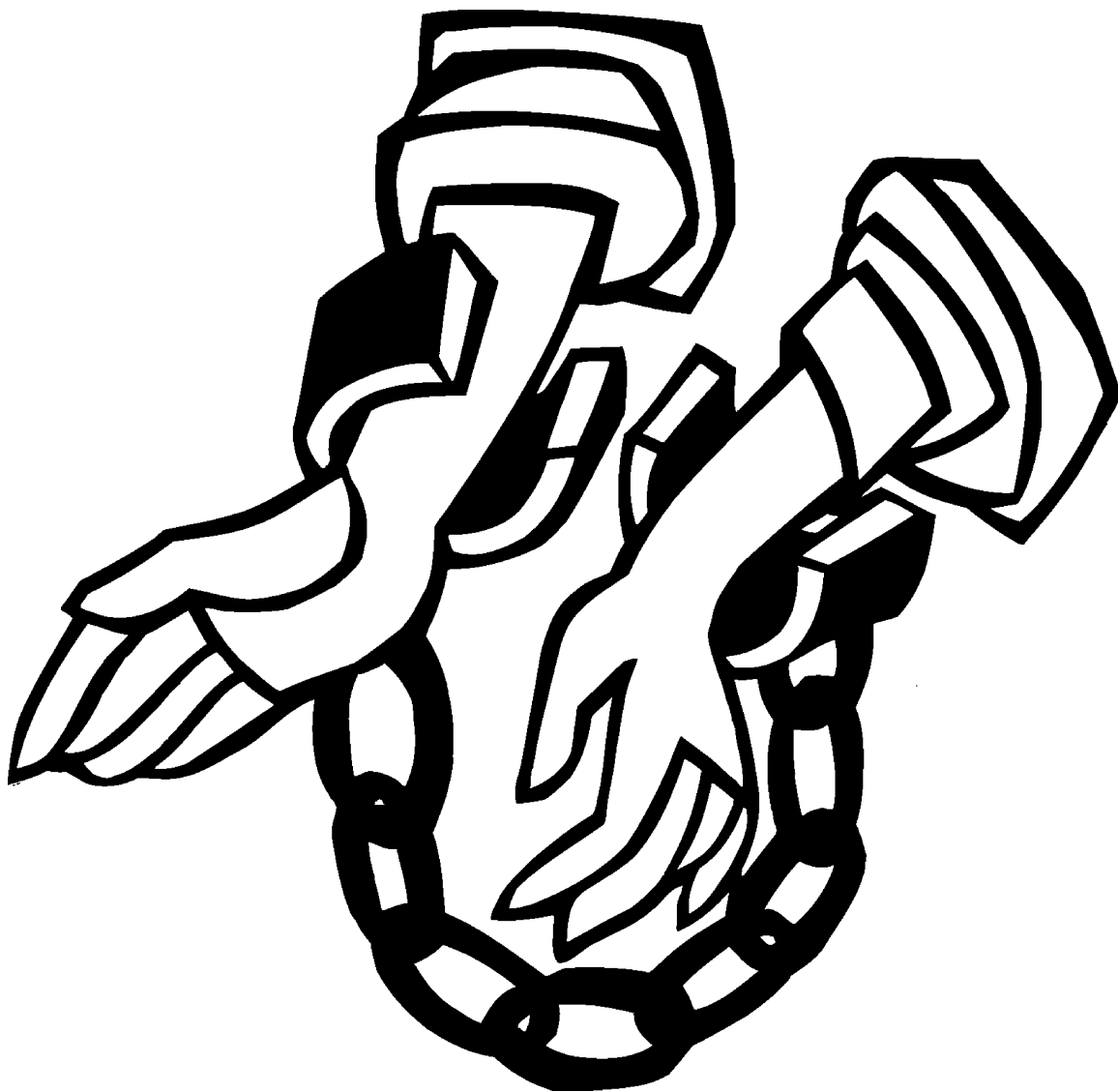


Reconciling in Christ Sunday

St. Andrew Lutheran Church

January 26, 2025



Welcome to St. Andrew!

At St. Andrew Lutheran Church, we strive to be a loving and welcoming community of faith. We are centered in the Good News of Jesus Christ, who calls us to reconciliation and wholeness in a world of alienation and brokenness.

All are welcome, without exception, regardless of race, ethnicity, gender, gender identity, sexual orientation, age, physical or mental ability, education, income, or family status.

All are welcome here to worship God, receive the sacraments, and share in fellowship, leadership, and service. We commit to treasuring one another's similarities and differences as one body in Christ.

We are called to provide a safe space in the community as we break down the barriers of isolation. We will continue to discover what it means to be "Reconciling in Christ."

"Welcome one another therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God."
- Romans 15:7

Orientation to the Service

This bulletin will guide you through the entire service. Started on page 3, words printed in **bold** are for everyone to say aloud together. Instructions and information are printed in *italics*.

Hymns (songs) are found in the hymnals in the pew racks in front of your seat.

ELW = Evangelical Lutheran Worship (red hymnal)

ACS = All Creation Sings (blue hymnal)

Green-topped Welcome Cards are found in the pew racks in front of your seat. We would love for guests, visitors, and anyone in need of prayer or more information about the church to fill one out. Please place it in the offering plate or hand it to an usher after the service.

Children are welcome in worship! God put the wiggle in children, so please do not feel you have to shush or suppress those wiggles in God's house. All are welcome here! Consider sitting toward the front where it is easier for children to see and hear what is happening in the service. There are worship activity bags available for children on a shelf in the back of the sanctuary, and a staffed nursery is available for very young ones. Ask an usher if you need help locating it.

Restrooms can be found by exiting the back of the sanctuary and turning right. Walk straight until you pass the coffee bar, and you will find the women's and men's restrooms to your right. A gender-neutral, ADA-compliant restroom will be found to your left, near the entrance to the kitchen.

Online access to the bulletin and hymns: standrewlutheran.com/worship/worship-bulletins/

Reconciling in Christ Sunday

Third Sunday after Epiphany, January 26, 2025 | 9:30 AM

God's glory is revealed in the reading of scripture. People stand at attention. People weep. People prostrate themselves in prayer. The unity of the church is another reflection of God's glory. Most gloriously, the promises of God are fulfilled in the person of Jesus Christ. Gather round. Listen up. Glimpse the glory of God.

PRELUDE

“God, We Gather as Your People”

Anthony Giamanco

Lindsey Lane, piano

GATHERING

THE HOLY SPIRIT CALLS US TOGETHER AS THE PEOPLE OF GOD.

WELCOME

The congregation may stand.

GATHERING HYMN

All Are Welcome (ELW 641)

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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Holy God, your Word teaches us, calls us, and shapes us, that we will become the wisdom of God and the body of Christ for others. On this Reconciling in Christ Sunday may your word turn us toward what is good and holy and just, that all your beloveds of all sexual and romantic orientations, identities, and expressions will know we are seen, known, and loved by you. May the example of Jesus continue to create words and action of courage in the work and ministry of anti-racism.

Amen.

The congregation is seated.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Pastor Allison Bengfort

READING

1 Corinthians 12:12-31a

A reading from First Corinthians.

¹²For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. ¹³For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body – Jews or Greeks, slaves or free – and we were all made to drink of one Spirit. ¹⁴Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. ¹⁵If the foot would say, “Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body,” that would not make it any less a part of the body. ¹⁶And if the ear would say, “Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body,” that would not make it any less a part of the body. ¹⁷If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? ¹⁸But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. ¹⁹If all were a single member, where would the body be? ²⁰As it is, there are many members yet one body. ²¹The eye cannot say to the hand, “I have no need of you,” nor again the head to the feet, “I have no need of you.” ²²On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, ²³and those members of the body that we think less honorable we clothe with greater honor, and our less respectable members are treated with greater respect, ²⁴whereas our more respectable members do not need this. But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honor to the inferior member, ²⁵that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. ²⁶If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honored, all rejoice together with it. ²⁷Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. ²⁸And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers, then deeds of power, then gifts of healing, forms of assistance, forms of leadership, various kinds of tongues. ²⁹Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work powerful deeds? ³⁰Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? ^{31a}But strive for the greater gifts.

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

The congregation may stand.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Al-le-lu - ia, Al-le-lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? ___

You have the words of e-ter - nal life. Al-le-lu - ia! ___

GOSPEL

Luke 4:14-21

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

¹⁴Then Jesus, in the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding region. ¹⁵He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone. ¹⁶When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the Sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, ¹⁷and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written: ¹⁸“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to set free those who are oppressed, ¹⁹to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.” ²⁰And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. ²¹Then he began to say to them, “Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.”

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

The congregation is seated.

The congregation may stand.

AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM

The congregation sings the refrain:

All

Wade in the wa - ter, wade in the wa - ter, chil - dren,
wade in the wa - ter, God's a - goin' - a trou - ble the wa - ter.

Let us pray.

Holy God, we give you thanks for baptism. We thank you for this water that comes to us as a gift from our Creator, the source of all that is good and life-giving. You are a generous and loving God who blesses us through water and who claims all people in the fullness of sexual or romantic orientation, gender identity, race, ethnicity, gender expression, immigration status, beliefs, and abilities.

Amen.

We believe that the God we worship desires full life for all. This church names as sin the social forces that silence, control, or devalue people on the basis of sexual or romantic orientation, gender identity, or gender expression. We affirm that all people are created in God's image, and we reject any power, privilege, or prejudice that undermines our community and disrupts joy, gladness, relationships, and flourishing life for all people.

People of St. Andrew, I invite you to profess your faith, reject sin, and affirm your baptismal covenant.

People of God, do you renounce the powers of this world that defy God, including the powers of racism, sexism, queerphobia, homophobia, transphobia, biphobia, and ableism?

We renounce them.

Do you renounce systems of oppression that harm God's children?
We renounce them.

Do you renounce the sins of silence that draw one away from God and neighbor?
We renounce them.

The congregation sings the refrain on facing page.

People of St. Andrew, do you believe in God the Creator?
We believe in you, O God, who spoke all life into being, author of heaven and earth, architect of time, quilter of the cosmos. You shape our bodies from the dust of the ground, and by your breath we are given life.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ?
We believe in you, O God, who became incarnate in Christ Jesus, the Word made flesh, truly divine and truly human. You lived among us to reveal your justice, died among us to break the bonds of sin and death, and were raised among us to bring abundant life.

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?
We believe in you, O God, who transforms us by the Holy Spirit, draws us into community, moves us to action, and inspires us to hope against hope. You breathe new life into a fallen world and equip us to proclaim the good news of resurrecting love. All thanks and praise to you, O God, our beginning and our end. Amen.

People of God, you have made public profession of your faith. Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in holy baptism: to live among God's faithful people, to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper, to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed, to serve all people, following the example of Jesus, and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?

We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.

The congregation sings the refrain on facing page.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

*All are invited to share a sign of peace with one another (handshake, hug, peace sign, etc.).
Placing your hands together in a praying position will signal to those around you that you
prefer not to physically touch others.*

The congregation is seated.

OUR MINISTRY AND MISSION

MEAL

GOD FEEDS US WITH THE PRESENCE OF JESUS CHRIST.

INVITATION TO OFFERING

In worship, we offer our full selves to God, the Source of all that is. We give thanks for the financial resources we have been granted through God's grace to steward in this life. As an act of gratitude and faith, we share these financial resources with our church community.

Contributions to St. Andrew Lutheran Church may be placed in the offering plate or made online (standrewlutheran.com/give). Thank you for your generosity!

OFFERING

“The Silent Stars Shine Down on Us” Thomas Keesecker
Sanctuary Choir

The silent stars shine down on us with bright and sightless eye,
Unmindful of our little earth, of us who live and die.
Are we but grains of stranded sand beside a cosmic sea
That lie unvalued and unseen in such immensity?

Creator of all stars, you came to grace our transient race.
In Christ you spoke a word that broke the silences of space.

Still through that word you call our hearts to know that we are known,
To trust we do not walk through time unvalued and alone.

We see the star the wisemen saw and hope again is stirred.
We track the footprints left in time by your incarnate Word.
We see them climb a lonely hill where Love is left to die
The Love that formed the farthest star and hears the faintest cry.

O Christ, the bright and morning Star whose radiance does not fade,
whose glory filled the universe before the planets played:
come, heal our hearts of blinding doubt till faith shall end in sight.
Shine down upon our darkened earth and conquer sin's long night.

The congregation may stand.

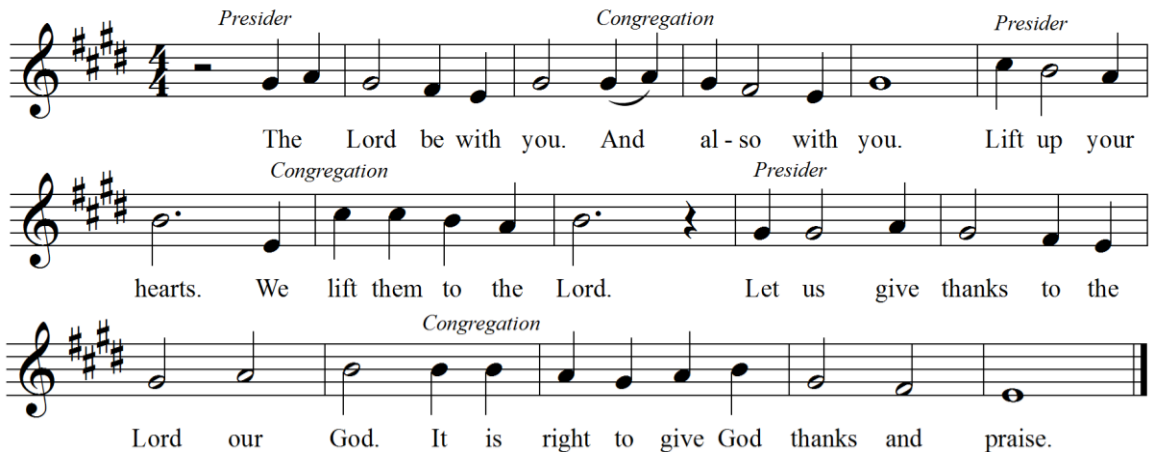
OFFERTORY PRAYER

Let us pray.

Generous God, we give you praise! You liberate us from sin and death by the abundance at this table. Multiply these gifts and fill us with your spirit, so that we may embody Christ and en flesh your radical freedom.

Amen.

DIALOGUE



The musical notation is in 4/4 time and the key signature is three sharps (F#, C#, G#). The first staff is for the *Presider* and the second and third staves are for the *Congregation*.

Presider The Lord be with you. And al-so with you. Lift up your

Congregation hearts. We lift them to the Lord. *Presider* Let us give thanks to the

Congregation Lord our God. It is right to give God thanks and praise.

PREFACE

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly are you, God of pow - er and might;—
Heav-en and earth are filled with your glo - ry, Ho - san-na in the high - est!
Bless - ed is the One who comes in your name.— Ho - san - na in the
high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est!

The musical score is written on a single treble clef staff with a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#). It consists of four lines of music. The first line is in 6/8 time and ends with a fermata. The second line changes to 3/8 time and then back to 6/8. The third line continues in 6/8 time. The fourth line concludes the piece with a double bar line.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is 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.

The congregation is seated.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

The joy of the Lord is our strength. Come, eat this meal of gladness.

All are invited to commune without exception! At the direction of an usher, those wishing to commune may proceed down the center aisle. A piece of gluten-free bread will be placed in your hands. You may dip the bread in the cup of wine (red chalice) or the cup of grape juice (light-colored chalice), or you may choose to partake of the bread only. If you prefer not to receive communion but would like to receive a blessing, please cross your arms across your chest to indicate this preference. If you would like to receive communion in your seat, please alert an usher, and the elements will be brought to you.

LAMB OF GOD

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world: have
 break the chains of hat - red and fear:
 are the way of just - ice and peace:
 are the way of mer - cy and love:

mer - cy on us, mer - cy on us, mer - cy on us.

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world:
 grant us peace, grant us peace, grant us peace.

DISTRIBUTION HYMN

Welcome Table (ACS 969)

The congregation may stand.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

God of grace and mercy, in this holy meal you have fed us with wisdom, forgiveness, and grace, and we are full. By your Spirit send us out to become what we have received – new life in Christ – for the world.

Amen.

BLESSING

May the blessing of God, † Holy One and Holy Three, be with us today and every day, building us into a resilient community that practices justice and radical inclusion.

Amen.

SENDING HYMN

Praise to You, O God of Mercy (ELW 208)

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. You are loved.

Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

“Spirit, Open My Heart”
Lindsey Lane, piano

Marianne Kim

Serving in Worship

Presider: Pastor Allison Bengfort

Preacher: Pastor Allison Bengfort

Assisting Minister:

Sister India Jensen Kerr

Acolyte:

Altar Flowers:

Altar Guild: Kim Taylor Blakemore

Communion Assistants:

Greeter: Dana Blakemore

Lector: Tom Mehlhorn

Musician: Lindsey Lane

Nursery Assistant: Sonja Ackman

Sanctuary Choir: Gretchen Bancroft,

Pat Christiansen, Kristie Gladhill,

Liz Hardy, Julie Larson John Reiser,

Lynn Santelmann, Janet Vorvick,

Carol Werner

Tech Team:

Ushers: Ron & Jan Wismer

Worship Coordinator: Pam Jelineo

Zoom Host:

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