

Sunday, April 26, 2026
The Fourth Sunday of Easter
10:00 AM



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Welcome to Worship!
As we prepare for worship, please silence your mobile devices.
We invite you to a time of silence and focus.



WELCOME TO WORSHIP: It is our joy to welcome you to worship today, in-person and from wherever you may be viewing. We give thanks for whatever brought you, and pray that you may experience the love of God surrounding you and upholding you as we gather together to give thanks to God through Word and Sacrament.

ASSISTED LISTENING DEVICES are available to use in the Sanctuary for worship. They are located in the Sound Booth; ask the Sound Booth operator if you would like to use one.

WORSHIP IS LIVESTREAMED in the Faith and Family Center (located near the entrance doors to the large parking lot). Anyone is welcome to worship in that space.

HOLY COMMUNION: All are welcome at the Lord's table. Holy Communion is God's Word made visible in bread and wine. At communion distribution, the BREAD is placed in the hands. Red wine and White grape juice are offered by individual cups. Gluten free options are available, as well.

WE WELCOME CHILDREN IN WORSHIP! Like Jesus who welcomed children to his ministry, Saint Andrew's welcomes children to our worship services.

Re-usable activity bags (for readers and non-readers) with books, stickers, crayons, paper, and a snack are available from the usher/hospitality team; please return the bags following worship.

- "Younger Disciples Tips" are in the bulletin with ideas to engage children in worship.
- "A Time for Younger Disciples" during worship invites all God's children to listen to a message.

Health Practices in place to help reduce the spread of viruses and illness:

- Mask wearing is optional. Anyone who wishes to mask is welcome to do so.
- Hand sanitizer is available throughout the building.

For other activities, events, meetings check our website: <https://SALC.church>

VIDEO AND AUDIO RECORDING IN PROGRESS

Saint Andrews livestreams and records its worship services to YouTube.

Video and Audio recording is currently in progress. It is possible that video footage and/or audio conversations of worshippers in the Saint Andrew's Sanctuary may appear on the YouTube livestream/recording.

GATHERING

PRELUDE

"Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ"
Will Simpson, Organ

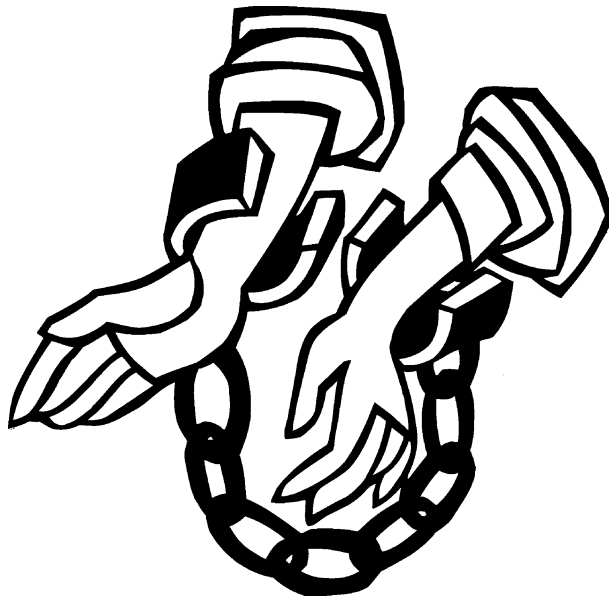
JS Bach

WELCOME

Pastor Lara Forbes

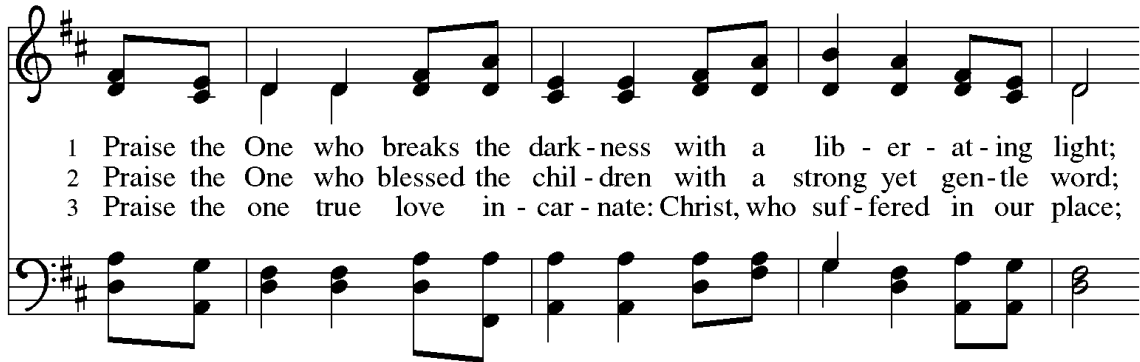
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Congregation will say/respond with bold text.*

Please stand as you are able.

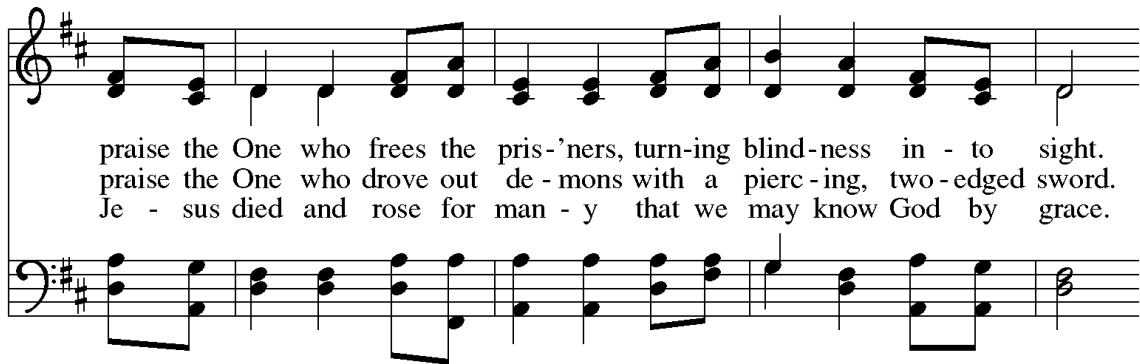


HYMN

Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness



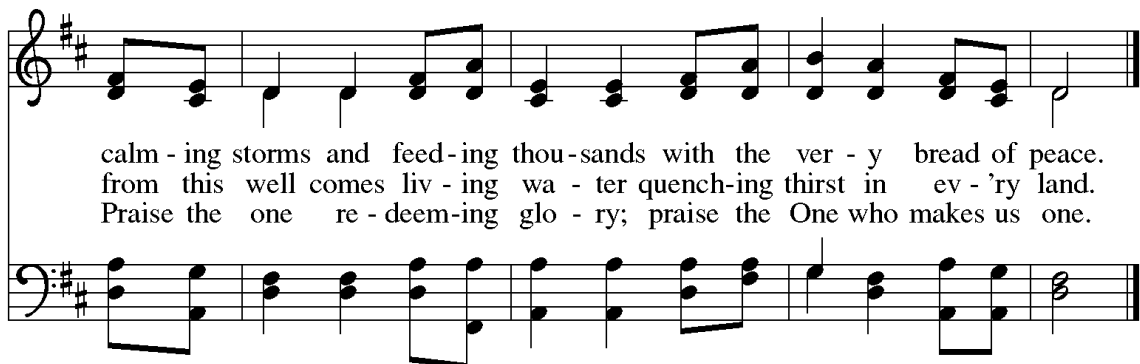
1 Praise the One who breaks the dark-ness with a lib - er - at - ing light;
2 Praise the One who blessed the chil - dren with a strong yet gen - tle word;
3 Praise the one true love in - car - nate: Christ, who suf - fered in our place;



praise the One who frees the pris - 'ners, turn - ing blind - ness in - to sight.
praise the One who drove out de - mons with a pierc - ing, two - edged sword.
Je - sus died and rose for man - y that we may know God by grace.



Praise the One who preached the gos - pel, heal - ing ev - 'ry dread dis - ease,
Praise the One who brings cool wa - ter to the des - ert's burn - ing sand;
Let us sing for joy and glad - ness, see - ing what our God has done.



calm - ing storms and feed - ing thou - sands with the ver - y bread of peace.
from this well comes liv - ing wa - ter quench - ing thirst in ev - 'ry land.
Praise the one re - deem - ing glo - ry; praise the One who makes us one.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the Holy Trinity, † one God, who forgives all our sins, whose mercy endures forever.

Amen.

Seeking reconciliation with God and neighbor, let us remember the gift of baptism and confess our sins.

Silence for reflection.

To you, O God,
all hearts are open and all desires are known. We come to you, confessing our sins. Forgive us in your mercy, and remember us in your love. Show us your ways; teach us your paths; and lead us in justice and truth, for the sake of your goodness in Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

By water and the Holy Spirit God gives you a new birth, and through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, † God forgives you all your sins. The God of mercy and might strengthen you in all goodness and keep you in eternal life.

Amen.

GREETING

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

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.

HYMN OF PRAISE

Refrain
Assembly



This is the feast of



vic - t'ry for our God. Al - le - lu - ia.



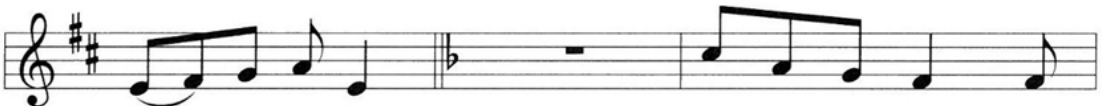
Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose
Pow - er and rich - es, wis - dom and strength, and



blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.
hon - or and bless - ing and glo - ry are his.



Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and join in the hymn of



all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing and hon - or,



glo - ry and might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.



This is the feast of vic - t'ry for our



God. Al - le - lu - ia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray together. O God,
form the minds of your faithful people into your one will. Make us love what you command and desire what you promise, that amid all the changes of this world, our hearts may be fixed where true joy is found, your Son, 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.

A TIME FOR YOUNGER DISCIPLES

Doug Johnson

You can find the Acts story in your Spark Story Bible, page 536.

WORD

FIRST READING: Acts 16: 16-34

One day as we were going to the place of prayer, we met a female slave who had a spirit of divination and brought her owners a great deal of money by fortune-telling. While she followed Paul and us, she would cry out, “These men are slaves of the Most High God, who proclaim to you the way of salvation.” She kept doing this for many days. But Paul, very much annoyed, turned and said to the spirit, “I order you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her.” And it came out that very hour.

But when her owners saw that their hope of making money was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the marketplace before the authorities. When they had brought them before the magistrates, they said, “These men, these Jews, are disturbing our city and are advocating customs that are not lawful for us, being Romans, to adopt or observe.” The crowd joined in attacking them, and the magistrates had them stripped of their clothing and ordered them to be beaten with rods. After they had given them a severe flogging, they threw them into prison and ordered the jailer to keep them securely. Following these instructions, he put them in the innermost cell and fastened their feet in the stocks.

About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them. Suddenly there was an earthquake so violent that the foundations of the prison were shaken, and immediately all the doors were opened and everyone’s chains were unfastened.

When the jailer woke up and saw the prison doors wide open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself, since he supposed that the prisoners had escaped. But Paul shouted in a loud voice, “Do not harm yourself, for we are all here.” The jailer called for lights, and rushing in, he fell down trembling before Paul and Silas. Then he brought them outside and said, “Sirs, what must I do to be saved?” They answered, “Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household.” They spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house. At the same hour of the night he took them and washed their wounds; then he and his entire family were baptized without delay. He brought them up into the house and set food before them, and he and his entire household rejoiced that he had become a believer in God.

Word of God. Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Assembly

Al-le-lu - ia, al-le-lu - ia.

Lord, to whom shall we go?____ You have the words of e -

ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE GOSPEL

The Holy Gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL: Luke 6:17-23

Jesus came down with them and stood on a level place with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea, Jerusalem, and the coast of Tyre and Sidon. They had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases, and those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. And everyone in the crowd was trying to touch him, for power came out from him and healed all of them.

Then he looked up at his disciples and said:

“Blessed are you who are poor,
for yours is the kingdom of God.

“Blessed are you who are hungry now,
for you will be filled.

“Blessed are you who weep now,
for you will laugh.

“Blessed are you when people hate you and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice on that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven, for that is how their ancestors treated the prophets.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

SERMON

Pastor Lara Forbes

Please stand as you are able.

HYMN

We Walk by Faith



1 We walk by faith and not by sight; with
2 We may not touch your hands and side, nor
3 Help then, O Lord, our un - be - lief; and
4 For you, O res - ur - rec - ted Lord, are
5 And when our life of faith is done, in



gra - cious words draw near, O Christ, who spoke as
fol - low where you trod; but in your prom - ise
may our faith a - bound to call on you when
found in means di - vine: be - neath the wa - ter
realms of clear - er light may we be - hold you



none e'er spoke: "My peace be with you here."
we re - jice, and cry, "My Lord and God!"
you are near and seek where you are found:
and the word, be - neath the bread and wine.
as you are, with full and end - less sight.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Apostles' Creed

Trusting in God's baptismal promises, we affirm our faith using the words of the Apostles' Creed.

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

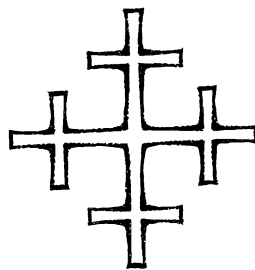
**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died,
and was buried; he descended to the dead.**

**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.**

** here, "catholic" means the wholeness of the church in all times and places.*

Younger Disciples Tip ~ Prayers/Offering: Invite children to write down who they want to pray for this week and one way they can serve their family/community.



THE PRAYERS

After each petition, the leader will say, "God of grace".
Your response is, **hear our prayer.**

THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

Please greet people around you as you are comfortable.

Please be seated.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Lara

OFFERING Our ushers will be passing offering plates. We welcome your gifts to support the mission and ministry of Saint Andrew's Lutheran Church. There are envelopes in the pews, or you can give online using the QR code.



OFFERTORY MUSIC

"Lamb of God"

Twila Paris
arranged by Lloyd Larsen

Saint Andrew's Handbell Choir
Will Simpson, piano

Please stand as you are able.

OFFERTORY VERSE

Refrain
Assembly

Now we of - fer you, our
Fa - ther, with the bread and with the wine all our
joys and all our sor - rows, all our strug - gles__ and our
time. ^(^) 1 As the fields of wheat now grow - ing will be -
2 We sing glo - ry to the Fa - ther and to
come a ho - ly sign__ so shall we re - veal you,
Christ who lives a - bove,__ and we praise the Ho - ly
Refrain
Je - sus, that in us you now may shine.__
Spir - it for the gift to us of love.__ Now we

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Blessed are you, O God,
ruler of heaven and earth. Day by day you shower us with blessings. As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise you and to respond to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

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 to you, almighty and merciful God, for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ, the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin; who in dying has destroyed death, and in rising has brought us to eternal life.

And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

SANCTUS

Assembly

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

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

On the night that Jesus was betrayed, he took bread, blessed and broke it and shared it with his friends, saying, “Take and eat, this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

After they had eaten, Jesus took the cup, blessed it, and shared it with his friends, saying, “This cup is the new covenant in my blood which is shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

We pray together the prayer Jesus taught us:

THE LORD’S PRAYER

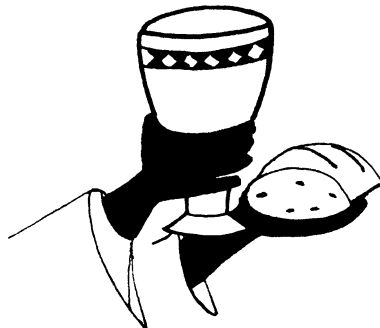
**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

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

Please be seated.

*We wait silently as the participants who are worshipping online are communed.
All are invited and welcome at the Lord’s table.*



LAMB OF GOD

Assembly

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. _____

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

Today, Communion is received continuously at two stations.

Please follow the directions of the ushers and use the hand sanitizer provided.

Bread is placed in the hands. Red wine and White grape juice are offered by individual cup. Please ask if you would like a gluten-free option.

If you wish to be communed in your seat, please let one of the ushers/hospitality team know.

COMMUNION HYMN

Will You Let Me Be Your Servant

1 Will you let me be your ser - vant, let me be as
2 We are pil - grims on a jour - ney, we are trav - 'lers
3 I will hold the Christ - light for you in the night - time
4 I will weep when you are weep - ing; when you laugh I'll
5 Will you let me be your ser - vant, let me be as

Christ to you? Pray that I may have the grace to
on the road; we are here to help each oth - er
of your fear; I will hold my hand out to you,
laugh with you. I will share your joy and sor - row
Christ to you? Pray that I may have the grace to

let you be my ser - vant, too.
walk the mile and bear the load.
speak the peace you long to hear.
till we've seen this jour - ney through.
let you be my ser - vant, too.

Please stand as you are able

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us prayer together. 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.

SENDING

Younger Disciples Tip ~ Blessing: Mark the sign of the cross on your child's forehead as a reminder of this sending blessing

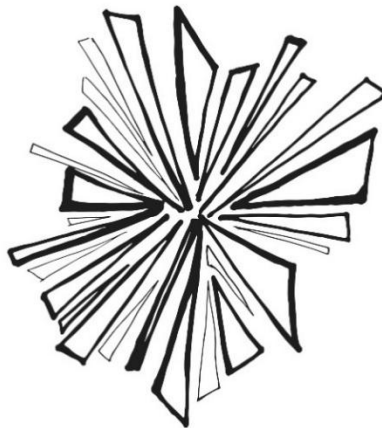
BLESSING OF LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF QUILTS AND CARE KITS

BLESSING

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

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



SENDING HYMN

Lift High the Cross

Refrain

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro - claim till

all the world a - dore his sa - cred name.

1 Come, Chris - tians, fol - low where our cap - tain trod,
2 All new - born ser - vants of the Cru - ci - fied tree,
3 O Lord, once lift - ed on the glo - rious tree,
4 So shall our song of tri - umph ev - er be:

Refrain

our king vic - to - rious, Christ, the Son of God.
bear on their brows the seal of him who died.
as thou hast prom - ised, draw us all to thee.
praise to the Cru - ci - fied for vic - to - ry!

SENDING

All children and youth are invited to come forward to participate in the sending.

Go in peace. Share God's love.

Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

“Trumpet Tune in C Major”

Will Simpson, Organ

David N. Johnson



Thank you to all who are assisting with worship today:

Pastor Lara Forbes, *Preaching and Presiding*

Will Simpson, *Director of Music*

Vanessa Wilkie, *Bell Choir Director*

Elaine Koga, *Accompanist*

Shana Nielsen, *Assisting Minister*

Dave Vossler, *Lector*

Luke Davis, *Acolyte*

Mark Davis and Gary Rudolph, *Ushers*

Teresa Lutterman and Christine Koch, *Altar Guild*

Johannes Grad, *Livestream video*

Erik Nielsen, *Audio*

Katrin and Gunther Bonnofsky, *Greeters*

Mark Davis, *Coffee host*

Worship Texts for May 3
Acts 17: 16-31 and John 1:14-18

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INTERFAITH MISSION OF HEALING IN TANZANIA – JOIN US!

Since 2008, Kafika House has ensured children in Tanzania can access surgery, rehabilitation, and high-love care regardless of their circumstances.

Join founder Sarah Rejman and a panel of guest speakers to hear the success stories behind the work and the impact made possible through partnership.

FREE EVENT | DELICIOUS TANZANIAN DONUTS, LUNCH, AND BEVERAGES

Saturday 2nd May 2026 at
10:00 with lunch at 11:45

Saint Andrews Lutheran Church
Bellevue (just off I-90)

REGISTER FOR THE EVENT USING THIS QR CODE
OR BY VISITING <https://pp.events/b6K53Xp6>



Tomorrow: Monday, April 27th at 10:00 AM the Health and Wholeness Team is packing up the Lutheran World Relief Care Kits and Quilts!! Please join them – many hands make light work!

MAY

03rd SUNDAY
at 4 p.m.

SEASON FINALE CONCERT

Joseph Adam, organ

Celebrating fifteen years of the Wech Organ



With the tenth anniversary of the **Robert Wech Opus 10 organ** at Queen Anne Lutheran Church missed due to the pandemic, the season finale concert celebrates fifteen years of the instrument—one of only two full-sized examples in the United States by the German organ builder.

Joseph Adam has been Cathedral Organist at Seattle's St. James Cathedral since 1993 and Director of Music since 2018. As Resident Organist at Benaroya Hall, he performs regularly with the Seattle Symphony. He received First Prize at the 1991 St. Albans International Organ Competition, the most recent American to take top honors in this prestigious competition. He was one of three organists invited to perform on the new Rosales/Glatzer-Götz organ at Disney Hall in Los Angeles as part of the 2004 National Convention of the American Guild of Organists, and his performance was featured on the nationally-syndicated radio program *Pipe Dreams*. Dr. Adam received undergraduate and graduate degrees in piano from the University of Iowa before beginning doctoral studies in organ at the Eastman School of Music, which awarded him the Performer's Certificate in Organ, with further organ study at the University of Washington.

Suggested donation: \$20 (or as you can)



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Get Ready to celebrate Saint Andrew's 70th Anniversary!

Mark your calendars for a two Sunday celebration on **May 24 and May 31**. We will be sharing memories and church history. Start thinking of your personal experiences to share.

70th Anniversary Photo Quest

Help us pick the photos for our 70th Anniversary Celebration.

Volunteers needed for this fun project of going through our photo collection.

1 p.m. Wednesday, May 6

1 p.m. Tuesday, May 12

Limited space so please reserve your spot. Call or email Fellowship Coordinator Sherry Grindeland~ 425-746-2529 or sherry@salc.church.

A circular graphic with a dark blue background and a gold border. The number "70" is prominently displayed in the center in a large, gold, serif font. Above it, the text "You are invited to" is written in a smaller, gold, sans-serif font. Below the "70", the text "Celebrate Saint Andrew's 70th Anniversary!" is written in a smaller, gold, sans-serif font. The graphic is flanked by gold laurel wreath branches. At the bottom, there is a block of text in a smaller, white, sans-serif font: "A celebration so big it'll take two Sundays! 9:00 AM Sunday, May 24 and 9:00 AM Sunday, May 31. See photos/share stories/eat cake!"

Calendar

Sunday, April 26

9:00 AM Adult Education, Imagine Housing
10:00 AM Worship

Monday, April 27

10:00 AM LWR Kit packing
1:00 PM Staff Meeting
6:00 PM ELF Planning Meeting
7:00 PM Outreach Committee Meeting

Tuesday, April 28

8:30 AM Tuesday Morning Men
10:00 AM Pastor's Bible Study
7:00 PM Building and Property Committee

Wednesday, April 29

10:00 AM Women's Book Group

Thursday, April 30

7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal

Friday, May 1

Office is closed

Saturday, May 2

Day of Service

10:00 AM Kafika House event

Sunday, May 3

9:00 AM Adult Education
Sunday School (preschool – 5th grade)
10:00 AM Worship

Monday, May 4

10:00 AM Health and Wholeness Committee
1:00 PM Staff
6:00 PM Finance Committee Meeting
7:00 PM Executive Committee Meeting

Tuesday, May 5

8:30 AM Tuesday Morning Men
9:30 AM Dorcas Circle
10:00 AM Pastor's Bible Study

Wednesday, May 6

10:00 AM Women's Book Group

Thursday, May 7

2:00 PM Timber Ridge Worship
7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal

Friday, May 8

3:00 PM Allene Boney Memorial service

Saturday, May 9

Sunday, May 10

Happy Mother's Day

9:00 AM Education Hour
Sunday School, (preschool – 5th grade)
10:00 AM Worship
4:00 PM Joint Confirmation
Youth Group

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April Daniel, Records Administrator

Ann Thorpe, Sunday Church School Coordinator

Joan Tweten, Kitchen Team

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of our mission and ministry.
Use the QR Code to give to
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**We are a Reconciling in
Christ congregation.**



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