

Fourth Sunday in Lent

GATHERING

Welcome to Worship at Saint Andrew's!

As we prepare for worship, we invite you to a time of silence and focus.

Please remember to silence all electronic devices.

PRELUDE

When Peace like a River

[Spafford/Bliss]

It Is Well with My Soul

Vanessa Wilkie, soloist

*When peace like a river attendeth my way, when sorrows like sea billows roll,
whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say, it is well, it is well with my soul.*

It is well (it is well) with my soul, (with my soul,) it is well, it is well with my soul.

Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come, let this blest assurance control,

that Christ has regarded my helpless estate, and has shed his own blood for my soul.

It is well (it is well) with my soul, (with my soul,) it is well, it is well with my soul.

*He lives--oh, the bliss of this glorious thought; my sin, not in part, but the whole,
is nailed to his cross and I bear it no more. Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!*

It is well (it is well) with my soul, (with my soul,) it is well, it is well with my soul.

Lord, hasten the day when our faith shall be sight, the clouds be rolled back as a scroll,

the trumpet shall sound and the Lord shall descend; even so it is well with my soul.

It is well (it is well) with my soul, (with my soul,) it is well, it is well with my soul.

WELCOME

Pastor Lara

P As we gather this morning, we remember that we are a community even in the times we can't be together in the same space.

C We remember that, wherever we are, we are a community connected to each other through Christ's love for us.

- C** Congregation
- A** Assisting Minister
- P** Pastor

When Peace like a River/

It Is Well with My Soul

Text: Horatio G. Spafford, 1828-1888

Music: Philip P. Bliss, 1838-1876.

Text and Music: Public domain.

HYMN***God, Whose Almighty Word***

God, Whose Almighty Word; ELW Hymn 673.
Text: John Marriott, 1780-1825, alt. Music: Felice de Giardini, 1716-1796. Text and Music: public domain.

- 1 God, whose almighty word
chaos and darkness heard
and took their flight:
hear us, we humbly pray,
and where the gospel day
sheds not its glorious ray,
let there be light.
- 2 Christ, who once came to bring,
on your redeeming wing,
healing and sight;
health to the troubled mind,
sight where illusions blind;
oh, now to humankind
let there be light.
- 3 Spirit of truth and love,
life-giving, holy dove,
speed forth your flight;
move on the water's face
bearing the lamp of grace,
and in earth's darkest place
let there be light.
- 4 Holy and blessed three,
glorious Trinity,
Wisdom, Love, Might:
boundless as ocean's tide,
rolling in fullest pride,
through the earth, far and wide,
let there be light.

PRAYER OF THE DAY**W O R D*****ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE GOSPEL***

- P** The Holy Gospel according to John.
C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

GOSPEL

John 9:1-41

- P** The Gospel of the Lord.
C **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

Pastor Lara

MUSICAL INTERLUDE *I Will Wait For You*
Sharon Gurtel, soloist

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Merker/Townend]

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Apostles' Creed

A Trusting in God's baptismal promises,
we affirm our faith using the words of the Apostles' Creed.

C **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 PRAYERS

A Hear us O God.

C **Your mercy is great.**

THE PEACE

P The peace of Christ be with you always.

C **And also with you.** *(shared in community)*

If you are at home, we encourage you to post the peace on a social media platform.

M E A L

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION
COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION
PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

S E N D I N G

BLESSING

SENDING HYMN

ELW Hymn 779

Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound

- 1 Amazing grace! how sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found; was blind, but now I see.
- 2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved;
how precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed!
- 3 Through many dangers, toils, and snares I have already come;
'tis grace has brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.
- 4 The Lord has promised good to me; his word my hope secures;
he will my shield and portion be as long as life endures.
- 5 When we've been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun,
we've no less days to sing God's praise than when we'd first begun.

Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound; ELW Hymn 779. Text: John Newton, 1725-1807, alt., sts. 1-4; anonymous, st. 5.
Music: W. Walker, Southern Harmony, 1835; arr. Edwin O. Excell, 1851-1921, alt. Text and Music: public domain.

SENDING (*dismissal*)

- A Go in peace. Share the good news.
- C Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

Prelude in the Classic Style

[Gordon Young]

PARTICIPANTS

Presiding Minister Pastor Lara Forbes

Director of Music Ministries/Organist Dr. Will Simpson

Assisting Minister Sharon Gurtel

Altar Guild Karin Eklof

Soloists and Vocals Vanessa Wilkie, Sharon Gurtel, Dick Swaisgood

WELCOME to WORSHIP

COMMEMORATIONS:

- Jonathan Edwards, teacher, missionary to American Indians, died 1758** March 22
 A Puritan minister in Connecticut, Edwards is remembered as being a great preacher. Though his most famous sermon talks at length about hell, he was more concerned with God's love. He served both as missionary to the Housatonic people in Massachusetts, and as president of the future Princeton University.
- Oscar Arnulfo Romero, Bishop of El Salvador, martyr, died 1980** March 24
 Romero was deeply concerned with injustices evident toward the poor and powerless in El Salvador, and worked forthrightly against political repression. He was assassinated while presiding at the eucharist in a chapel near the cathedral in San Salvador.
- Annunciation of Our Lord** March 25
 Nine months before Christmas we celebrate the annunciation, in which the angel Gabriel announced to Mary that she would give birth to the Son of God. The ancient church believed that this was also the date of the world's creation and of Jesus' death on the cross.

TODAY ~ MARCH 22

SUNDAY DISCIPLESHIP HOUR...9:45 AM

Please note that there are no Discipleship Hour classes today. The church is closed.

FELLOWSHIP

NAVAJO MISSION TRIP ~ MARCH 2020: A Team from Saint Andrew's served at Navajo Evangelical Lutheran Mission in Arizona this past week, and helped with various projects: construction to renovate an apartment to be ADA compliant, tutoring, serving meals, and establishing relationships with children at the mission school and the Navajo community. Please continue to pray for the Mission Team (*Becca Piel, Bill Brueggemann, Kathy Brueggemann; Dave Grindeland, Sherry Grindeland, Dick Szabo, Debbie Szabo, Roger Oeffner, John Donhowe, Tricia Donhowe, Karen Grams, Joan Tweten, Jean Wahlstrom, Marvin Kananen, Michele Vossler*) as they travel home.

You are invited to follow their journey through Marvin's blog:
<https://jeannmarv2013.wordpress.com/>

LENTEN OUTREACH ~ ITEMS FOR PERSONAL CARE KITS

The Health and Wholeness Ministry is collecting articles to be put into Personal Care Kits for Lutheran World Relief. The kits are sent to areas of the world where emergency supplies are needed. Our goal is to fill **170 kits!** You can help us fill these kits by donating the items listed below. Please keep any donations you have at home, and bring them to church when we resume in-person gatherings.

- **Combs**, large sturdy
- **Metal nail clippers**
- **Bars of soap**, 4 or 5 ounce bars in original packaging
- **Toothbrushes**, adult size
- **Bath Towels**, size 20"x40" - 27"x52", dark color, lightweight

PRAYER PARTNERS FOR LENT: Praying for someone else is a blessing to another person as well as enriching to our own spiritual journey. Pray for your prayer partner throughout Lent.

SIGN-UP....

to be an **usher, greeter, lector and/or coffee host**. Sign up by contacting Fellowship Coordinator Sherry Grindeland, sherry@SALC.church or 425-746-2529.

God Squad youth (grades 9-12): to go to Holden Village **May 22-24**. Sign up online at salc.church/event/god-squad-holden-youth-weekend, or contact Fellowship Coordinator Sherry Grindeland, sherry@SALC.church or 425-746-2529.

THIS WEEK ~ MARCH 23 - MARCH 28

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 25

CANCELED - LENTEN MID-WEEK WORSHIP: Please note that Lenten Soup Supper and Mid-week Worship are **CANCELED** for **March 25** and **April 1**.

FRIDAY, MARCH 27

FIRE FORCE RETREAT: Originally scheduled for March 27-29, this Retreat has been **POSTPONED**.

NEXT SUNDAY ~ MARCH 29

WORSHIP

LIVESTREAM ONLY: Please log on and worship via livestream at **9:30 am**. Details and links will be emailed to the congregation this week. ***The church will not be open for worship.***

Sunday, March 29: Fifth Sunday in Lent

Ezekiel 37:1-14; Psalm 130; Romans 8:6-11; John 11:1-45

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COMING UP

PLEASE NOTE: Decisions about activities/events/meeting in April will be made soon and communicated via email and posted on the Saint Andrew's website.

FELLOWSHIP

LENTEN MID-WEEK WORSHIP -

CANCELED:

Please note that Lenten Mid-week Soup Suppers and Worship are **CANCELED** for Wednesdays, **April 1**.

CONGREGATIONS FOR THE HOMELESS (CFH) ROTATING SHELTER PROGRAM:

Saint Andrew's is hosting the CFH men's rotating shelter (30 - 35 men) from 7:00 pm - 7:00 am every night until **April 1**.

GOD SQUAD (GRADES 9-12) HOLDEN

VILLAGE WEEKEND: The May Youth Weekend at Holden Village is Friday-Sunday, **May 22-24**. Contact Fellowship Coordinator Sherry Grindeland, sherry@SALC.church, for information.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL (VBS)!

Our theme is "**Incredible Kids—Then and Now!**" VBS is Monday-Friday, **July 13-17, 2020**. Classes are for ages Pre-School to 7th grade. Before and After Childcare available for Saint Andrew's members. Contact Mary Davis or Beth Donahoe for more information.

ALL-CHURCH RETREAT DATE RESERVED:

Mark your calendars for the Saint Andrew's Lutheran Church Annual All-Church Retreat at Mount Rainier, **August 20-24**. Planned activities will be scheduled Friday-Sunday, **August 21-23**. For information, contact Fellowship Coordinator Sherry Grindeland, sherry@SALC.church or 425-746-2529.

ONGOING OPPORTUNITIES

CORNER OF BLESSING/HOPELINK: Each month, we collect specifically asked for items in the Corner of Blessing. In March, we are collecting non-food items for Hopelink: **toilet paper** (any size package), **feminine products** (pads and tampons, packages of about 30 - 40), **shampoo** (about 12 to 30 ounces - not travel size), **laundry detergent** (about 50 ounces), **dish soap** (about 20 to 30 ounces), **toothbrushes** (individually packaged), and **toothpaste**. For more information, contact Debbie Szabo.

DIRECTOR OF YOUTH AND FAMILY

MINISTRIES: Saint Andrew's is actively seeking and accepting applications for the position of Director of Youth and Family Ministries. Details, including a complete job description, can be found at www.salc.church/portfolio/job-openings. Please spread the word!

DRIVERS NEEDED FOR FOOD DELIVERIES:

Saint Andrew's is a distribution hub for weekly deliveries of meals for Chicken Soup Brigade (Lifelong). Meals and groceries are picked up at Saint Andrew's and delivered to homebound chronically ill individuals on the Eastside, providing them with needed nourishment. The delivery window is 3:00 pm to 6:00 pm on **Thursday afternoons** with around 2 to 4 stops, usually taking about 1 1/2 hours. We are in need of additional volunteers to be substitute drivers and cover weeks where regular volunteers are on vacation or cannot serve. Training provided. Contact Outreach and Servant Ministries Committee interim chair Dick Szabo.

COLLECTIONS: Dorcas Circle, Health and Wholeness Ministry, and Outreach and Servant Ministries welcome your contributions for Lutheran World Relief, Compass Housing Alliance, Congregations for the Homeless, and The Sophia Way. Lists of needed items are in the baskets near the elevator in the Narthex. Donations can be placed in the same baskets.

BOXTOPS FOR EDUCATION: Saint Andrew's participates in Box Top\$ for Education, an easy way to secure needed supplies and equipment for the Mission School at Navajo Lutheran Mission (NELM) in Rock Point, Arizona (where our Navajo Mission Team will serve in March 2020). Box Top\$ is going digital, and for now, there are several ways to contribute. You can:

- Download and use the Box Top\$ app on your smartphone or tablet. Scan your grocery receipts within 14 days of purchase. The app will detect all eligible items and credit the school immediately.
- Cut out and bring the little Box Top\$ coupons found on various food containers to the envelope attached to the bulletin board in the Narthex, labeled **BOX TOPS**.
- Bring your grocery receipts - within 14 days of purchase - and leave them in the envelope marked **BOX TOPS**. A member of the Outreach and Servant Ministries Committee will scan the receipts with the digital app.
- Double dip! Bring the coupons and scan your receipt to get double credit for the school!

Collectively, these box tops will add up to enable these children to get a better education! To learn more, visit www.nelm.org/school or contact Jean Wahlstrom.