



**JOHN'S LETTERS**

*A life of fellowship*



## John's Letters: A Life of Fellowship

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent

March 4 & 7, 2021

### Chasing cars?

Have you ever watched a dog chase a car and wondered, "What would he do if he caught it?" You know what he'd do. Nothing. He'd just walk away and go chasing after another car. Does your life ever feel that way to you? We chase after things or the next stage of life and either they elude us or they don't satisfy us. Let the Spirit's words through John show you a way off the hamster wheel. We're glad you're here to meet God in his Word and worship today.

### ***Monday through Friday Devotions***

To receive 250-word devotions on 1 John 2:28-3:3 this week,  
Monday – Friday, go to [st-andrew-online.org/devotions](http://st-andrew-online.org/devotions).

### Dear guests

- We're glad you're here and would love to hear from you. Please fill out our online Check In at our website. Go to [st-andrew-online.org](http://st-andrew-online.org) and click on "Check In."
- If this is your first time with us, please stop at the Welcome Center for a gift just for you.
- Needs or questions? Feel free to ask an usher, greeter, or the person next to you.
- Restrooms are down the education wing on the right.
- If you'd like a private nursing room, there is one with a changing table located outside the sanctuary. There are also changing tables in all restrooms. If you need assistance, feel free to ask an usher.
- Subscribe to *The Weekly*, our email newsletter by filling out the online Check In at [st-andrew-online.org](http://st-andrew-online.org) or pick up a hard copy at the Welcome Center.
- This folder follows the biblical purpose for Jesus' church: **worship** God, **nurture** the faith he gives, and **serve** others. It's simple. It's church. We're glad you're here to enjoy it with us.

# Worship



## Gathering

Gathering song

“Children of God”

Welcome

Confession of sins

Assurance of forgiveness

Statement of faith

1<sup>st</sup> Article with explanation

Song

“By Faith”

Time to greet

## Word

Children’s devotion (*about age 3 through grade 4*)

Scripture

John 2:13-22

Song

“Children of the Heavenly Father”

Today’s Bible teaching (*see pages 3 & 4*)

Prayers

## Thanksgiving

Offering

Groundbreaking ceremony

## Sending

Blessing

Song

“Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow”

Praise God from whom all blessings flow

Praise him all creatures here below

Praise him above ye heav’nly hosts

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost

Amen



## Behold

1 John 2:28-3:3

<sup>28</sup> And now, dear children, continue in him, so that when he appears we may be confident and unashamed before him at his coming.

<sup>29</sup> If you know that he is righteous, you know that everyone who does what is right has been born of him.

**3** How great is the love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are! The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. <sup>2</sup> Dear friends, now we are children of God, and what we will be has not yet been made known. But we know that when he appears, we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is. <sup>3</sup> Everyone who has this hope in him purifies himself, just as he is pure.

1. It's impossible to do what is right unless you've been \_\_\_\_\_.

“... you know that everyone who does what is right has been born of him.” 2:29

2. Doing what is right is a \_\_\_\_\_ of the new birth.

“... everyone who does what is right has been born of him.” 2:29

3. The new birth is a result of \_\_\_\_\_.

“How great is the love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are!” 3:1

The spiritual DNA of \_\_\_\_\_:

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“Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us.” 3:1 (KJV)

4. “ \_\_\_\_\_ ” solves every problem in your life.



## Worship

### Come to the Table | March 11 & 14

Communion will be served during our worship services the weekend of March 11 & 14. We will be offering an opportunity for our online worshippers to take Communion as well. If you are worshipping online, we will have the sanctuary open **11:45 AM – 12:15 PM**.

### Jesus' heart | Wednesday Lent devotions

Worship with us on Wednesdays as we learn more about Jesus' heart—5:00 PM at St. Andrew; 7:30 PM at Chapel.

- February 17: Jesus' Heart of Anguish
- February 24: Jesus' Heart of Determination
- March 3: Jesus' Heart of Compassion
- **March 10: Jesus' Heart of Wisdom**
- March 17: Jesus' Heart of Justice
- March 24: Jesus' Heart of Love

### Easter flower orders

As we continue Lent, we also look forward with great anticipation to celebrating Easter Sunday on April 4. Each year, we decorate with a variety of flowers in many colors to remind us of the new life that is ours because of Jesus' death and resurrection. One way you can help get ready for Easter worship is by donating an Easter flower. Pick up an order form at the Welcome Center. Orders are due **by March 23**. Flowers can be picked up and taken home following the 10:30 AM Easter Sunday worship service.

### Music & Meditation | "Daily I Stumble (Grace Enough)"

"But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion for him; he ran to his son, threw his arms around him and kissed him.

"The son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.'

"But the father said to his servants, '...this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.' So they began to celebrate." Luke 15:20-24

Visit [vimeo.com/518261773](https://vimeo.com/518261773) for the song video. Music from the Povich family. Words & Music by Benedict Adtkins.

### Worship Check-in

Please let us know that you were with us for worship. You can do so on our website or by going to [St-Andrew-Online.org/checkin](https://St-Andrew-Online.org/checkin).

## Milestone

Rev. Delmer Kannenberg, father of former members Lori and Diane and long-time WELS pastor and missionary went to heaven last week. May God comfort his family with the same message of Christ that he proclaimed throughout the world and throughout his time on earth.

## Nurture

### Nurturing faith

"Let me count the ways!" St. Andrew members are digging into the Word in so many ways. Here's what we've heard:

- My Bible
- People's Bible
- 1-year Bible
- 3-year Bible
- Meditations
- Growth Group
- Triplet
- St. Andrew daily devotions
- WELS daily devotions
- *Impact* and other Christian podcasts
- Christian books from NPH and other sources

Speak with Minister for Nurture Mark Kjenstad ([mark.kjenstad@st-andrew-online.org](mailto:mark.kjenstad@st-andrew-online.org)) if you would like help finding a way to feed your faith.

### Impact | Jesus in Gethsemane

Let this week's *Impact* episode ([st-andrew-online.org/impact](http://st-andrew-online.org/impact)) contribute to your Lenten preparation. Hours before his crucifixion, the Son goes to the Father in prayer. Listen to Dr. Stephen Geiger from Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary as he unravels the mystery of this divine prayer, shows us the determination of Jesus to follow the plan of his Father, and highlights what Jesus teaches us about our prayers. You can also find earlier episodes to learn from. New episodes are released every Monday morning. *Impact* is now available on Spotify and Amazon.

## FUEL

How would you finish this sentence? "Life is . . ." We will discuss Sunday night at FUEL. FUEL is open to all St. Andrew high school students. We meet online every Sunday night at 7 PM. Contact Mr. KJ ([mark.kjenstad@st-andrew-online.org](mailto:mark.kjenstad@st-andrew-online.org)) for the Zoom link.

### FUEL fire

"I love campfires so much they bring tears to my eyes!" All St. Andrew teens are invited to the FUEL campfire on Saturday, March 27, 3:30 – 5:00 at St. Andrew. Bring a chair and that's it! We've got plenty of wood, hot chocolate, and yummy snacks ready to go. Feel free to invite a friend.

### Who Am I?

This book is for St. Andrew teens. Sign up in the atrium for your copy. It's a gift from FUEL, our St. Andrew high school ministry. Sign-up deadline is March 10.

## **Plugged into Jesus**

What makes you say, “Wow!” in your heart? Every time you learn more about who Jesus is, this “wow” or awe grows. Grow your awe of our Savior with this week’s video Bible lesson, “Magi,” found at [st-andrew-online.org/connect/plugged-into-jesus](http://st-andrew-online.org/connect/plugged-into-jesus). Need a Plugged into Jesus Kit? Contact Jane Dew ([jdew324@gmail.com](mailto:jdew324@gmail.com)).

## **Plugged into Jesus: Middle school**

This Sunday at 7:00 PM, middle school students talk about how Jesus, who came to earth as a man, was also God. Encourage your middle school student to join! Contact Mrs. Nikki Hill ([nicolepierrehill@gmail.com](mailto:nicolepierrehill@gmail.com)) if you have questions or need the Zoom link.

## **Musikgarten**

You and your infant or toddler will love these interactive music lessons! Access videos at [st-andrew-online.org/connect/plugged-into-jesus](http://st-andrew-online.org/connect/plugged-into-jesus). Musikgarten Kits are available upon request. Questions? Contact Karen Hong ([karen.hong@westside-christian.org](mailto:karen.hong@westside-christian.org)).

# Service and Outreach

## **Missional Moment**

What GOOD can we do around here? This question is awesome as it allows us to ponder simple ways to impact one or maybe two people as we live out Christ's love. Take a few moments today and ask God to bring to mind someone who could use some extra help or love. As you seek to serve them, also pray about who you might invite to join you as you help or serve. By inviting others in, it allows time for conversations around why we are serving, and also the opportunity for others to experience the joy.

## **March Monthly Mission Partner | Middleton Outreach Ministries**

Each month we select a ministry that is outside of St. Andrew to support with our gifts and to be remembered in our prayers. This month we partner with Middleton Outreach Ministries who has been an instrumental resource to our community throughout the pandemic, serving with not only a food and clothing pantry, but a social service agency helping many with rent and utility assistance.

## **Mission partners**

This weekend as we break ground, it is exciting to announce that three of our mission partners are also undertaking expansions. Costa Maya Ministries ([costamayaministries.org/costa-maya-news](http://costamayaministries.org/costa-maya-news)) is on the verge of dedicating their brand-new facility across the street from their previous location, giving them a permanent home to be serving their community. The Way ([thewaychurchva.com](http://thewaychurchva.com)) in Fredericksburg is in the process of acquiring a facility that will be their future permanent home. Illume, Seattle, ([illume.church](http://illume.church)) has drafted their expansion plans, and they are working on capital to begin their expansion in the coming year. And our mission in Ulsan, South Korea, is now gathering not only for worship, but a small group Bible Study has also

commenced. As we celebrate what God is doing here at St. Andrew this weekend, may we also rejoice in how he's blessing our ministry partners around the country and world.

### **Pastor Kelly received a call**

Prince of Peace Lutheran Church in Flower Mound, TX has called Pastor Kelly to serve as their pastor. Please keep Pastor Kelly and Katie in your prayers as they evaluate where they can best use their talents to serve the Kingdom of God.

## Westside Christian School

### **Voters' meeting**

Mr. Jonathan Ross has returned the call to teach grades 5 – 8 math and religion at Westside Christian School beginning in the 2021-2022 school year. His letter to the congregation is included below.

The Board of Directors has set a special call meeting of the St. Andrew Voters' Assembly to call two middle school teachers for Westside Christian School. The meeting will be via Zoom at 6:30 PM on March 10. *See the Weekly for the Zoom link.*

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Dear members and faculty of St. Andrew Church and Westside Christian School,

As I had the opportunity these last few weeks to learn about the ministry at Westside Christian from church leadership, school leadership, school faculty, family, and friends, I quickly recognized the well-organized and supportive system God has built for his children in Middleton. It was evident that God's grace and love for the mission at Westside Christian has greatly benefited the children that you serve and allows the school to continue to grow.

I believe we are seeing the same blessing of growth here at Divine Savior Academy. Lauren and I are highly involved in building a system to support the learners of Divine Savior with the same spiritual benefits I see active in Middleton. Where I see how we could fit well in the ministry of Westside Christian School, I don't believe God is finished with us in Doral. Therefore, with prayerful consideration, I am returning the call to serve at Westside Christian School.

In my time communicating with the many who contacted me, I couldn't help but compare St. Andrew to the words of the Apostle Paul speaking to the Corinthians: "I have become all things to all people so that by all possible means I might save some. I do all this for the sake of the gospel, that I may share in its blessings." I believe this passage in Scripture encapsulates the spirit of ministry at Westside Christian, and I have truly found joy in learning about what God has done there. I will continue to pray for everyone; and pray confidently that God will provide willing servants in Middleton who share in the love of providing spiritual growth for God's children.

In Christ,  
Jonathan Ross

# Serving Today



**Lead musician:** Jonathan Fricke

**Vocalists:** Naomi Laabs, Jonathan Fricke

**Guitar:** Clayton Grow

**Saxophone:** Wayne Utke, Luis Mendoza-Cruz

**Drums:** Elijah Grow

**Audio:** Jared Dammann and Todd Kleman

**Video:** 8:00 AM: Thad Molling

10:30 AM: Jacob Miller

## **A/V Booth**

Thurs: Dan Fischer

8:00 AM: Micki Ross

10:30 AM: Victoria Volberg

## **Greeters**

Thurs: Andrew and Melissa Henke

8:00 AM: Joe Kotecki, Georgia Siler

10:30 AM: Isabelle Volberg, Sarah Wendorf

## **Cleaning/Sanitizing**

After 8:00 AM service: Neil and Kim Marshall

## **Ushers**

Thurs: Dave Rortvedt

8:00 AM: Nathan Garner

10:30 AM: Jeff Grim

## **Growth Group leaders**

Jesus Avila, Justin Beck, Jared Dammann, Jane Dew, Jonathan Fricke, Brian Fritz, Harry Radloff, Micki Ross, Bill Walther, Dennis Unterholzner, Pastor Kelly, Pastor Hunter, Mark Kjenstad

## **Plugged into Jesus helpers**

Amy & Lukas Beier, Jane Dew, Malia Faessler, Nikki Hill, Hougaard family, Melissa Janz, Onsager family, Shelly Schmoller

## **Musikgarten leader**

Karen Hong

And many more...Thank you! If you would like to serve in one of these roles or in a different way, contact Pastor for Service and Outreach Kelly Huet ([kelly.huet@st-andrew-online.org](mailto:kelly.huet@st-andrew-online.org)).

# This Week



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| <b>Sunday, March 7</b>     |  |
| 8:00 & 10:30 AM            | On-site and live stream worship   Groundbreaking             |
| 9:30 AM                    | Growth Groups, in-person & online                            |
| 7:00 PM                    | Plugged into Jesus: Middle school meets virtually            |
| 7:00 PM                    | FUEL meets virtually   |
| <b>Monday, March 8</b>     |  |
| 10:15 AM                   | Staff meeting  |
| 7:00 PM                    | First Group (virtual)  |
| 8:00 PM                    | Virtual Growth Group   |
| <b>Tuesday, March 9</b>    |  |
| 7:00 AM                    | Virtual Growth Group   |
| 7:15 AM                    | Virtual Growth Group   |
| 9:30 AM                    | Virtual Women's Growth Group                                 |
| 7:00 PM                    | Virtual Women's Growth Group                                 |
| <b>Wednesday, March 10</b> |  |
| 5:00 PM                    | On-site and live-stream worship at St. Andrew                |
| 6:30 PM                    | Voters' meeting  |
| 7:30 PM                    | On-site and live-stream worship at Wisconsin Lutheran Chapel |
| <b>Thursday, March 11</b>  |  |
| 7:00 PM                    | On-site worship with Communion                               |
| <b>Saturday, March 13</b>  |  |
| 9:00 AM                    | Virtual Growth Group   |
| <b>Sunday, March 14</b>    |  |
| 8:00 & 10:30 AM            | On-site and live stream worship with Communion               |
| 9:30 AM                    | Growth Groups, in-person & online                            |
| 11:45 AM – 12:15 PM        | Communion for online worshipers                              |
| 7:00 PM                    | Plugged into Jesus: Middle school meets virtually            |
| 7:00 PM                    | FUEL meets virtually   |

## Preparation for the Lord's Supper

St. Andrew views the Lord's Supper as a powerful disbursement of Jesus' grace. We receive it with joy and treat it with respect. Communing together signifies a oneness in faith, life, and worship. So we ask you to judge us; discover what we believe and determine if you wish to be one with us. Talk to our pastors about preparing to receive this in the future.

Paul instructed, "Let a person examine himself and so eat of the bread and drink of the cup" 1 Co 11:28. Questions like these help us examine ourselves:

- Am I sorry for my sin?
- Do I trust that Jesus has lived and died to save me from my sin?
- Do I believe that Jesus' body and blood are truly present to assure me of forgiveness?
- Do I intend, with God's help, to live a more God-pleasing life?

Prayers to use before and after receiving the Lord's Supper are found on page 11 in the front of the hymnal beneath your chair.

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**Joining Jesus on His Mission takes preparation on our part.**

Ponder this question this week in your devotions and conversations:

**What good can we DO around here?**