

Sixth Sunday after Epiphany

St. Andrew Lutheran Church

February 16, 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/

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February 16, 2025 | 9:30 AM

Blessings and curses abound on the sixth Sunday after Epiphany. We would do well to listen closely to whom the “blessed are” and the “woe to” are directed and to find our place in the crowd among those who desire to touch Jesus. The risen Christ stands among us in the mystery of the holy supper with an invitation to live in him, and offers power to heal us all.

PRELUDE

“A Little More Faith in Jesus”
Susan Werner Reiser, organ

arr. John W. Work, III

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING WITH RITE OF BAPTISM

PRESENTATION OF THE BAPTISMAL CANDIDATE

Pastor: God, who is rich in mercy and love, gives us a new birth into a living hope through the sacrament of baptism. By water and the Word, God delivers us from sin and death and raises us to new life in Jesus Christ. We are united with all the baptized in the one body of Christ, anointed with the gift of the Holy Spirit, and joined in God’s mission for the life of the world.

Sponsors: We present Nolan England Staat for baptism.

Pastor: Called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have Nolan baptized into Christ?

Parents: We do.

Pastor: As you bring Nolan to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with these responsibilities:

to live with him among God's faithful people,
to bring him to the Word of God and the holy supper,
to teach him the Lord's Prayer, the Creeds, and the Ten Commandments,
to place in his hands the Holy Scriptures,
to nurture him in faith and prayer, so that he may learn to trust God,
to proclaim Christ through word and deed,
to care for others and the world God made,
and to work for justice and peace.

Do you promise to help Nolan grow in the Christian faith and life?

Parents: We do.

Pastor: Sponsors, do you promise to nurture Nolan in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help him live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church?

Sponsors: We do.

Pastor: People of God, do you promise to support Nolan and pray for him in his new life in Christ?

We do.

The congregation may stand.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

I renounce them.

Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

I renounce them.

Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

I renounce them.

Do you believe in God the Creator?

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

The congregation is seated.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

THANKSGIVING AT THE FONT

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight. Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family, and through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection you set us free from the power of sin and death and raise us up to live in you.

Pour out your Holy Spirit, the power of your living Word, that those who are washed in the waters of baptism may be given new life. To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

Amen.

BAPTISM

Nolan England Staat, I baptize you in the name of the Creator, who is our Mother and our Father, in the name of the Son, who is the Christ, and in the name of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

PRAYER OF BLESSING

Let us pray together.

We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your children new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life. Sustain Nolan with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever. Amen.

ANOINTING

Nolan, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

Amen.

PRESENTATION OF THE BAPTISMAL CANDLE

Jesus said, I am the light of the world.

Whoever follows me will have the light of life.

The congregation may stand.

WELCOME

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share!

Join us in giving thanks and praise to God and in bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.

The congregation may applaud.

HYMN OF PRAISE

All Are Welcome, stanzas 1 & 5 (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.

Living God, in Christ you make all things new. Transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your grace, and in the renewal of our lives make known your glory, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

The congregation is seated.

WORD

GOD SPEAKS TO US IN SCRIPTURE READING, PREACHING, AND SONG.

READING

Jeremiah 17:5-10

A reading from Jeremiah.

⁵Cursed are those who trust in mere mortals and make mere flesh their strength, whose hearts turn away from the LORD. ⁶They shall be like a shrub in the desert and shall not see when relief comes. They shall live in the parched places of the wilderness, in an uninhabited salt land. ⁷Blessed are those who trust in the LORD, whose trust is the LORD. ⁸They shall be like a tree planted by water, sending out its roots by the stream. It shall not fear when heat comes, and its leaves shall stay green; in the year of drought it is not anxious, and it does not cease to bear fruit. ⁹The heart is devious above all else; it is perverse – who can understand it? ¹⁰I the LORD test the mind and search the heart, to give to all according to their ways, according to the fruit of their doings.

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!

The holy gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹⁷Jesus came down with the twelve and stood on a level place with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea, Jerusalem, and the coast of Tyre and Sidon. ¹⁸They had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases, and those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. ¹⁹And everyone in the crowd was trying to touch him, for power came out from him and healed all of them. ²⁰Then he looked up at his disciples and said: "Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God. ²¹"Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you will be filled. "Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh. ²²"Blessed are you when people hate you and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. ²³Rejoice on that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven, for that is how their ancestors treated the prophets. ²⁴"But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation. ²⁵"Woe to you who are full now, for you will be hungry. "Woe to you who are laughing now, for you will mourn and weep. ²⁶"Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is how their ancestors treated the false prophets."

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

The congregation is seated.

SERMON

Pastor Allison Bengfort

The congregation may stand.

HYMN OF THE DAY

I Shall Not be Moved



I shall not be, I shall not be moved. I shall not be, I shall not be moved;



like a tree plant-ed by the wa - ter, I shall not be moved.



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| 1 | When my cross is heav - y, | I shall not be moved, |
| 2 | The church of God is march - ing, | I shall not be moved, the |
| 3 | Je - sus is our cap - tain, | I shall not be moved, |
| 4 | Fight - ing sin and Sa - tan, | I shall not be moved, |



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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

God of grace,
hear 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.

MEAL

GOD FEEDS US WITH THE PRESENCE OF JESUS CHRIST.

STEWARDSHIP PRESENTATION & TESTIMONY

INVITATION TO OFFERING

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

“Take Me to the Water” arr. Susan Werner Reiser
The Saint Andrew Sisters

Take me to the water, take me to the water to be baptized.

I love Jesus, I love Jesus, oh, yes, I do.

He’s my Savior, he’s my Savior, oh yes, he is.

Glory hallelujah, glory hallelujah to be baptized.

The congregation may stand.

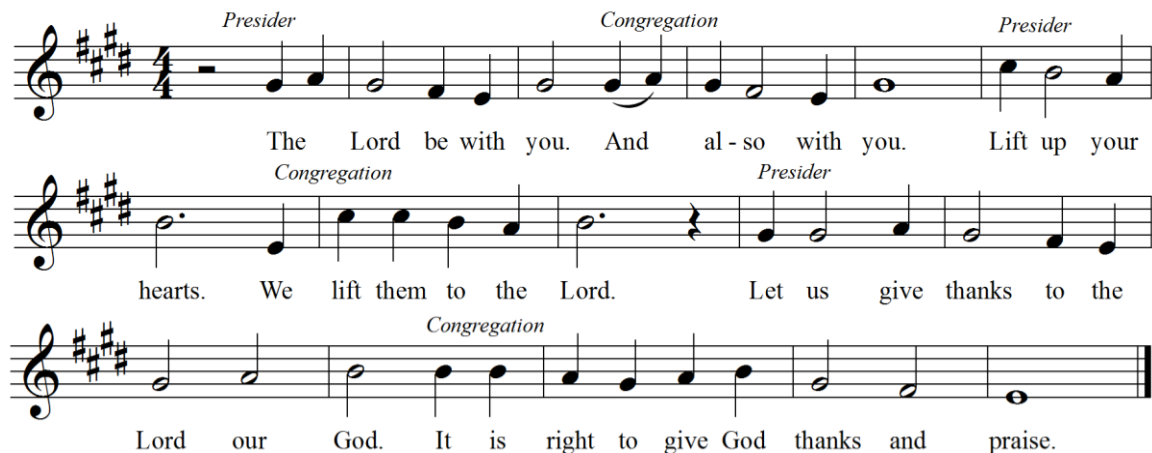
OFFERTORY PRAYER

Let us pray.

God of grace, your love reaches to the heavens, and your abundance to the depths of the seas. Bless what we offer to your service: our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts. Let us overflow with gratitude and generosity, now and always.

Amen.

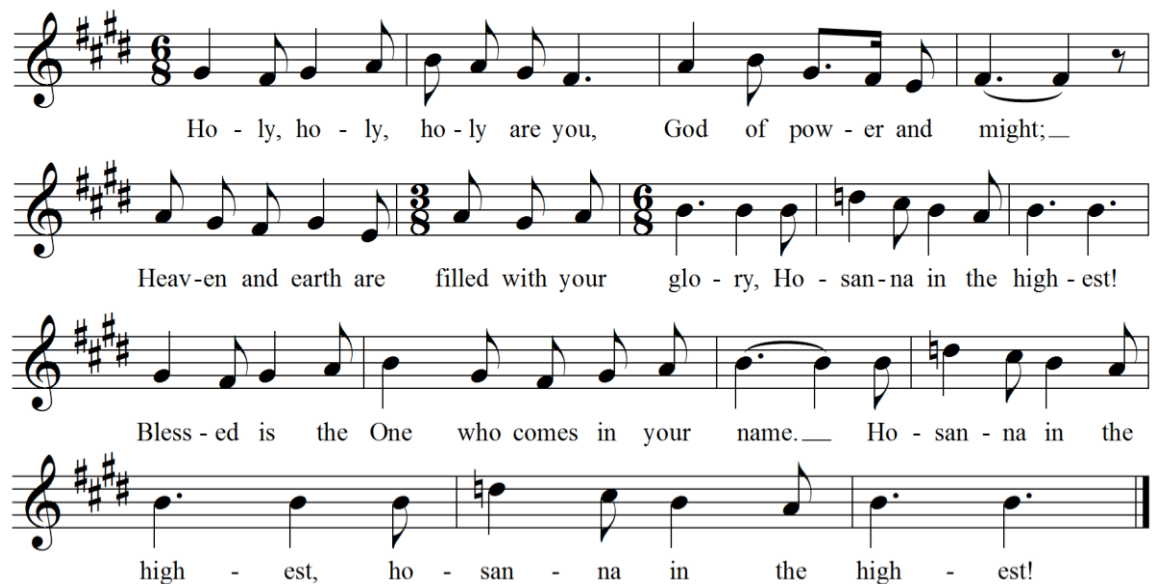
DIALOGUE



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!

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

Christ, Be Our Light (ELW 715)

The congregation may stand.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

Nourishing God, at this table you have refreshed us with holy gifts of food and drink. Strengthen us for service, and send us out to embody your good news of liberation and healing for the sake of the world. In the name of Christ we pray,

Amen.

SENDING

GOD BLESSES US AND SENDS US IN MISSION TO THE WORLD.

SENDING OF EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Eternal God, whose glory is revealed in the crucified and risen Christ: Bless those who go forth to share your word and sacrament with our absent siblings. In your love and care, nourish and strengthen those to whom we bring this communion that we may all feast upon your abundant love made known in Jesus Christ.

Amen.

BLESSING

The Spirit of the triune God † bless you with joy, anoint you with compassion, and send you in love.

Amen.

SENDING HYMN

Canticle of the Turning (ELW 723)

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Live in hope.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

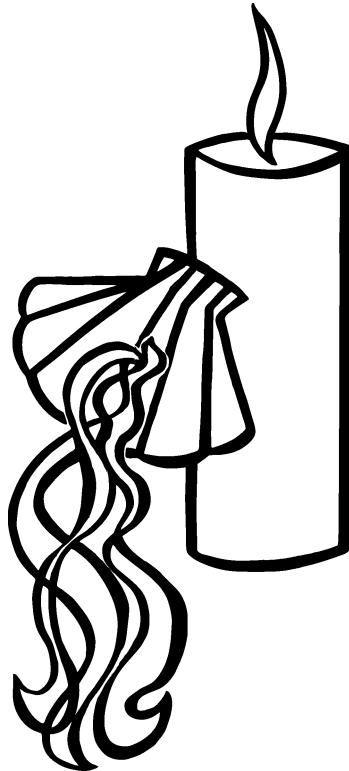
“Talk About a Child that Do Love Jesus”
Susan Werner Reiser, organ

setting by
Calvin Taylor

Serving in Worship

Presider: Pastor Allison Bengfort
Preacher: Pastor Allison Bengfort
Assisting Minister: Tom Mehlhorn
Acolyte:
Altar Flowers:
Altar Guild: Patty Jones
Communion Assistants:
Julie & Jim Aageson
Greeters: Patty Jones, Bobbie Larson
Lector: Pat Christiansen

Musician: Susan Werner Reiser
Nursery Attendants:
Saint Andrew Sisters:
Gretchen Bancroft, Libby Calhoun,
Kristie Gladhill, Janet Vorvick
Tech Team: Chase Isaacson
Ushers: Mike & Linda McDowall
Worship Coordinator: Pat Christiansen
Zoom Host: Marlan Bell



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