

THE ANGEL OF ST. ANDREW'S
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WELCOME TO ST. ANDREW'S
 "Buenos Aires" from *Evita*.

Welcome to St. Andrew's
 Hola—I just want to say we're glad you're here
 Adding to our cheer

As we gather for our party
 Stand up,* each of you join with me
 Ask God's blessing on our community

*Fill us up with your love, with your grace, with your hope, overflowing
 Let us dance to your beat, get us up on our feet,
 Hearts a-glowing*

Don't hold back, Send your angel to our midst
 Hear our prayer, in Jesus' name we're saying

Hello Saints of Andrew
 Praise God—Celebrate 25 years of grace
 And this holy place

*Put aside any fret, no more fuss
 'bout the debt
 No more fearing
 For our souls are controlled
 By the grace of the Lord
 He is steering*

For-give us
 if we seem over clever
 Singing with the songs of Lord Lloyd Webber

Welcome to St. Andrew's
Bienvenidos, now pass the attendance pads
 Give your e-mail and we will be glad

And if you should need child care
The nursery is found downstairs
Cry room's in back, behind you
And if you're a first time guest
We have a gift for you
Out at the welcome desk

Welcome to St. Andrew's
Holy Spirit, de-scend as a dove
JOY: So with open hearts
Open minds and doors
This will be an hour of
live laugh and love
2:45

THE ANGEL OF ST. ANDREW'S
"The Phantom of The Opera"

Twenty five years ago
West Omaha
United Methodists
said, 'come one, come all'

Hopeful souls had dreamed
And by their prayers
The Angel of St. Andrew's took form
Born to share

In Revelation 2
And Chapter Three
Each congregation has
An angel like me

It's through me God speaks
His word to you
The Angel of St. Andrew's is here
Within this room

Your help in ages in past
For years to come
I'm here to share with you
A warm welcome

Now in this holy space
We celebrate
The Angel of St. Andrew's leads us
Amazing Grace

I'd like to sing with you a strange duet

You can't carry a tune

But I wrote the script

What do you think this is, "Beauty and the Beast"?

But I've spent these past twelve years with you
Give me this at least...

I'm here, The Angel of St. Andrew's

Sing for me....

DREAMS REALLY DO COME TRUE

"Any Dream Will Do" from *Joseph & The Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*.

Singing the role of founding pastor Al Winesman is his son-in-law, Kevin Wagner.

The bishop called (*The bishop called*)
I was in Kearney (*ah ah ah*)
And this is what he (*ah ah*)
Wanted me to do

Go east young man (*Go east young man*)
And start a new church (*ah ah ah*)
We've done our research (*ah ah*)
Only you will do

Then I was sent (*Then I was sent*)
To Nashville for training (*ah ah ah*)
New starts are draining (*ah ah*)
I would need much help

Gathered some folks (*Gathered some folks*)
They met at my house (*ah ah ah*)
With me and my spouse (*ah ah*)
And in prayer we knelt

*We went to
the telephones
Dialed folks up
called them at home
Come and see what Christ is doing
In our fellowship*

On Christmas Eve (*On Christmas Eve*)
Nineteen nine-ty one (*ah ah ah*)
We held a trial run (*ah ah*)
Our nativity

From then to now (*From then to now*)
God has been gracious (*ah ah ah*)
Look at all your faces (*ah ah*)
Dreams really do come true

ANGEL/PHANTOM REPRISE

Then our grand opening
At Millard North
Palm Sunday '92
And from thenceforth

As in Acts chapter 2
Glad and generous hearts
Would gather in the auditorium
A grace-filled start

September of that year
As is the method
The congregation chartered
Members presented

And so we gather here
In 2017
After a quarter century
Living the dream....

BALLAD OF WEST MAPLE STREET

From *Sunset Boulevard*, "The Greatest Star of All"

Once few will remember
there was nothing out here but field and pasture—a country road.
Not even a sewer.
Who in their right mind would build on West Maple Road?

And the conference
owned land on one hundred forty-fourth street
at the corner of Eagle Run.

Today it's half forgotten.
But those Saints did not think small.
They were the bravest of all!

Then some will remember
they traded those six acres for twenty out here.
Broke ground amidst a rainstorm.
The night before the tent near blew away.

Even then the bank would only lend us money
if what was built could be a strip mall.
Today we must remember
That those Saints did not think small.
They were the bravest of all!

ANGELIC INTERLUDE

Phantom: "Wishing You Were Somehow Here Again"

They were once our faith companions
Sharing in the journey
They were once part of this body
Living, laughing, loving

Wishing they were somehow here again
Sensing they are somehow near
Pause to recall
Cherish them all
Though we may shed a tear

MEMORY

From *Cats*

Memories
Lingering and precious
Of souls gone before us
In this ministry
Unseen angels
Soar across years to our presence today
And we give thanks for
These memories

Some were in at the beginning
Planting the church that
Became St. Andrew's
Taught the children
Sang in the choir and gave of themselves
To each one our
thanks is due

*We're surrounded by a cloud
Of witnesses to Jesus
Though they're gone
Their faith lives on
In sweet angelic chorus*

Let us
keep our eyes upon Jesus
Pioneer of salvation
Sanctifier of souls
See he beckons
Beloved departed are standing with him
Blessed assurance
Heaven our goal

*Prayers and Presence,
Gifts and Service
All that we have rendered
Will inform
St. Andrew's future
How will we be remembered?*

As we
Travel life's highway
None of us knowing
What the future may hold
May St. Andrew's always have a place in our heart
And precious memory flood our souls

ANGELIC INTERLUDE/ *Phantom* theme

In 1996, the paint still fresh
Church leadership dreaming
What happens next
We want a 21st
century strategy
The Angel of St. Andrew's moves fast
Defying gravity...:36 (17:10)

A NEW SANCTUARY

From *Evita*: "A New Argentina"

The church is growing
The chairs are out
What we've built is only stop gap
First step in a lurch
Towards mega-church
Let's go to planning now a-sap

Experts tell us after just three years
New church starts will start to level off
After five years go into decline
Avoiding that is simply a must
Can't happen to us

We're already seeing warning signs
First time visitors not coming back
Consultants tell us we are understaffed
Let's give heed to what the experts say
Opportunities missed
Soon will translate to long inactive lists

But again those experts tell us
We must keep in mind

Size is never the measure of a church
Develop spiritual giants
And we will have a future
That meets the needs of people in their search

These are very exciting times
Just beware financial suicide
And our future's as huge
And bright as we choose
Just keep our eyes upon the prize

*A new sanctuary
Build it they will come
A new sanctuary
On this field of dreams
All will be welcome*

We assembled a team at the turn of the new century
Vision 2005, here's what we see
Congregation expanding
Per our master planning
And it's clear just what we need

*A new sanctuary
We're already overcrowded
A new sanctuary
Up to date in all ways
Seating for two thousand*

Now I am a parent, I hope you'll listen to me
I have concerns about St. Andrew's Children's Ministry
The little ones in those portables
Is really deplorable
Jesus said, "Let them come unto me"

*A new sanctuary
Rooms on the lower level
A new sanctuary
It'll take some fund raising
But we'll be successful*

Then again, we could be foolish
If we should overbuild

And we still owe what was borrowed in '95
Worship in the gymnasium
Is really not so bad
In fact it can be really kind cozy

Don't think I don't think like you
I often get those anxieties
They always take some swallowing
Sometimes it's very difficult to keep momentum
Look at other congregations wallowing
But keep faith that it's not our fate
That we should settle for
Mediocrity

Would we have done what we did
If we hadn't thought, if we hadn't known
God is with us.

The Bishop has moved Al Winseman to Lincoln St. Mark's
Now Anthony Dawson's appointed, he's leading our march
It'll be Tony at the plow
As we move forward now
It's high time that we broke ground

*A new sanctuary
Sharing to build, building to share
A new sanctuary
Let everything be movable
No pews, instead cool chairs*

Some congregations will go big box
Not so different from Walmart
No doubt, it's cheaper that way
At St. Andrew's, we aspire to build a work of art
Right down to our Mission Statement inlay

We'll open the building to Omaha with open arms
Who knows but someday we might even welcome the Fonz
We might get Natalie Grant
Who's to say we can't
A resource for the community

*A new sanctuary
Sharing to build, building to share
A new sanctuary
Built upon much sacrifice
And the wings of prayer*

Opening night, Christmas Eve
Two thousand and four
An evening of great anticipation
Gasps could be heard
As we came through the doors
The cross bathed in light
A sensation

*A new sanctuary
May our praise ascend
A new sanctuary
Meeting needs of people
Let all say, in Christ's name pray, give thanks each day Amen*

THEY'D BE SURPRISINGLY GOOD FOR YOU

From Evita, the Broadway cast album: "Charity Concert/I'd Be Surprisingly Good For You,"

Summer 2005, Bishop Ann B. Sherer-Simpson, episcopal leader of the Nebraska Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church serenades the St. Andrew's Staff-Parish Relations Committee

I know it's crazy but just hear me out
I know two pastors down in the Ozarks
South Missouri, near the Branson shows
I would never want to force your hand
But please understand
They'd be good for you

I don't always appoint like this
Importing clergy from out of state
But St. Andrew's is a special case
If I'm wrong, I hope you'll tell me so
But you really should know
They'd be good for you

They'd be surprisingly good for you

I won't go on, if I'm disappointing you
But do you understand my point of view
Do you like what you hear, knowing you, I think you'd be
Good for them, too.

I'm not talking about young clergy
These are pastors who have been around
Neither strangers to challenges
That's the reason that they came to mind
Which has to imply
They'd be good for you
They'd be surprisingly good for you

Please go on
You intrigue us
We can understand you perfectly
And we like what we hear, we won't fuss and knowing us
We'd be good for them, too.

Hello Omaha, here we are
Never thought I'd live this far north
When Bruce saw this sanctuary
It became quite clear
We'd be moving here

God is good to us
God's always been very good to us.

ANGELIC INTERLUDE

"Any Dream"

Just one small hitch (Just one small hitch)
In our happy story (ah ah ah)
It would get gory (ah ah)
Before it was through

We were in debt (We were in debt)
Five point two million (woe woe)
Monthly interest killin' (woe woe)
Dreams of what we might do

I DON'T KNOW HOW TO PAY THIS

"I Don't Know How To Love Him." From *Superstar*

I don't know how to pay this
5.2 million dollars
I'm just a clergy
Come from Missouri
They didn't teach finance in seminary
I'm way over my head
It's kind of scary

Should I scream and shout
See a bleak outlook
Give in to despair
Get sent to McCook
He never thought he'd come to this
Lord, why did you bring me

*Yet, if the Lord is with us
Who can stand against us
Neither heights, not even debts
Will separate us from God's love
And these beloved ones
Trust in God's Son
Thy will be done*

SHARING, GROWING, CHANGING LIVES

From *Evita*: "Rainbow High,"

*Sharing, Growing
Changing Lives
Cut this debt to half its size*

This 5 million dollars
That we owe the bank
Could cause us to tank
Swallow us whole
There's talk of foreclosing
If our vision is Sharing Christ
This can't be permitted
Whatever the price

*Sharing, Growing
Changing Lives
Cannot happen without your tithes*

20 K monthly
And that's just the interest
Is in no one's interest
Except for the bank
Each dime spent on interest
Is not spent on Sharing Christ
This can't be permitted
Whatever the price

*Sharing, Growing
Changing Lives
Cut this debt to half its size*

So we organized
A major campaign
For debt reduction
Things were never the same
We had a hoedown
As the debt started going down
We were committed
Whatever the price

*Sharing, Growing Changing Lives
Stick your face into a pie*

Through national crisis
And markets tanking
Got ahead of the banking
They were coming to us
Because of your sharing
We were growing and changing lives
That's what we're here for
Sharing Christ

DON'T CRY FOR ME MICHAEL PATZLOFF
From *Evita*, "Don't Cry For Me Argentina."

It won't be easy, it may sound strange

When we try to explain how we feel
About the pastors who've served us and all they have done

They each were faithful
Would they recognize the church we've become
Without them we wouldn't be here
We thank God for each one

It was Al who made it happen, Albert Winesman
Sent by the Methodists to start
A new congregation in west Omaha

Then Tony Dawson
Picked up Al's mantle when he went away
This building was built on his watch
He's in Arizona, today.

*Don't cry for us Michael Patzloff
The truth is you never left us
Though you're in Vegas
A mad existence
We feel your presence
O'er all the distance*

As for Nancy Davis, now that is strange
That she'd leave us for Elkhorn Hills
And her husband to suffer in his loneliness

God gave us Mandy, and before her Ben Wedeking
Now Ben's in Iowa
And Pastor Mandy's our queen

*You've come back to us Nancy Davis
It's as if you never left us
Now you're retired
Bruce looks less tired
He soon will exit
Who will God bring next*

PROMENADE

"Masquerade" from *Phantom*

*_Promenade
St. Andrew's on parade
Ministries
Shine your light
So the world will
see your good works*

*Promenade
May these pictures help convey
Promenade
Come with us
As we live and laugh and love God*

*Christ gave blood/ so do we
Living Hope/Food Pantry
We relayed for an answer
In the fight against cancer
Extra Mile
In the service of Christ*

*Oc-to-ber/ Trunk or Treat
Chil-i cooks/bring the heat
Come Harvest/ We boutique
Really is/Quite unique
Thanksgiving
To God from whom blessings flow*

*We dive in/ to the Word
Dis-ci-ple/ hearts are stirred
All can touch/ Bible Man
Put his book/ in young hands
God's word is
a lamp to our feet*

*Wel-com-ing/ Ref-u-gees
Witness of/ Ya-zi-dis
Humans need/ Hab-i-tat
Helping folks/ off the mat
Jesus said
You're the light of the world*

SNL/ What a hoot

Sometimes dumb/ Always cute
Trivia/ Lots of laughs
Prizes for/ First and last
Live, Laugh, Love
We're the Body of Christ

Walking where/ Jesus walked
We brought home/ Gal-lee rock
Om-a-ha/ Town Hall Meetin's
Ted Kop-pel/ took to Nita
There's no place
Like St. An-drew's UMC

Ho-ly Lent/ Self-denial
Drama Team/ Judas Trial
Last Supper/ In tableau (TAB-LOW)
Gospel Gals/ Tell & Show
Celebrate
Christ is risen today

The Pres-ence/ of the Lord
Clapton rang/ Eagles soared
En-rich-ing / sacred vows
A new class/ starting now
The Beat-les
All you ne-ed is love

Shout about/ Our good scouts
Their values/ want to tout
Not bashful/ bout Big Red
White and Blue/ Enough said
Ne-bras-ka
This is St. An-drew's Day

Ministries/ for your health
Ministries/ for your wealth
New bishop/came and dared'ya
Thousand hoops/ No Malaria
When Bruce won
Nan was sent to Elkhorn

We salute/ BLTs

Boomer com.../ munity
Women go/ on retreat
Breakfast club/ love the eats
Fellowship
We're the family of God

Jam-bor-ee/Back to school
St. An-drew's/ teachers rule
Give a cheer/ for Up-ward
This our aim/ Pass the Word
Coaching kids
Up to a /winn-ing life

Hispanic/Ministries
Stop by the / Giving Tree
Big Garden/ Food to Share
Other gifts/ Sent by air
Do as we
Would have done un-to us

Living Na /-tiv-i-ty
Thousands come/ As we freeze
Folks drive through/ Without pause
Then come see/ Santa Claus
This Christmas/
We will have a reindeer

Christmas Eve/ Sar-ay-vo
Silent Night/ Candles glow
In 09 / What a storm
You came out/ Hearts were warmed
Christ is born
We sing Joy to the World

Christmas can/find us blue
We get it/God loves you
In a hole/ don't despair
Let us show/ Je-sus cares
New this year
The Stephen Ministry

Dinner Dance/ And Auction
Place your bids/ every-one

Hans & Franz/Gilligan (*rhymes with fun*)
Funding Church/Can be fun
Like Jake says
We're On A Mission From God

So come join/ The A-Team
Love for all/ Is our theme
No masks here/ None to bar
Join us just/ As you are
Come with us
As we live and laugh and love God

WHAT WE ASK OF YOU

"All I Ask of You" From *Phantom*

Perhaps you were invited
Perhaps just passing by
Welcome
The Lord brought you to us
And you have been true to us

We gave to you the right hand
Of Christian fellowship
Praise God
As you joined our cast
This is what we asked

Prayers and Presence, Gifts and Service
These are signs of discipleship
Say you love God and support St. Andrew's
You made the vow and you have been true
To what was asked of you

Some have taught the children
Others led the youth
Thank you
You've sung in the choir
Your music has inspired

And for the prayers you've offered

For this ministry
Praise God
It's good to see your face
Each time you come to this place

And of course we thank you
For your generosity
Gracious
The Bible says we're blessed
As we give our first and our best

ENSEMBLE:

*Prayers and Presence, Gifts and Service
These are signs of discipleship
Say you love God and support St. Andrew's
You made the vow and you have been true
To what was asked of you*

THINK OF ME
From *Phantom*,

Think of us, think of us fondly
As you say your prayers
Remember us, once in a while
Please let us know you care

Jesus said, let the little ones
come gladly unto me
We're here 'cause you've supported
Children's Ministry

Think of us, we know that you do
You have made it clear
From VBS to Sunday School
You have volunteered

And thanks so much, we appreciate
Your support of Project Zero
The Ministry Center won't happen
Without Project Zero heroes

Imagine us
And what we might be,
twenty-five years from now
Our own children attending St. Andrew's
Will there still be WOW!

Some of you once brought your little ones
Who've now grown and moved away
They'll always be St. Andrew's
We think of them this day.

WHAT'S THE BUZZ
From *Jesus Christ Superstar*

What's the buzz, tell me what's happening
Youth Ministry that's what's happening
What's the buzz tell me what's happening
Youth ministry that's what's happening

Here's what you need to know

We started with a few kids
Look at how the program's grown
Many thanks to our youth leaders
And the love that you have sown

What's the buzz tell me what's happening
Mission trips that's what's happening
What's the buzz, tell me what's happening
Mission trips, that's what's happening

Here's what you need to know

From the Red Bud reservation
To Benton Harbor, Michigan
Louisville to New Orleans
These trips are always a love-in

Urban plunge, that's what's happening
Confirmation, that's what's happening
Youth music that's what's happening
Camp Fontantelle that's what's happening

Praising God, that's what's happening
Sharing Christ, that's what's happening
Lots of joy, that's what's happening
Lots of love, that's what's happening
2:00 (51:40)

THE MUSIC OF THE LORD

Per "The Music of The Night"

I am an angel of music....

I am an angel of music...

Michael Dryver, Rodney Leon Adams
Adam Witte, we were blessed to have them
And in times of worry
Up stepped dear Pam Fleury
And now Kristin Fisher's come aboard
To help us make the music of the Lord

Christmas Cantatas, major Christian concerts
Mark Shultz, Natalie, Prophets of the Sidewalks
Only at St. Andrew's
Bruce extravaganzas
Samson's Hair to a Frozen Esther
Grace to Grease costumed in polyester

From Motown to the Hallelujah Chorus
This music program does it all
Hear the bells, let your spirit start to soar
Add your voice and let us sing some more

Six string guitars, bass and sound of trumpets
Bill Wert, dear Gene, kept the beat a drummin'
Oh, what joy we've known
From the sound of saxophone
Gospel favorites and contemporary
The Angel of St. Andrew's sings through me

From the days of John & Charles Wesley
Methodists have been singing loud and strong
Ensemble:

Raise your voice, join our chorus, sing along

And join us in the music of the Lord

UNEXPECTED SONG

From *Song & Dance*,

I have never felt like this
The Spirit within me
Through ministry to others
In the sharing of myself
I have felt as one with
My sisters and my brothers

Now no matter where I am
No matter what I do
I see Christ's face appearing
Like an unexpected song
An unexpected song
I hear our angel cheering

In St. Matthew 25
The Lord said as you do
Unto to least of these
For the sick and for the stranger
Feeding the hungry
You are doing unto me

Now no matter where I am
No matter what I do
I see Christ's face appearing
Like an expected song
An unexpected song
I hear our angel cheering

We've been through the Open Door
Served in North Omaha
Peru and Nicaragua
Monthly missions in our city
Reaching round the world
A school in Guatemala

Now no matter where I am
No matter what I do

I see Christ's face appearing
Like an unexpected song
An unexpected song
I hear our angel cheering
Like an unexpected song
An unexpected song
I hear our angel cheering.

POINT OF NO RETURN

From *Phantom*

We have come here
Singing of things in the present and past
Celebrating our journey of Sharing the Gospel of Jesus
Jesus

Things are changing
We'll be welcoming new leadership
Bruce is retiring, come end of June
Already napping most afternoons
It's decided, no second thoughts
He's decided, decided

Past the point of no return
Enough backward glances
Let us turn our eyes to things to come
Past all thought of might have been
No looking back now
As before, let us dream again

The Holy Spirit flood our souls
St. Andrew's angel open doors
To opportunity before us
Past the point of no return
An affirmation
The Lord is with us, our foundation firm
Past the point of no return

JESUS CHRIST, SUPERSTAR

Now before we bring our musical to conclusion
We know there are some who say that faith is delusion

Here at St. Andrew's you've proved time and again
You our God are an awesome God, Let all say *Amen*
Not about to say we got everything right
But we pray St. Andrew's is acceptable in your sight

Give you thanks and praise
Give you thanks and praise
Give you thanks and praise
Give you thanks and praise

Give you thanks and praise
Give you thanks and praise
Give you thanks and praise
Give you thanks and praise

Whatever others say
Whatever others say
Whatever others say
Whatever others say

Whatever others say
Whatever others say
Whatever others say
Whatever others say

Jesus Christ, Jesus Christ
It's by your grace that this church has thrived
Jesus Christ, praise we shout
Sharing your Gospel's
what we're about

Jesus Christ, Jesus Christ
We're here because of your sacrifice
Jesus Christ, praise we shout
Sharing your gospel's what we're about

The church is Christ's body comprised of many members
Thank you for each one who's come this weekend in September
For those who've gone before and those who will come
We give thanks for their faith, each and every one
By their gifts and your grace we have made it this far
Whatever's next, we'll be okay following our Superstar

Give you thanks and praise
Give you give thanks and praise
Give you thanks and praise
Give you give thanks and praise

Whatever others say
Whatever others say
Whatever others say
Whatever others say

Jesus Christ, Jesus Christ
We're here because your grace has sufficed
Jesus Christ, praise we shout
Sharing your gospel's what we're about

ANGEL/Sierra, still in Superstar chorus

Now we're done, glad you came
Come back next weekend for more of the same
Preaching, Praying, Singing out
Sharing Christ's gospel's what we're about

Jesus Christ, Jesus Christ
We're here because of your sacrifice
Jesus Christ, praise we shout
Sharing your gospel's what we're about

Jesus Christ, Jesus Christ
We're here because your grace has sufficed
Jesus Christ, praise we shout
Sharing your gospel's what we're about