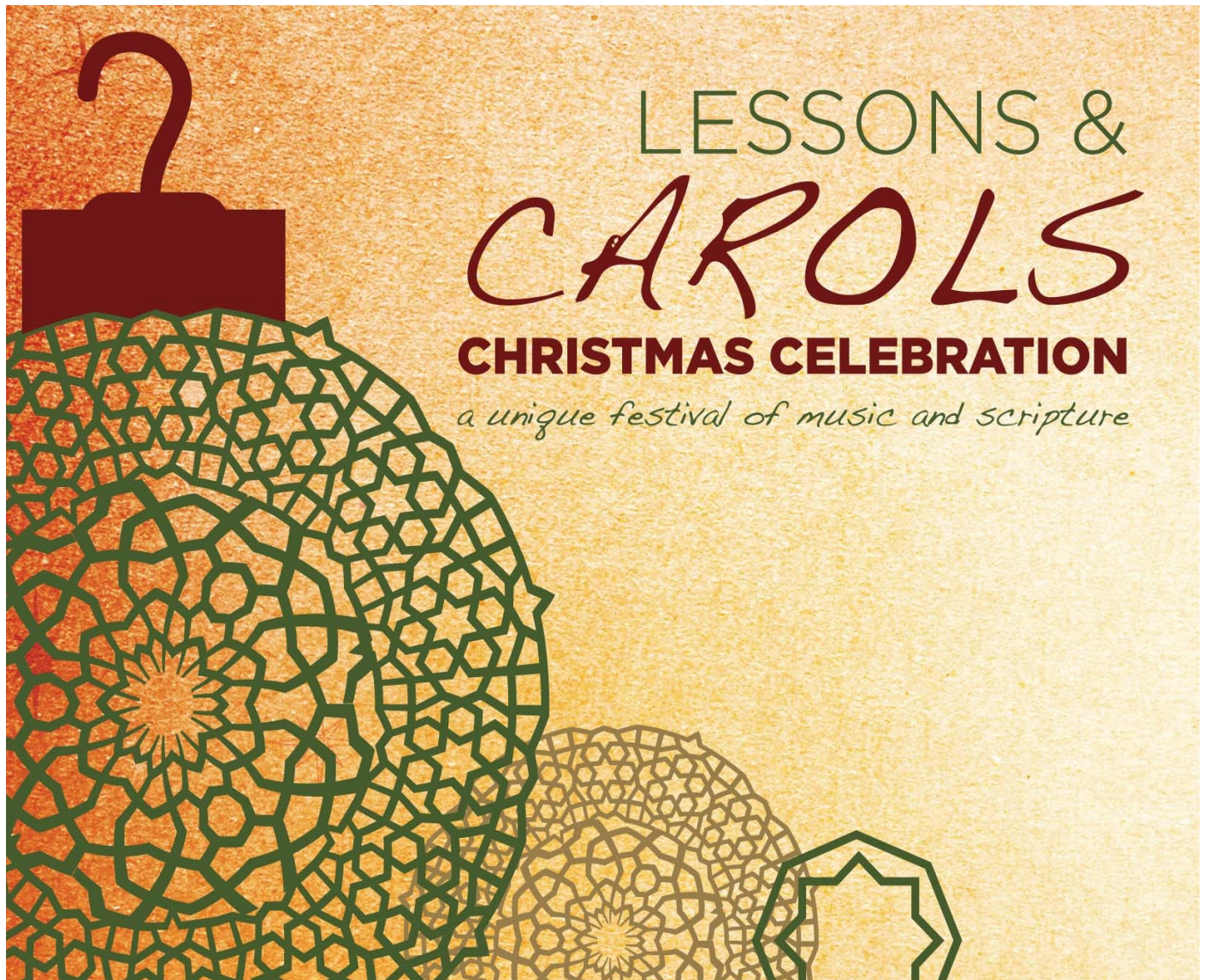


# *First Sunday of Christmas*



## WELCOME TO ST. ANDREW

**Welcome** to long-time Lutherans, Christians from every tradition, and people new to the faith.

**Welcome** to all who have no church home, want to follow Jesus, have doubts, or do not believe.

**Welcome** to new visitors and old friends.

**Welcome** especially to all who have ever been made to feel unwelcome by the church.

**Welcome** to believers, questioners, and questioning believers. This is a place where you are welcome to celebrate and grieve, to rejoice and recover.

No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here. This is a place where lives are made new.

## HOW WE WORSHIP

When we gather for worship, we rejoice in God's grace through songs, prayers, scriptures, and the sacraments. The history of Christian worship is rich with traditions and rituals formed by generations which help to connect our lives with Christ.

By its very nature, Lutheran worship is participatory. The Holy Spirit joins our hearts and voices through songs and prayers that are both ancient and modern, biblical and relevant. Worship leaders guide us through the service and our responses are printed in **bold type**.

We are sent from this gathering into the world where we live on mission for Christ in our daily lives, loving and serving our neighbors and sharing the good news of Jesus with a world in need.

# Lessons and Carols

10:00 AM Service

December 29, 2024

## GATHERING

*Prelude*

*Welcome and Announcements*

*Ringling of the Bell*

*(Please Stand)*

*Hymn #282 "It Came Upon a Midnight Clear"*

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, whose steadfast love is everlasting. **Amen**

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

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

God-with-us, **we confess that we have turned away those seeking shelter, claiming there is no room when we have plenty.**

**We have made power and wealth our idols, while you show us true glory: a baby in a manger. We have overlooked the shepherds, expecting good news in prettier packaging. Too often, we have valued violence instead of your peace. Turn us from our ways to your ways. Grant us the grace to begin again. Free us from all that keeps us bound, and forgive our sin, through Jesus Christ, who gives himself for us. Amen.**

Hear the Good News and rejoice! You are God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, † forgiven in Christ and freed to respond in joy. **Amen.**

*Hymn #267 "Joy to the World" vs. 1 & 3*

## 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

Let us pray. **Shine into our hearts the light of your wisdom, O God, and open our minds to the knowledge of your word, that in all things we may think and act according to your good will and may live continually in the light of your Son, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

First Reading:	Genesis 1: 1—5, 14—18	Pg. 1
Carol #292	<i>“Love Has Come”</i>	
Second Reading:	Micah 5: 2—5a	Pg. 1445
Carol #279	<i>“ O Little Town of Bethlehem” vs. 1—2</i>	
Third Reading:	Luke 1: 26—35	Pg. 1588
Carol # 269	<i>“Once in Royal David’s City” vs. 1—2</i>	
Fourth Reading:	Matthew 1: 18—25	Pg. 1497
Carol #272	<i>“Lo, How a Rose E’er Blooming”</i>	
Fifth Reading:	Luke 2: 8—20	Pg. 1591
Carol # 289	<i>“Angels We have Heard on High”</i>	
Sixth Reading	Matthew 2: 1—11	Pg. 1497
Carol # 300	<i>“The First Noel” Vs. 1—4</i>	
Seventh Reading:	John 1: 1—14	Pg. 1645
Carol # 283	<i>“O Come, All Ye Faithful” vs. 1—3</i>	

## THE NICENE CREED

Together with the whole church, we confess our faith in the words of the Nicene Creed:

**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.**

## **Responsive Prayer**

It is you, loving God, who lights our path with truth.

**Your Word, Jesus, is truth.**

In Christ's light, draw all to the manger  
**to gather in wonder with the shepherds.**

In Christ's light, draw all to the manger  
**to kneel in reverence with the wise ones.**

In Christ's light, draw all to the manger  
**to sing for joy with the angels.**

In the brightness of Jesus' life  
**cast away the darkness of injustice, poverty, and hunger in the world.**

It is you, loving God, who meets us on our way.

**In the light of Jesus, show the world the way of life.**

**Amen.**

## The Lord's Prayer (*sung*)

**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 debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.**

## **BLESSING**

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow!

**Praise God, all creatures here below!**

You are the shepherds telling the story.

**We tell it in the streets and across the land.**

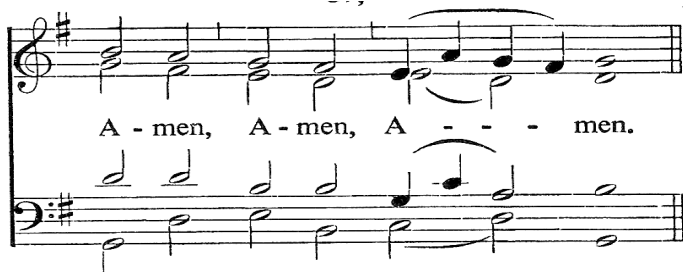
You are the wise ones worshiping with thanksgiving.

**We worship with gifts of song and service,  
talents and treasures.**

You are the angels announcing peace.

**We live with joy and go now in peace.**

Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.



*Hymn #290 "Go, Tell It on the Mountain"*

L: Beloved of God, go in peace. The word of God dwells in you richly.

**Thanks be to God.**

Postlude.

*Our thanks to those who serve as our worship leaders today:*

*Our Reader—Ed Zastawny*

*Our Liturgist—Ken Kleid*

*Organist—Jimmy Cheung*

*Choir and Hand Bell Director—Wendy Kuenemann*

*Pastor—Rev. Christopher Steubing*