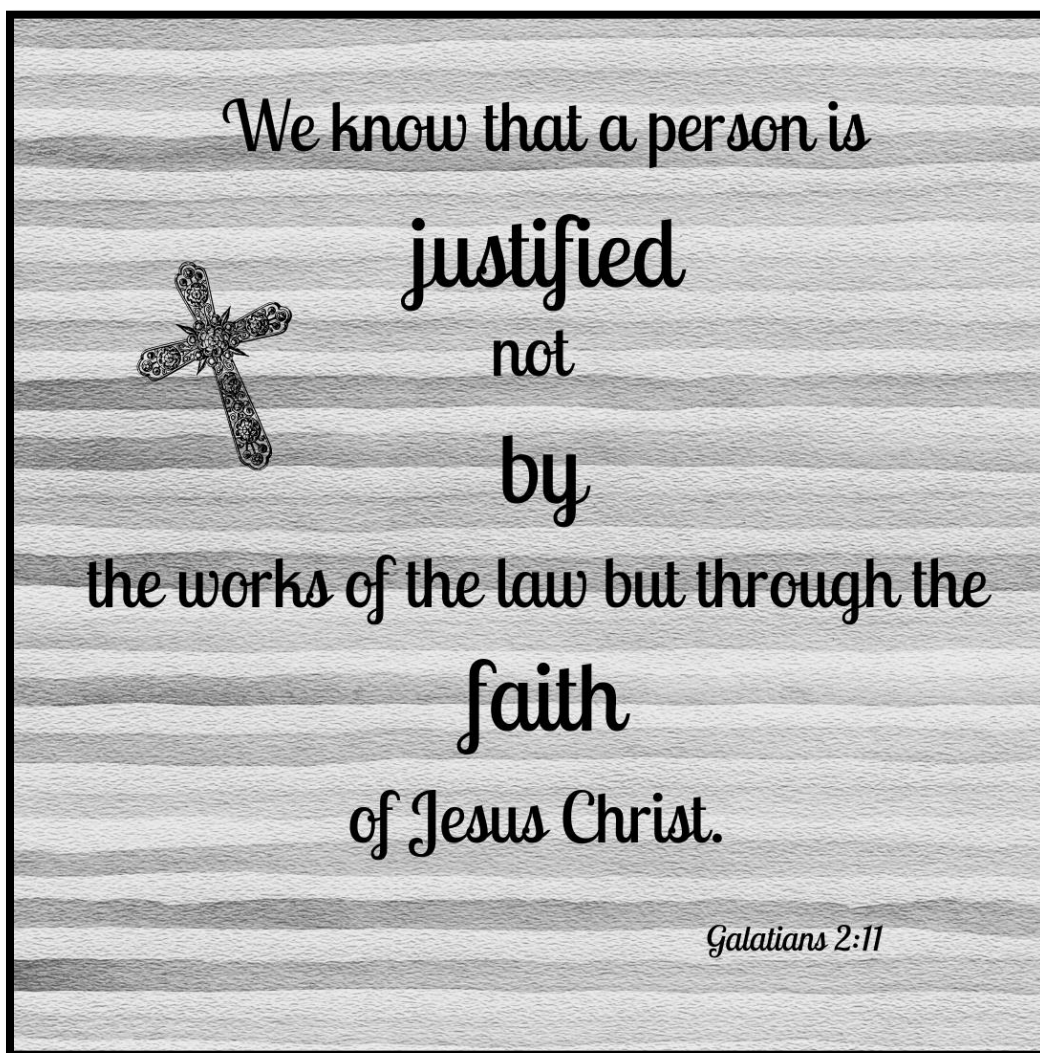


May 25, 2025
The Sixth Sunday of Easter
10:00 AM

When the apostle Paul talks about people having faith, he is speaking of an orientation of life. Faith involves both trusting God to give us right relationship with God's self, and a commitment to live in a way that reflects that relationship. It is a life that is continually shaped to become more conformed to God's will.



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

*“Andante Tranquillo”
Will Simpson, organ*

Felix Mendelssohn

WELCOME

Pastor Lara

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 - joice, 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.

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.

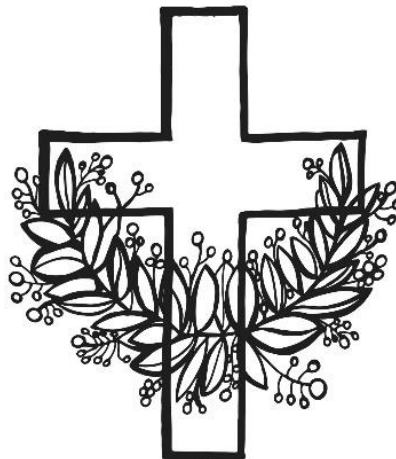
To you, O God,
all hearts are open and all desires are known. We come to you, confessing our sins. Forgive us in your mercy and remember us in your love. Show us your ways; teach us your paths; and lead us in justice and truth, for the sake of your goodness in Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

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. Life-giving God,
with great joy we receive the gift of salvation which is not ours because of our own efforts, but because of the saving work of Jesus. Open our hearts, that we may live in the freedom of its abundance and share its joy with all of humanity, through the same 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

Pastor Lara

WORD

In his mission to take the gospel of Jesus Christ to non-Jews, Paul confronted the large questions of ethnic and religious practices and requirements for Christians of different backgrounds and traditions.

Reading

Galatians 1:13-17; 2:11-21

You have heard, no doubt, of my earlier life in Judaism. I was violently persecuting the church of God and was trying to destroy it. I advanced in Judaism beyond many among my people of the same age, for I was far more zealous for the traditions of my ancestors. But when the one who had set me apart before I was born and called me through his grace was pleased to reveal his Son to me, so that I might proclaim him among the gentiles, I did not confer with any human, nor did I go up to Jerusalem to those who were already apostles before me, but I went away at once into Arabia, and afterward I returned to Damascus. Who can describe his generation? For his life is taken away from the earth.”

But when Cephas came to Antioch, I opposed him to his face because he stood self-condemned, for until certain people came from James, he used to eat with the gentiles. But after they came, he drew back and kept himself separate for fear of the circumcision faction. And the other Jews joined him in this hypocrisy, so that even Barnabas was led astray by their hypocrisy.

But when I saw that they were not acting consistently with the truth of the gospel, I said to Cephas before them all, “If you, though a Jew, live like a gentile and not like a Jew, how can you compel the gentiles to live like Jews?”

We ourselves are Jews by birth and not gentile sinners, yet we know that a person is justified not by the works of the law but through the faith of Jesus Christ. And we have come to believe in Christ Jesus, so that we might be justified by the faith of Christ and not by doing the works of the law, because no one will be justified by the works of the law. ¹ But if, in our effort to be justified in Christ, we ourselves have been found to be sinners, is Christ then a servant of sin? Certainly not! But if I build up again the very things that I once tore down, then I demonstrate that I am a transgressor. For through the law I died to the law, so that I might live to God. I have been crucified with Christ, and it is no longer I who live, but it is Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me. I do not nullify the grace of God, for if righteousness comes through the law, then Christ died for nothing.

Word of God. Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSE

Assembly

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

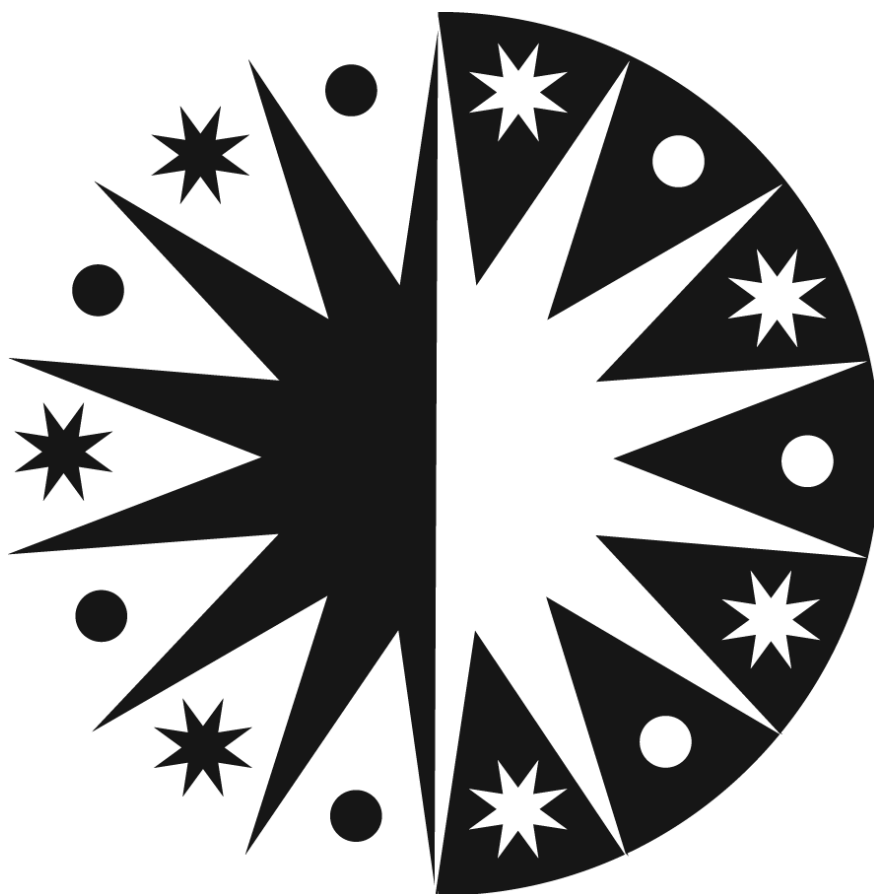
Lord, to whom shall we go? — You have the words of e -

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

SERMON

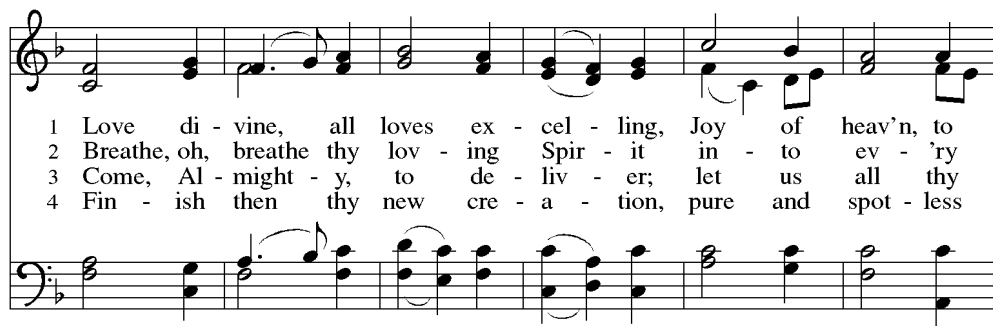
Pastor Lara

Please stand as you are able.



HYMN OF THE DAY

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling




1 Love di - vine, all loves ex - cel - ling, Joy of heav'n, to
 2 Breathe, oh, breathe thy lov - ing Spir - it in - to ev - 'ry
 3 Come, Al - might - y, to de - liv - er; let us all thy
 4 Fin - ish then thy new cre - a - tion, pure and spot - less



earth come down! Fix in us thy hum - ble dwell - ing, all thy
 trou - bled breast; let us all in thee in - her - it; let us
 life re - ceive; sud - den - ly re - turn, and nev - er, nev - er -
 let us be; let us see thy great sal - va - tion per - fect -



faith - ful mer - cies crown. Je - sus, thou art all com - pas - sion,
 find thy prom - ised rest. Take a - way the love of sin - ning;
 more thy tem - ples leave. Thee we would be al - ways bless - ing,
 ly re - stored in thee! Changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry,



pure, un - bound - ed love thou art; vis - it us with
 Al - pha and O - me - ga be; end of faith, as
 serve thee as thy hosts a - bove, pray, and praise thee
 till in heav'n we take our place, till we cast our



thy sal - va - tion, en - ter ev - 'ry trem - bling heart.
 its be - gin - ning, set our hearts at lib - er - ty.
 with - out ceas - ing, glo - ry in thy per - fect love.
 crowns be - fore thee, lost in won - der, love, and praise!

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.*

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.

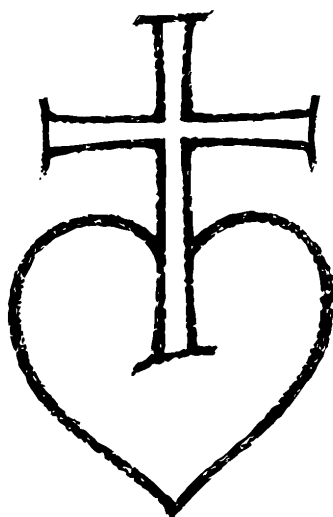
ANNOUNCEMENTS

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 “Abide with Me, Fast Falls the Eventide” William Henry Monk
Erik Newsum, trumpet; Will Simpson, organ



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

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

Today, Communion is received continuously at two stations.

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

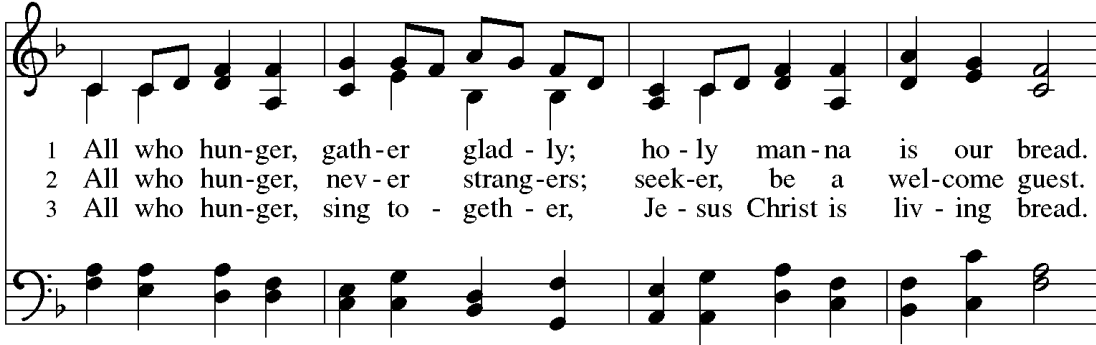
Bread is placed in the hands. Red wine and White grape juice are offered by individual cup. Please ask if you would like a gluten-free option.

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

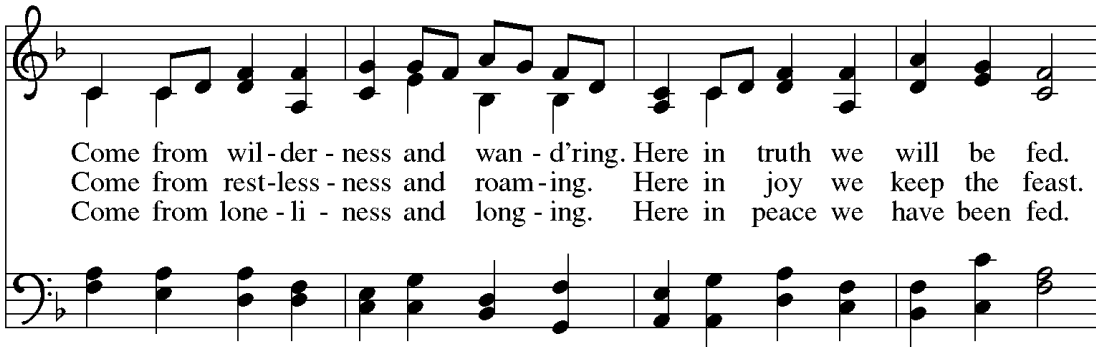


COMMUNION HYMN


All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly



1 All who hun-ger, gath-er glad - ly; ho - ly man - na is our bread.
2 All who hun-ger, nev - er strang-ers; seek-er, be a wel-come guest.
3 All who hun-ger, sing to - geth - er, Je - sus Christ is liv - ing bread.



Come from wil-der - ness and wan - d'ring. Here in truth we will be fed.
Come from rest-less - ness and roam-ing. Here in joy we keep the feast.
Come from lone - li - ness and long - ing. Here in peace we have been fed.



You that yearn for days of full-ness, all a - round us is our food.
We that once were lost and scat-tered in com - mu - nion's love have stood.
Blest are those who from this ta - ble live their days in grat-i - tude.



Taste and see the grace e - ter - nal. Taste and see that God is good.
Taste and see the grace e - ter - nal. Taste and see that God is good.
Taste and see the grace e - ter - nal. Taste and see that God is good.

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

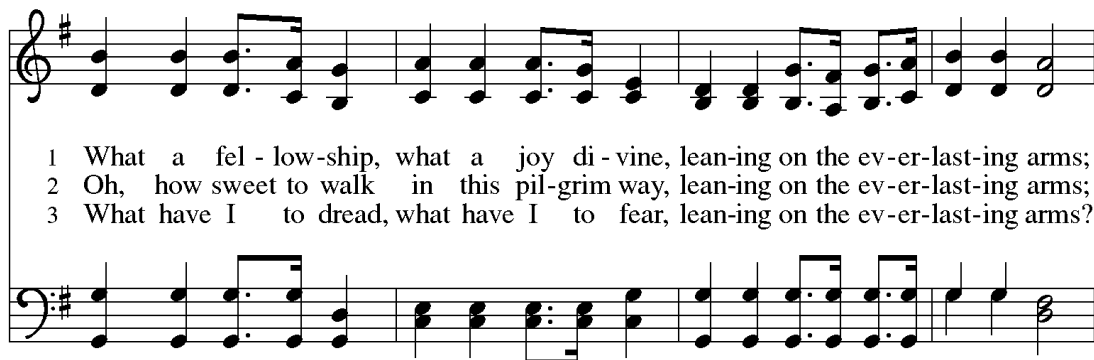
Alleluia! Christ is risen!
Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

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

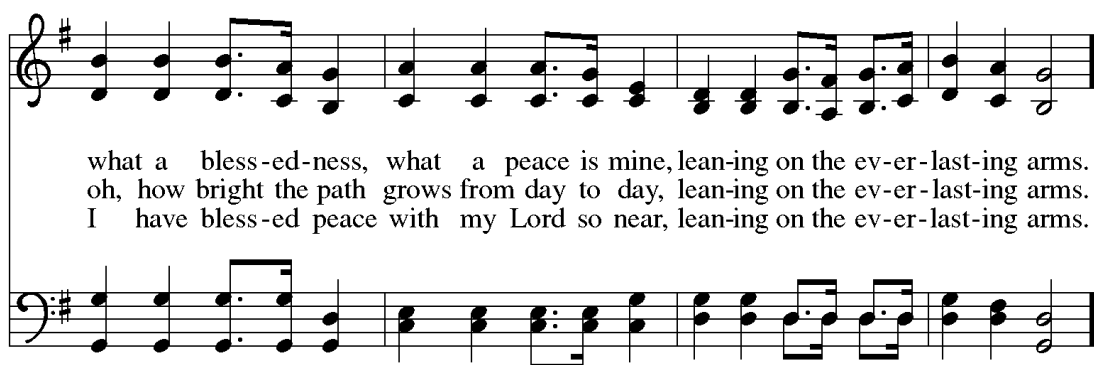


SENDING HYMN

What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine *Leaning on the Everlasting Arms*



1 What a fel - low-ship, what a joy di - vine, lean-ing on the ev-er-last-ing arms;
2 Oh, how sweet to walk in this pil-grim way, lean-ing on the ev-er-last-ing arms;
3 What have I to dread, what have I to fear, lean-ing on the ev-er-last-ing arms?



what a bless-ed-ness, what a peace is mine, lean-ing on the ev-er-last-ing arms.
oh, how bright the path grows from day to day, lean-ing on the ev-er-last-ing arms.
I have bless-ed peace with my Lord so near, lean-ing on the ev-er-last-ing arms.

Refrain



Lean - ing, lean - ing, safe and se-cure from all a - larms;
Lean - ing on Je - sus, lean - ing on Je - sus,



lean - ing, lean - ing, lean-ing on the ev - er - last-ing arms.
lean - ing on Je - sus, lean - ing on Je - sus,

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

“Nimrod” from Enigma Variations
Will Simpson, organ

Sir Edward Elgar

“Taps”
Erik Newsum, trumpet

*The flowers today are given by Nancy and Mark Davis
In grateful thanksgiving for all of God’s blessings.*

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*

Art Gurtel, *Assisting Minister*

Mary Davis, *Lector*

Zoe Elien, *Acolyte*

Mark Davis and John Nelson, *Ushers*

Malinda Elien, *Altar Guild*

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Joe Baro and Amy Baro, *Greeters*

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For Members of Saint Andrew's: **Bill Aho; Marlys Aliment; Marge Anderson; Tom Anderson; Julie Antle-Anderson; Lois Arneson; Joe Banuelos; Jan Benson; Sharon Haggerty; Susie Hernandez; Sue Houghlum; Lesli Lindquist; Ruth Miller; Grete Norquist; Jakki Parks; Duane Rindy; Jackie Risdal; Linda Seaman; Alexandra Serex; Gary Turk; Beverley Watt.**

*The rose on the altar today is in memory of **Ron DeWeese**, father of **Kristin Gustafson**, who died this week. Our prayers are with Ron's family and friends as they mourn him.*

For Friends of Saint Andrew's: **Diane Arnold**, sister in law of Joyce and John Arnold; **Barbara Beck**, friend of Beverley Watt; **Calvin Beckwith**, friend of CJ Tatum; **Lindy Bergen**, sister of Sherry Grindeland; **Colleen Decillia**, friend of Sue-Z Trudell; **Ellie Farmer**, daughter of Kelly Stringer-Farmer and Ryan Farmer and granddaughter of Susan and Jeremy Stringer; **Susie Fry**, friend of Ann Thorpe; **Emily Gilham**, niece of Linda Gilham; **Mary Kalk**, friend of Beverley Watt; **Phillip Kulage**, friend of Trudy Holly; **Marcus Kundeali**, friend of Sue Mercer; **Susan Lulu**, Sherry Grindeland's daughter; **Bill Mackey**, friend of John Arnold; **Lyman Milroy**, father of Karen Gordon; **Alan Rogers**, brother of Beverley Watt; **Ann Solheim**, Peter Cornwall's mother; **John Vincent**, brother of Cheryl Kimball; **Dee White**, friend of Ann Thorpe; **Camp Lutherwood; The Hearthstone Retirement Community; Mercer Evangelical Trade School and Orphanage Foundation.**

For the Congregation Council: **Kit Bowerman, Bill Brueggemann, Pastor Lara Forbes, Tom Getzinger, Johannes Grad, Tom Benson, Mark Davis, Karin Eklof, Cheryl Jurrus, Abby Kasper, Joyce Kasper, Stephanie Page-Lester, David Vossler, Juliet Zhang.**

*Prayer Tree contact: Pastor Lara (pastor@salc.church) or
Kathy (kathy@salc.church).*

<p>Readings for June 1: Galatians 3:1-9, 23-29</p>

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.

Tiny House Fun-draiser! 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) that will begin June 23rd. **Bring friends!**

Diaper Derby Continues!!! How the Derby Works:

- Points are attached to each diaper donated and for packages of wipes. The larger sizes (size 4 and up and well as pull-ups) are most needed.
- Each “race horse” is in a race with like-sized organizations so we aren't competing against Microsoft or other mega-stallions. We have a chance to be the best in our class!

How to participate:

- Bringing diapers and/or wipes to the Corner of Blessing during the month of May.
- You can make financial donation or buy diapers through their Giving Catalog at: <https://kidvantage.org/diaper-derby/> During checkout, you will find a box labeled Campaign Code. Here will enter “Saint Andrew's Lutheran Church” or our horse's name “Dandy Andy”. This gives our “horse” credit for your donation.
- The last of the diapers on hand at church will be delivered to KidVantage no later than June 6 by members of the Outreach and Servant Ministries committee.
- Let's help our struggling young families to not have to choose between feeding the family or buying diapers! For more information, contact Liz Rudolph.

Calendar for the Week

Sunday, May 25

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

Monday, May 26

Office is closed. Memorial Day

Tuesday, May 27

8:30 AM Tuesday Morning Men
1:00 PM Staff Meeting
2:00 PM Sophia Way lunch drop-off
7:00 PM Outreach Committee, Virtual

Wednesday, May 28

10:00 AM W.E.B.S.
Sophia Way Lunch Delivery
7:00 PM JEDI committee, Virtual

Thursday, May 29

Friday, May 30

Office is closed.

Saturday, May 31

Sunday, June 1

9:00 AM Discipleship Forum. The Sophia Way
10:00 AM Worship
5:00 PM Bunco and Burritos Fun-draiser

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