

Third Sunday of Creation Wilderness Sunday

October 11, 2026
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**St. Andrew's
Lutheran Church**

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A congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

Welcome to worship! Whether you are here for the first time or have been a life-long member, we pray that you experience God's presence in worship.

All God's Children are Welcome! If you have children, know that all of you are welcome in worship. Little people sounds tell us that everyone is here. If your little one becomes fussy, feel free to step out for a moment. Families may want to sit near the pray ground in the front left side of the Worship space. There are speakers in the gathering space.

Pastoral Concerns occasionally come up. In cases of severe illness, hospitalization, death, birth of a child, marriages, joys and sadness, many people would like a pastor to visit with them. Please be sure to contact the office to let us know of your desire.

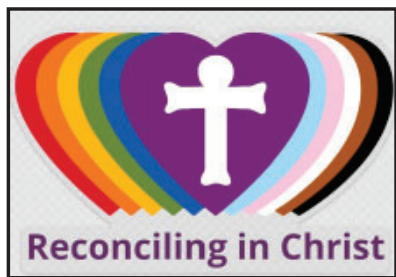
Offering is received as a response to God's grace and blessing, and as an expression of our faith. Jesus tells us, "For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also." (Matthew 6:21)

Holy Communion is celebrated at nearly every service. Admission to the Sacrament is by invitation of the Lord, presented through the Church to those who are baptized. All are welcome.

Interested in growing in faith? If you have questions about what it means to enter into partnership in our shared ministry feel free to contact Pastor David.

Announcements: The announcements begin on page 19, 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

Praise to You

Dakota Road

11:00

Beautiful Savior, King of Creation

arr. B. C. Dockery

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

For the Beauty of the Earth

ELW 879

- 1 For the beauty of the earth,
for the beauty of the skies,
for the love which from our birth
over and around us lies:

Refrain

Christ, our God, to thee we raise
this our sacrifice of praise.

- 2 For the wonder of each hour
of the day and of the night,
hill and vale and tree and flow'r,
sun and moon and stars of light: *Refrain*
- 3 For the joy of ear and eye,
for the heart and mind's delight,
for the mystic harmony
linking sense to sound and sight: *Refrain*
- 4 For the joy of human love,
brother, sister, parent, child,
friends on earth and friends above;
for all gentle thoughts and mild: *Refrain*
- 5 For each perfect gift of thine,
peace on earth and joy in heav'n;
for thyself, best gift divine,
to our world so freely giv'n: *Refrain*

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.

Merciful God, you made the wilderness teeming with living creatures, thriving plants, and spacious habitats. Free us from our destructive ambitions. Stir us to respect and protect your wild places, caring for all that you have made, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Amen.

✠ WORD ✠

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

CHILDRENS TIME

FIRST READING

Joel 1:1-12, 17-20

A reading from Joel.

¹ The word of the LORD that came to Joel son of Pethuel:

² Hear this, O elders;

give ear, all inhabitants of the land!

Has such a thing happened in your days

or in the days of your ancestors?

³ Tell your children of it,

and let your children tell their children,

and their children another generation.

⁴ What the cutting locust left,

the swarming locust has eaten;

what the swarming locust left,

the hopping locust has eaten;

and what the hopping locust left,

the destroying locust has eaten.

⁵ Wake up, you drunkards, and weep,

and wail, all you wine drinkers,

over the sweet wine,

for it is cut off from your mouth.

⁶ For a nation has invaded my land,

powerful and innumerable;

its teeth are lions' teeth,

and it has the fangs of a lioness.

⁷ It has laid waste my vines

and splintered my fig trees;

it has stripped off their bark and thrown it down;

their branches have turned white.

- ⁸ Lament like a virgin dressed in sackcloth
for the husband of her youth.
- ⁹ The grain offering and the drink offering are cut off
from the house of the LORD.
- The priests mourn,
the ministers of the LORD.
- ¹⁰ The fields are devastated,
the ground mourns,
for the grain is destroyed,
the wine dries up,
the oil fails.
- ¹¹ Be dismayed, you farmers;
wail, you vinedressers,
over the wheat and the barley,
for the crops of the field are ruined.
- ¹² The vine withers;
the fig tree droops.
Pomegranate, palm, and apple—
all the trees of the field are dried up;
surely, joy withers away
among the people.
- ¹⁷ The seed shrivels under the clods;
the storehouses are desolate;
the granaries are ruined
because the grain has withered.
- ¹⁸ How the animals groan!
The herds of cattle wander about
because there is no pasture for them;
even the flocks of sheep are perishing.
- ¹⁹ To you, O LORD, I cry,
for fire has devoured
the pastures of the wilderness,
and flames have burned
all the trees of the field.
- ²⁰ Even the wild animals cry to you
because the watercourses are dried up,
and fire has devoured
the pastures of the wilderness.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

¹ You are to be praised, O God, in Zion;
to you shall vows be fulfilled.

² **To you, the one who answers prayer,
to you all flesh shall come.**

³ Our sins are stronger than we are,
but you blot out our transgressions.

⁴ **Happy are they whom you choose and draw to your courts to dwell there!
They will be satisfied by the beauty of your house, by the holiness of your temple.**

⁵ Awesome things will you show us in your righteousness, O God of our salvation,
O hope of all the ends of the earth and of the oceans far away.

⁶ **You make firm the mountains by your power;
you are girded about with might.**

⁷ You still the roaring of the seas,
the roaring of their waves, and the clamor of the peoples.

⁸ **Those who dwell at the ends of the earth will tremble at your marvelous signs;
you make the dawn and the dusk to sing for joy.**

⁹ You visit the earth and water it abundantly; you make it very plenteous; the river of God
is full of water.

You prepare the grain, for so you provide for the earth.

¹⁰ **You drench the furrows and smooth out the ridges;
with heavy rain you soften the ground and bless its increase.**

¹¹ You crown the year with your goodness,
and your paths overflow with plenty.

¹² **May the fields of the wilderness be rich for grazing,
and the hills be clothed with joy.**

¹³ May the meadows cover themselves with flocks, and the valleys cloak themselves with
grain;

let them shout for joy and sing.

SECOND READING

Romans 8:18-27

A reading from Romans.

¹⁸ I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. ¹⁹ For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God, ²⁰ for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will, but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope ²¹ that the creation itself will be set free from its enslavement to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. ²² We know that the whole creation has been groaning together as it suffers together the pains of labor, ²³ and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies.

²⁴ For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope, for who hopes for what one already sees? ²⁵ But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

²⁶ Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness, for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with groanings too deep for words. ²⁷ And God, who searches hearts, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Our hearts burn within us

as you open to us the scriptures.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

GOSPEL

Matthew 3:13--4:2

The holy gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹³ Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. ¹⁴ John would have prevented him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?"

¹⁵ But Jesus answered him, "Let it be so now, for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness." Then he consented. ¹⁶ And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw God's Spirit descending like a dove and alighting on him. ¹⁷ And a voice from the heavens said, "This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased."

¹ Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tested by the devil. ² He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterward he was famished.

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

When Pain of the World Surrounds Us

ELW 704

- 1 When pain of the world surrounds us with darkness and despair,
when searching just confounds us with false hopes ev'rywhere,
when lives are starved for meaning and destiny is bare,
we are called to follow Jesus and let God's healing flow through us.

- 2 We see with fear and trembling our aching world in need,
confessing to each other our wastefulness and greed.
May we with steadfast caring the hungry children feed.
We are called to follow Jesus and let God's justice flow through us.
- 3 The church is a holy vessel the living waters fill
to nourish all the people, God's purpose to fulfill.
May we with humble courage be open to God's will.
We are called to follow Jesus and let God's Spirit flow through us.
- 4 We praise you for our journey and your abundant grace,
your saving word that guided a struggling human race.
O God, with all creation, your future we embrace.
We are called to follow Jesus and let God's changes flow through us.

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

Praise To You

Larry Olson

Chorus

Praise to you O Great Creator
Maker of the land and sky
Praise to you O Living Water
Hope and breath of every life

- 1 We are lost and we are longing
Wandering in the wilderness
Searching for your holy presence
And the reason we exist (*Chorus*)
- 2 Hear the cries of all creation
How the tears like rivers flow
For your touch of grace and healing
And the love that leads us home (*Chorus*)
- 3 May we live your way of justice
May we walk your way of peace
May we see your sacred vision
May we know your sweet release (*Chorus*)

11:00

For the Beauty of the Earth

John Rutter

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

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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

Holy, Holy, Holy

ACS p.36

**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

Let All Things Now Living

setting, Douglas E. Wagner

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 OF LWR QUILTS AND KITS

God, our neighbors around the world are in need of hope. Your Spirit is a mighty force, your whispers of hope bring light into the world. Open our hearts and hands to see your presence in our neighborhoods and across the world.

Jesus, help us speak words of hope to our neighbors.

God, we give you thanks for the pieces of fabric, thread, sewing machines, and the items collected for the kits. May their presence be a sign of hope, may these quilts wrap our neighbors in unending love, and may these kits offer dignity and healing.

Jesus, help us reach out in hope to our neighbors.

God, we give thanks for all the hands that fashioned hope into a quilt, for the hands that collected and sorted, for the hands that continually open wider so that no one feels left out.

Jesus, help us see hope in our neighbors.

God, we ask you to guide the staff and partners at LWR. May their voices and hands be a beacon of hope. Keep them safe. Keep them filled with your strength and perseverance.

Jesus, help us share a taste of hope with our neighbors.

God, be with our neighbors who will receive these gifts. May they be wrapped in love, may they taste your goodness, may they touch signs of your hope. Whether or not we know their names or where they live, they are our neighbors, our brothers and sisters in Christ. We pray all this in the name of Jesus, the One who is our hope.

Amen.

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.

- 1 God the sculptor of the mountains,
God the miller of the sand,
God the jeweler of the heavens,
God the potter of the land:
you are womb of all creation,
we are formless; shape us now.
- 2 God the nuisance to the Pharaoh,
God the cleaver of the sea,
God the pillar in the darkness,
God the beacon of the free:
you are fount of all deliv'rance,
we are sightless; lead us now.
- 3 God the dresser of the vineyard,
God the planter of the wheat,
God the reaper of the harvest,
God the source of all we eat:
you are host at ev'ry table,
we are hungry; feed us now.
- 4 God the unexpected infant,
God the calm, determined youth,
God the table-turning prophet,
God the resurrected truth:
you are present ev'ry moment,
we are searching; meet us now.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Care for Creation.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

8:30

Reprise: God the Sculptor of the Mountains

11:00

Let All Creation Dance

Michael Burkhardt

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TODAY'S MINISTERS FOR WORSHIP		
October 11, 2026		
Presiding Minister:	Pr. David Frerichs	
Minister for Music:	Jack Grant	
Organist:	Sheryl Mehrhoff	
	8:30 AM	11:00 AM
Building Opener:	George Kracke	
Greeter:	Susan Candea	Jayne Young
Worship Host:	Linda Romine	Janet Farmer
Worship Host:	Paul Romine	John Farmer
Assisting Minister (Read):	Ann Green	Dawn Lessiack
Assisting Minister (Pray):	Susan Candea	Brad Lockenvitz
Acolyte:	TBD	TBD
Communion Preparer:	Linda Romine	Gwen Gray
Communion Cleanup:		Jayne Young
Visual Projectionist:	Gwen Gray	Larry Leip
Zoom Worship Host:		TBD
Zoom Tech Director:		TBD
Offering Steward:		Michael Volz
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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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Pastor David's Phone: 402-741-2935

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.

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.

Prayer Shawl & Crafting Ministry: Imaginative crafters are needed to help knit Prayer Shawls as well as Hats, Gloves, and other similar cold weather items. We meet at 11:00 am, the 1st and 3rd Saturday of the month in Room 112. We next meet on October 17
Questions? Please contact: Holly Heidlage hollyhl48@gmail.com.

ELFY Youth Group: Calling all youth in grades six through twelve. ELFY Youth Group will gather next on Sunday, October 17, at 6:00 pm. The group will meet at Saint Andrew's Lutheran Church for catching up on summer activities, games, snacks, and planning for the coming year. Bring ideas for service activities and for fellowship activities. Plan to come for the fun; stay for the friends in Christ.

Sunday Forum - October 18, 2026 - 9:45 am "Gowing Hope Globally" Karon Speckman will present updates from Growing Hope Globally and its work around the world. St. Andrew's has supported overseas subsistence farmers since 2003 with Growing Hope. Join us to find out who is reached by our support and how learning agricultural methods can change so many lives! You'll also learn about our Fun Food Fest Fundraiser for that evening! Join us in the Conference Room or via Zoom.

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

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 23rd.

Agnus Day

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Prayers for October 11, 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 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 leaders: Ministers of Word and Sacrament, Ministers of Word and Service, Synod Authorized Ministers, Parish Ministry Associates, Ecumenical Partners, and all those called to ministry & pastoral care.

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 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)

Monday, October 12

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

Tuesday, October 13

No Events

Wednesday, October 14

- 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)
- 7:00 pm Ambassadors for Christ (IP)

Thursday, October 15

- 1:30 pm Packing of Quilts and Kits (IP)
- 6:00 pm Council Meeting (IP)

Friday, October 16 – Office Closed

No Events

Saturday, October 17 – Office Closed

- 9:00 am Fall Cleanup & Planting Day (IP)
- 11:00 am Paryer Shawl & Crafting Ministry (IP)

Sunday, October 18 - Season of Creation: River and Steam Sunday

- 8:30 am Worship (IP)
- 9:45 am Sunday Forum (IP&Z)
- 11:00 am Worship (IP&Z)
- 5:30 pm ELFY Youth Group (IP-Saint Andrew's Lutheran Church)
- 6:00 pm Growing Hope Globally Fun Food Fest Fundraiser (IP)

Reading for Next Wednesday October 14, 2026

John 6:25-35

Readings for Next Sunday October 18, 2026 Season of Creation: River and Stream Sunday

Isaiah 45:1-7
Psalm 96:1-9 [10-13]
1 Thessalonians 1:1-10
Matthew 22:15-22

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

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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.

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