

St. Andrew's Lutheran Church

Sunday April 28, 2024

"Fifth 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

"Majesty/All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name" Adult Choir

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 In the wilderness, water brings life.

C Seek us out, O God, and take us to the water.

L In the Word of God, the good news gives light.

C Seek us out, O God, and fill us with understanding.

L In the bread and the wine, the body of our Savior nourishes everyone.

C Seek us out, O God, and give us yourself.

L Here is the water of life, the word that feeds, the food of eternity. Come and praise the vine that gives all goodness.

C Amen.

L Trusting in the mercy of God, let us confess to God and to one another our failure to love our neighbor...God of mercy,

C we confess that we have not borne the fruit of the Spirit. We have not loved others as you have loved us. We have denied the promises of baptism and cut ourselves off from you. Forgive us, restore us, that we may abide in your love and live out your mercy, for the sake of Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

L You have already been cleansed by the word that God has spoken to you. In baptism God claimed you and joined you to Christ, as branches to a vine. Believe the promise given to you: in Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

C Amen! Thanks to be God!

GATHERING SONG

"Hallelujah"

*Your love is amazing Steady and unchanging
Your love is a mountain Firm beneath my feet
Your love is a myst'ry How You gently lift me
When I am surrounded Your love carries me*

(Refrain) Hallelujah hallelujah hallelujah

*Your love makes me sing
Hallelujah hallelujah hallelujah
Your love makes me sing*

*Your love is surprising I can feel it rising
All the joy that's growing Deep inside of me
Ev'ry time I see You
All Your goodness shines through
I can feel this God song Rising up in me (refrain)*

*Your love is amazing Steady and unchanging
Your love is a mountain Firm beneath my feet
Your love is a myst'ry How You gently lift me
When I am surrounded Your love carries me (refrain)*

*Yes You make me sing
Lord You make me sing sing sing
How You make me sing (refrain x 2)*

*Lord You make me sing
How You make me sing*

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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 God,

C you give us your Son as the vine apart from whom we cannot live. Nourish our life in his resurrection, that we may bear the fruit of love and know the fullness of your joy, through 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 8:26-40

²⁶Then an angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Get up and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." (This is a wilderness road.) ²⁷So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, the queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship ²⁸and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. ²⁹Then the Spirit said to Philip, "Go over to this chariot and join it." ³⁰So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?" ³¹He replied, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. ³²Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this: "Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter, and like a lamb silent before its shearer, so he does not open his mouth. ³³In his humiliation justice was denied him. Who can describe his generation? For his life is taken away from the earth." ³⁴The eunuch asked Philip, "About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?" ³⁵Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture he

proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. ³⁶As they were going along the road, they came to some water, and the eunuch said, "Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?" ³⁸He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. ³⁹When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more and went on his way rejoicing. ⁴⁰But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

L Word of God, word of life!

C Thanks be to God!

PSALM

Psalms 22:25-31

L From you comes my praise in the great congregation; my vows I will pay before those who fear him.

C The poor shall eat and be satisfied; those who seek him shall praise the Lord. May your hearts live forever!

L All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord, and all the families of the nations shall worship before him.

C For dominion belongs to the Lord, and he rules over the nations.

L To him, indeed, shall all who sleep in the earth bow down; before him shall bow all who go down to the dust, and I shall live for him.

C Posterity will serve him; future generations will be told about the Lord and proclaim his deliverance to a people yet unborn, saying that he has done it.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

C Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

GOSPEL

John 15:1-8

¹"I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. ²He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. ³You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. ⁴Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. ⁵I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. ⁶Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. ⁷If you abide in me and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. ⁸My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples."

L The Gospel of the Lord!

C Praise to you, O Christ!

CHILDREN'S TIME

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

"We Know That Christ Is Raised"

#449

*We know that Christ is raised and dies no more.
Embraced by death, he broke its fearful hold,
and our despair he turned to blazing joy.
Hallelujah!*

*We share by water in his saving death.
Reborn, we share with him an Easter life,
as living members of our Savior Christ.
Hallelujah!*

*The Father's splendor clothes the Son with life.
The Spirit's fission shakes the church of God.
Baptized, we live with God the Three in One.
Hallelujah!*

*A new creation comes to life and grows
as Christ's new body takes on flesh and blood.
The universe restored and whole will sing:
Hallelujah!*

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

"Here Is Bread"

#483

*Here is bread, here is wine,
Christ is with us, he is with us.
Bread the bread, taste the wine,
Christ is with us here.*

*(Refrain) In this bread there is healing,
In this cup is life forever.
In this moment, by the Spirit,
Christ is with us here.*

*Here is grace, here is peace,
Christ is with us, he is with us.
Know his grace, find his peace,
Feast on Jesus here. (refrain)*

*Here we are, joined in one,
Christ is with us, he is with us.
We'll proclaim till he comes
Jesus crucified. (refrain)*

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 HYMN/SONG

"The Heart of Worship"

*When the music fades all is stripped away
And I simply come
Longing just to bring something that's of worth
That will bless Your heart*

*I'll bring You more than a song
For a song in itself is not what You have required
You search much deeper within
Through the way things appear
You're looking into my heart*

*I'm coming back to the heart of worship
And it's all about You all about You Jesus
I'm sorry Lord for the thing I've made it
When it's all about You all about You Jesus*

*King of endless worth no one could express
How much You deserve
Though I'm weak and poor all I have is Yours
Ev'ry single breath*

*I'll bring You more than a song
For a song in itself is not what You have required
You search much deeper within
Through the way things appear
You're looking into my heart*

*I'm coming back to the heart of worship
And it's all about You all about You Jesus
I'm sorry Lord for the thing I've made it
When it's all about You all about You Jesus (x2)*

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"Raise a Hallelujah"

*I raise a hallelujah in the presence of my enemies
I raise a hallelujah louder than the unbelief
I raise a hallelujah my weapon is a melody
I raise a hallelujah Heaven comes to fight for me*

*(Refrain) I'm gonna sing in the middle of the storm
Louder and louder you're gonna hear my praises roar
Up from the ashes hope will arise
Death is defeated the King is alive*

*I raise a hallelujah with everything inside of me
I raise a hallelujah I will watch the darkness flee
I raise a hallelujah in the middle of the mystery
I raise a hallelujah fear you lost your hold on me (refrain)*

*Sing a little louder (Sing a little louder)
Sing a little louder (Sing a little louder)
Sing a little louder (Sing a little louder)
Sing a little louder (Sing a little louder)*

*Sing a little louder in the presence of my enemies
Sing a little louder louder than the unbelief
Sing a little louder my weapon is a melody
Sing a little louder Heaven comes to fight for me*

*Sing a little louder in the presence of my enemies
Sing a little louder louder than the unbelief
Sing a little louder my weapon is a melody
Sing a little louder Heaven comes to fight for me
Sing a little louder (refrain x 2)*

*I raise a hallelujah I raise a hallelujah
I raise a hallelujah I raise a hallelujah*

"*Raise a Hallelujah*" by Jake Stevens/Jonathan David Helser/Melissa Helser/Molly Skaggs.
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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

"A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing"

#393

A hymn of glory let us sing!

New hymns throughout the world shall ring:

Alleluia! Alleluia!

*Christ, by a road before untrod,
ascends unto the throne of God.*

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

*The holy apostolic band
upon the Mount of Olives stand,
Alleluia! Alleluia!
and with his faithful foll'wers see
their Lord ascend in majesty.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*

*To whom the shining angels cry,
"Why stand and gaze upon the sky?"
Alleluia! Alleluia!*

*"This is the Savior!" thus they say,
"this is his glorious triumph day!"
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*

*"You see him now, ascending high
up to the portals of the sky."
Alleluia! Alleluia!
"Hereafter Jesus you shall see
returning in great majesty."
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*

*O risen Christ, ascended Lord,
all praise to you let earth accord:
Alleluia! Alleluia!
You are, while endless ages run,
with Father and with Spirit one.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*

DISMISSAL

L Go out with joy that we have been fed and healed.

C **We abide securely as branches of the true vine.**

L Go out and tell the story of faith.

C **We tell The Story given to us by the One who never lets us go.**

L Seek out those who abound with sacred questions.

C **We are ready to answer a mystery with love.**

L Go in peace. Share The Story.

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

POSTLUDE Instrumental Solo

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP TODAY

ACOLYTE:	Needed
GREETERS/USHERS:	Needed, Needed
READER:	Needed
COMMUNION ASSISTANTS:	Needed, Needed, Needed

ANNOUNCEMENTS

For April 14, 2024

Offering: \$9,292.44

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

Attendance:

In-person: 76 On-line: 48

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.

IT'S DON & MILLIE'S DAY! Tell them you are from St. Andrew's and 20% of your ticket comes back to support the Youth Group. Thanks in advance for your support!

MAY BASKETS: The May Basket(s) you purchased are available to take home 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 on 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--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.

WANT TO LEARN ABOUT ENNEAGRAM? Join church members, clergy, and friends for Rev. Edgar Schumbach's "Emmaus: Lifelong Learning" course on Saturday, May 4, 9-12, at American Lutheran Church. The course will provide an overview of Enneagram as well as how to use it in one's spiritual journey. Register today at <https://nebraskasynod.org/event/enneagram-whats-that/>

NEBRASKA CZECHS OF LINCOLN invite you to attend the free Czech Festival next Sunday, May 5, 10am-4pm, at the Pla Mor Ballroom. Vendor and bake sales start at 10am with programs throughout the day and lunch served at noon. Free admission.

MOVIE NIGHT! Join us next 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.

WELCA CIRCLES: Rebecca Circle bible study will be held at 9:30am on May 9 in the Lounge. Ruth bible study will be held on May 13, 7:00pm, in the Lounge.

THE LUTHERAN CENTER SPRING LEADERSHIP

BANQUET: We are invited to celebrate the ministry and leadership of The Lutheran Center. The annual leadership banquet will be on May 14 at 6:00pm at the UNL Union. Please register at [the Lutheran center.org/banquet](http://the.lutheran.center.org/banquet) or call The Lutheran Center at 402-435-3697.

MINISTRY OF THE MONTH FOR MAY: St. Andrew's will be collecting requested cleaning supplies for Aiding Angels in May. This local non-profit organization provides professional cleaning services free-of-charge to anyone going through cancer treatment. Here is a list of requested items: Weiman stainless steel clearer; Scotch Brite zero scratch sponges; Soft Scrub with bleach; Palmolive dish soap; Orange Glo wood furniture 2-in-1 clean & polish; and toilet bowl brushes. Please place your items on the M.O.M. table in the Narthex. Thank you for contributing items to this wonderful service!

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

THIS WEEK AT ST. ANDREW'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

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
MON	4/29		OFFICE CLOSED
		6:00 p.m.	Iris Society Meeting
TUES	4/30	9:00 a.m.	Quilting
WED	5/1	11:00 a.m.	Faith Partners Meeting on Zoom
		6:00 p.m.	Bible Study
		6:30 p.m.	Choir/Handbells Practice
		7:30 p.m.	Confirmation Mentor Meeting
THURS	5/2	10:00 a.m.	Home School Classes
		4:00 p.m.	Home School Open House
		6:30 p.m.	Scout Meetings
FRI	5/3	7:00 a.m.	Men's Bible Study
		1:30 p.m.	Lancaster County Chorus Practice
		6:00 p.m.	WELCA "Saved to Serve", Blair NE
SAT	5/4	8:00 a.m.	Nebraska Daylily Society Meeting
		9:00 a.m.	WELCA "Saved to Serve", Blair NE
		9:00 a.m.	WELCA Spring Gathering, Fontanelle NE
		9:00 a.m.	Enneagram Workshop @ American Lutheran
		3:00 p.m.	Piano Recital
SUN	5/5	9:00 a.m.	Worship
		9:00 a.m.	Sunday School
		9:00 a.m.	WELCA "Saved to Serve", Blair NE
		10:00 a.m.	Fellowship Time
		6:30 p.m.	Movie Night: "Les Misérables"

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