

# 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.

*Holy Communion Worship Service | Pastor Andrew Thompson  
Flowers on the Altar are in Honor of the Graduating Seniors  
Donated by Liz Rickett & Family*

**Sunday, May 17<sup>th</sup> Worship Leaders**

<b>Reader</b>	Deb Norstad	<b>Computer</b>	Bryer Gustafson
<b>Pianist/Organist</b>	Jane Bracken	<b>Live Streaming</b>	Bob Durdahl
<b>Chancel Choir Dir</b>	Jane Bracken	<b>Soundboard</b>	Doug Anderson
<b>Contemporary Dir</b>	Doug Anderson	<b>Offering Counters</b>	Gary & Cheryl
<b>Greeters/Ushers/Bell</b>	Megan, Scott, & Donna		
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Ann Rapp & Lydell Reinardy		
<b>Communion Assts.</b>	Pastor Andrew, Dave, Megan, & Kirk		

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

Linda Riftenberick, Sue Samuelson, Cindy Hayward, Larry Duncan, Chuck Bracken, Barb Monroe, Glenn Schultz, Jerry Taube, Roger Hardy, and DiAnn Johnson.

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

**Prelude**

**Ringling of Church Bells**

**Welcome**

The Lord be with you | **And also with you.**

**Thanksgiving for Baptism**

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne  
and to the Lamb!

**Amen.**

Let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism.

Merciful God... | Jesus Christ... | Holy Spirit...

...Blessed are you. **You guide us to springs of the water of life.**

Holy One...

....we join with saints and angels, giving you honor and praise, now and forever.

**Amen.**

**Gathering Song**

*God Is Here*

*ELW 526*

**Verse 1**

God is here! As we your people  
meet to offer praise and prayer,  
may we find in fuller measure  
what it is in Christ we share.  
Here, as in the world around us,  
all our varied skills and arts  
wait the coming of the Spirit  
into open minds and hearts.

**Verse 2**

Here are symbols to remind us  
of our lifelong need of grace;  
here are table, font, and pulpit;  
here the cross has central place.  
Here in honesty of preaching,  
here in silence, as in speech,  
here, in newness and renewal,  
God the Spirit comes to each.

**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.**

**Prayer of the Day**

Almighty God, your blessed Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, ascended far above all heavens that he might fill all things. **Mercifully give us faith to trust that, as he promised, he abides with us on earth to the end of time, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. | Amen.**

**Verse 3**

Here our children find a welcome  
in the Shepherd's flock and fold;  
here as bread and wine are taken,  
Christ sustains us as of old.  
Here the servants of the Servant  
seek in worship to explore  
what it means in daily living  
to believe and to adore.

**Verse 4**

Lord of all, of church and kingdom,  
in an age of change and doubt,  
keep us faithful to the gospel;  
help us work your purpose out.  
Here, in this day's dedication,  
all we have to give, receive;  
we, who cannot live without you,  
we adore you! We believe!

**First Reading: Acts 1:1-11**

[Luke writes:] <sup>1</sup> In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus began to do and teach <sup>2</sup> until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. <sup>3</sup> After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. <sup>4</sup> While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem but to wait there for the promise of the Father. “This,” he said, “is what you have heard from me; <sup>5</sup> for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.”

<sup>6</sup> So when they had come together, they asked him, “Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?” <sup>7</sup> He replied, “It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. <sup>8</sup> But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” <sup>9</sup> When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. <sup>10</sup> While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. <sup>11</sup> They said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.”

Holy Word, Holy Wisdom

**Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm: Psalm 47**

<sup>1</sup> Clap your hands, all you peoples;  
shout to God with a joyful sound.

<sup>2</sup> **For the Lord Most High is to be feared:  
a great king over all the earth,**

<sup>3</sup> who subdues the peoples under us,  
and the nations under our feet;

<sup>4</sup> **who chooses our inheritance for us,  
the pride of Jacob, whom God loves.**

<sup>5</sup> God has gone up with a shout,  
the Lord with the sound of the ram’s horn.

<sup>6</sup> **Sing praises to God, sing praises;  
sing praises to our king, sing praises.**

<sup>7</sup> For God is king of all the earth;  
sing praises with a song.

<sup>8</sup> **God reigns over the nations;  
God is enthroned on high.**

<sup>9</sup> The nobles of the peoples have gathered as the people of the God of Abraham.  
The rulers of the earth belong to God, who is highly exalted.

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ASCENSION OF OUR LORD

**Second Reading: Ephesians 1:15-23**

<sup>15</sup> I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason <sup>16</sup> I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers, <sup>17</sup> that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, <sup>18</sup> so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may perceive what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, <sup>19</sup> and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. <sup>20</sup> God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, <sup>21</sup> far above all rule and authority and power and dominion and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. <sup>22</sup> And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, <sup>23</sup> which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

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**Thanks be to God.**

**Choir Anthem**

*We Love to Tell the Story!*

**Gospel: Luke 24:44-53**

The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the twenty-fourth chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>44</sup> [Jesus said to the eleven and those with them,] “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.”<sup>45</sup> Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, <sup>46</sup> and he said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day <sup>47</sup> and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. <sup>48</sup> You are witnesses of these things. <sup>49</sup> And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised, so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high.”

<sup>50</sup> Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them. <sup>51</sup> While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. <sup>52</sup> And they worshiped him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy, <sup>53</sup> and they were continually in the temple blessing God.

The Gospel of our Lord

**Praise to you, O Christ.**



**Song of the Day**

*Alleluia! Sing to Jesus*

*ELW 392*

**Verse 1**

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus;  
his the scepter, his the throne;  
Alleluia! his the triumph,  
his the victory alone.  
Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion  
thunder like a mighty flood:  
"Jesus out of ev'ry nation  
has redeemed us by his blood."

**Verse 2**

Alleluia! Not as orphans  
are we left in sorrow now;  
Alleluia! he is near us;  
faith believes, nor questions how.  
Though the cloud from sight received him  
when the forty days were o'er,  
shall our hearts forget his promise:  
"I am with you evermore"?

**Verse 3**

Alleluia! Bread of heaven,  
here on earth our food, our stay;  
Alleluia! here the sinful  
flee to you from day to day.  
Intercessor, friend of sinners,  
earth's redeemer, hear our plea  
where the songs of all the sinless  
sweep across the crystal sea.

**Verse 4**

Alleluia! King eternal,  
Lord omnipotent we own;  
Alleluia! born of Mary,  
earth your footstool, heav'n your throne.  
As within the veil you entered,  
robed in flesh, our great high priest,  
here on earth both priest and victim  
in the eucharistic feast.

**Verse 5**

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**Nicene Creed**

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

**Prayers of the People**

Lord, in your mercy | **Hear our Prayer**

**Sharing of the Peace**

The peace of the Lord be with you always | **And also with you.**

**Offering Music**

**Offering Prayer**

Merciful God,

accept the fruits of our labor, gathered to give you glory. You have set a table before us, a glimpse of that great day when we will hunger and thirst no more. **Nourish us with the body and blood of Jesus, that goodness and mercy may follow us and bless the world you love. In the name of Jesus, | Amen.**

**Great Thanksgiving**

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

**Preface & Holy, Holy, Holy**

...with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn, saying together: **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

**Words of Institution**

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### 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.**

### Holy Communion

#### Prayer after Communion

Holy One,  
through this meal you have made your home among us and are making all things new.  
**Send us now to speak peace to anxious hearts, to love our enemies, and to bring your healing to the nations. In the name of Jesus, Amen.**

### Benediction

God Almighty, who is the beginning and the end,  
Jesus Christ, the firstborn of the dead,  
and the Spirit, our advocate and peace,  
✠ bless you now and forever.  
**Amen.**

### Blessing of the Seniors

Cameron Anderson  
Jonathyn Banks  
Cara Erickson  
Peyton Gustafson  
Gus Otto  
Calissa Rickert  
Talant Rifenberick

### Dismissal

Go in peace. Praise the Lord. Alleluia!  
**Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

### Postlude

#### **Attention!**

Do you sing or play an instrument? If so, sign up for special music this summer is available in the narthex with dates available. Your music can be vocal or instrumental. If you need help choosing music feel free to reach out to either Jane Bracken or Pastor Andrew.

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**GLOBE OFFERING FOR MAY**

**St. Ansgar’s Assistance Network**

The globe offering for the month of May is the St. Ansgar’s Assistance Network. The purpose of the St. Ansgar’s Assistance Network is to provide emergency financial assistance to St. Ansgar’s members, their relatives, or close friends who find themselves under financial stress.

This limited financial support might be needed for things such as rent or mortgage payments, utilities, automotive repairs, gas, medications, food, etc. Requests for funds are confidential and will be directed to the pastor.

Anyone needing assistance can reach Pastor Andrew at 507-263-3645 and leave a **confidential** voice mail. He will contact the caller back. Your support of this fund will help keep money available for St. Ansgar’s community members dealing with serious financial situations. Thanks for your generosity.

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**Weekly Church Schedule**

Monday (5/18)	1:30pm Elizabeth & Ruth Circle
Tuesday(5/19)	7am Lydia Prayer
	7am CFBC
	6:30pm Church Council
Wednesday (5/20)	7pm Choir Rehearsal
Saturday (5/23)	Men’s Bible Study
Sunday (5/24)	9:30am Worship Service

**MUSIC FOR MAY 17, 2026**

**GOD IS HERE**

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**ALLELUIA SING TO JESUS**

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