

**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 Lent
February 22, 2026**

PRESERVICE MUSIC WHILE WE PREPARE FOR WORSHIP

WELCOME & GREET ONE ANOTHER WITH GOD'S PEACE

OPENING HYMN "O Christ, You Walked the Road" LSB 424

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. 91:15-16; Ps. 91: 9-13

P: When he calls to me, I will answer him; I will be with him in trouble; I will rescue him and honor him. With long life I will satisfy him and show him my salvation."

C: Because you have made the Lord your dwelling place—the Most High, who is my refuge

P: no evil shall be allowed to befall you, no plague come near your tent.

C: For he will command his angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways.

P: On their hands they will bear you up, lest you strike your foot against a stone.

C: You will tread on the lion and the adder; the young lion and the serpent you will trample underfoot.

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.

O Lord God, You led Your ancient people through the wilderness and brought them to the promised land. Guide the people of Your Church that following our Savior we may walk through the wilderness of this world toward the glory of the world to come; 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 LESSON

Genesis 3:1-21

Now the serpent was more crafty than any other beast of the field that the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God actually say, 'You shall not eat of any tree in the garden?'"² And the woman said to the serpent, "We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden,³ but God said, 'You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the midst of the garden, neither shall you touch it, lest you die.'"⁴ But the serpent said to the woman, "You will not surely die.⁵ For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil."⁶ So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her husband who was with her, and he ate.⁷ Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked. And they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves loincloths.⁸ And they heard the sound of the Lord God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God among the trees of the garden.⁹ But the Lord God called to the man and said to him, "Where are you?"¹⁰ And he said, "I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked, and I hid myself."¹¹ He said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten of the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?"¹² The man said, "The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit of the tree, and I ate."¹³ Then the Lord God said to the woman, "What is this that you have done?" The woman said, "The serpent deceived me, and I ate."¹⁴ The Lord God said to the serpent, "Because you have done this, cursed are you above all livestock and above all beasts of the field; on your belly you shall go, and dust you shall eat all the days of your life.¹⁵ I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and her offspring; he shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise his heel."¹⁶ To the woman he said, "I will surely multiply your pain in childbearing; in pain you shall bring forth children. Your desire shall be for your husband, and he shall rule over you."¹⁷ And to Adam he said, "Because you have listened to the voice of your wife and have eaten of the tree of which I commanded you, 'You shall not eat of it,' cursed is the ground because of you; in pain you shall eat of it all the days of your life; ¹⁸thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you; and you shall eat the plants of the field.¹⁹ By the sweat of your face you shall eat bread, till you return to the ground, for out of it you were taken; for you are dust, and to dust you shall return."²⁰ The man called his wife's name Eve, because she was the mother of all living.

²¹ And the Lord God made for Adam and for his wife garments of skins and clothed them.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE

Romans 5:12-19

¹² Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men because all sinned—¹³ for sin indeed was in the world before the law was given, but sin is not counted where there is no law. ¹⁴ Yet death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sinning was not like the transgression of Adam, who was a type of the one who was to come. ¹⁵ But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if many died through one man's trespass, much more have the grace of God and the free gift by the grace of that one-man Jesus Christ abounded for many. ¹⁶ And the free gift is not like the result of that one man's sin. For the judgment following one trespass brought condemnation, but the free gift following many trespasses brought justification. ¹⁷ For if, because of one man's trespass, death reigned through that one man, much more will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man Jesus Christ. ¹⁸ Therefore, as one trespass led to condemnation for all men, so one act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all men. ¹⁹ For as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

VERSE

C: ♪ Return to the Lord, your God, for He is gracious and merciful, Slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and abounding in steadfast love.

HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 4:1-11

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

C: ♪ **Glory to You, O Lord.**

Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. ² And after fasting forty days and forty nights, he was hungry. ³ And the tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread."⁴ But he answered, "It is written, "'Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.'"⁵ Then the

devil took him to the holy city and set him on the pinnacle of the temple ⁶and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down, for it is written, "He will command his angels concerning you," And "On their hands they will bear you up, lest you strike your foot against a stone."⁷ Jesus said to him, "Again it is written, 'You shall not put the Lord your God to the test.'" ⁸Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory. ⁹And he said to him, "All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me."¹⁰ Then Jesus said to him, "Be gone, Satan! For it is written, "You shall worship the Lord your God and him only shall you serve."¹¹ Then the devil left him, and behold, angels came and were ministering to him.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: ♪ Praise to You, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

HYMN OF THE DAY "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" LSB 656

SERMON "Showdown in the Wilderness"

CONFESSION OF FAITH "Apostles' Creed" (p. 159)

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P: O Lord, in the midst of this life we are beset by many temptations. Fix our eyes on our Lord Jesus, who bore temptation for us and resisted to the point of death, and bring us through the evils of this fallen world to dwell with You forever. Lord, in Your mercy,
(following each petition the congregation responds)

C: Hear our prayer.

(our petitions this day)

P: Lord God, heavenly Father, You have given us a refuge from the world in the Body of Christ. Protect us from all evils of body and soul, that we would find rest in this life and eternal rest in Your heavenly embrace; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY "What Shall I Render to the Lord" (p. 159)

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

Preface (p. 160)
Sanctus
Prayer of Thanksgiving
Lord's Prayer
The Words of Our Lord
Pax Domini – "The Peace of the Lord" (p. 163)
Agnus Dei – "Lamb of God"

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

"You Table I Approach" LSB 628
"Lord Jesus, Think on Me" LSB 610
"Jesus, Lead Thou On" LSB 718

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE "Song of Simeon" (p. 165)

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

C: AMEN

BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN "Come to Calvary's Holy Mountain" LSB 435

ANNOUNCEMENTS

POSTLUDE

OFFICIANT: Rev. Jonathan Vierkant

ACCOMPANIST: Deborah Jackman

LAY READER: Owen Hua

THIS WEEK AT ST. ANDREW

Monday, February 23	-	6:00 p.m. Men's Group
	-	6:45 p.m. Handbell Choir
Tuesday, February 24	-	9:30 a.m. Sister's in Christ Bible Study
Wednesday, February 25	-	6:00 p.m. Soup Supper
	-	7:00 p.m. Midweek Service
Saturday, February 28	-	8:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study w/Dan
Sunday, March 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

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**

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK: February 22 thru February 28

BIRTHDAY: Paige Ruback, Sharon Oelke, Melissa Knox, Myron Kraft, Shary Kraft, Thai Hua

BAPTISMAL ANNIVERSARIES: Raelynn Jantz, Tonia Keaton, Kathy Muth

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES: Dan & Sandy Berres, Todd & Nancy Waechter

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), **Robert Heinz** (father of Paul Heinz), **Paul Herrick** (friend of Sue Mueller), **Butch Hoepfner** (friend of Sam Gnatzig), **Janet Khlwey** (friend of Sue Harrison), **Bruce Koening, 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), **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 Comfort

Family of **Marian Kreif**. Marian passed away peacefully on Tuesday, February 10th

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 Jeff Grande

Next Sunday: Rory Hetzel & Randy Sheffield

CLEANING THIS WEEK ENDING February 28: Sue Hetzel, Rory Hetzel, Paul Heinz, Cindy Heinz

NEXT WEEK March 2 thru 7:

Alter Guild for FEBRUARY: Melissa Knox, Carla Peterson, Charley Grande, Sandy Lompa

March: Judi Bastain, Star Dzwonkowski, Cindy Heinz, Evelyn Nuoffer, Kristin Ahrens

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MONTHLY MISSIONS FEBRUARY DONATION: "Freedom Cry Restoration bag items. List of needed items will be on a poster in the Narthex, the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall, and on the round table in the Narthex (where items should be placed). "Human trafficking is happening in our area. Freedom Cry is an organization based in Sheboygan that is trying to break the cycle of human trafficking. They will be giving a presentation at our church on **Saturday, March 7**, time TBD. In February and March, we will be collecting items for their restoration bags. Check out the poster in the Narthex for more info or visit their website <https://www.freedomcryinc.org/>.

EASTER FLOWERS DEADLINE TO ORDER MARCH 4

Single Lilies \$18.00

Double Lilies \$36.00

Mums \$20.00

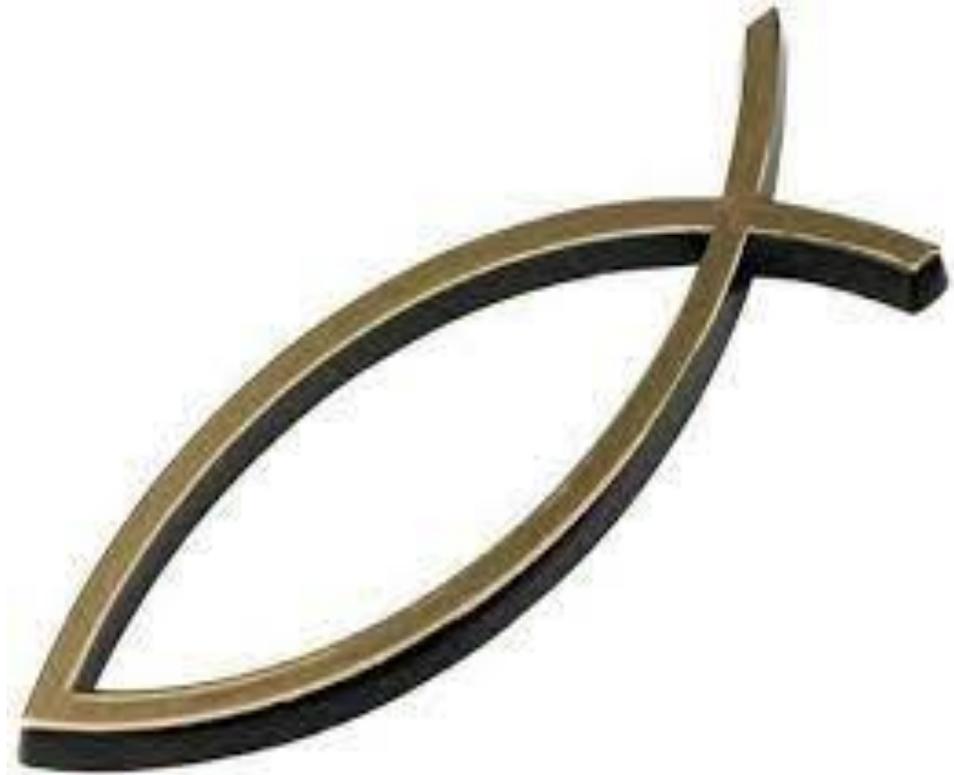
Azaleas \$36.00

Envelopes available in the Narthex

Vacation Bible School planning meeting will be held on Thursday, Feb. 26 at 6:30 p.m. Anyone is welcome to attend--we welcome new ideas! If you have any questions, please contact Katie Vierkant at (217) 720-2862 or kevierkant@yahoo.com.

St. Andrew is forming a Church Security/Safety committee

to look at different ways to make St. Andrew a more safe and secure environment not only on Sunday, but also during the week. If you're interested in joining this new committee, please email your contact information to Randy Sheffield randysheffield@charter.net. If you were at the voter's meeting and told Randy that you wanted to join the security/safety committee, please email him your contact information.



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