

# 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.

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**Please sign the Friendship Pad**

***First Communion | Communion Service | Pastor Kira Anderson***

***The flowers on the altar are in memory of Muriel Cherwinka given by Kris Sande***

**Acolyte:** Kylie Sindt

**Computer:** Carsen Eckhoff

**Sound Board:** Doug Anderson

**Pianist:** Jane Bracken

**Altar Guild:** Ann and Lydell

**Choir Director:** Cindy Hayward

**Communion Servers:** Pastor Kira, Jim, Shari, and Danielle

**Bell Ringer:** Dallas Forsman

**Live Streaming:** Bob Durdahl

**Tech:** Doug & Bob

**Offering:** Kris and Deb

**Greeters/Ushers:** Paul, John, and Linda

**Reader:** Paul Jacobson

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

Eva Marie Bergstrom, Linda Rifemberick, Paralee Lamberty, Bruce Kreutzian, Samuel Eroglu, Wayne Groth, Darlene Sundheim, Carter Hayward, Janine Hayward, Diane Lundell, Mackenzie and her daughter, Sophia, and Joanne Farrier.

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

**Prelude**                    *This I Believe (The Creed) & I Will Sing to my Redeemer*

**Welcome, Announcements & Ringing of the Church Bell**

P:     The Lord be with you.

C:     **And also with you.**

**Sharing of the Peace**

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

C:     **And also with you.**

**Opening Song**                    *Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing!*                    ELW 385

**vs1**

Good Christian friends, rejoice and sing!  
Now is the triumph of our king!  
To all the world glad news we bring:  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

**vs2**

The Lord of life is ris'n this day;  
death's mighty stone is rolled away;  
let all the world rejoice and say:  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

**vs3**

Praise we in songs of victory  
that love, that life, which cannot die,  
and sing with hearts uplifted high:  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

**vs4**

Your name we bless, O risen Lord,  
and sing today with one accord,  
the life laid down, the life restored:  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

**Call to Worship**

L:     The Holy Spirit calls you to this place.

C:     **We are inspired to hear and know God's word.**

L:     The Holy Spirit calls you to this place.

C:     **We are inspired to sing God's praises!**

**Confession & Forgiveness**

P:     We confess our sins before God and one another.

*Pause for silence and reflection.*

P:     Risen God,

C:     **We confess to you, to ourselves, and to one another that we have caused harm by the things we have said and done, and by the things we have not said and not done. Take away our sins that we might fully embody your commandment to love you with all our hearts, souls, minds, and strength, and to love our neighbors as ourselves.**

P:     In grace and mercy, God forgives all our sins, and with joy and expectation calls us into new life for the sake of the world, through Jesus Christ our savior. Amen.

**Prayer of the Day**

L: Holy God,

C: **It is not always easy to live out the gospel in our daily lives. We are sometimes met with opposition or rejection when we stand in solidarity with those who are marginalized. Strengthen us by the example of the early Christians that we might persist in our call to bear witness to you. In and through Jesus Christ. Amen.**

**Children's Message****First Reading – Acts 17:1-19**

After Paul and Silas had passed through Amphipolis and Apollonia, they came to Thessalonica, where there was a synagogue of the Jews. <sup>2</sup>And Paul went in, as was his custom, and on three sabbath days argued with them from the scriptures, <sup>3</sup>explaining and proving that it was necessary for the Messiah to suffer and to rise from the dead, and saying, “This is the Messiah, Jesus whom I am proclaiming to you.” <sup>4</sup>Some of them were persuaded and joined Paul and Silas, as did a great many of the devout Greeks and not a few of the leading women. <sup>5</sup>But the Jews became jealous, and with the help of some ruffians in the marketplaces they formed a mob and set the city in an uproar. While they were searching for Paul and Silas to bring them out to the assembly, they attacked Jason’s house. <sup>6</sup>When they could not find them, they dragged Jason and some believers before the city authorities, shouting, “These people who have been turning the world upside down have come here also, <sup>7</sup>and Jason has entertained them as guests. They are all acting contrary to the decrees of the emperor, saying that there is another king named Jesus.” <sup>8</sup>The people and the city officials were disturbed when they heard this, <sup>9</sup>and after they had taken bail from Jason and the others, they let them go.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading – 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10**

Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace to you and peace. <sup>2</sup>We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly <sup>3</sup>remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>4</sup>For we know, brothers and sisters beloved by God, that he has chosen you, <sup>5</sup>because our message of the gospel came to you not in word only, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction; just as you know what kind of persons we proved to be among you for your sake. <sup>6</sup>And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for in spite of persecution you received the word with joy inspired by the Holy Spirit, <sup>7</sup>so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. <sup>8</sup>For the word of the Lord has sounded forth from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but in every place your faith in God has become known, so that we have no need to speak about it. <sup>9</sup>For the people of those regions report about us what kind of welcome we had among

you, and how you turned to God from idols, to serve a living and true God, <sup>10</sup> and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead—Jesus, who rescues us from the wrath that is coming.

**Choir Anthem**

*There is Power in The Blood*

*Please stand as you are able for the reading of the Gospel*

**The Gospel of Mark 13:9-11**

<sup>9</sup>“As for yourselves, beware; for they will hand you over to councils; and you will be beaten in synagogues; and you will stand before governors and kings because of me, as a testimony to them. <sup>10</sup>And the good news must first be proclaimed to all nations.

<sup>11</sup>When they bring you to trial and hand you over, do not worry beforehand about what you are to say; but say whatever is given you at that time, for it is not you who speak, but the Holy Spirit.”

P: This is the word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

**Sermon**

**Pastor Kira Anderson**

**Song of the Day**

*Let us Break Bread Together*

ELW 471

**vs1**

Let us break bread together on our knees;  
let us break bread together on our knees.

**vs2**

Let us drink wine together on our knees;  
let us drink wine together on our knees.

**Refrain**

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When I fall on my knees,  
with my face to the rising sun,  
O Lord, have mercy on me.

**vs3**

Let us praise God together on our knees;  
let us praise God together on our knees.

**Refrain**

**Prayers of the People**

Lord in your mercy / **Receive our Prayer**

**The Apostles' Creed**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

### **Words of Institution**

**Words of Welcome to those celebrating their First Communion**



### **Congratulation's**

*Grace Anderson  
Eastin Hansen  
Kaden Rasmussen*

### **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.**

### **Invitation to Communion & Offering\***

\*Today we will be receiving communion and giving our offering at the same time. Please bring your offerings forward when you come to commune.

### **Communion & Offering Music**

*Let Us Break Bread Together*

### **Offering & Prayer after Communion**

### **Closing Litany**

- L: It isn't easy to share the good news of Jesus.  
C: **The "good news" doesn't always sound good.**  
L: Following Jesus is never the easier path.  
C: **Instead it is a call into a life of working for the good of others.**  
L: Many people only want to hear that they are loved and that no effort is required of them. So Lord as we leave this place we will remember -  
C: **to live out our faith in the world, through our actions. We will trust that God is with us as we answer God's call to action.**

### **Benediction**

**Closing Song**

*Shine, Jesus, Shine*

ELW 671

**Refrain**

Shine, Jesus shine,  
Fill this land with the Father's glory.  
Blaze, Spirit blaze,  
Set our hearts on fire.  
Flow, river flow,  
Flood the nations with grace and mercy.  
Send forth Your word,  
Lord and let there be light.

**vs2**

As we gaze on Your kingly brightness.  
So our faces display Your likeness.  
Ever changing from glory to glory,  
Mirrored here may our lives tell Your story.  
Shine on me. Shine on me. **Refrain**

**vs1**

Lord, the Light of Your Love is shining,  
In the midst of the darkness shining,  
Jesus, Light of the World, shine upon us,  
Set us free by the truth You now bring us,  
Shine on me. Shine on me. **Refrain**

**Dismissal**

**P:** Go in peace. Love the Lord by serving the stranger.

**C:** **Thanks be to God.**

**Postlude**

*My Heart Ever Faithful*

**Weekly Church Calendar**

<b>Monday (4/22)</b>	Pastor Kira Cont. Ed 1:30pm Morning Circle
<b>Tuesday (4/23)</b>	7am Lydia Prayer
<b>Wed (4/24)</b>	6pm Faith Night
<b>Thursday (4/25)</b>	Pastor Kira (CGP)
<b>Friday (4/26)</b>	N/A
<b>Saturday (4/27)</b>	7am Men's Bible Study 1pm Abby's Recital @ St. Olaf (Ytterboe Lounge) 5pm Community Table
<b>Sunday (4/28)</b>	9:30am Contemporary Service Sunday School Play & Pray

**Parish Announcements**

<b>Globe Offering-</b> ELCA Disaster Relief	
April 21 <sup>st</sup>	10:45 Forum- St. Ansgar's Musical 1pm Hops & Harmony at Tilion's 1pm Treehouse Fundraiser
April 27 <sup>th</sup>	1pm Abby's Recital @ St. Olaf (Ytterboe Lounge) 5pm Community Table
April 28 <sup>th</sup>	9:30am Contemporary Service Last day of Sunday School
May 1 <sup>st</sup>	Last night of Faith Night
May 2 <sup>nd</sup>	6:30pm - National Day of Prayer at St. Ansgar's
May 3 <sup>rd</sup>	2024 Spring Cleanup
May 4 <sup>th</sup>	2024 Spring Cleanup (Sign up in the Narthex)

**Sunday, April 28th Worship (Contemporary) Leaders**

<b>Reader:</b>	Paul Jacobson
<b>Acolyte:</b>	Owen Anderson
<b>Bell Ringer:</b>	Tony Busiahn
<b>Computer:</b>	Oscar McManus
<b>Sound Board:</b>	Bob Durdahl
<b>Livestreaming:</b>	Mitch Anderson
<b>Pianist/Organist</b>	Jane Bracken
<b>Choir Director:</b>	Cindy Hayward
<b>Special Music:</b>	Doug Anderson
<b>Altar Guild:</b>	Ann & Lydell
<b>Offering Counters:</b>	Debra & Mary
<b>Greeters/Ushers:</b>	Charlie, Maureen & Kirk

SUNDAY, APRIL 21, 2024

CHURCH AT THESSALONICA

**St. Ansgar's Lutheran Church Staff**

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Megan Hansen  
Linda Henderson  
Jason Nelson



**LIFT UP THE WORD  
LIGHT UP THE WORLD**

2 SAMUEL 22:29-31  
THE 73rd ANNUAL NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER  
**THURSDAY, MAY 2, 2024**



*Please mark your calendars for this community prayer event!*

**25th Annual Prayer for the Cannon Valley in observance of the National Day of Prayer**

**Thursday Evening, May 2, 2024 6:30 pm**

**St. Ansgar's Lutheran Church Sanctuary**

**All are welcome to join us as we pray for our nation and our community!**

**Light refreshments will follow the service**