

Welcome to St. Andrew's on this Christ the King Sunday .  
 If you are visiting this morning, please sign our *Guest Book*  
 on the welcome table in the Commons. Also located  
 there are Visitor's Packets and our parish newsletter, *The Call*.

**Christmas Schedule 2023**

**December 3** - Pageant Rehearsal at 10:30am. We need any and all children who want to be involved to attend if possible.

**December 10** - Pageant at the 10:30am service

**December 16** - Greening of the Church - We invite all from the church to come and help decorate.

**December 17** - Lessons and Carols at the 10:30am service

**December 24** - Christmas Eve Service 4:30pm

**December 31**—Morning Prayer one service at 9:30am

**Financial Status as of November 20, 2023**

Contrib. Rec'd this week . . . . . \$2,749  
 Avg. Wkly Contrib. Needed . . . . . \$6,323  
 Rec'd YTC . . . . . \$295,770  
 Spent YTD . . . . . \$235,070

If you have questions about your pledge or other contributions, call Rosemary Clark, our bookkeeper, at 443-2070 on Monday or Thursday afternoons.

**Every Member Canvas Update:**

Pledge cards were due this week for 2024. Please turn them in ASAP if you have not yet. If you are behind for 2023 please try and catch up as soon as possible. Thank you!

EYC meets Sunday, December 3rd for Advent wreath making following the 10:30am service. All children are welcome to attend!

We will pack backpack food bags in the Commons following the 8am service.

Angel Tree is starting up again soon! The children at Carriage Court Apartments are our special mission throughout the year. If you've helped in the past, thank you; for those who are busy, please consider choosing a child in this season celebrating the birth of our Lord. Angel Tree will be open starting December 3rd and all gifts need to be returned by December 17th.



**Serving next Sunday, December 3**

**8:00am**

**Officiant:** Rev. Adele Hatfield  
**LEM:** George Earp  
**LAY:** George Earp  
**Acolyte:** Lauren Renck and Walker Wells  
**Ushers:** Billy Suggs and Steve Thurkill  
**Greeters:** Tommy Parker and Elizabeth Hunter  
**Pantry Volunteers:** Terry Shackelford, Linda Hutcheson, and Dotsy and Jim Royal  
**Pantry Distributors:** Patty Kennedy, Tommy Parker, Elizabeth Hunter

**10:00**

Martha Lamm  
 Sandy Suggs

“For God is not unjust, he will not overlook your work and the love that you showed for his sake in serving the saints, as you still do.” Hebrews 6:10

*St. Andrew's  
 Episcopal Church*



*Christ the King Sunday*

*November 26, 2023*



## The Invitatory and Psalter

Officiant: Let us bless the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

*The Officiant then says the following:*

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. *Amen. 2 Corinthians 13:14*

**Closing Hymn 680 “O God, Our Help in Ages Past”**

### The Dismissal

Officiant: Let us go forth, in the Name of Christ, Alleluia! Alleluia!

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!



*Officiant: Let us stand.*

*The Officiant then faces the altar and says:*

*Officiant* Lord, open our lips.

*People* And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

*The Officiant and People say together the following:*

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia.

**Antiphon: (Standing)**

*Officiant* The earth is the Lord's for he made it.

*People* Come, let us adore him.

*Officiant:* Let us say together the Venite

Come, let us sing to the Lord; \*  
let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.  
Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving \*  
and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.

For the Lord is a great God, \*  
and a great King above all gods.  
In his hand are the caverns of the earth, \*  
and the heights of the hills are his also.  
The sea is his, for he made it, \*  
and his hands have molded the dry land.

Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, \*  
and kneel before the Lord our Maker.  
For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture  
and the sheep of his hand. \*  
Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!

## Psalm 100

<sup>1</sup> Be joyful in the Lord, all you lands; \*  
Serve the Lord with gladness and come before his  
presence with a song.

<sup>2</sup> Know this: The Lord himself is God; \*  
He himself has made us, and we are his; we are his  
people and the sheep of his pasture.

<sup>3</sup> Enter his gates with thanksgiving; go into his  
courts with praise; \* give thanks to him and call  
upon his Name.

<sup>4</sup> For the Lord is good; his mercy is everlasting; \*  
And his faithfulness endures from age to age.

*At the end of the Psalms is said:*

Glory to the Father, and the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \*  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

## The Lessons

### First Reading

*(Seated)*

*Silence may be kept after each Reading. A Canticle is said after each Reading.*

Thus says the Lord GOD: I myself will search for my sheep, and will seek them out. As shepherds seek out their flocks when they are among their scattered sheep, so I will seek out my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places to which they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land; and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the watercourses, and in all the inhabited parts of the land. I will feed them with good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel shall be their pasture; there they shall lie down in good grazing land, and they shall feed on rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord GOD. I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, but the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them with justice. Therefore, thus says the Lord GOD to them: I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. Because you pushed with flank and shoulder, and butted at all the weak animals with your horns until you scattered them far and wide, I will save my flock, and they shall no longer be ravaged; and I will judge between sheep and sheep. I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. And I, the LORD, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them; I, the LORD, have spoken.

**Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24**

*A Collect for the departed*

Grant us grace to entrust our loved ones to your never failing love...receive them into the arms of your mercy, and remember them according to the favor which you bear unto your children. *Amen.*

*A Collect for self-dedication*

Almighty and eternal God, so draw our hearts to you, so guide our minds, so fill our imaginations, so control our wills, that we may be wholly yours, dedicated unto you; and then use us, we pray, as you will, and always to your glory and the welfare of your people; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

*A collect for Mission*

Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of your faithful people is governed and sanctified: Receive our supplications and prayers which we offer before you for all members of your holy Church, that in their vocation and ministry they may truly and devoutly serve you; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

**The General Thanksgiving** *(Kneeling or Standing)*

*Officiant: Let us say together the General Thanksgiving:*

Almighty God, Father of all mercies,  
we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks  
for all your goodness and loving-kindness  
to us and to all whom you have made.  
We bless you for our creation, preservation,  
and all the blessings of this life;  
but above all for your immeasurable love  
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;  
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.  
And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies,  
that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise,  
not only with our lips, but in our lives,  
by giving up our selves to your service,  
and by walking before you  
in holiness and righteousness all our days;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,  
be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.

*A Collect for Sundays*

O God, you make us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of your Son our Lord: Give us this day such blessing through our worship of you, that the week to come may be spent in your favor; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*A Collect for the Renewal of Life*

O God, the King eternal, whose light divides the day from the night and turns the shadow of death into the morning: Drive far from us all wrong desires, incline our hearts to keep your law, and guide our feet into the way of peace; that, having done your will with cheerfulness during the day, we may, when night comes, rejoice to give you thanks; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*A Collect for Peace*

O God, the author of peace and lover of concord, to know you is eternal life and to serve you is perfect freedom: Defend us, you humble servants, in all assaults of our enemies; that we, surely trusting in your defense, may not fear the power of any adversaries; through the might of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*A Collect for Grace*

Lord God, almighty and everlasting Father, you have brought us in safety to this new day: Preserve us with your mighty power, that we may not fall into sin, nor be overcome by adversity; and in all we do, direct us to the fulfilling of your purpose; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*A Collect for Guidance*

Heavenly Father, in you we live and move and have our being: We humbly pray you so to guide and govern us by your Holy Spirit, that in all the cares and occupations of our life we may not forget you, but may remember that we are ever walking in your sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*A Collect for the Sick*

Almighty God, Father of life and health, use us we pray to bring wholeness and peace to those in need: for our sick: Elsie C., Bill, Lisa O., Christine, Janice, Roger, Judy, Kat, Patricia, Shirley, Blake, Rachel, Jinx, Wayland, Chris, Johnny, Barbara, Sheryl, Linda T., Joyce, and Ernie...for those who minister to the needs of others...for all who have asked for our prayers... let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

**Canticle 9**  
(Please Stand)

**The First Song of Isaiah** *Ecce, Deus*  
*Isaiah 12:2-6*

Surely, it is God who saves me; \*  
I will trust in him and not be afraid.

For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense, \*  
and he will be my Savior.

Therefore you shall draw water with rejoicing \*  
from the springs of salvation.

And on that day you shall say, \*  
Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his Name;

Make his deeds known among the peoples; \*  
see that they remember that his Name is exalted.

Sing praises of the Lord, for he has done great things, \*  
and this is known in all the world.

Cry aloud, inhabitants of Zion, ring out your joy, \*  
for the great one in the midst of you is the Holy One of Israel.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \*  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

**Second Reading**  
(Seated)

**Ephesians 1:15-23**

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.



**Canticle 19**  
*(Please Stand)*

**The Song of the Redeemed**  
*Magna et mirabilia*

**Revelation 15:3-4**

O ruler of the universe, Lord God, great deeds are they that you have done, \* surpassing human understanding.

All nations will draw near and fall down before you, \* because your just and holy works have been revealed.

Your ways are ways of righteousness and truth, \* O King of all the ages.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \*as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

Who can fail to do you homage, Lord, and sing the praises of your Name? for you only are the Holy One.

**Sequence Hymn 655**      **“O Jesus, I have Promised”**

Vv. 1-2 Prior to the gospel

Vv. 3 following

**Gospel**

*(Please stand. W\O a priest or deacon, the Gospel lesson is introduced like the Epistle.*

**Matthew 25:31-46**

Jesus said, “When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. Then the king will say to those at his right hand, ‘Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.’ Then the righteous will answer him, ‘Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?’ And the king will answer them, ‘Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.’ Then he will say to those at his left hand, ‘You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.’ Then they also will answer, ‘Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?’ Then he will answer them, ‘Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.’ And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.”

*After the Gospel lesson, the reader closes with “The Word of the Lord.”)*

**Homily 8:00 Ramona Orzell**  
**10:30 Leslie Hall**

**Written by The Rev. D. Rebecca Hansen**

**The Apostles’ Creed**

*Officiant: Standing, let us reaffirm our faith as we say together the Apostles Creed.*

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the Virgin Mary.

He 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,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again 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.

**The Announcements**

**Offertory Sentence** Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father which is in heaven.

**Organ Voluntary**

*Ruff Creech*

**The Doxology**

**The Prayers**

*The people stand*

*Officiant* The Lord be with you.

*People* And with thy spirit.

*Officiant* Let us pray.

*Facing the altar, the Officiant and People say together:*

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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

**The Suffrage (Standing)**

V. O Lord, show thy mercy upon us;

R. And grant us thy salvation.

V. Endue thy ministers with righteousness;

R. And make thy chosen people joyful.

V. Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;

R. For only in thee can we live in safety.

V. Lord, keep this nation under thy care;

R. And guide us in the way of justice and truth..

V. Let thy way be known upon earth;

R. Thy saving health among all nations.

V. Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;

R. Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.

V. Create in us clean hearts, O God;

R. And sustain us with thy Holy Spirit.

*The Officiant then says the following Collects*  
*Congregation and Officiant standing*

*The Collect of the Day*

Almighty and everlasting God, whose will it is to restore all things in your well-beloved Son, the King of kings and Lord of lords: Mercifully grant that the peoples of the earth, divided and enslaved by sin may be freed and brought together under his most gracious rule; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*