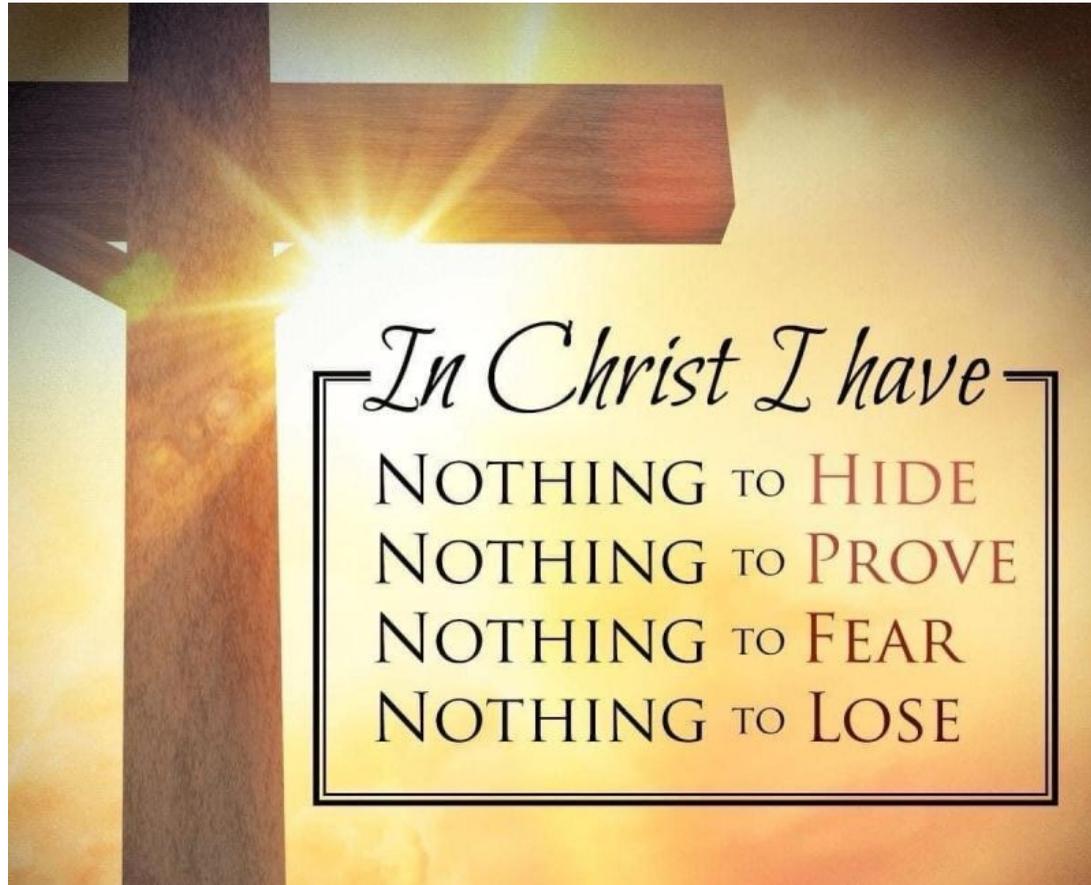




ST. ANDREW EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

~ TO KNOW JESUS CHRIST AND TO MAKE HIM KNOWN ~

Second Sunday in Lent



March 01, 2026

SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

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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

MARCH OUTREACH – The Salvation Army is a Protestant Christian church and an international charitable organization. They report a worldwide membership of over 1.7 million, consisting of soldiers, officers and adherents collectively known as Salvationists. They assist approximately 23 million Americans annually. By making a donation, we can help them meet needs, fighting hunger and giving warmth all over the United States.

MARCH CARE CARDS - Our March care cards will be going to Norman Magaro. 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!

SONSHINE COMMITTEE - The newly formed "Sonshine Committee" will be starting soon! Our goal is to spread cheer to our members as the hands and feet of Christ by; providing a meal, visitation, rides to appointments or other needs as they arise. You would be a blessing to our church family if you are able to help us serve our congregation when they are in need. Please do not hesitate to let us know if you or another member could use an extra hand. We worship together, let's do life together. Please contact the office or Darlene Waldron (570)-971-1498; cwal416@gmail.com

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.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY - The Women's 8am Saturday Bible study *Heaven* with Jennifer Rothschild will meet March 7th.

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 DONATIONS - The annual egg hunt in the Prayer Garden will precede the Trunk Hop. On March 29th. Donations of bagged candy or small snacks would be greatly appreciated. Any donations may be placed in the church library.

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**

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

PRAISE AND PRAYER

*** Opening Hymn**

“Glory Be to Jesus”

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*** 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

Almighty God, look upon the hearty desires of your humble servants and stretch forth the right hand of your majesty to be our defense against all our enemies. Grant this, we pray, 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 12:1-9

Now the LORD said to Abram, “Go from your country and your kindred and your father’s house to the land that I will show you. And I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and him who dishonors you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.” So Abram went, as the LORD had told him, and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran. And Abram took Sarai his wife, and Lot his brother’s son, and all their possessions that they had gathered, and the people that they had acquired in Haran, and they set out to go to the land of Canaan. When they came to the land of Canaan, Abram passed through the land to the place at Shechem, to the oak

of Moreh. At that time the Canaanites were in the land. Then the LORD appeared to Abram and said, “To your offspring I will give this land.” So he built there an altar to the LORD, who had appeared to him. From there he moved to the hill country on the east of Bethel and pitched his tent, with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east. And there he built an altar to the LORD and called upon the name of the LORD. And Abram journeyed on, still going toward the Negeb.

Anthem

“Take Up Your Cross”

Chancel Choir

THE PSALMODY - PSALM 121

L: I lift up my eyes to the hills; from where is my help to come?

C: My help comes from the LORD, the maker of heaven and earth.

L: He will not let your foot be moved and he who watches over you will not fall asleep.

C: Behold, he who keeps watch over Israel shall neither slumber nor sleep;

L: The LORD himself watches over you; the LORD is your shade at your right hand,

C: So that the sun shall not strike you by day, nor the moon by night.

L: The LORD shall preserve you from all evil; it is he who shall keep you safe.

C: The LORD shall watch over your going out and your coming in, from this time forth forevermore.

THE SECOND LESSON - ROMANS 4:1-8, 13-17

What then shall we say was gained by Abraham, our forefather according to the flesh? For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. For what does the Scripture say? “Abraham believed God, and it was counted to him as righteousness.” Now to the one who works, his wages are not counted as a gift but as his due. And to the one who does not work but believes in him who justifies the ungodly, his faith is counted as righteousness, just as David also speaks of the blessing of the one to whom God counts righteousness apart from works: “Blessed are those whose lawless deeds are forgiven, and whose sins are covered; blessed is the man against whom the Lord will not count his sin.” For the promise to Abraham and his offspring that he would be heir of the world did not come through the law but through the righteousness of faith. For if it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath, but where there is no law there is no transgression. That is why it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his

offspring — not only to the adherent of the law but also to the one who shares the faith of Abraham, who is the father of us all, as it is written, “I have made you the father of many nations” — in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

L: Here ends the reading.

***LENTEN RESPONSE**

SCREEN

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 3rd chapter.

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

THE GOSPEL - John 3:1-17

Now there was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews. This man came to Jesus by night and said to him, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher come from God, for no one can do these signs that you do unless God is with him.” Jesus answered him, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God.” Nicodemus said to him, “How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother’s womb and be born?” Jesus answered, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not marvel that I said to you, ‘You must be born again.’ The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear its sound, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.” Nicodemus said to him, “How can these things be?” Jesus answered him, “Are you the teacher of Israel and yet you do not understand these things? Truly, truly, I say to you, we speak of what we know, and bear witness to what we have seen, but you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except he who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.”

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ!

Hymn

“Beneath the Cross of Jesus”

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THE CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

Pastor Ben Lander

CHILDREN ARE DISMISSED FOR SHINE TIME

THE SERMON

“Nothing To Prove”

Pastor Ben Lander

*** The Nicene Creed**

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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**

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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**

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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 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

Jim Muffly
 Bill Ritter
 Pretta Hose
 Martha Miller
 Arlene Kiess
 Jim & Jonnie Stahl
 Frances Worthington
 Naomi Wertman
 Kay Myers

FAMILY & FRIENDS OF ST. ANDREW

Mary Slater	Pam Hill
Steve Krum	Jeff Wendorf
Jamie Fox	Mark Miller
Allen Fanelli	Sue Gilbert
Dave Doran	Kathy Stauffer
Shirley Doran	Jeremy Hauch
Chris Blass	Logan Merrifield
Bill Keller	Sandi Graham
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 children.

By: Rudy & Linda Moyer

STEWARDSHIP

FEBRUARY 18, 2026 - ASH WEDNESDAY

Attendance	42
Gifts to the Lord	\$599.00

FEBRUARY 22, 2026

Attendance	58
Gifts to the Lord	\$1,740.00
Weekly Budget Amount Needed	\$3,511.00
Year to Date Giving	\$26,212.63
Year to Date Needed	\$28,088.00

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

ACTIVITIES OF ST. ANDREW

Sunday, March 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, March 04	Chancel Choir	6:00 p.m.
Wednesday, March 04	Lenten Bible Study	7:00 p.m.
	At Muncy Baptist Church	
Thursday, March 05	Chapel Prayer Group	1:00 p.m.
Saturday, March 05	Women's Bible Study	8:00 a.m.
Sunday, March 08	Worship Service	9:15 a.m.
GREETER	Jerry Watson	
LECTOR	Hiliary Haddon	
ACOLYTE	Levi Lander	
SHINE TEACHERS	Amy Brinser & Sue Sarginger	
VIDEO SOUND	John Dougherty Jerry Watson	
FLOWER DELIVERY	Darlene Waldron	

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