

**St. Andrew Lutheran Church
& Early Childhood Campus**

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Worship Hours: Sunday 9:00 a.m.

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First Sunday in Advent

December 1, 2024

PRESERVICE MUSIC WHILE WE PREPARE FOR WORSHIP

WELCOME & GREET ONE ANOTHER WITH GOD'S PEACE

OPENING HYMN

"The Advent of Our King"

LSB 331

DIVINE SERVICE (Setting One) *(p. 151 in the front of the hymnal)*

INVOCATION

P: In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C: But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

+ *Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination* +

P: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C: Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

P: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

INTROIT

Ps. 25:4-5, 21-22; Ps. 25:1-3a

P: To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul. O my God, in you I trust; let me not be put to shame;

C: let not my enemies exult over me. Indeed, none who wait for you shall be put to shame;

P: Make me to know your ways, O Lord; teach me your paths.

C: Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; for you I wait all the day long.

P: May integrity and uprightness preserve me, for I wait for you.

C: Redeem Israel, O God, out of all his troubles.

C: Glory to be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen

KYRIE

P: In peace let us pray to the Lord.

C: ♪ Lord, have mercy.

P: For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.

C: ♪ Lord, have mercy.

P: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.

C: ♪ Lord, have mercy.

P: For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.

C: ♪ Lord, have mercy.

P: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C: ♪ Amen.

SALUTATION AND COLLECT (PRAYER) OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.

C: ♪ And also with you.

P: Let us pray together.

C: Stir up Your power, O Lord, and come, that by Your protection we may be rescued from the threatening perils of our sins and saved by Your mighty deliverance; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: ♪ Amen

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Jeremiah 33:14-16

“Behold, the days are coming, declares the Lord, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David, and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved, and Jerusalem will dwell securely. And this is the name by which it will be called: ‘The Lord is our righteousness.’

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE

1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

For what thanksgiving can we return to God for you, for all the joy that we feel for your sake before our God, as we pray most earnestly night and day that we may see you face to face and supply what is lacking in your faith? Now may our God and Father himself, and our Lord Jesus, direct our way to you, and may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, as we do for you, so that he may establish your hearts blameless in holiness before our God and Father, at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA VERSE

C: ♪ Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia, alleluia.

HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 21:25-36

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twenty-first chapter.

C: ♪ Glory to You, O Lord.

“And there will be signs in sun and moon and stars, and on the earth distress of nations in perplexity because of the roaring of the sea and the waves, people fainting with fear and with foreboding of what is coming on the world. For the powers of the heavens will be shaken. And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, straighten up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.” And he told them a parable: “Look at the fig tree, and all the trees. As soon as they come out in leaf, you see for yourselves and know that the summer is already near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. Truly, I say to you, this generation will not pass away until all has taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my

words will not pass away. “But watch yourselves lest your hearts be weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and cares of this life, and that day come upon you suddenly like a trap. For it will come upon all who dwell on the face of the whole earth. But stay awake at all times, praying that you may have strength to escape all these things that are going to take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.”

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: ♪ Praise to You, O Christ.

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

HYMN OF THE DAY

“Savior of the Nations, Come” LSB 332:1-4, 8

SERMON

“An Encouraging Word”

1Thessalonians 3:9-13

CONFESSION OF FAITH

“Nicene Creed”

(p. 158)

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P: O Lord, guard us from temptations that would harm our faith and cause us to fear Your coming. Preserve us by Your grace, that we may wait with joy to stand before the Son of Man in glory. Lord, in Your mercy,

(following each petition the congregation responds)

C: Hear our prayer.

(our petitions this day)

P: God our Father, You have loved and chosen us according to Your mercy and called us through the living voice of Your Word. Grant to us the Spirit of Your grace, that what You have begun in us may be brought to completion when Christ appears in His glory on the Last Day; for You live and reign, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

“What Shall I Render to the Lord”

(p. 159)

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

Preface

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Sanctus

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Lord’s Prayer

The Words of Our Lord

Pax Domini – “The Peace of the Lord”

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Agnus Dei – “Lamb of God”

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

"I Come, O Savior, to Thy Table" LSB 618
"Where Charity and Love Prevail" LSB 845
"Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart" LSB 806

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE "Thank the Lord" (p. 164)

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

C: AMEN

BENEDICTION

PRAYER FOR SPECIAL REQUESTS AND NEEDS

CLOSING HYMN "Once He Came in Blessing" LSB 333

ANNOUNCEMENTS

POSTLUDE

OFFICIANT: Rev. Jonathan Vierkant

ORGANIST: Rinda Bye

LAY READER: Toby Hua

THIS WEEK AT ST. ANDREW

Monday, December 2 - 6:00 p.m. Men's Group
- 6:45 p.m. Handbell Practice
Tuesday, December 3 - 9:30 a.m. Sister's in Christ
Bible Study
- 6:30 p.m. Weeders & Seeders
Wednesday, December 4 - 9:00 a.m. Around the Table
w/Pastor
- 4:15 p.m. Jr. High Confirmation
- 6:00 p.m. Soup Supper
- 6:25 p.m. Choir Practice
- 7:00 p.m. Advent Service
- 7:00 p.m. Dartball @ Pilgrim
Friday, December 6 - 6:00 p.m. Youth Night
Sunday, December 8 - 9:00 a.m. Worship
- 10:15 a.m. Family Education Hour
5:00 p.m. **WB Christmas Parade**

DID YOU KNOW?

Please check the bulletin board for other announcements.

SHHHHH. . . THERE IS A "QUIET ROOM" AT ST. ANDREW in the back of the Sanctuary. It has a sound system and the service can be heard in that room. Please be considerate of the worshipful attitude of others and use it as necessary. It is there for your comfort and convenience.

We have **reduced gluten communion wafers**. If you desire to receive one during communion, please identify yourself before the service to the Elder for that service so we can distribute one to you.

TEXAS ROADHOUSE: When you go to Texas Roadhouse in West Bend on a Sunday, take our church bulletin with you and they will donate 10% of your food purchases back to church.

BASKETS are located in the Narthex to collect food for the **FOOD PANTRY**.

THE LUTHERAN HOUR - SUNDAYS: 6 a.m. WGN Chicago 720 AM; 7:30 a.m. WTKM Hartford 104.9 FM; 6:30 a.m. WTMJ Milwaukee 620 AM & 103.3 FM; 5 p.m. WJUB Plymouth 1420 AM; 9 a.m. WIBD West Bend 1470 AM

**Lutheran Church Radio Service – JOY/WJYI (1340 AM)
7 a.m. Sundays**

Please contact Pastor Jon (262)808-7974 if you or a loved one is in the hospital, celebrating a milestone, or would just like a visit.

St. Andrew Financials: If you are interested in seeing our monthly givings and expenses, please check the latest newsletter. Newsletters are sent out once a month and can be found in your email (if you have an email on file), in your mailbox, or on the table in the Narthex.

Reminder: Check your mailboxes regularly

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IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK: December 1 thru December 6

BIRTHDAY: Sandy Ruback, Kevin Falk, Steven Steinpreis, Ryan Riedel, Diane Nelson, Harper Ratzel

BAPTISMAL ANNIVERSARIES: Sydney Brehmer, Zachary Brehmer, Xander McKee, Olivia Dieringer

PRAYERS FOR. Meghan Kelley for her Great Aunt Vern who was recently diagnosed with breast cancer. **Michele Buehler's Sister** Deborah and Husband Phil for health issues. **The Muth's** are asking for prayer for their sweet grandson Wade Scott Muth, 18 months old and youngest of Peter and Gina was diagnosed earlier this week with AML Leukemia. Pray for healing, minimal complications and a full recovery. Also lift Peter and Gina in prayer as they journey through all this. The road will be long but may God shed his healing mercy on our baby boy. Please pray for **Dean Beaupre**, Pam's husband who sustained a shoulder injury.

THE MILITARY: William Bowman (brother of Katie Vierkant), Matthew Speaks-(nephew of Darryl & Laurie Pree) Beau Szczerbinski (brother of Meghan Kelley). Brandon & Benjamin Roeglin (Grandsons of Joyce & Jim Schmoltd)

WELCOME VISITORS! We are glad you chose to worship with us. Sign our Guest Book in the Narthex or one of the cards in the pews and please talk to Pastor, an Usher or Elder if you have any questions.

DIFFERENT CHURCHES HAVE DIFFERENT UNDERSTANDINGS regarding Holy Communion. For this reason, because of what 1Corinthians 11:27-30 tells us, we ask that visitors talk to Pastor if they wish to commune with us. **ALSO**, see the back of the communion cards for a statement by Synod.

WE HAVE A PRAYER CHAIN AT ST. ANDREW. Please contact Josie Pfeiffer at 262-626-4303 or pfeiffer4303@charter.net

ELDER SERVING TODAY: Randy Sheffield & Thai Hua
Next Wednesday: Randy Sheffield

CLEANING THIS WEEK ENDING December 8 Melissa Knox, Carla Peterson, Sandy Lompa

NEXT WEEK December 9 thru December 14 Randy Sheffield, Kris Sheffield, Stephanie Gutschmidt, Cathy Grande

Alter Guild for December: Judi Bastain, Star Dzwonkowski, Cindy Heinz, Evelyn Nuoffer

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Evening Ladies Bible Study will be meeting in November and December on the 2nd and 3rd Tuesdays of each month at 7 p.m. at church. During these months we will be learning more about the lives of Elizabeth, Mary, and Anna as we study the book *The Women of Christmas* by Liz Curtis Higgs. Friends are welcome to join us! See Sarah Peterson or Kris Sheffield if you would like more information.

The Candy Cane Hunt will be **Saturday, December 14 from 3-6**. The most important thing we need for this event to happen are volunteers to man the stations located around the church property, pass out maps as people arrive, and serve hot cocoa and cookies! If you are able to help with the event in any way, please sign up on the bulletin board. We also need people to attend--please invite family and friends! See Katie Vierkant if you would like more information.

2025 Youth Lock In! Mark your calendar. The Lock In will be Friday, Jan. 17-Saturday, Jan. 18 from 7 p.m.-7 a.m. A team from Concordia University will be leading games, devotions, and fun activities, and food will be available all night. Youth from 5th grade-12 grade are invited, and friends are welcome to come. Online signup links are available on the church website. Please see Katie Vierkant if you would like more information.

POINSETTIAS: We will once again be taking orders for Poinsettias. The colors available this year are: red, white, pink, marble, and burgundy. The price is \$12.00 for a single plant and \$20.00 for a double plant. The deadline to order is **December 4**. To place your order, please put your name, color, and size preferred on the envelopes provided in the Narthex or from an usher. Please put your check, made payable to St. Andrew, in the envelope and put it in the offering plate, give to an usher, or put it on the secretary's desk.

SISTER'S IN CHRIST Our Giving Tree recipient for this year is our community "Cupboard". This outdoor cupboard is located on St. James' property on 8th Avenue in West Bend. Please help feed those in need by donating non-perishable food, paper products, hygiene, and laundry items. Baskets are marked and located in the narthex. Thank you for caring for those in need! Thank you and God's blessings to those who gave so generously to Operation Christmas Child. We filled 63 shoeboxes and gave \$200.00 to help ship the boxes to children around the world. I would love to see the faces of the children as they open their shoebox, and see the joy on their faces knowing Jesus cares for them and so do others. Sisters in Christ Mission Store will soon be filled with Christmas gift items! Please shop and take what delights you or shop for a friend or family member. All items are free but as always, donations are appreciated!

Monthly Mission Collection

We are collecting items to help St. James Community Pantry in West Bend. The last date to bring items is December 15. Any nonperishable items (no glass) may be placed in the baskets in the narthex. Cereal, pasta, canned items, paper products, laundry soap, and personal hygiene products are just some of the items needed.

Living Word Lutheran High School: November Update –
https://youtu.be/_oSLRoEnQ-4