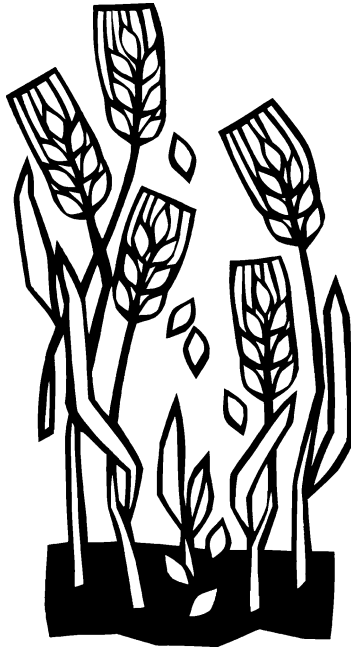


St. Andrew's Lutheran Church

Sunday March 17, 2024

"Fifth Sunday in Lent"

9:00am Worship



Our Mission:

REACHING OUT – SHARING GRACE

Our Purpose:

St. Andrew's Lutheran church is a family that loves to serve the Lord as we grow in faith, serving the neighborhood with glocal projects.

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Sunday March 17, 2024

GATHERING

PRELUDE

"A Medley of Faith"

Handbells

"Softly and Tenderly"

Arranged by Will L. Thompson

"Have Thine Own Way, Lord"

Melody by George C. Stebbins

"Jesus Keep Me Near the Cross"

Melody by William H. Doane;

Arranged by Sharon E. Rogers

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

[L] We begin our worship in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

[C] Amen.

[L] Jesus said, "When I am lifted up, I will draw all people to myself." Blessed be the God of our salvation who bears our burdens and forgives our sins. Let us pray for the cleansing of our hearts, confessing our sins to the One whose mercy is everlasting...Redeeming God,

[C] we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart, and have not loved our neighbors as we ought; we have strayed from your commandments. Do not remember our sins, but forgive our iniquities, that we may fix our eyes on you and sin no more, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

[L] Sisters and brothers, by the faith of Christ, your sins are forgiven. May you delight in the joy of your salvation.

[C] Amen! Thanks be to God!

GATHERING SONG

"Blessed Be Your Name"

Blessed be Your name

In the land that is plentiful

Where Your streams of abundance flow

Blessed be Your name

Blessed be Your name

*When I'm found in the desert place
Though I walk through the wilderness
Blessed be Your name*

*Ev'ry blessing You pour out I'll
Turn back to praise
When the darkness closes in Lord
Still I will say*

*Blessed be the name of the Lord
Blessed be Your name
Blessed be the name of the Lord
Blessed be Your glorious name*

*Blessed be Your name
When the sun's shining down on me
When the world's all as it should be
Blessed be Your name*

*Blessed be Your name
On the road marked with suffering
Though there's pain in the offering
Blessed be Your name*

*You give and take away
You give and take away
My heart will choose to say
Lord blessed be Your name*

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GREETING

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

C And also with you.

KYRIE

G *Have mercy on us, Lord, and hear our solemn prayer. We come to hear your living word; it saves us from despair.*

Have mercy on us, Christ, and wash away our sin. Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may begin.

Have mercy on us, Lord; make sin and shame depart. Renew us with your saving pow'r; create in us new hearts!

HYMN OF PRAISE

G *Glory be to God in heaven; peace, good-will to all the earth. Mighty God of all creation, Father of surpassing worth; we exalt you, we adore you, we lift high our thanks and praise. Saints and angels bow before you; here on earth our songs we raise.*

Gory be to Christ forever, Lamb of God and Lord of love. Son of God and gracious Savior, you have come from heav'n above; on the cross you died to save us; now you reign at God's right hand. Hear our prayer; restore, forgive us; in your promise firm we stand.

Holy One we now acclaim you; Lord alone, to you we call; Holy One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all: Jesus Christ, with God the Spirit, in the Father's splendor bright. For the peace that we inherit, glory be to God on high!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

L O God,

G *with steadfast love you draw us to yourself, and in mercy you receive our prayers. Strengthen us to bring forth the fruits of the Spirit, that through life and death we may live in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.*

SHARING OF THE PEACE

L The peace of Christ be with you always.

C And also with you.

(All are encouraged to share a greeting of peace.)

WORD

READING

Jeremiah 31:31-34

³¹The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. ³²It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the LORD. ³³But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts, and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. ³No longer shall they teach one another or say to each other, “Know the LORD,” for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the LORD, for I will forgive their iniquity and remember their sin no more.

L Word of God, word of life!

C Thanks be to God!

PSALM

Psalms 51:1-12

L Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy, blot out my transgressions.

C Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin.

L For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me.

C Against you, you alone, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight, so that you are justified in your sentence and blameless when you pass judgment.

L Indeed, I was born guilty, a sinner when my mother conceived me.

C You desire truth in the inward being; therefore teach me wisdom in my secret heart.

L Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.

C Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones that you have crushed rejoice.

L Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities.

C Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me.

L Do not cast me away from your presence, and do not take your holy spirit from me.

C Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and sustain in me a willing spirit.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *(During Lent)*

C We are turning, Lord, to hear you; you are merciful and kind—slow to anger, rich in blessing, and with love to us inclined.

GOSPEL

John 12:20-33

²⁰Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. ²¹They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, "Sir, we wish to see Jesus." ²²Philip went and told Andrew, then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. ²³Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. ²⁴Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain, but if it dies it bears much fruit. ²⁵Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life.

²⁶Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honor. ²⁷"Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say: 'Father, save me from this hour'? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. ²⁸Father, glorify

your name." Then a voice came from heaven, "I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again." ²⁹The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, "An angel has spoken to him." ³⁰Jesus answered, "This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. ³¹Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. ³²And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself." ³³He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.

L The gospel of the Lord!

C Praise to you, O Christ!

CHILDREN'S TIME

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

"Now the Green Blade Rises"

#379

*Now the green blade rises from the buried grain,
wheat that in dark earth many days has lain;
love lives again, that with the dead has been;
love is come again like wheat arising green.*

*In the grave they laid him, love by hatred slain,
thinking that he would never wake again;
laid in the earth like grain that sleeps unseen;
love is come again like wheat arising green.*

*Forth he came at Easter, like the risen grain,
he that for three days in the grave had lain;
raised from the dead, my living Lord is seen;
love is come again like wheat arising green.*

*When our hearts are wintry, grieving, or in pain,
your touch can call us back to life again,
fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been;
love is come again like wheat arising green.*

APOSTLES CREED

☒ I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

(Prayer response: "Hear Our Prayer")

MEAL

CALL TO THE TABLE

"As the Grains of Wheat"

#465

*(Refrain) As the grains of wheat once scattered on the hill
were gathered into one to become our bread;
so may all your people from all the ends of earth
be gathered into one in you.*

*As this cup of blessing is shared within our midst,
may we share the presence of your love. (refrain)*

*Let this be a foretaste of all that is to come
when all creation shares this feast with you. (refrain)*

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

LORD'S PRAYER

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

I This is the table, not of the church, but of God. So come, you who have great faith and you who wish you had more. Come, you who have been here often and you who have not been for a long time. Come, you who have tried to follow and you who have fallen short. Come, not because I invite you, but because God desires to meet you here.

For those celebrating at home, please know you are part of this table and this meal. This is the body of Christ, given for you. This is the blood of Christ, shed for you.

COMMUNION

- *Everyone is welcome at the Lord's Table.*
- *The trays contain individual glasses with purple wine or white grape juice. Receptacles for empty glasses are found at the far end of the front pews.*
- *A blessing is offered for those not communing.*
- *Gluten-free wafers are available – please ask your server.*
- *After receiving the Sacrament, kneeling at the communion rail for personal prayer time is welcome.*

LAMB OF GOD

G *O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world away; you suffered death our lives to save: have mercy now, we pray.*

O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world away; you set us free from guilt and grave: have mercy now, we pray.

O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world away; eternal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

PRAYER STATION

If you desire prayer for yourself or someone you know, please meet Pastor Kim in the Narthex. She will be glad to pray with you.

COMMUNION SONG/HYMN

"Holy Spirit"

*There's nothing worth more that will ever come close
No thing can compare You're our living hope
Your Presence*

*I've tasted and seen of the sweetest of loves
Where my heart becomes free and my shame is undone
In Your Presence Lord*

*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*

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

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

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"Change My Heart, O God"

#801

*Change my heart, O God; make it ever true.
Change my heart, O God; may I be like you.
You are the potter; I am the clay.
Mold me and make me; this is what I pray.
Change my heart, O God; make it ever true.
Change my heart, O God; may I be like you.*

WORDS AFTER COMMUNION

L May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ give us strength for today and hope for tomorrow.

C Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

L Generous God, at this table we have tasted your immeasurable grace. As grains of wheat are gathered into one bread, now make us one loaf to feed the world; in the name of Jesus, the Bread of Life.

C Amen.

SENDING

BLESSING

L Beloved, we are God's own people, holy, washed, and renewed. God bless you and keep you, shower you with mercy, fill you with courage, and + give you peace.

C Amen.

SENDING HYMN

"Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing" #545

*Lord, dismiss us with your blessing,
fill our hearts with joy and peace;
let us each, your love possessing,
triumph in redeeming grace.
Oh, refresh us; oh, refresh us,
trav'ling through this wilderness.*

*Thanks we give and adoration
for your gospel's joyful sound.
May the fruits of your salvation
in our hearts and lives abound.
Ever faithful, ever faithful
to your truth may we be found.*

*Savior, when your love shall call us
from our struggling pilgrim way,
let no fear of death appall us,
glad your summons to obey.
May we ever, may we ever
reign with you in endless day.*

DISMISSAL

I Unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and takes on a new life, it remains just a single grain.

C **May the seeds sown in us be made perfect in you and bless the world.**

I Jesus said, "Whoever serves me must follow me."

C **Lord, we will follow you all the way to the cross.**

I Even if it means we must go and die?

C **Yes, for it is in dying to ourselves that we find new life in you.**

I Go in peace. Live in love because Christ first loved us.

C **We go with willing hands, feet, and hearts,
grateful to serve the Lord and neighbor while we are
Reaching Out – Sharing Grace. Thanks be to God!**

POSTLUDE *"The Happy Song"*

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP TODAY	
ACOLYTE:	Needed
GREETERS/USHERS:	Greg & Cindy McVicker
READER:	Curt Weller
COMMUNION ASSISTANTS:	Needed, Needed, Needed, Needed

ANNOUNCEMENTS

For March 10, 2024 Worship

Offering: \$2,659.85

Weekly gifts needed to meet budget goal: \$4,451.23

Attendance:

In-person: 68 On-line: 43

Sunday School: 2

PRAYER CONCERNS: *The Holy Land, Peace in Ukraine and Russia, Israel, Palestine, Tyler Goodrich, Daryl Swanson and our congregation.*

1st TIME GUESTS... We hope you will find our congregation warm and friendly and that our worship together will be a blessing to you.

NURSERY/CHILDCARE is available during service. Please ask an Usher for directions.

SUNDAY SCHOOL is held during worship beginning at 9am.

THE QUILTERS will be sponsoring the final Lenten Meal on March 20 with a Baked Potato Bar. The offering will go to the quilters for the purchase of fabric needed to make quilt backings or fillings.

ATTENTION: We need volunteers to take home a kit of quilt blocks to sew into a Lutheran World Relief blanket. The instructions are in the package. Return the kit and the quilters will add backing and middles and tie. We're still taking your old sheets to use in this project. Thank you to all for your help with this project!

HELP NEEDED!! Next Saturday, March 23, we need volunteers to help clean up the church and parsonage yards from 9am-noon. There is a signup sheet at the Connection Center.

THRIVENT CHOICE DOLLARS are still available from 2023 funds through March 29, 2024. If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Kim or Margaret Hoffmeyer.

HELP WITH MOWING IS URGENTLY NEEDED! Please contact Larry Larson at 402-616-9569, or llarson2@neb.rr.com if you are available to help with mowing/trimming the church and parsonage lawns.

HOLY WEEK OFFERINGS will be designated to World Central Kitchen.

AN EASTER EGG HUNT will be held after worship next Sunday, March 24, for those in 5th grade or younger.

MAUNDY THURSDAY, MARCH 28, 7PM WORSHIP

We will have foot and hand washing during worship. We will also celebrate Holy Communion that evening and strip the altar.

GOOD FRIDAY, MARCH 29, 7PM WORSHIP

We will read the Passion Story together. Please don't miss this important evening of worship as we walk with our Lord through the last night and last day of his life in preparation for the joy of Easter.

FLOWER CROSS: Please bring fresh flowers for the Flower Cross on Easter Sunday. It's a wonderful way to celebrate the triumph of the cross, and a great photo op, too!

EASTER SUNDAY, MARCH 31

A light breakfast will be served at 8am in the Atrium. Members and Friends are invited to bring muffins, cinnamon rolls, and/or fruit to share for a light breakfast together. Worship will begin at 9am with the return of the elements to the altar. Holy Communion will be celebrated.

MINISTRY OF THE MONTH FOR MARCH: This month we will be donating items to the Open Shelf Pantry located at ConnectionN Point at 1333 N. 33rd St. near the UNL East Campus. This building houses Christ United Methodist

Church, the Blue River District of the UMC, and Motive-the United Methodist Campus Ministry at UNL. Right now, the pantry needs: canned soups, pasta, dryer sheets, combs and brushes, laundry pods, and mouth wash. Their mission is to provide basic need items to their neighbors and to ultimately end the cycle of poverty and hunger found in our community.

LENTEN SERMON SERIES 2024

"Hidden Heroes II"

March 20: Nicodemus

Join us for the last Wednesday in Lent as we explore the life of Nicodemus, a Hidden Hero in the Bible, and discover together what we can learn from him.

Church office hours are 8:00am-3:00pm Tues-Friday

THIS WEEK AT ST. ANDREW'S LUTHERAN CHURCH			
SUN	3/17	9:00 a.m.	Worship/Prayer Station
		9:00 a.m.	Sunday School
		10:00 a.m.	Fellowship Time
		6:00 p.m.	Youth Group
		6:30 p.m.	4H Meeting
MON	3/18		OFFICE CLOSED
		1:00 p.m.	Dominoes Group
TUES	3/19	9:00 a.m.	Quilting
		7:00 p.m.	Council
WED	3/20	5:30 p.m.	Midweek Lenten Meal Hosted by the Quilters
		6:30 p.m.	Choir/Handbells Practice
		7:00 p.m.	Midweek Lenten Worship
		7:45 p.m.	Confirmation Class
THUR	3/21	9:00 a.m.	Home School Classes
		6:30 p.m.	Scout Meetings
		7:00 p.m.	Stamping Up Club
FRI	3/22	7:00 a.m.	Men's Bible Study
		1:30 p.m.	Lancaster County Chorus
SAT	3/23	9:00 a.m.	Church and Parsonage Yard Clean-up
SUN	3/24	9:00 a.m.	Palm Sunday Worship
		9:00 a.m.	Sunday School
		10:00 a.m.	Fellowship Time
		10:15 a.m.	Easter Egg Hunt
		1:00 p.m.	Jack Irons' Eagle Court of Honor
			DON & MILLIE'S FUNDRAISER DAY

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