

# Baptism of Our Lord

St. Andrew Lutheran Church

January 11, 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/](http://standrewlutheran.com/worship/worship-bulletins/)

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*In the waters of the Jordan, Jesus is revealed as the beloved Son of God. Through this great epiphany, Jesus fulfills all righteousness and becomes the servant of God who will bring forth justice and be a light to the nations. In the waters of baptism we too are washed by the Word, anointed by the Spirit, and named God's beloved children. Our baptismal mission is to proclaim good news to all who are oppressed or in need of God's healing.*

PRELUDE

*Wie schoen leuchtet die Morgenstern, Dietrich Buxtehude*

## **GATHERING WITH RITE OF BAPTISM**

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WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*The congregation may stand.*

GATHERING HYMN

Baptized in Water | ELW 456, vs. 1 & 2

PRESENTATION OF THE BAPTISMAL CANDIDATE

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.

Today, we have one candidate for baptism: Winslow Cory Brooks.

Wink, called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to be baptized into Christ?

*Baptismal Candidate:* I do.

Wink, as you come to receive the gift of baptism, do you promise to be faithful to your baptismal covenant: 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?

*Candidate:* I do.

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

**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

Winslow Cory Brooks, 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 Wink 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

Winslow Cory Brooks, 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!**

**Together, we will give thanks and praise to God and share God's love with all the world.**

*The congregation may applaud.*

*Elementary-aged children (grades K-5) are dismissed to attend The Roots Children's Church.*

## BAPTISMAL HYMN

Baptized in Water | ELW 456, vs. 3

## 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.

**O God our Creator, at the baptism of Jesus you proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit. Make all who are baptized into Christ faithful to their calling to be your children, and empower us all with your Spirit, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

## **WORD**

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

## READING

Acts 10:34-43

A reading from Acts.

<sup>34</sup>Peter began to speak to Cornelius and his household: “I truly understand that God shows no partiality, <sup>35</sup>but in every people anyone who fears God and practices righteousness is acceptable to God. <sup>36</sup>You know the message God sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. <sup>37</sup>That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: <sup>38</sup>how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how Jesus went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. <sup>39</sup>We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree, <sup>40</sup>but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, <sup>41</sup>not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. <sup>42</sup>He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. <sup>43</sup>All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

<sup>1</sup>Ascribe to the LORD, you gods, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.

**<sup>2</sup>Ascribe to the LORD the glory due God's name;  
worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.**

<sup>3</sup>The voice of the LORD is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders;  
the LORD is upon the mighty waters.

**<sup>4</sup>The voice of the LORD is a powerful voice;  
the voice of the LORD is a voice of splendor.**

<sup>5</sup>The voice of the LORD breaks the cedar trees;  
the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon;

**<sup>6</sup>the LORD makes Lebanon skip like a calf,  
and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.**

<sup>7</sup>The voice of the LORD bursts forth in lightning flashes.

**<sup>8</sup>The voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness;  
the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.**

<sup>9</sup>The voice of the LORD makes the oak trees writhe and strips the forests bare.  
And in the temple of the LORD all are crying, "Glory!"

**<sup>10</sup>The LORD sits enthroned above the flood;  
the LORD sits enthroned as king forevermore.**

<sup>11</sup>O LORD, give strength to your people;  
give them, O LORD, the blessings of peace.

*The congregation may stand.*

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



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



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

## GOSPEL

Matthew 3:13-17

The holy gospel according to Matthew.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>13</sup>Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. <sup>14</sup>John would have prevented him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?" <sup>15</sup>But Jesus answered him, "Let it be so now, for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness." Then he consented. <sup>16</sup>And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw God's Spirit descending like a dove and alighting on him. <sup>17</sup>And a voice from the heavens said, "This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased."

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

Christ, When for Us You Were Baptized | ELW 304

*The congregation is seated.*

## WELCOMING NEW MEMBERS THROUGH AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM

Dear friends, we give thanks for the gift of baptism and for these beloveds, one with us in the body of Christ, whom we welcome as new members into the life and ministry of this congregation.

*New members may introduce themselves.*

In baptism, we are welcomed into the body of Christ and sent to share in the mission of God. We are called 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.

Siblings in Christ, do you intend to continue in the covenant of your baptism among God's people in this place?

*New Members:* We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.

People of St. Andrew, do you promise to support and pray for these new members in their life in Christ?

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

Let us share a declaration of welcome with these new members.

**We welcome you into the St. Andrew community and into the mission we share! Together, we will give thanks and praise to God and share God's love with all the world.**

*The congregation may applaud.*

## 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.*

## **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 now share these financial resources with our church community.

*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

*To Jordan Came Jesus & This Is My Son, Donald Walters  
John Gladen, soloist*

*The congregation may stand.*

## OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray together.

**Creator of all things, receive the gifts we offer as signs of our gratitude and hope for a more loving world. We consecrate our gifts to you to support the work of the church. Grant us the courage to also consecrate our whole selves to you, today and every day. Amen.**

## DIALOGUE

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

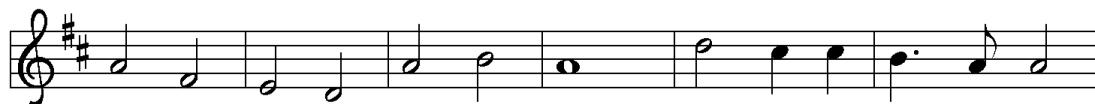
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The musical score is written on four staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. Each staff contains a melody line with lyrics underneath. The first staff has two measures, the second and third have two measures each, and the fourth has two measures. The lyrics are: "The Lord be with you. And al - so with you." (Staff 1), "Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord." (Staff 2), "Let us give thanks to the Lord our God." (Staff 3), and "It is right to give our thanks and praise." (Staff 4).

## PREFACE

## HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r 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.

## 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.*

## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

*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 wine (red chalice) or the grape juice (light-colored chalice), or you may choose to partake of bread only. If you prefer 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 mer-cy on  
us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have  
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the  
sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

## DISTRIBUTION HYMN

Spirit of Gentleness | ELW 396

*The congregation may stand.*

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray together.

**Radiant God, we have seen your glory in the face of Jesus Christ. In the sacrament of his body and blood you have drawn us to your heart. Send us from this table with delight, that our lives may reflect the beauty of your love, and bear witness to all we have seen and heard, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

## ***SENDING***

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

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## 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

Wade in the Water | ELW 459

## DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Do justice. Love mercy.  
**Thanks be to God.**

## POSTLUDE

*Prelude and Fugue in D Minor, J.G. Walther*

## Serving Today in Worship

Presiding Minister: Pr. Allison Bengfort

Preacher: Pr. Allison Bengfort

Assisting Minister: Kristie Gladhill

Altar Guild: Susan Werner Reiser

Communion Assistant:

Lector: Mary Smith

Musicians: Matt Smith, John Gladen

Nursery Assistant: Fran Miller

Tech Team: Jim McGarvey,

Chase Isaacson

Ushers: Ken & Diane Reiner

Worship Coordinator:

Zoom Host: Marlan Bell

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