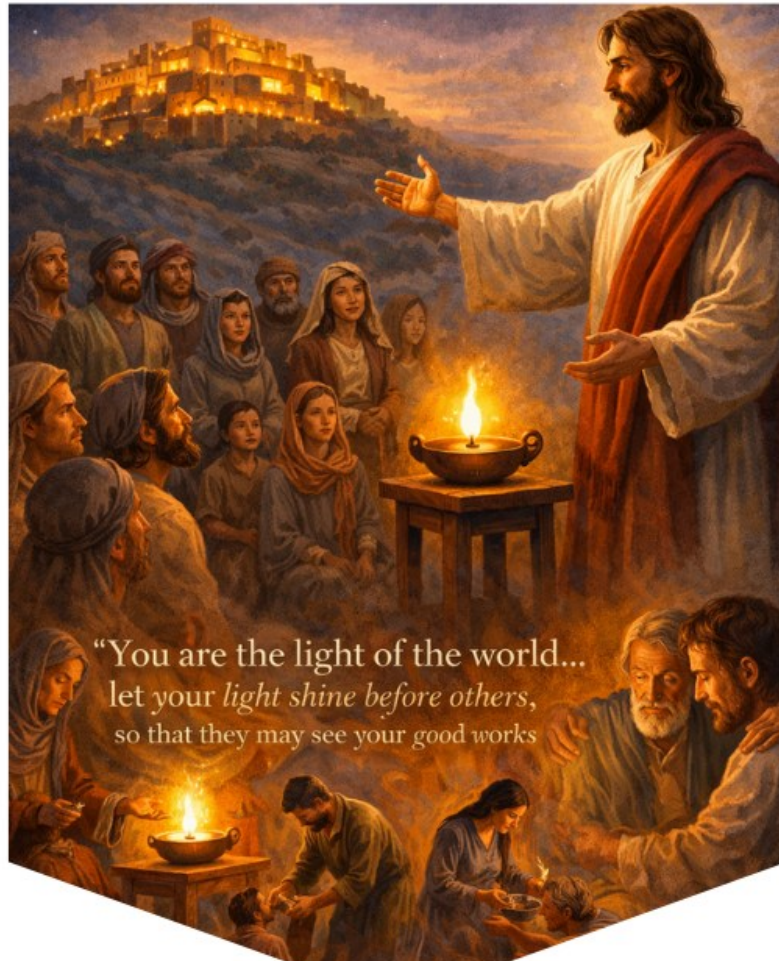




# ST. ANDREW EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

~ TO KNOW JESUS CHRIST AND TO MAKE HIM KNOWN ~

## Fifth Sunday after Epiphany



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### 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 7<sup>th</sup> at 8am to continue our study on Jennifer Rothschild's Heaven. The Men's Monthly Bible Study will meet on February 14<sup>th</sup> at 8am and continue working through the book of Titus. We would love to have you join us!

**SHINE TIME TEACHERS MEETING** - We will be having a brief SHinE Time Teachers meeting on 2/15 directly following service in the Parish Hall.

**SMALL GROUP BIBLE STUDY** - Our Small Group Bible Study will meet on February 19<sup>th</sup> at 2:30pm in the Parish Hall classroom. We would love to have you join us!

**SOUP, SANDWICHES & SWEETS** - Please join us on today, February 8<sup>th</sup> 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 17<sup>th</sup> 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 18<sup>th</sup>, 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.

**CONGREGATION INVITATION** - Mark & Joanna Kreisher would like to extend an invitation to the congregation of St. Andrew to join them for Aubrey's Eagle Scout ceremony on Feb. 22 @ 2p.m. We hope you can join us in supporting Aubrey & celebrating this achievement!

**LENTEN BIBLE STUDY** - Join us on Wednesdays during Lent, (2/25-3/25) at 7pm at Muncy Baptist Church for our shared Lenten Bible Study, *Journey to Jerusalem*, co-hosted with Muncy Baptist & Pleasantview Wesleyan Churches.

**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** "Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing" **LBW PAGE 559**

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

\* **The Kyrie**

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

\* **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.’”

**Special Music** "There is Power in the Blood" **Mark Whitmoyer**

**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.

**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)** **LBW PAGE 62**

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 5<sup>th</sup> 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” **LBW PAGE 406**

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

***CHILDREN ARE DISMISSED FOR SHINE TIME***

**THE SERMON** “Light it Up!” **Pastor Ben Lander**

**\* Apostles Creed** **LBW PAGE 65**

**GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

**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** **LBW PAGE 71**

**GO IN PEACE, SERVE THE LORD**

**\* BENEDICTION**

**\* CLOSING HYMN** “Songs of Thankfulness & Praise” **LBW PAGE 90**

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

*The Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God*

*& in honor of Alaina’s 10<sup>th</sup> Birthday!*

*By: Jerry Watson*

STEWARDSHIP ON FEBRUARY 01, 2026	
Attendance	59
Gifts to the Lord	\$5545.00
<b>Weekly Budget Amount Needed</b>	<b>\$3,511.00</b>
Year to Date Giving	\$18,521.63
<b>Year to Date Needed</b>	<b>\$17,555.00</b>
<i>(Does not include L.C.M.C., Local Benevolence, Outreach, Sponsor, or Capital Categories)</i>	

ACTIVITIES OF ST. ANDREW		
Sunday, February 08	Worship Service	9:15 a.m.
After Service	Soup, Sandwiches & Sweets	11:00 a.m.
Wednesday, February 11	Chancel Choir	7:00 p.m.
Thursday, February 12	Chapel Prayer Group	1:00 p.m.
Sunday, February 15	Worship Service	9:15 a.m.
GREETER	Sharon Barnard	
LECTOR	Michele Styer	
ACOLYTE	Sam Haddon	
SHINE TEACHERS	Terri Stermole & Luanne Libbey	
VIDEO   SOUND	John Dougherty   Jerry Watson	
FLOWER DELIVERY	Becky Hibschman	

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