

Second Sunday after Epiphany

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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

Son Of Heaven

Brandon Lake, Dante Bowe, Matt Maher

11:00

Lamb of God

Twila Paris/arr. Mark Hayes

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION TO THE DAY

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ‡ one God,
the Creator of heaven and earth,
the Word who spoke life into being,
the Wind stirring the waters.

Amen.

Let us turn in confession to the one who knows us completely.

Mighty God, lover of justice,
**you call us to life in community,
but we have served our own interests
at the expense of our neighbors.
We have sown deceit where honesty was needed.
We say the right words,
but our hearts are far from you.
Turn us to seek your face.
Knit us together and give us the mind of Christ,
that we may do justice, love mercy,
and walk humbly with you, our God.
Amen.**

The former things have passed away,
and new things God now declares:
Like a spring of water that never fails,
God covers you in the righteousness of Christ,
and forgives your sin in ‡ Jesus' name.
May the Spirit give you strength to live for others,
and bless you with the gift of peace.

Amen.

GATHERING SONG*Now Behold the Lamb*

ELW 341

- 1 Now behold the Lamb,
the precious Lamb of God,
who bore all my sin, that I may live again:
the precious Lamb of God.
- 2 Holy is the Lamb,
the precious Lamb of God.
Why you love me so, Lord, I shall never know;
the precious Lamb of God.
- 3 Thank you for the Lamb,
the precious Lamb of God.
Because of your grace I can finish the race;
the precious Lamb of God.

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*Glory to God in the Highest*

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Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to God's people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you,
we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.

Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to God's people on earth.

Lord Jesus Christ,
only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.

Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to God's people on earth.

For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to God's people on earth.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

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Let us pray.

Holy God, our strength and our redeemer, by your Spirit hold us forever, that through your grace we may worship you and faithfully serve you, follow you and joyfully find you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

‡WORD‡

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

CHILDREN'S TIME

FIRST READING

Isaiah 49:1-7

A reading from Isaiah.

¹ Listen to me, O coastlands;

pay attention, you peoples from far away!

The LORD called me before I was born;

while I was in my mother's womb he named me.

² He made my mouth like a sharp sword;

in the shadow of his hand he hid me;

he made me a polished arrow;

in his quiver he hid me away.

³ And he said to me, "You are my servant,

Israel, in whom I will be glorified."

⁴ But I said, "I have labored in vain;

I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity;

yet surely my cause is with the LORD

and my reward with my God."

⁵ And now the LORD says,

who formed me in the womb to be his servant,

to bring Jacob back to him,

and that Israel might be gathered to him,

for I am honored in the sight of the LORD,

and my God has become my strength—

⁶ he says,
"It is too light a thing that you should be my servant
to raise up the tribes of Jacob
and to restore the survivors of Israel;
I will give you as a light to the nations,
that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth."

⁷ Thus says the LORD,
the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One,
to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nations,
the slave of rulers,
"Kings shall see and stand up;
princes, and they shall prostrate themselves,
because of the LORD, who is faithful,
the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you."

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Psalm 40:1-11

¹ I waited patiently upon the LORD,
who stooped to me and heard my cry.

² **The LORD lifted me out of the desolate pit, out of the miry clay,
and set my feet upon a high cliff, making my footing sure.**

³ The LORD put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God;
many shall see, and stand in awe, and put their trust in the LORD.

⁴ **Happy are they who trust in the LORD!
They do not turn to enemies or to those who follow lies.**

⁵ Great are the wonders you have done, O LORD my God! In your plans for us,
none can be compared with you!
Oh, that I could make them known and tell them! But they are more than I can
count.

⁶ **Sacrifice and offering you do not desire;
you have opened my ears: burnt-offering and sin-offering you have not
required.**

⁷ And so I said, "Here I am; I come.
In the scroll of the book it is written of me:

⁸ **'I love to do your will, O my God;
your law is deep within me.'** "

⁹ I proclaimed righteousness in the great assembly;
I have not restrained my lips, O LORD, you know.

¹⁰ **I have not hidden your righteousness in my heart; I have spoken of your
faithfulness and your deliverance;
I have not concealed your steadfast love and truth from the great assembly.**

¹¹ You are the LORD; do not withhold your compassion from me;
may your steadfast love and your truth continually keep me safe.

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 1:1-9

A reading First Corinthians.

¹ Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes,

² To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, together with all those who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours:

³ Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

⁴ I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, ⁵ for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind ⁶ just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you ⁷ so that you are not lacking in any gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁸ He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁹ God is faithful, by whom you were called into the partnership of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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Alleluia.

In the ¹ Word was life,* and the life was the light | of all people.

Alleluia. (*John 1:4*)

GOSPEL

John 1:29-42

The holy gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

²⁹ [John the Baptist] saw Jesus coming toward him and declared, "Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!" ³⁰ This is he of whom I said, 'After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me.' ³¹ I myself did not know him, but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel." ³² And John testified, "I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. ³³ I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, 'He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.'

³⁴ And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Chosen One."

³⁵ The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, ³⁶ and as he watched Jesus walk by he exclaimed, "Look, here is the Lamb of God!" ³⁷ The two

disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus.³⁸ When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, "What are you looking for?" They said to him, "Rabbi" (which translated means Teacher), "where are you staying?"³⁹ He said to them, "Come and see." They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon.⁴⁰ One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother.⁴¹ He first found his brother Simon and said to him, "We have found the Messiah" (which is translated Anointed).⁴² He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, "You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas" (which is translated Peter).

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

Jesus Calls Us; o'er the Tumult

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- 1 Jesus calls us; o'er the tumult
of our life's wild, restless sea,
day by day his clear voice sounding,
saying, "Christian, follow me":
- 2 As of old Saint Andrew heard it
by the Galilean lake,
turned from home and toil and kindred,
leaving all for Jesus' sake.
- 3 Jesus calls us from the worship
of the vain world's golden store,
from each idol that would keep us,
saying, "Christian, love me more."
- 4 In our joys and in our sorrows,
days of toil and hours of ease,
still he calls, in cares and pleasures,
"Christian, love me more than these."
- 5 Jesus calls us! By your mercy,
Savior, may we hear your call,
give our hearts to your obedience,
serve and love you best of all.

APOSTLES' CREED

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

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE INTERCESSION

As God's beloved children united in Christ, let us pray for the church, the whole human community, and the well-being of the earth, our home.

Each petition concludes:

Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

The final petition concludes:

...God's loving-kindness made known to us in Christ Jesus our Savior.

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 SONG

8:30

Son Of Heaven

Brandon Lake, Dante Bowe, Matt Maher

- 1 This is the word here in the flesh
Living among the meek and lowly
The voice of God His every breath
Salvation of the world unfolding

Chorus

Behold Him behold Him
Lift up your eyes see the Son of Heaven
Hosanna Hosanna
Pour out your praise sing the name of Jesus

- 2 This is His heart upon the cross
And from His wounds His mercies flowing
And now the dawn put death to death
And ever since that grave's been empty

Chorus

Behold Him, behold Him
Lift up your eyes, see the Son of Heaven
Hosanna, hosanna
Pour out your praise, sing the name of Jesus
Behold Him, behold Him
Lift up your eyes, see the Son of Heaven
Hosanna, hosanna
Pour out your praise, sing the name of Jesus

3 This is His home, here in our chest
At every door our Savior's knocking
Oh let Him in, oh let Him out
With every ye His kingdom's coming
The sound of every saint rejoicing
Oh Jesus Christ the hope of glory

Chorus

Behold Him, behold Him
Lift up your eyes, see the Son of Heaven
Hosanna, hosanna
Pour out your praise, sing the name of Jesus
Behold Him, behold Him
Lift up your eyes, see the Son of Heaven
Hosanna, hosanna
Pour out your praise, sing the name of Jesus
Pour out your praise, sing the name of Jesus

11:00

Lamb of God

arr. F. Melius Christiansen

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.
God of majesty,
no eye has seen, no ear has heard
what you have prepared for those who love you,
yet in this meal you reveal the wideness of your mercy.
Use what we have gathered
to feed us with the reign of God come near,
Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

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

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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;
who on this day overcame death and the grave,
and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.
And so, with all the choirs of angels,
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Holy, Holy, Holy

ELW p.130

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

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

ELW p.130

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.130

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

Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!

Come to the table; taste and see.

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

The body of Christ, given for you.

The blood of Christ, shed for you.

Amen.

DISTRIBUTION SONG

There Is a Redeemer

setting, Joel Raney

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,
Radiant God,
we have seen your glory in the face of Jesus Christ.
In the sacrament of his body and blood
you have drawn us to your heart.
Send us from this table with delight,
that our lives may reflect the beauty of your love,
and bear witness to all we have seen and heard,
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

✠SENDING✠

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

OUR COMMUNITY OF FAITH

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BLESSING

May the triune God,
who has put a new song in your mouth
and tuned your heart for praise
✠ bless you now and forever.

Amen.

SENDING SONG

How Marvelous God's Greatness

ELW 830

- 1 How marvelous God's greatness,
how glorious God's might!
To this the world bears witness
in wonders day and night:
in form of flow'r and snowflake,
in morn's resplendent birth,
in afterglow at ev'ning,
in sky and sea and earth.
- 2 Each tiny flow'ret whispers,
the great life-giver's name;
the mighty mountain masses
his majesty proclaim;
the valleys deep are hymning
God's shelter for his own;
the snow-capped peaks are pointing
to God's almighty throne.

- 3 The ocean's vast abysses
in one grand psalm record
the deep mysterious counsels,
and mercies of the Lord;
the icy waves of winter
are thund'ring on the strand;
and grief's chill stream is guided
by God's all-gracious hand.
- 4 The starry hosts are singing
through all the light-strewn sky
of God's majestic temple
and palace courts on high;
when in these outer chambers
such glory gilds the night,
oh, what transcendent brightness
is God's eternal light!

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Do justice. Love mercy.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

8:30

Reprise: *How Marvelous God's Greatness*

ELW 830

11:00

Hail to the Lord's Anointed

setting, Robert J. Powell

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TODAY'S MINISTERS FOR WORSHIP

Presiding Minister: Pr. David Frerichs
Minister for Music: Megan Lyon
Organist Sheryl Mehrhoff

	8:30	11:00
Greeter	Nikki & Andy Raedeke	Gage & Tara Alstatt
Worship Hosts	Kim Hickey George Kracke	TBD TBD
Assisting Minsters	Read Andy Raedeke Pray TBD	Paul Speckman Larry Leip
Acolyte	Owen Wood	TBD
Communion Preparer	Kim Hickey	Gwen Gray
Communion Cleanup		Karon Speckman
Visual Projectionist	Gwen Gray	Phil Wood
Zoom Worship Host		Cindy Vedder
Zoom Tech Director		Susan Goldammer
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Building Closer		Nathan Williams

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FINANCIAL SUMMARY

Contributions and expenses through December 31, 2025

	December	YTD
Offerings	\$43,663	\$443,604
Expenses	\$37,510	\$442,548
Over/(under) expenses	\$2,123	\$1,056
Nonbudget Special Offerings	\$8,237	\$22,542



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

Sunday Forum - December January 18—"2025 Spending Plan" The Congregation Council will convene a question-and-answer time for review of the 2026 Spending Plan as well as the ministry reports on Sunday, January 18, at 9:45 am. The written Annual Report will be distributed by electronic copy through the Weekly Update email. Members may request a paper copy by contacting the office. Questions/concerns may be directed to Wilson Freyermuth, Council President.

ELFY Youth Group: All families with youth in grades 6 through 12 will want to sign up for the GroupMe group for announcements about ELFY Gatherings and events. On January 18 at 6:00 pm, we will meet at Saint Andrew's Lutheran Church. On this occasion, youth will gather for fellowship, snacks and a discussion of the Acts of the Apostles. On February 1, the gathering will be at Saint Andrew's, with a discussion of Paul and the Epistles.

Annual Congregation Meeting: The Congregation Council has established the date for the Annual Congregational Meeting for Sunday, January 25, at 9:45 a.m. in the Centrum and via Zoom. Use the Sunday Forum Zoom Link. Families may sign in using the chat function for the purpose of registering attendance by voting members. Voting procedures will use the Slido.com platform for polling during the meeting. There will be voting kiosks at church for those who desire assistance with voting with council members as attendants. For those at home, individual members may register their vote either from a unique smart device or computer, or use "private" browsing in their web browser to record unique votes.

Campus Ministry Resumes: On Monday, January 19, on Martin Luther King Jr Day, ELCM will gather for Prayer and Pizza, a soft welcome before classes begin the next day. Episcopal Lutheran Campus Ministry will resume regular gatherings on Monday evenings on Monday, January 26, under the event title Prayer and Purpose. This first gathering for Campus Ministry participants to prayerfully set intentions for the new semester. The schedule each week will include Bible Study at 4:45 pm, Evening Prayer at 6:00 pm, and Dinner following evening prayer. Members of Saint Andrew's may provide a meal for one of the Monday gatherings. The signup and instructions can be found here: <https://tinyurl.com/ELCM-Meal-Signup-2026>.

Meals for Campus Ministry

We are looking for folks to provide meals for our Monday night ELCM (Episcopal Lutheran Campus Ministry) gatherings.

General guidelines:

•Cook for 15-20. Fanciness not required. We do have need for a **vegetarian option**. Be aware that **tree nuts need to be avoided due to allergies**. For example, a main course, side salad, and additional side (e.g. bread) is perfect.

•No need to worry about drinks or dessert.

Arrange with Rev. Josh (revjosh@calvaryon ninth.org or 402-290-1019) for food drop off at Calvary Episcopal (123 S. Ninth) on the day of (Monday before 6:00 pm) or the Sunday before (when convenient).

•Please direct any specific questions to Rev. Josh or Pastor David.

Rejoice! We were hungry and you gave us something to eat (per Matthew 25).

Thanks in advance to all who choose to help! We love and appreciate you!

Loaves and Fishes: We are thankful for the congregation's donations and support as we continue to feed those in our community who are in need. Please consider supporting this ministry in the following ways:

- Donate money through the usual channels being sure to designate the funds for Loaves and Fishes.
- Donate garden produce or fresh fruit.
- Donate your time baking, cooking, or serving the fourth week of each month.
- Pray for this ministry and for the people we serve.

We know there are more families and individuals suffering because they are unable to secure life sustaining necessities. Monetary donations to support this ministry may be made directly to Saint Andrew's Lutheran Church. We are looking for volunteers to bake, cook or distribute meals each month.

Volunteers are needed for the following upcoming dates:

- **Saturday, January 24, 10:00 – 12:00:** Cooking for Loaves and Fishes Soup Kitchen.
- **Sunday, January 25:** Bake cookies for the Loaves and Fishes Soup Kitchen!
- **Sunday, January 25, 3:30 – 6:30:** Serving at Loaves and Fishes Soup Kitchen. Meal distribution begins at 3:30 p.m. at 1509 Ashley Street (look for a yellow structure off the Business Loop, behind the power plant).

Questions? Wish to support Loaves and Fishes? Please reach out to:

Susan Goldammer at susan.goldammer@gmail.com;

Jenine Loesing at jloesing55@gmail.com;

Columbia Values Diversity Celebration: The Columbia Values Diversity Celebration is an annual event hosted by the City of Columbia since 1994. This event, to be held on Wednesday, January 28 from 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. at the Wyndham Expo Center, celebrates the life and teachings of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. The program includes live music at the breakfast followed by the presentation of the annual Columbia Values Diversity Awards, community speakers and artistic performances representing the rich diversity of our community. Saint Andrews is sponsoring two tables at the event. If you would like to attend contact Wilson Freyermuth.

Work at the Wardrobe: Join in volunteering at the Wardrobe on January 30th from 1:00pm to 4:00 pm. The Wardrobe collects and sells donated clothes and household goods. Proceeds go to fund shoe vouchers, so qualifying school aged children have shoes that fit. Onsite training will be provided.

Ministry Scheduler is Live: Please look at the schedule for March, April and May, determine when you can serve, and sign up using the MSP web terminal found on the saintandrewslutheran.org website or send your preferred or unavailable dates to the office (office@saintandrewslutheran.org) **by February 11th.**

Prayers for January 18, 2025

We add to our prayers this week:

For family and friends of Freida Johnson whose memorial service is this weekend; she is great grandmother of Jackson, Logan and Elise Sprague.

We continue to offer prayers of hope and healing for:

Nicole Robinette	Dale Whitman	Arlene Cunningham
Melissa	Howard Weber	Candi Glancy
Michelle Knipp	Cathy	Patric
Phyllis Glasker	Suzi	Joanne Boomer
Linnea Geenen	Mo Champion-Garthe	

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, Natalie, Bettina, Miranda, Boosie, Estelle, Zayla, Yolanda, Hailey, Sandra, Jackson, and Marilyn.

We pray for our partners in ministry in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA), the Central States Synod and these congregations: Gethsemane Lutheran Church, St. Louis, MO; New Hope Lutheran Church, Onaga, KS; Oasis on the Boulevard, Kansas City, MO; St. Mark Lutheran Church, Emporia, KS.

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 18

- 8:30 am Worship (IP)
- 9:45 am Sunday Forum (IP&Z)
- 11:00 am Worship (IP&Z)
- 6:00 pm ELFY Youth Group (IP-Saint Andrew's Lutheran Church)

Monday, January 19—Martin Luther Kind Day

Office Closed

Tuesday, January 20

No Events

Wednesday, January 21

- 8:00 am Men's Bible Study (Z)
- 11:00 am Women in the Word (IP&Z)
- 6:15 pm Wednesday Worship (IP&Z)
- 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal (IP)

Thursday, January 22

- 6:00 pm We the People: Online Series (ONLINE)

Friday, January 23

- 9:00 am Quilt Tying (IP)

Saturday, January 24

No Events

Sunday, January 25

- 8:30 am Worship (IP)
- 9:45 am Congregational Meeting (IP&Z)
- 11:00 am Worship (IP&Z)
- 6:00 pm Loaves and Fishes Distribution (IP-1509 Ashley St.)

Reading for Next Wednesday January 21, 2026

Matthew 9:14-17

Readings for Next Sunday Third Sunday after Epiphany

Isaiah 9:1-4
Psalm 27:1, 4-9
1 Corinthians 1:10-18
Matthew 4:12-23

*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.