

**St. Andrew Lutheran Church  
& Early Childhood Campus**

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**Fifth Sunday of Easter  
May 3, 2026**

**PRESERVICE MUSIC WHILE WE PREPARE FOR WORSHIP**

**WELCOME & GREET ONE ANOTHER WITH GOD'S PEACE**

**OPENING HYMN** "Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation" LSB 909

**DIVINE SERVICE** (Setting Three) (p. 184 in the front of the hymnal)

**INVOCATION**

P: In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

**CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

P: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

P: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**C: Who made heaven and earth.**

P: I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

**C: And You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

*Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination*

P: O Almighty God, merciful Father,

**C: I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

P: Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

**INTROIT**

Ps. 149:1; Ps. 30:1-5

P: Praise the Lord! Sing to the Lord a new song, his praise in the assembly of the godly!

**C: I will extol you, O Lord, for you have drawn me up and have not let my foes rejoice over me.**

P: O Lord my God, I cried to you for help, and you have healed me.

**C: O Lord, you have brought up my soul from Sheol; you restored me to life from among those who go down to the pit.**

P: Sing praises to the Lord, O you his saints, and give thanks to his holy name.

**C: For his anger is but for a moment, and his favor is for a lifetime. Weeping may tarry for the night, but joy comes with the morning.**

**THE GLORIA PATRI**

pg. 186

**C: ♪ Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

**THE KYRIE**

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**C: ♪ Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.**

**GLORIA IN EXCELSIS**

pgs. 187-188

P: Glory be to God on high:

**C: ♪ And on earth peace, good-will toward men.**

**We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee,**

**We glorify Thee, We give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.**

**O Lord God, heav'nly King, God the Father Almighty.**

**O Lord, the only begotten Son, Jesus Christ;**

**O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,**

**That takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.**

**Thou that takest away the sin of the world, receive our prayer.**

**Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.**

**For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord.**

**Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost,**

**Art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

## SALUTATION AND COLLECT (PRAYER) OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.

**C:** ♪ **And with thy spirit.**

P: Let us pray.

**C: O God, You make the minds of Your faithful to be of one will.**

**Grant that we may love what You have commanded and desire what You promise, that among the many changes of this world our hearts may be fixed where true joys are found, through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.**

**C:** ♪ **Amen.**

## FIRST READING

Acts 6:1-9; 7:2a, 51-60

*<sup>1</sup>Now in these days when the disciples were increasing in number, a complaint by the Hellenists arose against the Hebrews because their widows were being neglected in the daily distribution. <sup>2</sup>And the twelve summoned the full number of the disciples and said, "It is not right that we should give up preaching the word of God to serve tables. <sup>3</sup>Therefore, brothers, pick out from among you seven men of good repute, full of the Spirit and of wisdom, whom we will appoint to this duty. <sup>4</sup>But we will devote ourselves to prayer and to the ministry of the word." <sup>5</sup>And what they said pleased the whole gathering, and they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit, and Philip, and Prochorus, and Nicanor, and Timon, and Parmenas, and Nicolaus, a proselyte of Antioch. <sup>6</sup>These they set before the apostles, and they prayed and laid their hands on them.*

*<sup>7</sup>And the word of God continued to increase, and the number of the disciples multiplied greatly in Jerusalem, and a great many of the priests became obedient to the faith. <sup>8</sup>And Stephen, full of grace and power, was doing great wonders and signs among the people. <sup>9</sup>Then some of those who belonged to the synagogue of the Freedmen (as it was called), and of the Cyrenians, and of the Alexandrians, and of those from Cilicia and Asia, rose up and disputed with Stephen.*

*<sup>2</sup>And Stephen said: "Brothers and fathers, hear me..."*

*<sup>51</sup>"You stiff-necked people, uncircumcised in heart and ears, you always resist the Holy Spirit. As your fathers did, so do you. <sup>52</sup>Which of the prophets did your fathers not persecute? And they killed those who announced beforehand the coming of the Righteous One, whom you have now betrayed and murdered, <sup>53</sup>you who received the law as delivered by angels and did not keep it."<sup>54</sup>Now when they heard these things they were enraged, and they ground their teeth at him. <sup>55</sup>But he, full of the Holy Spirit, gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. <sup>56</sup>And he said, "Behold, I see the heavens opened, and the Son of Man*

*standing at the right hand of God."<sup>57</sup>But they cried out with a loud voice and stopped their ears and rushed together at him. <sup>58</sup>Then they cast him out of the city and stoned him. And the witnesses laid down their garments at the feet of a young man named Saul. <sup>59</sup>And as they were stoning Stephen, he called out, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit."<sup>60</sup>And falling to his knees he cried out with a loud voice, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them." And when he had said this, he fell asleep.*

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## EPISTLE

1 Peter 2:2-10

*<sup>2</sup>Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk, that by it you may grow up into salvation—<sup>3</sup>if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good. <sup>4</sup>As you come to him, a living stone rejected by men but in the sight of God chosen and precious, <sup>5</sup>you yourselves like living stones are being built up as a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. <sup>6</sup>For it stands in Scripture: "Behold, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious, and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame."<sup>7</sup>So the honor is for you who believe, but for those who do not believe, "The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone,"<sup>8</sup>and "A stone of stumbling, and a rock of offense." They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do. <sup>9</sup>But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.<sup>10</sup>Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.*

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## ALLELUIA VERSE

**C:** ♪ **Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

## HOLY GOSPEL

John 14:1-14

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the fourteenth chapter.

**C:** ♪ **Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

*<sup>1</sup>"Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. <sup>2</sup>In my Father's house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? <sup>3</sup>And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to*

myself, that where I am you may be also. <sup>4</sup>And you know the way to where I am going.” <sup>5</sup>Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?” <sup>6</sup>Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. <sup>7</sup>If you had known me, you would have known my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.” <sup>8</sup>Philip said to him, “Lord, show us the Father, and it is enough for us.” <sup>9</sup>Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you so long, and you still do not know me, Philip? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? <sup>10</sup>Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own authority, but the Father who dwells in me does his works. <sup>11</sup>Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, or else believe on account of the works themselves. <sup>12</sup>Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever believes in me will also do the works that I do; and greater works than these will he do, because I am going to the Father. <sup>13</sup>Whatever you ask in my name, this I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. <sup>14</sup>If you ask me anything in my name, I will do it.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C:** ♪ Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

**CONFESSION OF FAITH** “Apostle Creed” p. 192

## CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

**HYMN OF THE DAY** “Built on the Rock” LSB 645

**SERMON** “Living Stones and a Royal Priesthood”

**OFFERTORY HYMN** “Create in Me” pp. 192-193

## OFFERING

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P: Heavenly Father, through the power of Christ’s resurrection You adopt all who believe in Him. Receive us as Your newborn children and nourish our faith through the pure spiritual milk of Your Word, that we may dwell in Your presence forever. Lord, in Your mercy,  
*(following each petition the congregation responds)*

**C: Hear our prayer.**

*(our petitions this day)*

P: Graciously receive our prayers, deliver and preserve us, for to You alone we give all glory, honor and worship, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

## SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

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**Sanctus**

**Lord’s Prayer**

**The Words of Our Lord**

**Pax Domini** – “The Peace of the Lord” p. 197

**Agnus Dei** – “Lamb of God”

## DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

“At the Lamb’s High Feast We Sing” LSB 633:1-4

“With High Delight Let Us Unite” LSB 483

“Awake, My Heart, with Gladness” LSB 467

## POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE

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## POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

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## BENEDICAMUS AND BENEDICTION

## PRAYER FOR SPECIAL REQUESTS AND NEEDS

**CLOSING HYMN** “Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing” LSB 475

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

## POSTLUDE

**OFFICIANT:** Rev. Jonathan Vierkant

**ACCOMPANIST:** Steve Groth

**LAY READER:** George Muth

## THIS WEEK AT ST. ANDREW

- Monday, May 4 - 4:30 – 7:30 Pizza Ranch Fundraiser  
6:00 p.m. Men's Group  
6:45 p.m. Handbell Practice
- Tuesday, May 5 - 9:30 a.m. Sister's in Christ  
Bible Study  
6:30 p.m. Weeders & Seeders
- Saturday, May 9 - 8:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study w/Dan
- Sunday, May 10 - 8:00 a.m. Choir Practice  
- 9:00 a.m. Worship  
- 10:30 a.m. Family Education Hour  
- 10:45 a.m. Winds/Instrumental Group

### DID YOU KNOW?

Please check the bulletin board for other announcements.

**SHHHHH. . . THERE IS A "QUIET ROOM" AT ST. ANDREW** in the back of the Sanctuary. It has a sound system and the service can be heard in that room. Please be considerate of the worshipful attitude of others and use it as necessary. It is there for your comfort and convenience.

We have **gluten free communion wafers**. If you desire to receive one during communion, please identify yourself before the service to the Elder for that service so we can distribute one to you.

**THE LUTHERAN HOUR - SUNDAYS:** 6 a.m. WGN Chicago 720 AM; 7:30 a.m. WTKM Hartford 104.9 FM; 6:30 a.m. WTMJ Milwaukee 620 AM & 103.3 FM; 5 p.m. WJUB Plymouth 1420 AM; 9 a.m. WIBD West Bend 1470 AM

**Lutheran Church Radio Service – JOY/WJYI (1340 AM)  
7 a.m. Sundays**

**St. Andrew Financials:** If you are interested in seeing our monthly givings and expenses, please check the latest newsletter. Newsletters are sent out once a month and can be found in your email (if you have an email on file), in your mailbox, or on the table in the Narthex.

**Reminder:** Check your mailboxes regularly.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK: May 3 thru May 9

**BIRTHDAY:** Taylor Sandidge, Austin Legate, Debra Oehme, Angela Sommer, Faith Sommerfeld, Peter Dummann

**BAPTISMAL ANNIVERSARIES:** Jeffrey Grande, Dale Backhaus, Josephina Muth, Kenneth Betz

**WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES:**

### Prayers For Health, Healing, and/or Strength

**Dan Berres, Ken Betz, Rick Bruss,**

**Carol Derksen** (sister of Carla Peterson)

**Mike Deschler** (friend of Rory Hetzel),

**Deborah and Phil Ferris** (sister and brother-in-law of Michele Buehler),

**Dan Fischer, Rob Fleichman** (friend of Sue Mueller), **Ruthann Grey,**

**Marv Groth, Earl Gutschmidt** (grandfather of Joseph Gutschmidt),

**Tim Hackbarth** (nephew of Cliff Hetzel),

**Sue Harrison, Paul Herrick** (friend of Sue Mueller),

**Butch Hoepfner** (friend of Sam Gnatzig),

**Bruce Koenig, Carolyn Kreis, Laurie Lamm** (friend of Debbie Yenter),

**Jenny Leist** (daughter of Mark & Shary Kraft),

**Ardene Lettau, Bob Lompa, Randy Mueller, Diane Nelson,**

**Sharon Oelke, Roger Sauter, Jim Schmoltdt,**

**Ron & Joyce Schultz** (friend of Sue Harrison), **Michelle Sommerfeld**

**Sally Stichman** (friend of the Gutschmidt's),

**Kevin Stoutz** (friend of Dan and Sandy Berres),

**Gary Zimmer** (father of Greg and Nancy Riederer's daughter-in-law),

### Prayer For Comfort:

Family of **Steve Meyer**, Steve passed away on April 26.

Family of **Linda Gavin**, Linda passed away on April 26.

### Prayers For Those in Active Military

**Jacob Blada** (colleague of Adam Ruback)

**William Bowman** (brother of Katie Vierkant)

**Kyle Juarez** (friend of Curt and Michelle Gnatzig)

**Andy Kmiec** (brother of Cathy Grande)

**Brandon and Benjamin Roeglin** (grandsons of Jim Schmoltdt)

**Beau Szczerbinski** (brother of Meghan Kelley)

### Prayers For Those Incarcerated

**Greg Beyer** (friend of Chris and Karen Callen)

**Michael Meyer**

**Steven Steinpreis**

**Dave** (friend of the Gutschmidt's)

**DIFFERENT CHURCHES HAVE DIFFERENT UNDERSTANDINGS** regarding Holy Communion. For this reason, because of what 1Corinthians 11:27-30 tells us, we ask that visitors talk to Pastor if they wish to commune with us. **ALSO**, see the back of the communion cards for a statement by Synod.

**WE HAVE A PRAYER CHAIN AT ST. ANDREW.** Please contact Josie Pfeiffer at 262-626-4303 or [pfeiffer4303@charter.net](mailto:pfeiffer4303@charter.net)

**ELDER SERVING TODAY:** Paul Heinz & Randy Sheffield

**Next Sunday:** Jeff Grande & Randy Sheffield

**CLEANING THIS WEEK ENDING May 9:** Radtke Family, Paul Heinz, Cindy Heinz

**NEXT WEEK May 11 thru May 16** Pastor Jon Vierkant, Katie Vierkant, Stephanie Gutschmidt, Suzanne Woods

**Alter Guild for APRIL:** Dorene Betz, Kris Sheffield, Judi Riedel, Joanne Miller

**May:** Katie Vierkant, Debbie Puestow, Cathy Grande, Melissa Knox

Please contact Pastor Jon (262)808-7974, [pastor@standrew-westbend.org](mailto:pastor@standrew-westbend.org) if you or a loved one is in the hospital, celebrating a milestone, or would just like a visit.

**MONTHLY MISSIONS MAY DONATION:** We will be collecting canned fruits and juices for the Kewaskum Food Pantry.

**PIZZA RANCH FUNDRAISING EVENT;** May 4<sup>th</sup>, 4:30 pm. to 7:30 pm. Earn 10% of proceeds from that night's sales (there or carry outs, plus tips) to go towards the youth gathering event. The youth also work at this event, clearing off dishes, tables, helping people carry their plates, etc.

**WEEDERS & SEEDERS:** May 5<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 pm. Talk about the plant sale coming up and how to forage a lot of the spring plants(weeds)

**COUSIN'S FUNDRAISER:** May 13<sup>th</sup>, Receive 15% of sales from 3:00 pm to 8:00 pm at the West Bend 437 W. Paradise Dr.

**PLANT SALE:** May 17<sup>th</sup>, from 10:00 am-Noon. This is partnership with Weeders and Seeders.

**Highway Clean-up** – We continue to serve our local community by keeping our roadsides clean. The clean-up lasts roughly 2 hours, and you will end up walking about 1 mile (all downhill). Clean-up dates are May 31st (at Noon), July 12th (at 11am), and September 13th (at 11am). We will meet at the gas station in Boltonville. Please consider joining us this season.



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