

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

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Second Sunday in Advent

December 8, 2024

PRESERVICE MUSIC WHILE WE PREPARE FOR WORSHIP

WELCOME & GREET ONE ANOTHER WITH GOD'S PEACE

OPENING HYMN "On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry" LSB 344

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. 81:8, 10-11, 13 Luke 3:4

P: "The voice of one crying in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.'"

C: Hear, O my people, while I admonish you! O Israel, if you would but listen to me!

P: I am the Lord your God, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt. Open your mouth wide, and I will fill it.

C: But my people did not listen to my voice; Israel would not submit to me.

P: Oh, that my people would listen to me, that Israel would walk in my ways!

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.

SALUTATION AND COLLECT (PRAYER) OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.

C: ♪ And with thy spirit.

P: Let us pray.

C: Stir up our hearts, O Lord, to make ready the way of Your only begotten Son, that by His coming we may be enabled to serve You with pure minds; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: ♪ Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Malachi 3:1-7b

"Behold, I send my messenger, and he will prepare the way before me. And the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple;

and the messenger of the covenant in whom you delight, behold, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears? For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap. He will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the sons of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, and they will bring offerings in righteousness to the Lord. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the Lord as in the days of old and as in former years. "Then I will draw near to you for judgment. I will be a swift witness against the sorcerers, against the adulterers, against those who swear falsely, against those who oppress the hired worker in his wages, the widow and the fatherless, against those who thrust aside the sojourner, and do not fear me, says the Lord of hosts. "For I the Lord do not change; therefore you, O children of Jacob, are not consumed. From the days of your fathers, you have turned aside from my statutes and have not kept them.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God

EPISTLE

Philippians 1:2-11

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, always in every prayer of mine for you all making my prayer with joy, because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now. And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ. It is right for me to feel this way about you all, because I hold you in my heart, for you are all partakers with me of grace, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel. For God is my witness, how I yearn for you all with the affection of Christ Jesus. And it is my prayer that your love may abound more and more, with knowledge and all discernment, so that you may approve what is excellent, and so be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA VERSE

C: ♪ Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 3:1-14

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

C: ♪ Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar, Pontius Pilate being governor of Judea, and Herod being tetrarch of Galilee, and his brother Philip tetrarch of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias tetrarch of Abilene, during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John the son of Zechariah in the wilderness. And he went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. As it is written in the book of the words of Isaiah the prophet, "The voice of one crying in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be made low, and the crooked shall become straight, and the rough places shall become level ways, and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.'" He said therefore to the crowds that came out to be baptized by him, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruits in keeping with repentance. And do not begin to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our father.' For I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children for Abraham. Even now the axe is laid to the root of the trees. Every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire." And the crowds asked him, "What then shall we do?" And he answered them, "Whoever has two tunics is to share with him who has none, and whoever has food is to do likewise." Tax collectors also came to be baptized and said to him, "Teacher, what shall we do?" And he said to them, "Collect no more than you are authorized to do." Soldiers also asked him, "And we, what shall we do?" And he said to them, "Do not extort money from anyone by threats or by false accusation, and be content with your wages."

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: ♪ Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

CONFESSION OF FAITH

"Apostle's Creed"

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CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

HYMN OF THE DAY

"Prepare the Royal Highway"

LSB 343

SERMON

"Oyez, Oyez, Oyez!"

OFFERTORY

"Create in me a clean heart"

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OFFERING

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P: O Lord, our God, You declared Israel to be Your people and brought them out of Egypt. You desired their salvation even when they would not listen to Your voice. Since You have called and gathered us also to be Your people, open our hearts to listen and gladly submit to Your Word. 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

Pax Domini – "The Peace of the Lord" (p. 197)

Agnus Dei – "Lamb of God"

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

"Come, Thou Precious Ransom, Come" LSB 350

"Let the Earth Now Praise the Lord" LSB 352

"Jesus Came, the Heavens Adoring" LSB 353

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE

Nunc Dimittis – "Song of Simeon" (p. 199)

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POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

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BENEDICAMUS AND BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN "Comfort, Comfort Ye My People" LSB 347

ANNOUNCEMENTS

POSTLUDE

OFFICIANT: Rev. Jonathan Vierkant

ORGANIST: Matthias Raffa

LAY READER: Owen Hua

THIS WEEK AT ST. ANDREW

Monday, December 9	-	6:00 p.m. Men's Group
	-	6:45 p.m. Handbell Choir
Tuesday, December 10	-	9:30 a.m. Sister's In Christ Bible Study
	-	7:00 p.m. Evening Ladies Bible Study
Wednesday, December 11	-	6:00 p.m. Soup Supper
	-	6:25 p.m. Choir Practice
	-	7:00 p.m. Advent Service
	-	7:00 p.m. Dartball @ Home
Friday, December 13	-	6:30 p.m. ECC Christmas Program
Saturday, December 14	-	3-6 p.m. Candy Cane Hunt
Sunday, December 15	-	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.

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: December 8 thru December 14

BIRTHDAY: Trent Ellis, Michele Buehler, Debbie Benz, Steven Mutz, Jennae Beaupre'

BAPTISMAL ANNIVERSARIES: Sandy Ruback, Jennifer Backhaus, Katherine Vierkant, Deborah Osgood

PRAYERS FOR. Meghan Kelley for her Great Aunt Vern who was recently diagnosed with breast cancer. **Michele Buehler's Sister** Deborah and Husband Phil for health issues. **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.

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: Curt Gnatzig, Jeff Grande
Next Wednesday: Rick Bruss

CLEANING THIS WEEK ENDING December 15 Randy Sheffield, Kris Sheffield, Stephanie Gutschmidt, Cathy Grande

NEXT WEEK December 16 thru December 21 Sue Hetzel, Rory Hetzel, Paul Heinz, Cindy Heinz

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..

The Candy Cane Hunt will be **Saturday, December 14 from 3-6.** The most important thing we need for this event to happen are volunteers to man the stations located around the church property, pass out maps as people arrive, and serve hot cocoa and cookies! If you are able to help with the event in any way, please sign up on the bulletin board. We also need people to attend--please invite family and friends! See Katie Vierkant if you would like more information.

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.