



May they be one,
as we are one

JOHN 17:11

Seventh Sunday of Easter

WELCOME TO ST. ANDREW

Welcome to long-time Lutherans, Christians from every tradition, and people new to the faith.

Welcome to all who have no church home, want to follow Jesus, have doubts, or do not believe.

Welcome to new visitors and old friends.

Welcome especially to all who have ever felt unwelcome in the church.

Welcome to believers, questioners, and questioning believers. This is a place where you are welcome to celebrate and grieve, to rejoice and recover.

No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here. This is a place where lives are made new.

HOW WE WORSHIP

When we gather for worship, we rejoice in God's grace through songs, prayers, scriptures, and the sacraments. The history of Christian worship is rich with traditions and rituals formed by generations which help to connect our lives with Christ.

By its very nature, Lutheran worship is participatory. The Holy Spirit joins our hearts and voices through songs and prayers that are both ancient and modern, biblical and relevant. Worship leaders guide us through the service and our responses are printed in **bold type**.

We are sent from this gathering into the world where we live on mission for Christ in our daily lives, loving and serving our neighbors and sharing the good news of Jesus with a world in need.

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PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

RINGING OF THE BELL

Please stand as you are able.

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Alleluia! Christ is risen. **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne
and to the Lamb! **Amen.**

Let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism.

Merciful God,
you are the one who was, who is, and who is to come.
You lead us beside still waters.

We thank you for the waters of creation:
morning dew, gentle rain, roaring waves.

We thank you for the waters that nourish us.
Blessed are you.

You guide us to springs of the water of life.

Jesus Christ, you are the faithful witness
who accompanies us on our journeys.

We give you thanks for your life-giving death and resurrection.

We praise you for joining us in joy and sorrow.

Blessed are you.

You guide us to springs of the water of life.

Holy One, we thank you for the gifts and grace of baptism,
and for making us a new creation. We join with saints and angels,
giving you honor and praise, now and forever. **Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN

"God is Here!"

Hymn #526

GREETING

The grace of our Lord, Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. **O God of glory, your Son Jesus Christ suffered for us and ascended to your right hand. Unite us with Christ and each other in suffering and in joy, that all the world may be drawn into your bountiful presence, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

Please be seated.

WORD

FIRST READING Acts 1:6-14

Today's reading is part of the introduction to the narrative of the outpouring of the Spirit on Pentecost. These verses tell of the risen Lord's conversation with his disciples on the eve of his ascension, in which he promises that they will receive the power of the Holy Spirit.

⁶ When [the apostles] had come together, they asked [Jesus], "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" ⁷ He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. ⁸ 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." ⁹ When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. ¹⁰ While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. ¹¹ They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven?"

when you marched through the wilderness,
⁸ the earth quaked, and the skies poured down rain, at the presence of God, the God of Sinai, at the presence of God, the God of Israel.

Refrain

³² Sing to God, O kingdoms of the earth;
sing praises to the Lord.
³³ You ride in the heavens, O God, in the ancient heavens;
you send forth your voice, your mighty voice.
³⁴ Ascribe power to God,
whose majesty is over Israel; whose strength is in the skies.

Refrain

SECOND READING 1 Peter 4:12-14, 5:6-11

Our faith in Christ does not make us immune from the scorn of others. Nevertheless, we are to resist the designs of evil when we experience disparagement from others because we trust God's grace will strengthen and guide us.

¹² Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that is taking place among you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. ¹³ But rejoice insofar as you are sharing Christ's sufferings, so that you may also be glad and shout for joy when his glory is revealed. ¹⁴ If you are reviled for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the spirit of glory, which is the Spirit of God, is resting on you.

^{5:6} Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God, so that he may exalt you in due time. ⁷ Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you. ⁸ Discipline yourselves; keep alert. Like a roaring lion your adversary the devil prowls around, looking for someone to devour. ⁹ Resist him, steadfast in your faith, for you know that your brothers and sisters in all the world are undergoing

the same kinds of suffering. ¹⁰ And after you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, support, strengthen, and establish you. ¹¹ To him be the power forever and ever.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Pastor Chris Steubing

Please stand as you are able for the gospel reading.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Al-le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al-le - lu - ia.
Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.
Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

GOSPEL

John 17:1-11

The holy gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

On the night before his crucifixion, Jesus prays to his heavenly Father, asking that those who continue his work in this world will live in unity.

¹ After Jesus had spoken these words [to his disciples,] he looked up to heaven and said, “Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, ² since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. ³ And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent.

⁴ I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. ⁵ So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed.

⁶ “I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. ⁷ Now they know that everything you have given me is from you, ⁸ for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you, and they have believed that you sent me. ⁹ I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. ¹⁰ All mine are yours, and yours are mine, and I have been glorified in them. ¹¹ And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one.”

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

Pastor Chris Steubing

HYMN OF THE DAY “*We All Are One in Mission*” *Hymn #576*

Please stand as you are able.

THE APOSTLES’ CREED

Together with the whole church, we confess our faith:

**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.**

THE PRAYERS

...Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

SHARING THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

Let us share the peace with one another.

OFFERING

OFFERING MUSIC *"United at the Table"* *Hymn #498*

Please stand as you are able as the offering is brought forward.

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray. **Merciful God, accept the fruits of our labor, gathered to give you glory. You have set a table before us, a glimpse of that great day when we will hunger and thirst no more. Nourish us with the body and blood of Jesus, that goodness and mercy may follow us and bless the world you love. In the name of Jesus, Amen.**

MEAL

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise. . . We praise your name and join their unending hymn.

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry, full of your glo-ry. Ho -
san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high -
est. Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

With this bread and cup we remember our Lord's Passover from death to life as we proclaim the mystery of faith;

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

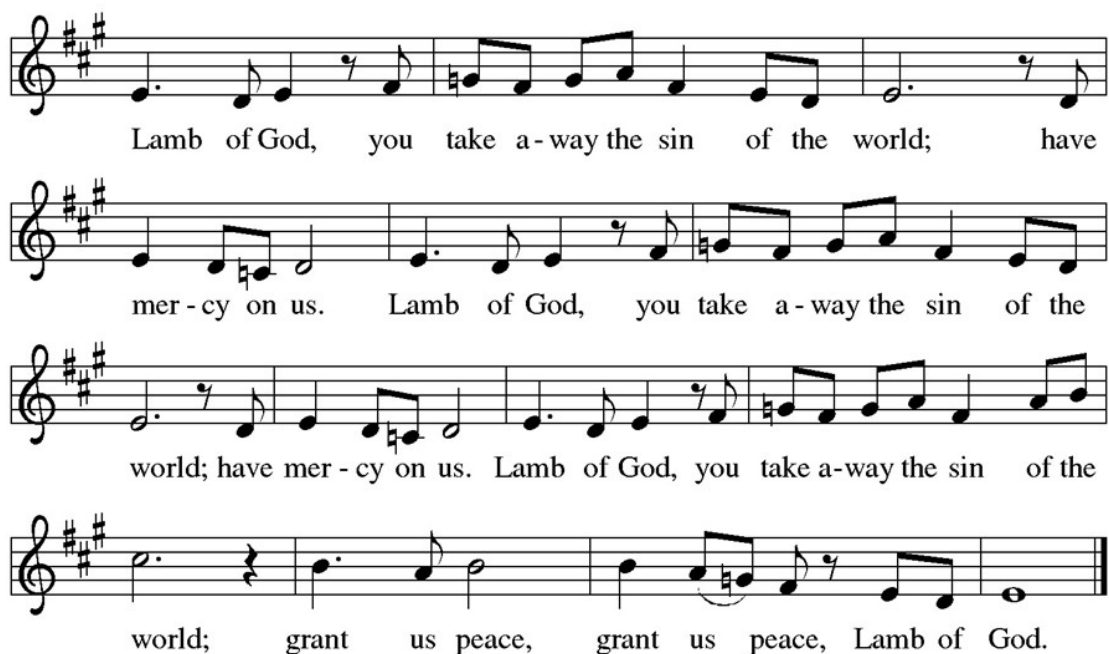
Remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray...

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Come to the table of new life. Receive the risen Lord.

Communion Distribution---All are welcome to receive Holy Communion at the Lord's table. If you'd like to receive a blessing instead, you may simply come forward and cross your arms over your chest. If you are unable to come forward, please notify an usher and we will bring the sacrament to you. The communion cups contain wine (red) or grape juice (white). Gluten-free wafers are available upon request.



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
world; grant us peace, grant us peace, Lamb of God.

Communion Hymns

Hymn #870 "We Praise You, O God"

Hymn #800 "Spirit of God, Descend"

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

Please stand as you are able.

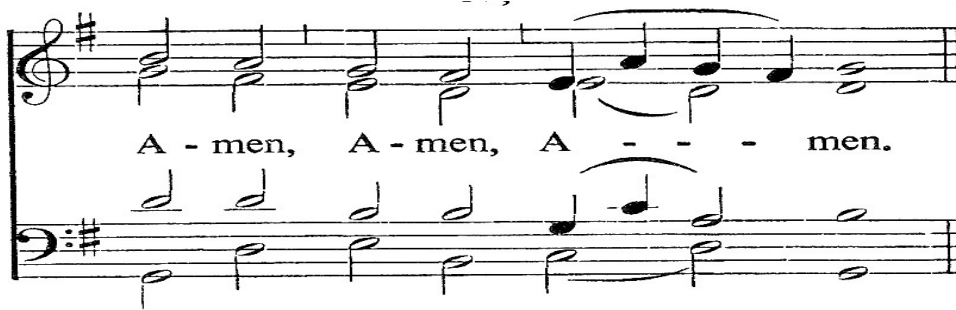
PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray. **Holy One, through this meal you have made your home among us and are making all things new. Send us now to speak peace to anxious hearts, to love our enemies, and to bring your healing to the nations. In the name of Jesus, Amen.**

BLESSING OF JOURNALS

BENEDICTION

God Almighty, who is the beginning and the end, Jesus Christ, the firstborn of the dead, and the Spirit, our advocate and peace,
✠ bless you now and forever.



SENDING HYMN *"Bind Us Together"*

Bind us together, Lord,
Bind us together with cords that cannot be broken.
Bind us together, Lord,
Bind us together, Lord; bind us together in love.

There is only one God.
There is only one King.
There is only one body; that is why we can sing.

Bind us together, Lord,
Bind us together with cords that cannot be broken.
Bind us together, Lord,
Bind us together, Lord; bind us together in love.

You are the family of God.
You are the promise divine.
You are God's chosen desire, you are the glorious new wine

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Praise the Lord. Alleluia! **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

POSTLUDE

JOIN US TODAY!



“LUTHER” MOVIE SHOWING
SUNDAY, MAY 17 12:15 PM
At the home of Jeff and Paula Lynch
8840 FM 306

Join us for a showing of the 2003 movie "Luther," starring Joseph Fiennes! There will be freshly popped movie popcorn and a light lunch. Pastor Chris will give a preview of the characters and reformation history themes. This is an intergenerational event but also serves as an opportunity for our youth and confirmands to learn about the history of Martin Luther and the Protestant Reformation. Please call the church office or sign up online so we can plan for food.

WELCA Bible Study, Wednesday, May 20th **Business Mtg.~9:30 AM Bible Study ~10 AM**

Come join us on May 20th in the fellowship hall and participate in the Bible study led by Pastor Chris.

This final session revolves around the third dimension of I AM: God's promise to lead God's people into abundant life. From before creation to the time of Moses to today, this is God's enduring promise to God's people. In declaring that he is "the resurrection and the life," and "the way, the truth, and the life," Jesus is stepping into this grand tradition, reminding God's people to cling to God's promise, God's very holy name: I AM. God has promised to be with God's people—to abide with us, to guide us, to protect us, and to lead us into abundant life, now and forever.

Our meeting begins at 9:30 AM with refreshments and a business session. At 10 AM Pastor Chris leads us in our study. Come, join us!

WELCA

Cheryl Wilder, President
Cathy Peebles, V. President
Sharon VanderBand, Secretary
Kathy Laney, Treasurer



Announcements/Reminders

For children, youth, and parents:

After the children's sermon, children are invited to go with Ms. Ameya to the fellowship hall for Sunday school children's time. Youth are invited to join for a devotion and hang out time after worship in the youth room. Ameya would like to extend a warm invitation to any adults who would like to assist her or simply observe on Sundays. Whether it's during worship or fellowship time, it's a beautiful opportunity to bond with and get to know the vibrant youth and children of our congregation. If interested, email her at ameyas-intern@standrewofcl.org.

There are "busy bags" at the sanctuary entrance to help keep children engaged during services.

There is a cry room in the back of the sanctuary with a changing table and a large nursery space down the hallway past the fellowship hall available for families with young children. Each of the spaces include access to listen to the worship service.

Please join us for fellowship time after worship in our fellowship hall!!!

Calendar This Week

- | May 19th—10:15AM, Mutual Ministry Team Monthly Meeting
- | May 20th—9:30AM Welca Bible Study
- | May 20th—11:30AM & 6:00PM, EHS Course
- | May 23—11:30AM, Bill Bryden Service
- | May 24—Pentecost, Wear Red & Conversation with Newcomers after worship

SUNDAY, MAY 24TH
WEAR RED FOR
Pentecost



Those who are interested in learning more about St. Andrew Lutheran Church or who are considering joining the congregation as new members are invited to a conversation with Pastor Chris Steubing after worship on **Sunday, May 24th**. This will be an informal time of getting to know others who are new to the congregation and learning more about St. Andrew's mission and ministries. Just grab some refreshments and head to the library across from the church office where we will meet together.

Church Staff and today's worship leaders:

Pastor—Rev. Chris Steubing
Visitation Pastor—Rev. Judi Miller
Our Reader—Kathy Lenhardt
Our Liturgist—Don Gillett
Organist/Pianist—Jimmy Cheung
Choir and Hand Bell Director—Wendy Kuenemann
Children & Youth Ministry Intern—Ameya Steubing
Office Administrator—Trista Stubblefield