



ST. ANDREW EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

~ TO KNOW JESUS CHRIST AND TO MAKE HIM KNOWN ~

Fourth Sunday after Epiphany



February 01, 2026

FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

FEBRUARY 01, 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

FEBRUARY OUTREACH – Son Light House - The Son Light House is a non-profit organization, that with your generous donations will be able to distribute food, clothing and limited furniture to eligible individuals and families in our community.

FEBRUARY CARE CARDS - Our February care cards will be going to Jim Muffly. 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!

BUILDING INPUT - The property Committee is looking for input from the congregation as to what finishing touches you would like to see in our new building addition! There is a suggestion sheet in the Narthex for ideas. If you have any questions, please see Joe Cardinale or Dick Gruver.

MONTHLY BIBLE STUDIES - The Women's Monthly Bible Study will meet on February 7th 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!

SMALL GROUP BIBLE STUDY - Our Small Group Bible Study will meet on February 5th & 19th at 2:30pm in the Parish Hall classroom. 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. Meals to be delivered to shut-ins at 5:00 p.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** **LBW PAGE 56**

*** THE CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS OF SINS** (YOU ARE WELCOME TO KNEEL IF ABLE)

PRAISE AND PRAYER

*** Opening Hymn** "Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee" **LBW Page 551**

*** The Apostolic Greeting and Response** **SCREEN**

*** The Kyrie**

*** The Hymn of Praise** **SCREEN**

*** PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us join together in the Prayer of the Day

O God, you know the perilous choices we are prone to make that fall short of your desire for human faithfulness and obedience. Without you, our fragile nature cannot survive. Support us with your Word of truth, that we may grow in faith in the midst of our trials. 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 - MICAH 6:1-8

Hear what the LORD says: Arise, plead your case before the mountains, and let the hills hear your voice. Hear, you mountains, the indictment of the LORD, and you enduring foundations of the earth, for the LORD has an indictment against his people, and he will contend with Israel. "O my people, what have I done to you? How have I wearied you? Answer me! For I brought you up from the land of Egypt and redeemed you from the house of slavery, and I sent before you Moses, Aaron, and Miriam. O my people, remember what Balak king of Moab devised, and what Balaam the son of Beor answered him, and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal, that you may know the righteous acts of the

the LORD." "With what shall I come before the LORD, and bow myself before God on high? Shall I come before him with burnt offerings, with calves a year old? Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousands of rivers of oil? Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?" He has told you, O man, what is good; and what does the LORD require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?

Anthem "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah" **Chancel Choir**

THE PSALMODY - PSALM 15

L: LORD, who may dwell in your tabernacle? who may abide upon your holy hill?

C: Whoever leads a blameless life and does what is right, who speaks the truth from his heart.

L: There is no guile upon his tongue; he does no evil to his friend; he does not heap contempt upon his neighbor.

C: In his sight the wicked is rejected, but he honors those who fear the LORD.

L: He has sworn to do no wrong and does not take back his word.

C: He does not give his money in hope of gain, nor does he take a bribe against the innocent.

L: Whoever does these things shall never be overthrown.

THE SECOND LESSON - 1 CORINTHIANS 1:18-31

For the word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written, "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart." Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, it pleased God through the folly of what we preach to save those who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks seek wisdom, but we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles, but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men. For consider your calling, brothers: not many of you were wise according to worldly standards, not many were powerful, not many were of

noble birth. But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; God chose what is low and despised in the world, even things that are not, to bring to nothing things that are, so that no human being might boast in the presence of God. And because of him you are in Christ Jesus, who became to us wisdom from God, righteousness and sanctification and redemption, so that, as it is written, “Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord.”

L: Here ends the reading.

* **THE RESPONSE** (Alleluia) **LBW PAGE 62**

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 5th chapter.

C: **Glory to You, O Lord.**

THE GOSPEL - MATTHEW 5:1-12

Seeing the crowds, Jesus went up on the mountain, and when he sat down, his disciples came to him. And he opened his mouth and taught them, saying: Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted. Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied. Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy. Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God. Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.”

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to You, O Christ!**

Hymn “Lord, Speak to Us, that We May Speak” **LBW PAGE 403**

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

CHILDREN ARE DISMISSED FOR SHINE TIME

THE SERMON “Gaining Perspective” **Pastor Ben Lander**

* **The Nicene Creed** **LBW PAGE 64**

The Offertory Response **SCREEN**

The 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 SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

* **THE GREAT THANKSGIVING** **LBW PAGE 68**

* **THE PROPER PREFACE** **LBW PAGE 68**

* **THE SANCTUS** **LBW PAGE 69**

* **THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION (#33)** **LBW PAGE 70**

* **THE LORD'S PRAYER** **LBW PAGE 71**

* **AGNUS DEI** **LBW PAGE 72**

THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE ELEMENTS

* **POST COMMUNION BLESSING** **LBW PAGE 72**

* **POST COMMUNION CANTICLE** “*Thank the Lord...*” **LBW PAGE 72**

* **THE PRAYER** **LBW PAGE 74**

GO IN PEACE AND SERVE THE LORD

* **BENEDICTION**

* **CLOSING HYMN** “Go Now and Pass It On” **SCREEN**

Postlude

ST. ANDREW PRAYER LIST

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

MEMBERS	FAMILY & FRIENDS OF ST. ANDREW	
Jim Muffly	Mary Slater	Piper Frey
Bill Ritter	Steve Krum	Pam Hill
Pretta Hose	Jamie Fox	Jeff Wendorf
Martha Miller	Allen Fanelli	Mark Miller
Arlene Kiess	Dave Doran	Sue Gilbert
Jim & Jonnie Stahl	Shirley Doran	Kathy Stauffer
Frances Worthington	Chris Blass	Jeremy Hauch
Naomi Wertman	Bill Keller	Logan Merrifield
Kay Myers	Sharon Shutt	Sandi Graham
John Dougherty	Nathan Witmer	Susan Myers
Pastor Janet Dougherty	Judy Yagel	

The Altar Flowers are given

to the

Glory of God!

STEWARDSHIP ON JANUARY 25, 2026	
Online Service Due To Weather	
Gifts to the Lord	\$0
Weekly Budget Amount Needed	\$3,511.00
Year to Date Giving	\$10,533.00
Year to Date Needed	\$16,487.63
<i>(Does not include L.C.M.C., Local Benevolence, Outreach, Sponsor, or Capital Categories)</i>	

ACTIVITIES OF ST. ANDREW		
Sunday, February 01	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, February 04	Chancel Choir	7:00 p.m.
Thursday, February 05	Chapel Prayer Group	1:00 p.m.
Thursday, February 05	Small Group Bible Study	2:30 p.m.
Sunday, February 08	Worship Service	9:15 a.m.
Sunday, February 08	Soup, Sandwiches & Sweets	11:00 a.m.
GREETER	Becky Hibsichman & Jim Lenhart	
LECTOR	Sheila Morehart	
ACOLYTE	Gina Styer	
COMMUNION ASSISTANT	Dick Gruver	
SHINE TEACHERS	Karen Krum & Kathy Heilman	
VIDEO SOUND	John Dougherty Jerry Watson	
FLOWER DELIVERY	Becky Hibsichman	



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