



+ Twenty-Sixth Sunday after Pentecost
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+ **Twenty-Sixth Sunday after Pentecost** **Order for Worship**

November begins with All Saints Day and ends in or near Advent, when we anticipate Christ's coming again. It is fitting, then, that the readings today tell of the final resurrection and the end time. In the turmoil of hope, fear, and disbelief that these predictions provoke in us, Hebrews sounds a note of confident trust. Christ makes a way for us where there is no way, and we walk it confidently, our hearts and bodies washed in baptismal water, trusting the one who has promised forgiveness. The more we see the last day approaching, the more important it is to meet together to provoke one another to love.

Welcome to St. Andrew!

- St. Andrew Lutheran congregation welcomes all who are seeking a place of healing and wholeness – a nurturing, faith-forming spiritual home. Our community embraces people of all ages, ethnicities, cultures, abilities, sexual orientations, gender identities and expressions, and family constellations. Come and See!
- Worship Services are live-streamed to multiple online platforms. By attending worship, you agree that your image and voice may be broadcast.
- Everyone is invited to make a name tag at the black bookcase in the back of the worship space if they would like. There are stickers indicating pronouns on the bookcase if you would like to include them on your name tag.
- Children are invited to attend Little Church – Big Faith, a Bible lesson and activity, during worship (after the Prayer of the Day). The group returns to the worship space for the liturgy of Holy Communion.
- A nursery is available through the doors at the left side of the sanctuary and across from the doorway to the Social Hall. Look for a purple-colored room.
- Worship “toolkits” to help children engage with the service, along with “busy bags” for younger children, are available in the bookcase at the back of the sanctuary. Please feel free to take one to use with/for your children.
- Holy Communion is served with bread (gluten-free available) and wine or grape juice. The presiding minister will distribute the bread (host). Please consume this and then pick up an empty glass from the tray. The Communion Assistant will pour wine or grape juice into your glass. Please step to the side to consume the wine or grape juice. Feel free to kneel at the altar for prayer and reflection. As you return to your pew, glasses may be returned to the empty trays on either side of the center section.
- A restroom is available on the main level of the church, through the doors to the Social Hall and to the right in the main office.

Abbreviations

P: Pastor/Presiding Minister
A: Assisting Minister
L: Lector
C: Congregation

ELW: Evangelical Lutheran Worship hymnal
ACS: All Creation Sings hymnal

Pre-Service Music

Welcome

Prelude

Jesus Loves Me

A. Warner

Played on piano by Elyse

Gathering

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God

Confession and Forgiveness

*Please rise as you are able. All may make the sign of the cross,
the sign that is marked at Baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God,
our refuge, our rock, our beginning and our end.

C: Amen.

P: Let us bring our confession before the one who loves us and has freed us from our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection

P: Eternal One, robed in majesty and mercy,

**C: we confess that sin has taken hold of us
and we have given in to its power.**

**We are disturbed in spirit and our hearts cannot rest.
Unbind us and set us free.**

**Lead us again to the waters of rebirth,
that we may live just and generous lives,
for the good of your world
and the care of our neighbors,
following in the servant way of Jesus Christ, our Savior.**

Amen.

P: These words are trustworthy and true:
Jesus bore our sin once, for all, on the cross,
swallowing up death forever.

For his sake, you are ✝ forgiven,
and God remembers your sin no more.

Let your heart be glad again
and rejoice in your salvation.

C: Amen.

1 God of grace and God of glo - ry, on your peo - ple
 2 Lo! The hosts of e - vil round us scorn the Christ, as -
 3 Cure your chil - dren's war - ring mad - ness; bend our pride to
 4 Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion to the e - vils

pour your pow'r; crown your an - cient chur - ch's sto - ry;
 sail his ways! From the fears that long have bound us
 your con - trol; shame our wan - ton, self - ish glad - ness,
 we de - plore; let the gift of your sal - va - tion

bring its bud to glo - rious flow'r. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age
 free our hearts to faith and praise. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age
 rich in things and poor in soul. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
 be our glo - ry ev - er - more. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,

for the fac - ing of this hour, for the fac - ing of this hour.
 for the liv - ing of these days, for the liv - ing of these days.
 lest we miss your king - dom's goal, lest we miss your king - dom's goal.
 serv - ing you whom we a - dore, serv - ing you whom we a - dore.

Greeting

P: 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.

Hymn of Praise

ACS p. 31

1 Glo - ry to you, God, for yours is the earth;
2 Glo - ry to you, God, for yours is the earth;
3 Glo - ry to you, God, for yours is the earth;

yours is the prom - ise, the bless - ing, the birth.
yours the ho - san - nas, the dy - ing, re - birth.
yours the a - noint - ing, the ra - di - ant worth.

Ours the re - joic - ing for Word giv - en frame;
Ours the re - joic - ing for na - ture re - claimed;
Ours the re - joic - ing for spir - its a - flame;

ours the thanks - giv - ing to your ho - ly name.

Ours be the tell - ing of deeds great - ly done;

yours be the glo - ry, O God, yours a - lone.

Prayer of the Day

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Almighty God, your sovereign purpose brings salvation to birth.
Give us faith to be steadfast amid the tumults of this world,
trusting that your kingdom comes and your will is done
through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

Please be seated.

*Children are invited to join the adult leaders at the door and for Little Church – Big Faith.
We ask that one additional adult from the congregation attend with the children.*

Word

God speaks to us in Scripture reading, preaching, and song

First Reading – Daniel 12: 1-3

¹“At that time Michael, the great prince, the protector of your people, shall arise. There shall be a time of anguish, such as has never occurred since nations first came into existence. But at that time your people shall be delivered, everyone who is found written in the book. ²Many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt. ³Those who are wise shall shine like the brightness of the sky, and those who lead many to righteousness, like the stars forever and ever.”

L: Word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 16

The cantor will lead the singing of the psalm.

*The congregation is invited to respond with the alternate verses in bold print,
and to join in singing the refrain.*

Psalm tone



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Psalm refrain



My heart is glad and my spir - it re-joic - es; my
bo - dy shall rest in hope.

Psalm 16:9

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- ¹ Protect me, O God, for I take ref-^l uge in you;
I have said to the Lord, “You are my Lord, my good a-^l bove all other.”
- ² **All my delight is in the godly that are^l in the land,
upon those who are noble a-^l mong the people.**
- ³ But those who run after^l other gods
shall have their troubles^l multiplied.
- ⁴ **I will not pour out drink offerings^l to such gods,
never take their names up-^l on my lips. R**
- ⁵ O Lord, you are my portion^l and my cup;
it is you who up-^l hold my lot.
- ⁶ **My boundaries enclose a^l pleasant land;
indeed, I have a^l rich inheritance.**
- ⁷ I will bless the Lord who^l gives me counsel;
my heart teaches me night^l after night.
- ⁸ **I have set the Lord al-^l ways before me;
because God is at my right hand, I shall^l not be shaken. R**
- ⁹ My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spir-^l it rejoices;
my body also shall^l rest in hope.
- ¹⁰ **For you will not abandon me^l to the grave,
nor let your holy one^l see the pit.**
- ¹¹ You will show me the^l path of life;
in your presence there is fullness of joy, and in your right hand are pleasures
for-^l evermore. R

Second Reading – Hebrews 10: 11-25

¹¹ Every priest stands day after day at his service, offering again and again the same sacrifices that can never take away sins.

¹² But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, “he sat down at the right hand of God,” ¹³ and since then has been waiting “until his enemies would be made a footstool for his feet.” ¹⁴ For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are sanctified.

¹⁵ And the Holy Spirit also testifies to us, for after saying,

¹⁶ “This is the covenant that I will make with them

after those days, says the Lord:

I will put my laws in their hearts,

and I will write them on their minds,”

¹⁷ he also adds,

“I will remember their sins and their lawless deeds no more.”

¹⁸ Where there is forgiveness of these, there is no longer any offering for sin.

¹⁹ Therefore, my friends, since we have confidence to enter the sanctuary by the blood of Jesus, ²⁰ by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain (that is, through his flesh), ²¹ and since we have a great priest over the house of God, ²² let us approach with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. ²³ Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for the one who has promised is faithful. ²⁴ And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, ²⁵ not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

L: Word of God, word of life.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Please rise as you are able and join in speaking the Gospel Acclamation.

Gospel Acclamation

ACS p. 33



Be alert¹ at all times, praying you may have the strength to come before the¹ Son of Humanity.

Gospel – Mark 13: 1-8

P: The holy Gospel according to St. Mark.

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

¹ As [Jesus] came out of the temple, one of his disciples said to him, “Look, Teacher, what large stones and what large buildings!” ² Then Jesus asked him, “Do you see these great buildings? Not one stone will be left here upon another; all will be thrown down.”

³ When he was sitting on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter, James, John, and Andrew asked him privately, ⁴ “Tell us, when will this be, and what will be the sign that all these things are about to be accomplished?” ⁵ Then Jesus began to say to them, “Beware that no one leads you astray. ⁶ Many will come in my name and say, ‘I am he!’ and they will lead many astray. ⁷ When you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be alarmed; this must take place, but the end is still to come. ⁸ For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be earthquakes in various places; there will be famines. This is but the beginning of the birth pangs.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

Sermon

*A time of silence for prayer and reflection follows the sermon.
When the Hymn of the Day begins, please rise as you are able.*





1 O - ceans rise, the coast-land trem-bles; moun-tains melt and dry earth
 2 Na - tions rage, the em - pire fal - ters; seek-ing ref - uge, ex - iles
 3 Come and see; God's mer - cy gath - ers all that sin and grief have



crum-bles. All the world with long - ing groans. Love a -
 wan - der. Walls and weap - ons rise from fear. Through this
 shat - tered. Life from fields of death is raised. Peace, be



bides, this gra - cious prom - ise is our help, our hope and
 wil - der - ness a riv - er flows to heal and bless us
 still; let pride - ful thun - der yield to songs of joy and



so - lace. God's strong word is sol - id ground.
 ev - er. God the cru - ci - fied dwells here.
 won - der. God and God a - lone be praised.

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Apostles' Creed

Profession of our faith using the Apostles' Creed, one of the Christian Church's three ecumenical creeds, unites us with siblings in Christ around the world.

**C: I believe in God, the Father almighty,
 creator of heaven and earth.**

**C: 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.

*Or, "he descended into hell," another translation of this text in widespread use.

Prayers of the People

A: Trusting in God's abundant love for all the world,
let us pray for our neighbors, the church, and all creation.

After each petition

A: God of mercy,

C: receive our prayer.

The presiding minister concludes the prayers

P: We offer our prayers to you, gracious God,
trusting in your boundless love for all you have made,
through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

C: Amen.

Peace

The presiding minister and the assembly greet one another in the peace of the risen Christ.

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

*The people may greet those around them with a sign of Christ's peace and may say
Peace be with you or similar words. Please be mindful that not everyone will be comfortable
with sharing the peace, so please seek consent before shaking hands or hugging. Other possible
ways to share the peace include a simple bow with the verbal greeting of peace, or simply a
verbal expression of peace.*

When the greetings of peace have concluded, please be seated.

Meal

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ



Offering

*We offer ourselves, our gifts and our faithful service to God.
As the offering is gathered for the mission of the church, including the care of those in need,
the table is set for Holy Communion.*

There are laminated giving cards in the pew racks that feature a QR code for anyone who would like to give online. Those who give using the QR code, as well as those who give regularly online or through their bank are encouraged to place the laminated card in the plate as an expression of your offering.

Noisy Offering

As children of the congregation carry buckets around the sanctuary, people of the congregation are invited to throw in their change as an offering. This month's Noisy Offering will benefit Bethesda Lutheran Services, a church-affiliated service ministry organization that serves children, youth, and families with mental and behavioral health services.

Music during the Offering

Just a Closer Walk with Thee

J. Edstrom

As the gifts are brought forward for presentation, please rise as you are able.

Offertory Song

We Are an Offering

ELW 692

We lift our voices, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you: we are an offering. Lord, use our voices, Lord, use our hands, Lord, use our lives, they are yours: we are an offering. All that we have, all that we are, all that we hope to be, we give to you, we give to you. We lift our voices, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you: we are an offering, we are an offering.

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Music: Dwight Liles

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Offertory Prayer

A: Let us pray.
Holy God,

C: the earth is yours and everything in it, yet you have chosen to dwell among your peoples and share your abundance. 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

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Preface

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy ...

... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Sanctus

ACS p. 36

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and
God of might, heav - en and earth are full of your
glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is the one who comes in the name of the
Lord. Ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.
Ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Eucharistic Prayer

P: O God triune ...

...join in the ancient song:

The earth is full of your glory.

C: The earth is full of your glory.

P: O God triune ...

... we mortals sing our song:

The earth is full of your glory.

C: The earth is full of your glory.

P: We praise you for the heart of Jesus ...

... we your children unite in this song:

The earth is full of your glory.

C: The earth is full of your glory.

P: O God triune ...

... to praise you again:

The earth is full of your glory.

C: The earth is full of your glory.

P: Amen and Amen.

C: Amen and amen.

Lord's Prayer

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

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.

Fraction and Invitation

P: Behold, God is making all things new. Come, take part in the new creation.



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on
us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

Please be seated.

Holy Communion

- *All who seek God and desire a deeper and stronger life in Christ are welcome to receive Holy Communion.*
- *Worshippers from the pulpit side will proceed forward first, followed by the center section, and then the lectern side.*
- *Please inform an usher if you would like the ministers to bring Communion to you.*
- *Holy Communion will be served with bread and wine/grape juice.*
- *The presiding minister will first distribute the bread (host) to each communicant. Please indicate if you require a gluten-free host.*
- *Once you have consumed the bread, please pick up an empty glass from the tray next to the presiding minister. The Communion Assistant will pour wine from the chalice or grape juice from the cruet into your glass.*
- *Please step to the side to consume the wine or grape juice.*
- *Feel free to kneel at the altar rail for prayer after receiving the sacrament.*
- *As you return to your pew, glasses may be returned to the empty trays on either side of the center section.*
- *A blessing will be provided for anyone who does not yet receive the sacrament.*
- *All are invited to join in singing the hymns during Holy Communion.*

Hymns during Holy Communion

All My Hope on God Is Founded

ELW 757



1 All my hope on God is found - ed who will all my
2 Mor - tal pride and earth - ly glo - ry, sword and crown be -
3 Great thy good-ness, e'er en - dur - ing; deep thy wis - dom,
4 Still from earth to God e - ter - nal sac - ri - fice of



trust re - new, who through change and chance will guide me,
tray our trust; what with care and toil we fash - ion,
pass - ing thought; splen - dor, light, and life at - tend thee,
praise be done, high a - bove all prais - es prais - ing



on - ly good and on - ly true. God un - known, God a -
tow'r and tem - ple, fall to dust. But thy pow'r, hour by
beau - ty spring - ing out of naught. Ev - er - more from thy
for the gift of God's own Son. Christ doth call one and



lone, call my heart to be thine own.
hour, is my tem - ple and my tow'r.
store new - born worlds rise and a - dore.
all: ye who fol - low shall not fall.

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Hymns during Holy Communion

When Pain of the World Surrounds Us

ELW 704



1 When pain of the world sur - rounds us with dark - ness and de -
2 We see with . . fear and trem - bling our ach - ing world in
3 The church is a ho - ly ves - sel the liv - ing wa - ters
4 We praise you . . for our jour - ney and your a - bun - dant



spair, when search - ing just con - founds us with
need, con - fess - ing to each oth - er our
fill to nour - ish all the peo - ple, God's
grace, your sav - ing word that guid - ed a



false hopes ev - 'ry - where, when lives are starved for mean - ing and
waste - ful - ness and greed. May we with stead - fast car - ing the
pur - pose to ful - fill. May we with hum - ble cour - age be
strug - gling hu - man race. O God, with all cre - a - tion, your



des - ti - ny is bare, we are called to fol - low Je - sus and
hun - gry chil - dren feed. We are called to fol - low Je - sus and
o - pen to God's will. We are called to fol - low Je - sus and
fu - ture we em - brace. We are called to fol - low Je - sus and



let God's heal - ing flow through us.
let God's jus - tice flow through us.
let God's Spir - it flow through us.
let God's chang - es flow through us.

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Hymns during Holy Communion

All Who Love and Serve Your City

ELW 724



1 All who love and serve your cit - y, all who
2 In your day of loss and sor - row, in your
3 In your day of wealth and plen - ty, wast - ed
4 For all days are days of judg - ment, and the
5 Ris - en Lord, shall yet the cit - y be the



bear its dai - ly stress, all who cry for peace and
day of help - less strife, hon - or, peace, and love re -
work and wast - ed play, call to mind the word of
Lord is wait - ing still, draw - ing near a world that
cit - y of de - spair? Come to - day, our judge, our



jus - tice, all who curse and all who bless,
treat - ing, seek the Lord, who is your life.
Je - sus, "You must work while it is day."
spurns him, of - f'ring peace from Cal - v'ry's hill.
glo - ry. Be its name "The Lord is there!"

Text: Erik Routley, 1917–1982

Music: NEW ORLEANS, Paul D. Weber, b. 1949

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When all have returned to their places, please rise as you are able.

Blessing

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C: Amen.

Prayer

A: Let us pray.

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

C: Amen.

Please be seated.

Sending

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world

Announcements

Please rise as you are able.

Benediction

P: God, the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end,
who has written your name in the book of life,
✠ bless you and keep you in grace and peace,
from this time forth and forevermore.

C: Amen.

Sending Hymn

Following page

Dismissal

A: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude



1 Let streams of liv - ing jus - tice flow down up - on the earth;
 2 For heal - ing of the na - tions, for peace that will not end,
 3 Your ci - ty's built to mu - sic; we are the stones you seek;



give free - dom's light to cap - tives, let all the poor have worth.
 for love that makes us lov - ers, God grant us grace to mend.
 your har - mo - ny is lan - guage; we are the words you speak.



The hun - gry's hands are plead - ing, the work - ers claim their rights,
 Weave our var - ied gifts to - geth - er; knit our lives as they are spun;
 Our faith we find in ser - vice, our hope in oth - ers' dreams,



the mourn - ers long for laugh - ter, the blind - ed seek for sight.
 on your loom of time en - roll us till our thread of life is run.
 our love in hand of neigh - bor; our home - land bright - ly gleams.



Make lib - er - ty a bea - con, strike down the i - ron pow'r;
 O great weav - er of our fab - ric, bind church and world in one;
 In - scribe our hearts with jus - tice; your way—the path un - tried;



a - bol - ish an - cient ven - geance: pro - claim your peo - ple's hour.
 dye our tex - ture with your ra - diance, light our col - ors with your sun.
 your truth—the heart of strang - er; your life—the Cru - ci - fied.

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**St. Andrew Lutheran Church Announcements
November 17th, 2024**

- **Welcome to Worship at St. Andrew on the Twenty-Sixth Sunday after Pentecost, November 17th, 2024** – We are so glad you are here, and we offer a special welcome to all visitors and guests here for the first time! Worship attendees are invited to make a name tag at the back of the worship space. Little Church – Big Faith, a Bible lesson and activity for children, will take place after the prayer of the day. There are also worship “toolkits” to help children engage with worship and “busy bags” for younger children available in the bookcase at the back of the sanctuary. Please feel free to take one to use with/for your children. All are invited to gather for coffee other drinks and food, and conversation in the social hall after worship.
- **Noisy Offering during Worship Today** – On the third Sunday of each month, the children of St. Andrew lead us in a Noisy Offering. The children carry buckets around the congregation and people are invited to throw in their change, which then gets compiled in big metal buckets and brought forward as an offering. These gifts support a different

ministry or organization each month, and this month's Noisy Offering will be donated to Bethesda Lutheran Services, a service ministry organization affiliated with the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America and our Southwestern Pennsylvania Synod, whose mission is to "provide bright futures for children, youth, and families, through individualized mental and behavioral health services provided in a residential, school, or community setting. For more information, visit www.bethesda1919.org.

- **Shelter Dinner for Guests of East End Cooperative Ministry – Thursday, November 21st, 6:30 p.m.** – Each month, people of St. Andrew provide dinner for guests of East End Cooperative Ministry, 6140 Station St. (East Liberty), 15206. We invite you to prepare or purchase one menu item and bring it to the shelter by 6:00 p.m., or just come to help serve at 6:30 p.m. If you would like to contribute, please sign up here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080544AAAC22A1F58-52627894-shelter>.
- **Interfaith Thanksgiving Service – Tuesday, November 26th at 7:00 p.m. at Nearby First Unitarian Church** – Join members of Pittsburgh's various faith communities in a gathering to reconnect us with each other! Light refreshments will be served. First Unitarian is located at 605 Morewood Avenue – please feel free to park at St. Andrew!
- **Holiday Gift-Giving Opportunities through Bethesda Lutheran Services and JFCS** – Each year, St. Andrew chooses an organization to partner with to provide holiday gifts for children in need. This year the congregation will work with Bethesda Lutheran Services and JFCS.
 - JFCS has set up a gift registry with Learning Express in Wexford (buying as locally as possible). This is the link to the registry: <https://learningexpress.com/wexford/giftr/registry/view/uid/FF5129350614/>. Gifts can be ordered directly on the LE website, and Joy Givens will pick everything up from the store, so anyone who orders can mark "pick up" from Wexford at checkout and will not have to worry about going to get items themselves.
 - JFCS – St. Andrew will also collect new winter hats, mittens/gloves, and packages of socks and underwear of all sizes in the social hall until Sunday, December 15th. JFCS has 160 kids on their list, 114 of whom are age 5 or older, so the need is great!
 - JFCS – The JFCS Bridge Builders gift distribution event will take place on Monday, December 16th, hopefully at the Carnegie Library's downtown branch on Smithfield Street. We will invite parents to come and "shop" for their children. We hope to offer one toy and hat/gloves set per child, new packages of socks and underwear, and used books (which are already being supplied). We will also assemble gift bags for families that are not able to get downtown and deliver them during that week. Anyone who wants to volunteer to staff our free store and/or deliver gifts should email Joy Givens at jgivens@jfcspgh.org. Bridge Builders is a mentoring and enrichment program for locally resettled refugee and immigrant children, and Joy is happy to talk with anyone about what they do and who we serve!
 - Bethesda – Please see the full Bethesda Residential Wish List page printed at the back of the bulletin. Donations will be accepted through Sunday, December 15th.

- **Coffee Hour Signups Available** – One way that St. Andrew builds community is by sharing conversation over food and drinks at coffee hour after worship on Sundays. We invite people of the congregation to sign up to coordinate coffee hour each week, which includes brewing the coffee; setting out cups, napkins, food items, and cold drinks; and cleaning up afterward. Everything needed is at St. Andrew and instructions are available. Please sign up to host coffee hour here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080B4AAFAF2CABF85-47069030-coffee>.
- ***Christ in Our Home* Devotional Booklets (October – December) Available at Church Entrances** – *Christ in Our Home* is a booklet of devotions that includes Scripture, a brief reflection, and prayer for each day. The new edition for October – December is now available at the various church entrances. Please feel free to take one for yourself or others!
- **Compline Prayer Service with the Pittsburgh Compline Choir – Sundays at 8:00 p.m. at Heinz Chapel** – Compline was traditionally a monastic prayer service, and the Pittsburgh Compline Choir, a ministry of Lutheran Campus Ministry in Greater Pittsburgh, sings a choral version of compline rooted in this thousand-year-old tradition of scripture, song, and silence each Sunday at Heinz Chapel at 8:00 p.m. This service also streams on Facebook (Pittsburgh Compline Choir) and YouTube (The Pittsburgh Compline Choir). Heinz Chapel is located off of S. Bellefield Ave. in Oakland. For more information, please visit: [Pittsburgh Compline Choir](#).