



Come & See

**The Liturgy of Holy Communion
January 28th, 2024 † 10:00 a.m.**

Welcome to Worship

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* Asterisk indicates where the assembly is invited to stand as they are able.
The assembly reads **bold text**.

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GATHERING

Announcements

PRELUDE



CALL TO WORSHIP *(The assembly remains seated.)*

L: We gather together to worship God,

**C: who comes to us when we least expect it,
who calls us out to us when we are troubled.**

L: Have no fear,

C: Jesus is near!

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C: Jesus is near! Let us worship God together.



GATHERING SONG "He's My Best Friend"

*(Children are invited forward to sing the echo verse.
Congregation sings refrain below)*

Refrain: *He's the Alpha and Omega
The beginning and the end
But best of all he's my best friend*



***GREETING and PRAYER OF THE DAY**

(The assembly stands as they are able.)

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

Let us pray,

O God our protector when storms rage around and within us and cause us to be afraid. Rescue your people from worry and fear, and keep us in the faith of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

WORD

Matthew's gospel typically portrays Jesus' disciples as people of "little faith," who fail despite their best intentions. In this story, Matthew shows how Jesus comes to the disciples when they are in trouble and sustains them in their time of fear and doubt.



GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

***Lord, listen to your children praying,
Lord, send your Spirit in this place;
Lord, listen to your children praying,
send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace.***



GOSPEL: Matthew 14: 22-33

The holy gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

22[Jesus] made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side [of the Sea of Galilee], while he dismissed the crowds.23And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, 24but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. 25And early in the morning he came walking toward them on the sea. 26But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out in fear. 27But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid."

28Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." 29He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus. 30But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!" 31Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, "You of little faith, why did you doubt?" 32When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. 33And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God." The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

(Children come forward, the assembly is seated)

CHILDREN'S SERMON & Song



SERMON



***HYMN OF THE DAY (The assembly stands as they are able.)**

#763 My Life Flows On in Endless Song

**1 My life flows on in endless song;
above earth's lamentation,
I catch the sweet, though far-off hymn
that hails a new creation.**

Refrain

**No storm can shake my inmost calm
while to that Rock I'm clinging.
Since Christ is Lord of heaven and earth,
how can I keep from singing?**

- 2 Through all the tumult and the strife,
I hear that music ringing.
It finds an echo in my soul.
How can I keep from singing? Refrain**
- 3 What though my joys and comforts die?
The Lord my Savior liveth.
What though the darkness gather round?
Songs in the night he giveth. Refrain**
- 4 The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart,
a fountain ever springing!
All things are mine since I am his!
How can I keep from singing? Refrain**



PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Heavenly Father, please guide and direct me on the right path as I make decisions in life which impact both myself and those around me. Help me to listen to your voice of wisdom and trust. Have no fear - **Jesus is near!**

Mighty God, give me courage when I feel afraid and let your love shine upon me when I am feeling lost or alone. Grant me the strength to stand up for what is right and true, no matter how difficult it may be. Have no fear - **Jesus is near!**

Thank you for the beauty of nature which surrounds me every day. I am so grateful for your generous gifts of trees, oceans, stars, and animals that bring joy to my heart and peace to my soul. Thank you for creating this beautiful world. Have no fear - **Jesus is near!**

Please bring peace to this world. Let your love fill the hearts of all people on Earth so that we can always learn to live in harmony with each other. Have no fear - **Jesus is near!**

Almighty God, please bring healing to those who are sick or suffering at this time, near and far away from me, all on our prayer list and all we pray for silently or aloud..... Let your light of health shine on them and bring peace to their hearts during this difficult time. Have no fear - **Jesus is near!**

Eternal God, we remember all who have died, especially George Rey. Trusting they rest in your loving care. Never fear, **Jesus is near!**

Into your hands, O God, we commend all for whom we pray, placing all of our trust in you, Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

(The assembly may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace and may say Peace be with you.)

MEAL

(please be seated)



OFFERING *Thank you for your generous financial support of the ministries of St. Andrew's, you may give in person, by mail or by visiting our website for online giving.*

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OFFERTORY HYMN

(Assembly stands as gifts brought forward)

#884 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 host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.**



OFFERING PRAYER

Blessed are you, Holy One, for all good things come from you.
In bread and cup you open heaven to us. Meet us at this
table, that we receive what we seek and follow your Son,

Jesus, in whose name we pray.

Amen

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
that we should at all times and in all places
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,
through our Savior Jesus Christ.

You comforted your people with the promise of the Redeemer,
through whom you will also make all things new
in the day when he comes to judge the world in righteousness.

And so, with all the choirs of angels,
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

(sung, page 207)

Holy, holy, holy Lord,

God of power and might,

heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

In the last celebration of Holy Communion, these elements were consecrated and we heard again the story of God's mighty acts and of the love shown to us in the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. These words were spoken;

In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

We were given assurance of our Lord's presence through the gift of His Holy Spirit.

Now we receive the same bread of life and the same cup of blessing,
that you may be strengthened through your participation in the body
of Christ. **Amen.**



LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one let us pray as the Lord taught,
**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.**



INVITATION TO COMMUNION

At Jesus' table, heaven and earth are joined as one.
Come and see.

***(The assembly may be seated during distribution.
Children are invited forward to receive a blessing at the rail.)***



COMMUNION HYMN #574 Here I Am, Lord

- 1** "I, the Lord of sea and sky,
I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in dark and sin
my hand will save.
I, who made the stars of night,
I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them?
Whom shall I send?"

Refrain

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.

- 2** "I, the Lord of snow and rain,
I have borne my people's pain.
I have wept for love of them.
They turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone,
give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak my word to them.
Whom shall I send?" Refrain

**3 "I, the Lord of wind and flame,
I will tend the poor and lame.
I will set a feast for them.
My hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide
till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give my life to them.
Whom shall I send?" Refrain**



***POST COMMUNION BLESSING (The assembly stands as they are able.)**

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.



POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Gracious God, in this meal you have drawn us to your heart, and fed us at your table with food and drink, the body and blood of Christ. Now send us forth to be your people in the world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

SENDING



BLESSING

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

Amen.

(children are called forward)



SENDING HYMN #774 What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine, Leaning on the Everlasting Arms

- 1 What a fellowship, what a joy divine,
leaning on the everlasting arms;
what a blessedness, what a peace is mine,
leaning on the everlasting arms.**

Refrain

**Leaning, leaning,
safe and secure from all alarms;
leaning, leaning,
leaning on the everlasting arms.**

- 2 Oh, how sweet to walk in this pilgrim way,
leaning on the everlasting arms;
oh, how bright the path grows from day to day,
leaning on the everlasting arms. Refrain**

- 3 What have I to dread, what have I to fear,
leaning on the everlasting arms?
I have blessed peace with my Lord so near,
leaning on the everlasting arms. Refrain**

DISMISSAL

Have no fear, **Jesus is near!** Go in peace.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

News from St. Andrew's

This morning we welcome Vicar Jean Dougherty.

Please join us for coffee hour immediately following worship. Thank you to Donna and Frank Meystrik, our hosts this week.

This letter shall serve as written notice of the Annual Congregational Meeting on Sunday, February 11, 2024 at 11:45 a.m. in Parish Hall. * postponement date in the event of inclement weather: February 25, 2024 at 11:45 a.m.*

At the meeting the Proposed 2024 Financial Budget will be shared, as well as a review of other reports from the ministries and Standing Committees of our congregation. This report will be available for those who attend in-person on February 11, 2024 at 11:45 a.m. Please join us for this important gathering in the life of our congregation.

Food Pantry HUGE thanks to all that were able to share their time volunteering at the pantry last month! It is so appreciated, especially given that it's such a busy time of year with the holidays. The pantry was exceptionally busy, as well, providing food for over 860 individuals or over 18,000 meals, just in the month of December, alone! Thankfully, there were many donations made through various food drives in the community. Donations of the following are still welcome and needed: Any non-perishable foods, including canned ravioli/chili with protein, cereal, canned tuna and chicken, canned fruits and veggies, and soup. Toiletry items, laundry detergent and toilet paper are also needed.

These donations can be placed in the marked basket in the Narthex of the church. Thank you so much for all of your continued support of the food pantry!

Community Outreach and Ministry St. Andrew's is collecting the following items to support Trinity Lutheran Church, Wyandanch: Toothbrush, toothpaste, mouthwash, small hard candy (ex. Jolly Ranchers), travel size lotion, sanitizer, maxi pads individually wrapped tampons, travel size shaving cream, razors wrapped, men and women deodorant, bandaids, lip balm, packs of tissues. Please bring these items to the office or to the collection box located in the Narthex. Thank you for your donations!

Pastor Paul Downing of St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church in Port Jefferson Station serves as our coverage pastor. He can be reached anytime for pastoral care and emergencies at cell# 347-423-3623. If he is unable to answer, please leave a message and he will return your call as soon as possible. He can also be reached by email at pastorpauldowning@yahoo.com. Questions about meetings and day to day activities at St. Andrew's should still be directed to the office at 631.265.2288 or info@standrewsofsmithtown.org.

Pastor Paul Downing invites you to join him and the St. Paul's community for weekly Bible Study and/or Prayer Group.
Bible Study : 9:30am Wednesday mornings on Zoom (meeting ID 977-887-967) Bible Study : 10:30am Wednesday mornings In Person at St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Port Jefferson Station
Prayer Group: 10:30am Friday mornings In Person and via Zoom (meeting ID 800-555-016) at St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER - THOSE IN NEED OF HEALING:

Family and friends of George Rey, who has been called home to Christ [requested by Donna Meystrik]

Melissa Zimmerman and her family [requested by Janice Raineri]

Mary Ellen Tiffany, John Grube, Richard Klouda, Teresa Caliguiri [requested by the Klouda Family]

Eddie Hope [requested by Jane and Paul DeRosa]

Noam Gilbert Lieberman [requested by Eve Overton]

Jeff Taylor [requested by Fred Swanson]

Karen McDonough, Don Spagna, Rose Marie Peragine, Amy Jane McGlynn, Richard Lewis, Richard Angelo, Rocky Cinque [requested by Marianne Spagna]

Sam Scheer [requested by the Francis family]

Jeff Hanson, Jennifer Meisenkothen, Rachel Boccio Chris Kelly, John Sullivan [requested by Dorothy & Jim Clavell]

Carolyn Bennett [requested Jill Spage]

Arthur Schaeffler [requested by the Poulos Family]

Mary Ellen Sconzo [requested by Gabrielle Sconzo]

Susan Zanni, Pam Provetto [requested by Joe & Margie Costello]

Brett D, Bill Michalski, father in law of Jessica Davis Michalski [requested by Cindy Davis]

Robert & Pat Richards [requested by Mary Fjellstad]

Bob Blagriff, Bill Davey [requested by Tom & Pat Pernice]

Barbara McCanlis, Patty DeGoveia [requested by Jill Breimann]

Gavin Lahann [requested by Grandmother Violet Lahann]

Emilie Diehl [requested by daughters Cyndie & Kathy]

Laura Hicks, Andrew Madarasz, Gerard Tuohy [requested by Leslee & Steve Mathieson]

Alex Hegarty, Bob Widmer, Carmine Colasanto, Richard & George Mengert [requested by Carolyn Gabelman]

Jeanne McCurdy, Stephanie Byrne, Margo Naranjo, John Hochuli [requested by Barbara English]

Marilyn Havighorst [requested by Martha Hahn]

Kerri Swanson [requested by Linda & Jud Taylor]

Andy Hazin & the Hazin family, Ilse Gunther [requested by the Hoffman family]

David Travis [requested by Richard Travis]

The family of Elaine Robinson [requested by Deborah Cella]

Viola Giovinco [requested by Liz DeLuca]

THOSE IN MILITARY SERVICE:

Sgt Eric Hodosky

Major Lenore Livingston [daughter of Helen & Art Fortin]

Corporal August Detting

Major William Fortin

