



ST. ANDREW'S LUTHERAN CHURCH
Mission: To Be Disciples and To Make Disciples

November 27, 2022 – 10:00 a.m.

First Sunday in Advent

“From Generation to Generation: There’s Room for Every Story”

GATHERING

PRELUDE

“Are You Ready” [*Charlie Allen & John Hill*]

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WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADVENT CANDLE-LIGHTING SONG

The Candle Song

Hope

Graham Kendrick, w/additional
lyrics & music by Scott Skinner

Like a can - dle flame, flick-'ring small in our dark-ness.

5 Un - cre - at - ed light shines through in - fant eyes. Now we

9 Light a can - dle, one called Hope.

12 God is with us, Al - le - lu - ia. Come to save us,

16 Al - le - lu - ia!

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CALL TO WORSHIP

“People Get Ready” [*Curtis Mayfield*]

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CALL TO CONFESSION

P: In God's house, everyone is welcome— those who seem like they have it all together, and those who feel like their world is falling apart. No matter who we are, there's room for us here. With that confidence, we turn to God in prayer, speaking the truth of our lives.

Let us pray...

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

P: God of today and God of tomorrow, you say, "Bring your full self. There's room for you here."

C: **But we say, "Our lives are too messy."**

P: You say, "Bring your hopes and your dreams. There's room for you here."

C: **But we say, "It's too risky to hope."**

P: You say, "Bring your grief and your prayers. There's room for you here."

C: **But we say, "Some things are easier to forget."**

P: God of today and God of tomorrow, we know in our hearts that there's room for us here.

C: **Forgive us for withholding our full selves from you. Forgive us for giving only our Sunday best.**

P: Help us remember, today and tomorrow,

C: **There's room for every story. Amen.**

WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

P: Family of faith, We who feel scattered are held together. We who have lost our way are forgiven and found. And we who are lonely are brought into the fold and are told, "There's room for you here." From generation to generation, this is the good news of the gospel. In Jesus Christ we are held, forgiven, found, and welcomed. Thanks be to God!

C: **Amen.**



OPENING SONG

From Generation to Generation

$\text{♩} = 90$

The musical score is written for piano in 3/4 time with a key signature of one flat (Bb). It consists of four systems of music, each with a treble and bass staff. The lyrics are: 'From gen-er-a-tion to gen-er-a-tion, we have shared the Christ-mas sto-ry of a ba-by in a man-ger, who was born in Beth-le-hem. Hope is wing-ing, Peace now ring-ing, Joy we're sing-ing, Love he's bring-ing. 1. There is room for ev-'ry sto-ry. There is hope through God's great glory. 2. God will meet you in your fear. And bring peace both far and near. 3. We can choose a bet-ter way. And find joy in ev-'ry day. 4. We see God in one an-oth-er. As we learn to love each oth-er.'

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

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

P: Let us pray. Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. By your merciful protection save us from the threatening dangers of our sins, and enlighten our walk in the way of your salvation, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

WORD

READING

Matthew 24:36-44

[Jesus said to the disciples,] ³⁶“About that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. ³⁷For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. ³⁸For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, ³⁹and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. ⁴⁰Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. ⁴¹Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. ⁴²Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. ⁴³But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. ⁴⁴Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.”

Lector: Word of God, word of life. **C: Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

Pastor Manuel

SONG OF RESPONSE

“When He Returns” *[Bob Dylan]*

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PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

When the minister says “Lord in your mercy,” congregation responds by saying “**Hear our prayer.**”

SHARING OF THE PEACE

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always. **C: And also with you.**

MEAL

OFFERING

Choose a way that you can make an offering to God for the good of others. We appreciate your ongoing support of St. Andrew’s as you are able. It’s easy to give at our website and donate using your credit or debit card, or through Venmo (Find us at @StAndrewsLutheran-Church).

Offerings may be made in cash, by check (payable to St. Andrew’s Lutheran Church), or electronically on our website using the QR code.



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OFFERING SONG

“Good Trouble” *[Leigh Nash]*

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OFFERTORY PRAYER

P: Extravagant God,

C: you have blessed us with the fullness of creation. Now we gather at your feast where you offer us the food that satisfies. Take and use what we offer here, come among us, and feed us with the body and blood of Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

CHILDREN'S TIME

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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.

DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

(Christ is present and comes to us through ordinary things.)

**Communion will be distributed around the Altar. Following distribution those gathered in the circle will be asked to hold hands during the blessing. If you are unable to come forward or are not comfortable doing so, please let an usher know, and we will bring communion to you.*

COMMUNION MUSIC

“Thanksgiving Song” [Mary Chapin Carpenter]

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POST COMMUNION PRAYER

P: We give you thanks, generous God, for in this bread and cup we have tasted the new heaven and earth where hunger and thirst are no more. Send us from this table as witnesses to the resurrection, that through our lives, all may know life in Jesus' name.

C: Amen.

SENDING

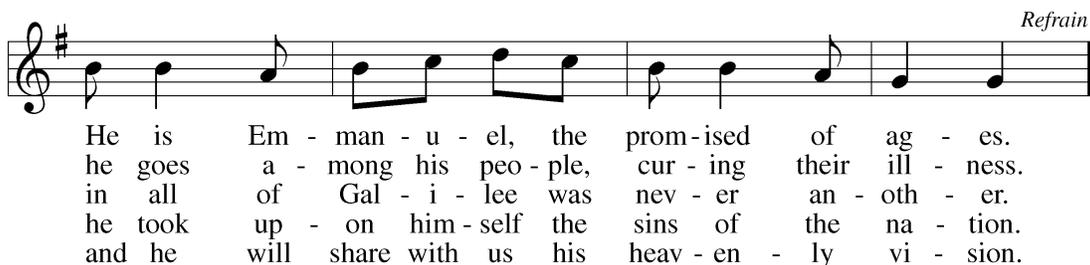
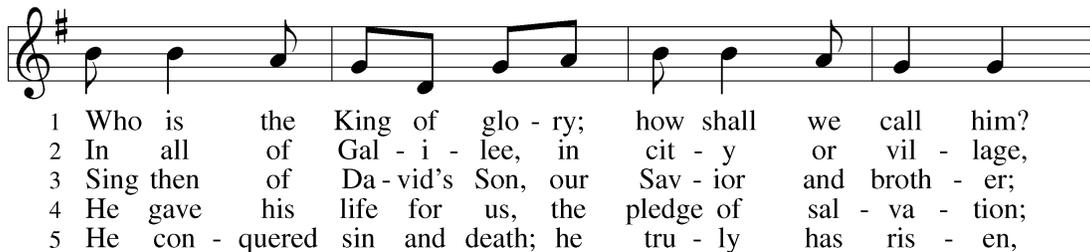
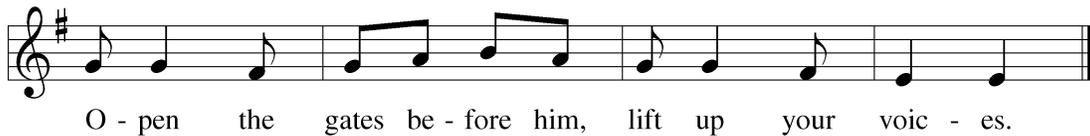
BENEDICTION

P: As you leave this place, may you go knowing that from generation to generation, we have been claimed and loved. From generation to generation, God has been by our side. From generation to generation, we are not alone. The God of yesterday and the God of tomorrow knows you by name, loves you, and calls you to keep going, saying, "Go be the person you are called to be, trust God, love big, and come back soon."
May it be so.

C: **Amen.**

CLOSING SONG

The King of Glory



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DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

“Oh Happy Day” [Edwin Hawkins]

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Thank you for worshiping with us today!

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