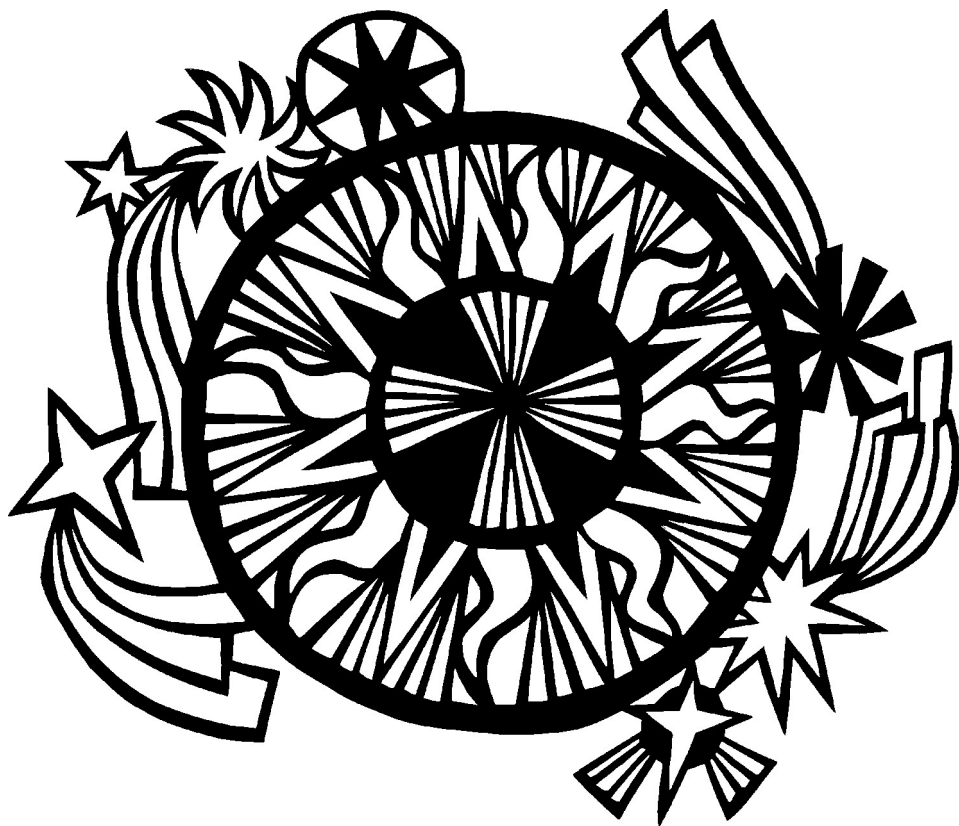


Second Sunday of Christmas

January 4, 2026

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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 18, 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

8:30

Of the Father's Love Begotten

arr. Mark Hayes

11:00

Improvisation on "Divinum Mysterium"

David Lasky

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION TO THE DAY

GATHERING SONG

When Long before Time

ELW 861

- 1 When long before time and the worlds were begun,
when there was no earth and no sky and no sun,
and all was deep silence and night reigned supreme,
and even our Maker had only a dream--
- 2 The silence was broken when God sang the Song,
and light pierced the darkness and rhythm began,
and with its first birth-cries creation was born,
and creaturely voices sang praise to the morn.
- 3 The sounds of the creatures were one with their Lord's,
their harmonies sweet and befitting the Word;
the Singer was pleased as the earth sang the Song,
the choir of the creatures reechoed it long.
- 4 Though down through the ages the Song disappeared,
its harmonies broken and almost unheard,
the Singer comes to us to sing it again,
our God-is-with-us in the world now as then.
- 5 The Light has returned as it came once before,
the Song of the Lord is our own song once more,
so let us all sing with one heart and one voice
the Song of the Singer in whom we rejoice.
- 6 To you, God the Singer, our voices we raise,
to you, Song Incarnate, we give all our praise,
to you, Holy Spirit, our life and our breath,
be glory for ever, through life and through death.

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

Love Has Come

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- 1 Love has come--a light in the darkness!
Love shines forth in the Bethlehem skies.
See, all heaven has come to proclaim it;
hear how their song of joy arises:
Love! Love! Born unto you, a Savior!
Love! Love! Glory to God on high.
- 2 Love is born! Come, share in the wonder.
Love is God now asleep in the hay.
See the glow in the eyes of his mother;
what is the name her heart is saying?
Love! Love! Love is the name she whispers;
Love! Love! Jesus, Immanuel.
- 3 Love has come and never will leave us!
Love is life everlasting and free.
Love is Jesus within and among us.
Love is the peace our hearts are seeking.
Love! Love! Love is the gift of Christmas;
Love! Love! Praise to you, God on high!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

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Let us pray.

Almighty God, you have filled all the earth with the light of your incarnate Word. By your grace empower us to reflect your light in all that we do, 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.

CHILDREN'S TIME

FIRST READING

Jeremiah 31:7-14

A reading from Jeremiah.

⁷ Thus says the LORD:

Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob,
and raise shouts for the chief of the nations;
proclaim, give praise, and say,
"Save, O LORD, your people,
the remnant of Israel."

⁸ See, I am going to bring them from the land of the north
and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth,
among them the blind and the lame,
those with child and those in labor together;
a great company, they shall return here.

⁹ With weeping they shall come,
and with consolations I will lead them back;
I will let them walk by brooks of water,
in a straight path where they shall not stumble,
for I have become a father to Israel,
and Ephraim is my firstborn.

¹⁰ Hear the word of the LORD, O nations,
and declare it in the coastlands far away;
say, "He who scattered Israel will gather him
and will keep him as a shepherd does a flock."

¹¹ For the LORD has ransomed Jacob
and has redeemed him from hands too strong for him.

¹² They shall come and sing aloud on the height of Zion,
and they shall be radiant over the goodness of the LORD,
over the grain, the wine, and the oil,
and over the young of the flock and the herd;
their life shall become like a watered garden,
and they shall never languish again.

¹³ Then shall the young women rejoice in the dance,
and the young men and the old shall be merry.

I will turn their mourning into joy;
I will comfort them and give them gladness for sorrow.

¹⁴ I will give the priests their fill of fatness,
and my people shall be satisfied with my bounty,
says the LORD.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

- ¹² Worship the LORD, O Jerusalem;
praise your God, O Zion,
¹³ **who has strengthened the bars of your gates
and has blessed your children within you.**
¹⁴ God has established peace on your borders
and satisfies you with the finest wheat.
¹⁵ **God sends out a command to the earth,
a word that runs very swiftly.**
¹⁶ God gives snow like wool,
scattering frost like ashes.
¹⁷ **God scatters hail like bread crumbs.
Who can stand against God's cold?**
¹⁸ The LORD sends forth the word and melts them;
the wind blows, and the waters flow.
¹⁹ **God declares the word to Jacob,
statutes and judgments to Israel.**
²⁰ The LORD has not done so to any other nation;
they do not know God's judgments. Hallelujah!

SECOND READING

Ephesians 1:3-14

A reading from Ephesians.

³ Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, ⁴ just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. ⁵ He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, ⁶ to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. ⁷ In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace ⁸ that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight ⁹ he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, ¹⁰ as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. ¹¹ In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, ¹² so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. ¹³ In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; ¹⁴ this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

- 1 "From heav'n above to earth I come
to bear good news to ev'ry home!
Glad tidings of great joy I bring
to all the world, and gladly sing:"
- 3 "This is the Christ, God's Son most high,
who hears your sad and bitter cry,
who will himself your Savior be
and from all sin will set you free."

GOSPEL

John 1:1-18

The holy gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

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

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

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

¹⁴ 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. ¹⁵ (John testified to him and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me.' ") ¹⁶ From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. ¹⁷ The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. ¹⁸ No one has ever seen God. It is the only Son, himself God, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

- 1 Of the Father's love begotten
ere the worlds began to be,
he is Alpha and Omega,
he the source, the ending he,
of the things that are, that have been,
and that future years shall see,
evermore and evermore.
- 2 Oh, that birth forever blessed,
when the virgin, full of grace,
by the Holy Ghost conceiving,
bore the Savior of our race,
and the babe, the world's redeemer,
first revealed his sacred face,
evermore and evermore.
- 3 This is he whom seers in old time
chanted of with one accord,
whom the voices of the prophets
promised in their faithful word;
now he shines, the long-expected;
let creation praise its Lord
evermore and evermore.
- 4 Let the heights of heav'n adore him;
angel hosts, his praises sing;
pow'rs, dominions, bow before him
and extol our God and King;
let no tongue on earth be silent,
ev'ry voice in concert ring
evermore and evermore.
- 5 Christ, to thee, with God the Father,
and, O Holy Ghost, to thee,
hymn and chant and high thanksgiving
and unwearied praises be:
honor, glory, and dominion,
and eternal victory
evermore and evermore! Amen.

NICENE CREED

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With the whole church, let us confess our faith 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,
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 THE INTERCESSION

Empowered by the news of Christ's birth, let us pray boldly for the church, creation, and all who are in need.

Each petition concludes:

Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

The final petition concludes:

...through Jesus Christ our Savior.

Amen.

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 SONG

8:30

Emmanuel God With Us by Chris Tomlin & Anne Wilson

- 1 Go tell it on the mountain
The one that we've been waiting for
The King of our salvation
Born on this day our Savior Christ the Lord
- 2 Go tell it on the mountain
Over the hills and everywhere
That we can be forgiven
The weight of all our sin He came to bear

Chorus

Emmanuel God with us
Emmanuel King Jesus
The Savior of the world is born
Emmanuel God with us
Emmanuel King Jesus
The Savior of the world is born

- 3 Go tell it on the mountain
Humbly in a manger lay
Mercy sent from heaven
Angels fill the sky with highest praise *Chorus*
- 4 Go tell it on the mountain
This baby born of virgin birth
The ruler of all nations
The glory of our God has come to earth *Chorus*

Tag

The Savior of the world is born
The Savior of the world is born

11:00

O Little Town of Bethlehem

arr. Phil Wood

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.
God of glory,
great are your wonders among us
and many are the blessings you bestow.
Use us and these your gifts for the needs of the world,
that all the ends of the earth may rejoice in your saving grace,
through Christ our Savior.

Amen

GREAT THANKSGIVING

Dialogue

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.

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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,

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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

Holy, Holy, Holy

ELW p.144

**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

ELW p.145

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

God is now in flesh appearing.
Come to the feast of joy!

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

Fullness of Grace

arr. James Koerts

TABLE BLESSING

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ make you strong do God's will
and keep you in grace.
Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray,
Incarnate God, you are among us at this table.
May we treasure this gift and ponder in our hearts
the mystery of your presence.
Move us to discover the wonders of your love
in the everyday moments of our lives,
through Christ born in us.
Amen.

✠SENDING✠

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

OUR COMMUNITY OF FAITH

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BLESSING

The triune God,
glorious Mystery,
holy Incarnate One,
abiding Comforter,
✠ bless you with endless grace, peace, and joy.
Amen.

SENDING SONG

Bright and Glorious Is the Sky

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- 1 Bright and glorious is the sky,
radiant are the heavens high
where the golden stars are shining.
All their rays to earth inclining
beckon us to heav'n above,
beckon us to heav'n above.
- 2 On that holy Christmas night
through the darkness beamed a light;
all the stars above were paling.
all their luster slowly failing
as the wondrous star drew nigh,
as the wondrous star drew nigh..
- 3 Sages from the East afar,
when they saw this wondrous star,
went to find the king of nations
and to offer their oblations
to the child, the newborn king,
to the child, the newborn king.
- 4 Him they found in Bethlehem,
yet he wore no diadem;
there they saw a maiden lowly
with an infant pure and holy
resting in her loving arms,
resting in her loving arms.
- 5 Guided by the star, they found
him whose praise the ages sound.
We too have a star to guide us,
which forever will provide us
with the light to find our Lord,
with the light to find our Lord.

- 6 And this star, as bright as day,
that will never lead astray
with its message so appealing,
is the word of God, revealing
Christ, the way, the truth, the life,
Christ, the way, the truth, the life.

DISMISSAL

Go Glory to God in the highest!

And peace to God's people on earth!

Go in joy. Embody God's redeeming grace.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

8:30

Reprise: Bright and Glorious Is the Sky

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11:00

Canticle of Joy

J. S. Bach

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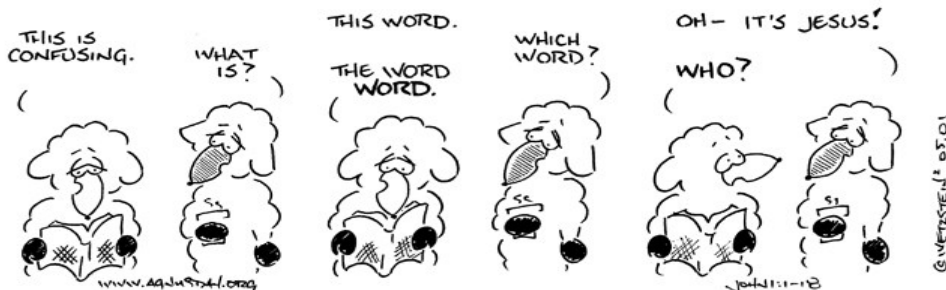
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Agnus Day

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TODAY'S MINISTERS FOR WORSHIP

Presiding Minister:	Pastor Kimberly Knowle-Zeller
Minister for Music:	Megan Lyon
Organist	Sheryl Mehrhoff

	8:30	11:00
Greeter	TBD	Jayne Young
Worship Hosts	Glenda Moum Jenine Loesing	Debbie Hedlund TBD
Assisting Minsters	Read Wilson Freyermuth Pray Shari Freyermuth	TBD Maureen Coy
Acolyte	TBD	TBD
Communion Preparer	Merri Wente-Chapman	Gwen Gray
Communion Cleanup		Jayne Young
Visual Projectionist	Gwen Gray	Michael Volz
Zoom Worship Host		Cathy Richter
Zoom Tech Director		TBD
Building Opener	TBD	
Building Closer		TBD

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FINANCIAL SUMMARY

Contributions and expenses through November 30, 2025

	November	YTD
Offerings	\$43,663	\$403,971
Expenses	\$33,515	\$405,038
Over/(under) expenses	\$10,148	(1,067)
Nonbudget Special Offerings	\$4,084	\$14,305



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Mon-Thurs: 8:00 am–12:30 pm; 1:00 pm–4:30 pm

Pulpit Supply: During Pastor David's vacation this week, we welcome Pastor Kimberly Knowle-Zeller for leading worship and preaching. We give thanks for her faithful presence and friendship with this congregation.

Call for Annual Reports: The Congregation Council has established the date for the Annual Congregation Meeting for Sunday, January 25, 2026. We ask leaders and facilitators of all St. Andrew's committees and teams to submit a summary of 2025 activities for the Annual Report no later than January 2, 2026. This report will inform all members of St. Andrew's about your accomplishments this past year. If you have questions, please contact Wilson Freyermuth for additional information. Please submit reports as a Microsoft Document to office@saintandrewslutheran.org.

Sunday Forum - January 4-Nicene-Constantinopolitan Creed of 381" -Presentation by Michael Volz. Michael Volz will discuss the revision to the original language of the Nicene-Constantinopolitan Creed of 381, based on the ELCA–Orthodox Church Joint Statement on the Filioque. This Statement honors ecumenical relationship with the Orthodox Church. Please join us at 9:45AM in the Conference Room for this Sunday Forum program. You will be able to attend in person or via Zoom.

We the People: Bishop Donna Simon's talk, "The Threat of Christian Nationalism," is part of the "We the People: A Virtual Series on Faith and Public Life," focusing on how Christian Nationalism challenges America's democratic foundations and the separation of church and state, viewing the U.S. as a Christian-only nation, which goes against the First Amendment. Join in online Wednesday January 7th for the first installment in the 3-part series. Check the css-ELCA.org website for more information.

Holy Communion at Lenoir Woods: Saint Andrew's and Calvary Episcopal will provide Holy Communion on the Second Thursday of each month in the Lenoir Woods Eppele Chapel, at 11:00 am. 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 January 8th at 11:00 am.

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

Sunday Forum - December January 11 - "Growing Hope Globally" Presentation by Karon and Paul Speckman. Join Karon and Paul Speckman for the January 11th Sunday Forum at 9:45 am. They will share pictures and discuss their Growing Hope Globally educational visit with Paraguay's indigenous people and their fight for Land, Water and Food. Join in via Zoom or in the conference room.

Prayers for January 4, 2025

We add to our prayers this week:

We continue to offer prayers of hope and healing for:

Phyllis Glasker
Linnea Geenen
Dale Whitman
Howard Weber

Cathy
Suzi
Mo Champion-Garthe
Arlene Cunningham

Candi Glancy
Patric
Joanne Boomer

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; we pray in particular for these Palestinian detainees: Layan Nasir, and Hadeel Shatara.

Those who are incarcerated with whom we minister: Brooke, Chastity, Daylene, Estelle, Zayla, Korey, Kylie, Lashonda, Amber, Marilyn, Amy, LaTavia, Breashia, Heidi, and Miranda.

We pray for our partners in ministry in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA), the Central States Synod and these congregations: Community Lutheran Church, Eagle rock, MO; Gloria Dei Lutheran Church, Lucas, KS; Martin Luther Lutheran Church, Lee's Summit, MO.

Background on Palestinian detainees for whom we pray:

We pray for Layan Nasir, a Christian Palestinian student. She has been subjected to ongoing military trials for four years. In 2024, she was re-arrested and held for eight months under administrative detention. Today, she still faces the threat of an 8-month prison sentence, based on proceedings in a military court system that denies basic legal protections and presumes guilt rather than justice.

We pray for Hadeel Shatara, our FOSNA Palestinian partner, an advancement officer at Birzeit University near Ramallah. She is a fierce advocate of Palestinians and has been detained in the past for speaking out. She asks us to pray for peace for her homeland.

THIS WEEK AT ST. ANDREW'S

Sunday, January 4

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

Monday, January 5

- 2:00 pm Prayer Team (IP)

Tuesday, January 6

- 7:00 pm Mutual Ministry (IP)

Wednesday, January 7

- 8:00 am Men's Bible Study (Z)
- 11:00 am Women in the Word (IP&Z)
- 6:15 pm Wednesday Worship (IP&Z)
- 6:30 pm We the People Virtual Series (online)

Thursday, January 8

- 11:00 am Communion at Lenoir Woods (IP)

Friday, January 9

- 9:00 am Quilt Tying (IP)

Saturday, January 10

No events

Sunday, January 11

- 8:30 am Worship (IP)
- 9:45 am Sunday Forum: (IP&Z)
- 11:00 am Worship (IP&Z)
- 2:00 pm Ambassadors for Christ (IP)

Reading for Next Wednesday January 7, 2026

Matthew 2:1-2

Readings for Next Sunday January 11, 2026 Baptism of Our Lord

Isaiah 42:1-9

Psalms 29

Acts 10:34-43

Matthew 3:13-17

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

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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.