

St. Andrew's Lutheran Church

Sunday April 14, 2024

"Third Sunday of Easter"

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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GATHERING

PRELUDE *"Easter Song"*

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

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

C Amen.

L Christ is Risen!

C He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

L The bread of life opens our eyes.

C The word of life opens our ears.

L The Risen One shows us God's own brokenness,

C and by those wounds we are healed.

L Peace be with you.

C And also with you.

L The One who calls us to repent, hears us. In trust that our Creator knows us through and through, let us open our hearts to the healing of God's forgiveness...Good and gracious God,

C we are creatures of dust, ignorant of your revelation, misunderstanding your life, death, and resurrection among us, needing forgiveness. We repent of our failure to give as you have given to us. We beg your mercy for our fallen world. We seek your Word, that we may live with the faith of Jesus. Be our solace in this life and always. We ask this as your own children, holy and incomplete. Forgive us and lead us. Amen.

L In the name of God, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, your plea for absolution has been heard. God's promises are sure: your sins are forgiven. Peace be with you.

C Amen! Thanks to be God!

GATHERING SONG

"Open the Eyes Of My Heart"

Open the eyes of my heart Lord

Open the eyes of my heart

I want to see You

I want to see You

To see You high and lifted up

Shining in the light of Your glory

Pour out Your power and love

As we sing holy holy holy

Open the eyes of my heart Lord

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Holy holy holy

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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

L *In peace, let us pray to the Lord.*

C *Lord, have mercy.*

L *For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.*

C *Lord, have mercy.*

L *For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.*

C *Lord, have mercy.*

L *For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the lord.*

C *Lord, have mercy.*

L *Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.*

C *Amen.*

HYMN OF PRAISE

C *This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.*

Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God. Power, riches, wisdom, and strength, and honor, blessing, and glory are his.

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation: Blessing, honor, glory, and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.

This is the feast of victory for our God, for the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

L Holy and righteous God,

C you are the author of life, and you adopt us to be your children. Fill us with your words of life, that we may live as witnesses to the resurrection of 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

Acts 3:12-19

¹²When Peter saw it, he addressed the people, "Fellow Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made him walk? ¹³The God of Abraham and Isaac and Jacob, the God of our ancestors, has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. ¹⁴But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, ¹⁵and you killed the author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. ¹⁶And by faith in his name, his name itself has made this man strong, whom you see and know, and the faith that is through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you. ¹⁷And now, brothers and sisters, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. ¹⁸In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. ¹⁹Repent, therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out."

L Word of God, word of life!

C Thanks be to God!

PSALM

Psalm 4

L Answer me when I call, O God of my right! You gave me room when I was in distress. Be gracious to me, and hear my prayer.

C **How long, you people, shall my honor suffer shame? How long will you love vain words and seek after lies?**

L But know that the Lord has set apart the faithful for himself; the Lord hears when I call to him.

C **When you are disturbed, do not sin; ponder it on your beds, and be silent.**

L Offer right sacrifices, and put your trust in the Lord.

C **There are many who say, "O that we might see some good! Let the light of your face shine on us, O Lord!"**

L You have put gladness in my heart more than when their grain and wine abound.

C **I will both lie down and sleep in peace, for you alone, O Lord, make me lie down in safety.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

C *Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia*

GOSPEL

Luke 24:36b-48

³⁶Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." ³⁷They were startled and terrified and thought that they were seeing a ghost. ³⁸He said to them, "Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? ³⁹Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see, for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have." ⁴⁰And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. ⁴¹Yet for all their joy they were still disbelieving and wondering, and he said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?" ⁴²They gave him a piece of broiled fish, ⁴³and he took it and ate in their presence. ⁴⁴Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything

written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.”⁴⁵ Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures,⁴⁶ and he said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day⁴⁷ and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem.⁴⁸ You are witnesses of these things.”

📖 The Gospel of the Lord!

🎤 **Praise to you, O Christ!**

CHILDREN’S TIME

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

"The Day of Resurrection"

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*The day of resurrection!
Earth, tell it out abroad,
the passover of gladness,
the passover of God.
From death to life eternal,
from sin's dominion free,
our Christ has brought us over
with hymns of victory.*

*Let hearts be purged of evil
that we may see aright
the Lord in rays eternal
of resurrection light,
and list'ning to his accents,
may hear, so calm and plain,
his own "All hail!" and hearing,
may raise the glad refrain.*

*Now let the heav'ns be joyful,
let earth its song begin,
the round world keep high triumph
and all that is therein.*

*Let all things, seen and unseen,
their notes of gladness blend;
for Christ the Lord has risen,
our joy that has no end!*

*All praise to God the Father,
all praise to Christ the Son,
all praise to God the Spirit,
eternal Three in One!*

*Let all the ransomed number
fall down before the throne,
and honor, pow'r, and glory
ascribe to God alone!*

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

"Open Our Eyes"

Open our eyes Lord

We want to see Jesus

To reach out and touch Him

And say that we love Him

Open our ears Lord

And help us to listen

Open our eyes Lord

We want to see Jesus

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WORDS OF INSTITUTION

LORD'S PRAYER

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

I This is God's table, and everyone is welcome here. 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

☩ *Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.*

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.

COMMUNION SONGS

"In Christ Alone"

*In Christ alone my hope is found
He is my light my strength my song
This Cornerstone this solid Ground
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm
What heights of love what depths of peace
When fears are stilled when strivings cease
My Comforter my All in All
Here in the love of Christ I stand*

*In Christ alone who took on flesh
Fullness of God in helpless babe
This gift of love and righteousness
Scorned by the ones He came to save*

*Till on that cross as Jesus died
The wrath of God was satisfied
For every sin on Him was laid
Here in the death of Christ I live*

*There in the ground His body lay
Light of the world by darkness slain
Then bursting forth in glorious Day
Up from the grave He rose again
And as He stands in victory
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me
For I am His and He is mine
Bought with the precious blood of Christ*

*No guilt in life no fear in death
This is the power of Christ in me
From life's first cry to final breath
Jesus commands my destiny
No power of hell no scheme of man
Can ever pluck me from His hand
Till He returns or calls me home
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand*

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"My Savior, My God"

*I am not skilled to understand
what God has willed what God has planned
I only know at His right hand
stands One who is my Savior*

*I take Him at His word and deed
Christ died to save me this I read
And in my heart I find a need
of Him to be my Savior*

*That He would leave His place on high
and come for sinful man to die
You count it strange so once did I
before I knew my Savior*

*My Savior loves my Savior lives
My Savior's always there for me
My God He was my God He is
My God is always gonna be (2x)*

*Yes living dying let me bring
my strength my solace from this spring
that He who lives to be my King
once died to be my Savior*

*My Savior lives my Savior loves
My Savior lives my Savior loves my Savior lives*

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WORDS AFTER COMMUNION

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

G Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

L Shepherding God, you have prepared a table before us and nourished us with your love. Send us forth from this banquet to proclaim your goodness and share the abundant mercy of Jesus, our redeemer and friend.

G Amen.

SENDING

BLESSING

L Alleluia! Christ is risen!

G Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

L The God of resurrection power, the Christ of unending joy, and the Spirit of Easter hope + bless you now and always.

G Amen.

SENDING HYMN

"Alleluia! Jesus is Risen"

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Alleluia! Jesus is risen!

Trumpets resounding in glorious light!

Splendor, the Lamb, heaven forever!

Oh, what a miracle God has in sight!

(Refrain) Jesus is risen and we shall arise.

Give God the glory! Alleluia!

Walking the way, Christ in the center

telling the story to open our eyes;

breaking our bread, giving us glory:

Jesus our blessing, our constant surprise. (refrain)

Jesus the vine, we are the branches;

life in the Spirit the fruit of the tree;

heaven to earth, Christ to the people,

gift of the future now flowing to me. (refrain)

Weeping, be gone; sorrow, be silent:

death put asunder, and Easter is bright.

Cherubim sing: O grave, be open!

Clothe us in wonder, adorn us in light. (refrain)

City of God, Easter forever,

golden Jerusalem, Jesus the Lamb,

river of life, saints and archangels,

sing with creation to God the I AM! (refrain)

DISMISSAL

L During the Easter Season, we seek the dawn of God's light in our lives.

C Help us to see the light, dear God!

L We have hope in the darkness, because we know you are there.

C Help us to see the light, dear God!

L And because of the promise of resurrection, we have no fear.

C Help us to see the light, dear God!

L Go in peace. Live in the light. Love one another.

C We go with hope, Reaching Out – Sharing Grace!

Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE *"My Redeemer Lives"*

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP TODAY

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| ACOLYTE: | Needed |
| GREETERS/USHERS: | Needed, Needed |
| READER: | <i>Donna Awtry</i> |
| COMMUNION ASSISTANTS: | <i>Donna Awtry, Mary Porter,</i> Needed |

ANNOUNCEMENTS

For April 7, 2024

Offering: \$4,659.65

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

Attendance:

In-person: 56 On-line: 64

Sunday School: 2

PRAYER CONCERNS: The Holy Land, Peace in Ukraine and Russia, Israel, Palestine, Hollis Anderson, Julie Cummings, Pat Harris, Daryl Swanson, Tyler Goodrich, 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/CHILD CARE is available during service. Please ask an Usher for directions.

BIBLE STUDY: Our study of "Revelation" has resumed on Wednesday nights at 6:00pm.

MOVIE NIGHT RETURNS! Join us tonight at 6pm. We'll kick off the season by watching "42", the Jackie Robinson story, starring Chadwick Boseman and Harrison Ford. Bring a comfy chair if you wish; popcorn will be provided.

MAY BASKETS: Our youth are going to help bring the tradition of May baskets back to St. Andrew's. You can sign up in the Narthex today or on Sunday, April 21, to purchase a May Basket and your basket(s) will be available to take home on Sunday, April 28, before or after worship. The baskets will cost \$5.00 each.

THE LINCOLN LUTHERAN CHOIR will hold its annual spring concert next Sunday at 3:00pm. The concert entitled "Creation: The Architecture of our Faith" will be held at Grace Lutheran Church in Lincoln. There is no admission fee but a free-will offering will be taken.

YOU'RE INVITED...The Wonder Women of United Lutheran Church are hosting a Humanities Nebraska Speaker, Renea Hunt, on April 25. A meal will begin at 6:00pm and the program at 7:00pm; you may attend only the program. The men and women of St. Andrew's are invited to attend the presentation called "Overland Trails: The Children on the Trail." This program discusses how children traveling the Oregon, Mormon, or California trails traveled and relates stories from their journals. There is a sign-up sheet at the Connection Center; please register by April 21.

WELCA UPCOMING EVENTS--There are registration forms at the Connection Center with information on the 2024 Spring Gathering on May 4 near Fontanelle, NE, and the next Saved to Serve event which will be held May 3-5 at Dana College in Blair, NE.

ATTENTION: We're still in need of 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!

ARE YOU MISSING A KITCHEN ITEM??? Unclaimed items left in the kitchen are on a cart by the Connection Center. Please look and if anything is yours, take it home. Items not claimed in the next two weeks will be donated to an appropriate agency.

THE LUTHERAN FOOD PANTRY needs your continued support to help in providing non-perishable food for the People's City Mission, the Good Neighbor Center, Matt Talbot Kitchen, and emergency requests for those in need of help to provide food for their families. Any non-perishable food items (especially **ramen noodles, pork and beans,** canned fruits, canned vegetables and dry dinners) as well as personal care items (shampoo, bar soap, etc.) are welcome.

The Pantry is open Tuesday-Friday, 8am-3pm. You can leave your donated items in the grocery cart outside the Pantry door.

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

| THIS WEEK AT ST. ANDREW'S LUTHERAN CHURCH | | | |
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| SUN | 4/14 | 9:00 a.m. | Worship |
| | | 9:00 a.m. | Sunday School |
| | | 10:00 a.m. | Fellowship Time |
| | | 6:00 p.m. | Movie Night: "42", the Jackie Robinson Story |
| MON | 4/15 | | OFFICE CLOSED |
| | | 1:00 p.m. | Dominoes Group |
| TUES | 4/16 | 9:00 a.m. | Quilting |
| | | 7:00 p.m. | Council |
| WED | 4/17 | 6:00 p.m. | Bible Study |
| | | 6:30 p.m. | Choir/Handbells Practice |
| | | 7:30 p.m. | Confirmation Class |
| THURS | 4/18 | 10:00 p.m. | Home School Classes |
| | | 6:30 p.m. | Scout Meetings |
| | | 7:00 p.m. | Stamping Up Club |
| FRI | 4/19 | 7:00 a.m. | Men's Bible Study |
| | | 1:30 p.m. | Lancaster County Chorus |
| | | 6:00 p.m. | Pack Meeting |
| SAT | 4/20 | | |
| SUN | 4/21 | 9:00 a.m. | Worship/Prayer Station |
| | | 9:00 a.m. | Sunday School |
| | | 10:00 a.m. | Fellowship Time |
| | | 3:00 p.m. | Lincoln Lutheran Choir Concert @ Grace Lutheran |
| | | 6:00 p.m. | 4H Club Meeting |

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