

Acts 4:1–12

As they were speaking to the people, the priests and the captain of the temple and the Sadducees came upon them, greatly annoyed because they were teaching the people and proclaiming in Jesus the resurrection from the dead. And they arrested them and put them in custody until the next day, for it was already evening. But many of those who had heard the word believed, and the number of the men came to about five thousand. On the next day their rulers and elders and scribes gathered together in Jerusalem, with Annas the high priest and Caiaphas and John and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. And when they had set them in the midst, they inquired, “By what power or by what name did you do this?” Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, “Rulers of the people and elders, if we are being examined today concerning a good deed done to a crippled man, by what means this man has been healed, let it be known to all of you and to all the people of Israel that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead—by him this man is standing before you well. This Jesus is the stone that was rejected by you, the builders, which has become the cornerstone. And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved.”

1 John 3:16–24

By this we know love, that he laid down his life for us, and we ought to lay down our lives for the brothers. But if anyone has the world’s goods and sees his brother in need, yet closes his heart against him, how does God’s love abide in him? Little children, let us not love in word or talk but in deed and in truth. By this we shall know that we are of the truth and reassure our heart before him; for whenever our heart condemns us, God is greater than our heart, and he knows everything. Beloved, if our heart does not condemn us, we have confidence before God; and whatever we ask we receive from him, because we keep his commandments and do what pleases him. And this is his commandment, that we believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. Whoever keeps his commandments abides in him, and he in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit whom he has given us.

John 10:11–18

I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. He who is a hired hand and not a shepherd, who does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and flees, and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. He flees because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for the sheep. And I have other sheep that are not of this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life that I may take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have authority to lay it down, and I have authority to take it up again. This charge I have received from my Father.”

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April 25, 2021 4th Sunday of Easter - B

WELCOME to where God gives us His abundant Grace in Christ! Others have rejected, but now it is given to you! If you are desiring to commune this week, prepare by reviewing the Christian Questions with their Answers on page 329 in the hymnal. If you are a guest, kindly speak to one of the pastors before the service concerning your intentions to accept the privilege of communing.

WORSHIP PRAYER Almighty God, merciful Father, since You have wakened from death the Shepherd of Your sheep, grant us Your Holy Spirit that when we hear the voice of our Shepherd we may know Him who calls us each by name and follow where He leads; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

OLD TESTAMENT: Acts 4:1-12 *Peter and John are brought before the Council.*

EPISTLE: 1 John 3:16-24 *"Let us love in actions and in truth."*

HOLY GOSPEL: John 10:11-18 *"I know My sheep and My sheep know Me."*

WELCOME TO THE FAMILY: Kristina Marie Heil who was baptized Sunday, April 18, 2021 and witnessed by the Faith Foundation Class and congregational president, Del Ruff.

OPPORTUNITIES THRU CHURCH ACTIVITIES (April 25-May 2)

Sun/Apr 25 **4th Sunday of Eater**
Worship w/Holy Communion, 8am
Coffee & fellowship, 9am
Sunday School & Bible class, 9:30am
Worship w/Holy Communion, 10:45am
Online worship stream via Facebook Live, 8am
Voter's Meeting, Noon
Faith Foundation Class, 7pm
Mon/Apr 26 GLS Strategy, 7pm
Tues/Apr 27 Staff Meeting, 1pm
Wed/Apr 28 Jr. Confirmation, 6pm
Thur/Apr 29 Newsletter Assembly
Fri/Apr 30
Sat/May 1
Sun/May 2 **5th Sunday of Eater**

Worship w/Holy Communion, 8am
Coffee & fellowship, 9am
Sunday School & Bible class, 9:30am
Worship w/Holy Communion, 10:45am
Online worship stream via Facebook Live, 8am
Faith Foundation Class, 7pm

VOTERS MEETING TODAY, Sunday, April 25th following the second service. This meeting is open to the entire St. Andrew congregation family. We strongly encourage you, as a member of St. Andrew, to bring your input to the Voter's meeting. There will be lunch provided. Please join us for a good time of fellowship and business for our church home.

BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS this week:
Judy Millar, Joel Augustin, Kyle Millar, Duane Baukol, Jenna Johnson, Dain Anderson, Samantha Lentz, Brianna Coady, Marlene Kummer, Curtis Helmer, Hayley Walsh, Pat Baukol, Owen Muhl, Olivia Shoman, Patricia Dale, Hunter Beltz, Chamma Irutingabo Binagana

4th Sunday of Easter-B April 25, 2021

Entrance Hymn #709
Confession & Absolution p. 151
Introit *see insert*
No Kyrie
This is the Feast... p. 155
Salutation and Collect p. 156
First Lesson *see back*
Gradual *insert*
Epistle *see back*
Alleluia p. 156
Gospel *see back*
Hymn of the Day #594
Sermon 1 John 3:16-24
"Walk the True Talk"
Nicene Creed p. 158
Prayers
Offertory (*Altar is Prepared*)
Preface & Sanctus p. 160-61
Lord's Prayer & Institution p. 162
Agnus Dei p. 163
Distribution & Hymns
#735, LW #417 (insert), #710, #711
"Thank the Lord..." p. 164
Prayer & Benediction p. 166
Closing Hymn #740

**-OPPORTUNITIES FOR HIS PEOPLE AND HIS WORLD-
USED OPPORTUNITIES TO WORSHIP OUR LORD:**

for last Sunday Services: 68 + 63 = 131

Shortfall Loan	<u>Giving YTD</u>	<u>Remaining</u>	<u>Month to Date</u>	<u>Last Sunday</u>
	\$43,191.75	\$28,978.25	\$7,107.81	\$359.27

	<u>LAST YEAR</u>	<u>LAST SUNDAY</u>
General Fund Income Received:	\$ 5,413.77	\$ 6,313.38
Mortgage Fund Income Received:	\$ 960.00	\$ 913.39

<u>THROUGH MARCH:</u>	<u>Monthly</u>	<u>YTD</u>
General Fund Income:	\$ 27,917.78	\$ 101,431.28
General Fund Expenses:	\$ 38,177.09	\$ 117,841.38
	\$-10,259.31	\$ -16,410.10
Mortgage Fund Income	\$ 5,807.26	\$ 18,653.31
Mortgage Fund Loan Payments	\$ 6,386.00	\$ 19,158.00
Net	\$ -578.74	\$ -504.69

OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE FOR NEXT WEEK: (5/2)

- ELDERS: Sun 8am: Emmett Wilson
Sun 10:45am: Robert Eidbo
- AV: Sun 8am: Dave Pistorius/Joshua Harvala
Sun 10:45am: Ken Koehler/Aubry Strohm
- USHERS: Sun 8am: *Gary Muhl
Todd Berg, Arlyn Kraft
Sun 10:45am: *Ray Wasness
Duane Joyce, Steve Vogel
- ACOLYTES: Sun 8am: Brayden Muhl
Sun 10:45am: David Schielke
- MUSICIANS: Sun 8am & 10:45am:
- ALTAR GUILD Margaret Burksharsmeier, Lanae Cajobe, Linda Glass

COMMUNICATING CHRIST OVER THE AIR:

OUR WEB SITE: www.standrewlcms.org

"THE LUTHERAN HOUR" Sundays on KFGO AM 790 at 7:30am and on KFNW AM 1200 and 102.5 FM at 8am.

Upcoming topics are posted on the LLL bulletin board.
www.lutheranhour.org.

"CHRIST THE WAY" a radio program featuring ND District LCMS Pastors on KSJB 600AM at 7:30am on Sundays.

OUR SYNOD'S RADIO STATION: www.kfuo.org

DAILY DEVOTIONS by Pastor Klaus at www.lhm.org/dailydevotions.asp

MEN NETWORK: www.lhmmen.com

ISSUES, ETC: Current events from a Lutheran view. www.issuesetc.org

MAIN STREET LIVING NORTH TV PROGRAM May 2: Rev. Nathanael Biberdorf, Zion Lutheran Church, Browns Valley, MN, and Zion Lutheran Church, Claire City, SD, presents the message "True Vine Connection," based on John 15:1-8. "This Is The Life" episode: "A Dream of His Own." MAIN STREET LIVING is a locally-produced TV program that includes a 30-minute worship service led by participating pastors of the ND and MN North Districts of our LCMS, along with a 30-minute Lutheran Hour program. Programs are broadcast at 9:00am Central time on FOX station KVRR Channel 15.1 AND 10am Central on WDAY Xtra Channel 6.3, and archived on www.mainstreetliving.com.

UPDATED CONTACT INFORMATION Please remember to let the church office know if you have a new address, changed your phone number or email. Thank you!

MAILBOXES Please remember to routinely check your mailboxes.

SHORTFALL LOAN DRIVE Your ongoing support is needed to make our voter approved expenses. Thank you for your financial support in 2020. Currently, we have taken in \$43,191.75 with a balance of -\$28,978.25, which includes the PPP Loan money. We value your regular electronic giving. Electronic giving offsets monthly ups and downs of ad hoc giving. Is now the time to increase your regular giving? Your financial gifts are appreciated. Please check the Giving Thermometer in the Narthex and the Newsletter for updates. Thank you!
- Board of Stewardship

IT'S A BIRTHDAY PARTY!!!! Sandie Eaton's family has decided she needs to celebrate the milestone birthday she's having. You are invited to an open house in the fellowship room, here at St. Andrew, Saturday, May 1 from noon-2:00 p.m to wish her a happy birthday. Lunch and dessert will be served. Please, no gifts.

ALL DAUGHTER SALAD POTLUCK!!!! Mark you calendars-- May 11, 6:30 p.m., in the fellowship room at St. Andrews. All women are invited to our annual potluck. There will be a sign up sheet so we can get an approximate count of how many will be attending. But don't let that keep you away if you decide at the last minute. We'd love to set up for more. So bring a dish of your favorite salad and come and enjoy the evening.

USHERS NEEDED We are in great need of ushers. This is an area we were low in volunteers prior to COVID-19, but now we are especially hit hard because many of the normal ushers are not able to attend our actual worship services. You can designate early or late service and sign up for dates of your choosing. The tasks are easy to do and currently modified during this COVID period. If you have questions, please ask one of the ushers after service or contact Mary in the office. If you wish to become an usher, let Mary in the office know with your preferred service and dates. Thank you for considering helping out in this area!

COFFEE & TREATS Would you like to help serve coffee and treats in the kitchen during fellowship? Simply add your name to the sign-up sheet located in the Fellowship Hall or on the table in the Narthex. Thank you!

CATECHETICAL LESSON *The Apostles Creed: The Third Article- I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.* *What does this mean?* I believe that I cannot by my own reason or strength believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to Him; but the Holy Spirit has called me by the Gospel, enlightened me with His gifts, sanctified and kept me in the true faith. In the same way He calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian church on earth, and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith. In this Christian church He daily and richly forgives all my sins and the sins of all believers. On the Last Day He will raise me and all the dead, and give eternal life to me and all believers in Christ. This is most certainly true.



MEN'S MINISTRY – Fargo will be meeting Saturday, May 1, 2021 9am –11:30am at Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church, 2601 23rd Ave. S., Fargo, ND for Breakfast & Gospel-centered fellowship. Our presenter will be Kirk Rosin. RSVP: corey.isaak@gracefargo.org.

NOTE: Men need to be given opportunities to get to know one another, and to grow in their faith through a variety of conversations and activities. They need to see that there are other Christian men who are excited about and committed to our Lord Jesus Christ. Our society does little to encourage men to "be there" for one another, or to support and encourage each other. That's why we need to make some intentional efforts to provide an ongoing, Gospel-centered ministry to the men of our congregations.

Introit

I am the good | shepherd.*

I know my own and my own know me, and I lay down my life | for the sheep.

The LORD is my | shepherd;*

I | shall not want.

He makes me lie down in green | pastures.*

He leads me beside still | waters.

He re- | stores my soul.*

He leads me in paths of righteousness for his | name's sake.

Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are | with me;*

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You prepare a table before me in the presence of my | enemies;*

you anoint my head with oil; my cup | overflows.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days | of my life,*

and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD for- | ever.

Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*

and to the Holy | Spirit;

as it was in the be- | ginning,*

is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

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Collect of the Day

Almighty God, merciful Father, since You have wakened from death the Shepherd of Your sheep, grant us Your Holy Spirit that when we hear the voice of our Shepherd we may know Him who calls us each by name and follow where He leads; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Gradual

Christ has risen | from the dead.*

[God the Father] has crowned him with glory and | honor,

He has given him dominion over the works | of his hands;*

he has put all things un- | der his feet.

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He loves me so, he leads me to His pastures gently green.

2. My hungry soul he fills again With manna from above
He sets my footsteps right again In pathways of his love.
For his name's sake he nurtures me With manna from above.

3. Even within the vale of death I feel no threat'ning chill,
His rod and staff protecting me, His love beside me still.
His guardian love protecting me, I fear no threat of ill.

4. How he confounds my enemies By richly blessing me;
His cup of promise overflows With generosity.
Anointing me his chosen one, He richly blesses me.

5. I take my stand forevermore Within my shepherd's fold,
Secure in his forgiving love. How gently strong his hold!
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