

May 18, 2025
The Fifth Sunday of Easter
10:00 AM

When we walk down wilderness roads, we encounter strangely fabulous, frighteningly diverse, and uncomfortably wonderful people. Philip was called on his faith journey to walk a desolate road and to be in relationship with someone whose very person was unfathomable to him. With the help of the Spirit, he encountered a person of rich faith, and the good news of Jesus continued to be shared.



Welcome to Worship!

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

Saint Andrew's Lutheran Church

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.

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

*Worship leaders will say text in light print.
Congregation will say/respond with bold text.*

PRELUDE

"Adagio" (excerpt from Chorale in A minor)
Will Simpson, Organ

César Franck

WELCOME

Pastor Lara

Please stand as you are able.



HYMN

O Day of Rest and Gladness

1 O day of rest and glad - ness, O day of joy and light,
 2 On you, at earth's cre - a - tion, the light first had its birth;
 3 To - day on wea - ry na - tions the heav'n - ly man - na falls;
 4 New grac - es ev - er gain - ing from this our day of rest,

O balm for care and sad - ness, most beau - ti - ful, most bright:
 on you, for our sal - va - tion, Christ rose from depths of earth;
 to ho - ly con - vo - ca - tions the sil - ver trum - pet calls,
 we reach the rest re - main - ing to spir - its of the blest.

on you the high and low - ly, through a - ges joined in tune,
 on you, our Lord vic - to - rious the Spir - it sent from heav'n;
 where gos - pel light is glow - ing with pure and ra - diant beams
 We sing to you our prais - es, O Fa - ther, Spir - it, Son;

sing, "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly," to the great God tri - une.
 and thus on you, most glo - rious, a three-fold light was giv'n.
 and liv - ing wa - ter flow - ing with soul - re - fresh - ing streams.
 the church its voice up - rais - es to you, blest Three in 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.

1, 2

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.

3

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. Eternal God,
with scripture and water you claim people as your own. As you claim us, may we rejoice in the life given to us through the gift of the Holy Spirit, for the sake of your Son, Jesus, whose spirit lives in us. Amen.

Please be seated.

A TIME FOR YOUNGER DISCIPLES

Doug Johnson

You can find this story in your Spark Bible, page 510.

WORD

After fleeing violence against Christ-followers in Jerusalem, Philip goes to Samaria to preach and to heal. While there, a divine messenger instructs him to walk the desolate road from Jerusalem to Gaza.

A Reading from Acts:

Acts 8:26-39

Then an angel of the Lord said to Philip, “Get up and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.” (This is a wilderness road.) So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, the queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. Then the Spirit said to Philip, “Go over to this chariot and join it.” So, Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, “Do you understand what you are reading?” He replied, “How can I, unless someone guides me?” And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this:

“Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter,
and like a lamb silent before its shearer,
so he does not open his mouth.
In his humiliation justice was denied him.

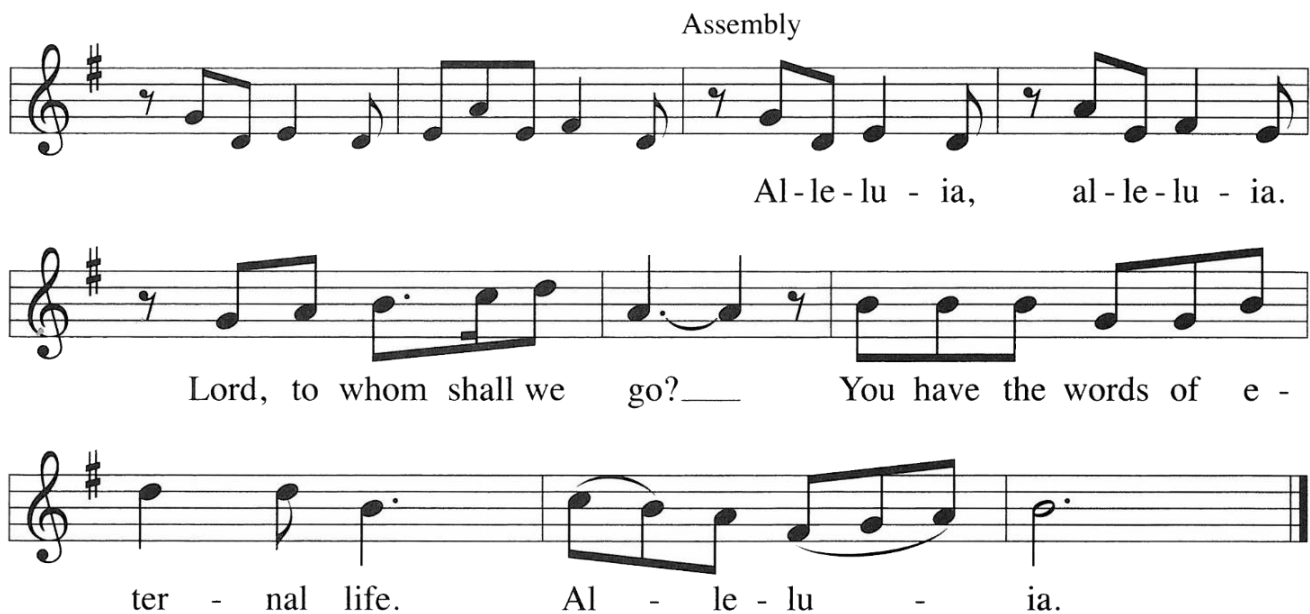
Who can describe his generation?
For his life is taken away from the earth.”

The eunuch asked Philip, “About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?” Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. As they were going along the road, they came to some water, and the eunuch said, “Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?” He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more and went on his way rejoicing.

Word of God. Word of Life.
Thanks be to God.

RESPONSE

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.

SERMON

Pastor Lara

Please stand as you are able.

HYMN OF THE DAY

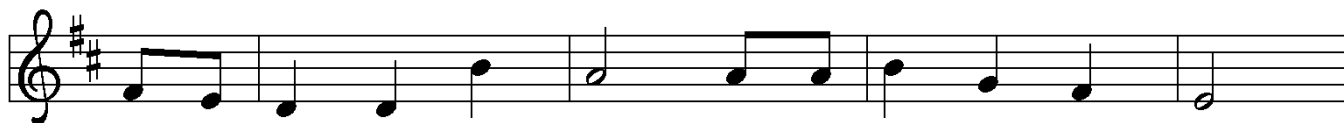
Baptized and Set Free



1 We are peo - ple cre - at - ed, cho - sen by God.
2 We are fed and we're nour - ished, filled and re - freshed.
3 We are nour - ished by wa - ter, all liv - ing things,
4 Now with praise and thanks - giv - ing, we join the song.



Then we're washed, ev - er gent - ly, in mer - cy and love.
Then our hun - ger re - turns and a - gain we are blessed.
and by life that the Spir - it a - bun - dant - ly brings.
All are wel - come! We gath - er to sing loud and strong.



Sin has pow - er no more. Je - sus o - pened the door
For what - ev - er the need, God is great - er in - deed:
As we jour - ney toward home, may your pres - ence be known:
Not en - slaved, but set free! From now on, all will be



to a foun - tain bring - ing heal - ing, and whole - ness and more.
end - less o - cean, al - ways deep - er than all of our need.
pre - cious riv - er, ev - er - flow - ing, now car - ry us home.
one in Je - sus, one in wa - ter, bap - tized and set free!

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.*

Please be seated.

SUNDAY SCHOOL BIBLE PRESENTATIONS AND TEACHER RECOGNITION

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.

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

"God Be in My Head"
The Chancel Choir

Arlen R. Clarke

*God be in my head and in my understanding.
God be in my eyes and in my looking.
God be in my mouth and in my speaking.
God be in my heart, and in my thinking.
God be at my end, and at my departing.*

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. *(f)* 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

Jesus, our risen Savior,

**you have gathered us around your table of grace along with these gifts we bring.
Come among us again, breathe your life into us, and enliven us with this meal,
that we may live as your risen body in the world. Amen.**

MEAL

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

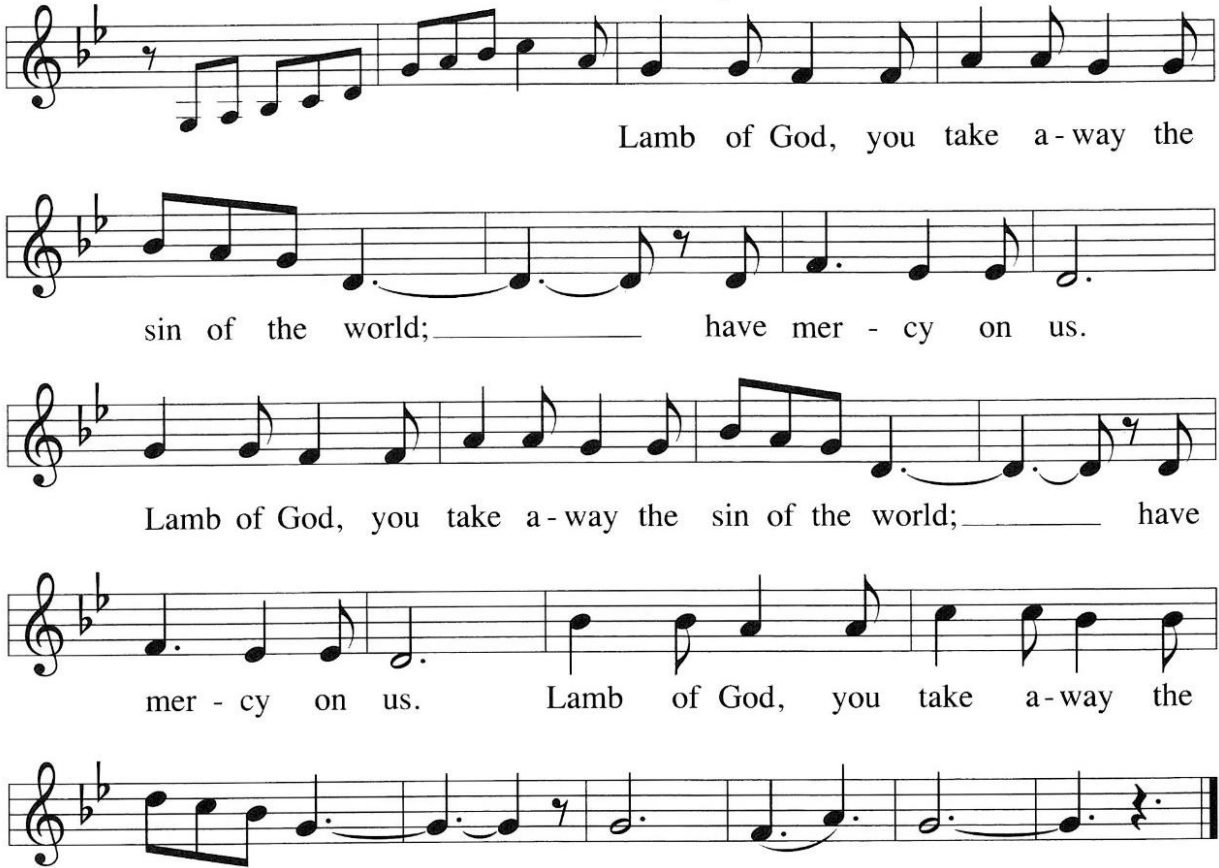
Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,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

Please be seated.

We wait silently as the participants who are worshipping online are communed.

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 AND HEALING PRAYERS

Communion is received around the altar rail. You are invited to kneel or stand as you feel comfortable. 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.

Today we have two Healing Prayer Ministers to pray with you during Communion. They are ready to pray for healing and also offer thanksgiving for healing. You may also bring other concerns for prayer to them.



COMMUNION HYMN

With High Delight Let Us Unite



1 With high de - light let us u - nite in
2 True God, he first from death has burst forth
3 Let prais - es ring; give thanks, and bring to



songs of great ju - bi - la - tion. You pure in heart, all
in - to life, all sub - du - ing. His en - e - my now
Christ our Lord ad - o - ra - tion. His hon - or speed by



bear your part, sing Je - sus Christ, our sal - va - tion. To
van-quished see; his death has been death's un - do - ing. "And
word and deed to ev - 'ry land, ev - 'ry na - tion. So



set us free for - ev - er, he is ris'n and sends to
yours shall be like vic - to - ry o'er death and grave," says
shall his love give us a - bove, from mis - er - y and



all earth's ends good news to save ev - 'ry na - tion.
he, who gave his life for us, life re - new - ing.
death set free, all joy and full con - so - la - tion.

Please stand as you are able.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray together. Living God,
in this feast you have made yourself known to us.
Send us now to tell of your wonders, sing of your glory,
and proclaim your risen life to a wounded and weary world.
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

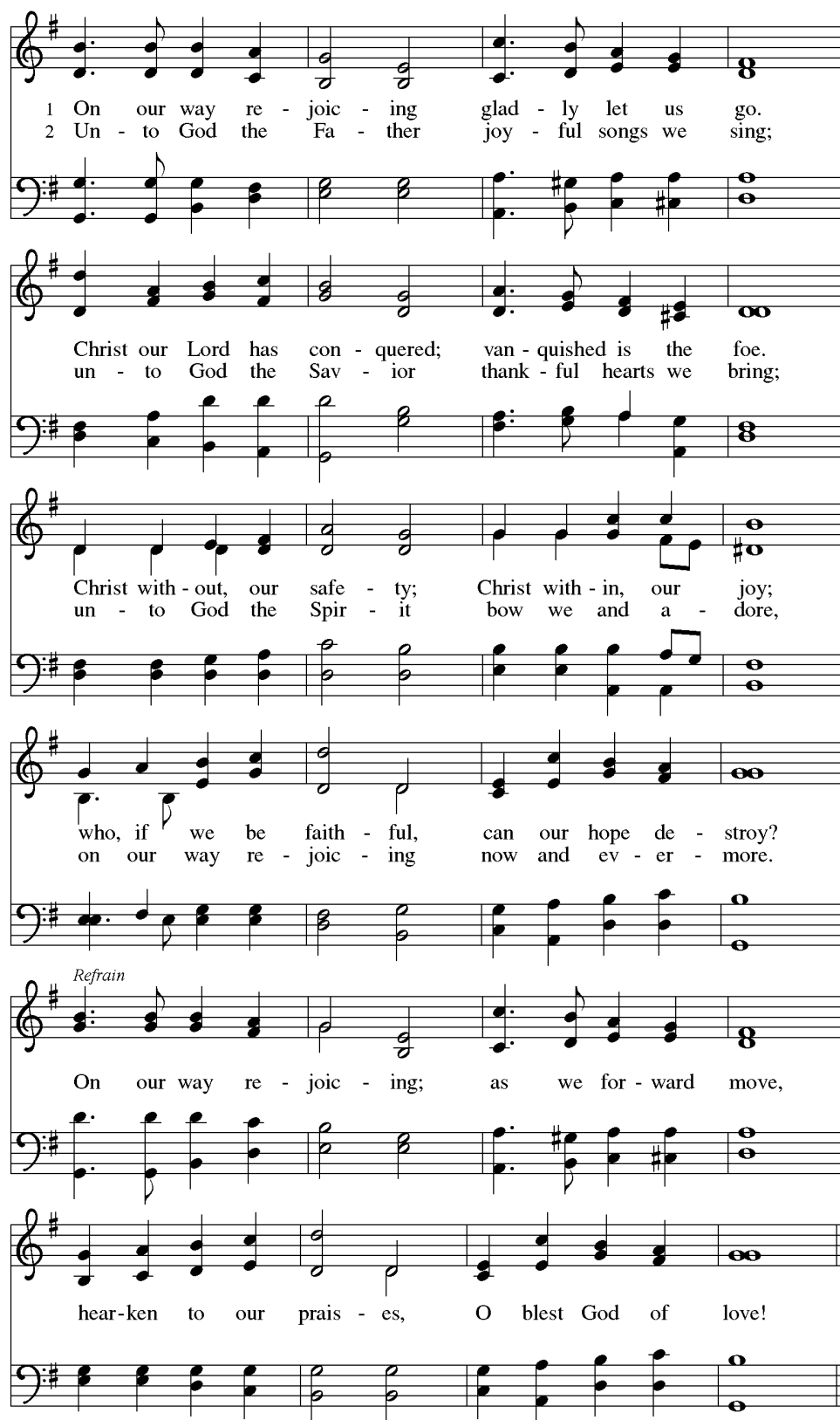
Alleluia! Christ is risen!
Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

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



SENDING HYMN

On Our Way Rejoicing



1 On our way re - joic - ing glad - ly let us go.
2 Un - to God the Fa - ther joy - ful songs we sing;

Christ our Lord has con - quered; van - quished is the foe.
un - to God the Sav - ior thank - ful hearts we bring;

Christ with - out, our safe - ty; Christ with - in, our joy;
un - to God the Spir - it bow we and a - dore,

who, if we be faith - ful, can our hope de - stroy?
on our way re - joic - ing now and ev - er - more.

Refrain
On our way re - joic - ing; as we for - ward move,
hear - ken to our prais - es, O blest God of love!

SENDING

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

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Go in peace. Share the good news!

Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

POSTLUDE

“Sois la Semilla”

C. Gabarain

Mayolo Pineda, Soloist; Will Simpson, Piano

*You are the seed that will grow a new sprout;
you're a star that will shine in the night;
you are the yeast and a small grain of salt,
a beacon to glow in the dark.*

*You are the dawn that will bring a new day;
you're the wheat that will bear golden grain;
you are a sting and a soft, gentle touch,
my witnesses where'er you go.*

Refrain:

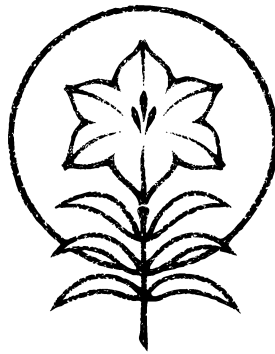
*Go, my friends, go to the world, proclaiming love to all,
messengers of my forgiving peace, eternal love.
Be, my friends, a loyal witness, from the dead I arose;
"Lo, I'll be with you forever, till the end of the world."*

*You are the flame that will lighten the dark,
sending sparkles of hope, faith, and love;
you are the shepherds to lead the whole world
through valleys and pastures of peace.*

*You are the friends that I chose for myself,
the word that I want to proclaim.*

*You are the new kingdom built on a rock
where justice and truth always reign. **Refrain***

*You are the life that will nurture the plant;
you're the waves in a turbulent sea;
yesterday's yeast is beginning to rise,
a new loaf of bread it will yield.
There is no place for a city to hide,
nor a mountain can cover its might;
may your good deeds show a world in despair
a path that will lead all to God. **Refrain***



Today we honored our baptismal promise to “place in their hands the holy scriptures”. Congratulations to Luke Davis, David Jacob, Noah Jacob, Oscar Balitzer and Ella McLeod-Cyprian. We will also thank our dedicated Sunday School teachers, Lindy Bergin, Chase Dooley, Margaret Santjer, Anna McLeod, Karin Eklof and Dana Nasby. Special thanks to Ann Thorpe, our Sunday school coordinator.

Thank you to all who are assisting in worship today:

Pastor Lara Forbes, *Preaching and Presiding Minister*

Dr. Will Simpson, *Director of Music*

Elaine Koga, *Accompanist*

Shana Nielsen, *Assisting Minister*

Dave Vossler, *Lector*

Melanie Grad, *Acolyte*

Cheryl Jurrus and Mikel Oswalt, *Healing Ministers*

Gary Rudolph and Art Gurtel, *Ushers*

Hillary Nordwell, *Altar Guild*

David Mills, *Livestream Video*

Peter Cornwell, *Audio*

Judy & Howard Johnson, *Greeters*

**Readings for May 25:
Galatians 1:13-17; 2:11-21**

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Become a Member of the Saint Andrew's Lutheran Church Family

The Saint Andrew's congregation is a faith community powered by a belief that God's love offers us a chance to do amazing service through many activities and volunteer opportunities. Our extended family provides ongoing fellowship for all ages. We will be welcoming new members in June. For more information on how to join, contact Fellowship Coordinator Sherry Grindeland at 425-746-2529 or sherry@salc.church.



OWLS Get a Peek at Issaquah's Past.

Join the **Older, Wiser Lutheran Saints** on Tuesday, May 20.

Issaquah History Museums' Executive Director Paul Winterstein will share the history and heritage of Issaquah and the surrounding area.

Before I-90, Costco and Village Theater there were lumber mills, coal mines, hop fields, baseball champions, railroads and even an airport. And before that there were Native Americans and more salmon than there are Issaquah residents today. Join us on **Tuesday, May 20**, for a potluck lunch and this fun program. Remember, you don't have to be older or wiser to come to OWLS. We gather at **11:45 a.m.** and share a potluck lunch at noon. If possible, please pitch in with a dish to share. Questions? Call or email Event Coordinator Sherry Grindeland at 425-746-2529 or sherry@salc.church.

Tiny House Fundraiser! Games, Food and Fun! Plan to attend the **"Bunco and Burrito" event on June 1st from 4:00 PM-6:30 PM**. You will play Bunco, eat burritos AND have the opportunity to 'Dessert Dash' and purchase items from talented youth! The goal is to raise up to \$10,000 to support the Tiny House build (costs are rising) happening beginning June 23rd. Bring friends!



GRADS!: We are just about a month away from recognizing all our wonderful seniors in worship on June 8th. Doug needs information by May 26: Name/ High school/College/Plans for next year/any honors or accomplishments to highlight/favorite memory of Saint Andrew's/ what are you most excited for in this next chapter? Why? Please send a photo of yourself with your response!

Calendar for the Week

Sunday, May 18

9:00 AM Discipleship Forum. Affordable Housing
Sunday School. Pre-K – 5th Grade
10:00 AM Worship
11:00 AM Sunday Brunch Bunch
5:00 PM Youth Party

Monday, May 19

1:00 PM Staff Meeting
6:00 PM E.L.F. Meeting (virtual)
7:00 PM Discipleship Committee

Tuesday, May 20

8:30 AM Tuesday Morning Men
10:00 AM Pastor's Bible Study
11:45 AM O.W.L.S.

Wednesday, May 21

10:00 AM W.E.B.S.

Thursday, May 22

7:00 PM Choir rehearsal

Friday, May 23

Office is closed.

Saturday, May 24

Sunday, May 25

9:00 AM Discipleship Forum. Coffee &
Conversation
10:00 AM Worship

Monday, May 26

Office is closed. Memorial Day

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