

St. Andrew Lutheran Church

Advent at St. Andrew

Sunday, Dec. 4 | 10:30 AM



ORDER OF LIVE/ONLINE WORSHIP

WELCOME/LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES

SONG

“Lift Up Your Heads”

CONFSSION AND FORGIVENESS

Be near us, Lord Jesus

Come near us today.

Into our world, as into Mary’s womb.

Come, Lord Jesus.

Into the forgotten places, as into the stable

Come, Lord Jesus.

Into the lives of the poor, bringing hope;

into the lives of the powerful, bringing caution;

into the lives of the weary, bringing rest;

into the lives of the wise, bringing restlessness;

and into our lives and longings,

whatever our estate.

Come, Lord Jesus.

Cast out our sin and enter in,

Come near us, Lord Jesus, today.

Jesus is near. Forgiveness is here.

Rest in the grace that you are loved.

Amen.

SONG

“God With Us”

PRAYER

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE LORD’S PRAYER

COMMUNION SONG

“Light of the World (Sing Hallelujah)”

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

MESSAGE & READING

Matthew 3:1–12

In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, ‘Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.’ This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said,

‘The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:

“Prepare the way of the Lord,
make his paths straight.” ’

Now John wore clothing of camel’s hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.

But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, ‘You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruit worthy of repentance. Do not presume to say to yourselves, “We have Abraham as our ancestor”; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the axe is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.

‘I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing-floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.’

OFFERING

BEFORE YOU GO

CLOSING SONG

“*Joy to the World (Unspeakable Joy)*”

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 Graf Director of Worship & Music
Alex Graves
Elliana Meier
Penny Meier
Kevin Mills
Jeff Perry

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:

- » Kirsten Hanninen and family on the death of her brother, Peter
- » Dave & Lori Goble and family on the death of Dave's nephew, Marv
- The family of Julie Daugherty

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:

- » John Sword
- » Alaina Johnson's friend, Birgetta and her son
- Debbie Larson's mother, Ruth
- Jan & Craig Armstrong's daughter, Jackie
- Marilyn Terwilliger's nephew, Jeff
- Jody Collis King's father, John

Long Term Prayers:

- Kathy Hoagland
- Dave & Sherri Anderson's daughter, Sarah Anderson-Jacobson
- Ron Wolfbauer
- Marilynn 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**



Last Call! Holiday Giving 2022

Sun. 11/27: Deadline for Zion Baptist in-kind gifts

Sun. 12/4: Deadline for all other partners and financial contributions.

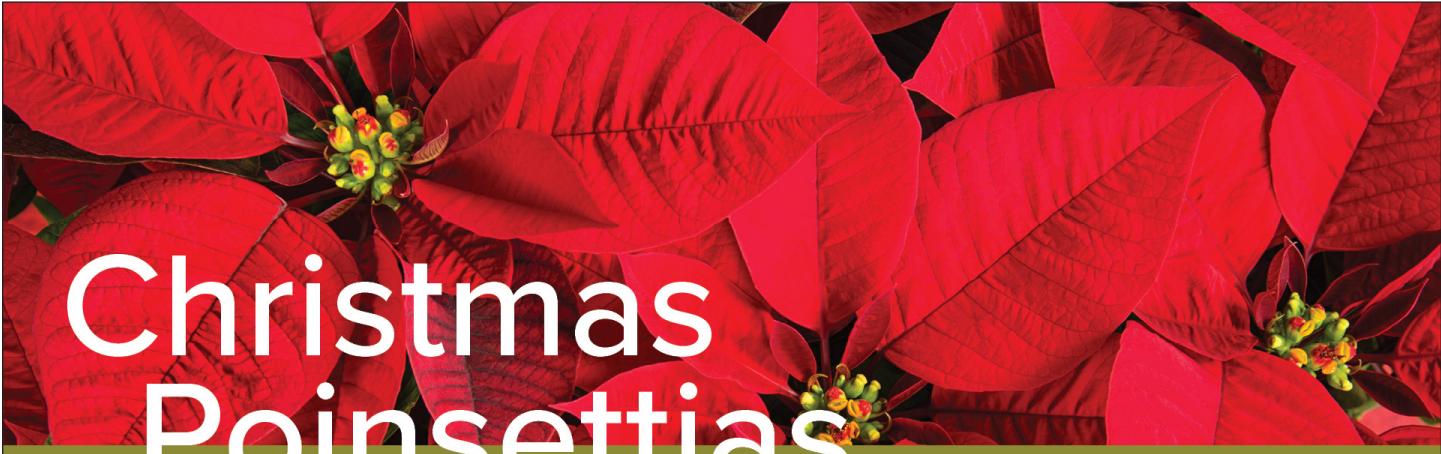
Visit standrewlu.org/holidaygiving for details about how you can participate.



A More Just World: Affordable Housing in a (Big) Nutshell

Wednesday, Dec. 7 | 6:30 PM

More info at standrewlu.org



Christmas Poinsettias

\$18 Each | Order Online or at the Front Desk by Wednesday, Dec. 7



ST. ANDREW LEFSE GROUP

Saturday, Dec. 10 | 9:00 AM
RSVP online at standrewlu.org





Benevolence Fund is Seeking Grant Applications & New Committee Members

- Applications can be made through the St. Andrew website. Deadline is Sunday, December 11th.
- If you or someone you know is interested in serving on the Benevolence Fund, we want to hear from you.

Email Pastor Peter at pastorpeter@standrewlu.org with any questions about the Benevolence Fund and its responsibilities.



Ugly Christmas Sweater Sunday

DECEMBER 18 | 9:00 & 10:30 AM