

**Saint Andrew Lutheran Church
Fifth Sunday of Easter – May 2, 2021**

Welcome to Worship! Glad you are here!

❖ **Call to Worship**

Leader: We gather as people on a journey.

**Congregation: We believe & we have doubts, we do good & we sin.
We are imperfect humans, and beloved by God.**

L: God is love and grace, hope and faith.

C: We seek forgiveness & love from God.

L: Though we are full of trust and full of doubt, we are here. Speak to us, God! Continue creating us!

**C: Inspire our hearts. Enlighten our minds. Guide our actions.
Amen.**

❖ **Gathering Hymn:** Alleluia! Jesus is Risen v. 1, 3, 5

❖ **Confession and Forgiveness**

L: Blessed by the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, one God, whose steadfast love is everlasting, whose faithfulness endures from generation to generation.

C: Amen

L: Trusting the mercy and love of God, let us confess our sin.
(moment of reflection)

L: Loving God,

C: We confess that at times we do not share in the joy of the resurrection but are caught in the worries of the world. We confess that we do not always live in the spirit of new life but remain discontent, grumbling and anxious. Forgive us for not sharing in the Good News. Forgive us when we find it more comfortable to worry and complain than to risk the joy and encouragement of new life in Christ. Call us back to Your ways, O God, to seek hope and reconciliation, restoration and peace. In the name of the Risen Christ, we pray. Amen.

L: Christ is Risen! The stone is rolled away, the tomb found empty. Mary calls out, "I have seen the Lord!" We have seen Christ, too, in every helping hand, in every heartfelt gift, in every choice to restore life in this world. We are called to this new life, a life of forgiveness and reconciliation. You are forgiven; know that God loves you and forgives all of your sins. Amen.

L: The peace of the Lord be with you all

C: And also with you.

L: Let us share that peace with one another.

❖ **Prayer of the Day**

L: Let us pray:

C: 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. Amen

❖ **Reading** Acts 8: 26-40

❖ **Gospel** John 15: 1-8

❖ **Sermon**

❖ **Hymn** Blessed Assurance

❖ **Meditation and Generosity**

❖ **Prayers of the People**

❖ **Lord's Prayer**

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, your 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

❖ **Benediction**

❖ **Sending**

L: Alleluia! Christ is Risen

C: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

L: You are the body of Christ raised up for the world.

C: Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

L: Go in peace. The Spirit sends us forth to service.

C: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

❖ **Sending Hymn** On Our Way Rejoicing