

Second Sunday of Creation Land and Prairie Sunday

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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.

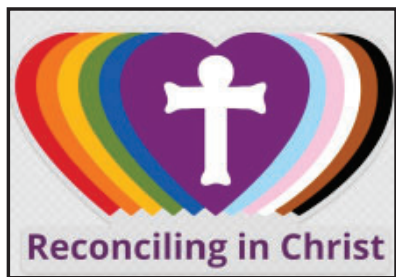
Offering is received as a response to God's grace and blessing, and as an expression of our faith. Jesus tells us, "For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also." (Matthew 6:21)

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 20, 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

Come and See

Dakota Road

11:00 *All Creatures of Our God and King*

arr. B. C. Dockery, Jim Thorpe Saxophone

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION TO THE DAY

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God, who so loves the world and all who live in it.
Amen.

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

Silence is kept for reflection.

Reconciling God,

we expect nature to serve our needs, and we have damaged it in the process. We trample every wild place and pollute your waters. We abuse your good Earth until it cries out in pain. Forgive us, loving God. Remind us of the covenant you made with the whole Earth. Nourish us so we can restore your awe-inspiring Creation. Amen.

Christ, the one who was buried into the heart of the Earth and then raised up to new life, forgives you all your sin. Freed from your burdens, be led by the Spirit to do God's healing work in the world. **Amen.**

GATHERING SONG

Let All Things Now Living

ELW 881

- 1 Let all things now living
a song of thanksgiving
to God the creator triumphantly raise,
who fashioned and made us,
protected and stayed us,
who still guides us on to the end of our days.
God's banners are o'er us,

God's light goes before us,
a pillar of fire shining forth in the night,
till shadows have vanished
and darkness is banished,
as forward we travel from light into light.

- 2 God rules all the forces:
the stars in their courses
and sun in its orbit obediently shine;
the hills and the mountains,
the rivers and fountains,
the deeps of the ocean proclaim God divine.
We too should be voicing
our love and rejoicing;
with glad adoration a song let us raise
till all things now living
unite in thanksgiving:
"To God in the highest, hosanna and praise!"

GREETING

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

Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee

ELW 836, st.1-2

- 1 Joyful, joyful we adore thee,
God of glory, Lord of love!
Hearts unfold like flow'rs before thee,
praising thee, their sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness,
drive the gloom of doubt away.
Giver of immortal gladness,
fill us with the light of day.
- 2 All thy works with joy surround thee,
earth and heav'n reflect thy rays,
stars and angels sing around thee,
center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain,
flow'ry meadow, flashing sea,
chanting bird, and flowing fountain
call us to rejoice in thee.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Gracious God, sculptor of the land, we in our brokenness have damaged your Earth. Restore our relationship with the land, as Christ heals all of Creation. In the name of Christ the Redeemer 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.

CHILDRENS TIME

FIRST READING

Genesis 3:14-19, 4:8-16

A reading from Genesis.

⁴ But the serpent said to the woman, "You will not die, ⁵ for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." ⁶ So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food and that it was a delight to the eyes and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. ⁷ Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked, and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

⁸ They heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden at the time of the evening breeze, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden. ⁹ But the LORD God called to the man and said to him, "Where are you?" ¹⁰ He said, "I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked, and I hid myself." ¹¹ He said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?" ¹² The man said, "The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit from the tree, and I ate." ¹³ Then the LORD God said to the woman, "What is this that you have done?" The woman said, "The serpent tricked me, and I ate." ¹⁴ The LORD God said to the serpent,

"Because you have done this,
cursed are you among all animals
and among all wild creatures;
upon your belly you shall go,
and dust you shall eat
all the days of your life.

¹⁵ I will put enmity between you and the woman
and between your offspring and hers;
he will strike your head,
and you will strike his heel."

- ¹⁶ To the woman he said,
“I will make your pangs in childbirth exceedingly great;
in pain you shall bring forth children,
yet your desire shall be for your husband,
and he shall rule over you.”
- ¹⁷ And to the man he said,
“Because you have listened to the voice of your wife
and have eaten of the tree
about which I commanded you,
‘You shall not eat of it,’
cursed is the ground because of you;
in toil you shall eat of it all the days of your life;
¹⁸ thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you;
and you shall eat the plants of the field.
- ¹⁹ By the sweat of your face
you shall eat bread
until you return to the ground,
for out of it you were taken;
you are dust,
and to dust you shall return.”

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Psalm 139:1-18

- ¹ LORD, you have searched me out;
O LORD, you have known me.
- ² **You know my sitting down and my rising up;
you discern my thoughts from afar.**
- ³ You trace my journeys and my resting-places
and are acquainted with all my ways.
- ⁴ **Indeed, there is not a word on my lips,
but you, O LORD, know it altogether.**
- ⁵ You encompass me, behind and before,
and lay your hand upon me.
- ⁶ **Such knowledge is too wonderful for me;
it is so high that I cannot attain to it.**
- ⁷ Where can I go then from your Spirit?
Where can I flee from your presence?
- ⁸ **If I climb up to heaven, you are there;
if I make the grave my bed, you are there also.**

- ⁹ If I take the wings of the morning
and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea,
¹⁰ **even there your hand will lead me
and your right hand hold me fast.**
- ¹¹ If I say, "Surely the darkness will cover me,
and the light around me turn to night,"
¹² **darkness is not dark to you; the night is as bright as the day;
darkness and light to you are both alike.**
- ¹³ For you yourself created my inmost parts;
you knit me together in my mother's womb.
¹⁴ **I will thank you because I am marvelously made;
your works are wonderful, and I know it well.**
- ¹⁵ My body was not hidden from you,
while I was being made in secret and woven in the depths of the earth.
¹⁶ **Your eyes beheld my limbs, yet unfinished in the womb; all of them were written in
your book;
my days were fashioned before they came to be.**
- ¹⁷ How deep I find your thoughts, O God!
How great is the sum of them!
- ¹⁸ **If I were to count them, they would be more in number than the sand;
to count them all, my life span would need to be like yours.**

SECOND READING

Romans 5:12-17

A reading from Romans.

¹² Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death came through sin, and so death spread to all because all have sinned—¹³ for sin was indeed in the world before the law, but sin is not reckoned when there is no law. ¹⁴ Yet death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over those who did not sin in the likeness of Adam, who is a pattern of the one who was to come.

¹⁵ But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if the many died through the one man's trespass, much more surely have the grace of God and the gift in the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, abounded for the many. ¹⁶ And the gift is not like the effect of the one man's sin. For the judgment following one trespass brought condemnation, but the gift following many trespasses brings justification. ¹⁷ If, because of the one man's trespass, death reigned through that one, much more surely will those who receive the abundance of grace and the gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man, Jesus Christ.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

ACS p.33

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.
Our hearts burn within us
as you open to us the scriptures.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

GOSPEL

Matthew 12:38-40

The holy gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

³⁸ Then some of the scribes and Pharisees said to him, "Teacher, we wish to see a sign from you." ³⁹ But he answered them, "An evil and adulterous generation asks for a sign, but no sign will be given to it except the sign of the prophet Jonah. ⁴⁰ For just as Jonah was three days and three nights in the belly of the sea monster, so for three days and three nights the Son of Man will be in the heart of the earth.

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

For the Fruit of All Creation

ELW 679

- 1 For the fruit of all creation,
thanks be to God.
For these gifts to ev'ry nation,
thanks be to God.
For the plowing, sowing, reaping,
silent growth while we are sleeping,
future needs in earth's safekeeping,
thanks be to God.
- 2 In the just reward of labor,
God's will is done.
In the help we give our neighbor,
God's will is done.
In our worldwide task of caring
for the hungry and despairing,
in the harvests we are sharing,
God's will is done.

- 3 For the harvests of the Spirit,
thanks be to God.
For the good we all inherit,
thanks be to God.
For the wonders that astound us,
for the truths that still confound us,
most of all, that love has found us,
thanks be to God.

Apostles' CREED

ELW p.104

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 INTERCESSION

With the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

Each petition concludes:

Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great....

The final petition concludes:

...through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

Amen.

SHARING THE PEACE

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

We respond to God's grace with offerings that represent giving our whole selves to Jesus. 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.

MUSICAL OFFERING

8:30

Come and See

Dakota Road

Chorus

Come and see what God has done
The earth is alive thanks to the sun
Every plant that grows
Every river that flows
What a miracle gift of creation

1 The song of a wren the flight of a hawk
A baby's first bond with her mother
First flowers of spring arise and sing
The world is filled with wonder (*Chorus*)

2 Ponder the vastness of the night sky
The distance you see is amazing
The light travels over thousands of years
Before you see it stargazing (*Chorus*)

3 Look at a seed it knows what to do
New life will spring forth from its falling
And we as people of the Divine
Can listen as we know our calling (*Chorus*)

4 People of Faith Grace beckons you home
To Eden in all of its splendor
Do you hear the call Renew the earth
With care now garden and tend her (*Chorus*)

11:00

Earth is Full of Wit and Wisdom

ACS 1064

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

Loving Creator,

all Creation comes from you – forests, lands and prairies, wild places, rivers and streams. As we bring our offerings to you, we ask that you bless them so that your kingdom comes on Earth as it is in heaven; in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

DIALOGUE

ACS p.36

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
that we should at all times and in all places
give thanks and praise to you, 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 Lord,
God of pow'r and God of might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna, hosanna in the highest.
Hosanna, hosanna in the highest.**

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

ELW p.153

O God triune, how majestic is your name in all the earth.
Over the eons your merciful might evolved our home, a fragile tree of life.
Here by your wisdom are both life and death, growth and decay,
the nest and the hunt, sunshine and storm, darkness and light.
Sustained by these wonders, we creatures of dust join in the ancient song:
The earth is full of your glory.

The earth is full of your glory.

O God triune, you took on our flesh in Jesus our healer.
In Christ you bring life from death; we remember his cross, we laud his resurrection.
Broken like bread, he enlivens our body.
Outpoured like wine, he fills the earth with goodness.
Receiving this mystery, we mortals sing our song:
The earth is full of your glory.

The earth is full of your glory.

We praise you for the heart of Jesus,
so filled with your love for this earth.

On 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.

Gathered around this table, we your children unite in this song:
The earth is full of your glory.
The earth is full of your glory.

O God triune, you create the worlds, you uphold the living, you embrace the dead.
Send forth your Spirit and renew the face of the earth.
Strengthen us for our journey with this meal, the body and blood of Christ.
Give us a future that trusts in you and cares for your earth.
Empowered by your promises, we rise from our deaths to praise you again:
The earth is full of your glory.

The earth is full of your glory.

Amen, and Amen.

Amen, and Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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 banquet, for all is now ready.

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

The Perfect Wisdom of Our God

arr. John Cumberland

TABLE BLESSING

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

Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray,

God, you never give up on your beautiful yet damaged Creation. Though Jesus was broken on the cross, in the resurrection the Risen Lord encounters us with new life.

Send us, who have received his body and blood, as signs of your redeeming power that restores our relationship with all of Creation and unites us with the risen life of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

✠ SENDING ✠

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

OUR COMMUNITY OF FAITH

BLESSING

Almighty God, who breathes life into you and all living things, who heals all the world, and who sustains all Creation, give you peace and purpose, in the name of the Father, and the ✠ Son, and the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

SENDING SONG

The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve

ELW 551

At the conclusion of the hymn, those who are comfortable and able may process with Pastor David to gather around the Little Pantry Blessing Box in the parking lot.

- 1 The Spirit sends us forth to serve;
we go in Jesus' name
to bring glad tidings to the poor,
God's favor to proclaim.

- 2 We go to comfort those who mourn
and set the burdened free;
where hope is dim, to share a dream
and help the blind to see.
- 3 We go to be the hands of Christ,
to scatter joy like seed
and, all our days, to cherish life,
to do the loving deed.
- 4 Then let us go to serve in peace,
the gospel to proclaim.
God's Spirit has empowered us;
we go in Jesus' name.

BLESSING OF THE LITTLE PANTRY

Friends in Christ: Today we give thanks to God and we seek God's blessing as we gather to dedicate this Little Pantry Blessing Box to the praise and glory of God.

We give thanks for Kiran Green, a member of Scout Troop 507, who took this project to fulfill his Eagle Scout requirements.

As we gather, we recognize this ministry as a very local expression of this congregation's commitment to love and serve our neighbor, near and far.

A reading from Matthew.

³¹ "When the Son of Man comes in his glory and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. ³²All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, ³³ and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. ³⁴ Then the king will say to those at his right hand, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world, ³⁵ for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, ³⁶ I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.' ³⁷ Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food or thirsty and gave you something to drink? ³⁸ And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you or naked and gave you clothing? ³⁹ And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?' ⁴⁰ And the king will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did it to me.' ⁴¹ Then he will say to those at his left hand, 'You who are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels, ⁴² for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, ⁴³ I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you

did not visit me.’⁴⁴ Then they also will answer, ‘Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison and did not take care of you?’⁴⁵ Then he will answer them, ‘Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.’⁴⁶ And these will go away into eternal punishment but the righteous into eternal life.”

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Blessed are you, O Lord our God, ruler of the universe.

You made the whole earth for your glory; all creation praises you.

We lift our voices to join the songs of heaven and earth, of things seen and unseen.

You stretched out the heavens like a tent;

you divided the day from the night;

you appointed times and seasons for work and rest,

for tearing down and building up.

You blessed your people through all generations and guided them in life and death:

Abraham and Sarah; Moses and Miriam; Isaiah and all the prophets;

Mary, mother of our Lord; Peter, James, John, and all the apostles;

and all the saints and witnesses in your church of ages past,

in whom your Spirit spoke and moved.

We give you thanks, O God,

as we dedicate this pantry to your glory and praise.

Grant us faith to know your gracious purpose in all things,

give us joy in them, and lead us to the building up of your kingdom;

through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord,

who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The blessing of almighty God,

the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,

be with us all.

Amen.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Care for Creation.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

8:30

11:00

Reprise: The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve

The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve

arr. Wilbur Held

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October 4, 2026		
Presiding Minister:	Pr. David Frerichs	
Minister for Music:	Jack Grant	
Organist:	Sheryl Mehrhoff	
	8:30 AM	11:00 AM
Building Opener:	TBD	
Greeter:	TBD	Gage and Tara Alstatt
Worship Host:	Jenine Loesing	TBD
Worship Host:	Kim Hickey	TBD
Assisting Minister (Read):	TBD	TBD
Assisting Minister (Pray):	TBD	TBD
Acolyte:	TBD	TBD
Communion Preparer:	Suzanne Neff	Ken Kvam
Communion Cleanup:		Susan Krings
Visual Projectionist:	TBD	TBD
Zoom Worship Host:		Cathy Richter
Zoom Tech Director:		Carol Elliott
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Building Closer:		TBD

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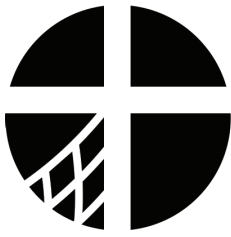
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FINANCIAL SUMMARY

Contributions and expenses through August 31, 2026.

	August	YTD
Offerings	\$42,794	\$299,368
Expenses	\$36,086	\$291,648
Over/(under) expenses	\$6,708	\$7,720
Nonbudget Special Offerings	\$409	\$8,852



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Family Forum on the Go: Are you passionate about faith formation and encouragement of our youngest members? ***We need someone willing to serve as the Coordinator for our "Family Forum to Go" program.*** We gather Christian Education materials and assemble them into Family Forum to Go bags and distribute them to Saint Andrew's households with young children for study at home. There's also weekly communication regarding videos that families can incorporate into their home lessons. We assemble the bags seasonally in the fall (Sundays after Pentecost), November (Advent, Christmas, and Epiphany), and February (Lent, Easter, Pentecost). The communications involve weekly Flocknote messages to families. It's a task that doesn't take a lot of time, but is of great importance to families with young children. Contact Wilson Freyermuth (wilsonfreyermuth@gmail.com) to express interest in this important ministry.

Sunday Forum - October 4, 2026 - 9:45 am, "Life in Gaza". Palestinian American, Rasha Abousalem, will share with us her first-hand account as a medical worker in Gaza earlier this year. We will also hear an update on how attacks on Palestinian farms and homes in the West Bank are impacting the lives of our partners in ministry in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Jordan and the Holy Land. Join us in the Conference Room or via Zoom.

ELFY Youth Group: We're back at Calvary Sunday, Oct. 4th! If you're in 6th - 12th grade, this is the place to be. Come hang out with Pastor David and Rev. Ann Dieterle and have some snacks, have some fun, and share your faith. All that, plus it's St. Francis' Day! Luci Dog will make an appearance on behalf of animals everywhere, but if you have a picture of a beloved pet or pets, bring them with you and we'll say a prayer for them. We'll also take a look at the Apostle's Creed. Join in from 6:00 - 7:30. Come to the 8th street parking lot entrance.

Campus Ministry - TIDES Collective Worship: Each month during the semester the welcoming and affirming Christian campus ministries and congregations gather to worship, praise God, and grow in fellowship. The service rotates among the Campus Ministries and congregations who participate in this collaboration among ministries. In September, The Neighborhood at Missouri United Methodist Church hosted. On October 6, we will gather at First Baptist Church, 7:00 pm. We celebrate the collaboration among the Tides Collective congregations and ministries.

Holy Communion at Lenoir Woods: All who worship with Saint Andrew's Lutheran or Calvary Episcopal may join the community at Lenoir Woods for Holy Communion in Epple Chapel, at 11:00 am on Thursday, October 8. For those who desire the rite of healing with anointing, Rev. Josh and Pastor David offer this rite following the worship service. Come! Be church with some who cannot attend at regular weekly worship.

Quilt Tying: For those looking for a way to serve and for fellowship, volunteers are needed to sew tops and tie quilts, join in at 9:00 am on the 2nd and 4th Friday of every month. We meet next on Friday, October 9.

Lutheran World Relief School Kits, Quilts and Personal Care Kits: Saint Andrew's! We will be shipping 136 school kits, approximately 80 quilts and 72 personal care kits this fall to Lutheran World Relief! Please admire the beautiful, colorful quilts made by our quilters in the sanctuary on October 4th and October 11th. All kits and quilts will receive a special blessing during services on October 11th.

Sunday Forum - October 11, 2026 - 9:45 am "Creating Bird-Friendly Communities"

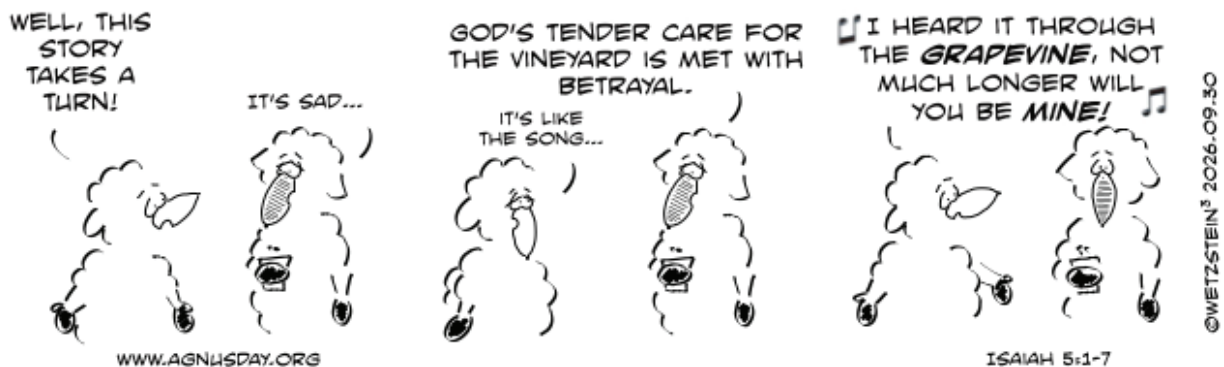
Creation Keepers Sunday Forum about creating bird-friendly communities. Learn more about actionable solutions to bird population declines and what you can do to create bird-safe spaces. Melina Matheney, of the Missouri River Bird Observatory, will present this program on birds and what we can do to help. Join us in the Conference Room or via Zoom.

Fall Cleanup and Planting Day: Lots of people of any age needed for a variety of cleanup projects. Join in at 9:00 am, Saturday October 17th to help with trimming all the shrubs and bushes on the front side of the church, trim down the tall grasses in the rain garden, prune any trees in need, trim plants in the memory garden, wash the windows at the front entrance and the memory garden as well as the glass on the entrance doors. We will have donuts, bagels and coffee cake along with coffee, water and juice available to keep our workers fueled and hydrated.

Growing Hope Globally fundraiser: Join in on October 18, 5:30 p.m. Calling all kids, eaters, and grown-ups! We're having a fundraiser for Growing Hope Globally that will involve several activities. 1) pumpkin cookie decorating station for kids!, 2) tasting and voting on local baked goods, 3) Silent auction with exciting baskets & items, 4) non-sugary nibbles as you enjoy the games and fellowship! Invite any kids you know and adults. If you're willing to be a baker or contribute an item for the silent auction, contact Karon Speckman at speckmank@gmail.com or Shari Freyermuth at freyermuthsk@gmail.com.

Agnus Day

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Prayers for October 4, 2026

We add to our prayers this week:

We continue to offer prayers of hope and healing for:

Ann Edwards	Jerry	Mo Champion-Garthe
Phyllis Glasker	Melissa Stormont	Arlene Cunningham
Jennifer Vining	Michael Butterworth	Candi Glancy
Paul Christensen	Michelle Knipp	Patric
Brady Thomas	Dale Whitman	Joanne Boomer
Ji Bu	Cathy	

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 those affected by natural disasters near and far.

For all who live in times of war and conflict, particularly in the United States, Israel, Iran and all middle eastern Countries, Palestine, Ukraine, Sudan and Congo; we pray in particular for these Palestinian detainees: Shadi Khoury, and Hadeel Shatara.

Those who are incarcerated with whom we minister: Mikala, Eitaly, Ashley, Manya, Hailey, Kilaya, Samantha, Joy, Crystal, Jasmin, Diana and Brooke.

We pray for our partners in ministry in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA), the Central States Synod, and in particular these ministries: Elim Lutheran Church, Marquette, KS; Lutheran Church of the Resurrection, Prairie Village, KS; Emmanuel Lutheran Church, Hoisington, KS; Evangelical Lutheran Church of the Urals, our Companion Synod.

Background on Palestinian detainees for whom we pray:

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 was recently sentenced to 2 years and 8 months in prison, and a fine of \$4000.

THIS WEEK AT ST. ANDREW'S

Sunday, October 4 - Season of Creation: Land & Prairie Sunday

- 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, October 5

- 1:15 pm Contemplative Prayer for Peace (IP)
- 2:00 pm Prayer Team (IP)
- 4:45 pm ELCM Bible Study (IP)
- 6:00 pm ELCM Evening Prayer and Dinner (IP)

Tuesday, October 6

- 7:00 pm Mutual Ministry (IP&Z)
- 7:00 pm Tides Collective Worship (IP&Z)

Wednesday, October 7

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

Thursday, October 8

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

Friday, October 9 – Office Closed

- 9:00 am Quilt Tying (IP)

Saturday, October 10 – Office Closed

No Events

Sunday, October 11 - Season of Creation: Wilderness Sunday

Dedication of Lutheran World Relief Quilts and Kits

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

Reading for Next Wednesday October 7, 2026

John 11:45-57

Readings for Next Sunday October 11, 2026

Season of Creation: Wilderness Sunday

Isaiah 25:1-9

Psalms 23

Philippians 4:1-9

Matthew 22:1-14

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

Online Resources

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