

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

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Worship Hours: Sunday 9:00 a.m.

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Fourth Sunday in Advent

December 22, 2024

PRESERVICE MUSIC WHILE WE PREPARE FOR WORSHIP

WELCOME & GREET ONE ANOTHER WITH GOD'S PEACE

OPENING HYMN

"O Little Town of Bethlehem"

LSB 361

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

1 Sam. 2:1b, 2, 5b-7; Luke 1:46b-47

P: My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior.

C: My mouth derides my enemies, because I rejoice in your salvation.

P: There is none holy like the Lord; there is none besides you; there is no rock like our God.

C: The barren has borne seven, but she who has many children is forlorn.

P: The Lord kills and brings to life; he brings down to Sheol and raises up.

C: The Lord makes poor and makes rich; he brings low and he exalts.

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

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 and help us by Your might, that the sins which weigh us down may be quickly lifted by Your grace and mercy; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: ♪ Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Micah 5:2-5a

But you, O Bethlehem Ephrathah, who are too little to be among the clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to be ruler in Israel, whose coming forth is from of old, from ancient days. Therefore he shall give them up until the time when she who is in labor has given birth; then the rest of his brothers shall return to the people of Israel. And he shall stand and shepherd his flock in the strength of the Lord, in the majesty of the name of the Lord his God. And they shall dwell secure, for now he shall be great to the ends of the earth. And he shall be their peace.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

"Prophet's Knew"

St. Andrew Choir

EPISTLE

Hebrews 10:5-10

Consequently, when Christ came into the world, he said, "Sacrifices and offerings you have not desired, but a body have you prepared for me; in burnt offerings and sin offerings you have taken no pleasure. Then I said, 'Behold, I have come to do your will, O God, as it is written of me in the scroll of the book.'" When he said above, "You have neither desired nor taken pleasure in sacrifices and offerings and burnt offerings and sin offerings" (these are offered according to the law), then he added, "Behold, I have come to do your will." He does away with the first in order to establish the second. And by that will we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

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 1:39-45

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

C: ♪ Glory to You, O Lord.

In those days Mary arose and went with haste into the hill country, to a town in Judah, and she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. And when Elizabeth heard the greeting of Mary, the baby leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit, and she exclaimed with a loud cry, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb! And why is this

granted to me that the mother of my Lord should come to me? For behold, when the sound of your greeting came to my ears, the baby in my womb leaped for joy. And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her from the Lord."

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: ♪ Praise to You, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

HYMN OF THE DAY

"Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming"

LSB 359

SERMON

"Lessons from Mary and Elizabeth"

CONFESSION OF FAITH

"Apostles' Creed"

(p. 159)

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P: O Lord, there is none like You in holiness, constancy and might; yet, You exercise Your power for the salvation of sinners. As we draw near to the celebration of Jesus' birth, fill our hearts with gratitude that Your Son humbled Himself and became flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. Lord, in Your mercy,

(following each petition the congregation responds)

C: Hear our prayer.

(our petitions this day)

P: O Lord, mighty God, You have done great things for us, most of all delivering us from death to life through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Mercifully hear our prayers and answer them according to Your will for the sake of Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

OFFERING

"Ding Dong Merrily on High"

St. Andrew Brass

OFFERTORY

"Come, Your Hearts and Voices Raising"

LSB 375:1-4

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

"What Child Is This" St. Andrew Brass
"The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came" LSB 356
"Let Us All with Gladsome Voice" LSB 390

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

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

C: AMEN

BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" LSB 357:1-5
St. Andrew Brass

ANNOUNCEMENTS

POSTLUDE

OFFICIANT: Rev. Jonathan Vierkant

ORGANIST: Rynda Bye

CHOIR DIRECTORS: Peggy Kriefall

BRASS MEMBERS Tom Beineke, Stephanie Gutschmidt, Owen Hua,
Mark Oehme, Taylor Sandidge, Katie Vierkant

LAY READER: Karen Gnatzig

THIS WEEK AT ST. ANDREW

Monday, December 23 - 6:00 p.m. Men's Group
- 6:45 p.m. Handbell Practice
Tuesday, December 24 - 4:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Service
Wednesday, December 25 - 9:00 a.m. Christmas Day Service
Sunday, December 29 - 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.

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK: December 22 thru December 28

BIRTHDAY: Alason Koenig, Brittany Osgood, Matthew Ratzel

BAPTISMAL ANNIVERSARIES: Alex Nuoffer, Pat McWilliams, Leo Ruback

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES: Lee & Sharon Oelke

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. **Darryl Harrison** sister Judy Harrison broke her hip, please pray for healing.

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, Rick Bruss
Next Tuesday: Rory Hetzel

CLEANING THIS WEEK ENDING December 28 Pastor Jon Vierkant, Katie Vierkant, Myron Kraft, Suzanne Woods

NEXT WEEK December 30 thru January 4 Melissa Knox, Carla Peterson, Sandy Lompa

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

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

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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

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!

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!!

TWELFTH NIGHT CELEBRATION: Mark your calendar for January 5, 2025! This event celebrates Epiphany, and gives us one last opportunity to sing Christmas carols as decorations are removed from the Christmas tree. The gathering will begin at 4:30 PM, with dinner at 5 PM. We are fortunate that Texas Roadhouse will again provide most of the food. There is a sign up sheet on the bulletin board.