



ST. ANDREW EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

~ TO KNOW JESUS CHRIST AND TO MAKE HIM KNOWN ~

First Sunday in Advent



November 27, 2022

Welcome to St. Andrew!

God is serious about his Word in both law and gospel. It is addressed to us both collectively and individually. This Sunday it is well summed up in the pertinent question: Where are you? In the liturgy of confession may we answer honestly! In the absolution and the gospel may we hear God's response! For faith begins and ends with confession and absolution; They are its constants that are never to be taken for granted.

Please sign our guest registry in the narthex, and fill out a guest info card located in your pew or the narthex, we would love to connect with you. If you could also, take time to introduce yourself to the Greeters and Pastor Ben. An unstaffed nursery is available, and is located behind the Penn St. entrance. Restrooms are also located there and in the lower level of the church. The greeters will be glad to assist you with any need you may have. May God bless your worship with us this morning.

St. Andrew Announcements

NOVEMBER OUTREACH- Weis cards will be purchased and available for members of our church and community in need. Your generosity is appreciated!

SUNDAY SCHOOL- meets for all ages after the service. Children meet downstairs and our adult Sunday School meets in the Chapel. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to stick around for a time of coffee fellowship and Bible Study.

ANNUAL DONATION TREE- Our annual mitten, hat, scarf & sock tree will be in the Narthex & Penn St. entrance Nov. 27th, Dec. 4th & 11th. Items donated will be distributed to the Son Light House.

TOUCH A HEART- Tags are available now in the Narthex and Gifts need returned Dec. 11th.

CHRISTMAS COOKIE PLATES- The Women of St. Andrew are meeting December 6th at 2pm. We will be putting together cookie & candy plates for our shut-ins. Donations are welcome.

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS- It's time to order Poinsettias to adorn our church this Advent Season. Each 6 1/2" pot will have 6 to 8 blooms at the cost of \$9 each. Order Forms are due December 1st.

YOUTH CHRISTMAS PARTY- December 11th, K-6th grade from 11am-1pm, 7th grade-Young Adult/College from 3pm-5pm. We will have games and snacks. Please bring a white elephant gift, costing no more than \$10.

CHRISTMAS CANTATA- The Chancel Choir will be raising their voices in singing Joy Has Dawned by Lloyd Larson on Sunday, December 18th. It's a wonderful time to spread the message of Christmas joy to our newborn King!

CHRISTMAS SERVICES- We will be having a candle light Christmas Eve service on Dec. 24th at 7pm with Communion and a Christmas Day service of Carols on Sunday, Dec. 25th at 9:15am. Keep an eye out for suggestion slips so we can sing your favorite carols!

THE PRELUDE

WELCOME - Announcements

** (Indicates The Congregation To Stand)*

*** INVOCATION**

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*** THE CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS OF SINS** (YOU ARE WELCOME TO KNEEL IF ABLE)

PRAISE AND PRAYER

*** OPENING HYMN**

“Oh, Come, Oh, Come, Emmanuel”

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*** The Apostolic Greeting and Response**

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*** The Kyrie**

*** The Hymn of Praise**

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*** PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Stir up your power, O Lord, and come, that by your protection we may be rescued from the threatening perils of our sins and saved by your mighty deliverance; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

THE WORD OF GOD

THE FIRST LESSON - ISAIAH 2:1-5

The word that Isaiah the son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem. It shall come to pass in the latter days that the mountain of the house of the LORD shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be lifted up above the hills; and all the nations shall flow to it, and many peoples shall come, and say: “Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob, that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths.” For out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem. He shall judge between the nations, and shall decide disputes for many peoples; and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war anymore. O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the LORD.

Lighting of the Advent Candle - (*Read Responsively*)

L: In this season of Advent, we long for God's presence.

C: Christ is our light and the source of our hope.

L: In this season of Advent, we search for God's truth.

C: Christ is our light and the source of our hope.

L: In this season of Advent, we seek God's guidance.

C: Christ is our light and the source of our hope.

L: In this season of Advent, we remember God's promise.

C: Christ is our light and the source of our hope.

Candle Lighting and Prayer

Love's Pure Light

Anthem

"Hark! A Thrilling Voice is Sounding"

Chancel Choir

THE PSALMODY - PSALM 122

C: I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the LORD."

L: Now our feet are standing within your gates, O Jerusalem.

C: Jerusalem is built as a city that is at unity with itself;

L: To which the tribes go up, the tribes of the LORD, the assembly of Israel, to praise the name of the LORD.

L: For there are the thrones of judgment, the thrones of the house of David.

C: Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: "May they prosper who love you.

L: Peace be within your walls and quietness within your towers.

C: For my brethren and companions' sake, I pray for your prosperity.

L: Because of the house of the LORD our God, I will seek to do you good."

SECOND LESSON - ROMANS 13:8-14

Owe no one anything, except to love each other, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. For the commandments, "You shall not commit adultery, You shall not murder, You shall not steal, You shall not covet," and any other commandment, are summed up in this word: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfilling of the law. Besides this you know the time, that the hour has come for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we first believed. The night is far gone; the day is at hand. So then let us cast off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light. Let us walk properly as in the daytime, not in orgies and drunkenness, not in sexual immorality and sensuality, not in quarreling and jealousy. But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

L: Here ends the reading.

*** THE RESPONSE** (Alleluia)

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P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 24th chapter.

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

THE GOSPEL - MATTHEW 24:36-44

Jesus said, "But concerning that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but the Father only. For as were the days of Noah, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day when Noah entered the ark, and they were unaware until the flood came and swept them all away, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. Then two men will be in the field; one will be taken and one left. Two women will be grinding at the mill; one will be taken and one left. Therefore, stay awake, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But know this, that if the master of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect."

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ!

Hymn

"Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer"

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THE CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Rev. Janet Dougherty

THE SERMON

"Keep Watch & Be Prepared"

Rev. Janet Dougherty

*** Apostles Creed**

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GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

The Offertory Response

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Offertory Prayer

OFFERING: *Offering plates are located at the entrances to the church for you to leave your gift. There's also an online giving option available on our website. One way the members of St Andrew show their love for their Savior is by sharing with him a generous portion of the blessings they have received. However, our guests should not feel obligated to give. We want everyone to give out of love for Jesus and what he has done for us, and not "reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver" (2 Corinthians 9:7).*

*** PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

*** THE LORD'S PRAYER**

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GO IN PEACE, SERVE THE LORD

*** BENEDICTION**

*** CLOSING HYMN**

"Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers"

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Postlude

ST. ANDREW PRAYER LIST

NAMES WILL BE KEPT ON PRAYER LIST FOR FOUR WEEKS UNLESS OFFICE IS OTHERWISE NOTIFIED.

MEMBERS

Clyde Kepner
Carol & Harley Pittenger
Ken Snyder
Alma Reitz
Sally Bruch
Jim Muffly
William Ritter
Betsey Richner
Pretta Hose
Kitty Poust
Bruce Miller
Tange Berger
Jim & Jonnie Stahl
Ryan Moore
Sebastian Moore
Elektra-Violet Moore
Kelly Merrifield
Leonard Morehart
Phil Myers
Kay Myers

FRIENDS OF ST. ANDREW

Mary Doyle
Bill Keller

The Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God

By:

Walt & LouAnn

STEWARDSHIP ON NOVEMBER 20, 2022

Gifts to the Lord	\$2683.00
Attendance	80
Weekly Budget Amount Needed	\$3200.00

Does not include L.C.M.C., Local Benevolence, Outreach, Sponsor, or Capital Categories)

ACTIVITIES OF ST. ANDREW

Sunday, Nov. 27	Worship Service	9:15 a.m.
After Service	Children's Sunday School	Downstairs
After Service	Adult Sunday School w/Kathy H.	Upstairs
Wednesday, Nov.	Choir Rehearsal	7:00pm
Thursday, Dec. 1	Chapel Prayer Group	1:00 p.m.
Sunday, Dec. 4	Worship Service	9:15 a.m.
Greeter	Penny Wettlaufer	
Lector	Larry Barnard	
Acolyte	Nora Styer	
Video Sound	John Dougherty Jerry Watson	
Flower Delivery	Hiliary Haddon	

The Bulletin is sponsored by John & Luanne Libbey
Our Organist/Pianist is Mrs. Joy Barto.

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