



ST. ANDREW EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

~ TO KNOW JESUS CHRIST AND TO MAKE HIM KNOWN ~

Fifth Sunday after Epiphany



February 05, 2023

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FEBRUARY 05, 2023

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. An unstaffed 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 - 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'S CARE CARDS - Our February care cards will be going to Kelly Merrifield. 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!

SHROVE TUESDAY - Mark your calendars for 6:00 p.m., Tuesday, February 21, 2023; join your St. Andrew family for some relaxation, conversation and another delicious dinner hosted by our Parish Life Committee . Please sign-up on the sheet in the narthex so we know how many to prepare for. If you are a shut-in or unable to drive at night please contact Ginny Gruver (546-6894) or Shirley Watson (546-5360) to arrange transportation or delivery. Thank you!

ASH WEDNESDAY - We would love to have you join us on Ash Wednesday, February 22, 2023 at 7pm for our worship service. The Sanctuary will be open from 10-11am for a time of prayer and the imposition of ashes for those to come as their schedule allows.

SPRING BIBLE STUDY - Our Wednesday Spring Bible Study will be "Chasing the Wind", a study on the book of Ecclesiastes. It begins on March 1, 2023 , a morning class will be offered at 10am and an evening class with childcare will be offered at 6pm. Please come out and join us, we would love to have you! A sign-up sheet is located in the Narthex.

THE PRELUDE

WELCOME - Announcements

* *(Indicates The Congregation To Stand)*

* **INVOCATION**

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

PRAISE AND PRAYER

* **Opening Hymn**

"Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing"

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* **The Apostolic Greeting and Response**

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* **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

Stand watch over your family, O Lord, that we who depend entirely on your heavenly grace may always be protected in the mighty fortress of your love; 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 58:3-9A

"Why have we fasted, and you see it not? Why have we humbled ourselves, and you take no knowledge of it?' Behold, in the day of your fast you seek your own pleasure, and oppress all your workers. Behold, you fast only to quarrel and to fight and to hit with a wicked fist. Fasting like yours this day will not make your voice to be heard on high. Is such the fast that I choose, a day for a person to humble himself? Is it to bow down his head like a reed, and to spread sackcloth and ashes under him? Will you call this a fast, and a day acceptable to the LORD? Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of wickedness, to undo the straps of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke? Is it not to share your bread with the hungry and bring the homeless poor into

your house; when you see the naked, to cover him, and not to hide yourself from your own flesh? Then shall your light break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up speedily; your righteousness shall go before you; the glory of the LORD shall be your rear guard. Then you shall call, and the LORD will answer; you shall cry, and he will say, 'Here I am.'"

Anthem

"Fill My Cup Lord"

Chancel Choir Ladies

THE PSALMODY - PSALM 112:1-9

L: Hallelujah! Happy are they who fear the LORD and have great delight in his commandments!

C: Their descendants will be mighty in the land; the generation of the upright will be blessed.

L: Wealth and riches will be in their house, and their righteousness will last forever.

C: Light shines in the darkness for the upright; the righteous are merciful and full of compassion.

L: It is good for them to be generous in lending and to manage their affairs with justice.

C: For they will never be shaken; the righteous will be kept in everlasting remembrance.

L: They will not be afraid of any evil rumors; their heart is right; they put their trust in the LORD.

C: Their heart is established and will not shrink, until they see their desire upon their enemies.

L: They have given freely to the poor, and their righteousness stands fast forever; they will hold up their head with honor.

THE SECOND LESSON - 1 CORINTHIANS 2:1-16

I, when I came to you, brothers, did not come proclaiming to you the testimony of God with lofty speech or wisdom. For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ and him crucified. And I was with you in weakness and in fear and much trembling, and my speech and my message were not in plausible words of wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power, so that your faith might not rest in the wisdom of men but in the power of God. Yet among the mature we do impart wisdom, although it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to pass away. But we impart a secret and hidden wisdom of God, which God decreed before the ages for our glory. None of the rulers of this age understood this, for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. But, as it is written, "What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the heart of man imagined, what God has prepared for those who love him" — these things God has

revealed to us through the Spirit. For the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. For who knows a person's thoughts except the spirit of that person, which is in him? So also no one comprehends the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God. Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, that we might understand the things freely given us by God. And we impart this in words not taught by human wisdom but taught by the Spirit, interpreting spiritual truths to those who are spiritual. The natural person does not accept the things of the Spirit of God, for they are folly to him, and he is not able to understand them because they are spiritually discerned. The spiritual person judges all things, but is himself to be judged by no one. "For who has understood the mind of the Lord so as to instruct him?" But we have the mind of Christ.

L: Here ends the reading.

* **THE RESPONSE** (Alleluia)

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

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

THE GOSPEL - MATTHEW 5:13-20

Jesus said, "You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything except to be thrown out and trampled under people's feet. You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven. Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them. For truly, I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not an iota, not a dot, will pass from the Law until all is accomplished. Therefore whoever relaxes one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven."

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ!

Hymn

"Take My Life and Let It Be"

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THE CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Pastor Ben Lander

THE SERMON

"Needs More Salt"

Pastor Ben Lander

* **The Nicene Creed**

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The Offertory Response

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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**

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* **THE PROPER PREFACE**

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* **THE SANCTUS**

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* **THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION (#33)**

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* **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

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* **AGNUS DEI** (*Sing twice as Communion begins*)

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THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE ELEMENTS

* **POST COMMUNION BLESSING**

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* **POST COMMUNION CANTICLE**

"Thank the Lord..."

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* **THE PRAYER**

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GO IN PEACE, SERVE THE LORD

* **BENEDICTION**

* **CLOSING HYMN**

"Go Now and Pass It On"

Postlude

MEMBERS

Carol & Harley Pittenger
Ken Snyder
Alma Reitz
Sally Bruch
Jim Muffly
William Ritter
Pretta Hose
Kitty Poust
Bruce Miller
Tange Berger
Ryan Moore
Kelly Merrifield
Leonard Morehart
Phil Myers
Kay Myers
Janet Dougherty

FRIENDS OF ST. ANDREW

Mary Doyle
Bill Keller
Mary Slater
Sharon Shutt
Marty Carlon

ACTIVITIES OF ST. ANDREW

Sunday, Feb. 05	Worship Service	9:15 a.m.
After Service	Children’s Sunday School	Downstairs Room
After Service	Adult Sunday School w/Kathy H.	Upstairs Chapel
Wednesday, Feb. 08	Choir Rehearsal	7:00pm
Thursday, Feb. 09	Chapel Prayer Group	1:00 p.m.
Sunday, Feb. 12	Worship Service	9:15 a.m.
Greeter	Jerry Watson	
Lector	Shiela Morehart	
Acolyte	Nora Styer	
Video Sound	John Dougherty Jerry Watson	
Flower Delivery	Becky Hibschan	

The Bulletin is sponsored by Barron Zimmers

Our Organist/Pianist is Mrs. Joy Barto.

The Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God

and in memory of loved ones!

By: Dean & Joy Barto

STEWARDSHIP ON JANUARY 29, 2023

Gifts to the Lord	\$4120.00
Attendance	85
Weekly Budget Amount Needed	\$3200.00

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