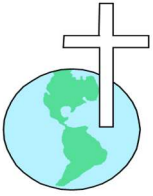


St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church
Sunday, May 18, 2025
Fifth Sunday of Easter



Please stand if you are able



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Our Reason for Being

*As a community of the people of God,
called by Christ and empowered by the Holy Spirit.
Our purpose is to reach the hearts, minds,
bodies and souls of individuals,
thus, bringing the Kingdom of God upon ourselves and others.
We do this through **worship, nurture and outreach.***

*St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Lethbridge, acknowledges that we worship and
are gathered on the traditional lands of the Blackfoot people of the Canadian Plains;
thus, paying respect to Blackfoot people past, present and future while recognizing
and respecting their cultural heritage, beliefs and relationships to the land.*

*St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Lethbridge, also offers respect to the Métis and all
who have lived on this land and made Lethbridge and area their home.*

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

WE GATHER



Hymn #407 "Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven" (Verses 1-3
please stand if you are able)



CALL TO WORSHIP (*Responsive, please remain seated*)

One: Praise the Lord!

Congregation: Praise God in the heights!

One: Praise God, all you angels; praise God, all creatures high and low!

**Congregation: Rulers of the earth and all peoples, praise God's holy
name!**

One: All people together!

All: With one voice, let us praise the Lord!

PRAYER OF APPROACH



Hymn #767 "Lord, Speak to Me" (Verses 1-3 *please stand if you are able*)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*in unison*)

Loving God,

Jesus commanded us to love one another so the world would know we follow him. Yet we confess we do not always love one another, as Jesus loves us.

The world has seen our squabbling, our history of hypocrisy, and our lack of compassion for those who are in pain.

Loving God, forgive us.

Lord Jesus, continue to love us.

Holy Spirit, fill us with love, so that the world will witness your love in our words and actions. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Jesus taught us that no one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. Christ has laid down his life for us and invites us to love one another as he has loved us. Let us rejoice in his forgiving love and share it with each other day by day. *"Peace of Christ be with you as you come to him!"* ♥

WE LISTEN

MINISTRY OF MUSIC “Fairest Lord Jesus” *arr. James R. Gillette* (Choir)

TIME FOR THE YOUNG AT HEART *“The Scars of Rejection” (Jephthah’s Story, Part 1)*

The Lord’s Prayer (let’s sing it together – *remain seated*)

Our Father in heaven hallowed be your name,
Your kingdom come, your will be done
On earth as in heaven
Give us today our daily bread
Forgive us our sins as we forgive
Those who sin against us
Save us from the time of trials
And deliver us from evil
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours
Now and forever
Amen

SCRIPTURE READING: Judges 11:1-11

Reader: Isabelle Plomp

PRAYER OF UNDERSTANDING

SERMON: *“The Scars of Rejection” (Jephthah’s Story, Part 1 “The Scars Tell Stories” Series – Part 3/5)*

WE RESPOND

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

OFFERING TIME

As we come to this time of offering, may the gifts we bring reflect our deep gratitude for God’s abundant goodness in our lives, and our steadfast hope in the new life we have through Christ Jesus. May what we offer today be a sign of our trust in God’s provision and a response to the love that sustains us daily.

 **Hymn #768 "Sometimes A Healing Word is Comfort"** (Verses 1-4
please stand on the last verse)

OFFERING PRAYER

  **DOXOLOGY HYMN #553 "May the Lord Bless You"**
(Let us stand and face one another)

BENEDICTION

CHORAL AMEN

POSTLUDE – Moriah Van't Land on piano

**Large print bulletins, sermons and audio enhancement devices
are available in the narthex. If you need help please ask your
usher for assistance.*

The Life and Work of the Church



Worship services will continue to be shown on **Roger's T.V. Sunday at 10:00 a.m. on channel 105.** These same services are also available on the **St. Andrew's Facebook page with a link to YouTube (search for St. Andrew's, Lethbridge).**

Presbyterian Daily Devotionals can be found at www.presbycan.ca.

Video-taping is in progress during the Church Service. Photographs may be also taken from time to time. Thus, your pictures and/or the videotapes may be shared on St. Andrew's website and/or social media platforms. If you would **prefer NOT** to have your images featured, please notify the Convenor of Spiritual Life Team or the Church office.



Busy Bags are quiet activities available in the Narthex for children to pick up and use during worship.



Dial-A- Ride - If there is anyone in need of **a ride to church Sunday mornings,** please call the church **by Fridays at 10:00 am.** We have a schedule of volunteer drivers that will be available every Sunday.



Marriage Recommitment Service – Saturday, May 24 at 7:00PM

Join us for a joyful and meaningful **Marriage Recommitment Service** on **Saturday, May 24 at 7:00PM** in the sanctuary!

This special service is open to *all couples*—whether you've been married less than five years, more than fifty years, or anywhere in between—who would like to renew their vows before God and our church family.

We'll celebrate the beauty of lasting love, the adventure of shared life, and God's faithfulness through every season (and every "for better or for worse" along the way!). After the service, we'll continue the celebration with a **potluck dessert** in the gym—bring your favorite sweet treat, and feel free to invite friends and family to join the festivities.

Everyone is welcome. Come celebrate and give thanks for love that endures!

Bible Study Sacred Wounds (A 4-Week Bible Study Series)



What is it? Sacred Wounds is a gentle and reflective 4-week Bible study designed to help us meet God in the stories of pain and healing we carry.

Why join? Because your story matters. And God meets us — not in spite of our wounds, but often through them.

When & Where? Wednesdays at 7:00 PM | Conference Room

Starts: May 28

Continues: June 11, 18, and 25

How to come? Just as you are. Bring your honest self. Bring your story. God is already there, waiting to meet you.



Youth Group Mini-Golf - all youth, ages 10 to 35ish are invited to play mini-golf at Evergreen Golf Centre (5225 24th Ave. S.) on **Friday, May 30th**. Please arrive around 6:45pm so that we can divide everyone into teams and be ready to start mini-golf at 7:00pm. St. Andrew's will cover the cost of mini-golf for all youth. We will go back to the church afterwards for S'mores and snacks around a gas fire pit out in the courtyard. Please let Isabelle Plomp know if you will be attending by Wednesday, May 28th via email (isabelle.plomp44@gmail.com) or text/phone (403-824-3413). If it should happen to be pouring rain, we will gather instead at the church for our own games night.



Mark on your calendar: **Saturday, September 27** - Ceilidh (family friendly Scottish event) co-sponsored by the Lethbridge Scottish Country Dance Club and St. Andrew's Session. Stay tuned for more information.

May 18 – May 25

Sunday:	10:30 am 11:45 am	Worship Service Coffee
Monday (Victoria Day)	6:00 pm	Pickleball ?
Tuesday:	10:00 am	Pickleball
Wednesday:	10:00 am 7:00 pm	Pickleball Scottish Dance (last day)
Thursday:	10:00 am 7:00 pm	Pickleball Choir
Saturday:	9:00 am 7:00pm	Thriving Families Marriage Recommitment Service & Potluck
Sunday:	10:30 am	Worship Service



Date	May 18	May 25	June 1	June 8
Security	David Miller	Lawrence	Bob	Gary
Ushers	Team 4 Brian Fenz	Team 5 Lawrence McCune	Team 6 Marilyn	Team 1 Gary
Greeters	Tony Afaganis	Selly Meiliana and Ben Surya	---	--
Announcements/ Lay Reader	Isabelle Plomp	Diane Fleming	Gina Wamambo	Margaret Cook
Power Point	Dean Degner	Brendon Degner	John Plomp	Chase Stankievech
Audio/ Video	John B./ Chase Stankievech	John/Isabelle Plomp	Jim/ Paul Degner	Gary/Gerda Van Voorst
GIFT	Deb/Bob	Anne/Eva	Shona/Joan	Fiona/David
Coffee Hosts	Selly and Ben	---	---	---
Sunday Driver	Lawrence	Donna	Deb Stankievech	Brian Fenz
Outside Care	Darwin Shoemaker May 19 - 25	Bob Epp May 26-June1	John Plomp June 2 - 8	Bud Hatch June 9 - 15

Hymn #407 Praise, My Soul, The King of Heaven

- 1. Praise, my soul, the King of heaven;
to his feet thy tribute bring;
ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,
who like me his praise should sing?
Praise him, praise him, praise him,
praise him, praise the everlasting King.**
- 2. Praise him for his grace and favour
to our fathers in distress;
praise him, still the same forever,
slow to chide and swift to bless;
Praise him, praise him, praise him,
praise him, glorious in his faithfulness.**
- 3. Fatherlike he tends and spares us;
well our feeble frame he knows;
in his hands he gently bears us,
rescues us from all our foes:
Praise him, praise him, praise him,
praise him, widely as his mercy flows.**

Hymn #767 Lord, Speak to Me

- 1. Lord, speak to me, that I may speak
in living echoes of your tone;
as you have sought, so let me seek
your erring children lost and lone.**
- 2. Oh lead me, Lord, that I may lead
the wandering and the wavering feet;
oh feed me, Lord, that I may feed
your hungering ones with manna sweet.**
- 3. Oh teach me, Lord, that I may teach
the precious truths that you impart,
and wing my words, that they may reach
the hidden depths of many~a heart.**

Hymn #768 Sometimes a Healing Word is Comfort

- 1. Sometimes a healing word is comfort:
easing the grieved or anxious heart,
giving assurance of our caring,
treasuring each and every part.
Come, break the silence! Let us tell
the Word that makes us free and well.**
- 2. Sometimes a healing word remembers:
calling up days of joy or pain,
letting the past renew the present,
till hope can mend and move again.
Come, break the silence! Let us tell
the Word that makes us free and well.**
- 3. Sometimes a healing word is angry:
giving a name to discontent,
shining a light on sin or grievance,
calling a people to repent.
Come, break the silence! Let us tell
the Word that makes us free and well.**
- 4. Sometimes a healing word takes chances:
going where no one yet has been,
facing the dangers of the desert,
hoping for shelter at the inn.
Come, break the silence! Let us tell
the Word that makes us free and well.**

553 May the Lord Bless you

**May the Lord bless you, May the Lord keep you;
May the Lord lift up His face to shine on you. (repeat)**

Time For the Young At Heart

