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St. Andrew Lutheran Church | Dec. 12, 9:00 AM



ORDER OF ONLINE WORSHIP

PRELUDE *“Savior of the Nations, Come” (arr. Cathy Moglebust)*

WELCOME

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

“Of the Father’s Love Begotten”

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

ANTHEM *“Lo, How a Rose E’er Blooming” (Michael Praetorius)*

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. Let your love shine forth in the lives of all who follow you and give us a passion to be the love we want to see in the world, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

SERVICE OF HOLY BAPTISM

Theodore John Perez
Riley Owen Schaffran
Clara James Feikert
Noah Benjamin Johnson

READINGS

Song of Songs 8:6-7a

Set me as a seal upon your heart, as a seal upon your arm; for love is strong as death, passion fierce as the grave. Its flashes are flashes of fire, a raging flame. Many waters cannot quench love, neither can floods drown it. If one offered for love all the wealth of one’s house, it would be utterly scorned.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

1 John 4:7-8

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

SERMON *“Love”*

OFFERING

OFFERING OF MUSIC *“Carol of the Bells” (arr. Douglas E. Wagner)*



OFFERING PRAYER

Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: our selves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

PRAYERS OF GOD'S PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

BEFORE YOU GO

BENEDICTION

The God of hope
fill us with all joy and peace in believing,
so that we may abound in hope
by the power of the Holy Spirit,
through Christ Jesus for whom we wait.
Amen.

SONG *"Love Came Down at Christmas"* (Christina Rossetti | David & Bonnie Huntsinger)

SENDING

POSTLUDE *"People Look East"*

The pastors of St. Andrew: Pastor Gail Bach, Pastor of Stewardship & Evangelism; Pastor David Lillejord, Pastor Sarah Fike, Pastor of Children, Youth, and Family; Senior Pastor; Pastor Matthew Ian Fleming, Pastor of Teacher & Young Adults; Pastor Peter Johnson, Pastor of Service & Small Groups, and Pastor Roger Schindel, Visitation Pastor

Assisting Staff: Sarah Blasing

The musicians for today's worship: Tim Graf, Worship and Music Coordinator; Larry Bach, Canticle Choir Director; Penny Meier; Bells of Joy, and Canticle Choir.

Prayers

As a community of faith we are connected through joy, sorrow, worship, and prayer. Please pray for the people listed below. Your prayers are greatly appreciated!

We ask for God's loving embrace to hold all those who mourn, especially:

Daina and Lexi Bauman on the death of their husband and father, Burt Bauman
The family of Nancy Wentzel on her death
Deb Blaschko and family on the death of her mother, Barb Robach
Dave Goble and family on this death of his brother, Ron
Carrie & Garrett Twedt and family on the death of Garret's Grandmother, Ruth

Prayers of Mourning:

- Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord; O Lord, hear my voice. **Psalm 130:1-2**
- For I am convinced that neither death nor life... nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord. **Romans 8:38-39**
- Jesus said to her, 'I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die'. **John 11:25-26**

As we are praying for all members of the St. Andrew community, this week we pray especially for God's comfort, healing, protection, and strength to be present with:

*Christian Luken

Marjean and Paul Skoog's friends 3 yr old granddaughter, Elizabeth
Andy and Tish Bergan
Bradlee Bakke
Kirsten Hanninen brother, Peter Vedell
Ted Marks

Long Term Prayers

Prayers for our Haitian friends: safety and protection from COVID-19 during daily trips to the market because of no refrigeration in homes and for the struggling Haitian economy and challenged electrical grid

Sheryl Ebert's mother, Dorothy
Dave & Sherri Anderson's daughter, Sarah Anderson-Jacobson
Rhonda Allen's sister, Mila Krause
Ron Wolfbauer
Marilynn Boorsma's son, Mark
Julie Bergquist's cousin, Kathy Wesley
Dick Smith
Paul & Marjean Skoog's sister-in-law, Lois
Marcia Lund's sister, Jenni Fick

- Seeds of Support Mission in Haiti requests you ongoing prayers for our friends in Haiti. Haiti is experiencing a political and economic crisis that is producing widespread frustration among the population. Fuel shortages, food shortages, and general hopelessness are common. Please pray for Redemption Lutheran Church of Jacmel and all our friends there. Our mission will continue in evolving and vital ways to support their ministry.
- All those in the military serving our country

General Prayers:

- Cast your cares on the Lord and he will sustain you. **Psalm 55:22a**
- Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. **Matthew 11:28**

*New this week; names will remain listed for three weeks unless otherwise requested.
To add a name to the prayer list, click the 'Prayer Request' button on the homepage of our website or contact Pastor Peter at pastorpeter@standrewlu.org.