

# St. Ansgar's Lutheran Church

7459 MN-19, Cannon Falls, MN 55009



### Vision Statement

A Welcoming Church focused on Christ, together actively reaching out to the community.

### Mission Statement

Proclaiming God's Love and salvation for everyone through Jesus Christ.

### *Worship Service | Pastor Paul Graham "Happy Mother's Day"*

<b>Acolyte</b>	Rowen Bollinger	<b>Reader</b>	Carter Hayward
<b>Pianist/Organist</b>	Jane Bracken	<b>Soundboard</b>	Doug Anderson
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Barb & Cindy	<b>Computer</b>	Kylie Sindt
<b>Offering Counters</b>	Gary & Cheryl	<b>Live Streaming</b>	Bob Durdahl
<b>Choir Director</b>	Cindy Hayward	<b>Greeters/Ushers/Bell</b>	Tony, Bill & Shari
		<b>Contemporary Dir</b>	Doug Anderson

### **As a community of faith, we invite you to hold these people in prayer this week:**

Linda Rifenerick, Sue Samuelson, Cindy Hayward, Glenn & Lou Schulz, Marty Dettling, Marcus Cherwinka and Danielle Lingenfelter, Linda Norstad, Ron Anderson and Mary Lindahl.

We pray for those who have been called to active military service and for our mission partners around the globe.

SUNDAY, MAY 11, 2025

4<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER

**Gathering Music (Prelude)**    *“Change My Heart, O God” | “Blessed Be Your Name”*

**Ringling of Church Bells**

**Welcome**

**Call to Worship**

What are we to make of Easter?  
When graves are opened...  
When the dead awaken...  
When life refuses to be contained...

**Then nothing is impossible!  
Hope is never extinguished  
and love is never conquered.**

We celebrate You today, Jesus,  
Because You have made it clear that death  
does not have the last word;  
**Fill us again and again with hope and faith;  
Give us visions of new possibilities, new realities, and new ways of being.**

Alleluia! Christ is Risen!  
**Christ is Risen indeed! Alleluia!**

Open our minds to trust in You,  
**even when we cannot fully explain;**  
Open our hearts to hope for what we cannot see;  
**Open our lives to live and to love in the midst of death and despair;  
Let resurrection happen again in us today! Amen. Alleluia!**

Gathering Song #1

*“Precious Lord, Take My Hand”*

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Precious lord take my hand  
Lead me on let me stand  
I’m tired, I’m weak I’m worn.  
Through the storm through the night  
Lead me on to the light  
Take my hand, precious lord lead me home

When the darkness appears and the night  
draws near  
And the day is past and gone  
At the river I stand,  
Guide my feet hold my hand  
Take my hand, precious lord lead me home

When my way grows drear precious lord linger near  
When my light is almost gone  
Hear my cry hear my call  
Hold my hand lest I fall  
Take my hand, precious lord lead me home

Gathering Song #2

*“Trust In You”*

**Vs1**

Letting go of ev’ry single dream,  
I lay each one down at Your feet.  
Ev’ry moment of my wandering  
Never changes what You see.  
I’ve tried to win this war, I confess.  
My hands are weary, I need Your rest.  
Mighty Warrior, King of the fight,  
No matter what I face,  
You’re by my side.

**Chorus**

When You don’t move the mountains  
I’m needing You to move,  
When You don’t part the waters  
I wish I could walk through,  
When You don’t give the answers as  
I cry out to You,  
I will trust, I will trust, I will trust in You.

**Vs2**

Truth is, You know what tomorrow brings;  
There’s not a day ahead You have not seen.  
So, in all things be my life and breath.  
I want what You want, Lord, and nothing less.

**Bridge**

You are my strength and comfort,  
You are my steady hand.  
You are my firm foundation,  
The Rock on which I stand.  
Your ways are always higher,  
Your plans are always good.  
There’s not a place where I’ll go  
You’ve not already stood.

**End Chorus**

When You don’t move the mountains  
I’m needing You to move,  
When You don’t part the waters  
I wish I could walk through,  
When You don’t give the answers  
As I cry out to You,  
I will trust, I will trust, I will trust in You.  
I will trust in You.  
I will trust in You.  
I will trust in You.

**Greeting**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**And also with you.**

**Thanksgiving for Baptism – pg. 97**

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God's compassion, and joined in Christ's death and resurrection. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

**We give you thanks, for in the beginning, your Spirit moved over the waters,  
And by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took  
delight.**

Through the sea you led your people from slavery to freedom.

At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit.

By water and your Word you claim us as daughters and sons,

Making us heirs of your promise and empowering us to be servants of all.

**We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life,**

**We thank you for the Cannon River and Lake Byllesby,**

**And above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Christ.**

Shower us with your Spirit, and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love.

**To you be given honor and praise through Christ our Lord, in the unity of the  
Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.**

**Opening Prayer**

**Gracious and holy God, you are the good shepherd. Lead us from death to life,  
from falsehood to truth. Lead us from despair to hope, from fear to trust. Lead  
us from hate to love, from war to peace. Let peace fill our hearts, our world, our  
nation, our world, our universe; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**

**Amen.**

**Children's Message**

**First Reading: Revelation 7: 9-17**

I looked again. I saw a huge crowd, too huge to count. Everyone was there—all nations and tribes, all races and languages. And they were standing, dressed in white robes and waving palm branches, standing before the Throne and the Lamb and heartily singing:

*Salvation to our God on his Throne!*

*Salvation to the Lamb!*

All who were standing around the Throne—Angels, Elders, Animals—fell on their faces before the Throne and worshiped God, singing:

*Oh, Yes! Amen!*

*The blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving,*

*The honor and power and strength,*

*To our God forever and ever and ever!*

*Oh, Yes! Amen!*

Just then one of the Elders addressed me: “Who are these dressed in white robes, and where did they come from?” Taken aback, I said, “O Sir, I have no idea—but you must know.”

Then he told me, “These are those who come from the great tribulation, and they’ve washed their robes, scrubbed them clean in the blood of the Lamb. That’s why they’re standing before God’s Throne. They serve him day and night in his Temple. The One on the Throne will pitch his tent there for them: no more hunger, no more thirst, no more scorching heat. The Lamb on the Throne will shepherd them, will lead them to spring waters of Life. And God will wipe every last tear from their eyes.”

**Psalm: Psalm 23**

<sup>1</sup> The LORD is my shepherd;

I shall not be in want.

<sup>2</sup> **The LORD makes me lie down in green pastures  
and leads me beside still waters.**

<sup>3</sup> You restore my soul, O LORD,  
and guide me along right pathways for your name’s sake.

<sup>4</sup> **Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil;  
for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.**

<sup>5</sup> You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;  
you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is running over.

<sup>6</sup> **Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,  
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.**

**Gospel Acclamation**

*“Halle, Halle, Hallelujah”*

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*Halle, halle, halle-lu-jah*

*Halle, halle, halle-lu-jah*

*Hallelujah! Halleujah!*

**Gospel Reading: John 20: 22-30**

The Holy Gospel according to St. John.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

They were celebrating Hanukkah just then in Jerusalem. It was winter. Jesus was strolling in the Temple across Solomon's Porch. The crowd, circling him, said, "How long are you going to keep us guessing? If you're the Messiah, tell us straight out." Jesus answered, "I told you, but you don't believe. Everything I have done has been authorized by my Father, actions that speak louder than words. You don't believe because you're not my sheep. My sheep recognize my voice. I know them, and they follow me. I give them real and eternal life. They are protected from the Destroyer for good. No one can steal them from out of my hand. The Father who put them under my care is so much greater than the Destroyer and Thief. No one could ever get them away from him. I and the Father are one heart and mind."

**Sermon Message**

**Pastor Paul Graham**

**Song of the Day**

*"Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us"*

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| <p>1 Savior, like a shepherd lead us;<br/>much we need your tender care.<br/>In your pleasant pastures feed us,<br/>for our use your fold prepare.<br/>Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,<br/>you have bought us; we are yours.<br/>Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,<br/>you have bought us; we are yours.</p> | <p>3 You have promised to receive us,<br/>poor and sinful though we be;<br/>you have mercy to relieve us,<br/>grace to cleanse, and pow'r to free.<br/>Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,<br/>early let us turn to you.<br/>Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,<br/>early let us turn to you.</p>       |
| <p>2 We are yours; in love befriend us,<br/>be the guardian of our way;<br/>keep your flock, from sin defend us,<br/>seek us when we go astray.<br/>Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,<br/>hear us children when we pray.<br/>Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,<br/>hear us children when we pray.</p>          | <p>4 Early let us seek your favor,<br/>early let us do your will;<br/>blessed Lord and only Savior,<br/>with your love our spirits fill.<br/>Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,<br/>you have loved us, love us still.<br/>Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,<br/>you have loved us, love us still.</p> |

**Prayers of the People**

**A Litany for Mother's Day**

Mothers come in many different forms, and today we celebrate them all!

Mothering God, we draw on the image of you as one who nurtures,  
who gathers, who protects.

**We pray for those women who have nurtured us as mothers  
and who are no longer with us and whom we miss dearly.**

We reflect upon those women who have influenced our own lives  
in so many ways, and we give thanks.

**We pray for the women around the world  
who are working long days and nights to raise their children.  
We pray for the mothers around the world.**

We pray for mothers who have fled violence and difficult situations,  
including refugees, and who have been separated from their children,  
or experienced the tragedy of the death of a child.  
We pray for mothers living in uncertainty and facing the unknown.

**We pray for all the women who are expecting, but aren't quite mothers yet.  
Thank God for the soon-to-be-mothers.**

We pray for families where a mother's illness has led to an early death.

**We pray for those who step in to help with the care and nurture of the children,  
including extended family.**

We pray for the women who took in others' children  
through adoption and foster care.  
We give thanks for these mothers with hearts so big.

**We pray for those women who have lost a child to death and must carry on.  
We pray for strength and courage for mothers who have faced grief and loss.**

We pray for women whose children have grown and whom they now seldom see.  
We pray for mothers who are at a distance from their children.

**We pray for all the women who have desperately wanted to have children of their  
own, but chose instead to mother everyone else.**

**We thank God for the mothers in spirit.**

We pray for women leaders who seek to provide a protective environment for children, and whose commitment is to work for a healthy place for children to live and grow.

**We pray for those troubled by the prospect of motherhood, perhaps too soon, or too few resources to care for a child.**

Mothering God, we offer these prayers to you this day. Hear the prayers of our own hearts.

**Passing of the Peace**

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**And also with you.**

**Offering (Choir Anthem)**

*“Grace at the Cross”*

**Offering Prayer**

**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 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**

**Closing Song**

*“I’m So Glad Jesus Lifted Me”*

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| <p>1 I'm so glad Jesus lifted me.<br/>I'm so glad Jesus lifted me.<br/>I'm so glad Jesus lifted me,<br/>singing glory, hallelujah! Jesus lifted me.</p> <p>2 Satan had me bound, Jesus lifted me.<br/>Satan had me bound, Jesus lifted me.<br/>Satan had me bound, Jesus lifted me,<br/>singing glory, hallelujah! Jesus lifted me.</p> | <p>3 When I was in trouble, Jesus lifted me.<br/>When I was in trouble, Jesus lifted me.<br/>When I was in trouble, Jesus lifted me,<br/>singing glory, hallelujah! Jesus lifted me.</p> |
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**Sending**

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Go in peace. In Christ you are made new. Alleluia! Alleluia!

**Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**Postlude**

*“Soon and Very Soon”*

**Announcements & Events May Globe Offering**



Globe Offering for May , we will be collecting money for the “Assistance Network”. Make checks payable to St. Ansgar’s and write “Assistance Network” in the memo.

Assistance Network is a fund to help members of St. Ansgar’s Lutheran Church who are in financial difficulty, (ie., heat, electric, water, daycare, rent, phone or food). Money/checks may be placed in the Globe sitting out in the narthex or in your pledge envelope.

**WE NEED SUMMER VOLUNTEERS FOR SPECIAL MUSIC**

The choir will be singing through Sunday, May 18th and then they will be taking a summer break. Do you sing or play an instrument? If so, we encourage you to sign up for a Sunday this summer to sing or play an instrument during the service. If you need help in selecting a song Cindy Hayward or Jane Bracken are here to help you. Please feel free to contact us. The sign-up sheet is in the Narthex with dates available.

Thank you!

Cindy Hayward,  
Choir Director

**May 16<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> Spring Cleanup at Church.**

Spring cleanup at the Church will take place on May 16 & 17 starting at 8am. The Property Committee will be responsible for outside grounds and building cleanup including all outside windows. We will need volunteers from committees and other congregational members to help with the cleaning of the interior. There will be sign-up sheets in the Narthex. Interior cleanup will be on Friday and Saturday.

**Outdoor Worship – (Subject to change)**

June 8<sup>th</sup>, July 13<sup>th</sup> and August 10<sup>th</sup>. Please remember to bring your lawn chairs.

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**Register Today for Vacation Bible School Day Camp!**

Good Earth Village is leading VBS Day Camp at First English this summer! There will be a kickoff event on Sunday, June 22 and the program will be held from 8:30AM – 3PM Monday, June 23, through Thursday, June 26. Camp will be for students currently in grades K-5. If we get the volunteers necessary, preschoolers can attend as well. Scholarships are available. Registration forms are available on the table in the narthex.

**Sunday, May 18 Worship Leaders**

<b>Acolyte</b>	Volunteer	<b>Reader</b>	Deb Norstad
<b>Soundboard</b>	Bob Durdahl	<b>Computer</b>	Volunteer
<b>Live Streaming</b>	Carie Dicke	<b>Pianist/Organist</b>	Jane Bracken
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Barb & Cindy	<b>Chancel Choir Dir</b>	Cindy Hayward
<b>Offering Counters</b>	Bryce and Danielle	<b>Contemporary Dir</b>	Doug Anderson
<b>Greeters/Ushers/Bell</b>	Megan, Scott & Donna ( <i>one person to ring bell</i> )		

**Weekly Church Calendar**

Monday (5/12)	8am Finance Team 1pm Mission Quilting 6:30pm Cub Scouts
Tuesday (5/13)	7am Lydia Prayer 7:30am CF Courage Retreat (School) 5pm Property Team 6:30pm Community Outreach Ministry
Friday (5/16)	8am Church Cleanup
Saturday (5/17)	7am Men's Bible Study 8am Church Cleanup
Sunday (5/18)	9:30am Worship Service

**Council Members 2025**

**Executive Members:** Megan Hansen –President | Sue Banks – Vice President  
Tony Busiahn - Secretary | Paul Jacobson – Treasurer  
**At Large:** Bill Berg, Josh Dicke, Bob Durdahl, Shari Ekstrom, David Hall Jim  
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