

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

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Worship Hours: Sunday 9:00 a.m.

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**Third Sunday after the Epiphany
January 25, 2026**

PRESERVICE MUSIC WHILE WE PREPARE FOR WORSHIP

WELCOME & GREET ONE ANOTHER WITH GOD'S PEACE

OPENING HYMN "The People That in Darkness Sat" LSB 412

DIVINE SERVICE (Setting Three) *(p. 184 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: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

P: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C: Who made heaven and earth.

P: I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

C: And You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

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

P: O Almighty God, merciful Father,

C: I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

P: Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

INTROIT

Ps. 22:22; Ps. 22:27-31

P: I will tell of your name to my brothers; in the midst of the congregation, I will praise you:

C: All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord, and all the families of the nations shall worship before you.

P: For kingship belongs to the Lord, and he rules over the nations.

C: All the prosperous of the earth eat and worship; before him shall bow all who go down to the dust, even the one who could not keep himself alive.

P: Posterity shall serve him; it shall be told of the Lord to the coming generation

C: they shall come and proclaim his righteousness to a people yet unborn, that he has done it.

THE GLORIA PATRI

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C: ♪ Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

THE KYRIE

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C: ♪ Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

pgs. 187-188

P: Glory be to God on high:

C: ♪ And on earth peace, good-will toward men.

We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee,

We glorify Thee, We give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.

O Lord God, heav'nly King, God the Father Almighty.

O Lord, the only begotten Son, Jesus Christ;

O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,

That takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.

Thou that takest away the sin of the world, receive our prayer.

Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.

For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord.

Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost,

Art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

SALUTATION AND COLLECT (PRAYER) OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.

C: ♪ **And with thy spirit.**

P: Let us pray.

C: Almighty and everlasting God, mercifully look upon our infirmities and stretch forth the hand of Your majesty to heal and defend us; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: ♪ **Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 9:1-4

But there will be no gloom for her who was in anguish. In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he has made glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations. The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shone. ³You have multiplied the nation; you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as they are glad when they divide the spoil. ⁴For the yoke of his burden, and the staff for his shoulder, the rod of his oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE

1 Corinthians 1:10-18

¹⁰I appeal to you, brothers, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree, and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same judgment. ¹¹For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there is quarreling among you, my brothers. ¹²What I mean is that each one of you says, "I follow Paul," or "I follow Apollos," or "I follow Cephas," or "I follow Christ." ¹³Is Christ divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? ¹⁴I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, ¹⁵so that no one may say that you were baptized in my name. ¹⁶(I did baptize also the household of Stephanas. Beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else.) ¹⁷For Christ did not send me to baptize but to preach the gospel, and not with words of eloquent wisdom, lest the cross of Christ be emptied of its power. ¹⁸For the word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA VERSE

C: ♪ **Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 4:12-25

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the fourth chapter.

C: ♪ **Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

¹²Now when he heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew into Galilee. ¹³And leaving Nazareth he went and lived in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, ¹⁴so that what was spoken by the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: ¹⁵"The land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, the way of the sea, beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles—¹⁶the people dwelling in darkness have seen a great light, and for those dwelling in the region and shadow of death, on them a light has dawned." ¹⁷From that time Jesus began to preach, saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand." ¹⁸While walking by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon (who is called Peter) and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea, for they were fishermen. ¹⁹And he said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men." ²⁰Immediately they left their nets and followed him. ²¹And going on from there he saw two other brothers, James the son of Zebedee and John his brother, in the boat with Zebedee their father, mending their nets, and he called them. ²²Immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him. ²³And he went throughout all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every affliction among the people. ²⁴So his fame spread throughout all Syria, and they brought him all the sick, those afflicted with various diseases and pains, those oppressed by demons, those having seizures, and paralytics, and he healed them. ²⁵And great crowds followed him from Galilee and the Decapolis, and from Jerusalem and Judea, and from beyond the Jordan.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: ♪ **Praise be to Thee, O Christ.**

CONFESSION OF FAITH

"Apostle Creed"

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CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

HYMN OF THE DAY

"O Christ, Who Called the Twelve"

LSB 856

SERMON

"God Is in the Moving Business"

OFFERTORY HYMN

"Create in Me"

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OFFERING

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P: O Lord, You gather us by the work of Your Spirit and dwell in our midst by Your Means of Grace for the sake of Your Son. Open our mouths to tell of Your name and declare Your praises to all who will hear. Lord, in Your mercy,

(following each petition the congregation responds)

C: Hear our prayer.

(our petitions this day)

P: All these things and whatever else You know that we need, grant us, Father, for the sake of Him who died and rose again and now lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God forever.

C: Amen.

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

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Sanctus

Lord's Prayer

The Words of Our Lord

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Agnus Dei – “Lamb of God”

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

“God Himself Is Present” LSB 907

“Renew Me, O Eternal Light” LSB 704

“The Gifts Christ Freely Gives” ..LSB 602

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE

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POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

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BENEDICAMUS AND BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN “Praise the One Who Break the Darkness” LSB 849

ANNOUNCEMENTS

POSTLUDE

OFFICIANT: Rev. Jonathan Vierkant

ACCOMPANIST: Deborah Jackman

LAY READER: Karen Gnatzig

THIS WEEK AT ST. ANDREW

- Monday, January 26
 - 6:00 p.m. Men's Group
 - 6:45 p.m. Handbell Practice
- Tuesday, January 27
 - 9:30 a.m. Sister's in Christ Bible Study
- Wednesday, January 28
 - 4:30 p.m. Jr. High Confirmation
 - 7:00 p.m. Dartball@Allenton
- Saturday, January 31
 - 8:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study w/Dan
- Sunday, February 1
 - 8:00 a.m. Choir Practice
 - 9:00 a.m. Worship
 - 10:30 a.m. Family Education Hour
 - 10:30 a.m. Winds/Instrumental Group

VOTER'S MEETING

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 **gluten free 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**

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK: January 25 thru January 31

BIRTHDAY: Eric Starr, Jonathan Vierkant, Raelynn Jantz, Kiara Osgood

BAPTISMAL ANNIVERSARIES: Curt Gnatzig, Debbie Benz

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES:

Prayers For Health, Healing, and/or Strength

Dan Berres, Ken Betz, Steven Champagne (father of Stephanie Gutschmidt),

Mike Deschler (friend of Rory Hetzel), **Lois Dummann,**

Deborah and Phil Ferris (sister and brother-in-law of Michele Buehler),

Dan Fischer, Rob Fleichman (friend of Sue Mueller),

Ruthann Grey, Earl Gutschmidt (grandfather of Joseph Gutschmidt),

Tim Hackbarth (nephew of Cliff Hetzel), **Sue Harrison,**

Bernie Heinz (mother of Paul Heinz), **Paul Herrick** (friend of Sue Mueller),

Janet Khlwey (friend of Sue Harrison),

Bruce Koenig, Marian Kreif, Carolyn Kreis,

Laurie Lamm (friend of Debbie Yenter),

Jenny Leist (daughter of Mark & Shary Kraft),

Gina Leonard (sister of Randy and Kris Sheffield's daughter-in-law),

Ardene Lettau, Bob Lompa, Steve Meyer (cousin of Debbie Yenter),

Randy Mueller, Wade Muth, Diane Nelson, Sharon Oelke,

Jean Rieke (friend of Sue Harrison),

Sandy Sanville (Sue Hetzel's sister), **Roger Sauter,**

Henry Schacht (Friend of Janz Family), **Jim Schmoltdt,**

Sally Stichman (friend of the Gutschmidt's),

Kevin Stoutz (friend of Dan and Sandy Berres),

Gary Zimmer (father of Greg and Nancy Riederer's daughter-in-law),

Linda (friend of Mark and Carolyn Janz)

Prayers For Those in Active Military

William Bowman (brother of Katie Vierkant)

Kyle Juarez (friend of Curt and Michelle Gnatzig)

Brandon and Benjamin Roeglin (grandsons of Jim Schmoltdt)

Beau Szczerbinski (brother of Meghan Kelley)

Prayers For Those Incarcerated

Greg Beyer (friend of Chris and Karen Callen)

Michael Meyer

Steven Steinpreis

Dave (friend of the Gutschmidt's)

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: Thai Hua and Randy Sheffield

Next Sunday: Jeff Grande and Curt Gnatzig

CLEANING THIS WEEK ENDING January 31: Pastor Jon Vierkant, Katie Vierkant, Suzanne Woods

NEXT WEEK February 2 through February 7: Melissa Knox, Carla Peterson, Sandy Lompa

Alter Guild for JANUARY: Pam Beaupre w/Sue Hetzel, Peggy Kriefall, Tracy Rochwite, Debbie Yenter

February: Melissa Knox, Carla Peterson, Charley Grande, Sandy Lompa

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

MONTHLY MISSIONS JANUARY DONATION: Like new or new winter wear (coats, sweatshirts, socks, long underwear, boots, etc). Donations going to Able Light in Horicon.

St. A's WEEDERS AND FEEDERS: 1st Tuesday of every month.

Canning Class January 25th. 12:30pm.

THE LUTHERAN CHURCH EXTENSION FUND: Currently has a competition in the South Wisconsin District to increase the number of investors and amount invested. The top three congregations will receive a cash award. St. Andrew is currently ranked 5th in the district! If you would like to help LCEF support the construction & expansion of Lutheran schools and congregations, this winter is a great time to do so. For more information, contact LCEF Chris Rowan at 314-885-6554 or Christopher.rowan@lcef.org.

EARLY CHILDHOOD CAMPUS: Dear St. Andrew Congregation, Three ECC board members have completed their terms and will be coming off our board in March. Would you please consider joining my board? We have board meetings (as a general rule) on the 3rd Thursday of the month. Thank you, Lindsey

HAPPY BIRTHDAY ESTHER OEHME: This week with grateful hearts we celebrate the 91st birthday of Esther Oehme, a treasured member of our church family. We give thanks with her family for her many years of faith, love, strength, and for the countless ways she continues to bless those around her.

As we honor Esther, we reflect on the promises of God's Word:

You make known to me the path of life; you will fill me with joy in your presence. — *Psalms 16:11*

The Lord is my strength and my shield; my heart trusts in him, and he helps me. — *Psalms 28:7*

The Lord is faithful to all his promises and loving toward all he has made. — *Psalms 145:13*

Those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength; they will soar on wings like eagles. — *Isaiah 40:31*

The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you. — *Numbers 6:24–25*

May God continue to surround Esther with peace, joy, and renewed strength in the year ahead. Please join us in wishing her a very happy and blessed birthday. To God be all the glory forever and ever, Amen.

