

St. Andrew Lutheran Church

Advent at St. Andrew

Sunday, Dec. 4 | 9:00 AM





ORDER OF LIVE/ONLINE WORSHIP

PRELUDE

“O Little Town of Bethlehem—Sinfonia” (John Leavitt)

WELCOME

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES

“O Come, O Come Emmanuel” (St. 1)

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel, who alone does wondrous things.

Blessed be God’s name forever. Amen.

Beloved, now is the time to wake from sleep.,Let us confront our sins, and confess them to the one who is merciful and just.

Silence is kept for reflection.

God of new beginnings,
we confess that we have not welcomed your holy reign. We have strayed from your paths. We prepare for war instead of peace. We dishonor one another and your creation. Purify us with your refining fire and set us again on your way of love, that we may bear fruit worthy of repentance, and welcome your coming among us. Amen.

People of God, a new thing is growing in our midst, a tender branch, a living sign. By water and the Spirit you are joined to this wonder. You have put on ✝ Christ, and your sins have been washed away. Rejoice in the way of the Lord.

Amen.

MUSIC

“O Little Town of Bethlehem” (John Leavitt)

1. Prelude
2. Carol
3. Chorus

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Stir up our hearts, Lord God, to prepare the way of your only Son. By his coming nurture our growth as people of repentance and peace; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

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.’

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

SERMON

“An Everyday Thing.”

OFFERING

OFFERING OF MUSIC

“O Little Town of Bethlehem“ (John Leavitt)

1. *Lullaby*
2. *Carol*



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 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; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. 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

“Light of the World (Sing Hallelujah)” (Andrew Bergthold, Ed Cash, Franni Cash, Martin Cash, Scott Cash)

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Faithful God, in this meal you have remembered your mercy, bringing heaven to earth in the body and blood of Christ. As we wait for the day when all your promises will be fulfilled, sustain us and strengthen us by this holy mystery. Guide us toward your promised future, coming to birth in Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord.

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.

HYMN

“Prepare the Royal Highway”

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SENDING

Go in peace. Christ is near. Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

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 GrafDirector of Worship & Music
Larry Bach.....Canticle Choir Director
Jodi Edstrom
Josh Eidem
Alex Johnson
Elliana Meier
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:

- » 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
- 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**



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



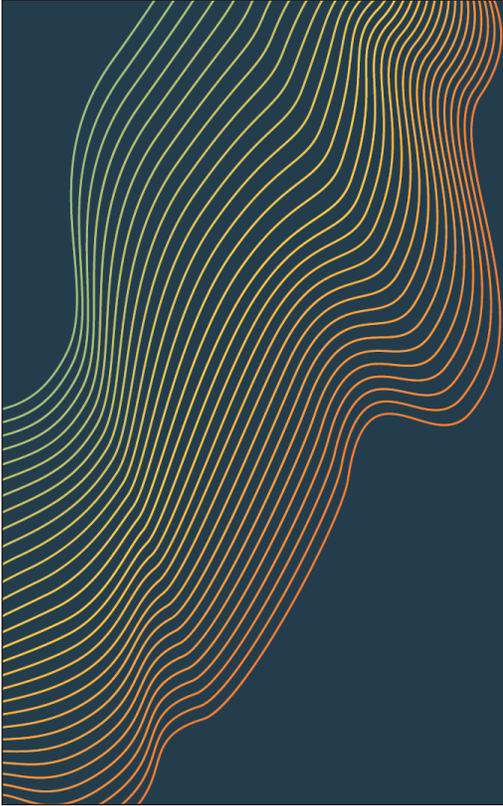
Christmas Poinsettias

\$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