

St. Andrew's Lutheran Church

Sunday April 21, 2024

"Fourth 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

"Graves into Gardens"

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 Lord Jesus Christ is our shepherd.

C He lays down his life for his sheep.

L The Lord Jesus Christ is our shepherd.

C He knows us, and we belong to him.

L The Lord Jesus Christ is our shepherd.

C He speaks, and we listen for his voice.

L If we are honest with ourselves, our hearts condemn us. But God, who knows everything, is greater than our hearts; and God's deep desire for us is mercy, love, and peace. Therefore let us confess our sin...Lord,

C have mercy on us. We talk about love, but our actions betray us. We talk about love, but we neglect the poor. We talk about love, but we fail to love one another. Lord, have mercy on us. Forgive us, and abide in us by the power of your Spirit so that our lives may show our love for Jesus Christ, in whose body we live and in whose name we pray. Amen.

L We seek God's grace with boldness because we trust in Jesus Christ, the One who loves us and laid down his life for us. This is the good news of the gospel: in Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

C Amen! Thanks to be God!

GATHERING SONG

"Reckless Love"

*Before I spoke a word You were singing over me
You have been so so good to me
Before I took a breath You breathed Your life in me
You have been so so kind to me*

*Oh the overwhelming never-ending reckless
Love of God
Oh it chases me down fights 'til I'm found
Leaves the ninety-nine
I couldn't earn it I don't deserve it
Still You give Yourself away
Oh the overwhelming never-ending reckless
Love of God*

*When I was Your foe still Your love fought for me
You have been so so good to me
When I felt no worth You paid it all for me
You have been so so kind to me*

*There's no shadow You won't light up
Mountain You won't climb up
Coming after me
There's no wall You won't kick down
Lie You won't tear down
Coming after me*

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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 O Lord Christ,

C good shepherd of the sheep, you seek the lost and guide us into your fold. Feed us, and we shall be satisfied; heal us, and we shall be whole. Make us one with you, for you live and reign with the Father 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 4:5-12

⁵The next day their rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, ⁶with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family.

⁷When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, "By what power or by what name did you do this?" ⁸Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers of the people and elders, ⁹if we are being questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are being asked how this man has been healed, ¹⁰let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. ¹¹This Jesus is 'the stone that was rejected by you, the builders; it has become the cornerstone.' ¹²There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved."

L Word of God, word of life!

C Thanks be to God!

PSALM

Psalm 23

L The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not want.

C He makes me lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside still waters;

L he restores my soul. He leads me in right paths for his name's sake.

C Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff—they comfort me.

L You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

C Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD my whole life long.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

C *Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.*

GOSPEL

John 10:11-18

¹¹"I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. ¹²The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away, and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. ¹³The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. ¹⁴I am the good shepherd. I know my own, and my own know me, ¹⁵just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. ¹⁶I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. ¹⁷For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. ¹⁸No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father."

L The Gospel of the Lord!

C Praise to you, O Christ!

CHILDREN'S TIME

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

"Have No Fear, Little Flock"

#764

*Have no fear, little flock;
have no fear, little flock,
for the Father has chosen
to give you the kingdom;
have no fear, little flock!*

*Have good cheer, little flock;
have good cheer, little flock,
for the Father will keep you
in his love forever;
have good cheer, little flock!*

*Praise the Lord high above;
praise the Lord high above,
for he stoops down to heal you,
uplift and restore you;
praise the Lord high above!*

*Thankful hearts raise to God;
thankful hearts raise to God,
for he stays close beside you,
in all things works with you;
thankful hearts raise to God!*

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

"Come to the Table"

#481

*Come to the table of mercy,
prepared with the wine and the bread.
All who are hungry and thirsty,
come, and your souls will be fed.
Come at the Lord's invitation;
receive from his nail-scarred hand.
Eat of the bread of salvation;
drink of the blood of the Lamb.*

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.

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 HYMN/SONG

"Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us"

#789

*Savior, like a shepherd lead us;
much we need your tender care.
In your pleasant pastures feed us,
for our use your fold prepare.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
you have bought us; we are yours.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
you have bought us; we are yours.*

*We are yours; in love befriend us,
be the guardian of our way;
keep your flock, from sin defend us,
seek us when we go astray.*

*Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
hear us children when we pray.*

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hear us children when we pray.*

*You have promised to receive us,
poor and sinful though we be;
you have mercy to relieve us,
grace to cleanse, and pow'r to free.*

*Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
early let us turn to you.*

*Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
early let us turn to you.*

*Early let us seek your favor,
early let us do your will;
blessed Lord and only Savior,
with your love our spirits fill.*

*Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
you have loved us, love us still.*

*Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
you have loved us, love us still.*

"Cornerstone"

*My hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness
I dare not trust the sweetest frame
But wholly trust in Jesus' Name*

*(Refrain) Christ alone cornerstone
Weak made strong in the Saviour's love
Through the storm He is Lord
Lord of all*

*When darkness seems to hide His face
I rest on His unchanging grace
In every high and stormy gale
My anchor holds within the veil
My anchor holds within the veil (refrain)*

*When He shall come with trumpet sound
Oh may I then in Him be found
Dressed in His righteousness alone
Faultless stand before the throne (refrain x 2)*

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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.

C 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.

C Amen.

SENDING

BLESSING

L Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C 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.

C Amen.

SENDING HYMN

"God Be with You Till We Meet Again"

#536

*God be with you till we meet again;
by good counsels guide, uphold you,
with a shepherd's care enfold you;
God be with you till we meet again.*

*(Refrain) Till we meet, till we meet,
till we meet at Jesus' feet;
till we meet, till we meet,
God be with you till we meet again.*

*God be with you till we meet again;
holy wings securely hide you,
daily manna still provide you;
God be with you till we meet again. (refrain)*

*God be with you till we meet again;
when life's perils thick confound you,
put unfailing arms around you;
God be with you till we meet again. (refrain)*

DISMISSAL

L Go forth to follow the path of righteousness.

C **Have no fear, little flock!**

L Go forth to follow the path of peace.

C **Have no fear, little flock!**

L Go forth to follow the path of service to God and neighbor.

C **Have no fear, little flock!**

L May God's goodness and mercy follow us as we serve the risen Lord.

C **Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

L Go in peace. Serve the Risen Lord!

C **We go with joy, Reaching Out – Sharing Grace!
Thanks be to God!**

POSTLUDE Instrumental

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP TODAY

ACOLYTE:	Needed
GREETERS/USHERS:	Needed, Needed
READER:	<i>Curt Weller</i>
COMMUNION ASSISTANTS:	Needed, Needed, Needed, Needed

COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS APRIL 16, 2024

1. Ashley Lowe (teacher at the home school) gave a presentation on her idea for an outdoor playground space on the south side of the building. She gave the Council many things to think about.
2. Charlotte Burke, Laura Hahn, Curt Weller, and Pastor Kim attended a leadership retreat on Saturday, April 13 via Zoom.
3. Salt Dogs Faith & Family night is May 19.
4. Quarterly Food Pantry Report: 1594 people were served. 577 families were served. Pounds of food donated were 3535.
5. We have applied for a synod grant for the Food Pantry for \$500.00.
6. Part of the sycamore tree in the parsonage backyard blew down in
7. Regular giving in March was \$1,134.50 more than the budget estimate. Year to date regular giving is less than the budget estimate by \$5,572.50. Special giving for March was \$4,965.91.

8. Treasurer's Report:

Bank Balance – March 1, 2024	\$70,158.60
Add: Receipts	\$70,043.42
Total Operating Funds	\$140,202.02
Less: Disbursements	\$74,366.75
Bank Balance - March 31, 2024	<u>\$65,835.27</u>
Checking	\$31,657.52
Undesignated Reserve	\$2,502.77
Designated Reserve	
Back Pack Program	\$4,523.20
Building Fund	\$390.00
College Scholarship Fund	\$2,534.00
Donuts and Coffee Fund	\$1,310.54
Immanuel Community Foundation Grant	\$6,229.10
Lutheran Food Pantry Program	\$25.00
Memorials Fund	\$11,284.27

Poinsettia, Lily and Other Flowers Fund	\$751.80
Quilters Fund	\$0.00
Special Service Designated Fund	\$2,185.00
StA Endowment Gifts	\$0.00
StA Youth Fund	\$4,901.15
Technology Upgrades and Repair Fund	\$162.00

ANNOUNCEMENTS

For April 14, 2024

Offering: \$5,023.00

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

Attendance:

In-person: 62 On-line: 24

Sunday School: 5

PRAYER CONCERNS: The Holy Land, Peace in Ukraine and Russia, Israel, Palestine, Hollis Anderson, 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.

SUNDAY SCHOOL is held during worship beginning at 9am.

OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY SURROUNDS... Scott and Steph Jensen and Family on the death of her grandmother on April 15. May this family find hope, comfort, and strength in the promise of eternal life through Christ Jesus our Lord!

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!

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

THE LINCOLN LUTHERAN CHOIR will hold its annual spring concert today 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 signup sheet at the Connection Center; registration ends today.

JUSTICE IN ACTION...Join 24 other faith communities for Justice in Action's Nehemiah Assembly as we ask public officials to take serious action on mental health, affordable housing, and criminal justice reform in Lancaster County. Join in this Assembly at St. Mark's United Methodist Church, Thursday, May 2, 6:30pm. For more information and updates, visit justice-in-action.org. Free tickets are available at tammyhanson60@gmail.com.

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.

MOVIE NIGHT! Join us on Sunday, May 5, at 6:30pm, for a showing of "*Les Misérables*", a 2012 period musical based on the stage musical of the same name. Set in France in the early nineteenth century, the film tells the story of Jean Valjean who, while being hunted for decades by the ruthless policeman Javert after breaking parole, agrees to care for a factory worker's daughter. Bring a comfy chair if you wish; popcorn will be provided.

FAITH, FAMILY, AND FOOD TRUCKS: The Vitality Team has designated the second Wednesday of each month beginning in May for "Faith, Family, and Food Trucks". Please join us on May 8 from 5-7pm for an evening of food and fellowship. The SkyMart Food Truck will be in our south parking lot providing an opportunity to purchase some delicious food. Please ask your friends and neighbors to join us! Contact Jonathan Gordon at (806) 470-7226 to help set up/tear down tables.

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

THIS WEEK AT ST. ANDREW'S LUTHERAN CHURCH			
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
MON	4/22		OFFICE CLOSED
TUES	4/23	9:00 a.m.	Quilting
WED	4/24	6:00 p.m.	Bible Study
		6:30 p.m.	Choir/Handbells Practice
		7:30 p.m.	Confirmation Class
THURS	4/25	10:00 a.m.	Home School Classes
		6:30 p.m.	Scout Meetings
FRI	4/26	7:00 a.m.	Men's Bible Study
		1:30 p.m.	Lancaster County Chorus
SAT	4/27		
SUN	4/28	9:00 a.m.	Worship
		9:00 a.m.	Sunday School
		10:00 a.m.	Fellowship Time
		11:30 a.m.	Vitality Meeting
			DON & MILLIE'S FUNDRAISER DAY

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