



ST. ANDREW EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

~ TO KNOW JESUS CHRIST AND TO MAKE HIM KNOWN ~

Second Sunday in Advent



December 10, 2023

SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT

DECEMBER 10, 2023

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. A volunteer staffed 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

DECEMBER OUTREACH – Pastoral Fund - Pastor Ben will use the donated funds to serve our parishioners in need and in other various ways! You can help us be the hands and feet of Jesus. Thank you so much for your generosity.

DECEMBER CARE CARDS - Our December care cards will be going to Marlin Wertman. We have cards available in the Narthex or you can bring your own. Please sign them with an encouraging note or thoughtful message and give them to the office and we will mail them out for you! Thank you!

NURSERY VOLUNTEERS - God is blessing our congregation with life and growth! We are in need of nursery volunteers during services. If you are interested in please reach out to the office.

TOUCH OF HEART - Gift tags will need to be returned by December 17th for collection.

WINTER CHRISTMAS TREE - Parish Life Committee will be collecting hats, gloves, mittens, scarves & socks on November 26, December 3 & 10 to be donated to the Son Light House for distribution. Please help decorate our warm accessories Christmas trees!

SAVE THE DATE - December 17th– Please come and join together for a time of fun and fellowship for the whole family. This event will begin at 3:30pm with some children's activities, then a cookie auction for the adults (please bring a plate of cookies labeled with what kind they are to be auctioned), light refreshments around 5pm (BBQ) and Christmas Caroling beginning at 5:45pm. We will return to the church after for cookies & hot chocolate. Please sign up in the Narthex so we know how many to prepare for. Thank you! Parish Life!

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE - Join us to celebrate the birth of our Savior on December 24th at 7p.m for our Christmas Eve Candlelight and Communion Service!

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**

“Prepare the Royal Highway”

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*** The Apostolic Greeting and Response**

SCREEN

*** The Kyrie**

*** The Hymn of Praise**

SCREEN

*** PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Stir up our hearts, O Lord, to make ready the way of your only-begotten Son, that by his coming we may be enabled to serve you with pure minds; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

THE WORD OF GOD

THE FIRST LESSON - ISAIAH 40:1-11

Comfort, comfort my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that her warfare is ended, that her iniquity is pardoned, that she has received from the LORD's hand double for all her sins. A voice cries: "In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD; make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain. And the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together, for the mouth of the LORD has spoken." A voice says, "Cry!" And I said, "What shall I cry?" All flesh is grass, and all its beauty is like the flower of the field. The grass withers, the flower fades when the breath of the LORD blows on it; surely the people are grass. The grass withers, the flower fades, but the word of our God will stand forever. Go on up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good news; lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good news; lift it up, fear not; say to the cities of Judah, "Behold your God!" Behold, the LORD God comes with might, and his arm rules for him; behold, his reward is with him, and his recompense before him. He will tend his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms; he will carry them in his bosom, and gently lead those that are with young.

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

L: During Advent we wait for the coming Savior who is our Mighty God.

C: You are mighty, O LORD, and your faithfulness endures forever.

L: We look to the One in whom we find redemption.

C: You are mighty, O LORD, and your faithfulness endures forever.

L: We look to the One who forgives our sins.

C: You are mighty, O LORD, and your faithfulness endures forever.

L: We look to the One who overcomes the darkness.

C: You are mighty, O LORD, and your faithfulness endures forever.

L: We look to the One who has come to set us free.

C: You are mighty, O LORD, and your faithfulness endures forever.

CANDLE LIGHTING AND PRAYER

Hymn

“God with Us, Emmanuel”

SCREEN

Anthem

“The King of Love and Light”

Chancel Choir

THE PSALMODY - PSALM 85

L: You have been gracious to your land, O LORD, you have restored the good fortune of Jacob.

C: You have forgiven the iniquity of your people and blotted out all their sins.

L: You have withdrawn all your fury and turned yourself from your wrathful indignation.

C: Restore us then, O God our Savior; let your anger depart from us.

L: Will you be displeased with us forever? will you prolong your anger from age to age?

C: Will you not give us life again, that your people may rejoice in you?

L: Show us your mercy, O LORD, and grant us your salvation.

C: I will listen to what the LORD God is saying, for he is speaking peace to his faithful people and to those who turn their hearts to him.

L: Truly, his salvation is very near to those who fear him, that his glory may dwell in our land.

C: Mercy and truth have met together; righteousness and peace have kissed each other.

L: Truth shall spring up from the earth, and righteousness shall look down from heaven.

C: The LORD will indeed grant prosperity, and our land will yield its increase.

L: Righteousness shall go before him, and peace shall be a pathway for his feet.

SECOND LESSON - 2 PETER 3:8-14

Do not overlook this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day. The Lord is not slow to fulfill his promise as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance. But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a roar, and the heavenly bodies will be burned up and dissolved, and the earth and the works that are done on it will be exposed. Since all these things are thus to be dissolved, what sort of people ought you to be in lives of holiness and godliness, waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be set on fire and dissolved, and the heavenly bodies will melt as they burn! But according to his promise we are waiting for new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells. Therefore, beloved, since you are waiting for these, be diligent to be found by him without spot or blemish, and at peace.

L: Here ends the reading.

*** THE RESPONSE (Alleluia)**

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P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 1st chapter.

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

THE GOSPEL - MARK 1:1-8

The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. As it is written in Isaiah the prophet, "Behold, I send my messenger before your face, who will prepare your way, the voice of one crying in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight,'" John appeared, baptizing in the wilderness and proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And all the country of Judea and all Jerusalem were going out to him and were being baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel's hair and wore a leather belt around his waist and ate locusts and wild honey. And he preached, saying, "After me comes he who is mightier than I, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie. I have baptized you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ!

Hymn

"On Jordan's Banks the Baptist's Cry"

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THE CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Pastor Ben Lander

THE SERMON

"The Birth of Peace"

Pastor Ben Lander

*** Apostles Creed**

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GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

The Offertory Response

SCREEN

Offertory Prayer

OFFERING: *There's 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**

"Hark! A Thrilling Voice is Sounding"

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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

Carol Pittenger
 Ken Snyder
 Jim Muffly
 William Ritter
 Pretta Hose
 Bruce Miller
 Kelly Merrifield
 Leonard Morehart
 Jim & Jonnie Stahl
 Arlene Kiess
 Mary Lou Housenecht
 Frances Worthington
 Tyler Richner
 Pete Waldron
 Marlin Wertman
 Courtney Johnson

FAMILY & FRIENDS OF ST. ANDREW

Mary Doyle
 Mary Slater
 Steve Krum
 Brad Fox
 Steve Waltman
 Allen Fanelli
 Dave Doran
 Chris Blass
 Jace Stackhouse
 Bill Keller
 Linda Knight
 Yvonne Worthington

The Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God!

By:

Walt & Lou Ann

STEWARDSHIP ON DECEMBER 03, 2023

Gifts to the Lord	\$2752.00
Attendance	73
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, Dec. 10	Worship Service	9:15 a.m.
After Service	Children's Sunday School	Downstairs Room
After Service	Confirmation Class	Youth Room
After Service	Adult Sunday School w/Kathy H.	Upstairs Chapel
Wednesday, Dec. 13	Choir Rehearsal	7:00pm
Thursday, Dec. 14	Chapel Prayer Group	1:00 p.m.
Thursday, Dec. 14	Small Group Bible Study	2:30 p.m.
Sunday, Dec. 17	Worship Service - Christmas Cantata	9:15 a.m.
Sunday, Dec. 17	Christmas Family Fun Day	3:30 p.m.
Greeter	Luanne Libbey & Linda Moyer	
Lector	Barron Zimmers	
Acolyte	Addison Detweiler	
Nursery	Katie Lander	
Video Sound	John Dougherty Jerry Watson	
Flower Delivery	Darlene Waldron	

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