

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

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Worship Hours: Sunday 9:00 a.m.

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Third Sunday in Advent

December 15, 2024

PRESERVICE MUSIC WHILE WE PREPARE FOR WORSHIP

WELCOME & GREET ONE ANOTHER WITH GOD'S PEACE

OPENING HYMN

"Arise, O Christian People"

LSB 354

DIVINE SERVICE (Setting Four) (p 203 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: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C: Who made heaven and earth.

P: If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

C: But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.

P: Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

C: Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. 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. 146:5-8; Phil. 4:4

P: Rejoice in the Lord always; again, I will say, rejoice.

C: Blessed is he whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the Lord his God,

P: who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, who keeps faith forever;

C: who executes justice for the oppressed, who gives food to the hungry.

P: The Lord sets the prisoners free; the Lord opens the eyes of the blind. The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down; the Lord loves the righteous.

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.

SALUTATION AND COLLECT (PRAYER) OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray.

C: Lord Jesus Christ, we implore You to hear our prayers and to lighten the darkness of our hearts by Your gracious visitation; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Zephaniah 3:14-20

Sing aloud, O daughter of Zion; shout, O Israel! Rejoice and exult with all your heart, O daughter of Jerusalem! The Lord has taken away the judgments against you; he has cleared away your enemies. The King of Israel, the Lord, is in your midst; you shall never again fear evil. On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem: "Fear not, O Zion; let not your hands grow weak. The Lord your God is in your midst, a mighty one who will save; he will rejoice over you with gladness; he will quiet you by his love; he will exult over you with loud singing. I will gather those of you who mourn for the festival, so that you will no longer suffer reproach. Behold, at that time I will deal with all your oppressors. And I will save the lame and gather the outcast, and I will change their shame into praise and renown in all the earth. At that time, I will bring you in, at the time when I gather you together; for I will make you renowned and praised among all the peoples of the earth, when I restore your fortunes before your eyes," says the Lord

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE

Philippians 4:4-7

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice. Let your reasonableness be known to everyone. The Lord is at hand; do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA VERSE

C: ♪ Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

**These things are written that you may believe
That Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God.**

Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 7:18-28

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the seventh chapter.

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

The disciples of John reported all these things to him. And John, calling two of his disciples to him, sent them to the Lord, saying, "Are you the one who is to come, or shall we look for another?" And when the men had come to him, they said, "John the Baptist has sent us to you, saying, 'Are you the one who is to come, or shall we look for another?'" In that hour he healed many people of diseases and plagues and evil spirits, and on many who were blind he bestowed sight. And he answered them, "Go and tell John what you have seen and heard: the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, and the deaf hear, the dead are raised up, the poor have good news preached to them. And blessed is the one who is not offended by me." When John's messengers had gone, Jesus began to speak to the crowds concerning John: "What did you go out into the wilderness to see? A reed shaken by the wind? What then did you go out to see? A man dressed in soft clothing? Behold, those who are dressed in splendid clothing and live in luxury are in kings' courts. What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. This is he of whom it is written, "'Behold, I send my messenger before your face, who will prepare your way before you.' I tell you, among those born of women none is greater than John. Yet the one who is least in the kingdom of God is greater than he."

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

CONFESSION OF FAITH

"Nicene Creed"

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CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

HYMN OF THE DAY

"When All the World Was Cursed"

LSB 346

SERMON

"Good Christians Don't Doubt?"

Luke 7:18-28

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P: Almighty God, as You once sent messengers before the face of Jesus to prepare His way, so strengthen and encourage pastors and church workers as they make known His saving name. Open the ears of all who hear to rejoice, repent and firmly believe in Christ. Lord, in Your mercy,
(following each petition the congregation responds)

C: Hear our prayer.

(Our petitions this day)

P: Hear us, heavenly Father, for the sake of Christ Jesus, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

OFFERING

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

"O Savior, Rend the Heavens Wide"

LSB 355

"Hark! A Thrilling Voice Is Sounding"

LSB 345

"Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"

LSB 338

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE

Nunc Dimittis – "Song of Simeon"

(p. 211)

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

C: AMEN

BENEDICAMUS & BENEDICTION

ANNOUNCEMENTS

POSTLUDE

OFFICIANT: Rev. Jonathan Vierkant

ORGANIST: Rinda Bye

LAY READER: Bob Buehler

HIS WEEK AT ST. ANDREW

Monday, December 16	-	6:00 p.m. Men's Group
	-	6:45 p.m. Handbell Practice
Tuesday, December 17	-	9:30 a.m. Sister's In Christ Bible Study
	-	7:00 p.m. Evening Ladies Bible Study
Wednesday, December 18	-	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 @ Hartford
Thursday, December 19	-	7:00 p.m. All Boards Meeting
Sunday, December 22	-	9:00 a.m. Worship
	-	10:15 a.m. Family Education Hour

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.

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**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK: December 15 thru December 21

BIRTHDAY: Tonia Keaton, Sarah Peterson, Tracy Rochwite, Judi Riedel, Bradley Sommer, Christopher Struebing

BAPTISMAL ANNIVERSARIES: Carla Peterson, Joan Schlicht, Michele Buehler, Sue Harrison

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES: Pete & Donna Hesprich

PRAYERS FOR. Meghan Kelley for her Great Aunt Vern who was recently diagnosed with breast cancer. **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. **Cliff Hetzel's nephew** Tim Hackbarth diagnosed with possibly aggressive prostate cancer. **Rory Hetzel's** best friend growing up Mike Deschler suffering from severe dementia.

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: Bob Buehler, Thai Hua
Next Wednesday: Rory Hetzel

CLEANING THIS WEEK ENDING December 21 Sue Hetzel, Rory Hetzel, Paul Heinz, Cindy Heinz
NEXT WEEK December 23 thru December 28 Pastor Jon Vierkant, Katie Vierkant, Myron Kraft, Suzanne Woods

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

January: Dorene Betz, Kris Sheffield, Judi Riedel, Joanne Miller

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..

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.

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.

CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS: A Big thank you to those that decorated the Sanctuary, Narthex and Christmas tree all looks very beautiful. Thank you for all you do!!