

Planet Earth Sunday
First Sunday of the Season of Creation
September 29, 2024
Setting 12 (modified), ACS p.29

And God saw that it was good...



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 17, 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 *Let the Whole Creation Cry* setting by Michael Burkhardt

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION TO THE DAY

CALL TO WORSHIP

We enter the song of Creation!

Earth cradles our ancestors, birthing new life.

We enter the prayer of Creation!

Sky brings darkness and light, holds storms and the stars.

We enter the praise of Creation!

Mountains peaked with snow, hills swaying with grasses.

We enter the silence of Creation!

Humanity between the ground and the heavens.

We come here, humbly, as one earthly family to worship our Creator: the giver of form, the maker of space.

Amen.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who calls forth Creation, evokes praise from Creation, and stirs life in Creation.

Amen.

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

Silence is kept for reflection.

God of righteousness and justice,

you have made the Earth and all that is in it, but we have failed to honor your good work. We do not recognize your presence among us, and our hardened hearts do not hear Creation's cry. We have made your good land a desolation, and we dishonor your image in our neighbors. Forgive us, in your steadfast love, O God, for trampling your vineyards and polluting your sky. On your holy mountain, call us again to be stewards of your Earth and to join all Creation in songs of praise. Amen.

Rejoice, for the Incarnate Word has come to you. Laying aside all heavenly glory, the servant of all is obedient unto death to make of you and all the Earth a new Creation. Rejoice, for Christ, from whom nothing can separate you, + forgives you all your sins. Rejoice, for the One whose name is majestic in all the Earth raises you up to newness of life.

Amen.

GATHERING SONG

Let the Whole Creation Cry

ELW 876

- 1 Let the whole creation cry,
“Glory to the Lord on high!”
Heav’n and earth, awake and sing,
“Praise to our almighty king!”
Praise God, angel hosts above,
ever bright and fair in love;
sun and moon, lift up your voice;
night and stars, in God rejoice.
- 2 Servants striving for the Lord,
prophets burning with the word,
those to whom the arts belong
add their voices to the song.
Pow’rs of knowledge and of law,
to the glorious circle draw;
all who work and all who wait,
sing, “The Lord is good and great!”
- 3 Men and women, young and old,
raise the anthem loud and bold,
and let children’s happy hearts
in this worship take their parts;
from the north to southern pole
let the mighty chorus roll:
“Holy, Holy, Holy One;
glory be to God alone!”

GREETING

ELW p.184

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 *Earth and All Kin!* to the tune of *Earth and All Stars*

- 1 Earth and all kin! Loud clapping sea waves!
Sing to the Lord a new song!
Wind through the trees, mountains and green fields,
Sing to the Lord a new song!

Refrain

Earth contains marvelous things!
I, too, will praise God with a new song!

- 2 Plankton and krill, colorful coral,
Sing to the Lord a new song!
Seaweed and sponge, seahorse and blue whale,
Sing to the Lord a new song! *Refrain*
- 3 Microbes in soil; earthworms and beetles,
Sing to the Lord a new song!
Spiders and bees; ants and all insects,
Sing to the Lord a new song! *Refrain*
- 4 Lizards and frogs, reptiles of all scale,
Sing to the Lord a new song!
Eagle and wren; ostrich and penguin,
Sing to the Lord a new song! *Refrain*
- 5 New lambs in spring; puppies and kittens,
Sing to the Lord a new song!
Horse and giraffe; God-fashioned humans,
Sing to the Lord a new song! *Refrain*

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Gracious God, in wisdom you made this amazing Creation. From the warmth of this living Earth to the cold depths of the oceans, all Creation sings your praise. Help us to tread lightly in this world, to revel in the beauty and complexity of nature, and to join in the song of all Creation in praise and thanksgiving to you. All this we pray, in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

+WORD+

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

CHILDREN'S TIME

FIRST READING

Genesis 1:1-25

A reading from Genesis.

¹In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, ²the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. ³Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. ⁴And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. ⁵God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

⁶And God said, "Let there be a dome in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters." ⁷So God made the dome and separated the waters that were under the dome from the waters that were above the dome. And it was so. ⁸God called the dome Sky. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day.

⁹And God said, "Let the waters under the sky be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear." And it was so. ¹⁰God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good. ¹¹Then God said, "Let the earth put forth vegetation: plants

yielding seed, and fruit trees of every kind on earth that bear fruit with the seed in it.” And it was so. ¹²The earth brought forth vegetation: plants yielding seed of every kind, and trees of every kind bearing fruit with the seed in it. And God saw that it was good. ¹³And there was evening and there was morning, the third day.

¹⁴And God said, “Let there be lights in the dome of the sky to separate the day from the night; and let them be for signs and for seasons and for days and years, ¹⁵and let them be lights in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth.” And it was so. ¹⁶God made the two great lights — the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night — and the stars. ¹⁷God set them in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth, ¹⁸to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good.

¹⁹And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day.

²⁰And God said, “Let the waters bring forth swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the dome of the sky.” ²¹So God created the great sea monsters and every living creature that moves, of every kind, with which the waters swarm, and every winged bird of every kind. And God saw that it was good. ²²God blessed them, saying, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth.” ²³And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day.

²⁴And God said, “Let the earth bring forth living creatures of every kind: cattle and creeping things and wild animals of the earth of every kind.” And it was so.

²⁵God made the wild animals of the earth of every kind, and the cattle of every kind, and everything that creeps upon the ground of every kind. And God saw that it was good.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Psalm 33:1-9

Let us read the Psalm responsively.

¹Rejoice in the LORD, you righteous;
praise is fitting for the upright.

²**Praise the LORD with the lyre;
make music for God with a ten-stringed harp.**

³Sing for the LORD a new song;
play your instrument skillfully with joyful sounds.

⁴**For your word, O LORD, is right,
and faithful are all your works.**

⁵You love righteousness and justice;
your steadfast love fills the whole earth.

⁶**By your word were the heavens made,
by the breath of your mouth all the hosts of heaven.**

⁷You gather up the waters of the ocean as in a water-skin
and store up the depths of the sea.

⁸**Let all the earth fear the LORD;
let all who dwell in the world stand in awe.**

⁹For God spoke, and it came to pass;
God commanded, and it stood fast.

SECOND READING

Romans 1:18-25

A reading from Romans.

¹⁸For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and wickedness of those who by their wickedness suppress the truth. ¹⁹For what can be known about God is plain to them, because God has shown it to them. ²⁰Ever since the creation of the world his eternal power and divine nature, invisible though they are, have been understood and seen through the things he has made. So they are without excuse; ²¹for though they knew God, they did not honor him as God or give thanks to him, but they became futile in their thinking, and their senseless minds were darkened. ²²Claiming to be wise, they became fools; ²³and they exchanged the glory of the immortal God for images resembling a mortal human being or birds or four-footed animals or reptiles.

²⁴Therefore God gave them up in the lusts of their hearts to impurity, to the degrading of their bodies among themselves, ²⁵because they exchanged the truth about God for a lie and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever! Amen.

Word of God, word of life

Thanks be to God

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

ELW p.188

Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.

Alleluia, alleluia. Alleluia.

Alleluia, alleluia

GOSPEL

John 1:1-14

The holy gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ²He was in the beginning with God. ³All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being ⁴in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. ⁵The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

⁶There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. ⁷He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. ⁸He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. ⁹The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

¹⁰He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. ¹¹He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. ¹²But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, ¹³who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

¹⁴And 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 gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

MINISTRY MINUTE: CREATION KEEPERS

HYMN OF THE DAY

God Created Heaven and Earth

ELW 738

- 1 God created heav'n and earth,
all things perfect brought to birth;
God's great pow'r made dark and light,
earth revolving day and night.
- 2 Let us praise God's mercy great;
for the Lord in hope we wait;
God, who fashions all that lives,
to each one a blessing gives.
- 3 God's rich grace beyond compare
saves us all from death's despair.
All earth's creatures, small and great,
praise God for that blessed state!

CREED

Having heard of God's love expressed in the act of creation, let us commit to this relationship of love revealed in the triune God.

**We believe in God who creates all things to live in harmony –
Heaven and Earth, Sea and Sky,
Sun and Moon, Fish and Birds,
Mountains and Valleys, Forests and Deserts,
All animals great and small, all human beings –
and cares for all creation as our perfect, loving parent.**

**We believe in Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God,
Who came to reveal the depth of God's love for all creation,
and teach us to live under God's reign of justice, mercy, and
compassion.
Who suffered death on the cross to save creation from oppression,
violence, and hatred,
and free us from brokenness, sin, and self-conceit.
Who raises us with him into new life
to experience joy, peace, and unity with God and all creation.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,
Who calls, equips, empowers, and helps us
to reject hatred, oppression, and violence against anyone,
and to extend justice and mercy, love and compassion
to all created things – Earth, Creatures, and Humans –
regardless of how similar or different we are from one another.
Amen.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Remembering the caring and generous works of God, we pray for the church, creation, and the needs of our neighbors.

Each petition concludes:

Hear us, O God,

Your mercy is great

The final petition concludes:

...through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

Amen.

SHARING THE PEACE

ELW p.189

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

Lord of Light

ELW 688 (st. 1, 4)

- 1 Lord of light, your name outshining
all the stars and suns of space,
use our talents in your kingdom
as the servants of your grace;
use us to fulfill your purpose
in the gift of Christ your Son

Refrain

Father, as in highest heaven,
so on earth your will be done.

- 4 By the prayers of faithful watchers,
never silent day or night;
by the cross of Jesus, bringing
peace to all and healing light;
by the love that passes knowledge,
making all your children one: *Refrain*

GREAT THANKSGIVING

Dialogue

ELW p.190

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, O Lord, our God,
For you spoke all things into being, giving humanity the special
responsibility to care for the Earth as partner with you in the continuing
process of Creation.

In response to our ongoing brokenness with the Earth and all our
companions in nature, you sent your Son, Jesus, to restore a right
relationship, opening the way for harmony to once again be experienced
between humanity and Creation, and to be for us the fullness of your love as
we reorient our lives to our proper caretaker role in the world.

And so with all the angels and archangels,
our ancestors and descendants, and our companions in nature,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

ELW 191

God of power and might;

Heaven and earth are filled with your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is the one who comes in your name.

Hosanna in the highest,

hosanna in the highest.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Holy One, you indeed are creator and
sustainer of all that lives and breathes.

You plant trees and lift up mountains.

You provide water and fill oceans.

The foundations of our planet rest firmly
in your hands.

Blessed are you for the immeasurable
beauty of Creation.

Blessed are you for the innumerable creatures
that have called this Earth home.

Blessed are you for remembering all that
has been lost and for dreaming all that is to come.

We thank you for placing all things into our care.

We thank you for the awesome responsibility
of tending the garden of Earth.

We thank you for trusting our ability
to steward this Creation,
even as you know our very failings.

Chiefly, we are bound to thank you for your Son,
Jesus Christ, who in the night in which he was betrayed,
took bread, 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.

In accordance with our faith, we proclaim:

Christ has died, Christ has risen, Christ will come again.

This bread and cup are your gift,
from the very Earth we are called to protect,
from the very Earth we have failed in protecting,
from the very Earth you are restoring in the resurrection of Jesus.

The broken body and blood of Jesus are signs of our brokenness
that is only healed by your love.

Holy Spirit, as you bless this meal and those who partake in it,
we long for the completion of all things:

the new Earth and new Heaven that is to come.

Remind us of the mantle we share in caring for and renewing
the Earth which you fully inhabit with us.

Send us as stewards of renewal in a broken Earth.

Unite the hopes and dreams of all creatures:

from those that soar on your lofty winds,

to those that climb the highest mountains,

to those that dive to the ocean depths,

that we experience this fullness of healing offered through Jesus.

With all who inhabit the Earth,
with all flora that beautify the Earth,
with all fauna that journey this Earth,
with all that yearns for our good care of this Earth,
we praise you, O God, blessed and holy Trinity, now and forever. **Amen**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

ELW p.191

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

Jesus welcomes you to this table.
Come, here is your God.

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.*
- *Grape juice is available in the center ring of glasses. Gluten-free wafers are available: Please speak to those serving the bread when you come to the rail.*
- *Please follow the guidance of the Worship Hosts, going forward on one side of your section and returning to your seat on the other side.*

COMMUNION

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

DISTRIBUTION SONG

8:30

There is a Balm in Gilead

ELW 614

11:00

The Gift of Love

by Hal Hopson

BLESSING AFTER COMMUNION

The bread of the earth and the fruit of the vine strengthen you and keep you in God's grace.

Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

Creator God, we give thanks for this meal of the body and blood of Jesus.

Send us from this feast to love the Earth, the sky, the mountains, and all humanity.

Give us strength to repair the damage we have caused and courage to advocate for all of God's Creation.

In Jesus' name we pray.

Amen

+SENDING+

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

OUR COMMUNITY OF FAITH

ELW p.192

BLESSING

The God of all Creation:

of flowers and trees, of butterflies and bees, of squirrels and mountain lions, bless you, keep you, and strengthen you for the work of loving all Creation.

In the name of the + Triune God.

Amen

SENDING SONG

Let All Things Now Living

ELW 881

- 1 Let all things now living
a song of thanksgiving
to God the creator triumphantly raise,
who fashioned and made us,
protected and stayed us,
who still guides us on to the end of our days.
God's banners are o'er us,
God's light goes before us,
a pillar of fire shining forth in the night,
till shadows have vanished
and darkness is banished,
as forward we travel from light into light.
- 2 God rules all the forces:
the stars in their courses
and sun in its orbit obediently shine;
the hills and the mountains,
the rivers and fountains,

the deeps of the ocean proclaim God divine.
We too should be voicing
our love and rejoicing;
with glad adoration a song let us raise
till all things now living
unite in thanksgiving:
“To God in the highest, hosanna and praise!”

DISMISSAL

Go in Peace. Care for Creation.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Let All Things Now Living

setting, Dale Wood

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Agnus Day

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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	TBD	TBD
Worship Hosts	Debbie Hedlund	Debbie Hedlund
	TBD	TBD
Assisting Minsters	Read TBD	Phil Wood
	Pray TBD	Dawn Lessiack
Acolyte	TBD	TBD
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Communion Cleanup		Jayne Young
Visual Projectionist	TBD	Cindy Vedder
Zoom Worship Host		Cathy Richter
Zoom Tech Director		Susan Goldammer
Building Opener	TBD	
Building Closer		TBD
Offering Steward		Paul Speckman Wilson Freyermuth

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	July	YTD
Offerings	\$49,472	\$277,063
Expenses	\$35,179	\$261,623
Over/(under) expenses	\$14,293	\$15,440
Nonbudget Special Offerings	\$99	\$6,962



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Pride Fest: Join Saint Andrew's at the Mid Missouri Pride Fest! Saint Andrew's Lutheran Church will host a table at the Mid Missouri Pride Fest Saturday September 28th & Sunday September 29th, Noon to 7:00 pm. Sign up today to assist with the table. Members of the Inclusion Team have already taken the lead. However, having more people at the table makes for a better welcome and atmosphere. Contact Phil Wood or Anne Edwards for more information. Sign up at the display in the gathering space or via Flocknote Signup:
<https://tinyurl.com/Pride-Fest-2024>

Sunday Forum: Creation Care—Prophetic Voices and Systems: Please join us for the Sunday Forum on September 29th for the first of a three-part series on Public Ministry as part of St. Andrew's Covenant to Care for Creation presented by Carol Elliott. Part 1, Creation Care: Prophetic Voices and Systems will focus on the Public Ministry section of the Covenant, systems that foster the degradation of creation, and injustices that result from those systems. Go to: <https://www.saintandrewslutheran.org/online-events.html>
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And then click on Click Here to Join the Fellowship / Forum Meeting

5th Sunday Offering for September: Heart of America Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA): Heart of Missouri CASA trains and supports volunteers to be voices and advocates for children who are navigating our Boone and Callaway County Family courts due to abuse and neglect. These financial resources will help provide more advocacy hours and activities for children, as well as training for court appointed special advocates to be effective and consistent voices for the children they serve.

Jail Ministry: Participate in a Bible study with women held at the Boone County jail. Guaranteed a meaningful worship opportunity! All volunteers must first be approved after completing and mailing in a background check consent form. Plan Ahead. Use the sign-up form in the Narthex. Our next gathering is Sunday, September 29th from 2:30 pm–4:00pm. Contact Barb Lewis for additional information.

Holy Communion at Lenoir Woods: Saint Andrew's and Calvary Episcopal will provide Holy Communion on the First Thursday of each month in the Lenoir Woods Epple Chapel, at 1:00 pm. All residents and family members and guests may join in this gathering of the Saint Andrew's community who reside at Lenoir Woods. We next meet October 3rd at 1:00 pm.

Dinner Church for All Ages: Please join us on Thursday October 3at 6:00 in the fellowship hall. During this more casual worship service we will share a light meal, reflect on scripture, share with God and others concerns and then celebrate Holy Communion. For those young ones who need to get the wiggles out, supervised play will be provided. To help with meal planning please sign up using the link in the newsletter or weekly bulletin or contact Jamie in the office. [Signup: https://tinyurl.com/Dinner-Church](https://tinyurl.com/Dinner-Church)

Men's Breakfast: Men may join in a time of fellowship and discussion, Saturday, October 5th, 8:00 am, Fellowship Hall. Contact Harry Lewis for more information. hlewis25@gmail.com

Fall cleanup indoors and out at St. Andrew's: Lots of people any age needed for a variety of cleanup projects on a day we hope will be mild and clear. Join in at 9:00 am, Saturday October 5th to help with church window cleaning and landscape cleanup. If you can help wash windows, bring a bucket, rubber gloves, and a squeegee and step stool if you have them. We'll provide everything else to wash all the windows inside and out. Outside, we'll be weeding and pruning beds, small trees, and the playground for Fall, planting more plants in the Bioretention Area (aka Rain Garden) and cleaning up the patio outside the Youth Room.

Sunday Forum: Growing Hope Globally—join this informative presentation lead by Karon Speckman on Sunday October 6, 9:45 am, in the conference room or via Zoom.

ELFY Youth Group: Friendship, community, food and a little bit of learning make up the time spent with the ELFY Youth Group. Bring a friend if you'd like. During October the group will gather on Sunday, October 6 from 6- 7:30. at Saint Andrew's Lutheran Church. We'll get caught up with one another and we'll dive into the Apostles' Creed. What value are statements of faith for the church, anyway?

For those youth pursuing Affirmation of Baptism this learning opportunities will meet expectations in the guide book. Pastor David would love to meet with Saint Andrew's youth and parents to discuss any questions they have about their Seeds of Faith material and progress.

Episcopal Lutheran Campus Ministry: College students plan to join in weekly gatherings of the Episcopal Lutheran Campus Ministry. Students join in evening prayer, a meal and very interesting conversation every Monday that the University of Missouri has classes throughout the semester. Join in at the Calvary Episcopal Church, 123 9th Street at 6:00 pm on Mondays. Congregation participants may elect to provide a meal for these gatherings using the Signup Genius link: <https://tinyurl.com/ELCM-Meal-Signup-2024>

Plant Watering Schedule: One or two people per week for 1-2 hours needed to water outside plants/trees during early Autumn. Use the Flocknote : Weeks remaining: September 29 and October 6

Being a Lutheran this Elections Year—Earth’s Climate Crisis: As our faith informs our day-to-day lives, Lutherans recognize that “faith is active in love [and] love calls for justice in relationships and structures of society” (ELCA, Social Statement on Church in Society, 1991). We also know the church is called to be a community that prays, deliberates, and acts together when it comes to complex social issues. In this election year, how might our Lutheran faith shape our thinking, acting, and voting on major issues? Join us to learn and ponder timely social teachings of the ELCA and to learn tips for leading discussions in your own community. Join in October 8th at 6:00 pm in the conference room where Dr. Ryan Cumming, program director, Theological Ethics, Education, and Community Engagement will present via Zoom. Contact Pastor David for additional details.

“God’s Work. Our hands.” Habitat for Humanity Build: Join in Saturday, October 12 beginning at 8:30 am. Signup sheet and additional details can be found in the Narthex by the “God’s Work. Our hands.” information table

Sunday Forum: Review of St. Andrew’s Lutheran Church 3-year Strategic Plan (2025-2028)—The Congregation Council invites you to review a draft of St. Andrew’s Strategic Plan for 2025-2028. The Strategic Plan is designed to set priority goals for St. Andrew’s during the next 3 years. It is based on priorities that were identified by the congregation in a Slido survey last spring. The Council has developed your ideas into a Strategic Plan, and now we need your suggestions on how to improve it. We will present an overview of the draft plan and facilitate discussion about it during the October 13th Sunday Forum at 9:45 am in the conference room or via zoom. You are a critical part of shaping and accomplishing these goals! We look forward to your feedback so our goals are fully aligned with St. Andrew’s mission of serving Christ through faith, fellowship and service.

Boone County Birds Calendar – available now!:

Want a calendar that is local and supports overseas farmers? Reserve your copy by emailing Karon Speckman at speckmank@gmail.com. Or stop by the Growing Hope table in the narthex. Suggested donation is \$20 with all proceeds going to the Mid-Missouri (formerly Hartsburg-Columbia) Growing Project for Growing Hope Globally. This fundraiser replaces our fall quilt auction. If you don’t use calendars and would like the photos as screen backgrounds, let us know. A USB flash drive will also be available if requested. All photos taken in Boone County, Mo., by Paul Speckman.



Prayers for September 29. 2024

We add to our prayers this week:

We continue to offer prayers of hope and healing for:

Rob Aho	John Degnan	Patric
Renee Kulpa	Bill Wiebold	Joanne Boomer
N-Polly	Dan Hofstetler	Christy Provancha
Laura Isgriggs	Thomas Hamm	Debbie Franklin
Lily Kirch	Chuck Headley	Kati Donaghy
Atticus Bannister	Arlene Cunningham	Valencia Clemons-Bush
Isabel Miller	Rev. Dr. C.W. Dawson	
Katie Koopman	Candi Glancy	

We pray for those in the military:

Eric Childers, Matthew Lee, and those serving throughout the world.

We pray for those with other kinds of needs:

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

Those who are incarcerated with whom we minister: Brooke, Ashley, Portia, Kristina, Shana, Ariel, Danielle, Yolanda, Mary, and Becca..

We pray for our partners in ministry in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA), the Central States Synod, particularly: St. Philip Evangelical Lutheran Church, St. Louis, MO; Zion Lutheran Church, Hanover, KS; Hope Lutheran Church, Rush Center, KS.

THIS WEEK AT ST. ANDREW'S

Sunday, September 29:

- 8:30 am Worship Service (IP)
- 9:45 am Sunday Forum—Creation Care (IP&Z)
- 11:00 am Worship Service (IP&Z)
- 12:00 pm Mid-MO Pride Fest (IP)
- 2:30 pm Jail Ministry (Boone County Jail)

Monday, September 30:

- 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, October 1:

- 7:00 pm Mutual Ministry (IP)

Wednesday, October 2:

- 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)

Thursday, October 3:

- 1:00 pm Saint Andrew's Communion
(Lenoir Woods Eppele Chapel)
- 6:00 pm Dinner Church (IP)

Saturday, October 5:

- 8:00 am Men's Breakfast (IP)
- 9:00 am Fall Cleanup and Planting (IP)
- 11:00 am Prayer Shawl and Crafting Ministry (IP)

Sunday, October 6:

- 8:30 am Worship Service (IP)
- 9:45 am Family Forum (IP)
- 9:45 am Sunday Forum—Growing Hope Globally (IP&Z)
- 11:00 am Worship Service (IP&Z)
- 6:00 pm ELFY Youth Group Event (IP)

Reading for Next Wednesday October 2, 2023

Matthew 18:6-9

Readings for Next Sunday October 6, 2023

Second Sunday of Season of Creation: Humanity Sunday

Genesis 1:26-28

Psalms 8

Philippians 2:1-11

Mark 10:41-45

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

Online Resources

- Find St. Andrew's Lutheran Church at SaintAndrewsLutheran.org.
 - 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.