



**ST. ANDREW'S LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
**Our Mission: To Be Disciples and To Make Disciples**  
**May 2, 2021 – 10:00 a.m.**  
*Fifth Sunday of Easter*

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**We are together in Spirit, Prayer and Hope.**

*This service will be livestreamed. Check our Facebook page and your email for more information.  
Please join us as you are able; we are working every day to keep us all connected.*

**WE GATHER IN SPIRIT**

“All the Earth”

*[Andi Rozier, Jason Ingram, Jonathan Smith & Meredith Andrews]  
Kristin Hetrick, Lee Eddy & Scott Skinner*

PRELUDE

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

“You Are My King (Amazing Love)” *[Billy J. Foote]*

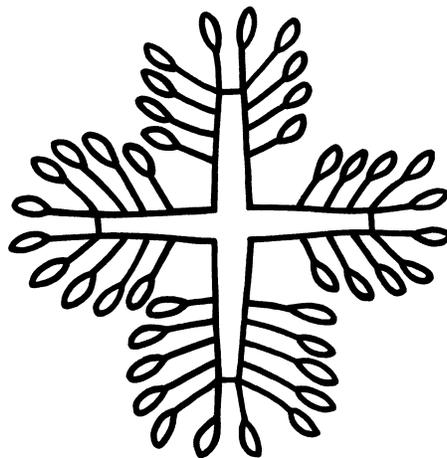
Kristin Hetrick, Lee Eddy & Scott Skinner

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you. **C: And also with you.**

P: Let us pray. O God, you give us your Son as the vine apart from whom we cannot live. Nourish our life in his resurrection, that we may bear the fruit of love and know the fullness of your joy, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**



### Awake, O Sleeper, Rise from Death



1 A - wake, O sleep-er, rise from death, and Christ shall give you light;  
 2 To us on earth he came to bring from sin and fear re - lease,  
 3 There is one bod - y and one hope, one Spir - it and one call,  
 4 Then walk in love as Christ has loved, who died that he might save;  
 5 For us Christ lived, for us he died, and con- quered in the strife.

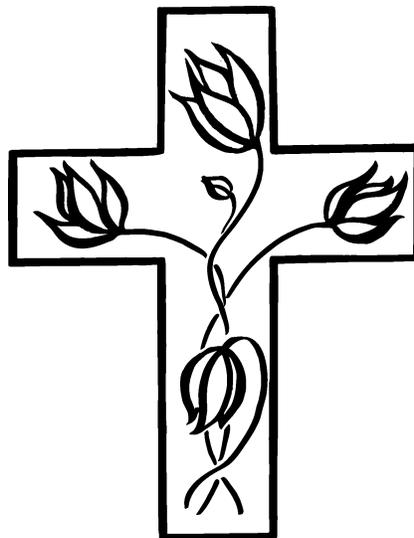


so learn his love, its length and breadth, its full - ness, depth, and height.  
 to give the Spir - it's u - ni - ty, the ver - y bond of peace.  
 one Lord, one faith, and one bap - tism, one God who made us all.  
 with kind and gen - tle hearts for - give as God in Christ for - gave.  
 A - wake, a - rise, go forth in faith, and Christ shall give you life.

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### GREETING

**P:** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **C:** And also with you.



# HYMN OF PRAISE

*Refrain*



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



Lamb who was slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.



1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be



peo - ple of God. Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and



hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.

*Refrain*



2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and



join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or,



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

*Final refrain*

## WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

### FIRST READING

Acts 8:26-40

<sup>26</sup>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.) <sup>27</sup>So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship <sup>28</sup>and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. <sup>29</sup>Then the Spirit said to Philip, "Go over to this chariot and join it." <sup>30</sup>So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?" <sup>31</sup>He replied, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. <sup>32</sup>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.

<sup>33</sup>In his humiliation justice was denied him.

Who can describe his generation?

For his life is taken away from the earth."

<sup>34</sup>The eunuch asked Philip, "About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?" <sup>35</sup>Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. <sup>36</sup>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?" <sup>38</sup>He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. <sup>39</sup>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. <sup>40</sup>But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

Lector: Word of God, word of life. **C: Thanks be to God.**

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (Congregation sings all)

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

## ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE GOSPEL

P: The Holy Gospel is according to St. John the 15<sup>th</sup> chapter. C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

## HOLY GOSPEL

John 15:1-8

[Jesus said:] <sup>1</sup>“I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. <sup>2</sup>He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. <sup>3</sup>You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. <sup>4</sup>Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. <sup>5</sup>I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. <sup>6</sup>Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. <sup>7</sup>If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. <sup>8</sup>My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.”

P: Word of God, word of life. C: **Thanks be to God.**

## SERMON

Meri Jo Petrivelli

## SONG OF RESPONSE

“Ancient of Days” [*Jesse Reeves, Jonny Robinson, Michael Farren & Rich Thompson*]

Kristin Hetrick, Lee Eddy & Scott Skinner

## APOSTLE'S 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 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.

## WE ARE TOGETHER IN PRAYER

## PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

When the minister says “Lord in your mercy,” congregation responds by saying “**Hear our prayer.**”

## SHARING OF THE PEACE

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always! C: **And also with you.**

## OFFERING

Choose a way that you can make an offering to God for the good of others. We appreciate your ongoing support of St. Andrew's as you are able. It's easy to give at our website and donate using your credit or debit card, or through our app, which is available by searching for StAndrewsSD in the app store, or Venmo (Find us at @StAndrewsLutheran-Church).

If you are staying at home, or do not give online, designate a special place in your home to put your offering until you can give it in person. Pray about what you may be able to offer others during this challenging time- the Holy Spirit is always at work in and through you.

## OFFERING SONG

“Bridge over Troubled Water” *[Paul Simon]*

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## CHILDREN'S TIME

## OFFERTORY



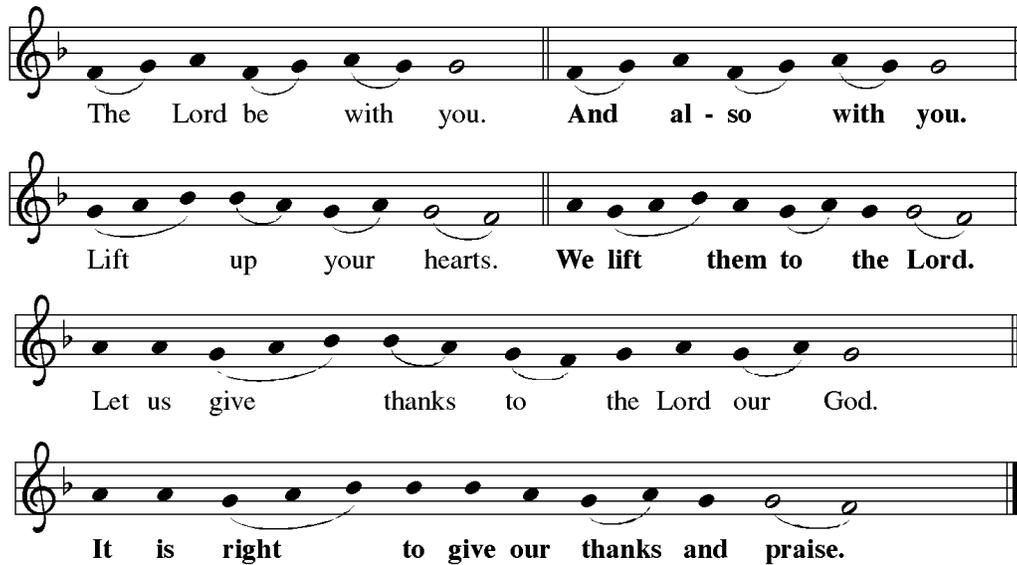
Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the  
brim our cup of bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the  
seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life.  
Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u - nite them with the  
prayers we of - fer. Grace our ta - ble with your pres - ence,  
and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

## OFFERTORY PRAYER

P: Holy God, gracious and merciful, you bring forth food from the earth and nourish your whole creation. Turn our hearts toward those who hunger in any way, that all may know your care; and prepare us now to feast on the bread of life, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: **Amen.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING (sung responsively with pastor. Congregation sings bold sections)



The Lord be with you. **And al - so** with you.

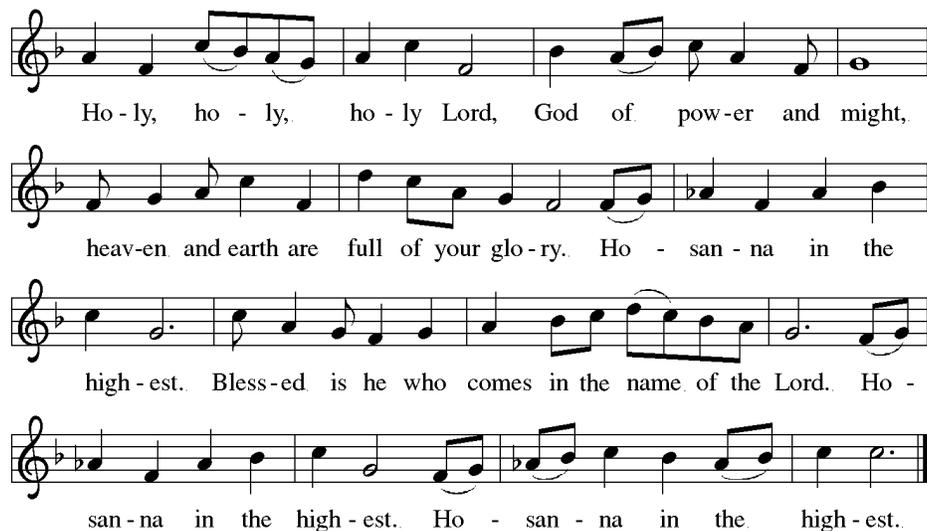
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right** to give our thanks and praise.

P: 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:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er 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. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

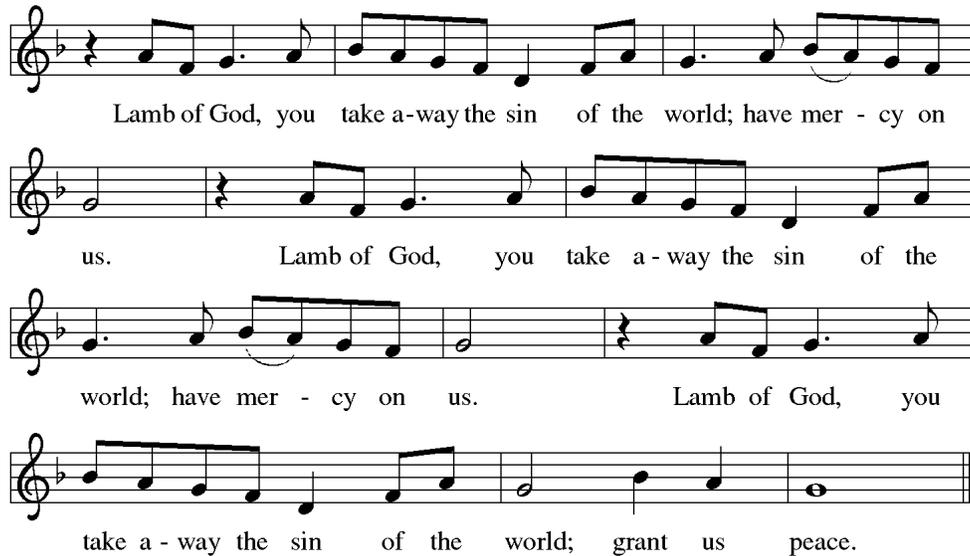
## THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

As we prepare to eat together as your disciples did,  
We remember and we speak that truth out loud, praying together,  
Our Father, who art in heaven,  
    hallowed be thy name,  
    thy kingdom come,  
    thy will be done,  
        on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses,  
    as we forgive those  
        who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
    but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
    and the power, and the glory,  
    forever and ever. Amen.

## DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

(Christ is present and comes to us through ordinary things.)

## COMMUNION MUSIC



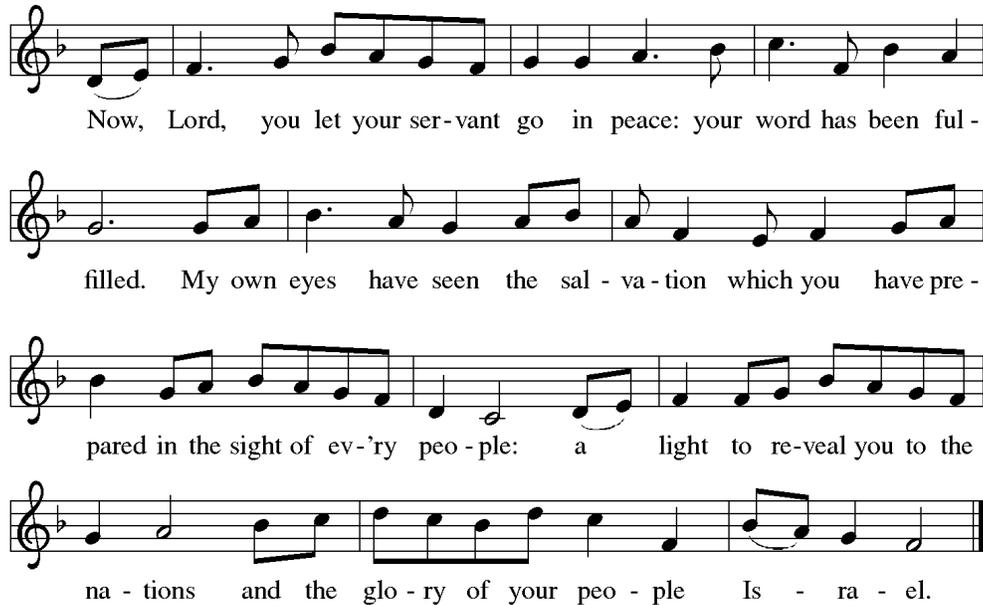
Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on  
us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the  
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you  
take a - way the sin of the world; grant us peace.

## COMMUNION SONG

“To the Table” [*Jonathan Smith, Tony Wood & Zach Williams*]

Kristin Hetrick, Lee Eddy & Scott Skinner

## POST COMMUNION CANTICLE



Now, Lord, you let your ser-vant go in peace: your word has been ful-  
filled. My own eyes have seen the sal - va - tion which you have pre -  
pared in the sight of ev-'ry peo - ple: a light to re-veal you to the  
na - tions and the glo - ry of your peo - ple Is - ra - el.

## POST COMMUNION BLESSING

P: The body and blood of our LORD Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C: **Amen.**

## POST COMMUNION PRAYER

P: Let us pray. God of steadfast love, at this table you gather your people into one body for the sake of the world. Send us in the power of your Spirit, that our lives tell the story of the love that makes us new in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: **Amen.**

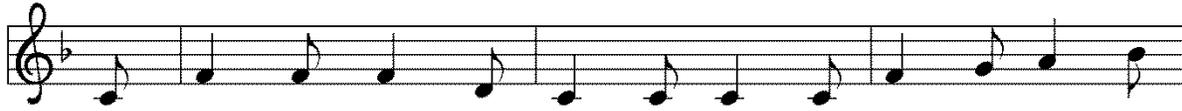
## WE ARE TOGETHER IN HOPE

## BENEDICTION

P: You are what God made you to be: created in Christ Jesus for good works, claimed as holy and beloved, freed to serve your neighbor. God bless you ☩ that you may be a blessing, in the name of the holy and life-giving Trinity.

C: **Amen.**

## I Come with Joy



1 I come with joy, a child of God, for - giv - en, loved, and  
 2 I come with Chris - tians far and near to find, as all are  
 3 As Christ breaks bread, and bids us share, each proud di - vi - sion  
 4 The Spir - it of the ris - en Christ, un - seen, but ev - er  
 5 To - geth - er met, to - geth - er bound by all that God has



free, the life of Je - sus to re - call in  
 fed, the new com - mu - ni - ty of love in  
 ends. The love that made us, makes us one, and  
 near, is in such friend - ship bet - ter known, a -  
 done, we'll go with joy, to give the world the



love laid down for me, in love laid down for me.  
 Christ's com - mu - nion bread, in Christ's com - mu - nion bread.  
 strang - ers now are friends, and strang - ers now are friends.  
 live a - mong us here, a - live a - mong us here.  
 love that makes us one, the love that makes us one.

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### DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace! Christ be your light!

C: Thanks be to God!

### POSTLUDE

“All the Earth” [*Andi Rozier, Jason Ingram, Jonathan Smith & Meredith Andrews*]  
 Kristin Hetrick, Lee Eddy & Scott Skinner

***Thank you for worshipping with us today!***

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