

REFORMATION SUNDAY

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St. Andrew's Lutheran Church

We Live in and Share God's Love with All

**Unconditional Love ~ Radical Hospitality ~ Selfless Generosity
Faithful Service ~ Compassionate Care ~ Meaningful Worship**

No Matter Where You Are on Life's Journey, There Is a Place for You Here!

We are a congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. In keeping with the life and teaching of Jesus Christ, we are a progressive Ames Church joyfully and unconditionally welcoming all people of any age, gender, race, culture, ability, sexual orientation, gender identity, or gender expression into our community of faith. We affirm the worth of all people as unique individuals made in God's image. We are committed to racial equity and anti-racism. We are open to the special gifts that each person brings and invite each to participate in the life of our church. St. Andrew's is a Reconciling in Christ congregation.



- ❖ **This service is livestreamed.** You may be included in the livestream recording as a participant or leader in this worship service. If you wish to avoid being on camera, seating in the back few rows of the sanctuary is not captured via the recording.
- ❖ **Welcome to worship. We are SO glad you are here.** All are invited to scan the QR code on the right which will take you to a fillable form. If you prefer paper, a welcome folder is located on the table by the nametags. There is a place for you here.
- ❖ **Prayer Requests.** Prayer slips are on the table by the middle doors to fill out and drop in the basket on the table by the offering plate. *Prayer requests will be read aloud during the intercessory prayers.*
- ❖ **Hearing Assisting Devices Available.** Devices are located on the Welcome table which is located immediately outside the sanctuary under the television monitor. Please see the sound tech for assistance if needed.
- ❖ **Bathrooms.** Down the hall, turn left toward the offices, and then take your first right. **An all-gender/family, handicapped accessible bathroom** is available off Fellowship Hall (to the right as you enter from the main door.) Changing tables are available in the family bathroom and the nursery.
- ❖ **We LOVE kids in worship!** Should you need to step away, there is a nursery down the hall from the restrooms with a changing table, toys, and comfy seating for parents.
- ❖ **Want weekly updates about events at St. Andrews?** Email office@standrewsames.org and indicate you would like to receive the Friday Flash or scan this QR code to sign up!



Helpful Hints for worship today:

- ❖ *The instructions to sit or stand are invitations to do so as you are physically able.*
- ❖ *In the worship liturgy P = Presider, A = Assisting Minister, R = Reader, and C = Congregation. The congregation responds/sings any time words are in **bold print**. The congregation is invited to sing all Hymns.*

GATHERING

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

WELCOME

PRELUDE

Marvelous Grace

arr. Tom Fettke

TEMPLE TALK

Joy of Generosity: Cheerful Giving

Sarah Buck

Stand

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: In the name of the Father,
and of the ✠ Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

P: Most merciful God,

C: 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 walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

P: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen

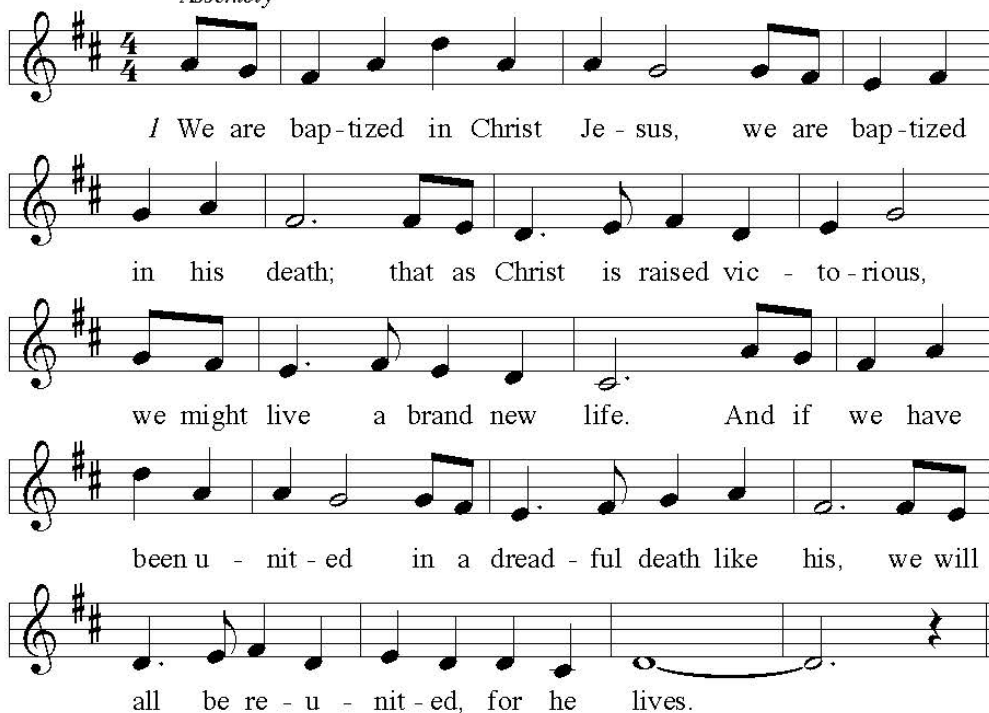
GATHERING SONG

Jesus Loves Me *We Were Baptized in Christ Jesus*

arr. Robert A. Hobby

Choir Jesus loves me! this I know, for the Bible tells me so;
little ones to him belong, they are weak, but he is strong.
Yes, Jesus loves me, yes, Jesus loves me,
yes, Jesus loves me, the Bible tells me so.

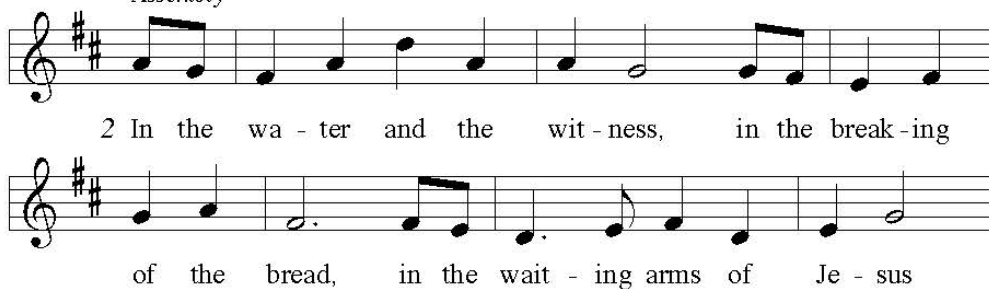
Assembly



I We are bap-tized in Christ Je - sus, we are bap-tized
in his death; that as Christ is raised vic - to - rious,
we might live a brand new life. And if we have
been u - nit - ed in a dread - ful death like his, we will
all be re - u - nit - ed, for he lives.

Choir Jesus loves me! he who died heaven's gates to open wide;
he will wash away my sin, let his little child come in.

Assembly



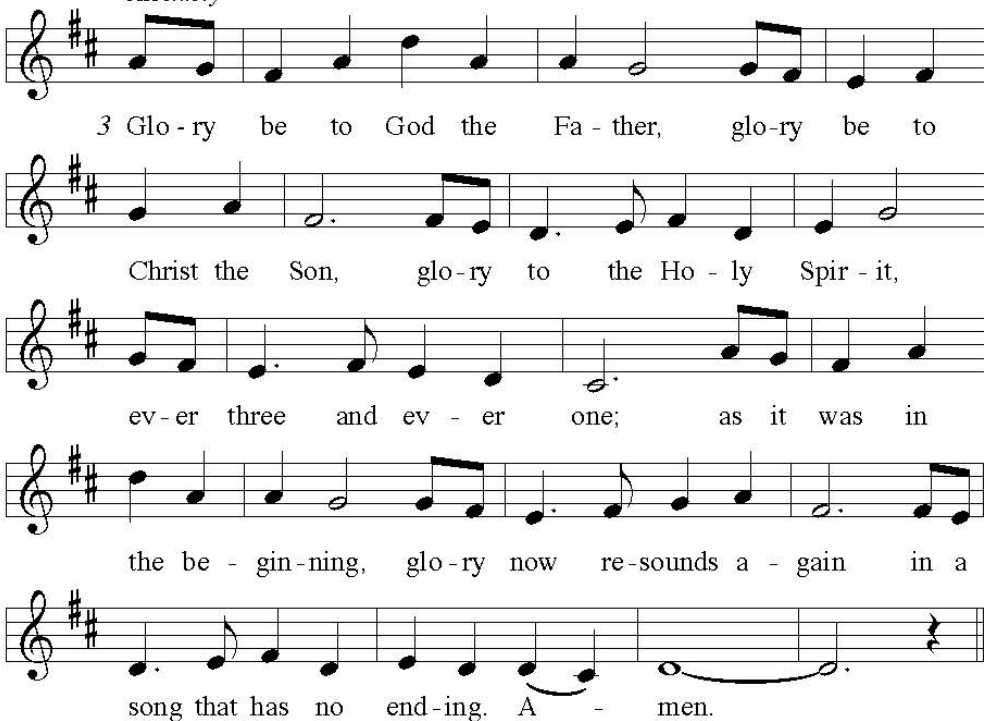
2 In the wa - ter and the wit - ness, in the break - ing
of the bread, in the wait - ing arms of Je - sus



who is ris - en from the dead, God has made a
new be - gin-ning from the ash - es of our past; in the
los - ing and the win-ning we hold fast.

Choir Jesus loves me! he will stay close beside me all the way;
when at last I come to die, he will take me home on high.

Assembly



3 Glo - ry be to God the Fa - ther, glo-ry be to
Christ the Son, glo-ry to the Ho - ly Spir - it,
ev - er three and ev - er one; as it was in
the be - gin-ning, glo-ry now re-sounds a - gain in a
song that has no end-ing. A - men.

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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.

CANTICLE OF PRAISE

This Is the Feast

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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

Refrain

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

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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray. God of forgiveness, you showed your servant David the error of his ways, and forgave him for his sins. Forgive us, and help us to see how we might live differently to honor you. We pray these things in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

Sit

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

St. Andrew's is currently using the Narrative Lectionary, a four-year cycle of readings. On the Sundays from September through May each year the texts follow the sweep of the biblical story, from Creation through the early Christian church. From Christmas to Easter there is sustained reading of one of the four gospels – Matthew in 2026-27. From Easter to Pentecost the texts are chosen from Acts and Paul's letters.

The texts show the breadth and variety of voices within Scripture. They invite people to hear the stories of Abraham and Sarah, Moses and the prophets, Jesus, and Paul. Listening to the many different voices within Scripture enriches preaching and the life of faith.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

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ACCLAMATION

ELW p. 188

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the

words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

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

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

READING: 2 Samuel 11:1-5, 26-27; 12:1-9

P: A reading from 2 Samuel.

¹ In the spring of the year, the time when kings go out to battle, David sent Joab with his officers and all Israel with him; they ravaged the Ammonites and besieged Rabbah. But David remained at Jerusalem.

² It happened, late one afternoon when David rose from his couch and was walking about on the roof of the king's house, that he saw from the roof a woman bathing; the woman was very beautiful. ³ David sent someone to inquire about the woman. It was reported, "This is Bathsheba daughter of Eliam, the wife of Uriah the Hittite." ⁴ So David sent messengers to get her, and she came to him, and he lay with her. (Now she was purifying herself after her period.) Then she returned to her house. ⁵ The woman conceived, and she sent and told David, "I am pregnant."

²⁶ When the wife of Uriah heard that her husband was dead, she made lamentation for him. ²⁷ When the mourning was over, David sent and brought her to his house, and she became his wife and bore him a son.

But the thing that David had done displeased the LORD,

¹ and the LORD sent Nathan to David. He came to him and said to him, "There were two men in a certain city, the one rich and the other poor. ² The rich man had very many flocks and herds, ³ but the poor man had nothing but one little ewe lamb that he had bought. He brought it up, and it grew up with him and with his children; it used to eat of his meager fare and drink from his cup and lie in his bosom, and it was like a daughter to him. ⁴ Now there came a traveler to the rich man, and he was loath to take one of his own flock or herd to prepare for the wayfarer who had come to him, but he took the poor man's lamb and prepared that for the guest who had come to him." ⁵ Then David's anger was greatly kindled against the man. He said to Nathan, "As the LORD lives, the man who has done this deserves to die; ⁶ he shall restore the lamb fourfold because he did this thing and because he had no pity."

⁷ Nathan said to David, "You are the man! Thus says the LORD, the God of Israel: I anointed you king over Israel, and I rescued you from the hand of Saul; ⁸ I gave you your master's house and your master's wives into your bosom and gave you the house of Israel and of Judah, and if that had been too little, I would have added as much more. ⁹ Why have you despised the word of the LORD, to do what is evil in his sight? You have struck down Uriah the Hittite with the sword and have taken his wife to be your wife and have killed him with the sword of the Ammonites.

PSALM: Psalm 51:1-9

- ¹ Have mercy on me, O God,
according to your steadfast love;
according to your abundant mercy,
blot out my transgressions.
- ² Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity,
and cleanse me from my sin.
- ³ For I know my transgressions,
and my sin is ever before me.
- ⁴ Against you, you alone, have I sinned
and done what is evil in your sight,
so that you are justified in your sentence
and blameless when you pass judgment.
- ⁵ Indeed, I was born guilty,
a sinner when my mother conceived me.
- ⁶ You desire truth in the inward being;
therefore teach me wisdom in my secret heart.
- ⁷ Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean;
wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.
- ⁸ Let me hear joy and gladness;
let the bones that you have crushed rejoice.
- ⁹ Hide your face from my sins,
and blot out all my iniquities.

P: Word of God. Word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

Sit

SERMON

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Stand

APOSTLES' CREED

P: With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

**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 INTERCESSION

A: Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: Trusting in your boundless grace, O God, we lift up these spoken prayers and those in our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen

WE SHARE GOD'S PEACE

Before Communion, we greet each other with Christ's peace. This is an opportunity to reconcile ourselves to one another. When we share the peace of Christ we may be saying: I am sorry. I was wrong. Please forgive me. And, I love you.

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

P: Please take a moment to share Christ's peace.

Sit

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

Our offering is a portion of what God has first given us for God's work in the world. Ushers will pass the plate. In addition to any monetary offering, you are invited to place the yellow card from your bulletin (blank or filled out) into the offering plate. As you do so, hold in mind the ways you have given an offering of your life through your vocation of home, work, community or church service as we offer a portion of our time, talents, and financial resources back to God. You can also give online at standrewsames.org by selecting Give Online (or use this QR code).



OFFERTORY

OFFERING PRAYER

A: Let us pray. Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: ourselves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

Stand

GREAT THANKSGIVING

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P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE

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,
through our Savior Jesus Christ;
who on this day overcame death and the grave,
and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.
And so, with all the choirs of angels,
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY

ELW p. 190

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
 heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry, full of your glo-ry. Ho -
 san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high -
 est. Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
 san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

P: Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son,
who reached out to heal the sick and suffering,
who preached good news to the poor,
and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension,
we await his coming in glory.

Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord,
and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food,
the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord;
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
be all honor and glory, now and forever.

C: Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

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P: Gathered into 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.**

Sit

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

This is Jesus' table, and all are welcome. Those worshiping in person are invited to come down the center aisle, to the front, receive the bread, and step to the side to receive red wine or white grape juice from the assistants. Gluten-free wafers are available; let the assistant know if you need one. If you are social distancing, prepackaged communion elements are available from the ushers.

P: Christ invites you to this table. All who are thirsty, all who are hungry, come!

C:

Lamb of God

ELW p. 191

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, Lamb of God.

TABLE BLESSING

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

C: Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A: Let us pray, God of abundance, with this bread of life and cup of salvation you have united us with Christ, making us one with all your people. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: Amen.

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Stand

BLESSING

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace.

C: Amen.



1 A might - y for - tress is our God, a sword and shield vic -
 2 No strength of ours can match his might! We would be lost, re -
 3 Though hordes of dev - ils fill the land all threat - 'ning to de -
 4 God's Word for - ev - er shall a - bide, no thanks to foes, who



to - rious; he breaks the cruel op - pres - sor's rod and
 ject - ed. But now a cham - pion comes to fight, whom
 your us, we trem - ble not, un - moved we stand; they
 fear it; for God him - self fights by our side with



wins sal - va - tion glo - rious. The old sa - tan - ic foe
 God him - self e - lect - ed. You ask who this may be?
 can - not o - ver - pow'r us. Let this world's ty - rant rage;
 weap - ons of the Spir - it. Were they to take our house,



has sworn to work us woe! With craft and dread - ful might
 The Lord of hosts is he! Christ Je - sus, might - y Lord,
 in bat - tle we'll en - gage! His might is doomed to fail;
 goods, hon - or, child, or spouse, though life be wrenched a - way,



he arms him - self to fight. On earth he has no e - qual.
 God's on - ly Son, a - dored. He holds the field vic - to - rious.
 God's judg - ment must pre - vail! One lit - tle word sub - dues him.
 they can - not win the day. The king - dom's ours for - ev - er!

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DISMISSAL

A: Go in peace. Share the good news.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

A Mighty Fortress is Our God

arr. Victor Labenske

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