



## Fifth Sunday in Easter

May 14, 2017 | 8:30 + 11:00 am

We Gather in the Presence of the Risen Lord

**Prelude** | What a Friend We Have in Jesus    *setting by Mark Sedio*

### **Welcome + Announcements**

**\*Call to Worship** — Based on Psalm 85

People of God, the Lord is merciful!

**God forgives our sin and pardons all our debts.**

People of God, the Lord is good!

**God restores us to the way of salvation.**

People of God, the Lord is love!

**God revives our spirit so that we may rejoice.**

People of God, the Lord is faithful!

**God speaks so that we may follow.**

People of God, the Lord is righteous!

**God's glory fills this place. Let us worship the Lord our God!**

**\*Gathering Hymn** | Christ Is Alive! Let Christians Sing    *red hymnal, #206*

Stanza 1: All    2: Women & Children    3: Men    4: All    5: All

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**Hymns + Songs** | *Lift Up Your Hearts* (red hymnal)

**Bold Print** | Speak or sing together in unison

*\*Please rise in body or in spirit*

# We Seek Renewal in God's Presence

## \*Call to Confession

Knowing that we fall short of the exceeding righteousness to which Jesus calls us, let us come before God to lay bare our guilt that we might be forgiven and made whole.

*Silence for personal confession*

## \*Prayer of Confession

**God of unity and peace, you know that we talk much about peace, but at the same time make much trouble for ourselves and for each other. We quarrel — in church, at home, at work and even between nations and religions. We let our loyalties to worldly things and ideas surpass our loyalty to Jesus Christ. We think worldly wisdom sometimes looks better than the truth shown us by your incredible Word. We hide from the cross, thinking ourselves too good or grand for such humiliation. Forgive us, in your mighty mercy. Embrace us with the Spirit's power of reconciliation. Fill us with a powerful light that shines with love into all the world. May we become even more committed to living Christ-like lives today and every day. In the name of our risen Lord, Friend, and Savior. Amen.**

## \*Words of Assurance

The God who love us into life hears our prayers, forgives our shortcomings and urges us always to follow in the footsteps of his beloved Son, in whose image we are made. Hear the good news! In Jesus' name, we are forgiven. **Alleluia, Amen!**

## \*The Peace | time of greeting

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

## The Word of the Lord

**Psalm** | Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16 *Bible*, pg. 439

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

**Epistle Lesson** | 1 Peter 2:2-10 *Bible*, pg. 984

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

**Time for Young Disciples** | Heather Woodin, Director of Children's and Family Ministries

*Parents who would like to have their children (3 year old - Kindergarten) participate in Children's Time are welcome to accompany their children downstairs during the Congregational Hymn. Children will be brought back to the sanctuary during the Sending Hymn.*

**Congregational Hymn** | What a Friend We Have in Jesus *red hymnal*, #897

**Gospel Lesson** | John 14:1-14 *Bible*, pg. 877

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

**Message** | A Clear Path for Troubled Hearts Rev. Dr. Matt Paul

# Responding to the Word

## Worship with Tithes and Offerings

*Prayer requests may be written on a prayer card and placed in the offering plate.*

**Offertory** | Christ Be My Leader *setting by Lloyd Larson*

**\*Offertory Response** | Doxology with Alleluias Text: Thomas Ken, adapt. Gilbert H. Vieira

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!**

**Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**\*Prayer of Dedication**

## Prayers of the People + The Lord's Prayer

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

**Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors;  
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.**

## Sending

**\*Sending Hymn** | Christ Be My Leader



1. Christ be my lead - er by night as by day;  
2. Christ be my teach - er in age as in youth,  
3. Christ be my Sav - ior in calm as in strife;



safe through the dark - ness, for he is the Way.  
drift - ing or doubt - ing, for he is the Truth.  
death can - not hold me for he is the Life. Nor



Glad - ly I fol - low, my fu - ture his care,  
Grant me to trust him; though shift - ing as sand,  
dark - ness nor doubt - ing nor sin and its stain can



dark - ness is day - light when Je - sus is there.  
doubt can - not daunt me; in Je - sus I stand.  
touch my sal - va - tion: with Je - sus I reign.

## \*Charge + Blessing

*If you desire a personal time of prayer, we're here to pray with you and for you. Please join a prayer partner by the baptismal font at the front of the sanctuary immediately following the worship service.*

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Music: (SLANE) traditional Irish  
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# Today's Worship Participants

Rev. Dr. Matt Paul + Rev. Kyle Otterbein, *Pastors*

Matthew Penning, *Director of Music*

Myrna Farraj, *worship leader*

## Announcements

**Welcome!** We are happy to have you here with us today. If you would like more information about St. Andrew, please indicate your interest on the Connection Card. Join us for a time of fellowship and refreshments between services; this is a wonderful way to meet the St. Andrew family.

**Families with children and infants** are welcomed in our worship services. Worship materials for children are available on the bookshelves outside the sanctuary.

**Infant and toddler care** (up to age 2) is provided downstairs in the Nursery. Children's Time, for ages 3 years through Kindergarten, also is downstairs.

**Connection Cards** are one way we can extend welcome and hospitality to our guests while also helping us consider steps we can take in the mission and ministry of Jesus Christ. We ask each person to fill out the card and place it in the offering plate. Members, once your contact information is correct, you only need to write your name. You may also drop your card off at the Welcome Center. As my next step today, I will . . .

- ◇ Make plans to attend the May 21 gathering to support the summer Guatemala mission trip and the Adult Education time. (Check this week's *Mini Messenger* for more details.)
- ◇ Share with a friend or loved one my vision of the place Jesus is preparing for me and invite them to consider their vision of the place Jesus is preparing for them.
- ◇ Lift prayers this week for someone I know who has been struggling to find their way through life and ask Jesus to show them the way.
- ◇ Memorize 1 Peter 2:9.

**Prayer Requests** may be written on a blue Prayer Request Card and placed in the offering plate or in the Prayer Request Box by the office door. You may indicate that you would like your prayer shared with the congregation during worship, or only shared with the Pastors and Prayer Ministry. Need more? A Stephen Minister is a trained member that provides high-quality, confidential, Christ-centered care and support during times of need, grief, and crisis. If you know someone who might need a friend during a life transition, please contact one of the pastors or the Stephen Ministry referrals coordinators Graham Dameron (319/337.9270 | [graham3076@gmail.com](mailto:graham3076@gmail.com)) or Mary Beth Ross (319/338.0082 | [iawoodsunrise@gmail.com](mailto:iawoodsunrise@gmail.com)).

The **flowers** are given today in celebration of Jane's daughter's, Janet Jakobsen, birthday.

When you are planning your summer schedule, be sure to include **Vacation Bible School**. Kids and leaders are invited to join us from 9 am to 11:30 am, June 12 through the 16 at the church. Registration forms for participants and volunteers are now available on the credenza outside the church office. Registration fee is \$10 by May 31, or \$25 after May 31. Several dates have been designated for Volunteer Orientation as well as VBS Work Days. Please check this week's *Mini-Messenger* or contact Heather Woodin ([hwoodin@saintandrew-ic.org](mailto:hwoodin@saintandrew-ic.org)) for a schedule.

You are encouraged to pick up a **Next Chapter: Recipe Book** from the table outside the sanctuary.



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