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9AM Faith Formation

Website: www.standrewsucc.org
10:15 am Worship Service

May 11, 2025
Fourth Sunday of Easter

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ANNOUNCEMENTS
PRELUDE

Please stand in body and in spirit

CALL TO WORSHIP (Revelation 7:9-12)

After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands.

They cried out in a loud voice, saying, "Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne and to the Lamb!"

And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, singing, **"Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen."**

Hymn #40 For the Beauty of the Earth

Please be seated

PRAYER FOR TRANSFORMATION AND NEW LIFE

Holy God, we have strayed from your paths of healthy relationships and peace. We have participated in behaviors that hasten death for ourselves, our neighbors and your creation. Open our hearts to the nudging of your Spirit that moves among us, empowering us to listen, to nurture, and to care for all creation. Give us eyes to see when you break into our lives with your love that has the power to transform us and give us new life. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Beloved, let us go forth today and all the days with the courageous belief that we can truly recognize the Holy One in the other and then act accordingly. By grace, our Creator will move us towards the transformation where acts of love, humility, curiosity, faith, abundance, and hope are on display for all to witness.

BELL CHOIR O Worship the King arr. Page
Jesus Loves Me

MOTHERS' DAY LITANY

Loving God, we thank you for mothers and those who have been mothers to us—for all they mean, for the love they have shown and the care they have given.

We thank you for the qualities of mothers—their patience, their kindness, concern and understanding.

We thank you for the part they play in our lives and we thank you for this opportunity to say what we so often mean to say but rarely do.

For mothers and motherhood, for children and families we bring you this day our grateful praise.

We remember those who desperately want to be mothers but cannot have children.
Bless them with your love.

We pray for those whose mothers have died, for those who have a difficult relationship with their mother, and those who struggle with the way their children live their lives.

May they have the comfort of knowing that your love for them is constant, your understanding is perfect, your compassion never ending.

Gracious God, you give us life and as a mother loves her child, so you love us.
We praise and thank you in the name of Christ. Amen.

Prayer for Illumination

Savior Shepherd, you call us to an abundant feast at the table of your word; open our hearts to feed on your goodness, that by the power of the Holy Spirit we might dwell evermore deeply in you. Amen.

Scripture: John 10:22-30
The word of the Lord.
Blessed are they that hear the word of God and keep it.

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE
SERMON

Please stand in body or in spirit.

Hymn #447 Because He Lives

Please be seated

Koinonia Time (community; communion; fellowship; intimacy)
(Please date, sign, and pass the pew pad to your neighbors)
Sharing Joys and Concerns
Prayers of Intercession

Lord’s Prayer
Our Creator (Mother/Father/Spirit), 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.

INVITATION TO GENEROSITY
“The Lord is my Shepherd, I shall not want.”
Trusting in the divine care, let us present our tithes and offerings to God who restores our souls and leads us in right paths for his name’s sake.

OFFERTORY
Please stand in body or in spirit

OFFERTORY RESPONSE #147
**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures high and low;
Alleluia, Alleluia!
Praise God in Jesus fully known:
Creator, Word, and Spirit one.
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

PRAYER OF DEDICATION
Holy God, Divine Shepherd, you anoint us with the oil of gladness; your love overflows our hearts. Accept our offering for the good of the world so we shall dwell in the house of the Lord, our whole life long. Amen.

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION
(If you are participating online, you’re invited to have the elements of bread and the fruit of the vine or something similar to join us around Christ’s Table.)

INVITATION
Luke the evangelist, wrote of our risen Savior who at the table with two of the disciples took bread and blessed and broke it and gave it to them. Their eyes were opened and they recognized the risen Christ in the breaking of the bread.
We come to this table in company of who wish to know the risen Christ in the breaking of the bread.

COMMUNION PRAYER
Holy God, we praise and bless you for creation and the gift of life...
With the faithful in every place and time, we praise with joy your holy name:
Holy, holy, holy, God of love and majesty, the whole universe speaks of your glory, O God Most High.

COMMUNION PRAYER
PRAYER OF CONSECRATION
SHARING THE ELEMENTS
(If you are unable to come forward for communion, please let an usher know and the pastor will bring communion to you.)
Please rise in body or in spirit.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING
We thank you, God, for inviting us to this table where we have known the presence of Christ. Strengthen our faith, increase our love for one another, and send us forth into the world to be your witnesses and to share your peace through Jesus Christ our risen Savior. Amen.

Hymn #289 Alleluia, Alleluia! Hearts to Heaven

May God's goodness and mercy follow you as you serve the risen Lord. May Christ the Good Shepherd bless and guide you this day and always. Amen.

Postlude

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Head Ushers for May are Herb Volk and Erin Rush
Ushers today are Doris Lindmeier and Deb Kantner
Altar Guild the month of May are Amy Smith and Karen Rush

Elders: Ron Grace, Doris Lindmeier, Lee Metzger (President), Karen Peterson
Deacons: Robert Creager, Cindy Grace, Tara Howell, Lance Ide, Erin Rush,
Herb Volk (Vice President)
Consistory Secretary – Angela Stofflet; Treasurer – Jen Flexer

1 For the beau - ty of the earth, for the glo - ry of the skies,
 2 For the won - der of each hour of the day and of the night,
 3 For the joy of hu - man love, broth - er, sis - ter, par - ent, child,
 4 For the church that ev - er - more lift - eth ho - ly hands a - bove,
 5 For thy - self, best gift di - vine, to our race so free - ly given;

for the love which from our birth o - ver and a - round us lies,
 hill and vale and tree and flower, sun and moon and stars of light,
 friends on earth and friends a - bove; for all gen - tle thoughts and mild,
 of - fering up on ev - ery shore her pure sac - ri - fice of love,
 for that great, great love of thine, peace on earth and joy in heaven,

Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grate - ful praise.

DIX
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447 Because He Lives

1 God sent his Son, they called him Je - sus; he came to
2 How sweet to hold a new-born ba - by, and feel the
3 And then one day I'll cross the riv - er; I'll fight life's

love, heal, and for - give; he lived and died to buy my
pride and joy he gives; but great-er still the calm as -
fi - nal war with pain; and then as death gives way to

par - don, an emp - ty grave is there to prove my Sav - ior lives.
sur - ance: this child can face un - cer - tain days be - cause he lives.
vic - tory, I'll see the lights of glo - ry and I'll know he lives.

Refrain
Be - cause he lives I can face to - mor - row; be - cause he lives

all fear is gone; be - cause I know he holds the fu - ture,
and life is worth the liv - ing just be - cause he lives.

Alleluia, Alleluia! Hearts to Heaven 289

1 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Hearts to heaven and voic - es raise;
 2 Al - le - lu - ia, Christ is ris - en! Death at last has met de - feat;
 3 Christ is ris - en, we are ris - en! Set your hearts on things a - bove;
 4 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Glo - ry be to God on high:

sing to God a hymn of glad-ness, sing to God a hymn of praise;
 see the an - cient powers of e - vil in con - fu - sion and re - treat;
 there in all the Fa - ther's glo - ry lives and reigns our King of love;
 Al - le - lu - ia to the Sav - ior who has gained the vic - to - ry;

he who on the cross a vic - tim for the world's sal - va - tion bled—
 once he died, and once was bur - ied: now he lives for - ev - er - more,
 hear the word of peace he brings us, see his wound - ed hands and side!
 Al - le - lu - ia to the Spir - it, fount of love and sanc - ti - ty!

Je - sus Christ, the King of Glo - ry, now is ris - en from the dead.
 Je - sus Christ, the world's Re - deem - er, whom we wor - ship and a - dore.
 Now let ev - ery wrong be end - ed, ev - ery sin be cru - ci - fied.
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia to the Tri - une Maj - es - ty!

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HYMN TO JOY
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RUMMAGE SALE: June 7th – Spring Cleaning!!! Bring your items to the church. For more details see Angela Stofflet (stoffletangela@gmail.com or 610-202-4680). Please leave your donations in Fellowship hall on the table marked “Rummage Sale”.

Several rummage sale item drop off days/evenings have been set up to help you with carrying items up the stairs into Fellowship Hall. Those dates are as follows:

May 13th 6 to 8pm, May 20th 11am to 1pm, May 28 6 to 8pm. Of course, you can bring rummage sale items and place them in Fellowship Hall anytime as well.

This is a list of items we will be **UNABLE** to accept for donation:

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| <p>1. Automotive Supplies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Vehicle Roof Top Carriers b. Tires c. Wheels <p>2. Baby Items</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Car seats b. Cribs c. Equipment over 10 years old <p>3. Bedding</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Box Springs/Bed Springs b. Electric Blankets c. Hospital & Electric Beds d. Water Beds <p>4. Building Supplies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Built in Cabinets b. Doors c. Sinks d. Windows <p>5. Computer/Office Equipment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. CRT Monitors b. Computers c. Copiers d. Fax Machines e. Keyboards/Mouse f. Printers g. Scanners <p>6. Major Appliances</p> | <p>7. Electrical</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Ceiling Fans b. Foot Spas c. TVs: Older than 5yo. Larger than 32" d. Projection TVs <p>8. Household Items</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Exercise Equipment older than 5yo b. Food c. Helmets: Bike & Equestrian d. Kerosene Heaters e. Wire hangers <p>9. Furniture</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. "Bean Bag" Chairs b. Entertainment Centers c. Pianos and Organs d. Wood TV and Stereo Console Units <p>10. Medical Equipment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. CPAP Machines b. Nebulizers <p>11. Outdoor Equipment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Camping Tents & Canopies b. Gasoline, Propane Powered Equipment c. Grills d. Paint and Oil e. Skis, Ski Boots & Poles <p>12. Refrigeration Misc.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Air Conditioners b. Dehumidifiers |
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