

Fourth Sunday of Creation River and Stream Sunday

October 18, 2026
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**St. Andrew's
Lutheran Church**

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A congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

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

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

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

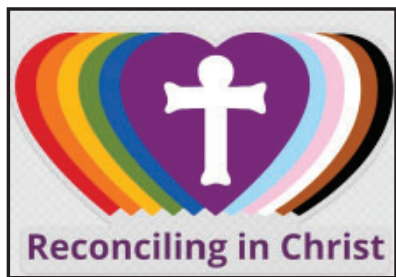
Offering is received as a response to God's grace and blessing, and as an expression of our faith. Jesus tells us, "For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also." (Matthew 6:21)

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

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

Announcements: The announcements begin on page 18, following the worship service.

Saint Andrew's Lutheran Church Welcome Statement



At St. Andrew's Lutheran Church (ELCA), we hold space for you—the full you—including your race, age, ethnic background, personality, experiences, gender identity, sexual orientations, gender expressions, and mental, spiritual, and physical needs. Here, you are invited to worship, pray, play, be baptized, get married, and celebrate Holy Communion.

Together, we strive to eliminate human-caused barriers to a holy relationship with Jesus Christ and with one another. We hear the call to love our neighbor as a commitment to antiracism and welcome for our LGBTQIA+ siblings. We pledge to work intentionally to further justice and inclusion. We strive to glorify God in the ways we care for each other, our communities, and our planet. Recognizing that we are all siblings in Christ, we celebrate, affirm, and welcome individuals and families in all their beautiful and varied compositions. As a church that holds space just for you, we are better for having you and your unique voice here!

Come just as you are!

Welcome to St. Andrew's Lutheran Church

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✠ GATHERING ✠

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

PRELUDE

8:30

Your River O God

Dakota Road

11:00

At the River

Becky Waters

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

Shall We Gather at the River

ELW 423

- 1 Shall we gather at the river,
where bright angel feet have trod,
with its crystal tide forever
flowing by the throne of God?

Refrain

Yes, we'll gather at the river,
the beautiful, the beautiful river;
gather with the saints at the river
that flows by the throne of God.

- 2 On the margin of the river,
washing up its silver spray,
we will walk and worship ever,
all the happy golden day. *Refrain*
- 3 Ere we reach the shining river,
lay we ev'ry burden down;
grace our spirits will deliver,
and provide a robe and crown. *Refrain*
- 4 Soon we'll reach the shining river,
soon our pilgrimage will cease;
soon our happy hearts will quiver
with the melody of peace. *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.

Jesus, our living water, the river of God that flows from your throne also flows through our local waterways, the Missouri River, the Osage River, the Gasconade River, and the Lamine River. Bless these waters and guide our efforts to keep them healthy. Washed in your promise, lead us to live into our baptismal vocation; through you, and the Parent of all Creation, with the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Amen.

✠ WORD ✠

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

CHILDRENS TIME

FIRST READING

Ezekiel 47:1-12

A reading from Ezekiel.

¹ Then he brought me back to the entrance of the temple; there water was flowing from below the entryway of the temple toward the east (for the temple faced east), and the water was flowing down from below the south side of the temple, south of the altar. ² Then he brought me out by way of the north gate and led me around on the outside to the outer gate that faces toward the east, and the water was trickling out on the south side.

³ Going on eastward with a cord in his hand, the man measured one thousand cubits and then led me through the water, and it was ankle-deep. ⁴ Again he measured one thousand and led me through the water, and it was knee-deep. Again he measured one thousand and led me through the water, and it was up to the waist. ⁵ Again he measured one thousand, and it was a river that I could not cross, for the water had risen; it was deep enough to swim in, a river that could not be crossed. ⁶ He said to me, "Mortal, have you seen this?"

Then he led me back along the bank of the river. ⁷ As I came back, I saw on the bank of the river a great many trees on the one side and on the other. ⁸ He said to me, "This water flows toward the eastern region and goes down into the Arabah, and when it enters the sea, the sea of stagnant waters, the water will become fresh. ⁹ Wherever the river goes, every living creature that swarms will live, and there will be very many fish once these waters reach there. It will become fresh, and everything will live where the river goes. ¹⁰ People will stand fishing beside the sea from En-gedi to En-eglaim; it will be a place for the spreading of nets; its fish will be of a great many kinds, like the fish of the Great Sea. ¹¹ But its swamps and marshes will not become fresh; they are to be left for salt. ¹² On the banks, on both sides of the river, there will grow all kinds of trees for food. Their leaves will not wither nor their fruit fail, but they will bear fresh fruit every month, because the water for them flows from the sanctuary. Their fruit will be for food and their leaves for healing."

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Psalm 104:25-33

²⁵ Yonder is the sea, great and wide, with its swarms too many to number,
living things both small and great.

²⁶ **There go the ships to and fro,
and Leviathan, which you made for the sport of it.**

²⁷ All of them look to you
to give them their food in due season.

²⁸ **You give it to them; they gather it;
you open your hand, and they are filled with good things.**

²⁹ When you hide your face, they are terrified;
when you take away their breath, they die and return to their dust.

³⁰ **You send forth your Spirit, and they are created;
and so you renew the face of the earth.**

³¹ May the glory of the LORD endure forever;
O LORD, rejoice in all your works.

³² **You look at the earth and it trembles;
you touch the mountains and they smoke.**

³³ I will sing to the LORD as long as I live;
I will praise my God while I have my being.

SECOND READING

Revelation 22:1-5

A reading from Revelation.

¹ Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb ² through the middle of the street of the city. On either side of the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month, and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. ³ Nothing accursed will be found there any more. But the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him; ⁴ they will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. ⁵ And there will be no more night; they need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever.

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

John 7:37-38

The holy gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

³⁷ On the last day of the festival, the great day, while Jesus was standing there, he cried out, "Let anyone who is thirsty come to me, ³⁸ and let the one who believes in me drink. As the scripture has said, 'Out of the believer's heart shall flow rivers of living water.' "

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

Precious Lord, Take My Hand

ELW 773

- 1 Precious Lord, take my hand
Lead me on, let me stand
I am tired, I am weak, I am worn
Through the storm, through the night
Lead me on to the light
Take my hand precious Lord, lead me home
- 2 When my way grows drear
precious Lord linger near
When my life is almost gone
Hear my cry, hear my call
Hold my hand lest I fall
Take my hand precious Lord, lead me home
- 3 When the darkness appears and the night draws near
And the day is past and gone
At the river I stand
Guide my feet, hold my hand
Take my hand precious Lord, lead me home
- 4 Precious Lord, take my hand
Lead me on, let me stand
I'm tired, I'm weak, I'm lone
Through the storm, through the night
Lead me on to the light
Take my hand precious Lord, lead me home

INSTALLATION OF MINISTER FOR MUSIC JACK GRANT

After prayerful deliberation,
we, of Saint Andrew's Lutheran Church,
have appointed Jack Grant
to serve in the position of Interim Minister for Music.

Address and Questions

Our Lord Jesus, who came among us as a servant, calls us to faith and a life of loving service to our neighbor. You come among us as one invited to render a particular service, a gift from God to inspire us to love and good works.

Jack, in the presence of this assembly
will you commit yourself to this new trust and responsibility,
in the confidence that it comes from God?

Response: I will, and I ask God to help me.

Will you carry out this ministry in accordance with the holy scriptures
and with the confessions of the Lutheran church
and in harmony with the constitutions
of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America?

Response: I will, and I ask God to help me.

Will you be diligent in your study of the holy scriptures
and faithful in your use of the means of grace and in prayer?

Response: I will, and I ask God to help me.

Trusting in God's care,
will you seek to grow in love for those you serve,
strive for excellence in your skills,
and adorn the gospel of Jesus Christ with a godly life?

Response: I will, and I ask God to help me.

Almighty God, who has given you the will to do these things,
graciously give you the strength and compassion to perform them.

Amen.

People of God, will you receive Jack into this ministry
as one sent to serve in the church of Jesus Christ?

We will, and we ask God to help us.

Will you pray for him, help and honor him for his work's sake,
and in all things strive to live together in the peace and unity of Christ?

We will, and we ask God to help us.

Jack, I now declare you installed as Minister for Music.
Almighty God bless you, and direct your days and your deeds in peace,
that you may be a faithful servant of Christ.
Amen.

PRAYERS

Let us pray.
O God of majesty, whom saints and angels delight to worship: Strengthen and bless your servant Jack, who, through your gift of music, seeks to enliven our praises and proclaim your word with power. Through this ministry give us new awareness of your beauty and grace, and join our voices with all the choirs of heaven; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

People of God, I present to you Jack, your Interim Minister for Music.
Let us welcome him in the name of Christ.
The assembly may offer acclamation with applause.

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

Your River O God

Dakota Road

Chorus

Your river O God is full of water
Water alive with justice and grace
Your river O God it flows with mercy
For every child through every time and place

1 Every birth on this earth
Speaks the mystery
Every heart from the start
Light for all to see *Chorus*

2 Come and hear all who fear
You are not alone
Come and see be set free
Rest here in your home *Chorus*

3 As we grow may we know
Waves of hope surround
As we live may we give
Love that has no bounds *Chorus*

11:00

River in Judea

Feldman, Marcus/arr. Leavitt.

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

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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.

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

When Peace, Like a River/The Water is Wide

arr. Rachel Trelstad Porter

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

When Peace like a River (It Is Well with My Soul)

ELW 785

- 1 When peace like a river attendeth my way,
when sorrows like sea billows roll,
whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say,
it is well, it is well with my soul.

Refrain

It is well (it is well)
with my soul, (with my soul,)
it is well, it is well with my soul.

- 2 Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come,
let this blest assurance control,
that Christ has regarded my helpless estate,
and has shed his own blood for my soul. *Refrain*

- 3 He lives--oh, the bliss of this glorious thought;
my sin, not in part, but the whole,
is nailed to his cross and I bear it no more.
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul! *Refrain*

4 Lord, hasten the day when our faith shall be sight,
the clouds be rolled back as a scroll,
the trumpet shall sound and the Lord shall descend;
even so it is well with my soul. *Refrain*

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Care for Creation.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

8:30

Reprise: When Peace Like a River

11:00

Let the Whole Creation Cry

Michael Burkhardt

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TODAY'S MINISTERS FOR WORSHIP		
October 18, 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	Linda Vedder
Worship Host:	Glenda Moum	Idolene Mazza
Worship Host:	Brent Lewis	Debbie Hedlund
Assisting Minister (Read):	TBD	Joe Mazza
Assisting Minister (Pray):	TBD	TBD
Acolyte:	TBD	Meg Darkow
Communion Preparer:	Merri Wente-Chapman	Linda Vedder
Communion Cleanup:		Cindy Vedder
Visual Projectionist:	Merri Wente-Chapman	Cindy Vedder
Zoom Worship Host:		TBD
Zoom Tech Director:		TBD
Offering Steward:		
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Building Closer:		Nathan Williams

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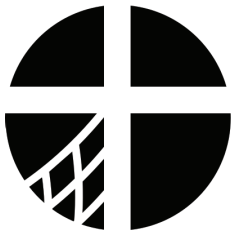
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FINANCIAL SUMMARY

Contributions and expenses through September 30, 2026.

	September	YTD
Offerings	\$54,790	\$354,158
Expenses	\$42,191	\$333,840
Over/(under) expenses	\$12,599	\$20,318
Nonbudget Special Offerings	\$2,348	\$11,200



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

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.

Sunday Forum - October 18, 2026 - 9:45 am "Growing 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 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. Our next gathering will be Friday October 23.

Sunday Forum - Sunday, October 25, 2026 - 9:45 am "Constitutional Amendments Review"

Larry Leip and Carol Elliott will present on the November General Election and Ballot Issues on Sunday, October 25th. The election is scheduled for Tuesday, November 3rd, with early voting beginning Monday, October 19th. There are three proposed amendments to the Missouri Constitution on the General Election ballot. They will review and provide an analysis of each amendment. Join us in the Conference Room or via Zoom.

Loaves and Fishes: Volunteers are needed for the following upcoming dates:

- **Saturday, October 24, 10:00 – 12:00: Cooking for Loaves and Fishes**
- **Sunday, October 25: Bake cookies for the Loaves and Fishes Soup Kitchen!**
- **Sunday, October 25, 3:30 – 6:30: Serving at Loaves and Fishes Soup Kitchen.**

Meals are distributed at the Opportunity Campus located at 1300 Bowling Street.

Questions? Wish to support Loaves and Fishes? Please reach out to: Susan Goldammer at susan.goldammer@gmail.com or Jenine Loesing at jloesing55@gmail.com

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

<https://standrewslutheran.flocknote.com/signup/195445>

All Saints Day: (November 1), the Church will remember together all those who have died since that last All Saints Sunday (November 2, 2025). We already have the names of members who have died in the past year and will include them. If people want Saint Andrew's to lift up the name of a loved one who is not a member here, and who died in the past year, please call the church office (573-449-5674) or email the parish administrator at office@saintandrewslutheran.org. The prayers will be offered at both services of the congregation the weekend of November 1. For more information about All Saints Day please contact Pastor David at pastordavid@saintandrewslutheran.org.

Agnus Day

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Prayers for October 18, 2026

We add to our prayers this week:

We continue to offer prayers of hope and healing for:

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

We pray for those in the military:

Eric Childers, Matthew Lee, and those serving throughout the world.

We pray for those with other kinds of needs:

For 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 leaders: Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd, Hazelwood, MO; Olsburg Lutheran Church, Olsburg, KS; St. Paul Lutheran Church, Glasco, KS; Bethany College, Lindsborg, KS.

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 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)
- 5:30 pm Growing Hope Globally Fun Food Fest Fundraiser (IP)

Monday, October 19

- 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 20

No Events

Wednesday, October 21

- 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 22

No Events

Friday, October 23 – Office Closed

- 9:00 am Quilt Tying (IP)

Saturday, October 24 – Office Closed

No Events

Sunday, October 25 – Reformation Sunday

- 8:30 am Worship (IP)
- 9:45 am Sunday Forum (IP&Z)
- 11:00 am Worship (IP&Z)
- 5:30 pm Loaves and Fishes Distribution (IP-Saint Andrew's Lutheran Church)

Reading for Next Wednesday October 21, 2026

Matthew 17:22-27

Readings for Next Sunday October 25, 2026 Reformation Sunday

Leviticus 19:1-2, 15-18

Psalms 1

1 Thessalonians 2:1-8

Matthew 22:34-46

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

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SaintAndrewsLutheran.org/online-events

Links to all worship bulletins are at SaintAndrewsLutheran.org/worship.

Go to StAndrewsLutheran.flocknote.com or text StAndy to 84576 to get church email and text communications.

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