



Saint Andrew Lutheran Church

February 2, 2025

Third Sunday After Epiphany

Promise, Prayer, Possibility

Luke 11:1

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**Welcome to worship as we come together in praise and thanksgiving
to our living Savior!**

Holy Spirit, blow through our church with power.

Open our hearts to follow your call.

GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

❖ **Prelude**

❖ **Welcome**

❖ **Call to Worship**

Leader: Children of God, we come to worship today with expectations: how we expect to feel, what we expect to experience, songs we expect to sing, or prayers we expect to pray. We find comfort in the familiar.

Congregation: We come to worship, expecting and knowing God to meet us here.

L: Sometimes what feels familiar grows stale. We stop noticing the power of our prayers. We hear but don't listen to the Word. We sing without letting the music seep into our hearts. Yet, God is still here, moving and working among us.

C: We come to worship, expecting and knowing God to meet us here.

L: We may meet God in a familiar voice speaking a hard word, in a song we love that pierces our hearts, in a prayer that we receive in a new way. Because God is here, moving and working among us.

C: We come to worship, expecting and knowing God to meet us here.

L: Children of God, come! Let us worship, ready to embrace God's Word already at work among us, even when we are challenged to recognize God in the familiar and unfamiliar alike.

C: We come to worship, expecting and knowing God to meet us here. Thank be to God! Amen.

❖ **Welcome Song Boundless Love**

(Please rise in body, spirit or both)

❖ **Confession and Forgiveness**

L: Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, our creator, our protector, our wellspring of life.

C: Amen.

L: Trusting that God receives our words and the meditations of our hearts, let us confess our sin.

(time for personal prayer and reflection)

L: Merciful God,

C: you speak blessing and compassion into the world. Forgive us for the ways we act with judgment, cruelty, or indifference. We ignore the needs of our neighbors; we resist your call to oppose injustice; we give in to scarcity and fear; we assume the worst about one another. Cleanse us from our faults and release us from their grasp. Show us your lovingkindness. Restore our hearts and repair your world, that we may live in Christ's ways. Amen.

L: God proclaims these words of assurance: "Do not fear, for I have redeemed you. I have called you by name. You are mine." In Christ, you are forgiven. In the Spirit, you are made free. Refreshed by the waters of mercy, live anew as beloved children of God. **Amen.**

❖ **Gathering Hymn God of Grace and God of Glory**

❖ **Greeting**

L: The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you.

C: And also with you.

❖ **Prayer of the Day**

L: Let us pray:

C: Almighty and ever-living God, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and love; and that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen

(Please be seated)

HEARING GOD'S WORD

❖ **First Reading Psalm 71:1-6**

¹In you, O LORD, I take refuge;
let me never be put to shame.

²In your righteousness deliver me and rescue me;
incline your ear to me and save me.

³Be to me a rock of refuge,
a strong fortress, to save me,
for you are my rock and my fortress.

⁴Rescue me, O my God, from the hand of the wicked,
from the grasp of the unjust and cruel.

⁵For you, O LORD, are my hope,
my trust, O LORD, from my youth.

⁶Upon you I have leaned from my birth;
it was you who took me from my mother's womb.
My praise is continually of you.

L: Word of God. Word of Life.

C: Thanks be to God

❖ **Second Reading Jeremiah 1:4-10**

⁴Now the word of the LORD came to me saying,

⁵"Before I formed you in the womb I knew you,
and before you were born I consecrated you;
I appointed you a prophet to the nations."

⁶Then I said, "Ah, Lord GOD! Truly I do not know how to speak, for I am only a boy." ⁷But the LORD said to me,

"Do not say, 'I am only a boy';
for you shall go to all to whom I send you,
and you shall speak whatever I command you.

⁸Do not be afraid of them,
for I am with you to deliver you,
says the LORD."

⁹Then the LORD put out his hand and touched my mouth; and the LORD said to me,
"Now I have put my words in your mouth.

¹⁰See, today I appoint you over nations and over kingdoms,
to pluck up and to pull down,
to destroy and to overthrow,
to build and to plant."

L: Word of God. Word of Life.

C: Thanks be to God

❖ **Gospel Acclamation As With Gladness Men of Old, vs. 5 ELW 302**

❖ **Gospel Luke 4:21-30**

²¹Then he began to say to them, "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing." ²²All spoke well of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his mouth. They said, "Is not this Joseph's son?" ²³He said to them, "Doubtless you will quote to me this proverb, 'Doctor, cure yourself!' And you will say, 'Do here also in your hometown the things that we have heard you did at Capernaum.'" ²⁴And he said, "Truly I tell you, no prophet is accepted in the prophet's hometown. ²⁵But the truth is, there were many widows in Israel in the time of Elijah, when the heaven was shut up three years and six months, and there was a severe famine over all the land; ²⁶yet Elijah was sent to none of them except to a widow at Zarephath in Sidon. ²⁷There were also many lepers in Israel in the time of the prophet Elisha, and none of them was cleansed except Naaman the Syrian." ²⁸When they heard this, all in the synagogue were filled with rage. ²⁹They got up, drove him out of the town, and led him to the brow of the hill on which their town was built, so that they might hurl him off the cliff. ³⁰But he passed through the midst of them and went on his way.

L: The Gospel of our Lord

C: Praise to you, O Christ

❖ **Children's Message**

❖ **Hymn of the Day** **Love Divine, All Loves Excelling** **ELW 631**

❖ **Sermon** **Pastor Kari Williamson**

❖ **Choir Anthem** **Thee Will I Love**

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

❖ **Words of Faith**

L: Let us join our hearts and voices together as we confess our faith using the words of the Apostles' Creed.

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

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.

**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.
Amen.**

❖ **Prayers of the People**

Following each petition

L: God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

❖ **Offering**

❖ **Offertory Hymn** **'Twas in the Moon of Wintertime** **ELW 284**

❖ **Prayer of Blessing**

(Please rise in body, spirit or both)

L: Let us pray

**C: 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.**

GOD COMES TO US AT THE MEAL

❖ Words of Institution

❖ Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.

Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as 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 Distribution

❖ Communion Hymn

Jesus, the Light of the World

Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee

ELW 836

❖ Prayer After Communion

(Please rise in body, spirit, or both)

L: May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus strengthen you and keep you in His
grace. Amen

Let us pray

**C: 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.**

❖ Blessing

L: The Spirit of the triune God bless you with joy, fill you with compassion, and send
you in love. **Amen.**

GOD SENDS US OUT TO SERVE

❖ Sending Hymn

Cry of My Heart

❖ Sending

L: Go in peace. Live in hope.

C: Thanks be to God. We will.

welcome

Thank you for joining us for worship. A special welcome to our guests. If you are interested in learning more about Saint Andrew, please feel free to call Pastor Kari at 602-942-5811

Thank you to our worship leaders:

Interim Director of Music and Worship: Mary Cornelius

Readers: Joy McCormick

Worship Assistant: Bill Kuehl

Communion Assistant: Jen Flategraff

Ushers: Brenda Wendt

Alan Wendt


Audio-Visual: David DeLano

Joy McCormick

Alan Brown

Andrea Lee

Christian Beamer



New Prayer Ministry Team

Please join our first gathering of the Prayer Ministry Team on Thursday, February 6th at 1:30pm in Lange Hall.

We will examine different components of prayer for St. Andrew.

If you would like to be a part of this exciting ministry, but are not available, please see Linda Gaber or Kim Smith.



**It's the Annual Saint Andrew
Souper Bowl of Caring
Sunday, February 9, 2025
Super Bowl LIX
And Chili Cook-Off**

Party starts at 3:00 p.m.

Enjoy ping pong, basketball, air hockey, pool, pickleball, good food, and good company – and – the Super Bowl.

All are invited!

Bring your family and friends!

More Details in the Narthex!



**Fill the
Pantry**

**Pick up a list of requested
items in the narthex. Return
your donations by February 9**