

## Care

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**Our prayers** are with Franz Koeneke and Debbie Brown. **Our sympathy** is with Terri Brittain on the death of her husband, Max, and Evie Stevenson on the death of her husband, Don.

## **Coming Up**

### gostandrew.com/winter

Lenten Study: Living Into Lent March 9 – April 17 Sundays | 6:30 pm | Virtual Thursdays | 1 pm | In Person gostandrew.com/studies

#### Parkinson's Support Group Sundays in March | 10:30 am – noon

For those with Parkinson's and care partner(s). gostandrew.com/support

#### **Prime Time**

**Friday, March 14 | 11:30 am – 1 pm** Register by March 11 at 303-351-0096. gostandrew.com/seniors

#### Men's Retreat Registration Deadline extended to Friday, March 14 April 4–6 | Omni Interlocken Hotel/Resort gostandrew.com/men

**Coffee with the Pastors for New Guests** March 16 | 10–10:30 am | Harmon Library

Carnival Youth Auction April 6–20 | Donate Auction Items Now! Email youth@gostandrew.com with questions.

#### Blood Drive Good Friday, April 18 | 1–5 pm gostandrew.com/events

## March 9, 2025

## Words for Meditation

"Some of the most important work we can ever do is to make space in our lives. When we look within ourselves and eliminate the spiritual, emotional, and mental clutter, our interior gets larger, roomier, more expansive—and our life becomes a more habitable place for God, for the things that give our life meaning and purpose."

~ Mark Feldmeir

## Scripture

Luke 4:1–13

## Today's Questions

 Who are your "balcony voices?" Who are your "cellar voices?"
 Of the three "tests" Jesus faced in the wilderness, which seems most relevant to your life right now?

# Today's Takeaways

 1. We are not what we \_\_\_\_\_\_.

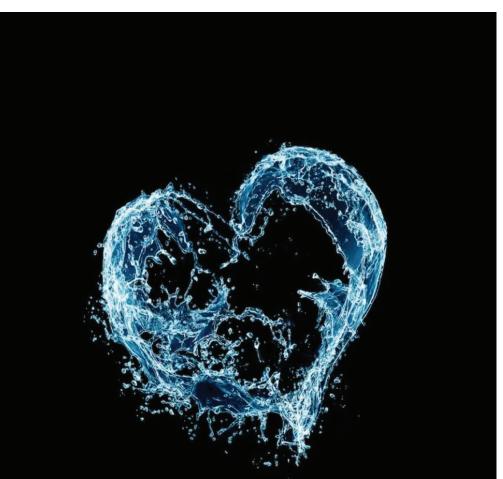
 2. We are not the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_.

 others have of us.

 3. We are not what we \_\_\_\_\_\_.

 4. We are God's \_\_\_\_\_\_.

Today's Notes



# The Beautiful Empty

# St. Andrew

*Our Vision*: Bringing more love, justice and community into the world. *Our Mission*: To love God with our heart, soul, mind and strength, and to love our neighbors as ourselves.

### Lenten Sermon Series The Beautiful Empty: Lent 2025

Blaise Pascal once spoke of the "God-shaped vacuum" in the heart of every person that can only be filled by God. Yet we spend so much of our lives trying to fill that vacuum with everything but God. When we feel worthless, we seek validation from our work. When we suffer from loneliness, we turn to relationships to save us. When we experience boredom, we binge on entertainment. When we feel overwhelmed or self-conscious, we reach for altered states.

The God-shaped hole only grows deeper and wider as we fill it with the things that do not satisfy. But the season of Lent invites us to let go of our attachments and dependencies, emptying ourselves of all our cheap substitutes for God, so we can finally see ourselves for who we really are—needy, imperfect, unfinished, still-becoming people in need of a tender, patient, gracious God. It's only by experiencing our emptiness that the God-shaped hole can finally be filled, healed, and blessed by that which truly satisfies.

March 9 • *Power* (Luke 4:1–13) March 16 • *Desire* (Philippians 3:17–4:1) March 23 • *Pride* (Luke 13:1–9) March 30 • *Perfection* (Luke 15:1–3, 11b–32) April 6 • *Calculation* (John 12:1–8) April 13 • *Admiration* (Luke 19:28–40)

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We embrace the message of Jesus that everyone is loved by God and affirm that all persons are of sacred worth. Regardless of your age, race, ethnicity, sexual orientation, gender identity, education, marital status, physical and mental capacities, or faith history—you belong here. Just as you are.

Welcome home.

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# Worship Gatherings

### Sundays:

Chapel Service8 amSanctuary9 & 10:30 amand Livestream

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