

**St. Andrew's Lutheran Church**

*"Ascension of Our Lord"*

May 12, 2024

9:00 a.m. 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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*Rev. Kimberlee Osborn, Pastor*

# St. Andrew's Lutheran Church

Sunday May 12, 2024

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## GATHERING

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**PRELUDE** *"Come, Now Is the Time to Worship"*

## WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

### MOTHER'S DAY LITANY

**L** Christ is Risen!

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

**L** All who gather here are sons or daughters.

**C** We praise God for the women who gave us life.

**L** For mothers brave, strong, compassionate, full of wisdom and grace,

**C** we give God thanks and praise.

**L** For mothers vulnerable, worried, frustrated, and hurried,

**C** we pray for peace.

**L** For relationships that are strained and no longer a source of joy,

**C** we pray for healing.

**L** For mothers who have died, who live no longer with us, but whose light shines on in our hearts and memories,

**C** we pray for those who mourn, and give God thanks for life eternal.

**L** For mothers who grieve, who have lost children born or unborn,

**C** we weep with those with broken hearts.

**L** For those who are struggling to raise children, who are tired and weary,

**C** we pray that we may be their village, offering real help in hard times.

**L** For those who are preparing emptier nests,

**C** we both celebrate and mourn with you, and hope their wings are as strong as their roots are deep.

ℒ For stepmothers, navigating the pitfalls and joys of creating a new family,

**☪ we pray for wisdom and patience.**

ℒ For grandmothers who are doing the hard work of raising children again,

**☪ we pray the caregivers have those who care for them.**

ℒ For those who are waiting and sometimes struggling with the biological process to bring new life, and for those who are waiting for adoptive process to be fulfilled,

**☪ we wait eagerly with you, and offer you our hand to hold in the trial.**

ℒ For women who do not have children, but instead teach, lead, care for, and guide the children of others,

**☪ we give God thanks and praise.**

ℒ For the mothers, sisters, daughters in our midst and around the world. For the women who, created in the image of God, give not just life, but abundant life. For women fighting, struggling, and sweating for the sake of others. For women caring, compassionate, and crying with the heart of Christ. For the caregivers, prophets, preachers, teachers, leaders, shepherds, healers. For Moms, in their wide variety and many forms,

**☪ we give God thanks and praise.**

Mother's Day Litany by The Fat Pastor. <http://fatpastor.me>

## **CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS**

ℒ I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward one another. So I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him.

**C** With the eyes of our hearts enlightened, we see the greatness of Christ's power at work in us who believe. God put this power to work in Christ when God raised him from the dead—and seated him at God's right hand in the glory of the heavenly places!

**L** God-lovers, let us repent of those things that have drawn us away from God and our neighbors, that we may receive the joy of forgiveness...God, lover of humankind,

**C** you have asked us to proclaim your name to all people. We confess that we have held back from doing that, shy and self-conscious. Forgive us, we pray, and empower us in Jesus' name. Amen.

**L** The promise of our faith is that we are already forgiven and, in Christ's name, given the power to rise up and subdue all that separates us from God and each other. Receive the Holy Spirit and be empowered to be witnesses of God's resurrection power in Jesus Christ.

**C** Amen! Thanks be to God!

### **GATHERING SONG**

*"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 Heiser/Melissa Heiser/Molly Skaggs.  
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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** Almighty God,

**C** **your only Son was taken into the heavens and in your presence intercedes for us. Receive us and our prayers for all the world, and in the end bring everything into your glory, through Jesus Christ, our Sovereign 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.)*

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## WORD

### READING

*Acts 1:1-11*

<sup>1</sup>In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus began to do and teach <sup>2</sup>until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. <sup>3</sup>After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. <sup>4</sup>While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem but to wait there for the promise of the Father. "This," he said, "is what you have heard from me; <sup>5</sup>for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now." <sup>6</sup>So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" <sup>7</sup>He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. <sup>8</sup>But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." <sup>9</sup>When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. <sup>10</sup>While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. <sup>11</sup>They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."

**L** Word of God, word of life!

**C** Thanks be to God!

### PSALM

*Psalm 47*

**L** Clap your hands, all you peoples; shout to God with loud songs of joy.

**C** For the Lord, the Most High, is awesome, a great king over all the earth.

**L** He subdued peoples under us and nations under our feet.

**C** **He chose our heritage for us, the pride of Jacob whom he loves.**

**L** God has gone up with a shout, the Lord with the sound of a trumpet.

**C** **Sing praises to God, sing praises; sing praises to our King, sing praises.**

**L** For God is the king of all the earth; sing praises with a psalm. God is king over the nations; God sits on his holy throne.

**C** **The princes of the peoples gather as the people of the God of Abraham. For the shields of the earth belong to God; he is highly exalted.**

#### **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

**C** *Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.*

#### **GOSPEL**

*Luke 24:44-53*

<sup>44</sup>[Jesus] 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." <sup>45</sup>Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, <sup>46</sup>and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day <sup>47</sup>and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. <sup>48</sup>You are witnesses of these things. <sup>49</sup>And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised, so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high." <sup>50</sup>Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them. <sup>51</sup>While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. <sup>52</sup>And they worshiped him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy, <sup>53</sup>and they were continually in the temple blessing God.

**L** The Gospel of the Lord!

**C** **Praise to you, O Christ!**



## CHILDREN'S TIME

### SERMON

Bishop Scott Johnson

### HYMN OF THE DAY

*"Lord, You Give the Great Commission"*

#579

*Lord, you give the great commission:*

*"Heal the sick and preach the word."*

*Lest the church neglect its mission,*

*and the gospel go unheard,*

*help us witness to your purpose*

*with renewed integrity:*

*(Refrain) With the Spirit's gifts empow'r us  
for the work of ministry.*

*Lord, you call us to your service:*

*"In my name baptize and teach."*

*That the world may trust your promise,*

*life abundant meant for each,*

*give us all new fervor, draw us*

*closer in community: (refrain)*

*Lord, you make the common holy:*

*"This my body, this my blood."*

*Let us all, for earth's true glory,*

*daily lift life heavenward,*

*asking that the world around us*

*share your children's liberty: (refrain)*

*Lord, you show us love's true measure:*

*"Father, what they do, forgive."*

*Yet we hoard as private treasure*

*all that you so freely give.*

*May your care and mercy lead us*

*to a just society: (refrain)*

*Lord, you bless with words assuring:  
"I am with you to the end."  
Faith and hope and love restoring,  
may we serve as you intend  
and, amid the cares that claim us,  
hold in mind eternity: (refrain)*

## **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**

*(Prayer response: "Hear Our Prayer")*

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### **MEAL**

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#### **CALL TO THE TABLE**

*"For the Bread Which You Have Broken" #494*

*For the bread which you have broken,  
for the wine which you have poured,  
for the words which you have spoken,  
now we give you thanks, O Lord.*

*By this promise that you love us,  
by your gift of peace restored,  
by your call to heav'n above us,  
hallow all our lives, O Lord.*

*With the saints who now adore you,  
seated at the heav'nly board,  
may the church still waiting for you  
keep love's tie unbroken, Lord.*

*In your service, Lord, defend us;  
in our hearts keep watch and ward;  
in the world to which you send us  
let your kingdom come, O Lord.*

#### **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**

*"The Wonderful Cross"*

*When I survey the wondrous cross  
On which the Prince of Glory died  
My richest gain I count but loss  
And pour contempt on all my pride*

*See from His head His hands His feet  
Sorrow and love flow mingled down  
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet  
Or thorns compose so rich a crown*

*(Refrain) O the wonderful cross  
O the wonderful cross  
Bids me come and die and find  
That I may truly live*

*O the wonderful cross  
O the wonderful cross  
All who gather here by grace  
Draw near and bless Your name*

*Were the whole realm of nature mine  
That were an offering far too small  
Love so amazing so divine  
Demands my soul my life my all (refrain)*

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*"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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## **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.**

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## **SENDING**

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### **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

*"Crown Him with Many Crowns"*

#855

*Crown him with many crowns,  
the Lamb upon his throne;  
hark, how the heav'nly anthem drowns  
all music but its own.*

*Awake, my soul, and sing  
of him who died for thee,  
and hail him as thy matchless king  
all eternity.*

*Crown him the virgin's Son,  
the God incarnate born,  
whose arm those crimson trophies won  
which now his brow adorn;  
fruit of the mystic rose,  
yet of that rose the stem,  
the root whence mercy ever flows,  
the babe of Bethlehem.*

*Crown him the Lord of love--  
behold his hands and side,  
rich wounds, yet visible above,  
in beauty glorified.  
No angels in the sky  
can fully bear that sight,  
but downward bend their burning eyes  
at mysteries so bright.*

*Crown him the Lord of life,  
who triumphed o'er the grave  
and rose victorious in the strife  
for those he came to save.  
His glories now we sing,  
who died and rose on high,  
who died, eternal life to bring,  
and lives that death may die.*

*Crown him the Lord of years,  
the potentate of time,  
creator of the rolling spheres,  
ineffably sublime.  
All hail, Redeemer, hail!  
For thou hast died for me;  
thy praise and glory shall not fail  
throughout eternity.*

### **DISMISSAL**

- I** Go out with the Spirit of Wisdom and Hope.
- C** **We go with eyes enlightened with Christ!**
- I** Be assured that wherever you go, Christ is with you.
- C** **Be kind to all who are sent our way.**
- I** Go in peace. Love God. Love one another.
- C** **We go with love, Reaching Out – Sharing Grace!**
- Thanks be to God!**

### **POSTLUDE**

Organ Solo

### **ASSISTING IN WORSHIP TODAY**

<b>ACOLYTE:</b>	Needed
<b>GREETERS/USHERS:</b>	Needed, Needed
<b>READER:</b>	Needed
<b>COMMUNION ASSISTANTS:</b>	Bishop Scott Johnson, Mary Porter, Needed



***A happy and blessed Mother's Day  
to one and all!***

***We give thanks to God for our mothers  
and for all the amazing women  
in our lives!***

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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**For May 5, 2023**

**Offering:** \$5,052.78

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

**Attendance:**

In-person: 57    On-line: 58

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

**1<sup>st</sup> 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 worship. Please ask an Usher for directions.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL** is held during worship beginning at 9am.

**NEXT SUNDAY IS THE LAST DAY OF SUNDAY SCHOOL.** It will resume in the fall.

**WE ARE PLEASED TO WELCOME** Bishop Scott Johnson who is worshipping with us this morning.

**PENTECOST** is next Sunday. Please wear red in celebration.

**BACKPACK SHORTFALL:** We have discovered that the Backpack program is \$1,200 short of the \$6,250 needed to fulfill our spring commitment to the Lincoln Foodbank. The congregation is being asked to prayerfully consider if they are able donate funds to help meet this goal of \$1,200. Contributions can be placed in the special offering envelopes found in the pews. Label them for the backpack program and place them in the offering plate. Any amount is

appreciated. Thanks for your help in making this very important ministry to St. Andrew's and Meadow Lane School a success.

**WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY:** 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 [theLutheranCenter.org/banquet](http://theLutheranCenter.org/banquet) or call The Lutheran Center at 402-435-3697.

**LUTHERAN FAMILY SERVICES** invites you to an open house on Wednesday, May 15, 3-5pm at their office, 2301 'O' St. You'll hear an update on their activities and be given a tour of the office.

**LINCOLN SALTDOGS'** "Faith and Family Day" will be held May 19 at 1:05pm. Events include in-stadium chapel with the players, catch in the outfields, live church band on the Concourse and much more!

**MINISTRY OF THE MONTH FOR MAY:** St. Andrew's is 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 cleaner; 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**

<b>SUN</b>	<b>5/12</b>	9:00 a.m.	<b>Worship</b>
		9:00 a.m.	Sunday School
		10:00 a.m.	Fellowship Time
<b>MON</b>	<b>5/13</b>		OFFICE CLOSED
		7:00 p.m.	Ruth Circle
<b>TUES</b>	<b>5/14</b>	6:00 p.m.	The Lutheran Center Spring Leadership Banquet
		7:00 p.m.	Executive Team
		7:30 p.m.	MARA
<b>WED</b>	<b>5/15</b>	3:00 p.m.	Lutheran Family Services Open House
		5:00 p.m.	Adventure Academy Graduation
		6:00 p.m.	Bible Study
		6:30 p.m.	Choir/Handbell Practice
		7:30 p.m.	Confirmation Class
<b>THURS</b>	<b>5/16</b>	10:00 a.m.	Home School Classes
		6:30 p.m.	Scout Meetings
		7:00 p.m.	Stamping Up Club
<b>FRI</b>	<b>5/17</b>	7:00 a.m.	Men's Bible Study
		1:30 p.m.	Lancaster County Chorus
		6:00 p.m.	Pack Meeting
		7:00 p.m.	Iris Society Show Set-up
<b>SAT</b>	<b>5/18</b>	7:00 a.m.	Iris Society Private Show
<b>SUN</b>	<b>5/19</b>	9:00 a.m.	<b>Worship/Prayer Station/Pentecost</b>
		9:00 a.m.	Sunday School
		10:00 a.m.	Fellowship Time
		1:05 p.m.	Lincoln Saltdogs Faith and Family Day

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