

Second Sunday of Advent

December 10, 2023

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St. Andrew's Lutheran Church

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A congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

Welcome to worship! Whether you are here for the first time or have been a life-long member, we pray that you experience God's presence in worship.

All God's Children are Welcome! If you have children, know that all of you are welcome in worship. Little people sounds tell us that everyone is here. If your little one becomes fussy, feel free to step out for a moment. Families may want to sit near the pray ground in the front left side of the Worship space. There are speakers in the gathering space.

Pastoral Concerns occasionally come up. In cases of severe illness, hospitalization, death, birth of a child, marriages, joys and sadness, many people would like a pastor to visit with them. Please be sure to contact the office to let us know of your desire.

Offering is received as a response to God's grace and blessing, and as an expression of our faith. Jesus tells us, "For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also." (Matthew 6:21)

Holy Communion is celebrated at nearly every service. Admission to the Sacrament is by invitation of the Lord, presented through the Church to those who are baptized. All are welcome.

Interested in growing in faith? If you have questions about what it means to enter into partnership in our shared ministry feel free to contact Pastor David.

Announcements: The announcements begin on page 15, following the worship service.

Saint Andrew's Lutheran Church Welcome Statement



At St. Andrew's Lutheran Church (ELCA), we hold space for you—the full you—including your race, age, ethnic background, personality, experiences, gender identity, sexual orientations, gender expressions, and mental, spiritual, and physical needs. Here, you are invited to worship, pray, play, be baptized, get married, and celebrate Holy Communion.

Together, we strive to eliminate human-caused barriers to a holy relationship with Jesus Christ and with one another. We hear the call to love our neighbor as a commitment to antiracism and welcome for our LGBTQIA+ siblings. We pledge to work intentionally to further justice and inclusion. We strive to glorify God in the ways we care for each other, our communities, and our planet. Recognizing that we are all siblings in Christ, we celebrate, affirm, and welcome individuals and families in all their beautiful and varied compositions. As a church that holds space just for you, we are better for having you and your unique voice here! Come just as you are!

Welcome to St. Andrew's Lutheran Church

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✠GATHERING✠

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

PRELUDE *Prepare the Royal Highway* setting, John H. Behnke

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION TO THE DAY

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God,
who opens the heavens
and draws near to us with salvation.
Amen.

God is patient and merciful, desiring all to come to repentance.
Trusting this promise of grace, let us confess our sin.

Everlasting God,
you love justice and you hate wrongdoing.
We confess the fear, greed, and self-centeredness
that make us reluctant to work against oppression.
We are complicit in systems of exploitation.
We choose comfort over courage.
We are careless with creation's bounty.
Look upon us with mercy.
Turn our hearts again to you.
Make us glad to do your will and to walk in your ways
for the sake of our waiting world.
Amen.

Hear these words of assurance:
God clothes you with garments of salvation
and covers you with robes of righteousness.
In the tender compassion of ✠ Jesus Christ,
your sins are forgiven.
God's covenant is eternal,
and God's blessing rests upon us all.
Amen.

- 1 We are waiting for Jesus; Jesus brings peace.
 We are waiting for Jesus; Jesus brings peace.
 Sun of justice, shine upon us;
 we are trusting in your promise.
 We are waiting for Jesus; Jesus brings peace.
- 2 We are waiting for Jesus; Jesus brings peace.
 We are waiting for Jesus; Jesus brings peace.
 Loving Shepherd, walk beside us;
 stir our hearts, and gently guide us.
 We are waiting for Jesus; Jesus brings peace.

LIGHTING OF THE WREATH AND CHILDREN'S TIME

Praise to you, O God, who gives us courage to start again.
You fasten righteousness around your waist
and baptize with the Holy Spirit's fire.
Bless us as we mirror your mighty fire in these simple flames,
and teach us to mirror your justice in the paths we prepare.
We ask that peace abound,
until none hurt or destroy over all the earth.
Amen.

SONG AFTER ADVENT WREATH LIGHTING

Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah

ELW 240

- 1 Light one candle to watch for Messiah:
 let the light banish darkness.
 He shall bring salvation to Israel,
 God fulfills the promise.
- 2 Light two candles to watch for Messiah:
 let the light banish darkness.
 He shall feed the flock like a shepherd,
 gently lead them homeward.

GREETING

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The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
And also with you.

CANTICLE OF PRAISE

Emmanuel

W&P 36

Emmanuel, Emmanuel,
his name is called Emmanuel;
God with us, revealed in us;
his name is called Emmanuel.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Stir up our hearts, Lord God, to prepare the way of your only Son. By his coming strengthen us to serve you with purified lives; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

†WORD†

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

FIRST READING

Isaiah 40:1-11

A reading from Isaiah.

¹Comfort, O comfort my people,
says your God.

²Speak tenderly to Jerusalem,
and cry to her
that she has served her term,
that her penalty is paid,
that she has received from the LORD's hand
double for all her sins.

³A voice cries out:

"In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD,
make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

⁴Every valley shall be lifted up,
and every mountain and hill be made low;
the uneven ground shall become level,
and the rough places a plain.

⁵Then the glory of the LORD shall be revealed,
and all people shall see it together,
for the mouth of the LORD has spoken."

⁶A voice says, "Cry out!"
And I said, "What shall I cry?"

All people are grass,
their constancy is like the flower of the field.

⁷The grass withers, the flower fades,
when the breath of the LORD blows upon it;
surely the people are grass.

⁸The grass withers, the flower fades;
but the word of our God will stand forever.

⁹Get you up to a high mountain,
O Zion, herald of good tidings;
lift up your voice with strength,
O Jerusalem, herald of good tidings,
lift it up, do not fear;
say to the cities of Judah,
"Here is your God!"

¹⁰See, the Lord GOD comes with might,
and his arm rules for him;
his reward is with him,
and his recompense before him.
¹¹He will feed his flock like a shepherd;
he will gather the lambs in his arms,
and carry them in his bosom,
and gently lead the mother sheep.

Word of God, word of life.
Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13

¹You have been gracious to your land, O LORD;
you have restored the good fortune of Jacob.
²**You have forgiven the iniquity of your people
and blotted out all their sins.**
⁸I will listen to what the LORD God is saying;
for you speak peace to your faithful people and to those who turn their
hearts to you.
⁹**Truly, your salvation is very near to those who fear you,
that your glory may dwell in our land.**
¹⁰Steadfast love and faithfulness have met together;
righteousness and peace have kissed each other.
¹¹**Faithfulness shall spring up from the earth,
and righteousness shall look down from heaven.**
¹²The LORD will indeed grant prosperity,
and our land will yield its increase.
¹³**Righteousness shall go before the LORD
and shall prepare for God a pathway**

SECOND READING

2 Peter 3:8-15a

A reading from Second Peter.

⁸Do not ignore this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like one day. ⁹The Lord is not slow about his promise, as some think of slowness, but is patient with you, not wanting any to perish, but all to come to repentance. ¹⁰But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a loud noise, and the elements will be dissolved with fire, and the earth and everything that is done on it will be disclosed.

¹¹Since all these things are to be dissolved in this way, what sort of persons ought you to be in leading lives of holiness and godliness, ¹²waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be set ablaze and dissolved, and the elements will melt with fire? ¹³But, in accordance with his promise, we wait for new heavens and a new earth, where righteousness is at home.

¹⁴Therefore, beloved, while you are waiting for these things, strive to be found by him at peace, without spot or blemish; ^{15a}and regard the patience of our Lord as salvation.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

He Came Down

ELW 253

- 1 He came down that we may have love;
he came down that we may have love;
he came down that we may have love;
hallelujah forevermore.
- 2 He came down that we may have light;
he came down that we may have light;
he came down that we may have light;
hallelujah forevermore.

GOSPEL

Mark 1:1-8

The holy gospel according to Mark.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

²As it is written in the prophet Isaiah,

“See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you,
who will prepare your way;

³the voice of one crying out in the wilderness:

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

⁴John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. ⁵And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. ⁶Now John was clothed with camel’s hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. ⁷He proclaimed, “The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. ⁸I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.”

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

All Earth Is Hopeful

ELW 266

- 1 All earth is hopeful, the Savior comes at last!
Furrows lie open for God's creative task:
this, the labor of people who struggle to see
how God's truth and justice set ev'rybody free.

- 2 People of Israel, you heard the prophet tell:
"A virgin mother will bear Emmanuel";
she conceived him, "God with us,"
our brother, whose birth
restores hope and courage to children of this earth.
- 3 Mountains and valleys will have to be prepared;
new highways opened, new protocols declared.
Almost here! God is nearing, in beauty and grace!
All clear ev'ry gateway, in haste, come out in haste!
- 4 We first saw Jesus a baby in a crib.
This same Lord Jesus today has come to live
in our world; he his present, in neighbors we see
our Jesus is with us, and ever sets us free.

NICENE CREED

Having heard of God's steadfast love, let us commit ourselves to that relationship of love using the words of the Nicene Creed.

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.**

For us and for our salvation

**he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
and became truly human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the scriptures;
he ascended into heaven**

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.**

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.

**We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

With hope and expectation, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all who await God's day of restoration.

Each petition concludes:

Merciful God,

receive our prayer

The final petition concludes:

...and restore us with your great and everlasting mercy.

Amen.

SHARING THE PEACE

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We open Zoom microphones to speak Peace to one another.

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

✠MEAL✠

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

OFFERING

Please remember that Saint Andrew's Lutheran Church continues important ministry. Consider making offerings by any of these means:

- **Offering Basket:** Place your offering in the basket as you enter or leave worship;
- **Mail:** send offerings to Saint Andrew's Lutheran Church weekly or monthly;
- **Online:** visit the SaintAndrewsLutheran.org website and click the Donate Now button;
- **Bill pay:** use the convenience of the bill pay feature through your financial institution.
- **Give by Text:** Use a smart phone to text the contribution amount to 844-989-4094. Return text will provide a link for recording credit/debit card information and your contact information.

OFFERING HYMN

Blessed Is the One

ACS 929

Sing two times

Blessed is the one who comes in the name,
who comes in the name of the Lord.

Blessed is the one who comes in the name,
who comes in the name of the Lord.

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us Pray.
God our provider,
by your merciful hand
abundance springs up from the earth.
Receive and bless these gifts of your own bounty.
Let them be a sign of your steadfast love
and faithfulness for all people,
through Jesus Christ our Savior.
Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

Dialogue

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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

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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.
You comforted your people with the promise of the Redeemer,
through whom you will also make all things new
in the day when he comes to judge the world in righteousness.
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

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**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of pow'r and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

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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

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Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

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In this meal, righteousness and peace meet together.
Come, take your place at the table.

Holy Communion at Saint Andrew's

At the table of our Lord Jesus Christ, God nourishes faith, forgives sin, and calls us to be witnesses to the Gospel. In this sacrament the crucified and risen Christ is present, giving his true body and blood as food and drink. This real presence is a mystery. Admission to the Sacrament is by invitation of the Lord, presented through the Church to those who are baptized. This Table of the Lord is open to all the baptized.

COMMUNION

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The body of Christ, given for you.
The blood of Christ, shed for you.
Amen.

DISTRIBUTION SONG

8:00 am

In Silence We Wait

ACS 998

In silence we wait,
in darkness you come to us;
bring us your light.

- 1 Creator of the stars of night,
your people's everlasting light,
O Christ, redeemer of us all,
we pray you hear us when we call.
- 2 When this old world drew on toward night,
you came; but not in splendor bright,
not as a monarch, but the child
of Mary, blessed mother mild.
- 3 At your great name, O Jesus, now
all knees must bend, all hearts must bow:
all things on earth with one accord,
like those in heav'n, shall call you Lord.
- 4 Come in your holy might, we pray,
redeem us for eternal day;
defend us while we dwell below
from all assaults of our dread foe.
- 5 To God the Father, God the Son,
and God the Spirit, Three in One,
praise, honor, might, and glory be
from age to age eternally. Amen.

BLESSING AFTER COMMUNION

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you
and keep in you grace.

Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

Generous God,

in bread and cup you have revealed your glory
for all people to see together.

Nourished by this meal, send us out to proclaim
your good news of liberation and release,
brought to birth in Jesus Christ our Savior.

Amen.

✠SENDING✠

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

OUR COMMUNITY OF FAITH

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BLESSING

The God of peace bless you,
the love of Christ sustain you in hope,
and the anointing of the Spirit ✠ remain upon you
now and forever.

Amen.

SENDING SONG*Hark, the Glad Sound!*

ELW 239

- 1 Hark, the glad sound! The Savior comes,
the Savior promised long;
let ev'ry heart prepare a throne
and ev'ry voice a song.
- 2 He comes the pris'ners to release,
in Satan's bondage held.
The gates of brass before him burst,
the iron fetters yield.
- 3 He comes the broken heart to bind,
the bleeding soul to cure,
and with the treasures of his grace
to enrich the humble poor.
- 4 Our glad hosannas, Prince of peace,
your welcome shall proclaim,
and heav'n's eternal arches ring
with your beloved name.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Keep awake.

Thanks be to God.**POSTLUDE***Hark the Glad Sound!*

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TODAY'S MINISTERS FOR WORSHIP

Presiding Minister:	Pr. David Frerichs	
Minister for Music:	Clara Smith	
Organist	Sheryl Mehrhoff	
	8:30	11:00
Greeter	Ericca Thornhill	Jayne Young
Worship Hosts	Jenine Loesing	Janet Farmer
	Debbie Hedlund	John Farmer
Assisting Minsters	Read Shari Freyermuth	Michelle Froese
	Pray Wilson Freyermuth	Dawn Lessiack
Acolyte	TBD	Paige Boomer
Communion Preparer	Ken Kvam	Shari Freyermuth
Communion Cleanup		Susan Krings
Visual Projectionist	Cindy Vedder	Joanne Boomer
Zoom Worship Host		Larry Leip
Zoom Tech Director		Paul Boomer
Building Opener	Jenine Loesing	
Building Closer		TBD
Offering Steward		Wilson Freyermuth Michael Volz

Agnus Day

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THIS READING
SOUNDS LIKE,
"HE'S MAKING A
LIST AND CHECKING
IT TWICE..."

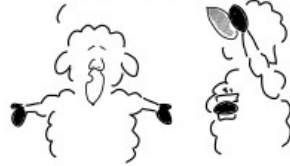


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BUT IT'S MORE LIKE, "LIVE YOUR LIFE
IN SUCH A WAY THAT IT EVER MORE
CONFORMS TO HOW YOU'LL BE FOR
ETERNITY AFTER EVERYTHING SINFUL
IS PURGED AWAY."



PURGED AWAY?
THERE WON'T BE
MUCH LEFT!



2 PETER 3:8-15



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Toiletries for the Wardrobe: Do you collect those travel-sized soaps and shampoos from hotels when you travel? We are collecting these little toiletries for distribution at the Wardrobe. Please put in the bin in the Narthex! And if you have larger toiletries you would like to donate, we can use those too! We donate to the True North shelter.

Sunday Forum: On Our Way–Friendship and Intimacy: Continuing the “On Our Way” series of faith practices, this forum continues themes from this year’s Stewardship Emphasis, that Christian fellowship involves deep friendship and intimacy borne of sharing our lives in trusted relationship. The video features Stephanie Paulsell, author of *Honoring the Body: Meditations on a Christian Practice*. Join via Zoom or in the conference room at 9:45 am, Sunday, December 10.

Family Forum: Join in on December 10th and 17th for Cookie Fun! On December 10 at 9:45 am we will gather in the Fellowship Hall to decorate cookies for the cookie walk on December 17th.

Cookie Walk: Join in December 17th for the annual St. Andrew's Christmas Cookie Walk! Grab a glove and a box and choose some treats for your holiday table. Please consider baking and donating some of your best Christmas cookies. All proceeds benefit Lutheran Family & Children's Services. Cookies will be \$5/dozen and available between services and after the 11:00 am service if cookies remain.

Quilt Tying: For those looking for a way to serve and for fellowship, join in at 9:00 am on December 15 in the Fellowship Hall.

Sunday Forum: On our Way – Singing our Lives to God: Pastor David: In this final Advent Forum, the “On Our Way” forum series addresses ways in which singing together at once allows each one to share their whole self and also the gathered community to enter a particular unity mediated by lyrics, rhythms, and melodies whether they be old or new. Tony Alonso speaks to comfort and challenge, salvation, survival, and that God requires of us a song. Join in via Zoom or in the Conference Room at 9:45, Sunday, December 17.

Loaves and Fishes Serves on Christmas Eve: St. Andrew's serves a hot meal at the Loaves and Fishes Soup kitchen every fourth Sunday of the month. In December, we serve on Christmas Eve. Is your family available to help? Consider a new tradition of service in this season of giving. Please sign up in the Narthex to help cook, serve, or bake pies and desserts for these meals. Or contact Susan Goldammer at susan.goldammer@gmail.com. All ages are welcome. Worried about missing Christmas Eve services? We will get you out in time for the 7:30 service. Oh come! Let us Adore Him!

Youth Ministry: All Youth, grades 6-12, join with Calvary Episcopal Church and St. Andrew's for a Youth Group Christmas Service Project & Ugly Christmas Sweater Contest on Sunday December 17 6:00 pm – 7:30 pm at the Calvary Episcopal Church in the Parish Hall and Room 201. Join in to make Gift Baskets for Love Columbia. We'll provide all packaging materials and labels, along with some holiday snacks and themed music to listen to as we pack. We also have time for some games, and there's a cool prize for the person wearing the ugliest sweater. Please bring: Laundry Detergent/supplies, Cleaning Supplies (Dish soap, household cleaners, hand soap, etc.). Paper Products – Toilet Paper, paper towels, Grocery store gift cards (Wal-mart, Aldi, Hyvee, Gerbes, etc.) Diapers – all sizes, Hygiene supplies (full-size, new shampoo, conditioner, body wash, etc.). You can also bring any gently used and clean clothing that you'd like to donate. We won't put that in the gift baskets, but I'll deliver it when I deliver the baskets.

Christmas Eve Pies (and Cookies and Brownies and): St. Andrew's will serve a Christmas Eve meal at the Loaves and Fishes Soup Kitchen and we need desserts! The crowds are up this year and we anticipate more than usual. Also, we would like to make enough to help out the Christmas Day crew as well. Please bring a baked good to church no later than the morning services of December 24th (do not wait until the evening!). Thank you for helping make Christmas sweeter for those in need.

65th Anniversary Booklet: You can view a copy of the 65th Anniversary Book on the Saint Andrew's website History page or by clicking [here](#). *A small number of printed copies can also be found in the Narthex by the front door.*

FINANCIAL SUMMARY

Contributions and expenses through October 31, 2023

	October	YTD
Offerings	\$38,044	\$349,859
Expenses	\$31,543	\$352,099
Over/(under) expenses	6,501	(2,240)
Nonbudget Special Offerings	\$2517	\$9,630

Prayers for December 10, 2023

We add to our prayers this week:

We continue to offer prayers of hope and healing for:

Lyndsay Monson	Stephanie Mattson	Michelle Thomas
Terry Warhover	Bill Wiebold	Joanne Boomer
John Winslow	Meggan Brooks	Christy Provancha
Chuck Headley	Rev. Dr. C.W. Dawson	Debbie Franklin
Izabelle Zurovski	Candi Glancy	Kati Donaghy
Arlene Cunningham	Patric	Valencia Clemons-Bush

We pray for those in the military:

Eric Childers, Brayden Coy, Kevin Grove, Matthew Lee, and those serving throughout the world.

We pray for those with other kinds of needs:

For all people recovering from disasters both natural and human caused in every form.

For all people living in the reality of drought.

For all who live in times of war and conflict, particularly in Israel/Palestine, Ukraine, Sudan..

Those who are incarcerated with whom we minister: Brooke, Hannah, Madison, Lavasha, Katie, Amanda, Terra, Brandie, Chanyah, Icelana, Cindy, Natalie, and Julia.

We pray for our partners in ministry in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA), the Central States Synod particularly: Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran, St. Ann, MO; All Saints Lutheran, Blue Springs, MO; Lutheran School of Theology, Chicago, IL.

THIS WEEK AT ST. ANDREW'S

Sunday December 10:

- 8:30 am Worship Service (IP)
- 9:45 am Sunday Forum (IP&Z)
- 9:45 am Family Forum (IP)
- 11:00 am Worship Service (IP&Z)

Monday, December 11:

- 4:45 pm Episcopal Lutheran Campus Ministry Bible Study (IP)
- 6:00 pm Episcopal Lutheran Campus Ministry (IP)
(ELCM events held at Calvary Episcopal Church)

Tuesday, December 12:

No Events

Wednesday, December 13:

- 8:00 am Men's Bible Study (Z)
- 10:00 am Women in the Word (IP&Z)
- 6:15 pm Wednesday Worship (IP&Z)
- 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal (IP)

Reading for Next Wednesday December 13, 2023

Luke 1:5-17

Thursday, December 14:

- 6:00 pm Council Meeting (IP&Z)

Friday, December 15:

- 8:00 am Quilt Tying (IP)

Saturday, December 16:

No Events

Sunday December 17:

- 8:30 am Worship Service (IP)
- 9:45 am Sunday Forum (IP&Z)
- 9:45 am Family Forum (IP)
- 11:00 am Worship Service (IP&Z)
- 6:00 pm Lutheran Episcopal Youth (*Calvary Episcopal Church*)

Readings for Next Sunday December 17, 2023 Third Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11

Psalms 126

1 Thessalonians 5:16-24

John 1:6-8, 19-28

*Key: **IP**—In Person; **Z**—Zoom; **IP&Z**—In Person and Zoom

Online Resources

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 - Links to all online services and meetings are posted on our website. SaintAndrewsLutheran.org/online-events
 - Links to all worship bulletins are at SaintAndrewsLutheran.org/worship.
- Go to StAndrewsLutheran.flocknote.com or text StAndy to 84576 to get church email and text communications.
- Miss the livestream of worship? If you want to hear the sermon from Sunday worship, there is now a podcast available at SaintAndrewsLutheranChurch.podbean.com.