



# Saint Andrew Lutheran Church

May 5, 2024

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Gather In Community to Serve

1 Thessalonians 5:11

Matthew 18:20

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Welcome to worship as we come together in praise and thanksgiving  
to our living Savior!

Holy Spirit, blow through our church with power.

Open our hearts to follow your call.

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GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

❖ Prelude

❖ Welcome

❖ Gathering Words

Leader: Easter people, Jesus chose you and calls you friend!

**Congregation: We abide in Christ because Christ abides in us.**

L: Jesus made a home among us to show us how to love.

**C: We abide in Love because Love abides in us.**

L: Jesus invites us in and beckons us to come to the Table to know the joy that comes when we love one another the way God loves us.

**C: We abide in Joy because Joy abides with us.**

L; Easter people, Jesus welcomes you!

**C: We come to be with God and one another, bound together by Love and Joy.  
Amen.**

❖ Welcome Song

Jesus Loves Me

ELW 595

*(Please rise in body, spirit or both)*

❖ Confession and Forgiveness

L: Blessed be the Holy Trinity, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, whose rising from the empty tomb brings to us the promise of life eternal

**C: Amen**

L: In the presence of the living God and each other let us confess our sin...

*(Time for personal prayer and reflection)*

**C: we confess that we set our minds towards things of death, and not on the life that is revealed in Christ. In our fear and trembling we quickly turn from you towards ourselves. Our fear leads us to doubt your promise, harm our neighbor, and neglect your creation.**

**Resurrect us, O God, and bring about the new life in ourselves, in our community, and in our world. Through the mercy of your beloved Son, heal us from our sin, and give us the new breath of your Spirit. Amen.**

L: Our Lord and savior Jesus Christ says to us: "Do not be afraid!" Know that you are washed anew in his rising, and your sins are forgiven. Be at peace, and live in the everlasting love of God. Amen!

❖ **Gathering Hymn**      **Come We That Love the Lord**      **ELW 625**

❖ **Greeting**

L: 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.**

❖ **Prayer of the Day**

L: Let us pray.

**C: Unstoppable One, You are relentless in Your love and You never stop pursuing us. Remind us not to give up on one another. In our ever-expanding world it is easy to take what one person says or does in one moment as an example of their whole being. Open our hearts to forgiveness, reparation and restoration. Help us to be healers in our own lives, and to seek forgiveness where we have harmed others. Guide us in Your ways of love, and may we be relentless in our pursuit of justice and peace in this world, done in the name of Your Son's love for us. Christ was undeterred, even to the cross, to show us how much he loved us. It is in his name that we pray. Amen.**

*(Please be seated)*

**HEARING GOD'S WORD**

❖ **First Reading**      **1 John 5:1-6**

<sup>1</sup>Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. <sup>2</sup>By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. <sup>3</sup>For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, <sup>4</sup>for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. <sup>5</sup>Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

<sup>6</sup>This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth.

L: Word of God, Word of Life.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

❖ **Gospel Acclamation**      **Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia, Refrain**      **ELW 364**  
*(Please rise in body, spirit or both)*

❖ **The Gospel      John 15:9-17**

<sup>9</sup>As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. <sup>10</sup>If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. <sup>11</sup>I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete. <sup>12</sup>This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. <sup>13</sup>No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. <sup>14</sup>You are my friends if you do what I command you. <sup>15</sup>I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. <sup>16</sup>You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. <sup>17</sup>I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.

L: The Gospel of our Lord

**C: Praise to you, O Christ**

❖ **Children's Message**  
*(Please be seated)*

❖ **Hymn of the Day      Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee      ELW 836**

❖ **Sermon      Pastor Kari Williamson**

❖ **Choir Anthem      Beloved Let Us Love One Another**

**RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD**

❖ **Words of Faith**

L: Let us join our hearts and voices together as we confess our faith using the words of the Apostle's Creed.

**C: 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.**

❖ **Prayers of the People**

*Following each petition*

L: God of grace,

**C: hear our prayer.**

❖ **Offering**

❖ **Offertory**      **Where Charity and Love Prevail, vs. 1, 3, and 5**      **ELW 359**

❖ **Prayer of Blessing**

*(Please rise in body, spirit, or both)*

L: Let us pray:

**C: Risen One, you call us to believe and bear fruit. May the gifts that we offer here**

**be signs of your abiding love. Form us to be your witnesses in the world, through Jesus Christ, our true vine. Amen.**

**GOD COMES TO US AT THE MEAL**

❖ **Words of Institution**

❖ **Lord's Prayer**

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.

Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as 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

❖ **Communion Distribution**

❖ **Communion Hymn**      **Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us With Your Love**      **ELW 708**

**I Come With Joy**      **ELW 482**

❖ **Prayer After Communion**

*(Please rise in body, spirit, or both)*

L: May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his Grace. Amen

Let us pray:

**C: Shepherding God, you have prepared a table before us and nourished us with your love. Send us forth from this banquet to proclaim your goodness and share the abundant mercy of Jesus, our redeemer and friend. Amen.**

❖ **The Blessing**

L: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

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

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

**C: Amen.**

**GOD SENDS US OUT TO SERVE**

❖ **Sending Hymn**

**Hallelujah! We Sing Your Praises**

**ELW 535**

❖ **Sending**

L: Alleluia! Go in peace, to love and serve.

**C: Thanks be to God. We will! Alleluia!**

# welcome

Thank you for joining us for worship. A special welcome to our guests. If you are interested in learning more about Saint Andrew, please feel free to call Pastor Kari at 602-942-5811

## *Thank you to our worship leaders:*

*Interim Director of Music and Worship: Mary Cornelius*

*Reader Joy McCormick*

*Worship Assistant: Bill Kuehl*

*Communion Assistant: Jen Flategraff*

*Ushers:*

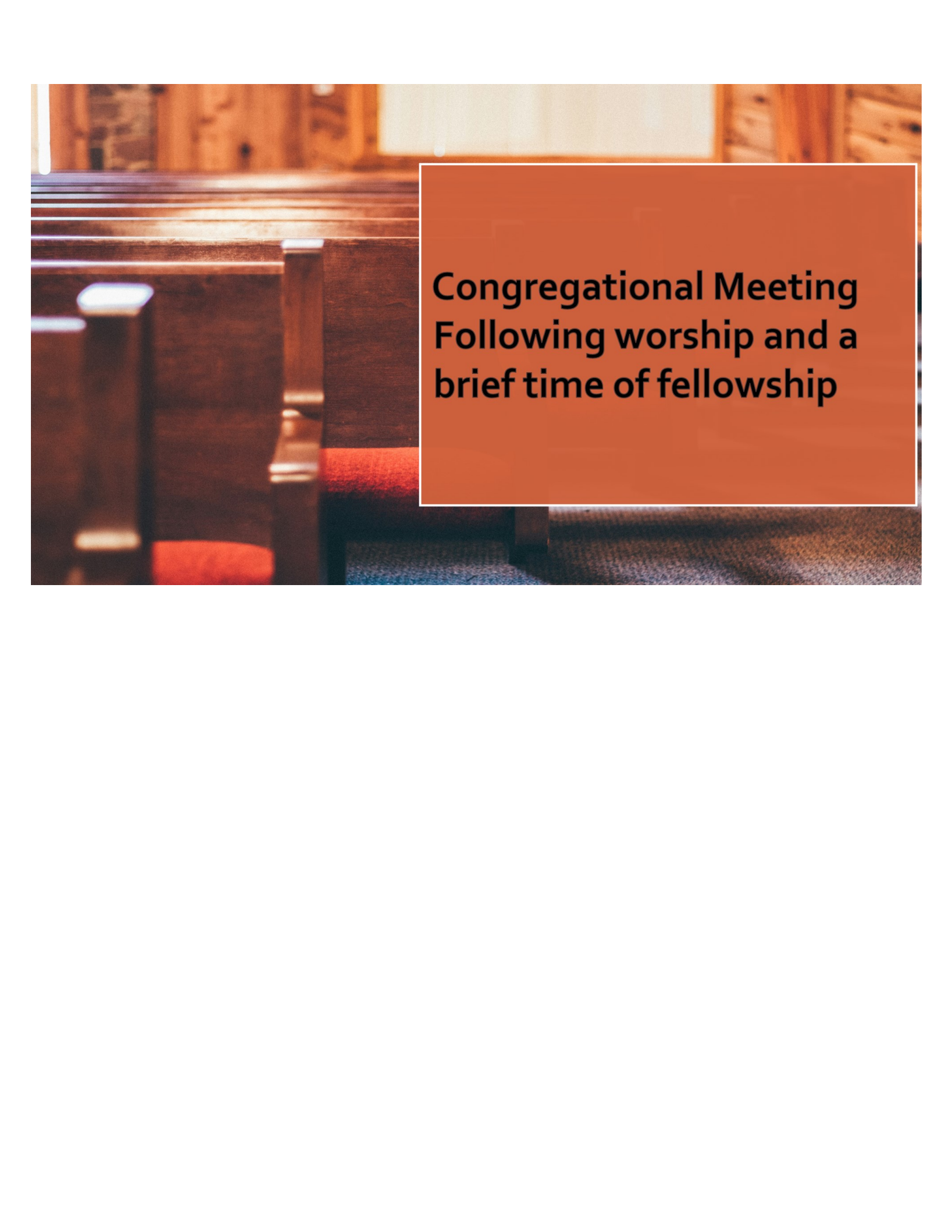
*Audio-Visual: David DeLano  
Joy McCormick  
Alan Brown  
Andrea Lee  
Rob Powers*



*Flowers on the altar today are in celebration of Reagan Fuller's fourth birthday*

*from Christie and Randall Fuller*



A photograph of a church interior, showing rows of dark wooden pews with red upholstered seats. The floor is covered in a dark, patterned carpet. The background is slightly blurred, showing more of the church's interior. Overlaid on the right side of the image is a semi-transparent orange rectangular box containing text.

**Congregational Meeting**  
Following worship and a  
brief time of fellowship