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**St. Andrew's Episcopal Church shares the love of Christ through compassionate acceptance
with all God's children.**

**FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
December 1, 2024
10:00 a.m.**

The Right Reverend Peter Eaton, Bishop
The Reverend Cori Olson, Rector
The Reverend Sonley Joseph, Priest
The Reverend Bob Sullivan & The Reverend April Alford-Harkey, Deacons

Christie Scalera, Acolyte & Reader
Catherine Kollar-Dye, Reader
Kelly Boudle & Mary Jones, Ushers

Mary Nelson, Organist
James Balmer, Choir Director

Choir: Lucretia Alexandru, Marie Alford-Harkey, Ron Bukley, Linda Crisman, Jon Flath,
Alicia Longwell, Deb Mc Nerney, Twig Morris, Jean-Claude Sanon, John Shepherd,
Carol Sink, Kathy Smith, Linda Sullivan, Alice Van Lennep, Sandy Wertz

Bama Lutes Deal – AVL Board

Catherine Kollar-Dye, Vestry Person of the Day

Welcome

Processional Hymn #290 – Come Ye Thankful People, Come

[1] *“Come, ye thankful people, come, raise the song of harvest-home: all is safely gathered in, ere the winter storms begin; God, our Maker, doth provide for our wants to be supplied; come to God's own temple, come, raise the song of harvest-home.”*

[2] *“All the world is God's own field, fruit unto his praise to yield; wheat and tares together sown, unto joy or sorrow grown: first the blade, and then the ear, then the full corn shall appear; grant, O harvest Lord, that we wholesome grain and pure may be.”*

[3] *“For the Lord our God shall come and shall take his harvest home; from his field shall in that day all offenses purge away; give his angels charge at last in the fire the tares to cast, but the fruitful ears to store in the garner evermore.”*

[4] *“Even so, Lord, quickly come, to thy final harvest-home; gather thou thy people in, free from sorrow, free from sin; there, forever purified, in thy presence to abide; come, with all thine angels come, raise the glorious harvest-home.”*

Acclamation

Celebrant Blessed are you holy and living one.

People **You come to your people and set them free.**

Celebrant Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Trisagion – S102

Holy God, Holy and Mighty, Holy Immortal One, Have mercy upon us.

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

ALMIGHTY GOD, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

The Lessons

A Reading from the Book of Jeremiah, chapter 33, verses 14-16

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: "The Lord is our righteousness."

Reader Here ends the lesson.

Psalm 25:1-9

1 To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul;
my God, I put my trust in you; *
let me not be humiliated,
nor let my enemies triumph over me.

2 Let none who look to you be put to shame; *
let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes.

3 Show me your ways, O Lord, *
and teach me your paths.

4 Lead me in your truth and teach me, *
for you are the God of my salvation;
in you have I trusted all the day long.

5 Remember, O Lord, your compassion and love, *
for they are from everlasting.

6 Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions; *
remember me according to your love
and for the sake of your goodness, O Lord.

7 Gracious and upright is the Lord; *
therefore he teaches sinners in his way.

8 He guides the humble in doing right *
and teaches his way to the lowly.

9 All the paths of the Lord are love and faithfulness *
to those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.

A Reading from the Book of I Thessalonians, chapter 3, verses 9-13

How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith.

Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

Reader The Word of the Lord

People **Thanks be to God**

Gradual Hymn #56 – O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

[1] *“O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel, that mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!”*

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ**

Jesus said, "There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in a cloud' with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near."

Then he told them a parable: "Look at the fig tree and all the trees; as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

"Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day catch you unexpectedly, like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man."

The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you Lord Christ

[2] *"O come, thou Wisdom from on high, who orderest all things mightily; to us the path of knowledge show, and teach us in her ways to go. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!"*

The Sermon

Reverend Cori Olson

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: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. 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. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He 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 of the People – Form IV

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.

Silence

Lord in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Please remember in your prayers:

Henrietta, Stefan, Hank, Dominic, Mary, Jason, Jim, Barbara, Joan, Gary, Laytoya, Beverly, Sergio, Selvyn & Winnifred, Lester & Ronnie, Susan, Janet, Ronna, Anne, Laura, David, Wallace, Margaret, Mike, Christine, Larry, Guillermo, Lisa, Ruby, Victoria & Family, Cecilia, Barbara, Fonsy, Connie, April & Marie, Noreen, Jean, Donna, Bob, John, Tom, Jim, Deacon Pat.

Please pray also for our companion Dioceses: Cuba, Dominican Republic, Haiti, Madagascar & Toliare.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Gordon Broom

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor. *Silence may be kept.*

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

The Peace/Announcements/Welcome of Visitors

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you

People **And also with you.**

The Holy Communion

Offertory Anthem – Advent AlleluiaKeith Christopher

Doxology: *Praise God from whom all blessings flow.*

Praise Him all creatures here below.

Praise Him above the heavenly host.

Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

The Great Thanksgiving

The people remain standing. The Celebrant faces them and says:

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Here a Proper Preface is sung or said on all Sundays, and on other occasions as appointed.

Therefore, we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Celebrant and People S130

***Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,
Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full, full of your glory.***

***Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.***

The people stand or kneel. Then the Celebrant continues

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or to lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,
Celebrant and People
We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;

The Celebrant continues

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you,
O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this
bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon
these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of
Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your
Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him,
being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time,
put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to
that heavenly country where, with [_____ and] all your
saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and
daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all
creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our
salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy
Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and
forever. *AMEN.*

And now as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to sing,

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, forever and ever. Amen*

The Breaking of the Bread – *silence is kept*

Celebrant Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.
People **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!**

Agnus Dei – S164

Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us. Jesus, bearer of our sins: have mercy on us. Jesus, redeemer, redeemer of the world: give us your peace, give us your peace.

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

Communion Hymn #136 {LEVAS} – I Have Decided to Follow Jesus

[1] *“I have decided to follow Jesus, I have decided to follow Jesus, I have decided to follow Jesus, no turning back, no turning back!”*

[2] *“Though no one join me, still I will follow, though no one join me, still I will follow, though no one join me, still I will follow, no turning back, no turning back!”*

[3] *“The world behind me, the cross before me, the world behind me, the cross before me, the world behind me, the cross before me, no turning back, no turning back!”*

Chant: “In the Lord I’ll be ever thankful. In the Lord, I will rejoice. Look to God, do not be afraid, lift up your voices the Lord is near. Lift up your voices, the Lord is near.”

Day by Day - #654

“Day by day, dear Lord, of thee three things I pray: to see thee more clearly, love thee more dearly, follow thee more nearly, day by day.”

Post Communion Prayer

Let us pray.

Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and forever. Amen.

The Blessing

Recessional Hymn #616 – Hail to the Lord’s Anointed

[1] *“Hail to the Lord's Anointed, great David's greater Son! Hail, in the time appointed, his reign on earth begun! He comes to break oppression, to set the captive free; to take away transgression, and rule in equity.”*

[2] *“He comes with succor speedy to those who suffer wrong, to help the poor and needy, and bid the weak be strong; to give them songs for sighing, their darkness turn to light, whose souls, condemned and dying, were precious in his sight.”*

[3] *“He shall come down like showers upon the fruitful earth, and love, joy, hope, like flowers, spring in his path to birth; before him on the mountains shall peace, the herald, go; and righteousness in fountains from hill to valley flow.”*

[4] *“Kings shall bow down before him, and gold and incense bring; all nations shall adore him, his praise all people sing; to him shall prayer unceasing and daily vows ascend; his kingdom still increasing, a kingdom without end.”*

[5] *“O'er every foe victorious, he on his throne shall rest; from age to age more glorious, all blessing and all blest; the tide of time shall never his covenant remove; his Name shall stand for ever, his changeless Name of Love.”*

Dismissal

Postlude – Corale Prelude on “In dulci jubilo” J.S.Bach

Announcements

****If you need personal prayer, Deacon Bob Sullivan will be available to pray with you near the altar after the service.**

In case of emergency, call Rev. Cori at 561.788.5125.

The envelopes in the pews this week, benefit the Way Cafe.

The Choir rehearses on Thursdays at 7:00p.m. All are welcome!

The Way of Love Bible Challenge: A 50 Day Bible Challenge

With seven core spiritual practices, Turn - Learn - Pray - Worship - Bless - Go – Rest, the Way of Love offers an intentional, Spirit-led path to following Jesus.

The Way of Love Bible Challenge pairs each practice with a passage of scripture as well as reflections, questions, and prayers written by a variety of faith leaders.

Besides your individual reflection, you are invited to join on a **Zoom call with Rev. Cori each Friday morning at 10:00 to discuss what we've learned and discovered.** This Friday, we focus on worship.

The Annual Adopt-A-Family Angel Tree Update! Today is the deadline for gifts. Adopt-A-Family requests that the gifts are NOT wrapped, as they have a gift-wrapping party.

Join the Glory-Telling Project (GTP)

The Glory-Telling project is an opportunity for you to explore and share your story about what your faith means to you. Participants will be guided through a structured series of weekly coaching sessions, called circle sessions, to craft their testimony and messages of hope into short monologues that will be staged together as an ensemble showcase, date and time TBA. Circle sessions for The Glory-Telling Project will be held in the Parish Hall at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church on Tuesdays from 1:00-2:00 pm beginning November 7, 2024. If you cannot attend the time the sessions are held, other accommodations can be made to work with interested persons remotely. For more information and to register for this event, please email or call HavreDe Hill at havrede@gmail.com or (561) 236-3621.

Want to donate **altar flowers** in memory of a loved one or in celebration? Sign up in the Parish Hall or call Barbara Hadsell at 561-635-8809.

The Daughters of the King meet **the first Sunday of each month** following the service. Prayer request cards and the travel-size toiletry donation basket are in the Narthex.

Care Committee: The committee the third Sunday of the month after coffee hour. If you or someone you know is in need of prayers, visits, or other assistance, we encourage you to contact us by email at care@standrewslwb.org, or by calling either Brian McDonnell at 561.339.0147, or Alison Albury at 315.681.8867 to arrange assistance.

The Way Café is looking for donations for our outdoor food pantry. You can either place items directly in the food pantry, located on N. Palmway, or leave them in the Narthex. Thank you!

Christian Education Opportunities

Bible Study with Deacon Bob on Sundays at 9:00a.m. and with Rev. Cori on Wednesdays immediately following the 10:00a.m. service and on Wednesdays at 6:00p.m. via Zoom with Rev. Cori. **We have begun studying the Book I Corinthians.**

We have **bulletins and crayons for children** available! Please see the ushers.

2025 Pledge Cards are available in the Narthex.

Mon-Fri: Join Rev. Cori for Morning Prayer at 7:30 a.m. live on Facebook.

Coming Soon!!
Mark Your Calendars for our Upcoming Events!

Church Cleaning Day is on Saturday, December 7th at 9:00a.m. Pitch in to help our church be beautiful for Christmas!

Christmas Luncheon is on Sunday, December 8th, after the 10:00 AM service.

Lessons and Carols are on Saturday, December 14th followed by our annual Cookie Extravaganza!

Integrity Program & Potluck on Saturday, December 14th at 5:30. Speaker, Rand Hoch, President of the Human Rights Campaign – they do incredible work on issues related to the LGBT community.

The Daughters of the King Admission Service is on Sunday, December 15th at 10:00a.m.

Torch Ring Making is on Saturday, December 21st at 9:00a.m. in the Parish Hall.

Help Decorate the Church on Sunday, December 22nd following the 10:00a.m. service.

Christmas Eve Candlelight Services are at 4:30p.m. & 10:00p.m. on December 24th.

Christmas Day Service is at 10:00a.m. on December 25th.

Christmas Hymn Sing will be on Sunday, December 29th (the 5th Day of Christmas) before the 10 AM service.

