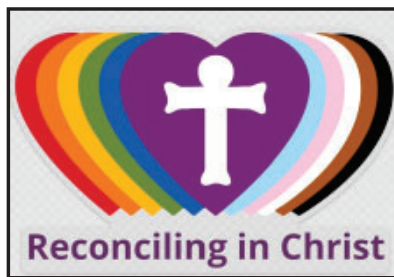
Offering is received as a response to God's grace and blessing, and as an expression of our faith. Jesus tells us, "For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also." (Matthew 6:21)

Holy Communion is celebrated at nearly every service. Admission to the Sacrament is by invitation of the Lord, presented through the Church to those who are baptized. All are welcome.

Interested in growing in faith? If you have questions about what it means to enter into partnership in our shared ministry feel free to contact Pastor David.

Announcements: The announcements begin on page 18, following the worship service.

Saint Andrew's Lutheran Church Welcome Statement



At St. Andrew's Lutheran Church (ELCA), we hold space for you—the full you—including your race, age, ethnic background, personality, experiences, gender identity, sexual orientations, gender expressions, and mental, spiritual, and physical needs. Here, you are invited to worship, pray, play, be baptized, get married, and celebrate Holy Communion.

Together, we strive to eliminate human-caused barriers to a holy relationship with Jesus Christ and with one another. We hear the call to love our neighbor as a commitment to antiracism and welcome for our LGBTQIA+ siblings. We pledge to work intentionally to further justice and inclusion. We strive to glorify God in the ways we care for each other, our communities, and our planet. Recognizing that we are all siblings in Christ, we celebrate, affirm, and welcome individuals and families in all their beautiful and varied compositions. As a church that holds space just for you, we are better for having you and your unique voice here!

Come just as you are!

Welcome to St. Andrew's Lutheran Church

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✠ GATHERING ✠

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

PRELUDE

8:30

Holy Spirit

by Bryan Torwalt & Katie Torwalt

11:00

The Play of the Godhead

setting, David Sims

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION TO THE DAY

GATHERING SONG

Rise, Shine, You People

ELW 665

- 1 Rise, shine, you people! Christ the Lord has entered our human story; God in him is centered.
He comes to us, by death and sin surrounded,
with grace unbounded.
- 2 See how he sends the pow'rs of evil reeling;
he brings us freedom, light and life and healing.
All men and women, who by guilt are driven,
now are forgiven.
- 3 Come, celebrate; your banners high unfurling,
your songs and prayers against the darkness hurling.
To all the world go out and tell the story
of Jesus' glory.
- 4 Tell how the Father sent the Son to save us.
Tell of the Son, who life and freedom gave us.
Tell how the Spirit calls from ev'ry nation
God's new creation.

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 Creator and ever-living God: we worship your glory, eternal Three-in-One, and we praise your power, majestic One-in-Three. Keep us steadfast in this faith, defend us in all adversity, and bring us at last into your presence, where you live in endless joy and love, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

CHILDRENS TIME

✠ WORD ✠

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

FIRST READING

Genesis 1:1–2:4a

A reading from Genesis.

¹ When God began to create the heavens and the earth, ² the earth was complete chaos, and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. ³ Then God said, "Let there be light," and there was light. ⁴ And God saw that the light was good, and God separated the light from the darkness. ⁵ God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

⁶ And God said, "Let there be a dome in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters." ⁷ So God made the dome and separated the waters that were under the dome from the waters that were above the dome. And it was so. ⁸ God called the dome Sky. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day.

⁹ And God said, "Let the waters under the sky be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear." And it was so. ¹⁰ God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good. ¹¹ Then God said, "Let the earth put forth vegetation: plants yielding seed and fruit trees of every kind on earth that bear fruit with the seed in it." And it was so. ¹² The earth brought forth vegetation: plants yielding seed of every kind and trees of every kind bearing fruit with the seed in it. And God saw that it was good. ¹³ And there was evening and there was morning, the third day.

¹⁴ And God said, “Let there be lights in the dome of the sky to separate the day from the night, and let them be for signs and for seasons and for days and years, ¹⁵ and let them be lights in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth.” And it was so. ¹⁶ God made the two great lights—the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night—and the stars. ¹⁷ God set them in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth, ¹⁸ to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. ¹⁹ And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day.

²⁰ And God said, “Let the waters bring forth swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the dome of the sky.” ²¹ So God created the great sea monsters and every living creature that moves, of every kind, with which the waters swarm and every winged bird of every kind. And God saw that it was good. ²² God blessed them, saying, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth.”

²³ And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day.

²⁴ And God said, “Let the earth bring forth living creatures of every kind: cattle and creeping things and wild animals of the earth of every kind.” And it was so. ²⁵ God made the wild animals of the earth of every kind and the cattle of every kind and everything that creeps upon the ground of every kind. And God saw that it was good.

²⁶ Then God said, “Let us make humans in our image, according to our likeness, and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over the cattle and over all the wild animals of the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth.”

²⁷ So God created humans in his image,
in the image of God he created them;
male and female he created them.

²⁸ God blessed them, and God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth.” ²⁹ God said, “See, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is upon the face of all the earth and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food. ³⁰ And to every beast of the earth and to every bird of the air and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food.” And it was so. ³¹ God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

^{2:1} Thus the heavens and the earth were finished and all their multitude. ² On the sixth day God finished the work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all the work that he had done. ³ So God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all the work that he had done in creation.

^{4a} These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Psalm 8

- ¹ O LORD our Lord,
how majestic is your name in all the earth!—
- ² **you whose glory is chanted above the heavens out of the mouths of infants and children;**
you have set up a fortress against your enemies, to silence the foe and avenger.
- ³ When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers,
the moon and the stars you have set in their courses,
- ⁴ **what are mere mortals that you should be mindful of them,**
human beings that you should care for them?
- ⁵ Yet you have made them little less than divine;
with glory and honor you crown them.
- ⁶ **You have made them rule over the works of your hands;**
you have put all things under their feet:
- ⁷ all flocks and cattle,
even the wild beasts of the field,
- ⁸ **the birds of the air, the fish of the sea,**
and whatever passes along the paths of the sea.
- ⁹ O LORD our Lord,
how majestic is your name in all the earth!

SECOND READING

2 Corinthians 13:11-13

A reading from Second Corinthians.

[Paul writes:] ¹¹ Finally, siblings, farewell. Be restored; listen to my appeal; agree with one another; live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you. ¹² Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the saints greet you.

¹³ The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you.

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

Matthew 28:16-20

The holy gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹⁶ Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. ¹⁷ When they saw him, they worshiped him, but they doubted. ¹⁸ And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹ Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit ²⁰ and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

The Play of the Godhead

ACS 946

- 1 The play of the Godhead, the Trinity's dance,
embraces the earth in a sacred romance,
with God the Creator, and Christ the true Son,
entwined with the Spirit, a web daily spun
in spangles of myst'ry, the great Three-in-One.
- 2 The warm mists of summer, cool waters that flow,
turn crystal as ice when the wintry winds blow.
The taproot that nurtures, the shoot growing free,
the life-giving fruit, full and ripe on the tree:
more mystic and wondrous, the great One-in-Three.
- 3 In God's gracious image of coequal parts,
we gather as dancers, uniting our hearts.
In tune with the music of all living things,
we join in the round of bright nature that rings
with rapture and rhythm: creation now sings!

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

Gathered together by the Holy Spirit, let us pray for the church and the needs of the world.

Each petition concludes:

God of grace,
hear our prayer.

The final petition concludes:

...O God, through Jesus our 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

Holy Spirit

by Bryan Torwalt & Katie Torwalt,

- 1 There's nothing worth more that will ever come close
No thing can compare You're our living hope
Your Presence
- 2 I've tasted and seen of the sweetest of loves
Where my heart becomes free and my shame is undone
In Your Presence Lord

Chorus

Holy Spirit You are welcome here
Come flood this place and fill the atmosphere
Your glory God is what our hearts long for
To be overcome by Your Presence Lord

Interlude 1

Your Presence Lord

Interlude 2

Your Presence Lord
Your Presence
Oh God how we love Your Presence Lord

Bridge

Let us become more aware of Your Presence
Let us experience the glory of Your goodness (Lord)

11:00

Trinity Blessed

setting, David Cherwien

OFFERING PRAYER

Loving God,
we offer at your table the gifts of our hearts.
Help us take heart in you and share freely of your love,
so that all creation can taste your abundance.
We ask this in the name of Jesus,
through the Spirit abiding with us now and forever.

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.

You reveal your glory

as the glory of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit:
equal in majesty, undivided in splendor, one Lord, one God,
ever to be adored in your eternal glory.

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

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Holy, Holy, Holy

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Holy, holy, holy Lord,

God of pow'r and might,

heaven and earth are full of your glory, 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

Heaven has come near.
Come, share in the feast!.

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 *I Worship You, Almighty God/Holy, Holy, Holy*

arr. Mark Haye

TABLE BLESSING

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

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Compassionate God,
through the gifts of bread and wine
our hearts are filled with the abundance of your love.
Strengthen us that we, through this holy meal,
may share your love freely, as you have shared with us.
We ask this in the name of Jesus,
through the Spirit nourishing us now and forever.
Amen.

✠ SENDING ✠

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

OUR COMMUNITY OF FAITH

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BLESSING

Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer,
✠ one God,
bless, heal, and hold you
today and always.
Amen.

SENDING SONG*Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty!*

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- 1 Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

- 2 Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee,
casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,
which wert and art, and evermore shalt be.
- 3 Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee,
though the eye of sinfulness thy glory may not see,
only thou art holy; there is none beside thee,
perfect in pow'r, in love and purity.
- 4 Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea.
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

DISMISSAL

Heaven has come near. Go, share the good news!

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

8:30

Reprise: Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty!

11:00

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty!

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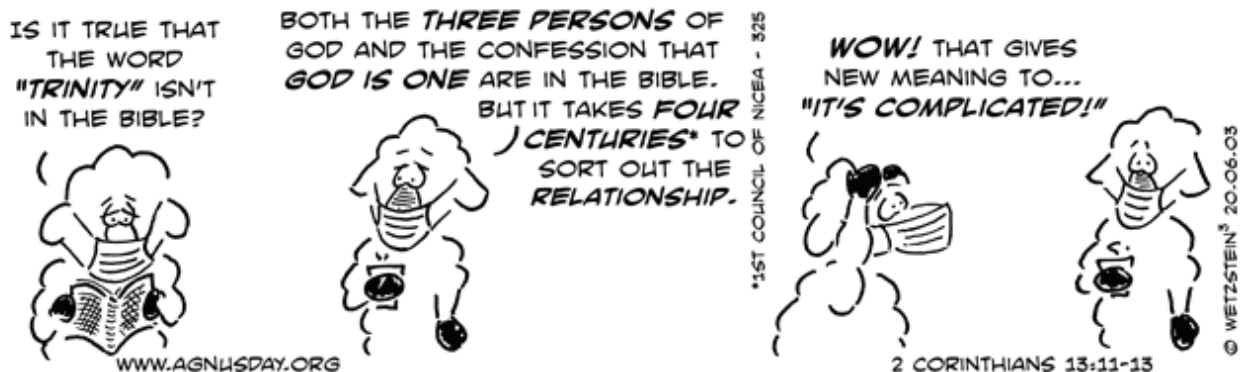
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TODAY'S MINISTERS FOR WORSHIP		
May 31, 2026 - Holy Trinity Sunday		
Presiding Minister:	Rev. Susan Candea	
Minister for Music:	Megan Lyon	
Organist:	Sheryl Mehrhoff	
	8:30	11:00
Greeter:	Linda & Paul Romine	Gage & Tara Alstatt
Worship Hosts:	Brent Lewis	Bryce Bock
Worship Hosts:	Glenda Moum	Robert Bock
Assisting Minister (Read):	TBD	Ann Green
Assisting Minister (Pray):	TBD	TBD
Acolyte:	TBD	Ken Green
Communion Preparer:	Ken Kvam	Gwen Gray
Communion Cleanup:		Jayne Young
Visual Projectionist:	Gwen Gray	Phil Wood
Zoom Worship Host:		Michelle Froese
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Building Closer:		Nathan Williams
Offering Steward:		Anne Edwards
Offering Steward:		Wilson Fryermuth

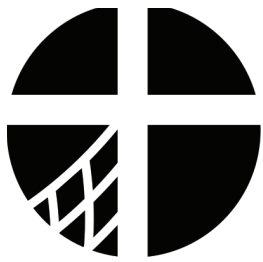
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Contributions and expenses through April 30, 2026.

	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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Welcome Rev. Susan Candea: While Pastor David is on vacation, we welcome Rev. Susan Candea who will preach and preside. We are deeply grateful for her presence and proclamation.

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.

Men's Breakfast: Men may join in a time of fellowship and discussion, Saturday, June 6th, 8:00 am, Fellowship Hall. Contact Harry Lewis for more information. hlewis25@gmail.com

Prayer Shawl & Craft Ministry: Come, join in at the Prayer Shawl & Crafting Ministry where we knit or crochet prayer shawls, caps, scarves, baby blankets and other items to encourage those in need. We meet the 1st and 3rd Saturday of every month at 11:00 am in room 112 inside the Fellowship Hall. Your creative ideas are welcome. Please contact Holly Heidlage hollylh48@gmail.com for more information. Our next gathering will be held on Saturday June 6th.

2026 Synod Assembly: June 6, 2026 9:00 a.m.- 3:00 p.m. - Online In his beautiful book, Life Together, Dietrich Bonhoeffer writes, "The physical presence of other Christians is a source of incomparable joy and strength to the believer." At our synod assembly this year, held on Saturday, June 6, we will delve into what it means to be a community of believers sharing together in the glorious fellowship of the Body of Christ. In a time when life together seems to be a challenging proposition, how might we be called to transcend division and discord and live deeply in relationship with other believers? Join in the conference room. To watch from home, find the youtube link on the Central States Synod Assembly Website at <https://www.css-elca.org/assembly>.

Contemplative Prayer for Peace: Join in every Monday (except holidays) for a shared Contemplative Prayer for Peace. We meet in the centrum and via zoom from 1:15 pm-1:45 pm. Our next gathering is Monday, June 8th.

Holy Communion at Lenoir Woods: Saint Andrew's and Calvary Episcopal will provide Holy Communion on the Second Thursday of each month in the Lenoir Woods Eppele Chapel, at 11:00 am. All residents and family members and guests may join in this gathering of the Saint Andrew's community who reside at Lenoir Woods. We next meet Thursday June 11th.

Quilt Tying: For those looking for a way to serve and for fellowship, join in at 9:00 am on the 2nd and 4th Friday of each month in the Fellowship Hall. We next meet on June 12th.

Prayers for May 31, 2026

We add to our prayers this week:

We continue to offer prayers of hope and healing for:

Beckett Harley	Michael Butterworth	Mo Champion-Garthe
Brady Thomas	Michelle Knipp	Arlene Cunningham
Ji Bu	Linnea Geenen	Candi Glancy
Jerry	Dale Whitman	Patric
Melissa Stormont	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, 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: Andover Lutheran Church, Windom, KS; Overland Park Lutheran Church; Overland Park, KS; St. John Lutheran Church, Kensington, KS.

Background on Palestinian detainees for whom we pray:

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 31: Holy Trinity – First Sunday after Pentecost Fifth Sunday Offering - Caring Hearts and Hands of Missouri

8:30 am Worship (IP)

11:00 am Worship (IP&Z)

2:30 pm Jail Ministry (IP - Boone County Jail)

Monday, June 1

2:00 pm Prayer Team (IP)

Tuesday, June 2

No Events

Wednesday, June 3

8:00 am Men's Bible Study (Z)

6:15 pm Wednesday Worship (IP)

Thursday, June 4

No Events

Friday, June 5 – Office Closed

No Events

Saturday, June 6

8:00 am Men's Breakfast (IP)

9:00 am Synod Assembly (IP)

11:00 am Prayer Shawl & Craft Ministry (IP)

Sunday, June 7: Second Sunday after Pentecost

8:30 am Worship (IP)

11:00 am Worship (IP&Z)

Reading for Next Wednesday

June 3, 2026

John 14:25-26

Readings for Next Sunday

June 7, 2026

Second Sunday after Pentecost

Hosea 5:15–6:6

Psalms 50:7-15

Romans 4:13-25

Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26

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

Online Resources

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

SaintAndrewsLutheran.org/online-events

Links to all worship bulletins are at SaintAndrewsLutheran.org/worship.

Go to StAndrewsLutheran.flocknote.com or text StAndy to 84576 to get church email and text communications.

Miss the livestream of worship? If you want to hear the sermon from Sunday worship, there is now a podcast available at SaintAndrewsLutheranChurch.podbean.com.