

First Sunday of Christmas (observed as The Epiphany of Our Lord)

GATHERING

Please silence all electronic devices and prepare for worship.

PRELUDE *Violin Concerto No. 2, Mvt. I: Adagio non troppo* [Bruch]
Annie Tang, violin; Elaine Koga, piano

ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE DAY Pastor McEachran

HYMN *Arise, Your Light Has Come!* ELW Hymn 314

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

APOSTOLIC GREETING

A 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 *As with Gladness Men of Old* ELW Hymn 302

PRAYER OF THE DAY

(congregation is seated)

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE *Building Blocks* Pastor McEachran

WORD

FIRST LESSON Isaiah 60:1-6

L The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

RESPONSE *Build Us Up, Lord* ELW Hymn 670

SECOND LESSON Ephesians 3:1-12

L The Word of the Lord.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

P The Good News of Jesus according to Luke.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

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

GOSPEL

- P** The Gospel of the Lord
- C** Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

He Grew Up!

Pastor McEachran

HYMN OF THE DAY

ELW Hymn 445

Wash, O God, Our Sons and Daughters

APOSTLES' CREED

- A** We confess our faith.

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.

- C** I believe that by my own understanding or strength I cannot believe in Jesus Christ my Lord or come to him, but instead the Holy Spirit has called me through the gospel, enlightened me with his gifts, made me holy and kept me in the true faith, just as he calls, gathers, enlightens, and makes holy the whole Christian church on earth and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one common, true faith. Daily in this Christian church the Holy Spirit abundantly forgives all sins—mine and those of all believers. On the last day the Holy Spirit will raise me and all the dead and will give to me and all believers in Christ eternal life. This is most certainly true.

THE PRAYERS

- A** We trust in your ways.
- C** Thanks be to God.

THE PEACE

- P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- C** And also with you. *(shared in community)*

OFFERING

Symphonie Espagnole, Mvt. V: Rondo [Lalo]

Maria Kiesewetter, violin; Elaine Koga, piano

(congregation stands)

OFFERTORY VERSE

ELW Hymn 686

We Give Thee but Thine Own

OFFERTORY PRAYER



GREAT THANKSGIVING

SANCTUS

EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

The Third Article of the Apostles' Creed.

Martin Luther's explanation to the Third Article of the Apostles' Creed.

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.**

(congregation is seated)

LAMB OF GOD

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

<i>As the Grains of Wheat</i>	ELW Hymn 465
<i>Around You, O Lord Jesus</i>	ELW Hymn 468
<i>Let Us Break Bread Together</i>	ELW Hymn 471

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

☩ May the body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ,
 strengthen and keep you in God's loving grace, now and forever.
☩ Amen.

PRAYER



BLESSING

CLOSING HYMN	<i>We Praise You, O God</i>	ELW Hymn 870
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☩ Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
☩ Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE	<i>Doxology</i>	[arr. Hayes]
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P A R T I C I P A N T S

Presiding Minister Pastor James N. McEachran
Pianist/Organist Elaine Koga
Assisting Minister Dick Swaisgood
Communion Assistant Judi Miller
Acolyte Isabel Weibel
Altar Guild Jill Nichols-Hicks, Linda Powell
Greeter Shirley Hobson
Lector Cheryl Jurrus
Ushers Diane and Andy Hogle

Unless otherwise noted, Scripture readings are from the NRSV.

W E L C O M E

TODAY AT SAINT ANDREW'S

Ⓘ 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.

Ⓘ FOOD BANK OFFERING: We invite you to participate in our monthly offering for Hopelink through the pew envelope. Our monthly goal is \$500. Mark your checks for "Hopelink" on the memo line. Any non-perishable food donations can be placed in the Corner of Blessing in the narthex.

Ⓘ WORSHIP SERVICE CAPTIONING: Today, real-time captioning of the worship service is available, making our worship service accessible to those who are hard-of-hearing. You can use your smartphone 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.

YEAR-END AT SAINT ANDREW'S

✠ OFFICE CLOSED: Please note that the church office will be closed on 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 **TODAY, January 1**.

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.

NEXT SUNDAY AT SAINT ANDREW'S

🕒 JANUARY 8: Next Sunday, **January 8**, we return to our schedule of two worship services at 8:30 am and 11:00 am. Discipleship Hour classes resume at 9:45 am.

🕒 EQUAL EXCHANGE FAIRLY TRADED COFFEE AND MORE: Support our Global Outreach by purchasing fairly traded coffee, tea, hot cocoa, and chocolate bars (in the Narthex between services). By purchasing these items, you help the coffee and cocoa bean farmers in impoverished countries receive more money for their crops by eliminating the middle man's cut.

DISCIPLESHIP HOUR...SUNDAYS AT 9:45 AM

Discipleship Hour offers classes for age 2 through adult!

Note: There are no Discipleship Hour classes today, **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
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 MaaSAE Girls Lutheran Secondary School in Tanzania.
- ☞ **January 29: PARISH MIXER**
301/Fellowship Hall North
Join us for a Parish Mixer, a time to get to know your pew neighbor and enjoy snacks and coffee too!

DISCIPLESHIP MINISTRIES...DURING THE WEEK

☞ TUESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

Presenter: Pastor McEachran

Every Tuesday, **10:00 am**, 322/Conference Room

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.

DISCIPLESHIP MINISTRIES...YOUTH

- * **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. Speak with Emily Harrow, emily@SALChome.org, to sign up for this trip. Our first Mission Trip Team meeting is Sunday, **January 15**, at 12:15 pm.

- * **YOUTH REGISTRATION:** Saint Andrew's has one registration form that includes medical information and permissions. This form is used for all activities at Saint Andrew's for 2016-2017. Complete one form per family. Paper copies of the form can be found in the Narthex on the bulletin board near the church office. Return completed forms to the church office. The form is also ONLINE as an interactive PDF form; it can be found at www.ce.SALChome.org. Complete the form and SAVE it to your computer. Either email the form to info@SALChome.org or print and return the form to Saint Andrew's. Please note: If you completed a form for 2015-2016 and saved it on your computer, you can submit that form. Open it and update the school year, "Today's Date", and make any other necessary changes. Return the form via email or print and return the form to Saint Andrew's.

OUTREACH AND SERVANT MINISTRIES

CHRISTMAS OUTREACH:

- ♥ **SOCK DRIVE:** Dorcas Circle is sponsoring a sock drive **through today, January 1**, 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.
- ♥ **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.
- ♥ **THE SOPHIA WAY:** The Sophia Way helps homeless women journey toward independence and a home of their own. Volunteers are needed at the Day Center (at St. Luke's Lutheran Church, 3030 Bellevue Way NE, Bellevue) to sort donated items they receive, and to help ensure the women there have the clothing they need. If you are interested or want more information, contact their volunteer coordinator Tara, 425 463-6285. For other ways to help, visit www.sophiaway.org.
- ♥ **SCHOLARSHIP NEEDS FOR STUDENTS IN TANZANIA:** We continue to need funding for the MGLSS Post-Secondary Scholarship fund, used for the students who qualified for university study (\$2,500), for the nursing school (\$1,000), and for teacher training (\$1,200). ANY AMOUNT given to this fund is helpful. You can make contributions by check to "Saint Andrew's" with "MGLSS Post-Secondary Scholarship" in the memo line. All funds will then be forwarded to OPERATION BOOTSTRAP AFRICA (OBA). You can also contribute directly to OBA online or by mail.



LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF...BIHAR, INDIA

Learn about Bihar... visit 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

✠ **DORCAS CIRCLE:** The Dorcas Circle meets in Fellowship Hall this Tuesday, **January 3**, at 9:30 am. New people are always welcome to join as we sew quilts, school bags, and complete other projects in response to those in need. We also welcome donations of fabric, sheets, crochet or embroidery thread, quilt batting, sewing supplies, and blankets.

✠ **DISCIPLEFIT in EPIPHANY:** Have you ever been strengthened or comforted by recalling from memory a familiar Bible verse or passage? During Epiphany, the Communications Committee invites everyone to grow Spiritually and Mentally by memorizing Bible verses. In the bulletin each week, there will be a theme, along with a selection of Bible verses that fit the theme. Youth and adults are invited to memorize one verse (or more!) each week. Recite them to a member of the Communications Committee on the following Sunday to receive a sticker or small prize! Look for the first set of verses next Sunday, **January 8**. Contact Communications Committee Chair Judi Miller for more information.



✠ **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 Kirm
 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) Join us for a lively discussion on following the path God sets before us, homelessness, and courage. Contact Cheryl Jurrus or Vickie Kirm 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, 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.

☒ **O.W.L.S. (Older Wiser Lutheran Saints)**
 is a fellowship of members and friends of the congregation who meet on the third Tuesday of every month for friendship and an awesome potluck. Newcomers are always welcome! Please join us on **January 17** at 11:45 am; Lois and Lowell Arneson will be our hosts. Our program focuses health and nutrition.

☒ **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 and select "Online 2017 Commitment/Pledge Form".

☒ **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.

☒ **BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING:** Health and Wholeness Ministry offers free blood pressure checks on the first Sunday of each month. Volunteers are needed to help with these screenings. If interested in this ministry, please contact Beverley Watt.

☒ **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. Contact coordinator Jill Nichols-Hicks for more information.



For Sunday, January 8: Baptism of Our Lord
 Isaiah 42:1-9; Psalm 29; Acts 10:34-43; Matthew 3:13-17

Servers for January 8

Presiding Minister: Pastor James McEachran

Assisting Ministers:

(I) Karen Grams (II) Jon Thorpe

Communion Assistants:

(I) Diane Hogle (II) Celeste Ackerbloom

Acolytes:

(I) Jack Holmes (II) Sidney Cottrell

Altar Guild:

Signe Wraith and Elmer Neu

Greeters:

(I) Carol Muecke (II) Erika Cottrell

Lectors:

(I) Shelly Abner (II) Jessica Allen

Ushers:

(I) Lucy Sannes

Coffee Hosts:

Larry and Shelly Abner