

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

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Worship Hours: Sunday 9:00 a.m.

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SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MAY 14, 2023

PRESERVICE MUSIC WHILE WE PREPARE FOR WORSHIP

WELCOME & GREET ONE ANOTHER WITH GOD'S PEACE

OPENING HYMN "O Christ, Our Hope, Our Hearts' Desire" LSB 553

DIVINE SERVICE (Setting One) (p. 151 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: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C: But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

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

P: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C: Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

P: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

PSALM 119:89-93; antiphon: Ps. 119:105

P: Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.

C: Forever, O Lord, your word is firmly fixed in the heavens.

P: Your faithfulness endures to all generations, you have established the earth, and it stands fast.

C: By your appointment they stand this day, for all things are your servants.

P: If your law had not been my delight, I would have perished in my affliction.

C: I will never forget your precepts, for by them you have given me life.

C: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

KYRIE

P: In peace let us pray to the Lord.

C: ♪ Lord, have mercy.

P: For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.

C: ♪ Lord, have mercy.

P: 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.

P: For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.

C: ♪ Lord, have mercy.

P: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C: ♪ Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE

"O Sing to the Lord"

LSB 808

1. **O sing to the Lord, O sing God a new song.
O sing to the Lord, O sing God a new song.
O sing to the Lord, O sing God a new song.
O sing to our God, O sing to our God.**

2. **For God is the Lord! And God has done wonders.
For God is the Lord! And God has done wonders.
For God is the Lord! And God has done wonders.
O sing to our God, O sing to our God.**

3. For Jesus is Lord! Amen! Alleluia!
 For Jesus is Lord! Amen! Alleluia!
 For Jesus is Lord! Amen! Alleluia!
 O sing to our God, O sing to our God.

SALUTATION AND COLLECT (PRAYER) OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.

C: ♪ And also with you.

P: Let us pray together.

C: O God, the giver of all that is good, by Your holy inspiration grant that we may think those things that are right and by Your merciful guiding accomplish them; 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 17:16-31

Now while Paul was waiting for them at Athens, his spirit was provoked within him as he saw that the city was full of idols. So, he reasoned in the synagogue with the Jews and the devout persons, and in the marketplace every day with those who happened to be there. Some of the Epicurean and Stoic philosophers also conversed with him. And some said, "What does this babbler wish to say?" Others said, "He seems to be a preacher of foreign divinities"—because he was preaching Jesus and the resurrection. And they took him and brought him to the Areopagus, saying, "May we know what this new teaching is that you are presenting? For you bring some strange things to our ears. We wish to know therefore what these things mean." Now all the Athenians and the foreigners who lived there would spend their time in nothing except telling or hearing something new. So, Paul, standing in the midst of the Areopagus, said: "Men of Athens, I perceive that in every way you are very religious. For as I passed along and observed the objects of your worship, I found also an altar with this inscription: To the unknown god. What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. The God who made the world and everything in it, being Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in temples made by man, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mankind life and breath and everything. And he made from one man every nation of mankind to live on all the face of the earth, having determined allotted periods and the boundaries of their dwelling place, that they should seek God, and perhaps feel their way toward him and find him. Yet he is actually not far from each one of us, for in him we live and move and have our being; as

even some of your own poets have said," For we are indeed his offspring." Being then God's offspring, we ought not to think that the divine being is like gold or silver or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of man. The times of ignorance God overlooked, but now he commands all people everywhere to repent, because he has fixed a day on which he will judge the world in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed; and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead."

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

"Holy, Holy, Holy"

HandBells

EPISTLE

1 Peter 3:13-22

Now who is there to harm you if you are zealous for what is good? But even if you should suffer for righteousness' sake, you will be blessed. Have no fear of them, nor be troubled, but in your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect, having a good conscience, so that, when you are slandered, those who revile your good behavior in Christ may be put to shame. For it is better to suffer for doing good, if that should be God's will, than for doing evil. For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit, in which he went and proclaimed to the spirits in prison, because they formerly did not obey, when God's patience waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was being prepared, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were brought safely through water. Baptism, which corresponds to this, now saves you, not as a removal of dirt from the body but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers having been subjected to him.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA VERSE

(p. 156 in the front of the hymnal)

HOLY GOSPEL

John 14:15-21

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

C: ♪ GLORY TO YOU, O LORD.

“If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, to be with you forever, even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, for he dwells with you and will be in you. “I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. Yet a little while and the world will see me no more, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live. In that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. Whoever has my commandments and keeps them, he it is who loves me. And he who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and manifest myself to him.”

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: ♪ **PRAISE TO YOU, O CHRIST.**

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

HYMN OF THE DAY “Come, My Soul, with Every Care” LSB 779

SERMON

Text:

CONFESSION OF FAITH “Nicene Creed” (p. 158)

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P: O Lord, You bless and protect Your people in a world where many false gods, known and unknown, are worshiped. Give Your saints a clear and bold proclamation of Jesus Christ. Lord, in Your mercy,
(following each petition the congregation responds)

C: Hear our prayer.

(Our petitions this day)

P: All these things and whatever else You know that we need, grant us, Father, for the sake of Him who died and rose again and now lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God forever.

C: Amen..

OFFERING

OFFERTORY “What Shall I Render to the Lord” (p. 159)

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

Preface (p. 160 in the front of the hymnal)

Sanctus

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Lord’s Prayer

The Words of Our Lord

Pax Domini – “The Peace of the Lord” (p. 163)
Agnus Dei – “Lamb of God”

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

“Son of God, Eternal Savior”	LSB 842
“I’m But a Stranger Here”	LSB-748
“O Holy Spirit, Grant Us Grace”	LSB 693
“Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart”	LSB-806

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE “Thank the Lord” (p. 164)

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

C: AMEN

BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN “Christ the Eternal Lord” LSB 829
(stanzas 1-4)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

POSTLUDE

OFFICIANT: Rev. Jonathan Vierkant

ORGANIST: Rinda Bye

HANDBELL DIRECTOR: Jessica Dreska

LAY READER: Kris Sheffield

THIS WEEK AT ST. ANDREW

Monday, May 15,	-	6:45 p.m. Handbells
	-	7:00 p.m. Men's Group
Wednesday, May 17,	-	6:00 p.m. New Members course
Thursday, May 18,	-	7:00 a.m. Some Boards
Sunday, May 21.	-	9:00 a.m. Worship
	-	10:15 a.m. Family Education Hour

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 **reduced gluten 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.

TEXAS ROADHOUSE: When you go to Texas Roadhouse in West Bend on a Sunday, take our church bulletin with you and they will donate 10% of your food purchases back to church.

BASKETS are located in the Narthex to collect food for the **FOOD PANTRY**.

Please contact Pastor Jon (262)808-7974 if you or a loved one is in the hospital, celebrating a milestone, or would just like a visit.

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 14 – May 20

BIRTHDAY: Samuel Kelln, Riley Falk

BAPTISMAL ANNIVERSARIES: Kendrick Miller, Jonah Gutschmidt, Lee Sommerfeld

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES:

PRAYERS FOR, Adrian Buntrock (friend of Darryl & Laurie Pree) Give thanks for the Birth of Wade Scott, (Parents Peter and Gina Muth, Grandparents George & Kathy Muth) Healing for Isaiah's, back & knee surgery (Nephew Kathy Muth), Pray for Jim he has lung cancer (a friend of Cliff Hetzel). Healing for Phil Ferris, fell & hit his head. (brother-in law of Michele Buehler) Pray for strength, patience and grace for Phil's wife Deborah who is nursing him at home. Pray for God's will to be done in the decisions on how to treat Cindy, she is suffering with both knees (Sandy & Dan Berres daughter) Lee & Sharon Oelke for the loss of their son Robert Oelke, Chris Warren having by pass surgery (friend of Michele Buehler), Dan Niemuth hospitalized with pneumonia (friend of Michele & Bob Buehler)

SERVING IN THE MILITARY: William Bowman (brother of Katie Vierkant), Matthew Speaks-(nephew of Darryl & Laurie Pree)

WELCOME VISITORS! We are glad you chose to worship with us. Sign our Guest Book in the Narthex or one of the cards in the pews and please talk to Pastor, an Usher or Elder if you have any questions.

DIFFERENT CHURCHES HAVE DIFFERENT UNDERSTANDINGS regarding Holy Communion. For this reason, because of what 1 Corinthians 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

ELDER SERVING TODAY Rick Bruss & Rory Hetzel
Next Sunday: Bob Buehler, Thai Hua

CLEANED THIS WEEK ENDING 5/20 Sue Hetzel, Pam Beaupre, Rory Hetzel, Paul Heinz, Cindy Heinz

COMING WEEK Pastor Jon Vierkant, Katie Vierkant, Myron Kraft, Suzanee Woods

Altar Guild for May, Doreen Betz, Sue Harrison, Judi Riedel, Joanne Miller

June, Katie Vierkant, Debbie Puestow, Cathy Grande

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CHURCH TRIP We are planning a group trip next June for our congregation members to the Ark Encounter & the Creation Museum in Kentucky. This will be a 3-day adventure Thursday morning June 15 thru Saturday evening, June 17, 2023. We will be arranging for a block of hotel rooms and group tickets to both attractions. We are also looking into hiring a coach bus to drive us down there, but we need to make sure the number of people makes the cost worthwhile. If you are interested in going on this trip, please pick up a form in the narthex and fill it out with your name and the number that would attend.

COME VISIT THE SCRIP TABLE, after each Sunday service and purchase gift cards to use for groceries, shopping, and gifts! All proceeds go right to St. Andrew. If we don't have something you want or need in stock, we can order it. Visit www.raiseright.com for a list of available retailers or to create your own online account. See Carla Peterson, Laurie Pree, or Melissa Knox with questions

HIGHWAY CLEAN-UP DATES

Please read below the current dates for clean-up

July 9, 2023 at 10:30 a.m.

September 24, 2023 at noon

Any questions please contact Jessica Janz 262-339-2164

COME TO THE FEAST

We are excited to announce that registration is open for this year's Vacation Bible School at St. Andrew Lutheran Church! This year, Vacation Bible School will be held August 1-3 from 5:30-7:30 p.m. with an optional dinner provided from 5-5:30. Registration is open for kids entering 3K up to 6th grade for the school year starting in the fall. Our theme this year will be *Come to the Feast!*, which will focus on how God prepares for us, provides for us, and welcomes us to Him. There is no fee to attend. If you know of any friends that might be interested in coming, please pass on this information to them! Registration is available at: <https://www.standrew-westbend.org/vbs/>

We welcome any volunteers entering 7th grade through adulthood. A volunteer signup is located at the website listed above

PLANT SALE ON SUNDAY MAY 21

The Board of Ministries is having a plant sale on May 21, immediately following the Church Service. This will be held outside next to the garage. There will be a variety of annuals and perennials available. All proceeds will benefit the Tuition Fund for Christian Education.

ROSE'S FOR MOTHER'S DAY

Today after service we will be selling roses in the fellowship hall. This is a great time to buy flowers for the Mom's in your life! The rose sales, which are by free will donation, will benefit the Lutherans for Life chapter in our area. Be sure to stop and pick-up a few before we run out!

