



ST. ANDREW EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

~ TO KNOW JESUS CHRIST AND TO MAKE HIM KNOWN ~

Third Sunday in Lent



March 08, 2026

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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 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.

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.

EASTER BASKETS - The Women of St. Andrew will be assembling Easter baskets for the shut-ins on March 31st at 2pm. All donations are welcome.

SPRING RUMMAGE SALE - April 17th (8am-3pm) & 18th(8am-11am): Donations welcome beginning April 13th. Please place on appropriate tables.

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**

"Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer"

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*** The Apostolic Greeting and Response**

SCREEN

*** The Kyrie**

*** The Hymn of Praise**

SCREEN

*** PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Almighty God, consider the worthy desires of your humble servants. Reach out to defend us from evil by the word and work of your majestic right hand. Grant this, we pray, through the same 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 - EXODUS 17:1-7

All the congregation of the people of Israel moved on from the wilderness of Sin by stages, according to the commandment of the LORD, and camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. Therefore the people quarreled with Moses and said, "Give us water to drink." And Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the LORD?" But the people thirsted there for water, and the people grumbled against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us up out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and our livestock with thirst?" So Moses cried to the LORD, "What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me." And the LORD said to Moses, "Pass on before the people, taking with you some of the elders of Israel, and take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. Behold, I will stand before you there on the rock at Horeb, and you shall strike

the rock, and water shall come out of it, and the people will drink." And Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. And he called the name of the place Massah and Meribah, because of the quarreling of the people of Israel, and because they tested the LORD by saying, "Is the LORD among us or not?"

Anthem

"I Surrender All"

Chancel Choir

THE PSALMODY - PSALM 95:1-9

L: Come, let us sing to the LORD; let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.

C: Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.

L: For the LORD is a great God, and a great King above all gods.

C: In his hand are the caverns of the earth, and the heights of the hills are his also.

L: The sea is his, for he made it, and his hands have molded the dry land.

C: Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, and kneel before the LORD our Maker.

L: For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand. Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!

C: Harden not your hearts, as your forebears did in the wilderness, at Meribah, and on that day at Massah, when they tempted me.

L: They put me to the test, though they had seen my works.

SECOND LESSON - ROMANS 5:1-8

Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God. Not only that, but we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us. For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. For one will scarcely die for a righteous person — though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die

— but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

L: Here ends the reading.

*** LENTEN RESPONSE**

SCREEN

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

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

THE GOSPEL - JOHN 4:5-30, 39-42

So Jesus came to a town of Samaria called Sychar, near the field that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there; so Jesus, wearied as he was from his journey, was sitting beside the well. It was about the sixth hour. A woman from Samaria came to draw water. Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." (For his disciples had gone away into the city to buy food.) The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask for a drink from me, a woman of Samaria?" (For Jews have no dealings with Samaritans.) Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water." The woman said to him, "Sir, you have nothing to draw water with, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? Are you greater than our father Jacob? He gave us the well and drank from it himself, as did his sons and his livestock." Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but whoever drinks of the water that I will give him will never be thirsty again. The water that I will give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life." The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I will not be thirsty or have to come here to draw water." Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come here." The woman answered him, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You are right in saying, 'I have no husband'; for you have had five husbands, and the one you now have is not your husband. What you have said is true." The woman said to him, "Sir, I perceive that you are a prophet. Our fathers worshiped on this mountain, but you say that in Jerusalem is the place where people ought to worship." Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem will you worship the Father. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father is seeking such people

to worship him. God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth." The woman said to him, "I know that Messiah is coming (he who is called Christ). When he comes, he will tell us all things." Jesus said to her, "I who speak to you am he." [Just then his disciples came back. They marveled that he was talking with a woman, but no one said, "What do you seek?" or, "Why are you talking with her?" So the woman left her water jar and went away into town and said to the people, "Come, see a man who told me all that I ever did. Can this be the Christ?" They went out of the town and were coming to him. Many Samaritans from that town believed in him because of the woman's testimony, "He told me all that I ever did." So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them, and he stayed there two days. And many more believed because of his word. They said to the woman, "It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is indeed the Savior of the world."]

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ!

Hymn "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" **LBW PAGE 482**

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

CHILDREN ARE DISMISSED FOR SHINE TIME

THE SERMON "Well Within Reach" **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 Christ There Is No East or West" **LBW PAGE 359**

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	Katie Beall
Norman Magaro	

The Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God

& in memory of my parents.

By: Becky Hibschan

STEWARDSHIP ON MARCH 01, 2026

Attendance	77
Gifts to the Lord	\$4,153.00
Weekly Budget Amount Needed	\$3,511.00
Year to Date Giving	\$30,365.63
Year to Date Needed	\$31,599.00

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

ACTIVITIES OF ST. ANDREW

Sunday, March 08	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 11	Chancel Choir	6:00 p.m.
Wednesday, March 11	Lenten Bible Study	7:00 p.m.
Thursday, March 12	Chapel Prayer Group	1:00 p.m.
Saturday, March 14	Men's Bible Study	8:00 a.m.
Sunday, March 15	Worship Service	9:15 a.m.
GREETER	Larry & Sharon Barnard	
LECTOR	Sheila Morehart	
ACOLYTE	Gina Styer	
SHINE TEACHERS	Ellen Detweiler & Hiliary Haddon	
VIDEO SOUND	John Dougherty Jerry Watson	
FLOWER DELIVERY	Darlene Waldron	

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