

St. Andrew Lutheran Church

LESSONS & Carols

Sunday, January 1 | 9:00 AM



ORDER OF LIVE/ONLINE WORSHIP

PRELUDE

“Jesus Christ the Apple Tree” (Elizabeth Poston, arr. Tim Graf)

WELCOME

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who was in the beginning, who makes a dwelling among us, who covers us with justice and mercy.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

God of goodness and lovingkindness,
we confess that we have sinned against you and our neighbors. We have turned away from your invitation to new life. We have turned away from the lowly and downtrodden. In your abundant mercy, forgive us our sins, those we know and those known only to you, for the sake of the one who came to live among us, Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

Hear the good news of peace and salvation! God forgives us all our sins, not through our own work, but through † Jesus Christ, made known to all people. With all who come to the manger, rejoice in this amazing gift of grace.

Amen.

LESSONS & CAROLS

LESSON

Isaiah 9:2–7 *God promises a king*

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness— on them light has shined. 3 You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. 4 For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian. 5 For all the boots of the tramping warriors and all the garments rolled in blood shall be burned as fuel for the fire. 6 For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. 7 His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be end-



less peace for the throne of David and his kingdom. He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onward and forevermore. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

CAROL

“Lo, How is Rose E’er Blooming” (St. 1–2)

ELW # 272

LESSON

Micah 5:2–5a *The king will come from Bethlehem*

But you, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah, who are one of the little clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to rule in Israel, whose origin is from of old, from ancient days. Therefore he shall give them up until the time when she who is in labor has brought forth; then the rest of his kindred shall return to the people of Israel. And he shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of the LORD, in the majesty of the name of the LORD his God.

And they shall live secure, for now he shall be great to the ends of the earth; and he shall be the one of peace. If the Assyrians come into our land and tread upon our soil, we will raise against them seven shepherds and eight installed as rulers.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

CAROL

“O Little Town of Bethlehem” (St. 1–2, 4)

ELW # 279

LESSON

Luke 2:1–7 *The birth of Jesus*

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

REFLECTION

LESSON

Luke 2:8–16 *The shepherds go to see the Savior*

In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah,[a] the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger.” And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, “Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors!”

When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, “Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us.” So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

CAROL

“Still, still, still” (arr. Philip Ledger)

LESSON

Matthew 2:1–11 *The magi follow the star*

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, “Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage.” When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, “In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet:

‘And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel.’”

Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, “Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage.” When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place



where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

CAROL

“Saw You Never in the Twilight” (Harold Friedell)

LESSON

John 1:1–14 *The mystery of the Incarnation*

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father’s only son, full of grace and truth.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

REFLECTION

OFFERING

OFFERING OF MUSIC

“Wexford Carol” (arr. Elaine Hagenberg)

OFFERING PRAYER

Gracious God, your Word-made-flesh brings harmony to the earth. As we offer ourselves and these your gifts, prepare us to receive the grace and truth you offer at this table and renew in us the song of your salvation, in Jesus Christ our Savior.

Amen.

PRAYERS OF GOD'S PEOPLE

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. In the wonder and mystery of the Word made flesh you have opened the eyes of faith to a new and radiant vision of your glory, that, beholding the God made visible, we may be drawn to love the God whom we cannot see. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

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.

MUSIC DURING HOLY COMMUNION

“Mid-Winter” (Bob Chilcott)

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Radiant God, with our eyes we have seen your salvation, and in this meal we have feasted on your grace. May your Word take flesh in us, that we may be your holy people, revealing your glory made known to us in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

BEFORE YOU GO

BENEDICTION

Almighty God, who sent the Holy Spirit to Mary, proclaimed joy through the angels, sent the shepherds with good news, and led the magi by a star, bless you this day ✠ through the Word made flesh.

Amen.

CAROL

“Good Christian Friends, Rejoice”

ELW # 288

SENDING

Go in peace. Share the gift of Jesus. Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

“Hark! The Herald Angels Sing” (arr. Lani Smith)

THE PASTORS OF ST. ANDREW:

Pastor David Lillejord..... Senior Pastor
Pastor Gail Bach.....Pastor of Stewardship & Evangelism
Pastor Sarah Fike.....Pastor of Children, Youth, & Family
Pastor Matthew Ian Fleming .. Pastor of Teaching & Young Adults
Pastor Peter Johnson.....Pastor of Service & Small Groups
Pastor Roger Schindel..... Visitation Pastor

THE MUSICIANS FOR TODAY’S WORSHIP:

Tim GrafWorship & Music Director
Larry Bach
Barb Carroll
Rachel Diede
Gina Downs
Josh Eidem
Hannah Fleming
Mike Kovic
Barb McGowan

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:

- » Kim Callahan and family on the death of her father, Dave
- » Kris & Steve Stromsness and family on the death of her mother, Donna
- Cheryl Loose and family on the death of her sister, Barbara
- Cherie Kaivo and family on the death of her mother, Shirley
- Gordy & JoAnn Tanke on the death of their brother-in-law, Dean
- Ashley Leary and family on the death of her mother, Holly
- Joe Armstrong and family on the death of his nephew, Peter

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:

- » Mari Herman's sister, Donna
- Barb Peterson's brother-in-law, Blair
- John Sorich
- Gib Bendell's mother, Carol
- Wayne & Nancy Dale's daughter, Rachelle

Long Term Prayers:

- Kathy Hoagland
- Dave & Sherri Anderson's daughter, Sarah Anderson-Jacobson
- Ron Wolfbauer
- Marilyn Boorsma's son, Mark
- Dick Smith
- Paul & Marjean Skoog's sister-in-law, Lois
- Marcia Lund's sister, Jenni Fick
- Seeds of Support Mission in Haiti requests your 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**

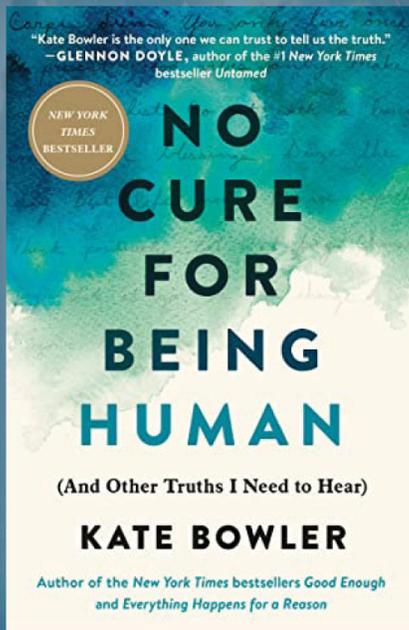


**American
Red Cross**

Blood Drive

Tuesday, January 3 from 1:00–7:00 PM

Sign up online at redcrossblood.org
St. Andrew's sponsor code: **standrewep**



Pastors' Book Study

No Cure for Being Human

Thursdays at 9:00 AM & 6:30 PM
Starting January 5

More info at standrewlu.org



CHANGE YOUR LIFE

SUNDAYS | 9:00 & 10:30 AM

CELEBRATE A NEW YEAR OF SUNDAY SCHOOL!

THE MAGIC OF FAITH

SUNDAY SCHOOL SPECIAL EVENT

SUNDAY, JANUARY 8, 9:00 & 10:30 AM

Loom Knitting Class

Wednesday, Jan. 11 & 18
12:30–2:00 PM

Register Online



Hey Parents!
Does your life include the
swirls and lulls of teen energy?

THE CHECK-IN

Every Other Wednesday, 6:00–6:30 PM
(Starting Jan. 11)
St. Andrew Chapel

**CALLING ALL 5TH-12TH GRADERS!
NOW ACCEPTING AUDITIONS FOR:**

Cafe Concert

SATURDAY, JANUARY 21 | 7:00 PM | FELLOWSHIP HALL

**AUDITION INSTRUCTIONS ONLINE
AT STANDREWLU.ORG**

Winter 2023

Living & Growing Through Loss

Hosted by Pax Christi

Four Monday Sessions Starting Jan.23

6:30-8:00 PM



**Southwest
Grief Coalition**

swgriefcoalition.org/