

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

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**Fifth Sunday in Lent  
March 22, 2026**

**PRESERVICE MUSIC WHILE WE PREPARE FOR WORSHIP**

**WELCOME & GREET ONE ANOTHER WITH GOD'S PEACE**

**OPENING HYMN** "O Holy Spirit, Enter In" LSB 913

**INVOCATION**

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

**C: Amen.**

**WE CONFESS OUR SINS TO GOD**

P: Brothers and sisters in faith, we have come into the presence of God who created us to love and serve Him as His dear children. But we have disobeyed Him and deserve only His wrath and punishment. So let us confess our sins to Him and plead for His mercy.

**C: Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against You and do not deserve to be called Your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to Your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.**

**WE HEAR GOD'S FORGIVENESS**

P: Dear Christian friends, God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, He has removed your guilt forever. You are His own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to His will.

**C: Amen.**

**INTROIT**

Psalm 103:8-13

P: The LORD is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

**C: He will not always chide, nor will he keep his anger forever.**

P: He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities.

**C: For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him;**

P: as far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us.

**C: As a father shows compassion to his children, so the LORD shows compassion to those who fear him.**

**C: Glory 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**

**C:** ♪ Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.

**HYMN**

"Sing Praise to God, the Highest Good"

LSB 819:1, 5

**1. Sing praise to God, the highest good,  
The author of creation.  
The God of love who understood  
Our need for His salvation.  
With healing balm our souls He fills  
And ev'ry faithless murmur stills:  
To God all praise and glory!**

**2. All who confess Christ's holy name,  
Give God the praise and glory.  
Let all who know His pow'r proclaim  
Aloud the wondrous story.  
Cast ev'ry idol from its throne,  
For God is God, and He alone:  
To God all praise and glory!**

**SALUTATION AND COLLECT (PRAYER) OF THE DAY**

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Let us pray.

**C: Almighty God, by Your great goodness mercifully look upon Your people that we may be governed and preserved evermore in body and soul; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

**OLD TESTAMENT LESSON**

Ezekiel 37:1-14

*The hand of the Lord was upon me, and he brought me out in the Spirit of the Lord and set me down in the middle of the valley; it was*

full of bones. <sup>2</sup>And he led me around among them, and behold, there were very many on the surface of the valley, and behold, they were very dry. <sup>3</sup>And he said to me, "Son of man, can these bones live?" And I answered, "O Lord God, you know." <sup>4</sup>Then he said to me, "Prophesy over these bones, and say to them, O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord. <sup>5</sup>Thus says the Lord God to these bones: Behold, I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. <sup>6</sup>And I will lay sinews upon you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live, and you shall know that I am the Lord." <sup>7</sup>So I prophesied as I was commanded. And as I prophesied, there was a sound, and behold, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. <sup>8</sup>And I looked, and behold, there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them. But there was no breath in them. <sup>9</sup>Then he said to me, "Prophesy to the breath; prophesy, son of man, and say to the breath, Thus says the Lord God: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe on these slain, that they may live." <sup>10</sup>So I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived and stood on their feet, an exceedingly great army. <sup>11</sup>Then he said to me, "Son of man, these bones are the whole house of Israel. Behold, they say, 'Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are indeed cut off.' <sup>12</sup>Therefore prophesy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord God: Behold, I will open your graves and raise you from your graves, O my people. And I will bring you into the land of Israel. <sup>13</sup>And you shall know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves, and raise you from your graves, O my people. <sup>14</sup>And I will put my Spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you in your own land. Then you shall know that I am the Lord; I have spoken, and I will do it, declares the Lord."

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## **EPISTLE**

Romans 8:1-11

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. <sup>2</sup>For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death. <sup>3</sup>For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do. By sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and for sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, <sup>4</sup>in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. <sup>5</sup>For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. <sup>6</sup>For to set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. <sup>7</sup>For

the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God, for it does not submit to God's law; indeed, it cannot. <sup>8</sup>Those who are in the flesh cannot please God. <sup>9</sup>You, however, are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if in fact the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. <sup>10</sup>But if Christ is in you, although the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. <sup>11</sup>If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit who dwells in you.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## **ANTHEM**

"I Will Praise"

ECC Choir

## **HOLY GOSPEL**

John 11:17-27, 38-53

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the eleventh chapter.

**C: Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>17</sup>Now when Jesus came, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. <sup>18</sup>Bethany was near Jerusalem, about two miles off, <sup>19</sup>and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them concerning their brother. <sup>20</sup>So when Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, but Mary remained seated in the house. <sup>21</sup>Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. <sup>22</sup>But even now I know that whatever you ask from God, God will give you." <sup>23</sup>Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." <sup>24</sup>Martha said to him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day." <sup>25</sup>Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, <sup>26</sup>and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die. Do you believe this?" <sup>27</sup>She said to him, "Yes, Lord; I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, who is coming into the world." <sup>38</sup>Then Jesus, deeply moved again, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone lay against it. <sup>39</sup>Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, "Lord, by this time there will be an odor, for he has been dead four days." <sup>40</sup>Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed you would see the glory of God?" <sup>41</sup>So they took away the stone. And Jesus lifted up his eyes and said, "Father, I thank you that you have heard me. <sup>42</sup>I knew that you always hear me, but I said this on account of the people standing around, that they may believe that you sent me." <sup>43</sup>When he had said these things, he cried out with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out." <sup>44</sup>The man who had died came out, his hands and feet bound with linen strips, and his face

wrapped with a cloth. Jesus said to them, “Unbind him, and let him go.”<sup>45</sup> Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what he did, believed in him, <sup>46</sup>but some of them went to the Pharisees and told them what Jesus had done. <sup>47</sup>So the chief priests and the Pharisees gathered the council and said, “What are we to do? For this man performs many signs. <sup>48</sup>If we let him go on like this, everyone will believe in him, and the Romans will come and take away both our place and our nation.” <sup>49</sup>But one of them, Caiaphas, who was high priest that year, said to them, “You know nothing at all. <sup>50</sup>Nor do you understand that it is better for you that one man should die for the people, not that the whole nation should perish.” <sup>51</sup>He did not say this of his own accord, but being high priest that year he prophesied that Jesus would die for the nation, <sup>52</sup>and not for the nation only, but also to gather into one the children of God who are scattered abroad. <sup>53</sup>So from that day on they made plans to put him to death.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise to You, O Christ.**

**CONFESSION OF FAITH**      “Apostles’ Creed”      *(Back of Hymnal)*

## CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

**HYMN OF THE DAY**      “My Song Is Love Unknown”      LSB 430

**SERMON**      “No Condemnation”

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P: Heavenly Father, in Baptism You have given the new birth of water and the Spirit. Make Your children strong in Your Spirit, that they may shun the works of the flesh and live in this world expecting the resurrection and the life of the world to come. Lord, in Your mercy,  
*(following each petition the congregation responds)*

**C: Hear our prayer.**  
*(Our petitions this day)*

P: O Lord, God almighty, through Your Son You have kept the promise of the ages and rescued us from sin. You have raised up the dry bones of a people captive to death and made us alive in Christ forever. Sustain us in this hope, that we may endure the tests, trials and troubles of this life and be ready when our Savior comes again in His glory; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

## OFFERING

## LORD’S PRAYER

**C: 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.**

## LUTHER’S MORNING PRAYER

**C: I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your  
dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and  
danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from  
sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You.  
For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and  
all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may  
have no power over me. Amen.**

## BENEDICAMUS & BENEDICTION

P: Let us bless the Lord

**C: Thanks be to God.**

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.

**C: Amen.**

**CLOSING HYMN**      “Go, My Children, with My Blessing”      LSB 922

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

## POSTLUDE

**OFFICIANT:** Rev. Jonathan Vierkant

**ACCOMPANIST:** Steve Groth

**LAY READER:** Owen Hua

**ECC DIRECTOR:** Lindsey Moser

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

**IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK: March 22 thru March 28**

**BIRTHDAY:** Kendrick Miller

**BAPTISMAL ANNIVERSARIES:** Kayla Kasuboski, Christopher Struebing, Darrell Harrison, Sheriane Sauter, Joshua Vierkant

**WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES:**

## Prayers For Health, Healing, and/or Strength

**Pam Beaupre, 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), **Karen Gnatzig,**

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

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

**Paul Herrick** (friend of Sue Mueller), **Butch Hoepfner** (friend of Sam Gnatzig),

**Bruce Koenig, Carolyn Kreis, Laurie Lamm** (friend of Debbie Yenter),

**Jenny Leist** (daughter of Mark & Shary Kraft),

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

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

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

**Ron & Joyce Schultz** (friend of Sue Harrison)

**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

**Jacob Blada** (colleague of Adam Ruback)

**William Bowman** (brother of Katie Vierkant)

**Kyle Juarez** (friend of Curt and Michelle Gnatzig)

**Andy Kmiec** (brother of Cathy Grande)

**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)

**Cody Martin** (relative of the Janz Family)

**Michael Meyer**

**Steven Steinpreis**

**Dave** (friend of the Gutschmidt's)

## **DIFFERENT CHURCHES HAVE DIFFERENT UNDERSTANDINGS**

regarding Holy Communion. For this reason, because of what 1 Corinthians 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](mailto:pfeiffer4303@charter.net)

**ELDER SERVING TODAY:** Thai Hua

**Next Sunday:** Thai Hua & Curt Gnatzig

**CLEANING THIS WEEK ENDING March 28:** Bob Buehler, Michele Buehler, Sue Hetzel, Rory Hetzel

**NEXT WEEK March 30 thru April 4:** Radke Family, Paul Heinz, Cindy Heinz

**Alter Guild for MARCH:** Judi Bastain, Star Dzwonkowski, Cindy Heinz, Evelyn Nuoffer, Kristin Ahrens

**April:** Dorene Betz, Kris Sheffield, Judi Riedel, Joanne Miller

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

**The first meeting of the new Church Safety and Security Committee is scheduled for Tuesday, 4/14/26 @ 6:30 pm.**

## **MONTHLY MISSIONS MARCH 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

**GAME NIGHT:** On Friday, March 27 at 6pm, come out for a fun night of board games and fellowship! Bring a few of your favorite games or just come to play with others! Bring a snack to share if you'd like.

**PUZZLE RACES:** March 27 at 6:30 pm. Get your teams together and join in the fun! (all the puzzles will be the same)

**CHURCH FISH FRY:** April 10th from 4:30 PM to about 7:00 PM (while supplies last, so sign up on the bulletin board). Suggested donation per meal is \$10. All proceeds will go towards the church carpet replacement. MENU: 2-3 pieces of Deep-Fried Walleye (or Grilled Hamburgers), Homemade French Fries, Homemade Coleslaw, Rye Bread, and Desserts.

## THIS WEEK AT ST. ANDREW

Monday, March 23	-	6:00 p.m. Men's Group
	-	6:45 p.m. Handbell Practice
Tuesday, March 24	-	9:30 a.m. Sister's in Christ Bible Study
Wednesday, March 25	-	4:15 p.m. Jr High Confirmation
	-	6:00 p.m. Soup Supper
	-	7:00 p.m. Midweek Service
Friday, March 27	-	6:00 p.m. Game Night
	-	6:30 p.m. Puzzle Race
Saturday, March 28	-	8:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study Dan B.
Sunday, March 29	-	8:00 a.m. Choir Practice
	-	9:00 a.m. Worship
	-	10:30 a.m. Family Education Hour
	-	10:45 a.m. Winds/Instrumental Group
	-	1:30 p.m. Adult Information Class

### 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.

**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 giving's 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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