

**Fourth Sunday in Lent**

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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**

*Still Waters (Psalm 23)*

by Leanna Crawford

**11:00**

*Balm in Gilead*

setting by Roger C. Wilson

### WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION TO THE DAY

### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ‡ one God,  
who forgives all our sin,  
whose mercy endures forever.

**Amen.**

Let us confess our sin before God, who removes our guilt  
and blots out all offenses.

Gracious God,

**have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

For seeking worldly delights that deceive us and dishonor you:

Gracious God,

**have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

For desiring self-reliance instead of hungering for your word:

Gracious God,

**have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

For failing to recognize your coming reign,  
and for hindering the work of the Spirit:

Gracious God,

**have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

For drawing from the well of self-serving ambition,  
and for disdain the living water Christ offers:

Gracious God,

**have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

For disregarding voices from the margin,  
and for distrusting signs of your healing and hope in the world:  
Gracious God,  
**have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

For dwelling in tombs of self-pity and discontent,  
and for disregarding Christ's call to come forth to life:  
Gracious God,  
**have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

God's steadfast love, grace, and forgiveness abound.  
Through faith, the free gift of God,  
you have been clothed in the righteousness of Christ.  
In the name of † Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven.  
The Spirit of the One who raised Christ from the dead  
dwells in you,  
pours God's love into your hearts,  
and gives you life and peace.  
**Amen.**

**GATHERING SONG**

*There Is a Balm in Gilead*

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*Refrain*

There is a balm in Gilead  
to make the wounded whole;  
there is a balm in Gilead  
to heal the sin-sick soul.

- 1 Sometimes I feel discouraged  
and think my work's in vain,  
but then the Holy Spirit  
revives my soul again. *Refrain*
- 2 If you cannot preach like Peter,  
if you cannot pray like Paul,  
you can tell the love of Jesus  
and say, "He died for all." *Refrain*
- 3 Don't ever be discouraged,  
for Jesus is your friend;  
and if you lack for knowledge  
he'll ne'er refuse to lend. *Refrain*

## 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.**

## KYRIE

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In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For the peace from above,  
and for our salvation,  
let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For the peace of the whole world,  
for the well-being of the Church of God,  
and for the unity of all,  
let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For this holy house,  
and for all who offer here their worship and praise,  
let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

**Amen.**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

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Let us pray.

Bend your ear to our prayers, Lord Christ, and come among us. By your gracious life and death for us, bring light into the darkness of our hearts, and anoint us with your Spirit, for you live and reign with the Father 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

1 Samuel 16:1-13

A reading from First Samuel.

<sup>1</sup> The LORD said to Samuel, "How long will you grieve over Saul? I have rejected him from being king over Israel. Fill your horn with oil and set out; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons."

<sup>2</sup> Samuel said, "How can I go? If Saul hears of it, he will kill me." And the LORD said, "Take a heifer with you and say, 'I have come to sacrifice to the LORD.'" <sup>3</sup> Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do, and you shall anoint for me the one whom I name to you." <sup>4</sup> Samuel did what the LORD commanded and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling and said, "Do you come peaceably?" <sup>5</sup> He said, "Peaceably. I have come to sacrifice to the LORD; sanctify yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice." And he sanctified Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice.

<sup>6</sup> When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, "Surely his anointed is now before the LORD." <sup>7</sup> But the LORD said to Samuel, "Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him, for the LORD does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the LORD looks on the heart." <sup>8</sup> Then Jesse called Abinadab and made him pass before Samuel. He said, "Neither has the LORD chosen this one." <sup>9</sup> Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, "Neither has the LORD chosen this one." <sup>10</sup> Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, "The LORD has not chosen any of these." <sup>11</sup> Samuel said to Jesse, "Are all your sons here?" And he said, "There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep." And Samuel said to Jesse, "Send and bring him, for we will not sit down until he comes here." <sup>12</sup> He sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy and had beautiful eyes and was handsome. The LORD said, "Rise and anoint him, for this is the one." <sup>13</sup> Then Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him in the presence of his brothers, and the spirit of the LORD came mightily upon David from that day forward. Samuel then set out and went to Ramah.

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM

Psalm 23

<sup>1</sup> The LORD is my shepherd;  
I shall not be in want.

<sup>2</sup> **The LORD makes me lie down in green pastures  
and leads me beside still waters.**

<sup>3</sup> You restore my soul, O LORD,  
and guide me along right pathways for your name's sake.

<sup>4</sup> **Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil;  
for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.**

<sup>5</sup> You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;  
you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is running over.

<sup>6</sup> **Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,  
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.**

## SECOND READING

Ephesians 5:8-14

A reading from Ephesians.

<sup>8</sup> Once you were darkness, but now in the Lord you are light. Walk as children of light, <sup>9</sup> for the fruit of the light is found in all that is good and right and true. <sup>10</sup> Try to find out what is pleasing to the Lord. <sup>11</sup> Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness; rather, expose them. <sup>12</sup> For it is shameful even to mention what such people do secretly, <sup>13</sup> but everything exposed by the light becomes visible, <sup>14</sup> for everything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says,

“Sleeper, awake!

Rise from the dead,  
and Christ will shine on you.”

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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**Glory and praise to you, O Lord Jesus Christ.**

Jesus says, I am the light <sup>1</sup> of the world;\* whoever follows me will have the <sup>1</sup> light of life. (*John 8:12*)

**Glory and praise to you, O Lord Jesus Christ.**

## GOSPEL

John 9:1-41

The holy gospel according to John.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup> As [Jesus] walked along, he saw a man blind from birth. <sup>2</sup> His disciples asked him, “Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?” <sup>3</sup> Jesus answered, “Neither this man nor his parents sinned; he was born blind so that God’s works might be revealed in him. <sup>4</sup> We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming, when no one can work. <sup>5</sup> As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world.” <sup>6</sup> When he had said this, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva and spread the mud on the man’s eyes, <sup>7</sup> saying to him, “Go, wash in the pool of Siloam” (which means Sent). Then he went and washed and came back able to see. <sup>8</sup> The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar began to ask, “Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?” <sup>9</sup> Some were saying, “It is he.” Others were saying, “No, but it is someone like him.” He kept saying, “I am he.” <sup>10</sup> But they kept asking him, “Then how were your eyes opened?” <sup>11</sup> He answered, “The man called Jesus made mud, spread it on my eyes, and said to me, ‘Go to Siloam and wash.’ Then I went and washed and received my sight.” <sup>12</sup> They said to him, “Where is he?” He said, “I do not know.”

<sup>13</sup> They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. <sup>14</sup> Now it was a Sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes.

<sup>15</sup> Then the Pharisees also began to ask him how he had received his sight. He said to them, "He put mud on my eyes. Then I washed, and now I see." <sup>16</sup> Some of the Pharisees said, "This man is not from God, for he does not observe the Sabbath." Others said, "How can a man who is a sinner perform such signs?" And they were divided. <sup>17</sup> So they said again to the blind man, "What do you say about him? It was your eyes he opened." He said, "He is a prophet."

<sup>18</sup> The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight <sup>19</sup> and asked them, "Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?"

<sup>20</sup> His parents answered, "We know that this is our son and that he was born blind, <sup>21</sup> but we do not know how it is that now he sees, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age. He will speak for himself." <sup>22</sup> His parents said this because they were afraid of the Jews, for the Jews had already agreed that anyone who confessed Jesus to be the Messiah would be put out of the synagogue. <sup>23</sup> Therefore his parents said, "He is of age; ask him."

<sup>24</sup> So for the second time they called the man who had been blind, and they said to him, "Give glory to God! We know that this man is a sinner." <sup>25</sup> He answered, "I do not know whether he is a sinner. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see." <sup>26</sup> They said to him, "What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?" <sup>27</sup> He answered them, "I have told you already, and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become his disciples?" <sup>28</sup> Then they reviled him, saying, "You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. <sup>29</sup> We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from." <sup>30</sup> The man answered, "Here is an astonishing thing! You do not know where he comes from, yet he opened my eyes. <sup>31</sup> We know that God does not listen to sinners, but he does listen to one who worships him and obeys his will. <sup>32</sup> Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a person born blind. <sup>33</sup> If this man were not from God, he could do nothing." <sup>34</sup> They answered him, "You were born entirely in sins, and are you trying to teach us?" And they drove him out.

<sup>35</sup> Jesus heard that they had driven him out, and when he found him he said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" <sup>36</sup> He answered, "And who is he, sir? Tell me, so that I may believe in him." <sup>37</sup> Jesus said to him, "You have seen him, and the one speaking with you is he." <sup>38</sup> He said, "Lord, I believe." And he worshiped him. <sup>39</sup> Jesus said, "I came into this world for judgment, so that those who do not see may see and those who do see may become blind." <sup>40</sup> Some of the Pharisees who were with him heard this and said to him, "Surely we are not blind, are we?" <sup>41</sup> Jesus said to them, "If you were blind, you would not have sin. But now that you say, 'We see,' your sin remains."

The gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## SERMON

### HYMN OF THE DAY

*Dearest Jesus, at Your Word*

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- 1 Dearest Jesus, at your word  
we have come again to hear you;  
let our thoughts and hearts be stirred  
and in glowing faith be near you  
as the promises here given  
draw us wholly up to heaven.
- 2 All our knowledge, sense, and sight  
lie in deepest darkness shrouded  
till your Spirit breaks the night,  
filling us with light unclouded.  
All good thoughts and all good living  
come but by your gracious giving.
- 3 Radiance of God's glory bright,  
Light of light from God proceeding,  
Jesus, send your blessed light;  
help our hearing, speaking, heeding,  
that our prayers and songs may please you,  
as with grateful hearts we praise you.
- 4 Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,  
praise to you and adoration!  
Grant us what we need the most:  
all your gospel's consolation  
while we here on earth await you,  
till in heav'n with praise we greet you.

### APOSTLES' CREED

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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**

Reconciled by God's mercy and sustained by God's presence, let us pray for the world and its needs.

*Each petition concludes:*

Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

*The final petition concludes:*

...through Jesus Christ, our strength and salvation.

**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

*Still Waters (Psalm 23)*

by Leanna Crawford

### Verse 1

Great Aunt Maurine said at a hundred and three  
"Write scripture on your heart for when you need it  
'Cause anxiety hates Psalm 23  
So just say it to yourself 'til you believe it"  
And I'm feeling like I'm needing it right now

### Chorus

The Lord is my Shepherd, I shall not want  
He leads me by still waters 'til my fears are gone  
Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death  
Oh, I know You are with me, my Father, my friend  
Your goodness and mercy will follow me all of my days  
I know by Your still waters I'm safe

### Verse 2

Lord, I believe You can set me at ease  
Turn this broken piece in me to peace and quiet  
I know there's power in Your word  
So I'll say it over and over 'til my soul's reminded

### Chorus

Oh, the Lord is my Shepherd, I shall not want  
He leads me by still waters 'til my fears are gone  
Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death  
Oh, I know You are with me, my Father, my friend  
Your goodness and mercy will follow me all of my days  
I know by Your still waters I'm safe

### Bridge

Still waters run through any valley I could find  
I'm laying fear down here at Heaven's riverside  
Your word has been true in every season of my life  
I believe, yes, I believe that  
Still waters run through any valley I could find  
I'm laying fear down here at Heaven's riverside  
Your word has been true in every season of my life  
I believe, yes, I believe

## Chorus

Oh, the Lord is my Shepherd, I shall not want  
He leads me by still waters 'til my fears are gone  
Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death  
Oh, I know You are with me, my Father, my friend  
Your goodness and mercy will follow me all of my days  
I know by Your still waters I'm safe

11:00

*Amazing Grace*

arr. Jack Schrader

## OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

O God, maker of heaven and earth,  
your steadfast love embraces all creation.  
You send rain and sunshine to nourish the earth  
and bring forth its bounty.  
Through these gifts of bread and wine,  
draw us into the death and life of your Son,  
who calls us to bear witness to his saving work.  
We ask this in Jesus' name.

**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.  
You call your people to cleanse their hearts  
and prepare with joy for the paschal feast,  
that, renewed in the gift of baptism,  
we may come to the fullness of your grace.  
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:

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**HOLY, HOLY, HOLY**

*Holy, Holy, Holy*

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

**THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE**

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In the night in which he was betrayed,  
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;  
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,  
and gave it for all to drink, saying:  
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,  
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

**THE LORD'S PRAYER**

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

**Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.**

**Give us today our daily bread.**

**Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those  
who sin against us.**

**Save us from the time of trial  
and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours,  
now and forever. Amen.**

## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Come to the table.

Feast on God's goodness and mercy.

### 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

*By His Blood*

arr. by Larry Shackley

## 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,

God of our salvation,

we give you thanks for this meal that restores our souls, reconciles us to you, and strengthens us for the journey.

Through the body and blood of your Son,

may we become Christ's body in the world,

bearing witness to your love for all creation,

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

Receive the blessing of the holy Trinity:  
God, who calls all things into existence,  
Jesus Christ, who redeems us,  
and the Holy Spirit, whose breath sustains creation,  
‡ bless you now and always.

**Amen.**

### SENDING SONG

*Be Thou My Vision*

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- 1 Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;  
naught be all else to me, save that thou art:  
thou my best thought both by day and by night,  
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.
- 2 Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word;  
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord.  
Thou my soul's shelter, and thou my high tow'r,  
raise thou me heav'nward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.
- 3 Riches I heed not, nor vain, empty praise,  
thou mine inheritance, now and always:  
thou and thou only, the first in my heart,  
great God of heaven, my treasure thou art.
- 4 Light of my soul, after victory won,  
may I reach heaven's joys, O heaven's Sun!  
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,  
still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

### DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Believe the good news.

**Thanks be to God.**

### POSTLUDE

**8:30**

*Reprise: Be Thou My Vision*

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**11:00**

*Larghetto*

by George Frideric Handel

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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**

<b>Greeter</b>	Jenine Loesing	Larry Leip
<b>Worship Hosts</b>	Linda Romine	John Nelson
	Paul Romine	Idolene Mazza
<b>Assisting Minsters</b>	<b>Read</b> TBD	Ann Green
	<b>Pray</b> TBD	Larry Leip
<b>Acolyte</b>	<b>TBD</b>	<b>TBD</b>
<b>Communion Preparer</b>	Linda Romine	Gwen Gray
<b>Communion Cleanup</b>		<b>TBD</b>
<b>Visual Projectionist</b>	Gwen Gray	Phil Wood
<b>Zoom Worship Host</b>		Cindy Vedder
<b>Zoom Tech Director</b>		<b>TBD</b>
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### FINANCIAL SUMMARY

Contributions and expenses through February 28, 2026

	February	YTD
Offerings	\$39,781	\$74,442
Expenses	\$41,312	\$80,496
Over/(under) expenses	(1,531)	(\$6,054)
Nonbudget Special Offerings	\$552	\$1,596



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**The Lenten Mid-week Series:** We will explore the theme “By Faith” using the Letter to the Hebrews as a frame and reference. This service will follow Holden Evening Prayer as the core liturgy and include Holy Communion. Pastor David will offer a very brief reflection on each week's theme. **What is faith?** The text from Hebrews 11:1 defines it in this way: “Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.” This series focuses on the book of Hebrews, especially the eleventh chapter. The first four weeks provide a journey through the faith of the Old Testament figures, especially Noah, Abraham, Moses, and the Israelites. The fifth week brings us to Jesus, “the perfecter of our faith,” and his path to the cross. **March 18: The Faith of the Israelites:** *By faith, generations of Israelites wandered the wilderness, entered the promised land, heard the words of the prophets, and suffered persecution. Amid life's joys and difficulties, how do we persevere in our faith?*

**Growing Hope Globally Lenten Offering March 15: Your contributions change lives!** Our 2025 contributions of \$22,645 helped 411 farmers become food secure for life! Our 2026 contributions will help the Indigenous farmers in Lower Chaco, Paraguay, the overseas program that Karon and Paul Speckman visited in December. Use the envelopes on the offering table or the Growing Hope display in the gathering space. Or go online at St. Andrew's. Please make checks out to St. Andrew's Lutheran, with “Growing Hope” in the memo line.

**Sunday Forum—March 15th:** “City of Refuge”. Please join us on March 15th for our Sunday Forum with Garrett Rucinski from the City of Refuge. Garrett will talk about what is happening with the City of Refuge, educate us about its mission, and talk about immigration issues facing the organization. You can join in at 9:45AM in the Conference room or via zoom. We look forward to seeing you there.

**ELFY Youth Group Meeting:** Calling all Middle and High Schoolers! ELFY meets this Sunday, Mar. 15th, from 6 - 7:30 at Calvary. There will be snacks, games, devotions, and a service project! I hope to see you there. We'll be waiting for you in the “back” lobby so please come to the 8th street entrance. We will not meet on Easter Sunday. Also, we've discovered from prior years that May is a busy season for you all with end of school year activities. Hard to believe but true: this will be one of our final ELFY meetings of the program year! Our final regular meeting will be April 19 at Saint Andrew's.

**Prayer Shawl & Craft Ministry:** Come, join in at the Prayer Shawl & Crafting Ministry where we knit or crochet prayer shawls, caps, scarves, baby blankets and other items to encourage those in need. We meet the 1st and 3rd Saturday of every month at 11:00 am in room 112 inside the Fellowship Hall. Your creative ideas are welcome. Please contact Holly Heidlage [holly0917@centurytel.net](mailto:holly0917@centurytel.net) for more information. **Our next gathering is on Saturday, March 21st.**

**Loaves and Fishes:** Our next opportunity to feed those in our community who are in need will be March 22. Meals are distributed at 1509 Ashley Street from 3:30 to 6:30 p.m. (look for a yellow structure off the Business Loop, behind the power plant). Contact Susan Goldammer or Jenine Loesing if you are interested in baking, cooking, or serving meals. We are thankful for the congregation's support.

**Fifth Sunday Offering:** Every month with 5 Sundays St. Andrew's designates a local charity for a special offering. This March we will collect donations for Loaves and Fishes. 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.

## Prayers for March 15, 2026

**We add to our prayers this week:**

**We continue to offer prayers of hope and healing for:**

Melissa Stormont	Phyllis Glasker	Arlene Cunningham
Michael Butterworth	Linnea Geenen	Candi Glancy
Dorcas Leighton	Dale Whitman	Patric
Joyce Berschauer	Cathy	Joanne Boomer
Michelle Knipp	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: Shadi Khoury, Layan Nasir, and Hadeel Shatara.

Those who are incarcerated with whom we minister: Brooke, Chastity, Shelena Rose, Jackie, Sandra, Gina, Kim, Sage, Estelle, Leonna, Hali, Jane, Dana, and Angelica.

We pray for our partners in ministry in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA), the Central States Synod and these congregations: Assaria Lutheran Church, Assaria, KS; Marion Hill, Lutheran Church, White City, KS; St. Martin Lutheran Church, Kansas City, 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.

We pray for Shadi Khoury, a Palestinian boy who we have been holding in our prayers each week, was recently sentenced to 2 years and 8 months in prison, and a fine of \$4000. According to Shadi's mother:

- Shadi was beaten and taken from his home in the middle of the night when he was 16 years old. Only after 41 days in detention was he charged with participating in a demonstration and throwing rocks at an Israeli settler car.
- While in detention, he was beaten to the point of losing consciousness three times and suffered a broken nose.
- His first trial was delayed when a Palestinian boy, who was supposed to be a key witness against Shadi, said he had not seen Shadi before, but that jailers said they would beat him more if he did not testify against Shadi. The judge ruled that the prosecution should have more time to gather evidence.
- Despite beatings and being in and out of detention and house arrest over 3 years, Shadi never confessed to wrongdoing. As a result his sentence was longer than other boys who did confess.

## THIS WEEK AT ST. ANDREW'S

### Sunday, March 15-Growing Hope Globally Offering

- 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-Calvary Episcopal Church)

### Monday, March 16

- 4:45 pm ELCM Bible Study (IP)
- 6:00 pm ELCM Evening Prayer & Dinner (IP-Calvary Episcopal Church)

### Tuesday, March 17

No Events

### Wednesday, March 18

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

### Thursday, March 19

- 6:00 pm Council Meeting (IP)

### Friday, March 20

No Events

### Saturday, March 21

- 11:00 am Prayer Shawl & Crafting Ministry (IP)

### Sunday, March 22

- 8:30 am Worship (IP)
- 9:45 am Sunday Forum (IP&Z)
- 11:00 am Worship (IP&Z)
- 6:00 pm Loaves and Fishes Distribution (IP-1509 Ashley Street)

### Reading for Next Wednesday

March 18, 2026

Hebrews 11:1, 29-40

### Readings for Next Sunday

March 22, 2026

Fifth Sunday in Lent

Ezekiel 37:1-14

Psalm 130

Romans 8:6-11

John 11:1-45

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

### Online Resources

- Find St. Andrew's Lutheran Church at [SaintAndrewsLutheran.org](http://SaintAndrewsLutheran.org).
  - Links to all online services and meetings are posted on our website. [SaintAndrewsLutheran.org/online-events](http://SaintAndrewsLutheran.org/online-events)
  - Links to all worship bulletins are at [SaintAndrewsLutheran.org/worship](http://SaintAndrewsLutheran.org/worship).
- Go to [StAndrewsLutheran.flocknote.com](http://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](http://SaintAndrewsLutheranChurch.podbean.com).