



ST. ANDREW EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

~ TO KNOW JESUS CHRIST AND TO MAKE HIM KNOWN ~

Second Sunday after Epiphany



January 18, 2026

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

JANUARY 18, 2026

WELCOME TO ST. ANDREW!

God is serious about his Word in both law and gospel. It is addressed to us both collectively and individually. This Sunday it is well summed up in the pertinent question: Where are you? In the liturgy of confession may we answer honestly! In the absolution and the gospel may we hear God's response! For faith begins and ends with confession and absolution; They are its constants that are never to be taken for granted.

Please sign our guest registry in the narthex, and fill out a guest info card located in your pew or the narthex, we would love to connect with you. If you could also, take time to introduce yourself to the Greeters and Pastor Ben. A nursery is available, and is located behind the Penn St. entrance. Restrooms are also located there and in the lower level of the church. The greeters will be glad to assist you with any need you may have. May God bless your worship with us this morning.

ST. ANDREW ANNOUNCEMENTS

JANUARY OUTREACH – Shepherd of the Streets - Shepherd of the Streets is a ministry of the United Churches of Lycoming County that provides spiritual and material help to those on the streets; confronting fear, hunger, homelessness, unemployability or other difficulties. Through this ministry the churches of Lycoming County are able to assist people who need hope and peace in the midst of poverty and need, advocate with local agencies, law enforcement and correctional agencies. This ministry provides for: clinical and pastoral counseling, bedding and hygiene items, medical transportation assistance, medical/dental/vision assistance and referrals.

CARE CARDS - Our January care cards will be going to Penny Wettlauffer. We have cards available in the Narthex or you can bring your own. Please sign them with an encouraging note or thoughtful message and give them to the office and we will mail them out for you! Thank you!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED - As we usher in the new year, we are once again in need of volunteers to fill our ministry. Please see the sign up sheets in the narthex for some service opportunities.

SMALL GROUP BIBLE STUDY - Our Small Group Bible Study will meet on January 29th at 2:30pm in the Parish Hall classroom. We would love to have you join us!

MONTHLY BIBLE STUDIES - The Women's Monthly Bible Study will meet on February 07th at 8am to continue our study on Jennifer Rothschild's Heaven. The Men's Monthly Bible Study will meet on February 14th at 8am and continue working through the book of Titus. We would love to have you join us!

SOUP, SANDWICHES & SWEETS - Please join us on Sunday, February 8th at 11:00 am for a luncheon in celebration of Valentines Day. No matter your age or stage in life, Valentines Day can be celebrated because of God's great love. Enjoy an assortment of soups, sandwiches and tasty sweets provided by the Parish Life Committee. If interested in attending, please sign-up in the Narthex.

SHROVE TUESDAY - Please join your St. Andrew Family on Tuesday, February 17th at 6p.m. for some relaxation, conversation and another delicious dinner hosted by our Parish Life Committee. Please sign-up in the Narthex. If you are able to help deliver meals to shut-ins please arrive by 4:30p.m.

ASH WEDNESDAY - On Wednesday, February 18th, we will have our Ash Wednesday Worship (with imposition of ashes) at 7pm. We also invite you, as your schedules allow, to our Open Sanctuary, for a time of prayer and imposition of ashes between 9 & 10am.

THE PRELUDE

WELCOME - Announcements

* (Indicates The Congregation To Stand)

* INVOCATION

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* A CALL To WORSHIP

P: Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth. Worship the Lord with gladness; come before him with joyful songs.

C: **Know that the Lord is God. It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, the sheep of his pasture.**

P: Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name.

All: **For the Lord is good and his love endures forever; his faithfulness continues through all generations.**

C: **We humbly confess that we have failed to follow your ways. We have not loved others as ourselves. We have not obeyed Your Word but have followed the leading of our own sinful hearts. In humility, we ask for Your forgiveness, Your cleansing, and Your renewing power. Fill us with Your Spirit, so that we may live and glorify Your Name. Amen**

PRAISE AND PRAYER

* Opening Hymns

“He Is Exalted”

SEE INSERT

“Here I Am To Worship”

* PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty and eternal God, you restrain the powers of heaven and earth. Mercifully hear your people's prayers for peace in our time. Grant this, we pray, through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

THE WORD OF GOD

THE FIRST LESSON - ISAIAH 49:1-7

Listen to me, O coastlands, and give attention, you peoples from afar. The LORD called me from the womb, from the body of my mother he named my name. He made my mouth like a sharp sword; in the shadow of his hand he hid me; he made me a polished arrow; in his quiver he hid me away. And he said to me, “You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will be glorified.” But I said, “I have labored in vain; I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity; yet surely my right is with the LORD, and my recompense with my God.” And now the LORD says, he who formed me from the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him; and that Israel might be gathered to him — for I am honored in the eyes of the LORD, and my God has become my strength — he says: “It is too light a thing that you should be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to bring back the preserved of Israel; I will make you as a light for the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth.” Thus says the LORD, the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One, to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nation, the servant of rulers: “Kings shall see and arise; princes, and they shall prostrate themselves; because of the LORD, who is faithful, the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you.”

THE PSALMODY - PSALM 40:1-12

L: I waited patiently upon the LORD; he stooped to me and heard my cry.

C: **He lifted me out of the desolate pit, out of the mire and clay; he set my feet upon a high cliff and made my footing sure.**

L: He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God; many shall see, and stand in awe, and put their trust in the LORD.

C: **Happy are they who trust in the LORD! they do not resort to evil spirits or turn to false gods.**

L: Great things are they that you have done, O LORD my God! How great your wonders and your plans for us! there is none who can be compared with you.

C: **Oh, that I could make them known and tell them! but they are more than I can count.**

L: In sacrifice and offering you take no pleasure; you have given me ears to hear you;

C: **Burnt-offering and sin-offering you have not required, and so I said, “Behold, I come.**

L: In the roll of the book it is written concerning me: 'I love to do your will, O my God; your law is deep in my heart.'

C: I proclaimed righteousness in the great congregation; behold, I did not restrain my lips; and that, O LORD, you know.

L: Your righteousness have I not hidden in my heart; I have spoken of your faithfulness and your deliverance; I have not concealed your love and faithfulness from the great congregation.

C: You are the LORD; do not withhold your compassion from me; let your love and your faithfulness keep me safe forever.

SECOND LESSON - 1 CORINTHIANS 1:1-9

Paul, called by the will of God to be an apostle of Christ Jesus, and our brother Sosthenes, To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints together with all those who in every place call upon the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that was given you in Christ Jesus, that in every way you were enriched in him in all speech and all knowledge — even as the testimony about Christ was confirmed among you — so that you are not lacking in any gift, as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ, who will sustain you to the end, guiltless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

L: Here ends the reading.

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 1st chapter.

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

THE GOSPEL - JOHN 1:29-42A

The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, "Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world! This is he of whom I said, 'After me comes a man who ranks before me, because he was before me.' I myself did not know him, but for this purpose I came baptizing with water, that he might be revealed to Israel." And John bore witness: "I saw the Spirit descend from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. I myself did not know him, but he who sent me to baptize with water said to me, 'He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain, this is he who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.' And I have seen and have borne witness that this is the Son of God." The next day again John was standing with two of his disciples, and he looked at Jesus as he walked by and said,

"Behold, the Lamb of God!" The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. Jesus turned and saw them following and said to them, "What are you seeking?" And they said to him, "Rabbi" (which means Teacher), "where are you staying?" He said to them, "Come and you will see." So they came and saw where he was staying, and they stayed with him that day, for it was about the tenth hour. One of the two who heard John speak and followed Jesus was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. He first found his own brother Simon and said to him, "We have found the Messiah" (which means Christ). He brought him to Jesus.

P: This is God's Word.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

Hymn "Just A Closer Walk with Thee" **WHM PAGE 553**

SONG OF PRAISE "Jesus Loves Me" **Celebration Choir**

THE CHILDREN'S MESSAGE **Pastor Ben Lander**

CHILDREN ARE DISMISSED FOR SHINE TIME

THE SERMON "Good News Worth Sharing" **Pastor Ben Lander**

Apostles Creed **LBW PAGE 65**

The Offertory Response **SCREEN**

Offertory Prayer

OFFERING: Offering plates are located at the entrances to the church for you to leave your gift. There's also an online giving option available on our website. One way the members of St Andrew show their love for their Savior is by sharing with him a generous portion of the blessings they have received. However, our guests should not feel obligated to give. We want everyone to give out of love for Jesus and what he has done for us, and not "reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver" (2 Corinthians 9:7).

*** PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

*** THE LORD'S PRAYER**

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Go In PEACE, SERVE THE LORD

*** BENEDICTION**

*** CLOSING HYMN** "When the Roll is Called Up Yonder" **WHM PAGE 692**
Postlude

ST. ANDREW PRAYER LIST

NAMES WILL BE KEPT ON PRAYER LIST FOR FOUR WEEKS UNLESS OFFICE IS OTHERWISE NOTIFIED.

MEMBERS

Jim Muffly
 Bill Ritter
 Pretta Hose
 Martha Miller
 Arlene Kies
 Jim & Jonnie Stahl
 Frances Worthington
 Naomi Wertman
 Kay Myers
 John Dougherty
 Pastor Janet Dougherty

FAMILY & FRIENDS OF ST. ANDREW

Mary Slater
 Steve Krum
 Jamie Fox
 Allen Fanelli
 Dave Doran
 Shirley Doran
 Chris Blass
 Bill Keller
 Sharon Shutt
 Nathan Witmer
 Judy Yagel
 Piper Frey
 Pam Hill
 Jeff Wendorf
 Mark Miller
 Sue Gilbert
 Kathy Stauffer
 Jeremy Hauch
 Logan Merrifield
 Sandi Graham
 Susan Myers

*The Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God
 & in honor of
 my grandson, Nick's, 17th Birthday!
 By: Becky Fought*

STEWARSHIP ON JANUARY 11, 2026

Attendance	81
Gifts to the Lord	\$8,298.63
Weekly Budget Amount Needed	\$3,511.00
Year to Date Giving	\$10,580.63
Year to Date Needed	\$7,022.00

(Does not include L.C.M.C., Local Benevolence, Outreach, Sponsor, or Capital Categories)

ACTIVITIES OF ST. ANDREW**Sunday, January 18**

Worship Service

9:15 a.m.

After Service

Adult Sunday School w/ Kathy H.

Upstairs Chapel

After Service

Youth Sunday School

Downstairs Youth Room

Wednesday, January 21

Chancel Choir

7:00 p.m.

Thursday, January 22

Chapel Prayer Group

1:00 p.m.

Friday, January 23-

Youth

Sunday January 25

Retreat

Sunday, January 25

Worship Service

9:15 a.m.

GREETER

Joe & Sharon Cardinale

LECTOR

Amy Brinser

ACOLYTE

Teagan Brinser

SHINE TEACHERS

Rachel Detweiler & Tracy Dreibelbis

VIDEO | SOUND

John Dougherty | Jerry Watson

FLOWER DELIVERY

Julie Roller

*Our Organist/Pianist is Mrs. Joy Barto.***ST. ANDREW EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH****REVEREND BEN LANDER**

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