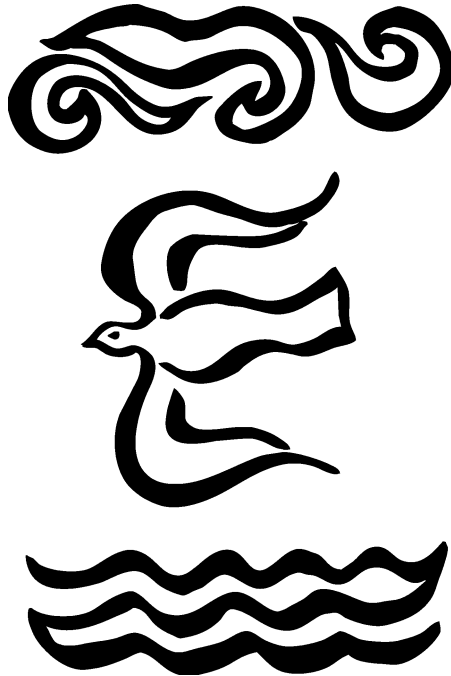


Second Sunday in Lent



A Service of Holy Communion
With the Installation of the Rev. Justin H. Smoot

Sunday, March 8, 2020
8:00 + 9:30 am

Welcome

If you are visiting today, thank you. If you wish, please fill out a “Visitor Card” located near the bulletin stand and place it in the offering box.

Holy Communion

All are welcome. Distribution is by intinction, taking a piece of bread, dip it in the wine, and receive both elements at once.

There is a gluten-free/grape juice option available near the baptismal font.

Altar Flowers

The flowers in the sanctuary today are given to the glory of God in honor of Pastor Justin’s installation.

Offering

Offerings are part of worship and an important part of sharing in the life of Saint Andrew. Thank you for all who contribute and thereby share in the work of Christ’s church.

In honor of Pastor Justin’s installation, special offerings will be received in support of the Zeerust visit this June. Please use a pew envelope and write “Installation” or “Zeerust” to designate your gift.

Baptism - 9:30 am

Wyatt Archie, son of Jesse and Beth Drake. His sponsors are Cory and Stephanie Woller, and John Heck and Cortney Drake-Heck.

Hearing Loop

The Sanctuary is equipped with a hearing loop system. If your hearing device has a t-coil, please turn it on.



Nursery Available

Children are welcome in worship. The nursery is unstaffed, though available during the 8:00 service and staffed during the 9:30 service. It is located in the back of the Narthex.

CALL TO WORSHIP

“In This Very Room”

Chancel Choir

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.

Glory to God forever and ever.

There is one Body and one Spirit;

There is one hope in God’s call to us;

One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;

One God, Creator of all.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray. O God of unchangeable power and eternal light: Look favorably on your whole Church, that wonderful and sacred mystery; by the effectual working of your providence, carry out in tranquility the plan of salvation; let the whole world see and know that things which were cast down are being raised up, and things which had grown old are being made new, and that all things are being brought to their perfection by him through whom all things were made, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

People of God gathered as Saint Andrew Lutheran Church, we are gathered to worship and to install Reverend Justin Hamilton Smoot, our co-worker in the gospel as one of your pastors. I now ask for certification of this call.

After prayerful deliberation, the people of God gathered as Saint Andrew Lutheran Church have called Reverend Justin Hamilton Smoot to be our associate pastor, and he has accepted. I present him and this letter certifying the call.

SCRIPTURE READING

Justin, in the presence of this assembly will you commit yourself to this new trust and responsibility, in the confidence that it comes from God through the call of the church.

I will and I ask God to help me.

Are you, the people of Saint Andrew ready to continue in your ministry, with Justin as your associate pastor?

We are.

Justin, with prayer, companionship and laying-on of hands we bring the reconciling presence of Christ to those who seek healing. Join us in this ministry by baptizing, calling us to repentance, and assuring us of God's forgiveness and love.

Amen. Live without fear: your Creator has made you holy, loves you eternally, and reconciles you to one another.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, who is present, who gives life, who calls into existence the things that do not exist. **Amen.**

If you were to keep watch over sins, O Lord, who could stand? Yet with you is forgiveness, and so we confess.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Gracious God,

have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned away from you, knowingly and unknowingly. We have wandered from your resurrection life. We have strayed from your love for all people. Turn us back to you, O God. Give us new hearts and right spirits, that we may find what is pleasing to you and dwell in your house forever. Amen.

Receive good news: God turns to you in love. “I will put my spirit in you, and you shall live,” says our God. All your sin is forgiven in the name of ✠ Jesus Christ, who is the free and abounding gift of God’s grace for you. **Amen.**

✠ **GATHERING HYMN**

“Beneath the Tree of Life”

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CHILDREN’S SERMON

(9:30 AM)

PRAYER OF THE DAY

THE WORD OF GOD

Will you preach and teach in accordance with the Holy Scriptures and with the confessions of the Lutheran Church? Will you carry out this ministry in harmony with the constitutions of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America?

I will and I ask God to help me.

Justin, with this Bible we proclaim and hear God’s living Word. Join us in the ministry of telling the Good News to the World.

Amen. Let us hear again the Good News of salvation.

A reading from Genesis.

Genesis 12:1-4a

The LORD said to Abram, “Go from your country and your kindred and your father’s house to the land that I will show you. I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.” So Abram went, as the LORD had told him; and Lot went with him.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

CHOIR ANTHEM *“I to the Hills” (Psalm 121)* Chancel Choir

A reading from Romans.

Romans 4:1-5, 13-17

What then are we to say was gained by Abraham, our ancestor according to the flesh? For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. For what does the scripture say? “Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness.” Now to one who works, wages are not reckoned as a gift but as something due. But to one who without works trusts him who justifies the ungodly, such faith is reckoned as righteousness. For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation. For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, “I have made you the father of many nations”) —in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

✠ **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** *“Return to the Lord”* **P. 10**

GOSPEL

The gospel according to John.

John 3:1-17

Glory to you, O Lord.

There was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God." Jesus answered him, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above." Nicodemus said to him, "How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?" Jesus answered, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, 'You must be born from above.' The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit." Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?" Jesus answered him, "Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things? "Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. "Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him."

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

HYMN OF THE DAY

“Tree of Life and Awesome Mystery”



1 Tree of Life and awe - some mys - t'ry, in your
 2 We re - mem - ber truth once spo - ken, love passed
 3 Christ, you lead and we shall fol - low, stum - bling

death we are re - born; though you die in all of
 on through act and word; ev - 'ry per - son lost and
 though our steps may be; one with you in joy and

his - t'ry, still you rise with ev - 'ry morn, still you
 bro - ken wears the bod - y of our Lord, wears the
 sor - row, we the riv - er, you the sea, we the

rise with ev - 'ry morn.
 bod - y of our Lord.
 riv - er, you the sea.

One of the following may be sung as a final stanza at the appropriate time.

General

Light of life beyond conceiving,
 mighty Spirit of our Lord;
 give new strength to our believing,
 give us faith to live your word

Lent 3

Living Water of salvation,
 be the fountain of each soul;
 springing up in new creation,
 flow in us and make us whole.

Lent 1

From the dawning of creation
 you have loved us as your own;
 stay with us through all temptation,
 make us turn to you alone.

Lent 4

Give us eyes to see you clearly;
 make us children of your light.
 Give us hearts to live more nearly
 as your gospel shining bright.

Lent 2

In our call to be a blessing,
 may we be a blessing true;
 may we live and die confessing
 Christ as Lord of all we do.

Lent 5

God of all our fear and sorrow,
 God who lives beyond our death,
 hold us close through each tomorrow,
 love as near as every breath.

Text: Marty Haugen, b. 1950

Music: Marty Haugen

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Justin; people of Saint Andrew: in Holy Baptism we received full adoption through God's grace and full empowerment for ministry through the Holy Spirit. Will you work together as partners in the mission of the Church, to reconcile all people to God through Christ?

We will, with God's help.

BAPTISM

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(9:30 AM)

THE RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL VOWS

(8:00 AM)

The water of baptism signifies our eternal covenant with God. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to Christ, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Let us renew the solemn promises and vows of Holy Baptism, by which we renounce Satan and all his works, and promise to serve God faithfully in God's holy Catholic Church.

Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil and renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?

I do.

Do you believe in God the Father?

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

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

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.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

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.

Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

I will, with God's help.

Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

I will, with God's help.

Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

I will, with God's help.

Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

I will, with God's help.

Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

I will, with God's help.

May Almighty God, who has given us a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, bestowed upon us the forgiveness of sins, and called us to ministry in Jesus Christ, keep us in eternal life by his grace; through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

ASPERGES

The pastors will sprinkle the congregation with water from the font as a reminder of their baptism while the congregation sings Baptized in Water on the following page.

"Baptized in Water"

1 Bap-tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spir - it, cleansed by the
 2 Bap-tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spir - it, dead in the
 3 Bap-tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spir - it, marked with the

blood of Christ our king: heirs of sal - va - tion, trust - ing his
 tomb with Christ our king: one with his ris - ing, freed and for -
 sign of Christ our king: born of the Spir - it, we are God's

prom - ise, faith - ful - ly now God's praise we sing.
 giv - en, thank - ful - ly now God's praise we sing.
 chil - dren; joy - ful - ly now God's praise we sing.

Text: Michael Seward, b. 1932

Music: BUNESSAN, Gaelic tune; arr. hymnal version

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PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Justin, with this Book, we offer our prayers, intercessions and thanksgivings to God.

Amen. In the Spirit of God, who searches the heart and knows our deepest needs, let us pray for the Church, the world, and all who yearn for Christ's healing.

A brief silence.

Each petition will end:

Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Final petition.

According to your steadfast love, O God, hear these and all our prayers as we commend them to you; through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

The Peace of Christ be always with you.

And also with you.

OFFERING

HOLY COMMUNION

Will you be diligent in your study of the Holy Scriptures and in your use of the means of grace? Will you love, serve, and pray for God's people nourish them with word and Sacraments, and lead them by your own example in faithful service and holy living.

I will, and I ask God to Help me.

Justin, when we share the bread and the cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes. Join us at God's table to offer and bless our gifts of bread and wine.

Amen. Together, let us keep the feast.

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✠**LAMB OF GOD**

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POST-COMMUNION PRAYER AND BLESSING

We have celebrated this new pastoral relationship in the great prayer of the Church. Justin, will you give faithful witness in the world, that God's love may be known in all that you do?

I will and I ask God to help me.

People of God, will you receive Justin as a messenger of Jesus Christ sent to serve all people with the Gospel of hope and salvation? Will you regard him as a servant of Christ and a steward of the mysteries of God?

We will, and we ask God to help us.

Will you pray for him, help and honor him for his work's sake, and in all things strive to live together in the peace and unity of Christ?

We will, and we ask God to help us.

Justin, the office of pastor is now committed to you in the name of the Father (+) and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

CHOIR ANTHEM

"We Welcome You"

Chancel Choir

The God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, may you complete in everything good so that you may do God's will, working in you that which is pleasing in God's sight; through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory forever and ever.

Amen.

SENDING HYMN

"In the Cross of Christ I Glory"



1 In the cross of Christ I glo - ry, tow'r - ing
2 When the woes of life o'er - take me, hopes de -
3 When the sun of bliss is beam - ing light and
4 Bane and bless - ing, pain and plea - sure, by the



o'er the wrecks of time. All the light of
ceive, and fears an - noy, nev - er shall the
love up - on my way, from the cross the
cross are sanc - ti - fied; peace is there that



sa - cred sto - ry gath - ers round its head sub - lime.
cross for - sake me; lo, it glows with peace and joy.
ra - diance stream - ing adds more lus - ter to the day.
knows no mea - sure, joys that through all time a - bide.

Text: John Bowring, 1792-1872

Music: RATHBUN, Ithamar Conkey, 1815-1867

DISMISSAL

Go in Peace, Share the Good News.

Thanks be to God.

Zeerust Visit Planning Session

March 10, 6:30 pm

You are invited to attend this session as the process begins for Saint Andrew to receive visitors from our companion congregation in Zeerust, South Africa ***June 18-30***.

God Our Guide-Inukshuk DIY Project

Wednesdays March 11 and 18, 5-6 pm

Inukshuks are carefully balanced rock structures used by Inuit people to guide and navigate. Come to the Fellowship Hall to create your own inukshuk. Open to all ages at no cost.

2020 Youth Summer Trip Informational Meeting

Wednesday, March 11, 7:15 pm

Completed forms and initial deposit are due March 15. Space is still available for this backpacking trip ***July 17-26*** through Christikon Lutheran Church Camp in Montana. For students who have completed grades 9-12.

Easter Altar Flowers

Flowers can be ordered for \$16 each for the altar on Easter Sunday. Order forms are available on the Information Desk in the Narthex. **Order deadline: Sunday, March 29.**

Dartball Team Needs Players

Enjoy fun and fellowship with people from other local churches. The team plays 11 churches two times per year each on Mondays. Please call Henry Jennejohn if you are interested; 715-680-0916.

40th Anniversary Celebration Worship

Sunday, April 26, 8:00 & 9:30 am

Celebrate the anniversary of Saint Andrew's very first service and the recognition of Pastor John Roseth and charter members.

Lent 2020 - Life in the Wilderness

THEME FOR WEEK OF MARCH 11 – FASTING

MIDWEEK LENTEN WORSHIP - Wednesdays through April 1

12:15 pm & 6:15 pm

SOUP & SANDWICH FELLOWSHIP - Wednesdays through April 1

After 12:15 pm worship and before and after 6:15 pm worship

SOUP MENU - MARCH 11

Chili – Chicken and Wild Rice – Corned Beef and Cabbage

Soup pre-order forms for soup-to-go are available on the Information Desk.

Pastors

The Rev. Jenn Collins
The Rev. Justin Smoot
The Rev. Amy Engebose,
Assistant to the Bishop, East Central Synod of WI

Lay Readers

8:00 am
9:30 am

Sean McCarthy
Dan Malm

Presentation

8:00 am
9:30 am

Marissa Hagen
Paul Herold

Musicians

Chancel Choir
Joel Freiberg - Accompanist
Al Freiberg - Music Coordinator

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MARCH 8, 2020
SECOND SUNDAY
IN LENT



We are blessed to bless others.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

These passages are related to the Lectionary texts for this Sunday.

Sunday	John 3:1-17	For God so loved the world
Monday	Genesis 12:1-4a	The call of Abram
Tuesday	Romans 4:1-5, 13-17	God keeps his promise
Wednesday	Jeremiah 17:7-8	Trust the Lord
Thursday	2 Corinthians 9:6-15	Generous giving
Friday	Numbers 6:22-27	Blessing for the people
Saturday	Psalms 121	Assurance of God's protection
Sunday	John 4:5-42	Jesus and the woman at the well

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

"I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed."

Genesis 12:3 (NRSV)

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for the Week:

Almighty God, as you bless us each day in faith, help us to bless others through your never-failing love through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Mealtimes Prayer:

Loving God, you who watch over our going out and our coming in, we thank you for this food that nurtures us day by day, through Jesus Christ. Amen. (Psalm 121:8)

A Blessing to Give:

May the Lord bless you with a living faith that you may be born anew each and every day. (John 3:3-8)



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MARCH 8, 2020

HYMN OF THE WEEK

*Bless Now, O God,
the Journey*



WEEKLY MILESTONES



Take a moment to tell or think about a recent mountain high and/or valley low in your life.

CARING CONVERSATIONS



Discuss in your home, small group, or use for personal reflections:

- What does it mean to you to be blessed?
- Who has blessed you? How might you have blessed someone else?
- Abram and Sarai were called by God to bless all the families of the earth. How do you think this affected their faith in God and the way they lived?

DEVOTIONS



Read: Genesis 12:1-4a.

Abram and his wife Sarai (not mentioned in this text but part of the story) are sent on a faith quest. They look rather foolish to the world. They leave the security of a kinship community to go out and trust an unknown God while becoming foreigners in a strange land. The faith of Abram (and Sarai) in this passage is not defined by doctrines or clear convictions. Faith is a walk of life where people learn who their God is through a trusted relationship. This is true in the Gospel of John as well where faith is never a noun. It is always a verb, an action that trusts in a relationship that recognizes that one's entire existence is dependent upon God. This is what faith looks like. And it has consequences for others because faith is never a private affair: "in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed" (Genesis 12:3). How would you describe your faith as a journey?

Pray: **Living God, you call us to ventures we cannot fully imagine. Help us to trust you and know you will lead us all the days of our lives, through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

SERVICE



Psalms 121 is an assurance of God's protection. "I lift up my eyes to the hills—from where will my help come? My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth" (vv. 1-2). The homeless, hungry, and sick need protection. There are organizations that help with housing, food, and finances. How can you help those in need to know and feel God's protection in their lives?

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS



During the second week in Lent, light two of the six purple candles on your Lenten Candle Cross. The acronym **ACTS** (Adoration, Confession, Thanksgiving, Supplication) is being introduced as a way to pray. This week represents "C", for Confession, meaning to confess one's sins and receive God's forgiveness.

Pray: **Dear God, I confess that I do not fully place my trust in you. Forgive me for . . . , in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ, amen.**



In addition to *Taking Faith Home*, celebrate milestones in your daily life as an effective faith formation tool. Go to: www.milestonesministry.org