



St. Andrew's Evangelical Lutheran Church  
January 6, 2019  
**10:30am**



## **A Warm Welcome to St. Andrew's Evangelical Lutheran Church**

*We welcome you to St. Andrew's; we hope you hear God's word and have a good worship experience today. Please sign the guest book with name and address and introduce yourself to the Pastor. If you do not have a church home, please consider St. Andrew's. Nursery is provided during the worship service - please ask an usher if you need directions. School-aged children are encouraged to participate in the worship service.*

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*Please see an usher if you would like a large print bulletin.*

*"Believing in the real presence of Christ, this church practices Eucharistic hospitality. All baptized Christians are welcomed to Communion when they are visiting..."(From the ELCA's sacramental practices statement). Children not yet receiving communion are invited to come forward for a blessing. All those communing should fill out a card located in the pew rack.*

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***"Welcoming generations to grow in Christ as  
disciples through our faith, worship,  
fellowship and service."***

Welcome, Announcements and Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Attendance

Silent Preparation

Prelude

*\*Please stand, as able.*

\*Procession of Light

Reading: Isaiah 60:1-3

“O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright”

**Hymn 308 (vs. 1, 2)**

Reading: Isaiah 60:4-5

Hymn: “O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright”

**Hymn 308 (vs. 3, 4)**

Reading: Isaiah 60:6

Hymn: “O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright”

**Hymn 308 (vs. 5,6)**

\*Dialogue

P: The star shone bright in the Bethlehem sky.

**C: We too have a star to guide us.**

P: The shepherds ran to see the babe.

**C: We too have a star to guide us.**

P: The magi knelt at the child’s feet.

**C: We too have a star to guide us.**

P: Christ shines with God’s own truth and light.

**C: We too have a star to guide us.**

\*Greeting

P: God who sent the Light into our world, who shone in the Bethlehem manger, and who spreads the Spirit’s rays, be with you all.

**C: And also with you.**

\* Hymn of Praise: “The First Noel”

**Hymn 300 (vs 3-5)**

\*Prayer of the Day

P: The Lord be with you. **C: And also with you.**

O God, on this day you revealed your Son to the nations by the leading of a star. Lead us now by faith to know your presence in our lives, and bring us at last to the full vision of your glory, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

*You may be seated.*

Children's Sermon

Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14 (read responsively)

<sup>1</sup>Give the king your justice, O God,  
and your righteousness to the king's son;

<sup>2</sup>**that he may rule your people righteously  
and the poor with justice;**

<sup>3</sup>that the mountains may bring prosperity to the people,  
and the hills, in righteousness.

<sup>4</sup>**Let him defend the needy among the people,  
rescue the poor, and crush the oppressor.**

<sup>5</sup>May he live as long as the sun and moon endure,  
from one generation to another.

<sup>6</sup>**Let him come down like rain upon the mown field,  
like showers that water the earth.**

<sup>7</sup>In his time may the righteous flourish;  
and let there be an abundance of peace till the moon shall be no

more.

<sup>10</sup>**May the kings of Tarshish and of the isles pay tribute,  
and the kings of Sheba and Seba offer gifts.**

<sup>11</sup>May all kings bow down before him,  
and all the nations do him service.

<sup>12</sup>**For the king delivers the poor who cry out in distress,  
the oppressed, and those who have no helper.**

<sup>13</sup>He has compassion on the lowly and poor,  
and preserves the lives of the needy.

<sup>14</sup>**From oppression and violence he redeems their lives,  
and precious is their blood in his sight.**

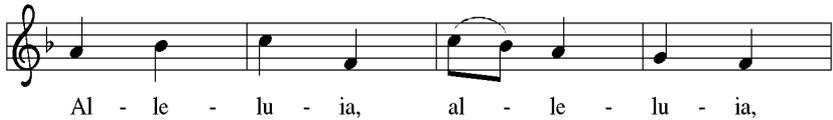
Reading: Ephesians 3:1-12

<sup>1</sup>This is the reason that I Paul am a prisoner for Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles—<sup>2</sup>for surely you have already heard of the commission of God’s grace that was given me for you, <sup>3</sup>and how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I wrote above in a few words, <sup>4</sup>a reading of which will enable you to perceive my understanding of the mystery of Christ. <sup>5</sup>In former generations this mystery was not made known to humankind, as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: <sup>6</sup>that is, the Gentiles have become fellow heirs, members of the same body, and sharers in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.

<sup>7</sup>Of this gospel I have become a servant according to the gift of God’s grace that was given me by the working of his power. <sup>8</sup>Although I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given to me to bring to the Gentiles the news of the boundless riches of Christ, <sup>9</sup>and to make everyone see what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things; <sup>10</sup>so that through the church the wisdom of God in its rich variety might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. <sup>11</sup>This was in accordance with the eternal purpose that he has carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord, <sup>12</sup>in whom we have access to God in boldness and confidence through faith in him.  
The Word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

*\*Please stand, as able.*

*\*Gospel Acclamation*



*Repeat alleluia*



\*Gospel: Matthew 2:1-12; **C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup>In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, <sup>2</sup>asking, “Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage.” <sup>3</sup>When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; <sup>4</sup>and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. <sup>5</sup>They told him, “In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet:

<sup>6</sup>‘And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,  
are by no means least among the rulers of Judah;  
for from you shall come a ruler  
who is to shepherd my people Israel.’”

<sup>7</sup>Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. <sup>8</sup>Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, “Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage.” <sup>9</sup>When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. <sup>10</sup>When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. <sup>11</sup>On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. <sup>12</sup>And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.  
P: The Gospel of the Lord. **C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

*You may be seated.*

Sermon

*\*Please stand as able.*

\*Hymn of the Day:

“We Three Kings of Orient Are”

**WOV 646**

*(Congregation sings only verses 1 and 5 and all refrains)*

**\*Nicene Creed**

**We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father;  
through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary  
and became truly human.  
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen**

\*The Prayers:

P: Dwelling in the presence of God with us, let us boldly pray for the church, the world, and all in any need. *A brief silence. Each petition ends:*

A: Hear us, O God. **C: Your mercy is great.**

After the final petition:

P: Trusting in the presence of God by the power of the Holy Spirit, we commend all for whom we pray, dwelling in the light and hope of Christ, our Savior. **C: Amen.**

P: The Peace of Christ be with you always.

**C: And also with you.**

*All may greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

The Offering

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cell phone browser and select tithely.



Anthem: “The Bright and Morning Star”~ Henry Kihlken

**Meal**

*\*Please stand, if able.*

\*Offertory Response: “What Child Is This”

**Hymn 296 (vs. 3)**

\*Offering Prayer:

A: Holy God, your beauty shines forth from the manger and your love flows from the cross. As you gather us around these signs of your love come among us, warm us to extend your care among the hungry and all in need. In Jesus’ name we pray.

**C: Amen.**

\*Great Thanksgiving

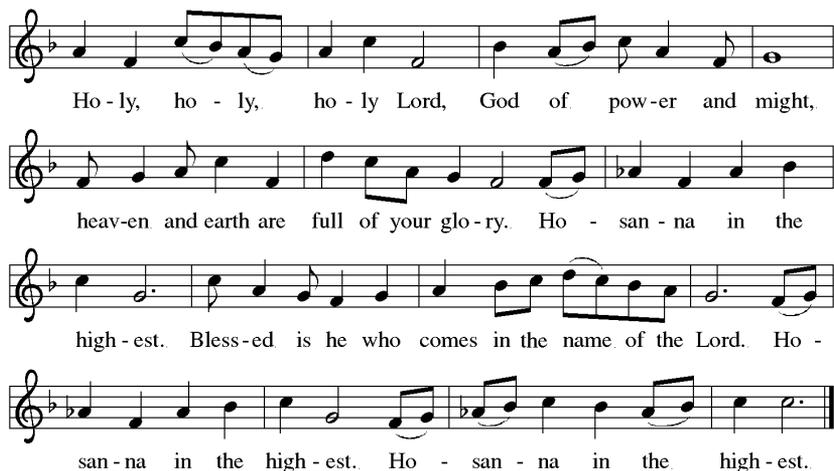
P: The Lord be with you. **C: And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts. **C: We lift them up to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise.....we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



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

P: Holy One, the beginning and the end, the giver of life:  
 Blessed are you for the birth of creation.  
 Blessed are you in the darkness and in the light.  
 Blessed are you for your promise to your people.  
 Blessed are you in the prophets' hopes and dreams.  
 Blessed are you for Mary's openness to your will.  
 Blessed are you for your Son Jesus, the Word made flesh.

In the night in which he was betrayed,  
 our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;  
 broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
 Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.  
 Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for  
 all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood,  
 shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do  
 this for the remembrance of me.

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

C: **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

P: With this bread and cup we remember your Word dwelling  
 among us, full of grace and truth. We remember our new birth  
 in his death and resurrection. We look with hope for his coming.

C: **Come, Lord Jesus.**

P: Holy God, we long for your Spirit. Come among us. Bless this meal. May your Word take flesh in us. Awaken your people. Fill us with your light. Bring the gift of peace on earth.

C: **Come, Holy Spirit.**

P: All praise and glory are yours, Holy One of Israel, Word of God incarnate, Power of the Most High, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

\*Lord's Prayer

**Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

*Communion today will be at the rail.*

*All baptized Christians are welcome to receive the sacrament.*

*Please notify a communion assistant if you need a gluten free wafer.*



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.

Distribution Hymns: 294, 301, 303

*\*Please stand, if able.*

*\*Post Communion Prayer*

A: God of wonder, in Jesus we behold the light of the world come near. As you have come among us now, send us out in joy, hastening to share the good news of your love. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit dwelling among us now and forever. **C: Amen.**

### *Sending*

*\*Blessing*

P: God the Creator who delights in you, Jesus the Savior who is born for you, and the lifegiving Spirit who shines on you, ☩ bless you and keep you in hope and peace.

C: **Amen.**

*\*Sending Hymn: "As with Gladness Men of Old"*

**Hymn 302**

*\*Dismissal*

A: Go in peace. Share the joy of Christ.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

### **IN OUR PRAYERS:**

Rob Arner, Sandy Bartholomew, John Belloff, Linda Benfield, Micky Berchok, Family of Jackie Cadwallader, Dale Caya, Kaitlyn Cressman, Ernie Feusner, Sheri Freed, Jackie Gebhard, Otto Geyer, Family of Edward Germann Jr., Family of Ruth Ann Grim, Marie Hartley, Joanne Heckler, Walton Horne, Kathy Hunsburger, Mary Jowett, Kathryn Ketterer, Carson Kinnach, Madelyne Lafferty, Family of Ethel Leatherman, Dolores Los, Justin Marles, Joe McDonald, Frank Metzger, Mary Miller, Family of Fred Patton, Family of Lyman Pelkey, Ella Grace Rassouli, Family of Jean Rathgeber, Pastor Jack Saarela, Bill Savacool, Cooper Schea, Donna Schmidt, Shirley Schoelkoph, Bentley Seachrist, Betty Seagreaves, Phil Seagreaves, Akiko Sentosto, Hiroyuki Sentoso, Jack Smykal, Family of Karen Stanlaw, Barbara Staats, Jim Steeley, Ed Stepnowski, Viaya Sundaesan, Jessie Sweeney, Jason Tomchak, Gerry Truman, Lester Tyson, Hannah Walker, Family of Art Walter, Jeanette Walter, Family of Craig Wenhold, Judy Yochum, Mildred Yoder. ***Please call the church office with additions and/or deletions.***

*Because of your support, we were able to meet our expenses again for the year. Thank you for your generosity!*

Attendance at last Sunday's 10:30 am service was 80. Receipts for the General Fund were \$8113.00 and \$3855.00 for Releasing Our Potential. Attendance at 12/23 8:00am service was 12 and the 10:30am service was 141. Receipts for the General Fund were \$8530.50 and \$5160.00 for Releasing Our Potential. Budgeted receipts needed weekly for General Fund in 2018 are \$5740.00.

Attendance at the Longest Eve Service was 15 and receipts were \$90.00.

Attendance at the 4pm Christmas Eve Service was 220 and the 8:00pm service was 118. Combined receipts for the General Fund were \$7239.00.

The **FLOWERS** are sponsored this week by Jamie & Lynne Wescott in celebration of their son Todd's Birthday.

The **BULLETINS** are sponsored this week by Sue Grady in celebration of Cate's Birthday.

The **MISSIONARY SPONSORS** this week are Fred & Taffy Schea.

The **COFFEE HOUR** is sponsored this week by Mary Beck & Pat Gahman.

## **CONGREGATIONAL NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**SHARED MINISTRY COORDINATOR**- As you know, after doing a wonderful job, Jane Walker needs to step down as our Shared Ministry Coordinator. We are seeking a candidate from the congregation to fill this role beginning February 1<sup>st</sup>. If you are interested in a job description, please see one of the Pastors or Michele Boyle.

**BIBLE STUDY**- Our monthly daytime Bible Study group will meet on Thursday, **January 10th at 11:00 a.m.** in the Augsburg Room. Join us for study, prayer, and fellowship.

**EVENING BIBLE STUDY**- The small group evening Bible study at Lutheran Community at Telford will meet on January 10th at 7:00pm. We are studying the parables; please read Luke 18:9-14. Please contact Everett at (215) 813-0163 if you are interested.

**BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENINGS** will take place in the Augsburg room on January 13<sup>th</sup> after the 10:0am worship service.

**DEADLINE** for Annual Report submissions is Monday, January 14th. Annual Reports will be e-mailed and hard copies made available in the Narthex the week prior to the meeting.

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR!** We will have a fundraiser at Perkasio Pizza & Pasta for ASP on the following dates: Jan. 14, Feb. 11, Mar. 11, Apr. 8, May 13 & June 10. We will receive 10% of the day's proceeds to apply to our trip this year.

**ST. ANDREW'S READING GROUP-** will meet the third Thursday every other month at 7:00pm in the library. Both men and women welcome! The upcoming books are: Thursday January 17- *The Water is Wide* by Pat Conroy, Thursday March 21- *Atomic City Girls* by Janet Beard

**INTERCULTURAL COFFEE HOUR-** The Evangelism Committee is hosting an intercultural coffee hour on Sunday January 20th. Join us following Worship in Fellowship Hall and bring a snack, dessert, picture, clothing or another item that represents your family heritage.

**THEOLOGY ON TAP-** will meet at Free Will Brewing Co. on Tuesday, January 22nd at 7:00pm. Please bring a snack to share.

**PHANTOMS TICKETS-** We will have a group outing to the Phantoms hockey game on March 2 at 7 PM. Tickets are \$20 each. Contact Fred Schea at 215-822-0420 or see him in Church by January 31<sup>st</sup> to reserve a ticket.

**SOUPER BOWL OF CARING-** On February 3, 2019 please bring a one dollar bill and a can of soup for the Souper Bowl of Caring. All food items will be donated to our local food pantry, Pennridge FISH. All money donated will be given to ELCA World Hunger Appeal.

**MOVIE NIGHT-** Evangelism will host a movie night on February 7th at 7:00 pm in Fellowship Hall. Movie is TBD. Popcorn, iced tea, and lemonade will be provided.

**CONGREGATIONAL ANNUAL MEETING** will take place on February 10<sup>th</sup> after the 10:30am Worship Service. Annual Reports will be e-mailed and hard copies made available in the Narthex the week prior to the meeting.

**YOUTH MINISTRY VISION RETREAT FOR PARENTS,**

**ADULTS, & TEENS-** The retreat will take place on Saturday, February 23, 9am-4:30pm at Per Diem Space, 528 W Market St., Perkasio. The retreat will focus on setting the climate, culture, vision, and goals for Christian ministry with children, youth and young adults. Please RSVP to [pastorsullivan@standrewsperkasio.org](mailto:pastorsullivan@standrewsperkasio.org).

**INCLEMENT WEATHER REMINDER-** If we need to cancel a service because of bad weather, we will send an e-mail, post on our website and Facebook and put a message on our phone answering system.

**BENEVOLENCE OF THE MONTH**- The Keystone Opportunity Center offers social services to community members in need with the goal of making them self-sufficient. The Keystone staff works with a multitude of volunteers to:

- House the Homeless in Upper Bucks and Montgomery Counties - providing a continuum of support from Homelessness Prevention to Emergency and Transitional Shelter and ultimately to Permanent Housing with case management across the board to help our families successfully maintain wholesome, safe housing.
- Feed the Hungry – operate a food pantry to help provide meals for a multitude of families in need in the Souderton Area School District.
- Educate Adults including Parents and their Children - Keystone helps to provide information to manage life situations such as parenting education, GED attainment and ESL.

## **THIS WEEK AT ST. ANDREW'S...**

### **Sunday, 1/6:**

8:00am- Worship  
9:00am- Sunday School  
10:30am- Holy Communion

### **Tuesday, 1/8**

9:00am- Lil Peeps  
6:30pm- Yoga  
7:00pm- Council  
7:00pm- AA  
8:00pm- AA

### **Wednesday, 1/9:**

9:00am- Lil Peeps  
6:30pm- Confirmation  
7:45pm- Choir  
8:00pm- AA

### **Thursday, 1/10:**

9:00am- Lil Peeps  
11:00am- Bible Study  
1:30pm- Coffee and  
5:00pm- Girl Scouts  
7:00pm- Bible Study

### **Saturday, 1/12:**

Young Adults Christmas Party

### **Sunday, 1/13:**

8:00am- Holy Communion  
9:00am- Sunday School  
10:30am- Worship, Baptism, Social Ministry  
Meeting after Worship  
12-2:30pm- Rental

## THOSE SERVING TODAY

ASSISTING MINISTER	8:00am- Jane Walker 10:30am- Doug Milliken
ACOLYTE	8:00am- Nate Walker 10:30am- Caden Hamman
CROSSBEARER	Alli Reilly
ALTAR GUILD	10:30am set-up: Marianne Moyer Clear & Flowers: Jane Fallstick
COOKIE PATROL	Sue Grady
COMMUNION ASSISTANTS	10:30am: Gerry Schmidt, Jamie Wescott, Lynne Wescott
COUNTERS	John Piazza (L), Sue Reilly, Brooke Germann, Cayle Hamman
DELIVER ALTAR FLOWERS	Mark & Joyce Ludescher
GREETERS	Pat Gahman, Mary Beck
COUNCIL SENDER	Tim Belloff
NURSERY	Sue Kraekel, Kyla Frederick
LECTOR	8:00am- Sarah Moyer 10:30am- Lynne Wescott



Happy Birthday to our members who are  
celebrating Birthdays this week:

6	Catherine Koch	8	Marianne Zolnierz
9	Brian Bedford	10	Christina Martes
11	Nancy Knapp		