

ANTHEM

The Strife is O'er

Henry G. Ley, tune by Melchoir Vulpius

The strife is o'er, the battle done:
Now is the Victor's triumph won:
O let the song of praise be sung:
Hallelujah!

On the third morn, he rose again,
Glorious in majesty to reign;
O let us swell the joyful strain:
Hallelujah!

Death's mightiest powers have done their worst,
And Jesus hath his foes diepersed;
Let shouts of praise and joy outburst
Hallelujah!

Lord, by the stripes which wounded thee
From death's dread sting thy servants free,
That we may live and sing to thee:
Hallelujah! Amen.

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON

1 Peter 2: 19-25

New Testament, page 219

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

SERMON

"Next Steps"

Richard B. Culp

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

*HYMN 249

Because You Live, O Christ

VREUCHTEN

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (ECUMENICAL VERSION)

The reconciling work of Jesus was the supreme crisis in the life of humankind. His cross and resurrection become personal crisis and present hope for people when the gospel is proclaimed and believed. In this experience the Spirit brings God's forgiveness to people, moves them to respond in faith, repentance, and obedience, and initiates the new life in Christ...The new life finds its direction in the life of Jesus, his deeds and words, his struggles against temptation, his compassion, his anger, and his willingness to suffer death. The teaching of apostles and prophets guides people in living this life, and the Christian community nurtures and equips them for their ministries. Amen.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND 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.

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

Deep River

Traditional Spiritual arr. Moses Hogan

Di Tiscareño, mezzo-soprano

Deep river, my home is over Jordan
Deep river, Lord, I want to cross over into campground
Oh, don't you want to go to that gospel feast
that promised land where all is peace.
Deep river, Lord, I want to cross over into campground.

*SUNG RESPONSE (Hymn 591, Refrain)

HALLE, HALLE

Halle, halle, hallelujah! Halle, halle, hallelujah!
Halle, halle, hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

*THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

*INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

We are God's people.

Let God's word ring through our being and God's Spirit breathe new life into our lungs.

What does it mean to be disciples of Christ?

To be moved by gratitude for all we have been given, to live as neighbors amid difference, to speak truth with compassion, to act in gentleness and mercy, and to rebuke what is harmful and inhumane, in God's name.

With one voice, in many tongues, go from here united in purpose, that we may speak of the good news of the resurrection wherever we go:

Christ is risen, and a new life has begun.

*HYMN 250

In a Bulb There Is a Flower

PROMISE

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Fanfare

David Willcocks

*Bold Text indicates congregational participation. *Those who are able are asked to stand.*

The rosebud in the Chancel celebrates the birth of Mayer Knox Morin, born April 20, 2026. Mayer is the son of Lori and David Morin and grandson of Clarie and Larry Luce.

Penelope Schnurr is serving as acolyte for today's worship services.

Dr. Culp will be out of the office from 4/27/26—5/4/26 to attend a conference at Ferncliff Conference Center in AR, where he will have limited email access.

Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna! 248

1 Christ is ris - en! Shout Ho - san - na! Cel - e - brate this day of days!
 2 Christ is ris - en! Raise your spir - its from the cav - erns of de - spair.
 3 Christ is ris - en! Earth and heav - en nev - er - more shall be the same.

Christ is ris - en! Hush in won - der: all cre - a - tion is a - mazed.
 Walk with glad - ness in the morn - ing. See what love can do and dare.
 Break the bread of new cre - a - tion where the world is still in pain.

In the des - ert all - sur - round - ing, see, a spread - ing tree has grown.
 Drink the wine of res - ur - rec - tion, not a ser - vant, but a friend.
 Tell its grim, de - mon - ic cho - rus: "Christ is ris - en! Get you gone!"

Heal - ing leaves of grace a - bound - ing bring a taste of love un - known.
 Je - sus is our strong com - pan - ion. Joy and peace shall nev - er end.
 God the First and Last is with us. Sing Ho - san - na ev - ery - one!

In commenting on this late 20th-century text, the author has stressed his intention to affirm the social implications of an Easter faith: "Christian peace and justice action finds its wellspring, not in moral zeal or guilty conscience, but in the resurrection."

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Alleluia

Aleluya

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.
A - le - lu - ya, a - le - lu - ya. A - le - lu - ya, a - le - lu - ya.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Now the Lord is risen in - deed.
A - le - lu - ya, a - le - lu - ya. El Se - ñor re - su - ci - tó.

Shepherd Me, O God

(Psalm 23)

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Capo 1: (Em) (C) (G) (D)
 Refrain Fm D^b A^b E^b

Shep-herd me, O God, be - yond my wants, be -

(Bm7) (C) (Am7) (Bm7) (Em)
 Cm7 D^b B^bm7 Cm7 Fm

yond my fears, from death in - to life.

Leader stanzas included in Accompaniment Edition

PSALM 23

Refrain

- 1 The LORD is my shepherd;
I shall not want.
- 2 **He makes me lie down in green pastures.
He leads me beside still waters.**
Refrain
- 3 He restores my soul.
He leads me in paths of righteousness
for his name's sake.
- 4 **Even though I walk through the valley
of the shadow of death, I fear no evil,
for thou art with me;
thy rod and thy staff, they comfort me.**
Refrain
- 5 Thou preparest a table before me
in the presence of my enemies;
thou anointest my head with oil;
my cup overflows.
- 6 **Surely goodness and mercy shall
follow me all the days of my life,
and I shall dwell in the house
of the LORD forever.** *Refrain*

PSALM PRAYER

Lord Jesus Christ, our good shepherd,
in the waters of Baptism you give us
birth,
and at your table you nourish us with
heavenly food.
In your goodness and mercy,
lead us along safe paths,
beyond the terrors of evil and death,
to the house of the Lord
where we may rest securely in you
forever.
Amen.

For centuries no psalm has been better known or more beloved than Psalm 23. Although most people now have little occasion to encounter actual shepherds in daily life, this image remains a cherished and meaningful expression of reliance on God's faithful protection and provision.

249 Because You Live, O Christ

1 Be-cause you live, O Christ, the gar - den of the world has come to
 2 Be-cause you live, O Christ, the spir - it bird of hope is freed for
 3 Be-cause you live, O Christ, the rain-bow of your peace will span cre -

flow - er; the dark-ness of the tomb is flood - ed with your
 fly - ing; our ca - ges of de - spair no lon - ger keep us
 a - tion; the col - ors of your love will draw all hu - man -

Refrain

res - ur - rec - tion pow - er.
 closed and life - de - ny - ing. The stone has rolled a - way and death can -
 kind to ad - o - ra - tion.

not im - pris - on! O sing this Eas - ter day, for Je - sus Christ has

ris - en, has ris - en, has ris - en, has ris - en!

SERVICE MUSIC

591 Halle, Halle, Hallelujah!

Refrain

Hal-le, hal-le, hal - le - lu - jah!
hal - le -

Hal-le, hal-le, hal - le - lu - jah!
Hal - le - lu - jah!

Hal-le, hal-le, hal - le - lu - jah! Hal - le -
hal - le -

lu - jah! Hal - le - lu - jah!
Fine

SERVICE MUSIC

Leader/All (sung over or in alternation with refrain)



1 O God, to whom shall we go? You a - lone have the
2 My sheep hear my voice, says the Lord. When I call them they



words of life. Let your words be our prayer and the song we
fol - low me. I will lead them to rest by the peace - ful



sing: hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah!
streams: hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah!

In the Bulb There Is a Flower 250

Hymn of Promise

Capo 3: (D) (Em)
F Gm

1 In the bulb there is a flow - er; in the seed, an ap - ple tree;
2 There's a song in ev - ery si - lence, seek - ing word and mel - o - dy;
3 In our end is our be - gin - ning; in our time, in - fin - i - ty;

(A7) (D)
C7 F

in co - coons, a hid - den prom - ise: but - ter - flies will soon be free!
there's a dawn in ev - ery dark - ness, bring - ing hope to you and me.
in our doubt there is be - liev - ing; in our life, e - ter - ni - ty.

(D7) (G) (Em) (D) (Bm) (Em) (F#) (Bm)
F7 Bb Gm F Dm Gm A Dm

In the cold and snow of win - ter there's a spring that waits to be,
From the past will come the fu - ture; what it holds, a mys - ter - y,
In our death, a res - ur - rec - tion; at the last, a vic - to - ry,

(G) (Em) (D) (Bm) (Em) (A7) (D)
Bb Gm F Dm Gm C7 F

un - re - vealed un - til its sea - son, some - thing God a - lone can see.

The writing of this hymn was spurred by a line from the poet T. S. Eliot: "In my end is my beginning."

Shortly after this piece was completed, the author/composer's husband was diagnosed with what proved to be a terminal malignancy, and the original anthem version of this hymn was sung at his funeral.

1 Peter 2: 19-25

19 For it is a commendable thing if, being aware of God, a person endures pain while suffering unjustly. 20 If you endure when you are beaten for doing wrong, what credit is that? But if you endure when you do good and suffer for it, this is a commendable thing before God. 21 For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you should follow in his steps.

22

“He committed no sin,
and no deceit was found in his mouth.”

23 When he was abused, he did not return abuse; when he suffered, he did not threaten, but he entrusted himself to the one who judges justly. 24 He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, having died to sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds^[b] you have been healed. 25 For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

Super Wednesday

Wednesday, April 29

Dinner at 5:30pm

Menu: Hamburgers and chicken sandwiches, chips and dips, with salad
\$7 for individuals, \$15 for families.

Activities for Children

Nursery for infants & preschoolers,
Room 102, 5:30pm-7:30pm

Covenant Choir, grades 2nd-5th,
Children's Choir Room,
Kirsten Trachsel, 6:20pm

Noel Choir, grades K-1st, Children's Choir Room,
Kirsten Trachsel, 6:00pm

Recreation Grades K-1st
Malicia Curran, 6:20pm

Activities for Youth

Middle School and High School
Rec Center and The Den @ 6:00pm-7:30pm
High School Only
The Den @ 7:30pm-8:30pm

Classes for Adults

Hymn Sing

6:30pm, Fellowship Hall

Join us for our final Super Wednesday of the spring semester as we join with our Children's Choirs in Fellowship Hall for a hymn sing! Singing starts with the whole congregation at 6:30pm.

The Wave
Terah and Wade Hatter
Room 205

Chancel Choir Practice
Adult Choir Room
7:30pm

Bell Choir Practice
Children's Choir Room
7:00pm

St. Andrew Children Go to Camp Gilmont, April 24-26

Fourteen elementary-age children and adult sponsors will attend "The Next Right Thing" at KidQuake, an annual weekend camp at Camp Gilmont. Children will participate in bible learning, small-group time, and camp activities, including canoeing, hiking, and games. They will meet kids from throughout Grace Presbytery starting to establish bonds of friendship with children from other congregations. Attending from St. Andrew will be Elizabeth Kyzer, Ella Armstrong, Sophia Armstrong, Vivian Jones, Margaret McStravick, Chase Fair, Emily Fair, Sarah Barnett, Bekah Barnett, Chris Fair, Alison McStravick, Karen Jones, Abigail Kyzer, and Lisa Patterson. Trinity Presbyterian's group attending KidQuake will travel with St. Andrew in the church bus and van. Please keep this traveling church group in your prayers.

Theology on Tap Meets Monday, April 27

Theology On Tap will meet Monday, April 27, 6:30pm, at Denton County Brewing Company (in the back room). Our topic is, "Wrath and Grace - Rethinking God Across the Old and New Testaments." We hope you will join us for the conversation!

Prime Time

Friday, May 1

Prime Time is an opportunity for adults over 50 to meet in an informal setting for fellowship and to meet others in the church. This month we will meet at the GreenHouse Restaurant on Friday, May 1, at noon. The restaurant is located at 600 North Locust Street. Please join us and invite others!

Memorial Service for Billye Akin

Saturday, May 2

1:30pm, Sanctuary

On Sunday, March 22, long-time member, Billye Akin, entered the Church Triumphant. We give thanks for her full life, her faithfulness, and her witness to the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. A Memorial Service for Billye Akin has been planned for Saturday, May 2, at 1:30pm in the sanctuary at St. Andrew Presbyterian Church.

Summer Guide Deadline

Sunday, May 10

The Summer Guide is St. Andrew's publication that shares all of the events happening around St. Andrew from Memorial Day until Labor Day. Committees and groups of the church hosting events are invited to submit their 3-5 sentence announcement by 11:00pm on Sunday, May 10, to Lou Korom, lou@standrewdenton.com, for inclusion in the guide. The guide will be mailed the week of May 24.

Parents' Night Out

Saturday, May 2

Parents' Night Out is a program for the young families of St. Andrew. The program has a two-fold purpose: it gives parents an opportunity to spend quality time together without their children and it gives the children an evening of fun, age-appropriate activities with their friends at St. Andrew. The evening runs from 4:00pm to 8:00pm for infants-5yrs old in the Nursery. In the Rec Center, Kindergarten-elementary age will meet 4:00pm to 9:00pm, with pick-up from the media room in the main church building. Parents are reminded to bring a dinner meal for their child. Registration is required on Realm or email Karen Raabe at karen@standrewdenton.com.

Part-Time Custodian Needed

St. Andrew is looking for a part-time custodian, whose work would be focused on the Rec Center and nursery rooms. Hours would be flexible. Ideally the custodial work would take place in the morning before The Children's Place starts or in the early evening after the Treehouse is done. Apply using the link below on Indeed.

Save the Date

Vacation Bible School

Week of June 22

Details to come!

Items Needed for Our Daily Bread

The diaconate is collecting items for Our Daily Bread. Items may be donated in the box in the Narthex. Current needs are: women's and men's underwear, (all sizes). beard nets, food safe rubber gloves, hand soap and condiment containers.

Give-a-Meal in April and Double Your Donation!

St. Andrew donated \$520.19 to the Give-a-Meal-a-Month program in March which fed about 173 people for a day. Thank you for supporting the needs of those who are experiencing food insecurity during this time. Donations can be made by mail or online. Please write Give-a-Meal on your envelope or check when giving by mail. To give online, visit standrewdenton.com/give and be sure to choose Give-a-Meal from the fund options to the right of your monetary donation.

Remember, donations given in April will be match, up to \$1000, by the Mission Committee.

Prayer Requests

Bob Heilig

Mayer Knox Morin, son of Lori and David Morin
Family of Anna Black, mother of James Black
Family of Sophia Lilley, mother of Lisa Haddad
Family of Robert Sanderson,
son-in-law of Mary and Rick Taylor

Renee Poinboeuf

Sue Atkinson, aunt of Lauri Goldston
Alice Orgain, friend of Debby Ishee and Mary Smith

Mel Fite

Jim Fair, father of Chris Fair
Anna Black, mother of James Black

Virginia White
Stacey Cornelius
Caia McCullar

Shirley Dixon, mother of Jackie Jackson
John Jackson, father of Jackie Jackson
Laura Bruening, mother of Lisa Dorr
Ryder Shaw, friend of the Hooper family

We are grateful for the opportunity to pray for and with the people on our prayer list each Sunday. Our Sunday morning prayers are joined through the week by members and the prayer teams that meet each week. Names will remain on the list for four weeks. If there is a need and desire to add the name back to the list, please let the church office know, and we will add the name to the list.

WELCOME!

We proclaim that ALL people are created in the image of God and affirm that each person is a beloved child of God. We welcome all, celebrating our differences while finding unity in Christ. No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here.

If you wish to join St. Andrew today, please contact one of the ministers.

Children's Chapel

During the worship service, children ages three years through kindergarten are invited to go to chapel immediately following the Time with Young Disciples.

The Good Shepherd

Karen Raabe and Nursery Staff

Godly Play seeks to tell the stories of the faith so that children hear and remember these stories and become engaged in them. It also provides a place and opportunities for children to begin exploring the purpose and meaning of worship. Parents may come upstairs to the Children's Chapel to pick children up following the worship service.

By the Numbers: As of 3/31/2026

Income (pledges + other income)	\$265,997
Expenses	\$283,374
Difference	-\$17,377

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