



First Sunday in Advent

St. Andrew's Evangelical Lutheran Church
December 2, 2018
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.

This Facility is equipped with a hearing assistance system. Please ask an usher for a receiver.

"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.*

*Opening Hymn “Lo! He Comes with Clouds Descending” **Hymn 435**

*Confession

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, the Lord of Israel who comes to set us free, the mighty Savior who comes to show mercy, the Dawn from on high who guides us into peace.

C: Amen.

P: Let us come before God in confession.

Please sit or kneel as able. Silence is kept for reflection.

P: To you, O God,

C: we lift up our souls. You know us through and through; we confess our sins to you. Remember not our sins; remember us with your steadfast love. Show us your ways; teach us your paths; and lead us in justice and truth, for the sake of your goodness in Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

P: Children of God, come with joy and draw water from the well of salvation. Remember the gift of baptism: your sin is washed away in the name of † Jesus; you belong to Christ; you are anointed to serve. Stand up and raise your heads! The reign of God is near.

C: Amen.

*Greeting

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

* Hymn of Praise: “Blessed Be the God of Israel” **Hymn 250 (vs. 1 &3)**

*Prayer of the Day

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

Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. By your merciful protection alert us to the threatening dangers of our sins, and redeem us for your life of justice, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

You may be seated.

First Reading: Jeremiah 33:14-16

¹⁴The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. ¹⁵In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. ¹⁶In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: "The Lord is our righteousness."

The Word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

Lighting of the First Advent Candle

Hymn 261 (vs. 1)

(Children are invited to come forward for the lighting of the advent candle)

P: At every beginning there is a yearning for the one who is coming.
O Emmanuel,

C: Wake us up to your coming.

A: We gather together to expect the unexpected and imagine the unimaginable. O Emmanuel,

C: Wake us up to your coming.

P: We wait for the day when God will recycle tanks into tractors and transform minefields into soccer fields. O Emmanuel,

C: Wake us up to your coming.

A: We stay awake by telling stories that offer a glimmer of a future and agitate dormant hope within us. O Emmanuel,

C: Wake us up to your coming.

P: Jesus, we welcome your presence now with the lighting of this candle, whose flame brings warmth to winter and fills this place with the glow of hope.

C: Amen.

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

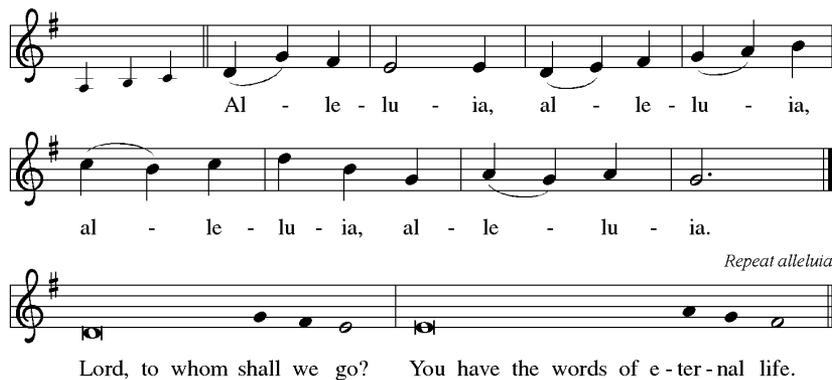
⁹How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? ¹⁰Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith.

¹¹Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. ¹²And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. ¹³And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

The Word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

**Please stand, as able.*

***Gospel Acclamation**



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.
Repeat alleluia
Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

***Gospel: Luke 21:25-36; C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus said:] ²⁵“There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. ²⁶People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. ²⁷Then they will see ‘the Son of Man coming in a cloud’ with power and great glory. ²⁸Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.”

²⁹Then he told them a parable: “Look at the fig tree and all the trees; ³⁰as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. ³¹So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. ³²Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. ³³Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

³⁴“Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day does not catch you unexpectedly, ³⁵like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. ³⁶Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.”

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: “Lost in the Night”**

Hymn 243

Receiving of New Member

Affirmation of Baptism

Presentation

P: Dear friends, we give thanks for the gift of baptism as we come before God to make public affirmation of baptism into Christ.

P: Let us pray.

Merciful God, we thank you that you have made us your own by water and the Word in baptism. You have called us to yourself, enlightened us with the gifts of your Spirit, and nourished us in the community of faith. Uphold us and all your servants in the gifts and promises of baptism, and unite the hearts of all whom you have brought to new birth. We ask this in the name of Christ. **Amen.**

Profession of Faith

P: Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God, the powers of this world that rebel against God, and the ways of sin that draw you from God?

New Member Response:

I renounce them.

**Please stand as able.*

P: Do you believe in God the Father?

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

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

C: 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.

P: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

C: 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.

P: 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?

NM: I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.

P: People of God, do you promise to support and pray for one another in your life in Christ?

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

P: Let us pray.

We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give us new birth, cleanse us from sin, and raise us to eternal life. Stir up in your people 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.**

You may be seated.

*The Prayers:

P: As we await the coming of Christ, we pray in hope for the church, the world, and all of creation. *A brief silence. Each petition ends:*

A: Lord, in your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

After the final petition:

P: Confident that the Holy Spirit intercedes for us, we bring to you these prayers and those unspoken, in the name of Christ, our Savior and Lord. **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.

Dedication of Flower Vases and Stands

The Offering

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cell phone browser and select tithely.



Anthem: "Advent Proclamation"~ Olaf G Malmin

Meal

*Please stand, if able.

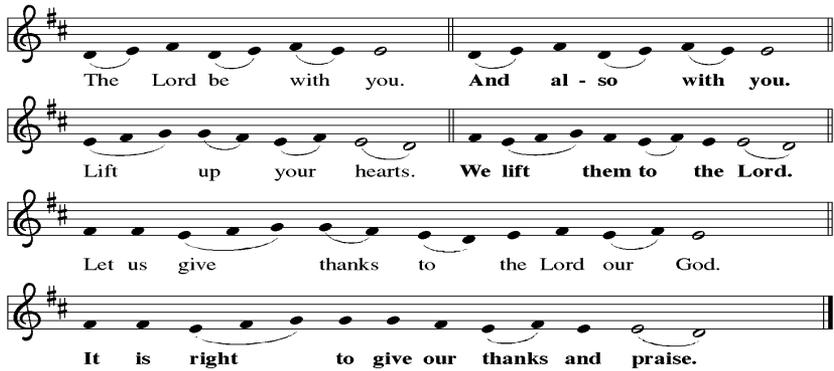
*Offertory Response: "He Came Down"

Hymn 253

*Offering Prayer:

A: God of abundance, we bring before you the precious fruits of your creation, and with them our very lives. Teach us patience and hope as we care for all those in need until the coming of your Son, our Savior and Lord. **C: Amen.**

*Great Thanksgiving



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.

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. Blessed is he who comes in the
name of the Lord. 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, grant us peace.

Distribution Hymns: 487, 438, 256

**Please stand, if able.*

**Post Communion Prayer*

A: Holy One, we give you thanks that in this bread and cup we have feasted again on your endless love. Let that love overflow more and more in our lives, that we may be messengers to prepare your way, harvesters of justice and righteousness, and bearers of your eternal Word, our Savior Jesus Christ. **C: Amen.**

Sending

**Blessing*

P: May God direct your ways in peace, make you abound in love for one another and for all, and strengthen your hearts until the coming of our Lord Jesus. Almighty God, Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. **C: Amen.**

**Sending Hymn: "People, Look East"*

Hymn 248

**Dismissal*

A: Go in peace. Christ is with you.

C: Thanks be to God.

Today, during the 10:30 Worship Service Fortana Landes will be received as a new member. Welcome to the St. Andrew's Church Family!!

Attendance at last Sunday's 8:00am service was 17 & the 10:30am service was 93. Receipts for the General Fund were \$4645.00 and \$1677.00 for Releasing Our Potential. Budgeted receipts needed weekly for General Fund in 2018 are \$5740.00. Attendance at the Thanksgiving Eve service was 59 and receipts were \$425.00.

The **FLOWERS** are sponsored this week by Sandy & Jack Hensel in memory of Ethel & Roy Vogt.

The **WREATHS** outside the sanctuary entrance are presented by David and Jackie Strouse in honor of loved ones.

The **COFFEE HOUR** is sponsored this week by Donna & Jeff Schmidt in loving memory of Donna's parents Lou & Dolores Gervasio.

IN OUR PRAYERS:

Sandy Bartholomew, John Belloff, Linda Benfield, Micky Berchok, Family of Jackie Cadwallader, Dale Caya, Family of Iman Chouiref, Kaitlyn Cressman, Peter Damon, Family of Maggie DiOrio, Family of Loretta Duckworth, Ernie Feusner, Sheri Freed, Jackie Gebhard, Otto Geyer, Family of Ruth Ann Grim, Marie Hartley, Joanne Heckler, Walton Horne, Kathy Hunsburger, Mary Jowett, Kathryn Ketterer, Carson Kimmach, Zachary Kraekel, Madelyne Lafferty, Family of Ethel Leatherman, Dolores Los, Justin Marles, Joe McDonald, Frank Metzger, Mary Miller, Family of Fred Patton, Lyman Pelkey, Ella Grace Rassouli, Family of Jean Rathgeber, Pastor Jack Saarela, Bill Savacool, Cooper Schea, Donna Schmidt, Kristina Schmidt, Shirley Schoelkoph, Bentley Seachrist, Betty Seagreaves, Phil Seagreaves, Akiko Sentosto, Hiroyuki Sentoso, Jack Smykal, Family of Karen Stanlaw, Barbara Staats, Jim Steele, Ed Stepnowski, Viaya Sundaesan, Jessie Sweeney, Jason Tomchak, Gerry Truman, Lester Tyson, Hannah Walker, Jane 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.***

CONGREGATIONAL NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

SAYF will meet **tonight** from 7-8:30pm. We will clean up the youth room, play a game and have a bible study.

BUDGET APPROVAL ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

will take place after both Worship Services next Sunday, December 9th.

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENINGS will be available in the Augsburg room after the 10:30am Worship Service on December 9th (after the budget approval meeting.)

THE WORLD FAMOUS GINGERBREAD HOUSE COMPETITION

All are invited to build a gingerbread house~ be creative! The houses will be displayed in the Narthex today -December 30th when the winner will be announced. Vote by putting money in the jar of your favorite creation. All money will go to Pennridge FISH.

MOVIE NIGHT- Evangelism will host a movie night on December 6th at 7:00 pm in Fellowship Hall. We will be watching the movie "Elf."

Popcorn, iced tea, and lemonade will be provided.

BIBLE STUDY- Our monthly daytime Bible Study group will meet on Thursday, **December 13th 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 December 13th at 7:00pm. Please contact Everett at (215) 813-0163 if you are interested.

CHRISTMAS CAROLS AND SMILES are being shared and delivered to our church shut-ins on December 16th at 3:00p.m. We need people of all ages to make this a success. You know the saying “the more the merrier”! We will meet at church, do visits, and then conclude at church for a pizza dinner. Donations of Christmas cookies are needed for this event to give to our shut-ins. Please bring your cookie *donations* to church by Sunday morning December 16th.

SAYF will have a lock-in on January 4th (7:00pm) – January 5th (9:00am).

THE MEN’S GROUP will have an outing to the Coopersburg Train Museum on Saturday, January 5. We will meet at the museum at 11am. For those who wish to meet for breakfast, the group will meet at the Coopersburg Diner at 9:00am prior to going to the museum.

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

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 fschea@comcast.net or see him in Church by January 31st to reserve a ticket.

THERE IS A DISPLAY of all the Christmas and holiday books in the Narthex and on the table outside the library. Feel free to browse and take home to read, please fill out the card in the book and place in the file box. Please remember to return and ENJOY.

MESSENGER CHANGE- We are discontinuing mailing the printed version of the Messenger beginning with the February 2019 edition. The Messenger will be available via e-mail and hard copies will be available in the Narthex and the church office. Please e-mail churchoffice@standrewsperkasio.org if you wish to receive the Messenger via e-mail.

2019 OFFERING ENVELOPES are available for pick up in the Narthex (near the bulletin/flower sponsor sign up sheets.)

2019 SPONSOR SIGN-UP CHARTS - are now posted on the bulletin board in the narthex hallway. If you have a special date in mind - please sign up now!

MY YEAR END GIFT- As God has blessed you we ask you to be a blessing to the ministry of the Gospel at St Andrew’s by giving what you can so that we can end 2018 with strength and start 2019 with vigor



*Please Join Us for
The Ordination
and Installation
as Associate Pastor*

Rev. Joshua N. Sullivan

*December 7, 2018
7:00 pm*

*St. Andrew's Evangelical Lutheran Church
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Reception to follow Service.

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Christmas Special Services

On Sunday, **December 23rd**, the youth will present the **Sunday School Christmas Program** at 10:30 am. **Unwrapped white gifts** (list of gifts in the Messenger) will be collected during the Sunday School Program.

At 7:00pm on **December 20th**, we will have **The Longest Night Service**. A special service of readings, hymns and Holy Communion for all those who find the holidays sorrowful.

Christmas Eve Services will be at 4:00 pm and 8:00 pm. Both services will include Holy Communion and special music. There will also be a children's sermon at the first service.

There will be one service of **Lessons and Carols** on Sunday, **December 30th** at 10:30am, a special time to sing Christmas carols before the end of the season!

Who can you invite to come to worship on Christmas Eve?
You can make a spiritual difference in the life of someone you know!

2018 Poinsettia Orders

St. Andrew's Youth Fellowship is selling poinsettias to decorate our altar on Christmas Eve; those designated will also be given to our shut-ins and hospitalized. Plants may be taken with you after the 8:00 pm Christmas Eve worship service. Plants will be red or white with multiple blooms, come in 6-inch pots, and cost \$8.00.

Your name: _____

Poinsettias: _____ x \$8.00 = _____

Donate my poinsettias to shut-ins: _____

H / M name: _____

H / M name: _____

H / M name: _____

2018 Luminary Orders

We are also lighting luminaries again this year. We will set out white paper bags with candles along the sidewalk around the church. Luminaries can be given in honor or in memory of someone if you wish. You may take your luminaries home after the 8:00 pm worship service.

Your name: _____

Luminaries: _____ x \$5.00 = _____ (Circle **H**onor or **M**emory):

H / M name: _____

H / M name: _____

H / M name: _____

Please place your order form and money in the offering plate or return them to the church office by **December 9, 2018.**

Please make checks payable to SAYF.

Thank you for your continued support
of St. Andrew's youth ministries!

THOSE SERVING TODAY

ASSISTING MINISTER	8:00am- Sarah Moyer 10:30am- Rhonda Geyer
ACOLYTE	8:00am- Nate Walker 10:30am- Sydney Geyer
CROSSBEARER	Alex Derk
ALTAR GUILD	8:00am set-up: Rebecca Lebold Reset: Taffy Schea 10:30am Clear & Flowers: Nancy Buckner
COOKIE PATROL	Ed Los
COMMUNION ASSISTANTS	8:00am: Jim Ahlum 10:0am: Bob Arner, Nancy Buckner, Megan Germann
COUNTERS	Bob (L) & Lorene Arner, Paul & Kathy Weidner
DELIVER ALTAR FLOWERS	Mike & Cindy Lewis
GREETERS	Janet & Tim Allen
COUNCIL SENDER	Jane Battle
NURSERY	Kim Bullard, TBA
LECTOR	8:00am: Harry Lingerman 10:30am: Sandy Moore



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

2	Nancy Patton	3	Tammy Wenhold
3	Marge Wimmer	6	Jeff Royall
6	Mary Miller	6	Brad Frederick
7	Blanche Shelly	7	Stephanie Hamman
7	Patrick Patton		