



ST. ANDREW EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

~ TO KNOW JESUS CHRIST AND TO MAKE HIM KNOWN ~

First Sunday in Lent



February 22, 2026

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FEBRUARY 22, 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, there is a suggestion sheet in the Narthex for ideas. If you have any questions, please see Joe Cardinale or Dick Gruver.

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 today 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.

LENTEN DEVOTIONALS - Lenten devotionals are available for adults & children in the Narthex!

PARISH LIFE COMMITTEE - The Parish Life Committee will be meeting on Thursday, March 12th at 6:15pm. We would love to have more involvement and input from the congregation as we plan for upcoming events for this spring and summer. Please consider attending this or any future meetings to share your ideas or to simply help out.

TRUNK HOP - On Palm Sunday, March 29th at 3:00pm, we will have our Easter Trunk Hop. Please consider decorating your vehicle in an Easter theme and joining us for a time of laughter and the fun of sharing the love of Christ. Plan to arrive by 2:00p.m. for setup if decorating your vehicle. We are looking for donations of wrapped candy and snacks. Any donations are greatly appreciated and may be placed in the church library.

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** "O Lord, Throughout These Forty Days" **LBW PAGE 99**

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

*** The Kyrie**

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

*** PRAYER OF THE DAY**

O Lord God, you would have us put no trust in anything we do. Mercifully grant that by your power we may be defended against all adversity; through your Son, Jesus Christ, 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 - GENESIS 3:1-21

Now the serpent was more crafty than any other beast of the field that the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God actually say, 'You shall not eat of any tree in the garden'?" And the woman said to the serpent, "We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden, but God said, 'You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the midst of the garden, neither shall you touch it, lest you die.'" But the serpent said to the woman, "You will not surely die. For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her husband who was with her, and he ate. Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked. And they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves loincloths. And they heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and the man

man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden. But the LORD God called to the man and said to him, "Where are you?" And he said, "I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked, and I hid myself." He said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten of the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?" The man said, "The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit of the tree, and I ate." Then the LORD God said to the woman, "What is this that you have done?" The woman said, "The serpent deceived me, and I ate." The LORD God said to the serpent, "Because you have done this, cursed are you above all livestock and above all beasts of the field; on your belly you shall go, and dust you shall eat all the days of your life. I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and her offspring; he shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise his heel." To the woman he said, "I will surely multiply your pain in childbearing; in pain you shall bring forth children. Your desire shall be contrary to your husband, but he shall rule over you." And to Adam he said, "Because you have listened to the voice of your wife and have eaten of the tree of which I commanded you, 'You shall not eat of it,' cursed is the ground because of you; in pain you shall eat of it all the days of your life; thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you; and you shall eat the plants of the field. By the sweat of your face you shall eat bread, till you return to the ground, for out of it you were taken; for you are dust, and to dust you shall return." The man called his wife's name Eve, because she was the mother of all living. And the LORD God made for Adam and for his wife garments of skins and clothed them.

THE PSALMODY - PSALM 32:1-8

L: Happy are they whose transgressions are forgiven, and whose sin is put away!

C: Happy are they to whom the LORD imputes no guilt, and in whose spirit there is no guile!

L: While I held my tongue, my bones withered away, because of my groaning all day long.

C: For your hand was heavy upon me day and night; my moisture was dried up as in the heat of summer.

L: Then I acknowledged my sin to you, and did not conceal my guilt.

C: I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD." Then you forgave me the guilt of my sin.

L: Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to you in time of trouble; when the great waters overflow, they shall not reach them.

C: You are my hiding place; you preserve me from trouble; you surround me with shouts of deliverance.

SECOND LESSON - ROMANS 5:12-19

Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men because all sinned — for sin indeed was in the world before the law was given, but sin is not counted where there is no law. Yet death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sinning was not like the transgression of Adam, who was a type of the one who was to come. But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if many died through one man’s trespass, much more have the grace of God and the free gift by the grace of that one man Jesus Christ abounded for many. And the free gift is not like the result of that one man’s sin. For the judgment following one trespass brought condemnation, but the free gift following many trespasses brought justification. For if, because of one man’s trespass, death reigned through that one man, much more will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man Jesus Christ. Therefore, as one trespass led to condemnation for all men, so one act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all men. For as by the one man’s disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man’s obedience the many will be made righteous.

L: Here ends the reading.

* LENTEN RESPONSE SCREEN

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 4th chapter.

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

THE GOSPEL - MATTHEW 4:1-11

Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. And after fasting forty days and forty nights, he was hungry. And the tempter came and said to him, “If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread.” But he answered, “It is written, ‘Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.’” Then the devil took him to the holy city and set him on the pinnacle of the temple and said to him, “If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down, for

it is written, ‘He will command his angels concerning you,’ and ‘On their hands they will bear you up, lest you strike your foot against a stone.’” Jesus said to him, “Again it is written, ‘You shall not put the Lord your God to the test.’” Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory. And he said to him, “All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me.” Then Jesus said to him, “Be gone, Satan! For it is written, ‘You shall worship the Lord your God and him only shall you serve.’” Then the devil left him, and behold, angels came and were ministering to him.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ!

Hymn “Break Now the Bread of Life” LBW PAGE 235

THE CHILDREN’S MESSAGE Pastor Ben Lander

CHILDREN ARE DISMISSED FOR SHINE TIME

THE SERMON “The Way Out is Through” 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 “In the Cross of Christ I Glory” LBW PAGE 104

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
	Nathan Witmer	Pastor John Butler
	Judy Yagel	Pastor Carol Butler
	Piper Frey	

The Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God
& in honor of our grandchildren.
By: Tom & Dee Knight

STEWARDSHIP ON FEBRUARY 15, 2026	
Attendance	78
Gifts to the Lord	\$3861.00
Weekly Budget Amount Needed	\$3,511.00
Year to Date Giving	\$23,873.63
Year to Date Needed	\$24,577.00
<i>(Does not include L.C.M.C., Local Benevolence, Outreach, Sponsor, or Capital Categories)</i>	

ACTIVITIES OF ST. ANDREW

Sunday, February 22	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 25	Chancel Choir	7:00 p.m.
Thursday, February 26	Chapel Prayer Group	1:00 p.m.
Sunday, March 01	Worship Service	9:15 a.m.
GREETER	Tom & Dee Knight	
LECTOR	John Libbey	
ACOLYTE	Levi Lander	
SHINE TEACHERS	Katie Lander & Julie Roller	
VIDEO SOUND	John Dougherty Jerry Watson	
FLOWER DELIVERY	Becky Hibschan	

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Our Organist/Pianist is Mr. Larry Barnard



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