



SAINT ANDREW LUTHERAN CHURCH

*February 8, 2026
Fourth Sunday After the Epiphany*

**WE ARE GROUNDED IN:
GOD'S STORY, GOD'S PEACE, GOD'S PRESENCE**

John 14:27a

"PEACE I LEAVE WITH YOU; MY PEACE I GIVE TO YOU."

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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**

L: God has set our feet on firm ground.

C: Our steps are secure.

L: God has put a new song in our mouths.

C: We will sing our praises to God.

❖ **Welcome Song Ten Thousand Reasons**

❖ **Confession and Forgiveness**

L: We confess our sins before God and one another.

(Time for personal reflection and prayer)

L: God of grace and mercy,

C: We who have seen the signs of Jesus' presence in the world still fall into doubt and despair. We put our trust in ourselves and in the powers of the world, in material goods and in finite and fallible people. In our fear we act out against our neighbors, and hurt those most in need of our help. Restore our faith, O God. Forgive us for our failings and make us one with our beloved siblings throughout creation.

L: Beloved Children of God, God hears and answers, and with love and tenderness washes away all our sins. You are forgiven. Know that you are always whole, always loved, and always held, even in your doubts and failings. Go forth with joy in this knowledge. Amen.

❖ **Sharing of God's Peace**

❖ **Gathering Hymn My Hope is Built on Nothing Less**

ELW 596

❖ **Greeting**

L: 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.

❖ **Prayer of the Day**

L: Let us pray together:

C: God of restoration, healing and wholeness come from you. Bless the work of all who strive for the healing and wholeness of individuals, communities, nations, human society, and the natural world, that their work might be your work through them, for the sake of all that you have made. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen

HEARING GOD'S WORD

❖ **Reading Psalm 40:1-5**

¹ I waited patiently for the Lord;
he inclined to me and heard my cry.

² He drew me up from the desolate pit,
out of the miry bog,
and set my feet upon a rock,
making my steps secure.

³ He put a new song in my mouth,
a song of praise to our God.
Many will see and fear
and put their trust in the Lord.

⁴ Happy are those who make
the Lord their trust,
who do not turn to the proud,
to those who go astray after false gods.

⁵ You have multiplied, O Lord my God,
your wondrous deeds and your thoughts toward us;
none can compare with you.

Were I to proclaim and tell of them,
they would be more than can be counted.

L: Word of God, Word of Life.

C: Thanks be to God.

❖ Gospel**John 4:46-54; 5:1-18**

⁴⁶ Then he came again to Cana in Galilee, where he had changed the water into wine. Now there was a royal official whose son lay ill in Capernaum. ⁴⁷ When he heard that Jesus had come from Judea to Galilee, he went and begged him to come down and heal his son, for he was at the point of death. ⁴⁸ Then Jesus said to him, “Unless you see signs and wonders you will not believe.” ⁴⁹ The official said to him, “Sir, come down before my little boy dies.” ⁵⁰ Jesus said to him, “Go; your son will live.” The man believed the word that Jesus spoke to him and started on his way. ⁵¹ As he was going down, his slaves met him and told him that his child was alive. ⁵² So he asked them the hour when he began to recover, and they said to him, “Yesterday at one in the afternoon the fever left him.” ⁵³ The father realized that this was the hour when Jesus had said to him, “Your son will live.” So he himself believed, along with his whole household. ⁵⁴ Now this was the second sign that Jesus did after coming from Judea to Galilee.

¹ After this there was a festival of the Jews, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. ² Now in Jerusalem by the Sheep Gate there is a pool, called in Hebrew Beth-zatha, which has five porticoes. ³ In these lay many ill, blind, lame, and paralyzed people. ⁵ One man was there who had been ill for thirty-eight years. ⁶ When Jesus saw him lying there and knew that he had been there a long time, he said to him, “Do you want to be made well?” ⁷ The ill man answered him, “Sir, I have no one to put me into the pool when the water is stirred up, and while I am making my way someone else steps down ahead of me.” ⁸ Jesus said to him, “Stand up, take your mat and walk.” ⁹ At once the man was made well, and he took up his mat and began to walk. Now that day was a Sabbath. ¹⁰ So the Jews said to the man who had been cured, “It is the Sabbath; it is not lawful for you to carry your mat.” ¹¹ But he answered them, “The man who made me well said to me, ‘Take up your mat and walk.’” ¹² They asked him, “Who is the man who said to you, ‘Take it up and walk’?” ¹³ Now the man who had been healed did not know who it was, for Jesus had disappeared in the crowd that was there. ¹⁴ Later Jesus found him in the temple and said to him, “See, you have been made well! Do not sin any more, so that nothing worse happens to you.” ¹⁵ The man went away and told the Jews that it was Jesus who had made him well. ¹⁶ Therefore the Jews started persecuting Jesus, because he was doing such things on the Sabbath. ¹⁷ But Jesus answered them, “My Father is still working, and I also am working.” ¹⁸ For this reason the Jews were seeking all the more to kill him, because he was not only breaking the Sabbath but was also calling God his own Father, thereby making himself equal to God.

L: The Gospel of our Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

❖ **Children's Message**

❖ **Hymn of the Day** **Healer of Our Every Ill** **ELW 612**

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

❖ **Choir Anthem** **Children of God Are We**

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 light,

C: Hear our prayers.

❖ **Offering**

❖ **Offertory Hymn** **Take My Life** **ELW 685**

❖ **Prayer of Blessing**

(Please rise in body, spirit or both)

L: Let us pray together:

C: All of creation came forth from your hand, O God. Accept now these humble offerings out of the incomprehensible abundance you have made and shared with us. Use our gifts to further the work of healing and wholeness for all the world. 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 Hymns**

Lamb of God

ELW 195

We Come to the Hungry Feast

ELW 479

❖ **Prayer After Communion**

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

Let us pray together:

C: God, you are among us at this table. May we treasure this gift and ponder in our hearts the mystery of your presence. Move us to discover the wonders of your love in the everyday moments of our lives, through Christ born in us.

Amen.

❖ **Blessing**

L: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

C: Amen.

GOD SENDS US OUT TO SERVE

❖ **Sending Hymn**

What a Fellowship

ELW 774

❖ **Sending**

L: Glory to God in the highest!

C: And peace to God's people on Earth!

L: Go in joy and peace.

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:

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Alan Brown

Andrea Lee

Christian Beamer

Valerie Moreno

ASH WEDNESDAY

February 18

- 11:30am - Soup lunch provided
- 6:30pm



Rooted IN God's Story

This coming spring, our Grand Canyon Synod will gather across Arizona and southern Nevada under the theme Rooted in God's Story. These gatherings are opportunities for rostered ministers, lay leaders, and congregational members to connect, learn, and grow in community. Together, we reflect on God's Word as the foundation of our lives and ministries.

Please mark your calendars and plan to attend the gathering in your area:
Tuesday, February 24, 6:30 pm – St. Andrew, Phoenix

Mid-Week Lent Services Wednesdays at 6PM:



- February 25: The Good news is...so good it catches us by surprise.
John 2:11 and Matthew 13:31-32
- March 4: The Good news is...great love for God and neighbor.
Luke 7:36-50 and Matthew 25:35-40
- March 11: The Good news is...together the impossible is possible.
Mark 6:32-44 and Ephesians 3:2-21
- March 18: The Good News is...protection and care for the vulnerable.
Matthew 19:13-15 and Deuteronomy 24: 17-22
- March 25: The Good News is...rooted in justice, mercy and faithfulness.
John 8:2-11 and Matthew 23:23