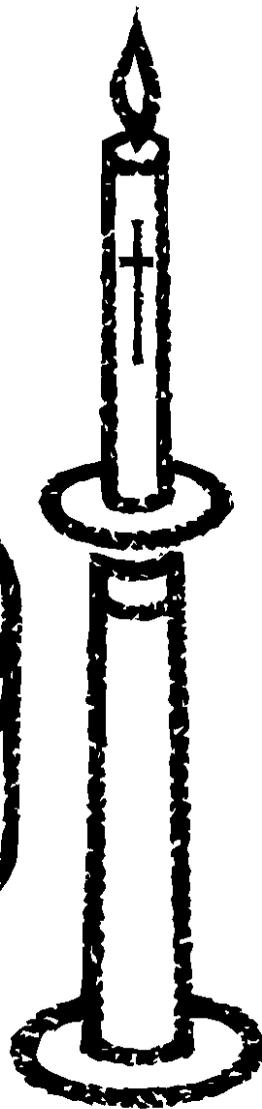
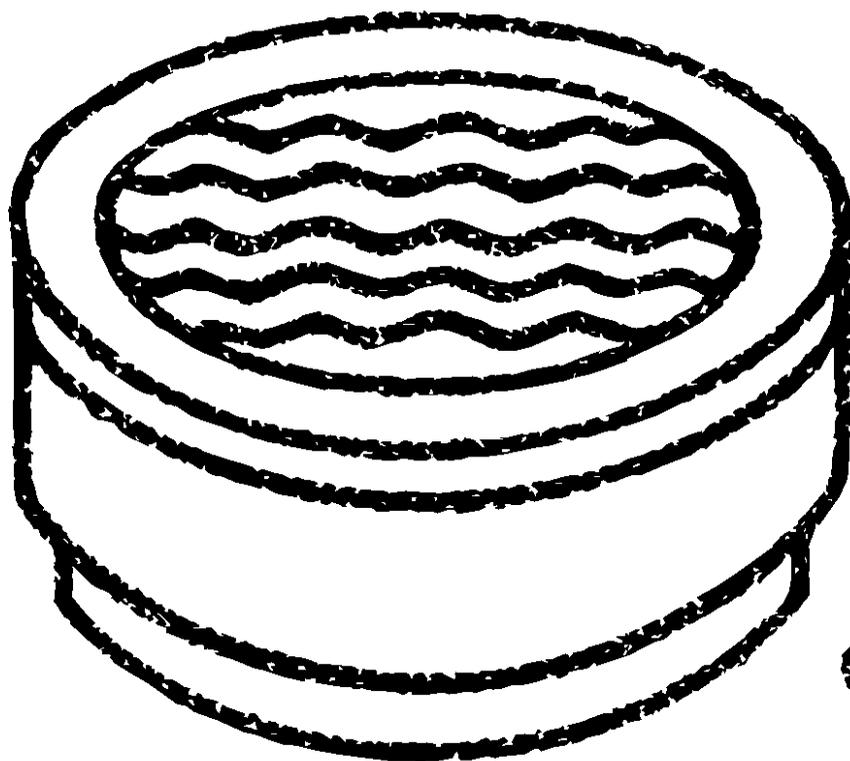


Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

St. Andrew Lutheran Church

February 1, 2026



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, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, 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 understand that being truly welcoming involves actively working against racism, heteronormativity, sexism, transphobia, ageism, ableism, classism, and other forces that seek to divide and oppress. We commit to continuing 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. Starting 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. An all-gender, ADA-compliant restroom will be found to your left, near the door to the kitchen.

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

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Who are the blessed ones of God? For Micah, they are those who do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with God. For Paul, they are the ones who find wisdom in the weakness of the cross. For Jesus, they are the poor, the meek, the merciful, the pure in heart, the peacemakers, those who mourn, and those who hunger for righteousness. In baptism we find our blessed identity and calling in this countercultural way of living and serving.

PRELUDE

Blessed Are They, Donald Walters
John Gladen and Janice Fairlee

GATHERING WITH RITE OF BAPTISM

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

The congregation may stand.

GATHERING HYMN

What Is the World Like | ACS 1047, vs. 1-3

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.

Pastor: Sponsors, who do you present today?

Sponsors: We present Brandt Frederick Schafer and Reese JanMarie Schafer for baptism.

Pastor: Parents, called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have Brandt and Reese baptized into Christ?

Parents: We do.

Pastor: As you bring Brandt and Reese to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with the following responsibilities: to live with them among God's faithful people, to bring them to the word of God and the holy supper, to

teach them the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments, to place in their hands the holy scriptures, and to nurture them in faith and prayer, so that they may learn to trust God, proclaim Christ through word and deed, care for others and the world God made, and work for justice and peace. Do you promise to help Brandt and Reese grow in the Christian faith and life?

Parents: We do.

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

Sponsors: We do.

Pastor: People of God, do you promise to support Brandt and Reese and pray for them in their new life in Christ?

Congregation: **We do.**

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

Pr. Allison Bengfort

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

Brandt Frederick Schafer, 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.

Reese JanMarie Schafer, 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 Brandt and Reese 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

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

Amen.

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

Amen.

PRESENTATION OF GIFTS

PRESENTATION OF THE BAPTISMAL CANDLE

Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Creator in heaven.

WELCOME

Let us share a declaration of welcome with 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.

*Elementary-aged children (grades K-5) are dismissed to attend The Roots Children's Church,
which is led by trained St. Andrew volunteers and located in the children's library downstairs.
Parents are welcome to observe if interested.
The children will return to worship in time to receive communion.*

BAPTISMAL HYMN

What Is the World Like | ACS 1047, vs. 4-5

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 together.

**Holy God, you confound the world's wisdom in giving your kingdom to
the lowly and the pure in heart. Give us such a hunger and thirst for
justice, and perseverance in striving for peace, that in our words and deeds
the world may see the life of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**

Amen.

READING

Micah 6:1-8

A reading from Micah.

¹Hear what the LORD says: Rise, plead your case before the mountains, and let the hills hear your voice. ²Hear, you mountains, the case of the LORD, and you enduring foundations of the earth, for the LORD has a case against God's people, and will contend with Israel.

³"O my people, what have I done to you? In what have I wearied you? Answer me! ⁴For I brought you up from the land of Egypt and redeemed you from the house of slavery, and I sent before you Moses, Aaron, and Miriam. ⁵O my people, remember now what King Balak of Moab devised, what Balaam son of Beor answered him, and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal, that you may know the saving acts of the LORD."

⁶"With what shall I come before the LORD and bow myself before God on high? Shall I come before God with burnt offerings, with calves a year old? ⁷Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousands of rivers of oil? Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?" ⁸God has told you, O mortal, what is good, and what does the LORD require of you but to do justice and to love kindness and to walk humbly with your God?

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 15

The congregation is invited to speak the psalm responsively.

¹LORD, who may dwell in your tabernacle?
Who may abide upon your holy hill?

**²Those who lead a blameless life and do what is right,
who speak the truth from their heart;**

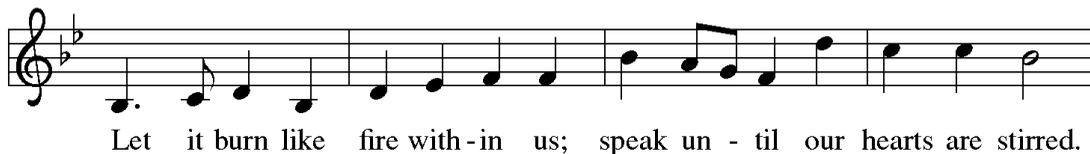
³they do not slander with the tongue, they do no evil to their friends;
they do not cast discredit upon a neighbor.

**⁴In their sight the wicked are rejected,
but they honor those who fear the LORD.
They have sworn upon their health and do not take back their word.**

⁵They do not give their money in hope of gain,
nor do they take bribes against the innocent.
Those who do these things shall never be overthrown.

The congregation may stand.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL

Matthew 5:1-12

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

¹When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain, and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. ²And he began to speak and taught them, saying: ³“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. ⁴Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. ⁵Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. ⁶Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. ⁷Blessed are the merciful, for they

will receive mercy. ⁸Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.
⁹Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.
¹⁰Blessed are those who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. ¹¹Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. ¹²Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.”

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

The congregation is seated.

SERMON

Pr. Allison Bengfort

The congregation may stand.

HYMN OF THE DAY

When the Poor Ones | ELW 725

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.

STEWARDSHIP PRESENTATION & TESTIMONY

INVITATION TO OFFERING

Contributions to St. Andrew Lutheran Church may be placed in the offering plate or made online by scanning the QR code to the right. Thank you for your generosity!



OFFERING

*Ubi Caritas, Becki Slagle Mayo
Sanctuary Choir, directed by John Gladen*

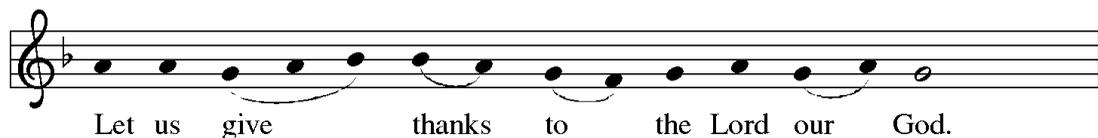
The congregation may stand.

OFFERING SONG

A musical score for a song in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The score consists of five staves of music with lyrics underneath. The lyrics are: "Where your treas - ure is, there your heart shall be. All that you pos - sess will nev - er set you free. Seek the things that last; come and learn from me. Where your treas - ure is, your heart shall be." The music features a mix of quarter, eighth, and sixteenth notes, with some rests and a final double bar line at the end.

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heart shall be. All that you pos - sess will nev - er set you
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DIALOGUE



PREFACE

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,



heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san - na in the high - est.



Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. 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 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.

SENDING

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

BLESSING

May the triune God, who has put a new song in your mouth and tuned your heart for praise † bless you now and forever.

Amen.

SENDING HYMN

Rise Up, O Saints of God! | ELW 669

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Do justice. Love mercy.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Serving Today in Worship

Presiding Minister: Pr. Allison Bengfort
Preacher: Pr. Allison Bengfort
Assisting Minister: LuAnn Staul
Altar Guild: Kim Taylor-Blakemore
Communion Assistant:
Lector: Mary Smith
Musician: Lindsey Lane

Nursery Assistant: Amy Peahl
Tech Team: Jim McGarvey,
Chase Isaacson
Usher: Dana Taylor-Blakemore
Welcome Team: Kim Taylor-Blakemore
Worship Coordinator: Pat Christiansen
Zoom Host: Marlan Bell

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