First Sunday of Advent

November 29, 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	*From God's Heart*	Hans Peterson
11:00	*The King Shall Come*	setting, Charles Callahan

Welcome and Introduction to the Day

Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,
who calls out to the weary,
whose word endures forever.
Amen.

A voice cries out in the wilderness,
"Make straight the way of the Lord!"
We are called to confess our sin
and turn back toward God's love.

Comforting God,
we are your people,
but we have neglected to call on your name.
We are your people,
but we have not remembered your ways.
We are your people,
but we have forgotten your hold on us.
We are your people,
but now we fade like a leaf,
and our sins, like the wind, take us away.
Restore us as your people.
Cleanse us from our sin,
and clothe us in your righteousness.
Amen.

"Comfort, comfort my people!" says your God,
who has clothed you with the garments of salvation
and wrapped you in the robe of righteousness.
God has given you a mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit.
In the name of ☩ Christ, your sins are forgiven:
Rejoice in the Lord!
Rejoice in the Lord!
Amen. Thanks be to God!

Gathering Song — *The King Shall Come* — ELW 260

1 The King shall come when morning dawns
and light triumphant breaks,
when beauty gilds the eastern hills
and life to joy awakes.

2 Not as of old a little child,
to bear and fight and die,
but crowned with glory like the sun
that lights the morning sky.

3 Oh, brighter than the rising morn
when Christ, victorious, rose
and left the lonesome place of death,
despite the rage of foes.

4 Oh, brighter than that glorious morn
shall dawn upon our race
the day when Christ in splendor comes,
and we shall see his face.

5 The King shall come when morning dawns
and light and beauty brings.
Hail, Christ the Lord! Your people pray:
come quickly, King of kings.

Lighting of the Advent Wreath and Children's Time

Blessed are you, God of Jacob, for you promise to transform weapons of war into implements of planting and harvest and to teach us your way of peace; you promise that our night of sin is far gone and that your day of salvation is dawning.
As we light the first candle on this wreath, wake us from our sleep, wrap us in your light, empower us to live honorably, and guide us along your path of peace.

O house of Jacob, come,
let us walk in the light of the Lord. Amen.

Song After Advent Wreath Lighting *He Came Down* ELW 253, st.1

1 He came down that we may have love;
he came down that we may have love;
he came down that we may have love;
hallelujah forevermore.

Greeting ELW p.138

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 *Messiah* Dakotah Road

1 Someone's shouting from the desert
Someone's shouting from the sea
Someone's shouting from the mountain
Someone's shouting from the valley

Chorus
Messiah, come and be our King
Messiah, come and be our King

2 Someone's shouting from the city
I am young, I am cold
Someone's shouting from the country
I am lonely, I am old Chorus

3 Someone's shouting I am broken
Someone's shouting make me whole
Someone's shouting come and change me
Someone's shouting save my soul Chorus

Prayer of The Day ELW p.205

Let us pray.
Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. By your merciful protection awaken us to the threatening dangers of our sins, and keep us blameless until the coming of your new day, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Amen.

☩ Word ☩

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

First Reading

Isaiah 64:1-9

A reading from Isaiah.

1 O that you would tear open the heavens and come down,
so that the mountains would quake at your presence—
2 as when fire kindles brushwood
and the fire causes water to boil—
to make your name known to your adversaries,
so that the nations might tremble at your presence!
3 When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect,
you came down; the mountains quaked at your presence.
4 From ages past no one has heard,
no ear has perceived,
no eye has seen any God besides you,
who works for those who wait for him.
5 You meet those who gladly do right,
those who remember you in your ways.
But you were angry, and we sinned;
because you hid yourself we transgressed.
6 We have all become like one who is unclean,
and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth.
We all fade like a leaf,
and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away.
7 There is no one who calls on your name
or attempts to take hold of you,
for you have hidden your face from us
and have delivered us into the hand of our iniquity.
8 Yet, O LORD, you are our Father;
we are the clay, and you are our potter;
we are all the work of your hand.
9 Do not be exceedingly angry, O LORD,
and do not remember iniquity forever.
Now consider, we are all your people.

Word of God, word of life.
Thanks be to God.

Psalm Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19

1 Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock;
shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim.
2 **In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh,**
stir up your strength and come to help us.
3 Restore us, O God;
let your face shine upon us, and we shall be saved.
4 **O lord God of hosts,**
how long will your anger fume when your people pray?
5 You have fed them with the bread of tears;
you have given them bowls of tears to drink.
6 **You have made us the derision of our neighbors,**
and our enemies laugh us to scorn.
7 Restore us, O God of hosts;
let your face shine upon us, and we shall be saved.
17 **Let your hand be upon the one at your right hand,**
the one you have made so strong for yourself.
18 And so will we never turn away from you;
give us life, that we may call upon your name.
19 **Restore us, O lord God of hosts;**
let your face shine upon us, and we shall be saved.

Second Reading 1 Corinthians 1:3-9

A reading from First Corinthians.

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

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

Word of God, word of life.
Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel* ELW 257, st.1-2

1 O come, O come, Emmanuel,
and ransom captive Israel,
that mourns in lonely exile here
until the Son of God appear.

Refrain
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to you, O Israel.

2 O come, O Wisdom from on high,
embracing all things far and nigh:
in strength and beauty come and stay;
teach us your will and guide our way. *Refrain*

Gospel Mark 13:24-37

The holy gospel according to Mark.
Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said:] 24 "In those days, after that suffering,
the sun will be darkened,
and the moon will not give its light,
25 and the stars will be falling from heaven,
and the powers in the heavens will be shaken.
26 "Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in clouds' with great power and glory. 27 Then he will send out the angels and gather the elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven.

28 "From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. 29 So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. 30 Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. 31 Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

32 "But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven nor the Son, but only the Father. 33 Beware, keep alert, for you do not know when the time will come. 34 It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. 35 Therefore, keep awake, for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening or at midnight or at cockcrow or at dawn, 36 or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. 37 And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake."

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

Sermon

Hymn of the Day *Awake! Awake, and Greet the New Morn* ELW 242

1 Awake! Awake, and greet the new morn,
for angels herald its dawning.
Sing out your joy, for soon he is born,
behold! the Child of our longing.
Come as a baby weak and poor,
to bring all hearts together,
he opens wide the heav'nly door
and lives now inside us forever.

2 To us, to all in sorrow and fear,
Emmanuel comes a-singing,
his humble song is quiet and near,
yet fills the earth with its ringing;
music to heal the broken soul
and hymns of lovingkindness,
the thunder of his anthems roll
to shatter all hatred and blindness.

3 In darkest night his coming shall be,
when all the world is despairing,
as morning light so quiet and free,
so warm and gentle and caring.
Then shall the mute break forth in song,
the lame shall leap in wonder,
the weak be raised above the strong,
and weapons be broken asunder.

4 Rejoice, rejoice, take heart in the night,
though dark the winter and cheerless,
the rising sun shall crown you with light,
be strong and loving and fearless.
Love be our song and love our prayer
and love our endless story;
may God fill ev'ry day we share
and bring us at last into glory.

Nicene Creed

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

We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayers of Intercession

In hope and expectation, we bring to God our prayers for the church, the world, and all in need.

Each petition concludes:
God, in your mercy,
receive our prayer.

The final petition concludes:
…most holy God, in the name of Christ Jesus our Savior.
Amen.

Sharing The Peace

ELW p.143

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 *From God's Heart* Hans Peterson

1 May our words and what we do
Be lived in gratitude to you
Emmanuel Love has come
In an unexpected lowly one

2 Into this hungry violent place
Your word's for every tribe and race
Let love increase let hatred fall
Be peace on earth good will to all

3 Grace revealed for humankind
Good news for poor of every kind
The low raised up the rich brought low
So abundant life the world may know

4 From God's heart a child arrives
Here hope abounds and joy abides
God with us in the night
Glory to the One who brings the light

11:00 *Let Every Heart Prepare a Throne* Mark Patterson

Offering Prayer

Let us pray.
Eternal God,
our time, talents, and treasures are gifts from you.
Receive what we offer,
and all that you entrust to us,
until hungry no more, all the world is fed,
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

Great Thanksgiving

Dialogue ELW p.144

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 ELW p.144

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
that we should at all times and in all places
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,
through our Savior Jesus Christ;
who on this day overcame death and the grave,
and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.
And so, with all the choirs of angels,
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, Holy, Holy *Holy, Holy, Holy* ELW p.144

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

Thanksgiving at the Table ELW p.145

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

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

The Lord's Prayer ELW p.145

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

The glory of the Lord is revealed!
Come and taste God's presence.

Holy Communion at Saint Andrew's

- *At the table of our Lord Jesus Christ, God nourishes faith, forgives sin, and calls us to be witnesses to the Gospel. In this sacrament the crucified and risen Christ is present, giving his true body and blood as food and drink. This real presence is a mystery. Admission to the Sacrament is by invitation of the Lord, presented through the Church to those who are baptized. This Table of the Lord is open to all the baptized.*
- *Grape juice is available in the center ring of glasses. Gluten-free wafers are available: Please speak to those serving the bread when you come to the rail.*
- *Please follow the guidance of the Worship Hosts, going forward on one side of your section and returning to your seat on the other side.*

Communion

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The body of Christ, given for you.
The blood of Christ, shed for you.
Amen.

Distribution Song

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus arr. Mark Hayes

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,
Providing God,
you feed your flock like a shepherd
and gather your people in your arms.
We praise you for the care and sustenance
you give at this meal and always.
As we leave your table, carry us near your heart,
and send us with confidence in the way
of Jesus Christ, our Savior.
Amen.

☩ Sending ☩

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

Our Community of Faith ELW p.146

Blessing

God our provider,
God our feast,
God our companion,
☩ bless you now and forever.
Amen.

Sending Song *Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers* ELW 244

1 Rejoice, rejoice, believers,
and let your lights appear;
the evening is advancing,
and darker night is near.
The bridegroom is arising
and soon is drawing nigh.
Up, pray and watch and wrestle;
at midnight comes the cry.

2 The watchers on the mountain
proclaim the bridegroom near;
go forth as he approaches
with alleluias clear.
The marriage feast is waiting;
the gates wide open stand.
Arise, O heirs of glory;
the bridegroom is at hand.

3 The saints, who here in patience
their cross and suff'rings bore,
shall live and reign forever
when sorrow is no more.
Around the throne of glory
the Lamb they shall behold;
in triumph cast before him
their diadems of gold.

4 Our hope and expectation,
O Jesus, now appear;
arise, O Sun so longed for,
o'er this benighted sphere.
With hearts and hands uplifted,
we plead, O Lord, to see
the day of earth's redemption
that sets your people free!

Dismissal

Go in peace. Bring good news to the brokenhearted.
Thanks be to God.

Postlude

8:30	*Reprise: Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers*	
11:00	*Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers*	setting, Paul Manz

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Today's Ministers for Worship		
November 29, 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**	Idolene Mazza
Worship Host:	Brent Lewis	Bryce Bock
Worship Host:	Kim Hickey	Robert Bock
Assisting Minister (Read):	**TBD**	Joe Mazza
Assisting Minister (Pray):	**TBD**	Brad Lockenvitz
Acolyte:	**TBD**	Meg Darkow
Communion Preparer:	Merri Wente-Chapman	Dawn Lessiack
Communion Cleanup:		Jayne Young
Visual Projectionist:	**TBD**	Larry Leip
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Contributions and expenses through October 31, 2026.

	October	YTD
Offerings:	$29,611	$354,158
Expenses:	$33,986	$333,840
Over/(under) expenses:	($4,375)	$15,943
Nonbudget Special Offerings:	$4,081	$15,281

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Family Forum on the Go: Hi St. Andy's kids and Family members! New Family Forum Bags for Winter are available for pickup in the Narthex by the Family Forum table. Each paper bag has a series of weekly lessons that are connected to a short video found online. The video links will be sent out each week to a family member's email. Every Sunday, open the packet for that week, watch a fun, short video, get to know the Whirl characters and learn about the Bible with each week's lesson. Whirl Kids Lectionary and Whirl Storytelling Bibles are also available for families that would like one. The Whirl Story Bible is designed for kids in pre-kindergarten through second grade and contains over 120 stories that correspond to all the lessons in the Whirl Lectionary Sunday school curriculum. The Whirl Lectionary NRSV Bible is a complete NRSV Bible used by kids in third through sixth grade to dig into the scripture passage for every lesson in the Whirl Sunday school curriculum. Stop by the office to pick up either kid friendly edition. Please contact Jenine Loesing jloesing55@gmail.com or Joanne Boomer joanne@pjbmail.com with any questions you have.

First Chance for Children - Fifth Sunday Offering in November: St. Andrew's designates a special offering for a community group every month with 5 Sundays. In November, we are donating towards First Chance for Children. FCFC (formerly Boone Early Childhood Partners) is a nonprofit that services 13 Missouri counties. It collaborates with school districts, health departments and community agencies to offer supplementary services for vulnerable families. Services include providing safe cribs and diapers. Additionally, FCFC advocates at the state and local levels for high-quality early childhood experiences, ensuring that every child is equipped to thrive in school and beyond.

Dinner Church: Gather over Dinner for Church, yes, Dinner Church! Please join in Thursday, December 3 at 5:30 pm for Dinner Church. During this more casual worship service we will share a light meal, reflect on scripture, share with God and others concerns and then celebrate Holy Communion. For those young ones who need to get the wiggles out, supervised play will be provided. People of all ages and all family sizes are welcome. To help with meal planning please sign up using the link in the newsletter or weekly bulletin or contact Jamie in the office. Signup: https://tinyurl.com/SALC-Dinner-Church-2026-2027

Men's Breakfast: Men may join in a time of fellowship and discussion, the first Saturday of every month in the Fellowship Hall. Our next gathering will be on Saturday, December 5th from 8:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m. Contact Harry Lewis for more information. hlewis25@gmail.com

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: December 5 Questions? Please contact: Holly Heidlage hollyhl48@gmail.com

Christmas Season Decorating Event: If you enjoy fluffing tree branches and holiday wreaths, untangling strings of blue lights, hanging swags, horns, and Chrismon—among other options—please join in the fun Saturday morning, December 5th from 9:30 until 12:30 or with many hands, finish earlier for refreshments. Contact Scherrie Goettsch, 573-356-4166 for questions or assignments. You can also use the Flocknote signup: https://standrewslutheran.flocknote.com/signup/280335

LFCS Christmas Tree Tags: It's time to take a tag! This December St. Andrew's is focusing its community ministry support to Lutheran Family and Children's Services, a non-profit agency that focuses on pregnancy counseling, parent support and adoption services. LFCS clients have a variety of ongoing needs. Please see the donation tree in the narthex, take a tag, provide your name and the tag number you have taken and return your gift by Sunday, December 6th. No wrapping needed. If the tag has a dollar amount on it, please put your cash or check in the envelope provided or designate in your electronic gift LFCS and the tag number.

LFCS Christmas Ornaments: Help us craft Christmas ornaments for Lutheran Family and Children's Services upcoming Christmas party on December 10th. Our goal is to make 125 Christmas ornaments to ensure every child goes home with one. Supplies and directions will be provided and are currently available in the Narthex. Knitted or crocheted ornaments are also welcome! Questions? Contact Holly Heidlage at hollylh48@gmail.com for more information.

Agnus Day

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Prayers for November 29, 2026

We add to our prayers this week:

We continue to offer prayers of hope and healing for:

Mary Farmer
Jim Thorpe
Peter Mayfield
Cedar Bargen
Steve Harley
Ann Edwards
Phyllis Glasker
Ji Bu
Paul Christensen
Jerry
Melissa Stormont
Michael Butterworth
Michelle Knipp
Cathy
Mo Champion-Garthe
Arlene Cunningham
Candi Glancy
Patric
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: Wayneshia, Kiana, Shanautika, Theresa, Ashley, Hailey 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: American Lutheran Church, Belleville, KS; Peace Lutheran Church, Salisbury, MO; Trinity Lutheran Church, Greenleaf, 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, November 29 — First Sunday of Advent
Fifth Sunday Offering — First Chance for Children

8:30 am Worship (IP)
9:45 am Sunday Forum (IP&Z)
11:00 am Worship (IP&Z)
2:30 pm Jail Ministry (IP-Boone County Jail)

Monday, November 30

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

Tuesday, December 1

5:30 pm Endowment Board (IP&Z)
7:00 pm Mutual Ministry (IP)

Wednesday, December 2

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

Thursday, December 3

5:30 pm Dinner Church (IP)

Friday, December 4 — Office Closed

No Events

Reading for Next Wednesday
December 2, 2026

Luke 21:34-38

Readings for Next Sunday
December 6, 2026
Second Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 40:1-11
Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13
2 Peter 3:8-15a
Mark 1:1-8

Saturday, December 5 — Office Closed

8:00 am Men's Breakfast (IP)
9:30 am Hanging the Holly/Christmas Decorating Event (IP)
11:00 am Prayershawl & Crafting Ministry (IP)

Sunday, December 6 — Second Sunday of Advent

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)

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

Online Resources

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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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