



November 21, 2021
Christ the King

St. Andrew's Lutheran Church

*A congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
(ELCA)*



**God calls us to become –
Connected to Christ, Connected to Each Other,
and Connected to Community**

Welcome to worship.

Please participate as you feel comfortable.

All are invited to receive Holy Communion.

Lutherans believe that Christ is present in, with and under the bread and wine of the sacrament. This real presence is a mystery and a gift.

St. Andrew's Lutheran Church
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Church Office Hours:
Tuesday & Thursday 10 am – 2 pm

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Worship Leaders

Assisting Minister:	Caryl Grorud
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Lector:	Nancy Carotti
Usher:	Open
Zoom Host in Person:	David Richiger
Zoom Host at Home:	Gail Ramirez
Tellers:	David Richiger, Peter Wrampe
Music provided by:	Wendy Kerner

Altar flowers are given by Linda and Bob Camera in celebration of their grandchildren Lily and Robbie.

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

PRELUDE

*“Nocturne In C-Minor” Handbell Choir
Haprist, Wendy Kerner*

WELCOME

*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism.

In the name of the Father,
and of the ✝ Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and
of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Have mercy on us, O God.

**We confess that we have sinned against you
and against our neighbor.**

**We have built walls instead of tables
and have turned away the stranger.**

**We have sought glory for ourselves
and have treasured that which does not satisfy.**

**Help us to love as you love,
to welcome those you send,
and to treasure mercy and justice.**

**Turn us from our ways to your ways,
and free us to serve those in need. Amen.**

God, who makes all things new,
forgives your sins for † Jesus' sake
and remembers them no more.
Lift up your heads and your hearts.
Yours is the kingdom of God.
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.**

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

*The presiding minister leads the prayer of the day which
may be found on the front of the Celebrate insert. The
assembly is seated.*

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

FIRST READING

The reading may conclude: Word of God, word of life.
Thanks be to God.

PSALM

SECOND READING

The reading may conclude: Word of God, word of life.
Thanks be to God.

MUSIC

*GOSPEL

The gospel is announced: The holy gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

The gospel concludes: The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

The assembly is seated.

SERMON

Silence for reflection follows the sermon.

MUSIC

*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 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 INTERCESSION**

The prayers are printed on the back page of the weekly Celebrate insert. Individuals are invited to pray a petition aloud, as so moved.

***PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace. Then the assembly is seated.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Brief announcements may be made, especially those related to the assembly's participation in God's mission in the world.

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

OFFERING

An offering is gathered for the mission of the church, including the care of those in need. Gifts may be placed in the offering plate when entering or leaving the nave.

***OFFERING PRAYER**

Let us pray.

Holy God, the earth is yours and everything in it, yet you have chosen to dwell among your creatures. Come among us now in these gifts of bread and wine, and strengthen us to be your body for the world through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

***DIALOGUE**

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.

***PREFACE**

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:

***HOLY, HOLY, HOLY**

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the
Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

***THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE**

Holy God, you alone are holy,
you alone are God.

The universe declares your praise:
beyond the stars; beneath the sea;
within each cell; with every breath.

We praise you, O God.

Generations bless your faithfulness:
through the water; by night and day;
across the wilderness; out of exile; into the future.

We bless you, O God.

We give you thanks for your dear Son:
at the heart of human life; near to those who
suffer; beside the sinner; among the poor;
with us now.

We thank you, O God.

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.

Remembering his love for us
on the way, at the table, and to the end,
we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

We pray for the gift of your Spirit:
in our gathering; within this meal; among your
people; throughout the world. Blessing, praise,
and thanks to you, holy God, through Christ Jesus,
by your Spirit, in your church, without end. **Amen.**

***LORD'S PRAYER**

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as
Jesus taught us.

**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.**

***COMMUNION PRAYER**

Blessed Jesus, at this table, you are for us both
host and meal. Now send us forth to extend our
tables and to share your gifts until that day when
all feast together at your heavenly banquet.
Amen.

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

BLESSING

God, the beginning and the end,
who has written your name in the book of life,
✚ bless and keep you in grace and peace
from this time forth and forevermore.
Amen.

***INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

A feast of love is offered here
for you and for all the saints.

The assembly may be seated.

At this time, the assembly will be invited by the ushers to go outside to receive communion. Some will go upon invitation, many will remain seated to listen to music and will depart when music ends.

SENDING SONG

The pastor and assisting minister will return to the altar, offering communion to musician and any other worship leaders who were unable to come outside.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MUSIC: Wendy Kerner returns this Sunday to St. Andrew's to share her harp playing which critics have described as "first-rate" and others call "seductive" and "a delight to listen to". Wendy received her bachelor and master of music degrees from The Julliard School where she was a student of Susan McDonald. Wendy is the principal harpist with the Norwalk and Ridgefield symphonies in Connecticut: the Westchester Chamber soloists in New York.

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN UPDATE: To date more than \$225,000 have been received in support of our 2019 Capital Appeal Fund. Already we have contributed \$150,000 toward the principal of our church mortgage. In addition, more than \$22,000 has been donated in support of other missions!

As soon as we receive another \$40,000 in Capital Campaign donations, we can add that to the \$60,000 currently in the account to pay another \$100,000 down on our mortgage principal. This will reduce our debt, lower our monthly mortgage payment and ultimately allow us to pay less interest over the life of the loan.

If you have not already done so, now is a great time to fulfill your 2021 commitment pledged during the campaign or make an additional gift!

Feel free to contact Jennifer Brown with questions. Peter Wrampe can provide you with details regarding your pledges and donations.

CHILDREN'S HOLIDAY GIFT FUND (STAR TREE). Please see Inge Sands to donate a gift to the Evelyn Peeler Children's Holiday Gift Fund. Our weekly email contains a signup link as well. Your unwrapped gift needs to be returned to church by December 10th. The gift should be labeled with the code and church name provided to you.

GREENING OF THE CHURCH: This Advent and Christmas we will be decorating the church with garlands, wreaths, pointsettias, and a tree on the altar. Please consider a donation to help us beautify the sanctuary. A paper order form may be found in the narthex or on the last page of this bulletin. Checks may be made out to St. Andrew's and placed in the offering plate or given to Lori Richiger. Your donation and any dedication you add on the form should be returned to the church office by December 12th.

BELL CHOIR: We will have a short rehearsal after church for the entire choir to rehearse music for Advent IV (Dec 19). The quintet playing for Advent 1 (Nov 28) will rehearse after that. -*M. Brooks*

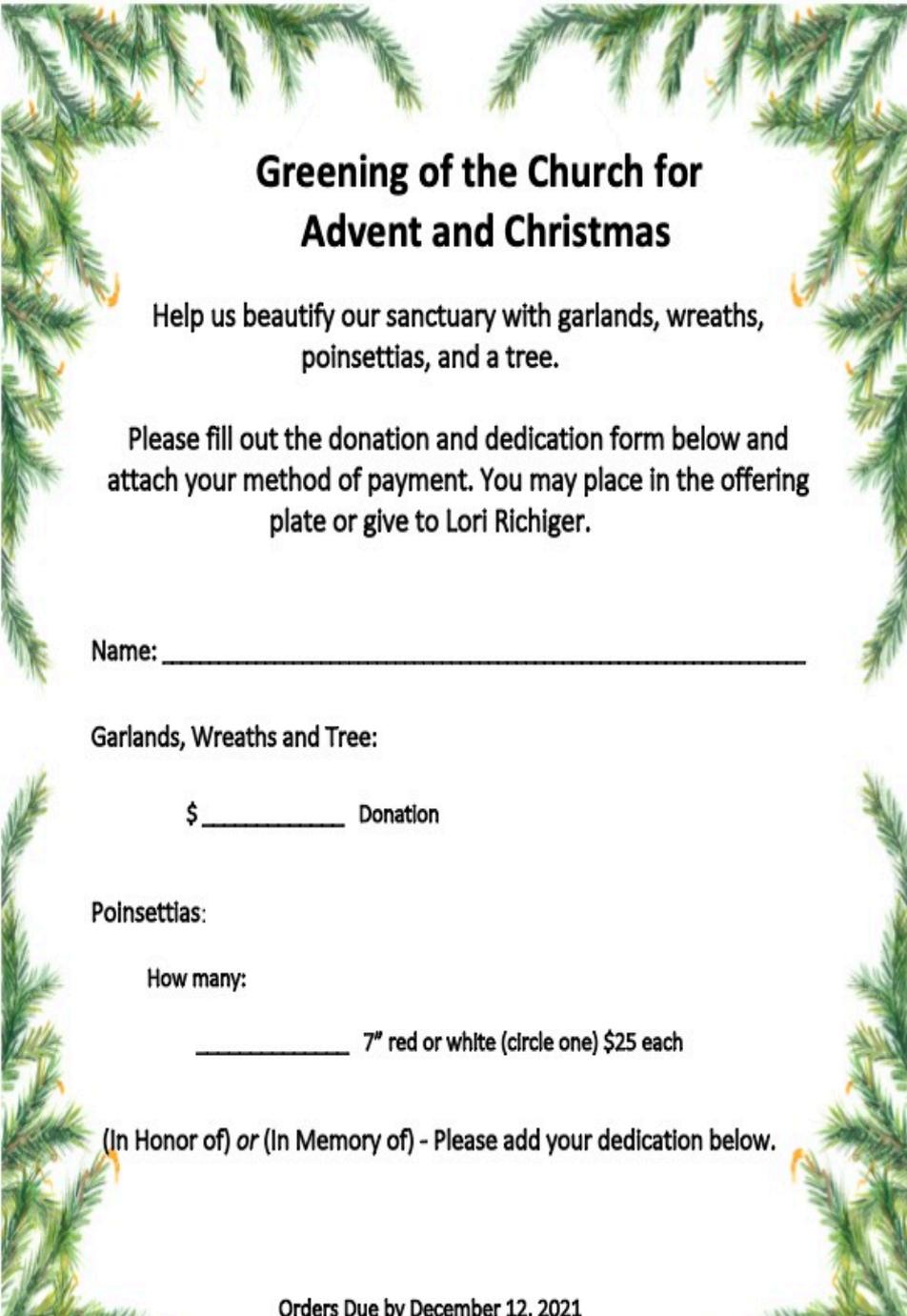
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Greening of the Church for Advent and Christmas

Help us beautify our sanctuary with garlands, wreaths,
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Please fill out the donation and dedication form below and
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plate or give to Lori Richiger.

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