



Love First!

ST. ANDREW LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

January 29, 2012

11:00 am

WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS!

If you are a visitor to our church today, we welcome you and we hope to see you again soon. Please complete the Visitor Card located at the end of your pew, and we suggest that this is all you place in the collection plate or give it to the pastor as you leave today. Thank You!

For those who have difficulty hearing in church, earphones are available. Please ask the ushers to assist you with one of these devices.

THE ASSEMBLY STANDS

PRAISE SONG

"Here I Am To Worship"

GREETING

PRAISE SONG

"Mighty To Save"

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Compassionate God,

C you gather the whole universe into your radiant presence and continually reveal your Son as our Savior. Bring wholeness to all that is broken and speak truth to us in our confusion, that all creation will see and know your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

THE ASSEMBLY SITS

THE FIRST READING

Deuteronomy 18:15–20

¹⁵The LORD your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among your own people; you shall heed such a prophet.

¹⁶This is what you requested of the LORD your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly when you said: "If I hear the voice of the LORD my God any more, or ever again see this great fire, I will die." ¹⁷Then the LORD replied to me: "They are right in what they have said. ¹⁸I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among

their own people; I will put my words in the mouth of the prophet, who shall speak to them everything that I command. ¹⁹Anyone who does not heed the words that the prophet shall speak in my name, I myself will hold accountable. ²⁰But any prophet who speaks in the name of other gods, or who presumes to speak in my name a word that I have not commanded the prophet to speak — that prophet shall die."

L: Word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 8:1–13

Now concerning food sacrificed to idols: we know that "all of us possess knowledge." Knowledge puffs up, but love builds up. ²Anyone who claims to know something does not yet have the necessary knowledge; ³but anyone who loves God is known by him. ⁴Hence, as to the eating of food offered to idols, we know that "no idol in the world really exists," and that "there is no God but one." ⁵Indeed, even though there may be so-called gods in heaven or on earth — as in fact there are many gods and many lords — ⁶yet for us there is one God, the Father, from whom are all things and for whom we exist, and one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom are all things and through whom we exist. ⁷It is not everyone, however, who has this knowledge. Since some have become so accustomed to idols until now, they still think of the food they eat as food offered to an idol; and their conscience, being weak, is defiled. ⁸Food will not bring us close to God. We are no worse off if we do not eat, and no better off if we do. ⁹But take care that this liberty of yours does not somehow become a stumbling block to the weak. ¹⁰For if others see you, who possess knowledge, eating in the temple of an idol, might they not, since their conscience is weak, be encouraged to the point of eating food sacrificed to idols? ¹¹So by your knowledge those weak believers for whom Christ died are destroyed. ¹²But when you thus sin against members of your family, and wound their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ. ¹³Therefore, if food is a cause of their falling, I will never eat meat, so that I may not cause one of them to fall.

L: Word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL

Mark 1:21–28

²¹They went to Capernaum; and when the sabbath came, he entered the synagogue and taught. ²²They were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes. ²³Just then there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit, ²⁴and he cried out, "What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are, the Holy One of God." ²⁵But Jesus rebuked him, saying, "Be silent, and come out of him!" ²⁶And the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying with a loud voice, came out of him. ²⁷They were all amazed, and they kept on asking one another, "What is this? A new teaching — with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him." ²⁸At once his fame began to spread throughout the surrounding region of Galilee.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SERMON

REFLECTION SONG "I Could Sing Of Your Love Forever"

THE ASSEMBLY SITS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Healing

INTRODUCTION

P Our Lord Jesus healed many as a sign of the reign of God come near and sent the disciples to continue this work of healing— with prayer, the laying on of hands, and anointing. In the name of Christ, the great healer and reconciler of the world, we now entrust to God all who are in need of healing.

THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

A As God's beloved people made radiant by the light of Christ, let us pray for the church, the whole human family, and God's good creation.

A brief silence

Responses after the intercessions are as follows:

A Hear us, O God.

C **Your mercy is great.**

P Holy God, we lift our prayers to you in hope, entrusting all for whom we pray to your great goodness and mercy, made known to us in Jesus Christ, our Savior.

C **Amen.**

Worship Song

"Come Let Us Worship and Bow Down"

LAYING ON OF HANDS

P Sisters and brothers, I invite you to come and receive a sign of healing and wholeness in the name of the triune God.

Those who wish to receive laying on of hands and anointing approach the altar and, as conditions permit, they may kneel.

P Father in heaven, for Jesus' sake,
send your Holy Spirit upon this, your child
drive away all sickness of body and spirit;
make whole that which is broken;
deliver *her/him* from the power of evil;
and preserve *her/him* in true faith,
to share in the power of Christ's resurrection
and to serve you with all the saints
now and evermore.

Receive this oil as a sign of forgiveness and healing in Jesus Christ.

R Amen.

P Let us pray. Living God, through the laying on of hands [*and anointing*], grant comfort in suffering to all who are in need of healing. When they are afraid, give them courage; when afflicted, give them patience; when dejected, give them hope;

and when alone, assure them of the support of your holy people. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

C Amen.

THE ASSEMBLY STANDS

BLESSING

The presiding minister concludes the order for healing.

P Almighty God, who is a strong tower to all, to whom all things in heaven and on earth bow and obey, be now and evermore your sure defense, and help you to know that the name given to us for health and salvation is the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

C Amen.

SHARING THE PEACE

p The peace of Christ be with you always.

C And also with you.

THE ASSEMBLY SITS

OFFERING SONG

“Thy Word”

OFFERING

OFFERTORY PRAYER

A Let us pray. Merciful God,

C as grains of wheat scattered upon the hills were gathered together to become one bread, so let your church be gathered together from the ends of the earth into your kingdom, for yours is the glory through Jesus Christ, now and forever. Amen.

COMMUNION PRAYER

THE LORD’S PRAYER

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

*Jesus is truly present in the forms of bread and wine. All
Baptized Christians are invited to the feast of our Lord.*

COMMUNION

COMMUNION SONG

“We Fall Down”

THE ASSEMBLY STANDS

BLESSING

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A Let us pray. Everlasting God,

**C we bless you that you have brought us to the mountaintop
and fed us with the life and light of your Son. Send us in
his name from this place to bring light into dark corners,
healing where lives are torn, and nourishment to every
hungry heart, in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and
Lord. Amen.**

BENEDICTION

CELEBRATION SONG

“Trading My Sorrows”

DISMISSAL

A Go in peace. Share the good news.

C Thanks be to God.

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The flowers on the altar today
are presented to the Glory of God
by Jeff & Kathy McKinley
in memory of our dear friend, Beth A. Dudley

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Audrey Longerman, Virginia Gravener, Babs Yingst, Gary Kochanowski, Carol Crawford, Janice Miknevich, Lois Baile, Dorothy Balogh, Brenda Bruno

Patricia Danenas	godmother of Chrisann Pierce
Grace Shirley Davis	grandmother of Chrisann Pierce
Suzanne Turpin	sister of Rhonda Brite
Betty Krafft	sister-in-law of Ed Krafft
Jennifer Puskar	cousin of the Azzizi & Betlyn family
Mary Jean Kranack	friend of Marty and Billie Schuller
Tyler Lioi	friend of Kara Bussard
Scott Mullen	nephew of Jeff and Kathy McKinley
Teleha Family	friends of Sherri Perfett
Daugherty Family	friends of Sherri Perfett
Carol Brokos	friend of the Werthen family
Christine McCorkle	friend of Rhonda Brite
Betty Cramer	aunt of Deb Mort
Diane Sirko	friend of the Schuller family
Ernie Fox	father-in-law of Richard Everett
Kathi & Harv Treschow	friends of the Flora family
Cole Lingren	friend of the Azzizi & Betlyn family
Donna Conley	daughter of Carol & John Crawford
Lori Mueller	friend of Kathy McKinley
Donna Mustari	grandmother of Melissa Mustari
Lynn Kaltwasser	brother of Deb Mort
Jack Magee	cousin of Lois Baile
Maura Schwab	friend of the Schumacher family
Renee & Robert Bucheit	cousins of Julie Bookser
Marty Engel & Bill Page	parents of Martha Baxter
Gary Burnworth	brother-in-law of Lisa Heisler
James Dale Smith	friend of the Heisler family
Ungarean Family	friends of Sherri Perfett
Michael Liptak	nephew of Kathy & Jeff McKinley
Alice Perruchon	mother of Paula Bussard

Please call the office to add or delete a name to the prayer list

In Memoriam

Family & Friends of Pat Kaltwasser, aunt of Deb Mort
Family & Friends of Gina Dargo,
mother-in-law of Erin Dargo (Bussard)
Family & Friends of Dorothy Welz, mother of Nancy Alstadt



James Riss, son-in-law of Paula & Jeff Bussard.

WM. Jack Fleming Jr., friend of the Nelson family

Lt. Col. Jonathan Payne, serving in Afghanistan, family living in Moon Township.

Chaz Tress, friend of the Nelsons, Army Ranger serving in Afghanistan.

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

	January 29th	February 5th
Acolytes:	Brian Ruppel & Frank Hvostal	Keira & Caitlyn Wood
Comm Assts:	Terri Hinch & Dave Kasper	Terri Hinch & Lynn Alstadt
Lector	Lily Burke	David Kasper
Greeter:	Volunteer Needed	Sue McKissick
Ushers:	Ed Schreiber & Lynn Alstadt	Marty & Billie Schuller
Nursery:	Volunteer Needed	Volunteer Needed
Projection	Harvey Hinch	Harvey Hinch
Sound	Harvey Hinch	Harvey Hinch
Counters:	Paul Ruppel	Don McKissick
Bread Prov:	Kathy McKinley	Nina Manack
Altar Care:	Burke Family	Sue & Don McKissick

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ALTAR CARE VOLUNTEERS are needed in the month of **May** for the **8:30 & 11:00 am** service, **August 8:30 am** service, and **Sept, Oct, November** for the **11:00 am** service. Please sign-up in the narthex or call the office to help.

NEW OFFICE DAYS ARE AS FOLLOWS. MONDAY, TUESDAY, THURSDAY, AND FRIDAY FROM 9:00 AM TO 1:30 PM. Please submit all material for Sunday bulletin and weekly update to the church office by **Thursday** night. Anything submitted **Friday** morning or later will be included in next week's materials. Thank you.

COFFEE, TEA and treats is available in the narthex between services on **February 5th** and the first Sunday of every month. This time will provide an opportunity for fellowship, informal discussion, and to greet one another.

WELCA will meet on February 8th to discuss the wonderful fulfillment of volunteering. We will have guest speaker, Gwen Ogle join us to talk about her many years of being involved with volunteering at Valley Care Nursing home and serving on many advisory councils. Please mark your calendars and join us for this knowledge packed discussion and learn how to make a difference in someone's life.

ADULT'S NIGHT OUT will be on February 4th at 6:00 pm at Harold's Inn located at 2134 Broadhead Road, Hopewell, PA 15001. This is a great social event for adults to enjoy a night of fun, food and the company of friends. Please sign-up in narthex by February 1st.



MORE THAN 20 YEARS AGO, the Souper Bowl of Caring began with a simple prayer from a single youth group:

“Lord, as we enjoy the Super Bowl football game, help us be mindful of those without even a bowl of soup to eat”.

Since that day, more than \$81 million has been raised for local charities across the country. It has become a powerful movement that is transforming the time around Super Bowl weekend into the nation’s largest celebration into giving and serving. Be a part of this movement that is sharing God’s love with those in need by donating money or food on Super Bowl weekend (February 5th). 100% of the collections will be donated to Coraopolis Co-op Food Bank. We would like thank the St. Andrew Congregation in advance. Each each you help make this food drive a success and we are sure it can be done again with you help. **So please remember to bring in your donation Sunday, February 5, 2012!**

SHROVE TUESDAY – St. Andrew’s Annual Pancake Supper will be on February 21st. Pancakes will be served from 5:00 to 7:30 p.m. at St. Andrew Hower Hall. Tickets are available now for purchase by contacting Shirlee Nelson or calling the church office. There also is a sign-up sheet in the narthex. Also volunteers are needed to help with the set-up and the clean-up, please contact Shirlee Nelson at 412-264-7227 to help.

PLEASE NOTE that there are no confirmation classes the month of February and March. Classes will resume on April 18th .

On The Calendar This Week ~ January 29th - February 5th

Sunday, January 29

WORSHIP

8:30 am & 11:00 am

Sunday School 9:45

Congregation Meeting & Dinner

5:00 pm

Saturday, February 4

Adult's Night Out @ 6:00 pm

Sunday, February 5

WORSHIP

8:30 am & 11:00 am

Sunday School 9:45

Wednesday, February 1

Choir practice @ 6:30

No Confirmation Class

RSVP for Adult's Night Out

Church Office Hours are Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday
9:00 am – 1:30 pm



EPIPHANY