

Sunday, November 16, 2025
The 23rd Sunday after Pentecost
10:00 AM Worship

For a child has been born for us,
a son given to us;
authority rests upon his shoulders,
and he is named
Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.
Isaiah 9:6



Jesus spoke to them, saying, “I am the light
of the world. Whoever follows me will
never walk in darkness but will have the
light of life.” John 8:12

Welcome to Worship!
As we prepare for worship, please silence your mobile devices.
We invite you to a time of silence and focus.

Saint Andrew's Lutheran Church

WELCOME TO WORSHIP: It is our joy to welcome you to worship today, in-person and from wherever you may be viewing. We give thanks for whatever brought you, and pray that you may experience the love of God surrounding you and upholding you as we gather together to give thanks to God through Word and Sacrament.

ASSISTED LISTENING DEVICES are available to use in the Sanctuary for worship. They are located in the Sound Booth; ask the Sound Booth operator if you would like to use one.

WORSHIP IS LIVESTREAMED in the Faith and Family Center (located near the entrance doors to the large parking lot). Anyone is welcome to worship in that space.

WE WELCOME CHILDREN IN WORSHIP! Like Jesus who welcomed children to his ministry, Saint Andrew's welcomes children to our worship services.

Re-usable activity bags (for readers and non-readers) with books, stickers, crayons, paper, and a snack are available from the usher/hospitality team; please return the bags following worship.

"Younger Disciples Tips" are in the bulletin with ideas to engage children in worship. "A Time for Younger Disciples" during worship invites all God's children to listen to a message.

Health Practices in place to help reduce the spread of viruses and illness:

- Mask wearing is optional. Anyone who wishes to mask is welcome to do so.
- Hand sanitizer is available throughout the building.

For other activities, events, meetings check our website: <https://SALC.church>

VIDEO AND AUDIO RECORDING IN PROGRESS

Saint Andrews livestreams and records its worship services to YouTube.

Video and Audio recording is currently in progress. It is possible that video footage and/or audio conversations of worshippers in the Saint Andrew's Sanctuary may appear on the YouTube livestream/recording.

GATHERING

Worship leaders will say text in light print.
Congregation will say/respond with bold text.

PRELUDE

“Second Menuet” from *L'Arlésienne Suite*
Kristin Bateman, Flute Will Simpson, Piano

George Bizet

WELCOME

Pastor Lara

Please stand as you are able.

OPENING HYMN

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

1 Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,
 2 Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,
 3 To all, life thou giv - est, to both great and small;
 4 Thou reign - est in glo - ry; thou dwell - est in light;

in light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,
 nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, thou rul - est in might;
 in all life thou liv - est, the true life of all;
 thine an - gels a - dore thee, all veil - ing their sight;

most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,
 thy jus - tice like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove
 we blos - som and flour - ish like leaves on the tree,
 all laud we would ren - der; oh, help us to see

al - might - y, vic - to - rious, thy great name we praise!
 thy clouds which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.
 and with - er and per - ish, but naught chang - eth thee.
 'tis on - ly the splen - dor of light hid - eth thee!

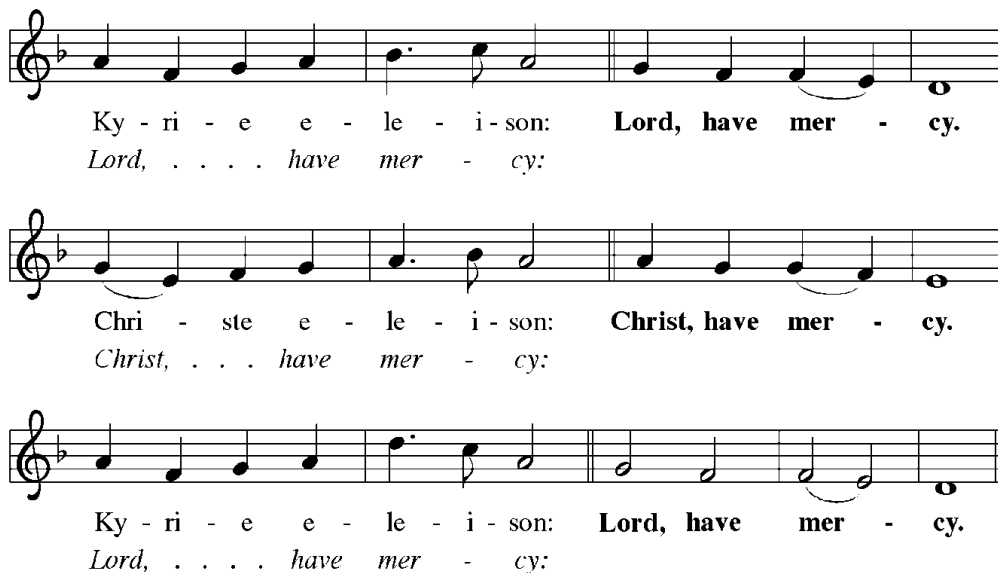
CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the Holy Trinity, ✠ the one who forms us, who bears the cross, and who makes our joy complete.

Amen.

Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin in the presence of God and one another.

KYRIE



Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son: **Lord, have mer - cy.**
Lord, have mer - cy:

Chri - ste e - le - i - son: **Christ, have mer - cy.**
Christ, have mer - cy:

Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son: **Lord, have mer - cy.**
Lord, have mer - cy:

Silence is kept for reflection.

Steadfast and faithful God,
you have revealed the ways of justice, yet we fail to follow you. We are afraid to risk what we have for the sake of helping others. For the harm we have caused, for the unjust demands we place on others and your creation, and for the ways we turn away from you and our neighbor, forgive us. Lead us back to you and set us on the right path; in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

Beloved in Christ, God's justice stretches beyond all understanding, and God's compassion is beyond compare. In Jesus, God is always making a new way for us. In ✠ Christ's name, you are forgiven.

Amen

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.**

CANTICLE OF PRAISE



☐ Glo-ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;



glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.



☐ Lord God, heav-en - ly king, al-might- y God and Fa- ther, we



wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.



☐ Glo-ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;



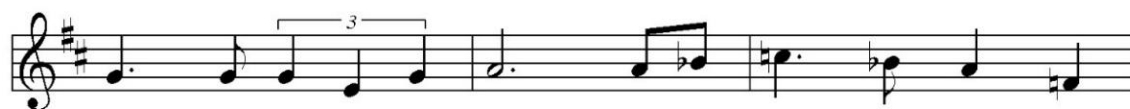
glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.



☐ Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther,



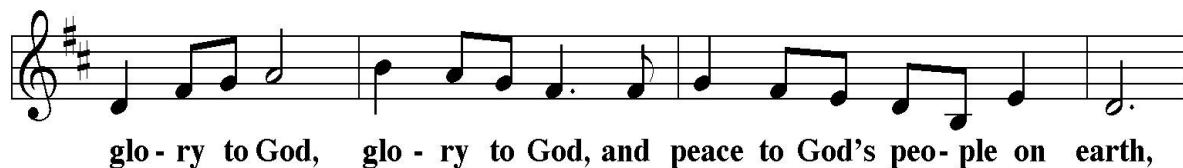
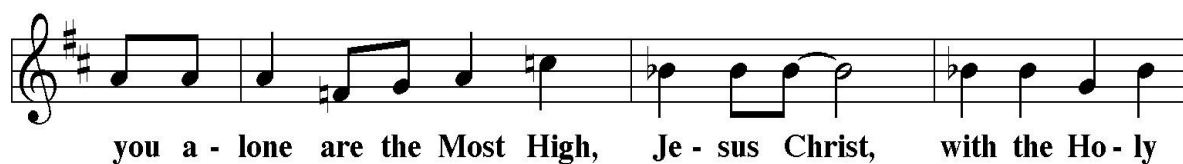
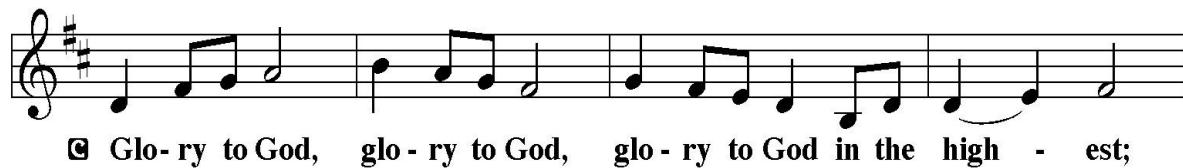
Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the



world: have mer - cy on us; you are seat - ed at the



right hand of the Fa - ther: re-ceive our prayer.



PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. O God, the protector of all who trust in you,
**without you nothing is strong, nothing is holy. Embrace us with your mercy, that
with you as our ruler and guide, we may live through what is temporary without
losing what is eternal, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

Please be seated.

A TIME FOR YOUNGER DISCIPLES

Pastor Lara

SPECIAL MUSIC

*“Badinerie” from Orchestral Suite No. 2
Kristin Bateman, Flute; Will Simpson, Organ*

J.S. Bach

WORD

This poem promises deliverance from Assyrian oppression, a hope based on the birth of a royal child with a name full of promise. While Judah’s king will practice justice and righteousness, the real basis for faith lies in God’s passion for the people.

READING: ISAIAH 9:1-7

But there will be no gloom for those who were in anguish. In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he will make glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations.

The people who walked in darkness
have seen a great light;
those who lived in a land of deep darkness—
on them light has shined.
You have multiplied exultation;
you have increased its joy;
they rejoice before you
as with joy at the harvest,
as people exult when dividing plunder.
For the yoke of their burden
and the bar across their shoulders,
the rod of their oppressor,

you have broken as on the day of Midian.
 For all the boots of the tramping warriors
 and all the garments rolled in blood
 shall be burned as fuel for the fire.
 For a child has been born for us,
 a son given to us;
 authority rests upon his shoulders,
 and he is named
 Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,
 Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.
 Great will be his authority,
 and there shall be endless peace
 for the throne of David and his kingdom.
 He will establish and uphold it
 with justice and with righteousness
 from this time onward and forevermore.
 The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

Word of God. Word of Life.
Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



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

GOSPEL: JOHN 8:12-16

The Holy Gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, “I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness but will have the light of life.” Then the Pharisees said to him, “You are testifying on your own behalf; your testimony is not valid.” Jesus answered, “Even if I testify on my own behalf, my testimony is valid because I know where I have come from and where I am going, but you do not know where I come from or where I am going. You judge by human standards; I judge no one. Yet even if I do judge, my judgment is valid, for it is not I alone who judge but I and the Father who sent me.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

SERMON

Pastor Lara

Please stand as you are able.



HYMN OF THE DAY

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

1 I want to walk as a child of the light. I want to
 2 I want to see . . . the bright-ness of God. I want to
 3 I'm look - ing for . . . the com - ing of Christ. I want to

fol - low Je - sus. God set the stars to give
 look at Je - sus. Clear Sun of righ - teous - ness,
 be with Je - sus. When we have run . . . with

light to the world. The star of my life is Je - sus.
 shine on my path, and show me the way to the Fa - ther.
 pa - tience the race, we shall know the joy of Je - sus.

Refrain

In him there is no dark-ness at all. The night and the

The first system of musical notation for the refrain. It consists of a treble and a bass staff, both in the key of D major (two sharps). The treble staff contains a melody of eighth and quarter notes. The bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment with chords and single notes.

day are both a - like. The Lamb is the light of the

The second system of musical notation. It continues the melody and accompaniment from the first system. The treble staff features a melodic line with some ties, and the bass staff continues with harmonic support.

cit - y of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus.

The third system of musical notation, concluding the refrain. It ends with a double bar line. The treble staff has a final cadence, and the bass staff provides a concluding accompaniment.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Apostles' Creed

Trusting in God's baptismal promises,
we affirm our faith using the words of the Apostles' Creed.

**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 power of 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.**

** here, "catholic" means the wholeness of the church in all times and places.*

Younger Disciples Tip ~ Prayers/Offering: Invite children to write down who they want to pray for this week and one way they can serve their family/community.

THE PRAYERS

After each petition, the leader will say, "Lord, in your mercy, "
Your response is, **hear our prayer.**

THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you

Please greet people around you as you are comfortable.

Please be seated.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Lara

OFFERING

Our ushers will be passing offering plates. We welcome your gifts to support the mission and ministry of Saint Andrew's Lutheran Church. There are envelopes in the pews, or you can give online using the QR code.



OFFERTORY MUSIC

"Sicilienne"

Gabriel Fauré

Kristin Bateman, Flute; Will Simpson, Piano

Please stand as you are able.

OFFERTORY VERSE

Musical notation for the Offertory Verse, consisting of six staves of music in G major (one sharp). The lyrics are written below the notes.

Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of
bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were
sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life.
Gath - er the hopes and dreams of all; u - nite them with the prayers we
of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your pres - ence,
Lord, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Let us pray. God of abundance,
all things belong to you. We bring your gifts to the table, that all might be fed. Form us into the body of your Beloved, Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

MEAL

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.
And also 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.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who *on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

** We say “on this day” because we celebrate Easter every Sunday.*

SANCTUS

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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

On the night that Jesus was betrayed, he took bread, blessed and broke it and shared it with his friends, saying, "Take and eat, this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After they had eaten, Jesus took the cup, blessed it, and shared it with his friends, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood which is shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me."

We pray together the prayer Jesus taught us:

THE 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.

Please be seated.

We wait silently as the participants who are worshiping online are communed.

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.

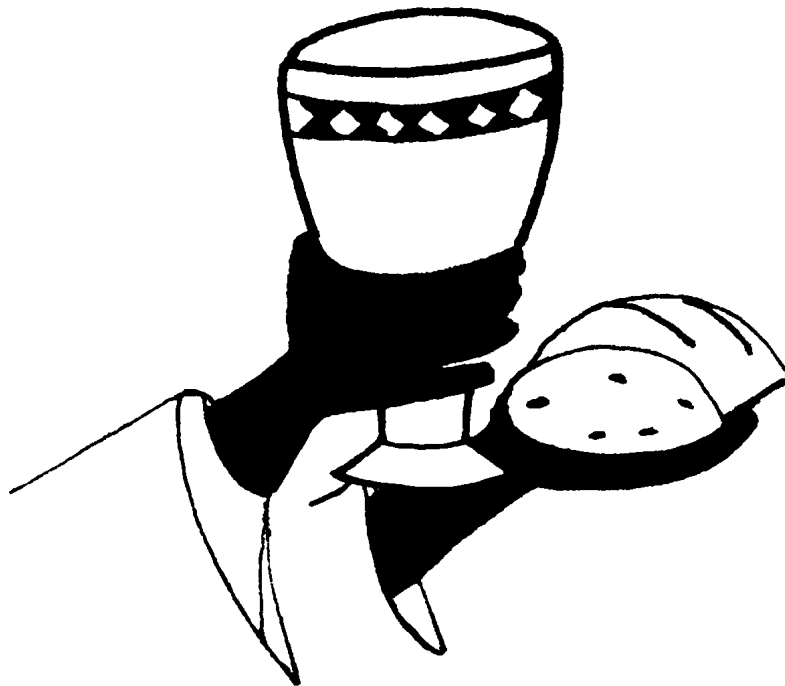
COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION AND HEALING PRAYERS

Communion is received around the altar rail. You are invited to kneel or stand as you feel comfortable. Please follow the directions of the ushers and use the hand sanitizer provided.

Bread is placed in the hands. Red wine and White grape juice are offered by individual cup. Please ask if you would like a gluten-free option.

If you wish to be communed in your seat, please let one of the ushers/hospitality team know.

Today we have two Healing Prayer Ministers to pray with you during Communion. They are ready to pray for healing and also offer thanksgiving for healing. You may also bring other concerns for prayer to them.



COMMUNION MUSIC

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence



SENDING

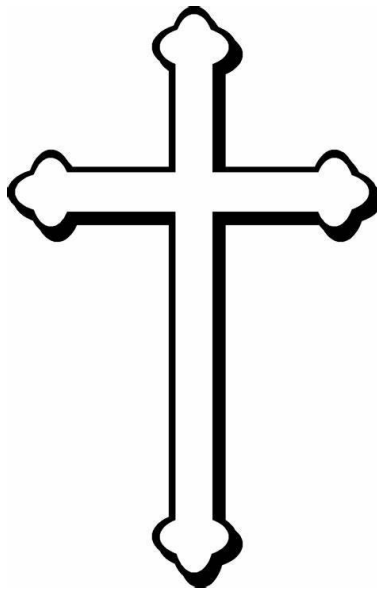
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Younger Disciples Tip ~ Blessing: Mark the sign of the cross on your child's forehead as a reminder of this sending blessing.

BLESSING

May God, the source of glory, ✝ the Word of life,
and the Spirit of truth, bless you now and forever.

Amen.



SENDING HYMN

Rise, O Church, like Christ Arisen



1 Rise, O church, like Christ a - ris - en,
 2 Rise, trans - formed, and choose to fol - low
 3 Rise, re - mem - ber well the fu - ture
 4 Ser - vice be our sure vo - ca - tion;



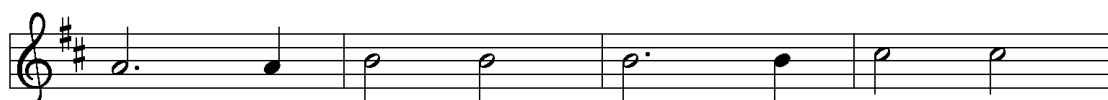
from this meal of love and grace;
 af - ter Christ, though wound - ed, whole;
 God has called us to re - ceive;
 cour - age be our dai - ly breath;



may we through such love en - vi - sion
 bro - ken, shared, our lives are hal - lowed
 pres - ent by God's lov - ing nur - ture,
 mer - cy be our des - ti - na - tion



whose we are, and whose, our praise.
 to re - lease and to con - sole.
 Spir - it - ed then let us live.
 from this day and un - to death.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia;
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia;
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia;
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



God, the won - der of our days.
 Christ, our pres - ent, past, and goal.
 Spir - it, grace by whom we live.
 Rise, O church, a liv - ing faith.

SENDING

All children and youth are invited to come forward to participate in the sending.

Go in peace, to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE



Thank you to all who are assisting in worship today:

Pastor Lara Forbes, *Preaching and Presiding Minister*

Dr. Will Simpson, *Director of Music*

Elaine Koga, *Accompanist*

Dana Nasby, *Assisting Minister*

Dave Vossler, *Lector*

Zoe Elien, *Acolyte*

Cheryl Jurrus and Mikel Oswalt, *Healing Ministers*

Tom Benson and John Nelson, *Ushers*

Karin Eklof, *Altar Guild*

David Mills, *Livestream Video*

Johannes Grad, *Audio*

Joyce and Brady Kasper, *Greeters*

Sherry Grindeland, *Coffee Host*

*The flowers today are given by Joanne and Bob Parks
in joyful celebration of their 70th wedding anniversary!*

Be sure to head into the Fellowship Hall after worship to celebrate with them!

Readings for November 23

Reign of Christ Sunday

Jeremiah 29:1, 4-14

John 14:25-31

Announcements

Today you are all invited to celebrate the **70th wedding anniversary** of Joanne and Bob Parks following worship! The family is providing appetizers, desserts and beverages and toasting this enduring marriage.

O.W.L.S., Tuesday, November 18th we will gather at 11:45 AM to share a potluck meal and your favorite recipe (*Kathy can make copies!*). Be ready to share why it's your favorite or to share a favorite food memory!!

The **Song of Seattle** group that meets here is inviting you all to their **Holiday Art Fair and Tea** on Saturday, November 22 at 1:00 PM! Find the registration QR Code on the bulletin board flyer in the Narthex.



Coming November 23rd ...



Love Tree
CHRISTMAS 2025

Beginning November 23rd you can shop and support the following agencies:

Kid Vantage
(Board books, Board games, dolls, trucks/cars)

Lantern Hill
(\$25 toward building supplies)

Compass Housing
(socks/t-shirts; gloves/mittens)

The Sophia Way
(\$25 gift cards to QFC/Fred Meyer/Safeway)

We also support uniform purchases for the Maasae Lutheran Girls school in Tanzania (\$65 donation) Look for that display on the bulletin board!

Donate + take an ornament.

Share the Spirit of Giving: The Saint Andrew's Congregation members help make the holidays special for clients of Bridge Disability Ministries by filling some Christmas Wishes. We have four clients waiting to be "adopted." These are disabled adults without families. Talk to Fellowship Coordinator Sherry Grindeland about this opportunity. Call her at 425-746-2529 or sherry@salc.church.

Healing Prayer FAQ

By Cheryl Jurrus, Health and Wholeness Committee

I have been participating in the Healing Prayer Ministry for many years now at our church. Here are some questions we hear from time to time.

Why do people go to the back of the church to the kneeling stations on the third Sunday of the month?

Some people come for prayer for their own healing, pain, depression, sorrow, or other situations that arise (jobs, divorce, etc.)

Others offer prayers for friends and family or events in our world.

Sometimes prayers of thanksgiving and praise are requested.

What prayer does the Healing Prayer Minister use?

We have all attended training sessions and learned the general parts of prayers of supplication. I always begin with praise for this opportunity to worship and pray together. I request God's healing touch for the situation that has been brought to me. I use touch on the shoulder during the prayer and offer to anoint with oil afterwards.

The prayer always ends in the name of Jesus. Jesus promised us, *"You may ask me for anything in my name and I will do it."* John 14:13

Why do you use anointing oil?

This is an ancient rite going back to the prophet Samuel anointing David. (I Samuel 16:13). It was also practiced widely in the New Testament.

We use aromatic oils that have herbal properties that have been blessed in a special church service. We also have pure olive oil for anyone who requests it.

Who can be a Healing Prayer Minister?

If you are interested in becoming a Healing Prayer Minister, contact Cheryl Jurrus. We will be having more training classes in the coming year. *"For everyone who asks, receives; he who seeks, finds; and to him who knocks, the door will be opened."* Matthew 7:8.

"Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, and faithful in prayer." (Romans 12:12)

Prayer is something we are called to do. It is not just a suggestion, it is part of our faith-life. Maybe even part of our DNA.



Calendar for the Week

Sunday, November 16

9:00 AM Adult Education, *Our LDS Neighbors*
 Sunday School Preschool – 5th grade
10:00 AM Worship
11:00 AM Knit Wits
 Parks Anniversary Celebration

Monday, November 17

1:00 PM Staff meeting
 6:30 PM Worship & Music Committee

Tuesday, November 18

8:30 AM Tuesday Morning Men
 11:45 AM OWLS
 7:00 PM Bell Choir

Wednesday, November 19

10:00 AM Women's Book Group, final meeting

Thursday, November 20

7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal

Friday, November 21

Office is closed.

Saturday, November 22

Sunday, November 23

9:00 AM Adult Education
 Sunday School Preschool – 5th grade
10:00 AM Worship

Monday, November 24

1:00 PM Staff meeting
 7:00 PM Outreach Committee

Tuesday, November 25

8:30 AM Tuesday Morning Men
 2:00 PM Sophia Way Lunch drop off
 7:00 PM Bell Choir

Wednesday, November 26

7:00 PM JEDI Committee meeting

Thursday, November 27 – THANKSGIVING!

Office is closed – Enjoy your turkey!

Friday, November 28

Office is closed.

Saturday, November 29

Sunday, November 30

Advent 1 – Advent Fair + Bake Sale

9:00 AM Advent Fair
10:00 AM Worship

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