

St. Andrew's Lutheran Church

Sunday May 5, 2024
"Sixth 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 global projects.

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GATHERING

PRELUDE *"Waymaker"*

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 Sing to our God a new song.

C God has done marvelous things!

L Make a joyful noise to the Lord!

C Break forth into joyous song and sing praises.

L Let the sea roar and all that fills it.

C Let the world and its people sing together for joy!

L We have been called to follow Christ by obeying his one commandment: that we love one another as he has loved us. Let us confess how we have fallen short of that love...Loving God,

C we have not loved you or each other with our whole hearts. Forgive us, we pray, and lead us toward wholeness, that we may be filled with your joy. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

L Christ loves us so much that he laid down his life for us and calls us his friends. If we can forgive our friends, how much more does Christ forgive us!

C Amen! Thanks to be God!

GATHERING SONG

"Here I Am To Worship"

*Light of the world You stepped down into darkness
Opened my eyes let me see
Beauty that made This heart adore You
Hope of a life spent with You*

*So here I am to worship Here I am to bow down
Here I am to say that You're my God
And You're altogether lovely
Altogether worthy Altogether wonderful to me*

*King of all days Oh so highly exalted
Glorious in heaven above Humbly You came
To the earth You created
All for love's sake became poor*

*So here I am to worship Here I am to bow down
Here I am to say that You're my God
And You're altogether lovely
Altogether worthy Altogether wonderful to me*

*And I'll never know how much it cost
To see my sin upon that cross
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*So here I am to worship Here I am to bow down
Here I am to say that You're my God
And You're altogether lovely
Altogether worthy Altogether wonderful to me*

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 (Refrain) ***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. (refrain)

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. (refrain)

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 have prepared for those who love you joys beyond understanding. Pour into our hearts such love for you that, loving you above all things, we may obtain your promises, which exceed all we can desire, through Jesus Christ, your Son and our 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 10:44-48

⁴⁴While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. ⁴⁵The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the gentiles, ⁴⁶for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, ⁴⁷"Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?" ⁴⁸So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

L Word of God, word of life!

C Thanks be to God!

PSALM

Psalms 98

L O sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done marvelous things. His right hand and his holy arm have gotten him victory.

C The Lord has made known his victory; he has revealed his vindication in the sight of the nations.

L He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel. All the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.

C **Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth; break forth into joyous song and sign praises.**

L Sing praises to the Lord with the lyre, with the lyre and the sound of melody. With trumpets and the sound of the horn make a joyful noise before the King, the Lord.

C **Let the sea roar and all that fills it, the world and those who live in it.**

L Let the floods clap their hands; let the hills sing together for joy

C **at the presence of the Lord, for he is coming to judge the earth. He will judge the world with righteousness and the peoples with equity.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

C *Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.*

GOSPEL

John 15:9-17

⁹As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. ¹⁰If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. ¹¹I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete. ¹²This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. ¹³No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. ¹⁴You are my friends if you do what I command you. ¹⁵I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing, but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. ¹⁶You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will

last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. ¹⁷I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another

L The Gospel of the Lord!

C Praise to you, O Christ!

CHILDREN'S TIME

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

"Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds"

#367

*Now all the vault of heav'n resounds
in praise of love that still abounds:*

"Christ has triumphed! He is living!"

Sing, choirs of angels, loud and clear!

Repeat their song of glory here:

"Christ has triumphed! He is living!"

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Eternal is the gift he brings,

therefore our heart with rapture sings:

"Christ has triumphed! He is living!"

Now still he comes to give us life

and by his presence stills all strife.

"Christ has triumphed! He is living!"

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Oh, fill us, Lord, with dauntless love;

set heart and will on things above

that we conquer through your triumph;

grant grace sufficient for life's day

that by our lives we truly say:

"Christ has triumphed! He is living!"

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Adoring praises now we bring

and with the heav'nly blessed sing:

"Christ has triumphed! Alleluia!"

*Be to the Father, and our Lord,
to Spirit blest, most holy God,
all the glory, never ending! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia*

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

"I Come with Joy"

#482

*I come with joy, a child of God,
forgiven, loved, and free,
the life of Jesus to recall
in love laid down for me,
in love laid down for me.*

*I come with Christians far and near
to find, as all are fed,
the new community of love
in Christ's communion bread,
in Christ's communion bread.*

*As Christ breaks bread and bids us share,
each proud division ends.*

*The love that made us, makes us one,
and strangers now are friends,
and strangers now are friends.*

*The Spirit of the risen Christ,
unseen, but ever near,
is in such friendship better known,
alive among us here,
alive among us here.*

*Together met, together bound
by all that God has done,
we'll go with joy, to give the world
the love that makes us one,
the love that makes us one.*

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 SONG/HYMN

"Living Hope"

*How great the chasm that lay between us
How high the mountain I could not climb
In desperation I turned to heaven
And spoke Your name into the night
Then through the darkness Your loving-kindness
Tore through the shadows of my soul
The work is finished the end is written
Jesus Christ my living hope*

*Who could imagine so great a mercy
What heart could fathom such boundless grace
The God of ages stepped down from glory
To wear my sin and bear my shame
The cross has spoken I am forgiven
The King of kings calls me His own
Beautiful Savior I'm Yours forever
Jesus Christ my living hope*

*(Refrain x 2) Hallelujah praise the One who set me free
Hallelujah death has lost its grip on me
You have broken every chain
There's salvation in Your name
Jesus Christ my living hope*

*Then came the morning that sealed the promise
Your buried body began to breathe
Out of the silence the Roaring Lion
Declared the grave has no claim on me
Then came the morning that sealed the promise
Your buried body began to breathe
Out of the silence the Roaring Lion
Declared the grave has no claim on me
Jesus Yours is the victory whoa (refrain x 2)*

*Jesus Christ my living hope
Oh God You are my living hope*

"Jesus Loves Me"

#595

*Jesus loves me! this I know, for the Bible tells me so;
little ones to him belong,
they are weak, but he is strong.*

*(Refrain) Yes, Jesus loves me,
yes, Jesus loves me, yes, Jesus loves me,
the Bible tells me so.*

*Jesus loves me! he who died heaven's gates to open wide;
he will wash away my sin,
let his little child come in. (refrain)*

*Jesus loves me! he will stay close beside me all the way;
when at last I come to die,
he will take me home on high. (refrain)*

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

℣ Alleluia! Christ is risen!

☩ **Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

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

☩ **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN

"Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee"

#836

*Joyful, joyful we adore thee,
God of glory, Lord of love!
Hearts unfold like flow'rs before thee,
praising thee, their sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness,
drive the gloom of doubt away.
Giver of immortal gladness,
fill us with the light of day.*

*All thy works with joy surround thee,
earth and heav'n reflect thy rays,
stars and angels sing around thee,
center of unbroken praise.*

*Field and forest, vale and mountain,
flow'ry meadow, flashing sea,
chanting bird, and flowing fountain
call us to rejoice in thee.*

*Thou art giving and forgiving,
ever blessing, ever blest,
wellspring of the joy of living,
ocean-depth of happy rest!
Thou our Father, Christ our brother,
all who live in love are thine;
teach us how to love each other,
lift us to the joy divine!*

DISMISSAL

L This is the day the Lord has made!

C **Let us rejoice and be glad in it!**

L You have brought us this far by faith, O God.

C **Our life flows on in endless song!**

L By your grace, you have allowed us to serve others.

C **How can we keep from singing?**

L You have blessed us to be a blessing.

C **And for that, we give you thanks and praise!**

L Continue to use us to be a force and a blessing in this neighborhood, in our city, in our synod, and beyond!

C **May we continue to make a difference in the world in the name of Jesus Christ!**

L Go in peace. Serve the Lord. Love your neighbor.

C **We go to love, Reaching Out – Sharing Grace!**

Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE Organ Solo

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP TODAY

ACOLYTE/GREETERS/USHERS/COMMUNION

ASSISTANTS:

Council

ANNOUNCEMENTS

For April 28, 2024

Offering: \$2,912.00

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

Attendance:

In-person: 59 On-line: 73

Sunday School: 1

PRAYER CONCERNS: *The Holy Land, Peace in Ukraine and Russia, Israel, Palestine, Pat Harris, 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

---Alan and Susan Oliva and Family on the death of Alan's mother, JoAnne L. Hollingsworth, on April 26. Pastor Kim presided at her Celebration of Life in Milligan, NE, on May 2.
---Sharlotte Veburg and Family on the death of Gene on May 1. Gene's Celebration of Life will be held on May 7, 10:30am, at St. Andrew's with a luncheon to follow. Burial will be in Hordville NE.

May these families find hope, comfort, and strength in the promise of eternal life through Christ Jesus our Lord!

PLEASE WELCOME OUR GUEST TODAY: Emily Estes is here at the invitation of St. Andrew's Faith Partners.

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.

NEBRASKA CZECHS OF LINCOLN invite you to attend the free Czech Festival today, 10am-4pm, at the Pla Mor Ballroom. Vendor and bake sales begin at 10am with programs throughout the day and lunch served at noon.

MOVIE NIGHT! Join us tonight 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.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY: Rebecca Circle will meet 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 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 at 2301 "O" Street. You'll hear an update on what they're doing in Lincoln and be given an office tour.

LINCOLN SALTDogs' "Faith and Family Day" is on Sunday, May 19; the game begins 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			
SUN	5/5	9:00 a.m.	WELCA "Saved to Serve" Event, Blair NE
		9:00 a.m.	Worship
		9:00 a.m.	Sunday School
		10:00 a.m.	Fellowship Time
		10:00 a.m.	Czech Festival @ Pla Mor Ballroom
		6:30 p.m.	Movie Night: "Les Misérables"
MON	5/6		OFFICE CLOSED
TUES	5/7	10:30 a.m.	Celebration of Life for Gene Veburg
WED	5/8	5:00 p.m.	Faith, Family, and the SkyMart Food Truck
		6:00 p.m.	Bible Study
		6:30 p.m.	Choir/Handbells Practice
		7:30 p.m.	Confirmation Class
THURS	5/9	9:30 a.m.	Rebecca Circle
		10:00 a.m.	Home School Classes
		6:30 p.m.	Scout Meetings
FRI	5/10	7:00 a.m.	Men's Bible Study
		1:30 p.m.	Lancaster County Chorus Practice
SAT	5/11		
SUN	5/12	9:00 a.m.	Worship
		9:00 a.m.	Sunday School
		10:00 a.m.	Fellowship Time

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