



**+ Seventh Sunday of Easter**  
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## + Seventh Sunday of Easter Order for Worship

*The fortieth day of the Easter season is observed as the Ascension of our Lord, when the risen Christ ascends into heaven and assures followers that the Holy Spirit will empower them to be witnesses throughout the earth. The gospel for Easter's seventh Sunday is always taken from the long prayer Jesus prays for his followers in John's gospel on the night before his death, and always includes Jesus' desire that his followers will be one as he and the Father are one. This oneness is not mere doctrinal agreement or institutional unity, but mutual abiding, life, love, and joy. This oneness is the work of the Spirit whom we have received but also await.*

*Come, Holy Spirit!*

### Welcome to St. Andrew!

- St. Andrew Lutheran congregation welcomes all who are seeking a place of healing and wholeness – a nurturing, faith-forming spiritual home. Our community embraces people of all ages, ethnicities, cultures, abilities, sexual orientations, gender identities and expressions, and family constellations. Come and See!
- Worship Services are live streamed to multiple online platforms. By attending worship, you agree that your image and voice may be broadcast.
- Everyone is invited to make a name tag at the black bookcase in the back of the worship space if they would like. There are stickers indicating pronouns on the bookcase if you would like to include them on your name tag.
- A nursery is available through the doors at the left side of the sanctuary and across from the doorway to the Social Hall. It is a purple-colored room.
- Children are invited to attend Little Church – Big Faith, a Bible lesson and activity, during worship (after the Prayer of the Day). The group returns to the worship space for the liturgy of Holy Communion.
- Worship “toolkits” to help children engage with the service, along with “busy bags” for younger children, are available in the bookcase at the back of the sanctuary. Please feel free to take one to use with/for your children.
- Holy Communion is served with bread (gluten-free available) and wine or grape juice. The presiding minister will distribute the bread (host). Please consume this and then pick up an empty glass from the tray. The Communion Assistant will pour wine or grape juice into your glass. Please step to the side to consume the wine or grape juice. Feel free to kneel at the altar for prayer and reflection. As you return to your pew, glasses may be returned to the empty trays on either side of the center section.
- A restroom is available on the main level of the church, through the doors to the Social Hall and to the right in the main office.

### Abbreviations

P: Pastor/Presiding Minister

A: Assisting Minister

L: Lector

**C: Congregation**

**ELW: Evangelical Lutheran Worship hymnal**

**ACS: All Creation Sings hymnal**

**HS: Hymnal Supplement (GIA Publications)**

## Pre-Service Music

## Welcome

## Prelude

## Gathering

*The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God*

*Please rise as you are able. All may make the sign of the cross,  
the sign that is marked at Baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

## Confession and Forgiveness

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God,  
who creates, redeems, and sustains us and all of creation.

**C: Amen.**

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and one another.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

P: Most merciful God,  
**we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves.  
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.  
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 follow in your ways,  
to the glory of your holy name.  
Amen.**

P: 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.  
**C: Amen.**



1 Al - le - lu - ia! Sing to Je - sus; his the scep - ter,  
 2 Al - le - lu - ia! Not as or - phans are we left in  
 3 Al - le - lu - ia! Bread of heav - en, here on earth our  
 4 Al - le - lu - ia! King e - ter - nal, Lord om - nip - o -  
 5 Al - le - lu - ia! Sing to Je - sus; his the scep - ter,



his the throne; Al - le - lu - ia! his the tri - umph, his the  
 sor - row now; Al - le - lu - ia! he is near us; faith be -  
 food, our stay; Al - le - lu - ia! here the sin - ful flee to  
 tent we own; Al - le - lu - ia! born of Mar - y, earth your  
 his the throne; Al - le - lu - ia! his the tri - umph, his the



vic - to - ry a - lone. Hark! The songs of peace - ful  
 lieves, nor ques - tions how. Though the cloud from sight re -  
 you from day to day. In - ter - ces - sor, friend of  
 foot - stool, heav'n your throne. As with - in the veil you  
 vic - to - ry a - lone. Hark! The songs of peace - ful



Zi - on thun - der like a might - y flood: "Je - sus  
 ceived him when the for - ty days were o'er, shall our  
 sin - ners, earth's re - deem - er, hear our plea where the  
 en - tered, robed in flesh, our great high priest, here on  
 Zi - on thun - der like a might - y flood: "Je - sus



out of ev - 'ry na - tion has re - deemed us by his blood."  
 hearts for - get his prom - ise: "I am with you ev - er - more?"  
 songs of all the sin - less sweep a - cross the crys - tal sea.  
 earth both priest and vic - tim in the eu - cha - ris - tic feast.  
 out of ev - 'ry na - tion has re - deemed us by his blood."

## 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

### *This Is the Feast*

ELW p. 149-150

*Refrain*  
Assisting minister



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia.


All



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




free to be peo-ple of God. Pow-er and rich-es and wis-dom and



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

*Refrain*



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia.

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



hymn of all cre-a-tion: Bless-ing and hon-or and glo-ry and



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

*Final refrain*



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain



has be-gun his reign. Al-le-lu-ia. Al-le-lu-ia.

## Prayer of the Day

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Let us pray.

Gracious and glorious God, you have chosen us as your own, and by the powerful name of Christ you protect us from evil. By your Spirit transform us and your beloved world, that we may find our joy in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

## Word

*God speaks to us in Scripture reading, preaching, and song*

### First Reading – Acts 1: 15-17, 21-26

<sup>15</sup>In those days Peter stood up among the believers (together the crowd numbered about one hundred twenty persons) and said, <sup>16</sup>“Friends, the scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit through David foretold concerning Judas, who became a guide for those who arrested Jesus—<sup>17</sup>for he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry.” <sup>21</sup>So one of the men who have accompanied us during all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, <sup>22</sup>beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us—one of these must become a witness with us to his resurrection.” <sup>23</sup>So they proposed two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also known as Justus, and Matthias. <sup>24</sup>Then they prayed and said, “Lord, you know everyone’s heart. Show us which one of these two you have chosen <sup>25</sup>to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place.” <sup>26</sup>And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias; and he was added to the eleven apostles.

L: Word of God, word of life.

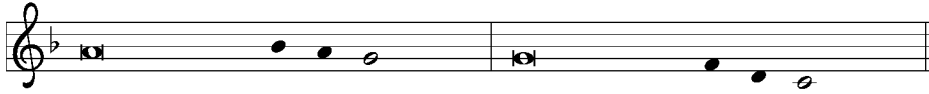
**C: Thanks be to God.**

### Psalm 1

*The cantor will lead the singing of the psalm.*

*The congregation is invited to respond with the alternate verses in bold print, and to join in singing the refrain.*

### Psalm tone



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### Psalm refrain



Psalm 1:6  
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<sup>1</sup>Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel <sup>|</sup> of the wicked,  
nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the seats <sup>|</sup> of the scornful!

<sup>2</sup>**Their delight is in the law <sup>|</sup> of the LORD,  
and they meditate on God's teaching <sup>|</sup> day and night. R**

<sup>3</sup>They are like trees planted by streams of water, bearing fruit in due season, with leaves  
that <sup>|</sup> do not wither;  
everything they <sup>|</sup> do shall prosper.

<sup>4</sup>**It is not so <sup>|</sup> with the wicked;  
they are like chaff which the wind <sup>|</sup> blows away.**

<sup>5</sup>Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when <sup>|</sup> judgment comes,  
nor the sinner in the council <sup>|</sup> of the righteous.

<sup>6</sup>**For the LORD knows the way <sup>|</sup> of the righteous,  
but the way of the wicked shall <sup>|</sup> be destroyed. R**

### Second Reading – 1 John 5: 9-13

<sup>9</sup>If we receive human testimony, the testimony of God is greater; for this is the testimony of God that God has testified to God's Son. <sup>10</sup>Those who believe in the Son of God have the testimony in their hearts. Those who do not believe in God have made God a liar by not believing in the testimony that God has given concerning God's Son. <sup>11</sup>And this is the testimony: God gave us eternal life, and this life is in God's Son. <sup>12</sup>Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life.

<sup>13</sup>I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know that you have eternal life.





*Please be seated.*

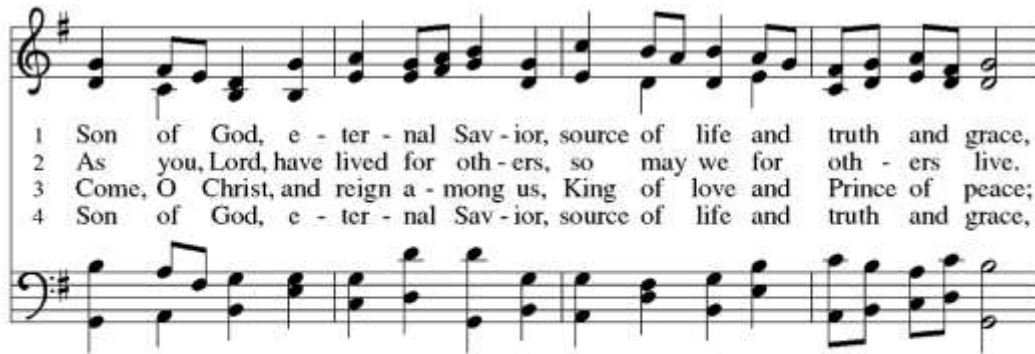
## Sermon

*A time of silence for prayer and reflection follows the sermon.  
When the hymn of the day begins, please rise as you are able.*

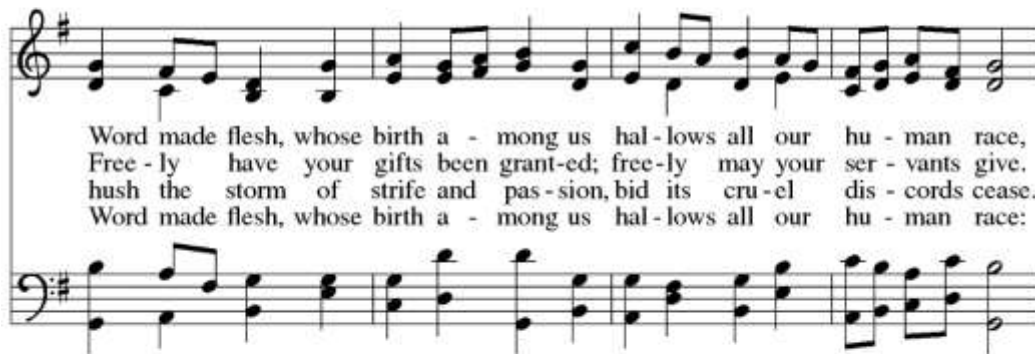
## Hymn of the Day

## Son of God, Eternal Savior

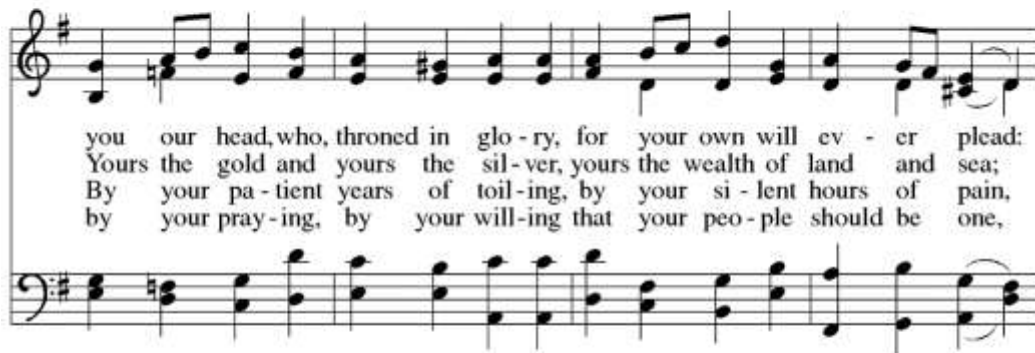
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1 Son of God, e - ter - nal Sav - ior, source of life and truth and grace,  
2 As you, Lord, have lived for oth - ers, so may we for oth - ers live.  
3 Come, O Christ, and reign a - mong us, King of love and Prince of peace;  
4 Son of God, e - ter - nal Sav - ior, source of life and truth and grace,



Word made flesh, whose birth a - mong us hal - lows all our hu - man race,  
Free - ly have your gifts been grant - ed; free - ly may your ser - vants give.  
hush the storm of strife and pas - sion, bid its cru - el dis - cords cease.  
Word made flesh, whose birth a - mong us hal - lows all our hu - man race:



you our head, who, throned in glo - ry, for your own will ev - er plead:  
Yours the gold and yours the sil - ver, yours the wealth of land and sea;  
By your pa - tient years of toil - ing, by your si - lent hours of pain,  
by your pray - ing, by your will - ing that your peo - ple should be one,



fill us with your love and pit - y, heal our wrong, and help our need.  
we but stew - ards of your boun - ty held in sol - emn trust will be.  
quench our fe - vered thirst of plea - sure, stem our self - ish greed of gain.  
grant, oh, grant our hope's fru - i - tion: here on earth your will be done.

## Welcoming A New Member

P: *Name* has come to St. Andrew from another Lutheran congregation and desires to transfer *their* membership into this community of faith.

R: We welcome you as a member of St. Andrew Lutheran Church, to join with us in worshipping God, hearing God's Word and sharing God's holy supper, proclaiming the good news of God in Christ through word and deed, serving all people, and striving for justice and peace in all the earth.

A: Let us rejoice with this sister in Christ.

**C: We rejoice with you in the life of faith.**

**Together we will give thanks and praise to God and proclaim the good news to all the world.**

*The congregation welcomes our new sibling in Christ with applause, and all are invited to join in singing St. Andrew's congregational refrain.*

## Congregational Refrain

**HS 808**



## Prayers of the People

A: United in the joy and hope of the resurrection, let us pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

*After each petition*

A: Gracious God,

**C: receive our prayer.**

*The presiding minister concludes the prayers*

P: We lift these prayers to you most merciful God, trusting in your abiding love; through Jesus Christ, our risen and living Savior.

**C: Amen.**

## **Peace**

*The presiding minister and the assembly greet one another in the peace of the risen Christ.*

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

**C: And also with you.**

*The people may greet those around them with a sign of Christ's peace and may say Peace be with you or similar words. Please be mindful that not everyone will be comfortable with sharing the peace, so please seek consent before shaking hands or hugging. Other possible ways to share the peace include a simple bow with the verbal greeting of peace, or simply a verbal expression of peace.*

*When the greetings of peace have concluded, please be seated.*



## **Meal**

## **Offering**

*We offer ourselves, our gifts, and our faithful service to God.*

*As the offering is gathered for the mission of the church, including the care of those in need, the table is set for Holy Communion.*

## **Musical Offering**

*As the gifts are brought forward for presentation, please rise as you are able.*



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 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

A: Let us pray.

Blessed are you,

**C: 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.**

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.

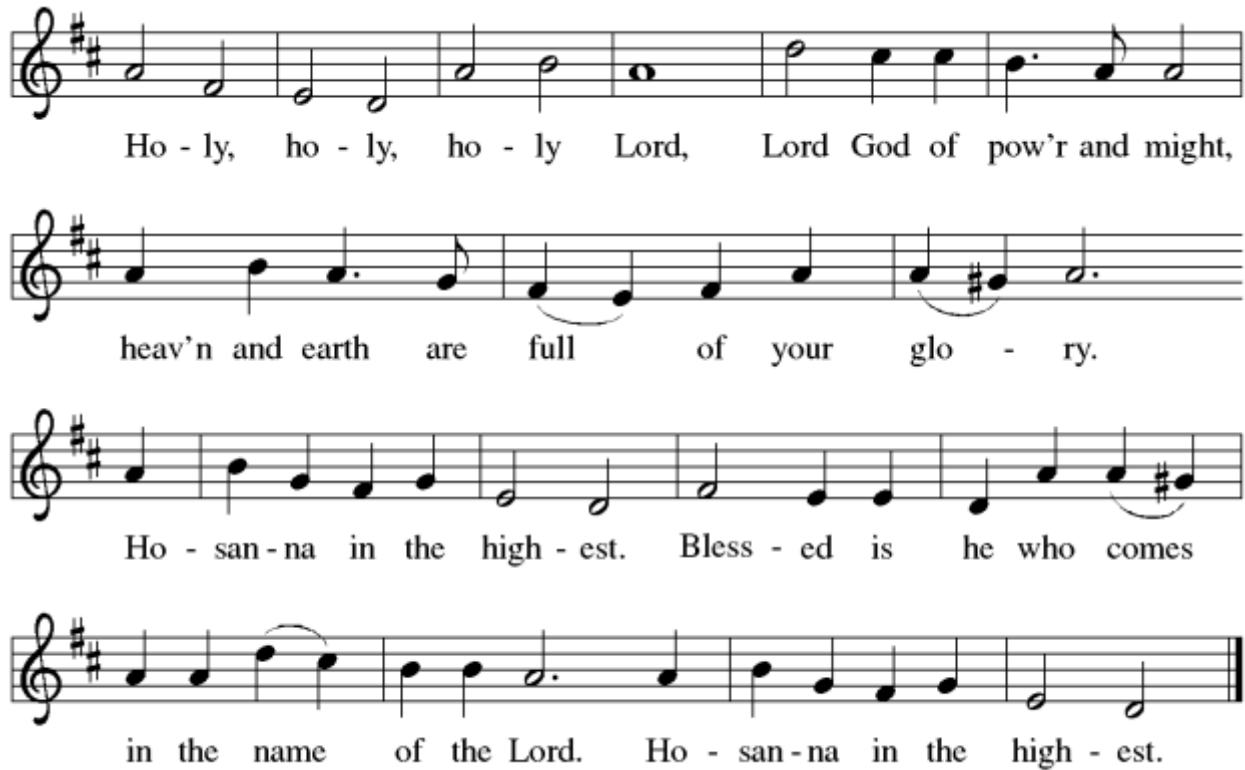
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

**Preface** (*Sung by the presiding minister*)

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:

## Sanctus

ELW p. 153



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,  
heav'n 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.

## Eucharistic Prayer

P: Blessed are you, O God of the universe ...  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

With this bread and cup,  
we remember our Lord's passover from death to life  
as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**C: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

P: O God of resurrection and new life ...  
Grace our table with your presence.

**C: Come, Holy Spirit.**

P: Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread ...  
Send us forth, burning with justice, peace, and love.

**C: Come, Holy Spirit.**

P: With your holy ones of all times and places,  
with the earth and all its creatures,

with sun and moon and stars,  
we praise you, O God,  
blessed and holy Trinity,  
now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

## **Lord's Prayer**

P: Gathered as one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**C: 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.**

## **Fraction and Invitation**

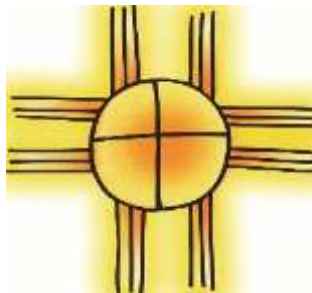
P: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

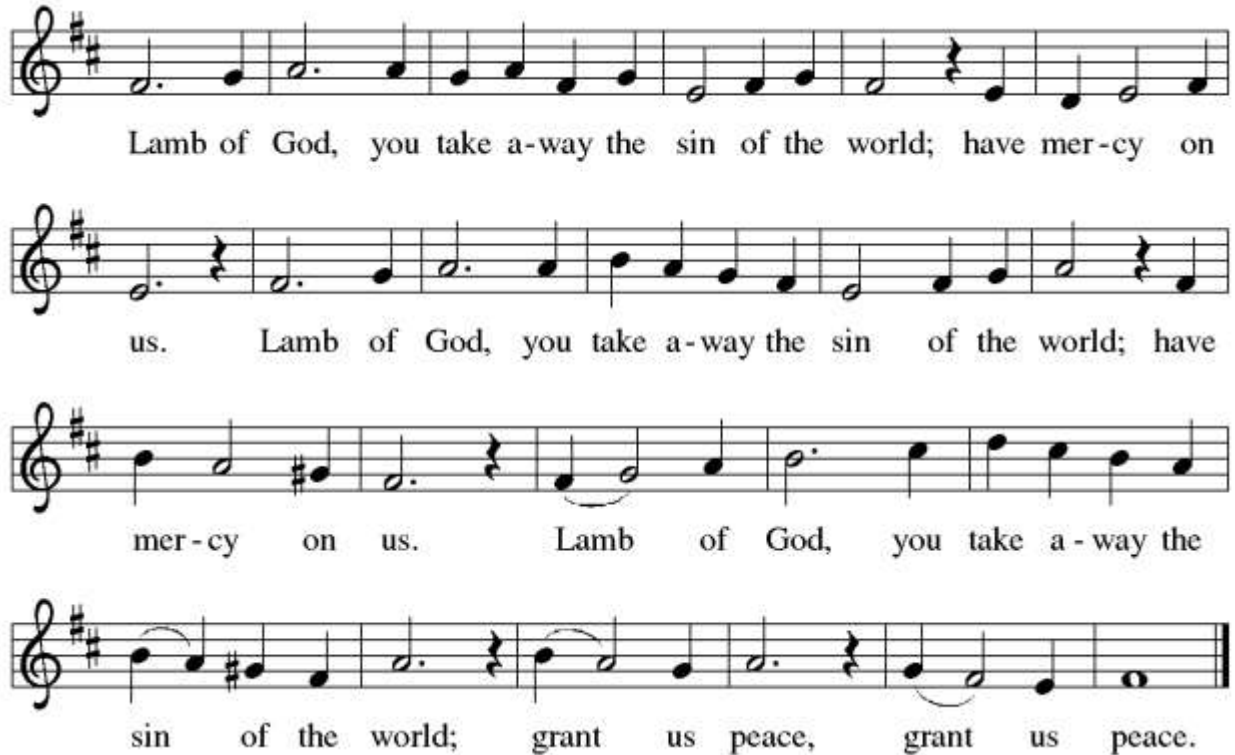
**C: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

P: This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Come, share the feast.

## ***Agnus Dei* / Lamb of God**

*Following Page*





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, grant us peace.

*Please be seated.*

### **Holy Communion**

- *All who seek God and desire a deeper and stronger life in Christ are welcome to receive Holy Communion.*
- *Worshippers from the pulpit side will proceed forward first, followed by the center section, and then the lectern side.*
- *Please inform an usher if you would like the ministers to bring Communion to you.*
- *Holy Communion will be served with bread and wine/grape juice.*
- *The presiding minister will first distribute the bread (host) to each communicant. Please indicate if you require a gluten-free host.*
- *Once you have consumed the bread, please pick up an empty glass from the tray next to the presiding minister. The Communion Assistant will pour wine from the chalice or grape juice from the cruet into your glass.*
- *Please step to the side to consume the wine or grape juice.*
- *Feel free to kneel at the altar rail for prayer after receiving the sacrament.*
- *As you return to your pew, glasses may be returned to the empty trays on either side of the center aisle.*
- *A blessing will be provided for anyone who does not yet receive the sacrament.*
- *All are invited to join in singing the hymns during Holy Communion.*



# Hymn during Holy Communion

## To Christ Belong, in Christ Behold

ACS 958

1 To Christ be - long, in Christ be - hold God's  
2 The brood - ing Spir - it moves un - seen as  
3 Re - joic - ing in God's prom - ise strong, our

won - ders still un - fold: the bur - ied  
liv - ing wa - ters stream to quench all  
trea - sure and our song, in faith we

grain springs forth a - gain with fruit one hun - dred - fold.  
thirst and bring to birth a new com - mu - ni - ty.  
cling, and glad - ly sing: to Christ we now be - long.

Bap - tized in - to the death of Christ, with  
The bind - ing shroud is here re - leased, the  
In Christ a - bide, in Christ be - hold the

Christ from death we rise, drawn through the  
veil of sin and grief, and in their  
world be - loved and whole. In love re -

night by dawn - ing light in - to a - bun - dant  
place a wreath of grace and robes of joy and  
main, by love pro - claim God's won - ders still un -

life, in - to a - bun - dant life.  
peace, and robes of joy and peace.  
told, God's won - ders still un - told.

Text: Susan R. Briehl, b. 1952

Music: WONDERS, Robert Buckley Farlee, b. 1950

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## Hymn during Holy Communion

### I Come with Joy

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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.

Text: Brian A. Wren, b. 1936

Music: DOVE OF PEACE, W. Walker, *Southern Harmony*, 1835

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## Hymn during Holy Communion

### Blest Be the Tie That Binds

ELW 656

1 Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Chris - tian love;  
2 Be - fore our Fa - ther's throne we pour our ar - dent prayers;  
3 We share our mu - tual woes, our mu - tual bur - dens bear,  
4 From sor - row, toil, and pain, and sin we shall be free;

the u - ni - ty of heart and mind is like to that a - bove.  
our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, our com - forts and our cares.  
and of - ten for each oth - er flows the sym - pa - thiz - ing tear.  
and per - fect love and friend - ship reign through all e - ter - ni - ty.

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'Blest Be the Tie That Binds'. It consists of two systems of music. Each system has a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The first system contains the first four lines of the hymn's lyrics. The second system contains the final four lines of the lyrics. The music is written in a common time signature (C) and a key signature of one flat (Bb).

Text: John Fawcett, 1740–1817, alt.  
Music: DENNIS, Johann G. Nägeli, 1773–1836, adapt.

*When all have returned to their places, please rise as you are able.*

## Blessing

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

C: Amen.

## Prayer

A: Let us pray. Life-giving God,  
in the mystery of Christ's resurrection, you send light to conquer darkness,  
water to give new life, and the bread of life to nourish your people.

Send us forth as witnesses to your Son's resurrection,  
that we may show your glory to all the world,  
through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.

**C: Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

## **Sending**

### **Announcements**

*Please rise as you are able.*

### **Benediction**

P: May our glorious God grant you a spirit of wisdom  
to know and love the risen Christ.

Almighty God, holy One, ✙ holy Three,  
bless you now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

### **Sending Hymn**

### **We All Are One in Mission**

*Following page*

### **Dismissal**

A: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**C: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

A: Go in peace. Share the good news!

**C: Thanks be to God!**

### **Postlude**

1 We all are one in mis - sion; we all are one in call,  
 2 We all are called for ser - vice, to wit - ness in God's name.  
 3 Now let us be u - nit - ed, and let our song be heard.

our var - ied gifts u - nit - ed by Christ, the Lord of all.  
 Our min - is - tries are dif - f'rent; our pur - pose is the same:  
 Now let us be a ves - sel for God's re - deem - ing Word.

A sin - gle great com - mis - sion com - pels us from a - bove  
 to touch the lives of oth - ers with God's sur - pris - ing grace,  
 We all are one in mis - sion; we all are one in call,

to plan and work to - geth - er that all may know Christ's love.  
 so ev - 'ry folk and na - tion may feel God's warm em - brace.  
 our var - ied gifts u - nit - ed by Christ, the Lord of all.

*Those serving in worship today*

Altar Care  
Assisting Minister  
Audio-Visual Ministers

Cantor  
Lector  
Little Church – Big Faith Leader  
Minister of Music  
Presiding Minister

Jodie Minor  
Colleen Cooke  
Jered Stratton  
Jason Galyardt  
Richard Krug  
Alda Maria Gonzaga  
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**St. Andrew Lutheran Church Announcements**  
**May 12<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

- **Happy Easter Season! Welcome to Worship at St. Andrew on Sunday, May 12<sup>th</sup>, 2024, the Seventh Sunday of Easter!** – We are so glad you are here, and we offer a special welcome to all visitors and guests who are here for the first time! Children are invited to participate in Little Church – Big Faith, a Bible lesson and activity, after the prayer of the day. There are worship “toolkits” to help children engage with worship and “busy bags” for younger children available in the bookcase at the back of the sanctuary. Please feel free to take one to use with/for your children. A nursery is available through the door to the left of the worship space and across the social hall (it is a purple-colored room).

- **Welcome, New Member Kathy Hays!** – Today in worship we officially welcome Kathleen “Kathy” Hays to the St. Andrew community! Please take time to greet Kathy and offer blessings in our ministry together!
- **We Invite Your Prayers for Giovanni as he Prepares for Confirmation Next Sunday, May 19<sup>th</sup>, the + Day of Pentecost** – Confirmation, also called affirmation of Baptism, is an important step in a young person’s life of faith. Next Sunday, on the festival of Pentecost when we celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit, Giovanni will make his confirmation. Please keep Giovanni and his family in your prayers as he embraces the promises made for him at Baptism!
- **Shelter Dinner at East End Cooperative Ministry – Thursday, May 16<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 p.m.** – Each month, people of St. Andrew provide dinner for guests of East End Cooperative Ministry, 6140 Station St. (East Liberty), 15206. This month, Rev. Bob Maravalli, who has catering experience, is planning on supplying many elements of the meal, but there are a few slots for providing dessert and it would be great to have people with shelter dinner experience there to help serve and find everything needed in the kitchen! If you would like to help with dessert or service, please sign up here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080544AAAC22A1F58-49262661-mayselter>.
- **Bethel AME Church Juneteenth Celebrations – Sunday, June 16<sup>th</sup>, 11:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.** – Bethel AME Church in the Hill District (2720 Webster Ave, 15219), with whom the St. Andrew congregation and our Southwestern Pennsylvania (SWPA) Synod have been in relationship with for the past several years, will host Juneteenth celebrations on Sunday, June 16<sup>th</sup>, with Bishop Kurt F. Kusserow of the SWPA Synod as the speaker at the 11:00 a.m. service and with Bishop Errenous E. McCloud, Jr. of the AME Church as the speaker at the 2:00 p.m. service.
- **Inviting Coffee Hour Signups for Upcoming Sundays** – One way that we at St. Andrew build community is by sharing conversation over food and drinks at coffee hour after worship on Sundays. We invite people of the congregation to serve by getting the coffee brewing, setting out cups, napkins, food items, and cold drinks, and cleaning up afterward. Everything needed is at St. Andrew and instructions are available. If you would be willing to set up coffee hour on any of the upcoming Sundays, please sign up here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080B4AAFAF2CABF85-47069030-coffee>.
- **New Signup Form for Worship Roles** – St. Andrew's worship is made possible by many people who serve in various roles – Some people prepare the altar and setup Communion, some run the sound/streaming system, while others teacher Little Church – Big Faith for the children, serve as ushers, wash communion cups, count the offering, and more. It is not just roles like cantor and lector that involve being up in front of the congregation! If you are interested in getting more involved in worship, talk to Pastor Ross or Joseph Paetz. Most positions serve once a month or less. We have created a new form for those wishing to express interest in service for any of the roles – please access it here <https://forms.gle/qfeJvbFR6V8DtTsz7> and someone will be in touch soon!