

# Nativity of Our Lord, Christmas Day

## Promise Graciously Given

### GATHERING

*Please silence all electronic devices and prepare for worship.*

**PRELUDE** *O Come, All Ye Faithful* [arr. Krogstad]  
*Joy to the World* [arr. Berry]

**ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE DAY** Pastor Rawlings

**HYMN** *Good Christian Friends, Rejoice* ELW Hymn 288

### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

### APOSTOLIC GREETING

**A** Today Christ is born: Alleluia, alleluia! 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.

### KYRIE

**HYMN OF PRAISE** *Angels We Have Heard on High* ELW Hymn 289

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

*(congregation is seated)*

### WORD

**FIRST LESSON** Isaiah 52:7-10

**L** The Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

**PSALM 98** *(spoken responsively: A Assisting Minister; C Congregation)*

**SECOND LESSON** Hebrews 1:1-4

**L** The Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God. *(congregation stands)*

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**P** The Good News of Jesus according to John.

**C** Glory to you, O Lord.

**GOSPEL** John 1:1-14

**P** The Gospel of the Lord

**C** Praise to you, O Christ.

**C** Congregation  
**A** Assisting Minister  
**P** Pastor

**SERMON**

Pastor Rawlings

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

ELW Hymn 282

*It Came upon the Midnight Clear*

**NICENE CREED**

**A** We confess our faith in the words of the Nicene Creed.

**C** We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,  
begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father;  
through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary  
and became truly human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory  
to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

**THE PRAYERS**

**THE PEACE**

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C** And also with you. *(shared in community)*

**OFFERING** *Ding Dong Merrily On High* [arr. LeDoux]

*(congregation stands)*

**OFFERTORY VERSE** *We Give Thee but Thine Own* ELW Hymn 686

**OFFERTORY PRAYER**

**M E A L**

**GREAT THANKSGIVING**

**SANCTUS**

**WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

**THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**C** 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.

*(congregation is seated)*

**LAMB OF GOD**

**COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION**

<i>Away in a Manger</i>	ELW Hymn 277
<i>What Child Is This</i>	ELW Hymn 296

**POST-COMMUNION BLESSING**

**PRAYER**

**S E N D I N G**

**BLESSING**

**CLOSING HYMN**    *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing*    ELW Hymn 270

**A** Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

**POSTLUDE**    *Good Christians All, Rejoice*    [arr. Martin]

**P A R T I C I P A N T S**

*Presiding Minister* Pastor Elizabeth M. Rawlings  
*Pianist/Organist* Elaine Koga  
*Assisting Minister* Karen Grams  
*Communion Assistant* Celeste Ackerbloom  
*Acolyte* Izzy Clarke  
*Altar Guild* Bev Anderson  
*Greeters* Beverley Watt  
*Lector* Mikel Oswald  
*Ushers* Joan Tweten, Tom Anderson

Unless otherwise noted, Scripture readings are from the NRSV.

**W E L C O M E****TODAY AT SAINT ANDREW'S**

- ⊕ **A WORD OF "THANKS"** from the Ministry Team for the many words and acts of kindness expressed during this season of blessing. We appreciate each of you and are thankful for your constant loving support of our ministries in your midst. Merry Christmas and a truly blessed new year of life together in Christ!

**YEAR-END AT SAINT ANDREW'S**

- ✠ **END OF YEAR OFFICE HOURS:** Please note that the church office will be closed on Monday, **December 26**. Office hours are 9:00 am - 12:00 noon on **December 27, 28, 29, and 30**. The church office will be closed Monday, **January 2**.
- ✠ **END OF YEAR CONTRIBUTIONS:** To be counted for 2016, contributions need to be dated **December 31** or earlier. If mailed, they need to be postmarked by **December 31**. If brought to church, they need to be received no later than **January 1**.

**NEXT SUNDAY AT SAINT ANDREW'S**

- ⊕ **JANUARY 1:** Next Sunday, **January 1**, we will have one worship service only at 9:30 am. There is no Discipleship Hour.
- ⊕ **NAME TAGS:** The first Sunday of the month is the time to wear name tags. This is a wonderful way to get acquainted and greet those around you.
- ⊕ **BLOOD PRESSURE CHECK:** Come to Room 212 following the 9:30 am worship service. Health care professionals from Health and Wholeness Ministry will take your blood pressure and discuss concerns.
- ⊕ **WORSHIP SERVICE CAPTIONING:** Next Sunday, real-time captioning of the 9:30 am worship service is available, making our worship service accessible to those who are hard-of-hearing or cannot be at church. You can use your smartphone, PC, or tablet to access the captioning (the sanctuary has a WiFi connection.) Go to: <https://captionsunlimited.lcapapp.com/event/standrews/> (If you see a login page, the captioning is not yet active. Refresh your browser near the beginning of the worship service.) The website displays real-time captions of what is being spoken in the service, similar to closed captioning on television.

We are grateful to Doris Rolander for the gift of the Nativity Scene on the table in the Narthex. Pastor Oscar Rolander collected the pieces in 1959 while he and Doris were missionaries in Tanzania. The pieces are not a matched set because he bought them from a variety of wood carvers.

Pastor Rolander was Senior Pastor of Saint Andrew's from 1974-1983.

We are also thankful for the Nativity Scene under the Christmas Tree in the Narthex. It was hand painted by Barbara Nieman, and donated by Barbara's daughter, Joanne Hinkle.

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**DISCIPLESHIP HOUR...SUNDAYS AT 9:45 AM**


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Discipleship Hour offers classes for age 2 through adult!

Note: There are no Discipleship Hour classes today Christmas Day, **December 25**, and Sunday, **January 1**.  
Classes resume **January 8**.

- ☞ **SUNDAY CHURCH SCHOOL (SCS)** classes welcome children age 2 through grade 5. All classes are downstairs in South Hall. The SCS office is located on the lower level near the Narthex stairs. Students who are new to our congregation are asked to come to the SCS office to register and receive a class assignment.
- ☞ **AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM/CONFIRMATION (ABC)** classes are geared toward youth in grades 6-8. All ABC students gather in 302/Fellowship Hall South from 9:45 am - 10:00 am before heading to classes in Rooms 121, 122, 119, and 321/Youth Room. Those students new to our congregation are asked to contact Director of Discipleship Ministries Emily Harrow or Pastor McEachran for more information.
- ☞ **CROSSWALK** is focused on high school age youth, grades 9-12. Got questions? Join us each Sunday for coffee, cocoa, donuts, and conversation. On the last Sunday of each month, gather in the youth room for Oasis, a time for our high school students to rest, color, and enjoy a movie.



*January adult Discipleship Hour classes focus on mission and outreach.*

- ☞ **January 8: CARVING LOCAL MISSIONS**  
*301/Fellowship Hall North*  
Jacob Sperati will share about his work with Lifelong (Chicken Soup Brigade) and other areas of local mission.
- ☞ **January 15: INDIA and BIHAR**  
*301/Fellowship Hall North*  
The planning team from Outreach and Servant Ministries Committee will present beginning insights to India and Bihar.
- ☞ **January 22: TANZANIAN MISSIONS**  
*301/Fellowship Hall North*  
Members of a mission team from Cross of Christ Lutheran Church in Bellevue will share about their trip to the MaaSAE Girls Lutheran Secondary School in Tanzania.

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**DISCIPLESHIP MINISTRIES...DURING THE WEEK**


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- ☞ **TUESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY**  
Presenter: Pastor McEachran Every Tuesday, **10:00 am**, 322/Conference Room  
There is no class on **December 27**.  
On **January 3**, we begin a look into Hosea, the minor prophet of the Northern Kingdom of Israel in a time when the Assyrian kingdom was in decline and contributed to the fall of Israel. The prophet reminds the people of the Lord's loving faithfulness when they have been unfaithful. We will live into the marriage of Hosea and Gomer. Not a pretty picture of unfaithfulness in the face of temptation and fear. Hosea literally means "Yahweh saves." The book portrays the ways that God reaches into nearly impossible human situations with judgment rooted in forgiveness and renewal of relationships. We will first look at the Story of Hosea in chapters 1-3. We will move through the story, not in a lecture format, but in a series of directed conversations about how the prophet speaks through Law and Gospel. Along the way, we will also read portions of Luther's Commentary on Hosea. This is one first way to honor the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation. As usual, bring a friend and your favorite translation.

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**DISCIPLESHIP MINISTRIES...YOUTH**


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- \* **GOD SQUAD** (youth in grades 9-12):
  - **Holden May Youth Weekend!** We are returning on **May 19-21, 2017** to Holden Village for May Youth Weekends! The theme for this unplugged weekend is “Resurrection” with speakers and guest artists Rachel Kurtz, Joe Davis, David De Block, Rachel Hunstad, and Holden staff or Fire Service Rangers. Sign up in the Narthex or by emailing Emily Harrow, emily@SALChome.org. A \$50 deposit is due **January 8**.
  - Our **Summer 2017 Mission Trip** is **July 16-22** to Chicago to work with Center for Student Missions (CSM), the organization that we partnered with on our San Francisco and Toronto trips. Our students will learn, minister, and be exposed to new situations, opportunities and physical surroundings that will challenge their stereotypes and assumptions. (To learn more about CSM, watch an introductory video at <https://vimeo.com/107150526>.) This trip is open to students currently in grades 8-12. Sign up for this trip by **December 20**; email Emily Harrow, emily@SALChome.org.

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**OUTREACH AND SERVANT MINISTRIES**


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**ADVENT/CHRISTMAS OUTREACH:**

- ♥ **SOCK DRIVE:** Dorcas Circle is sponsoring a sock drive **through January 1, 2017** to benefit Compass Housing Alliance. Your donations of new, white tube socks and crew socks can be placed in the designated box in the Narthex. If you have any questions, please contact Linda Willenberg
- ♥ **UNIFORMS FOR MGLSS STUDENTS:** Once again we have an opportunity to “clothe a Maasai girl” in her new uniform at the Maasae Girls Lutheran Secondary School (MGLSS) in Tanzania. We need 50 outfits, \$50 per outfit. Each outfit includes 2 logo t-shirts, a khaki skirt, a red sweatshirt, a pair of black shoes, 3 pairs of socks, and 3 pairs of underwear. These will clothe the student for 2 years. See the display in the Narthex. Checks can be written to Saint Andrew’s Lutheran Church (note “MGLSS Uniforms” on the memo line.) Place cash donations in an envelope designated “MGLSS Uniforms.” Donations can be placed in the offering plate or returned to the church office. Then, take one of the ‘little girl figures’ off the display in the Narthex as a tree ornament and prayer reminder for these young girls as they begin their educational journey. For more information, contact Jean Wahlstrom.
- ♥ **CORNER OF BLESSING/HOPELINK:** Each month, we collect one food item in the Corner of Blessing. All donations help feed those in our community who are hungry. We are collecting **canned fruit** (any variety, 15-16 ounce cans) through January. For more information, contact Debbie Szabo.
- ♥ **COLLECTIONS:** Dorcas Circle, Health and Wholeness Ministry, and Outreach and Servant Ministries welcome your contributions for Lutheran World Relief, Compass Housing Alliance, Congregations for the Homeless, and The Sophia Way. Lists of needed items are in the baskets near the elevator in the Narthex. Donations can be placed in the same baskets.
- ♥ **DRIVERS FOR CHICKEN SOUP BRIGADE:** We would welcome two more volunteers (or volunteer teams) to deliver meals to Eastside clients of Chicken Soup Brigade (Lifelong). The meals are picked up at Saint Andrew’s and delivered between 3:00 pm - 6:00 pm on **Thursday** afternoons; usually around four or five stops. Volunteers deliver about once a month. Contact Claudia Browsers for more information.



## LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF....BIHAR, INDIA

Learn about Bihar... visit [www.lwr.org/bihar](http://www.lwr.org/bihar)

Global Mission is an important commitment of our congregation. Through the years, we have given support education in Tanzania. We now are committed to be one of 14 and a growing number of congregations in mission to Bihar in northeast India. This is a four-year (2017-2020) adventure with Lutheran World Relief to understand the challenges of poverty and serve those who are working hard to provide for their families and communities. Trinity Lutheran Church in Freeland (Whidbey Island) is another congregation from our synod that is connected to this project. More information and opportunities to learn and serve are coming soon.



Lutheran World Relief

### SAINT ANDREW'S OPPORTUNITIES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ✠ **WORK DAY:** Building and Property Committee invites everyone to come and help with outside projects on Wednesday, **December 28**, beginning at 9:00 am. For more information, contact Facilities Manager Kurt Lutterman, 425-746-2529 or [kurt@SALChome.org](mailto:kurt@SALChome.org).
- ✠ **COMMITMENT 2017 UPDATE:** Thank you to all who have pledged your giving for 2017. To date, we have received 152 pledges for a total of \$578,248. Commitments/pledges are still welcome. Commitment cards are in the Narthex. You may also pledge online. Go to [stewardship.SALChome.org](http://stewardship.SALChome.org) and select "Online 2017 Commitment/Pledge Form".
- ✠ **ALTAR GUILD**  
Sunday, **January 8**, 9:45 am, Room 112  
Looking for a way to volunteer? The Altar Guild is welcoming new members! We are responsible for preparing the altar for communion. This entails about an hour of set up on Saturday, another half an hour between services on Sunday, and an hour of clean up after the second service. We always work with a partner, so it's a great way to get to know other church members. It's an honor to set the Lord's Table. We're also the group who decorates the Christmas tree and Easter flower cross. Join us for our next meeting on Sunday, **January 8**, or contact Karin Eklof or JoAn Eklof with questions.
- ✠ **KNITWITS (Knitting as Witnesses)**  
Sunday, **January 8**, 9:45 am, 322/Conference Room  
The KnitWits are a fellowship group whose primary mission is to provide items of comfort that are knit or crocheted. All are welcome to join us anytime! Contact Dianne Chong for more information.
- ✠ **YOUNG ADULTS** (those who have graduated high school and older): On the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of every month, young adults of Saint Andrew's get together for dinner at 6:30 pm. Our next dinner is on **January 11** at Tutta Bella Neapolitan Pizzeria (Crossroads Bellevue, 15600 NE 8th St J1). Contact Carolyn McKenna by Monday, **January 9**, if you would like to join us!

✠ **W.E.B.S. (Women's Evening Book Study):**  
**January 11 - February 22**, 7:00 pm,  
 322/Conference Room  
 Facilitators: Cheryl Jurrus, Vickie Kim  
 W.E.B.S. (Women's Evening Book Study) invites all women to join us for fellowship, devotions, and discussion. For the Winter Session, we are discussing *Same Kind of Different as Me* by Ron Hall and Denver Moore. *"It begins outside a burning plantation hut in Louisiana... and an East Texas honky-tonk... and, without a doubt, in the heart of God. ... Gritty with pain and betrayal and brutality, it also shines with an unexpected life-changing love."* ([www.samekindofdifferentasme.com](http://www.samekindofdifferentasme.com)) Join us for a lively discussion on following the path God sets before us, homelessness, and courage. Contact Cheryl Jurrus or Vickie Kim for more information.

✠ **COMPLINE AND COFFEE**  
 Sunday, **January 15**, 7:00 pm,  
 meet at Saint Andrew's  
 On Sunday, January 15, join us to enjoy a time of fellowship and evening prayer as we grab a coffee (or cocoa) and attend the St. Mark's Episcopal Compline Service. Compline is an evening prayer service and the one led by The Compline Choir has become a Seattle tradition. We will gather at Saint Andrew's at 7:00 pm before carpooling to coffee in Seattle. We will return to Saint Andrew's at 10:45 pm. This event is for all ages. Please sign up in the Narthex or via email to Emily Harrow, [emily@SALChome.org](mailto:emily@SALChome.org), by **January 11**. If you are certified to drive for Saint Andrew's and are willing to drive people in your vehicle, please let Emily know.

✠ **ANNUAL CONGREGATION MEETING:** The Annual Meeting of the Congregation is Sunday, **January 29**. Lunch will be served at 12:15 pm; the meeting begins at 1:00 pm. We will elect people to the Congregation Council (four 3-year positions and one 2-year positions), approve a 2017 budget, vote on amendments to the Saint Andrew's Constitution, and recognize Quiet Servants. A quorum is required and every voice and vote counts! Please plan to attend.

✠ **TUESDAY MORNING MEN (TMM)**  
 Facilitator: Dave Marcrander  
 Every Tuesday, 6:30 am, Room 212  
 We have begun our year long focus on the REFORMATION, in recognition of the 500th anniversary in 2017. Our first study is the book, *MARTIN LUTHER, A Life*, by Martin Marty. Join us on Tuesday mornings; ALL MEN ARE WELCOME.

✠ **COMMUNION BREAD:** Everyone is invited to bake bread used in the Eucharist on Sunday mornings. The sign-up list through **June 2017** is available. You can sign up online for a specific Sunday. Links to the sign-up and to the recipe for Luther Bread can be accessed on the Saint Andrew's website: [www.worship.SALChome.org](http://www.worship.SALChome.org). Contact coordinator Jill Nichols-Hicks for more information.



### For Sunday, January 1: First Sunday of Christmas

Isaiah 60:1-6; Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14; Ephesians 3:1-12; Luke 2:41-52

#### Servers for January 1

*Presiding Minister:* Pastor James McEachran  
*Assisting Ministers:* Dick Swaisgood  
*Communion Assistant:* Judi Miller  
*Acolyte:* Isabel Weibel

*Altar Guild:* Jill Nichols-Hicks, Linda Powell  
*Greeter:* Shirley Hobson  
*Lector:* Shana Nielsen  
*Ushers:* Diane and Andy Hogle