



ST. ANDREW EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

~ TO KNOW JESUS CHRIST AND TO MAKE HIM KNOWN ~

Fourth Sunday in Lent



March 15, 2026

FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

MARCH 15, 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

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.

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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* A CALL TO WORSHIP

P: Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth. Worship the Lord with gladness; come before him with joyful songs.

C: Know that the Lord is God. It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, the sheep of his pasture.

P: Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name.

All: For the Lord is good and his love endures forever; his faithfulness continues through all generations.

C: We humbly confess that we have failed to follow your ways. We have not loved others as ourselves. We have not obeyed Your Word but have followed the leading of our own sinful hearts. In humility, we ask for Your forgiveness, Your cleansing, and Your renewing power. Fill us with Your Spirit, so that we may live and glorify Your Name. Amen

PRAISE AND PRAYER

* Opening Hymns

“He Is Able”

SEE INSERT

“Change My Heart, O God”

* PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty God, grant that we, who for our evil deeds worthily deserve to be punished, by the comfort of your grace, may mercifully be relieved; 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 - ISAIAH 42:14-21

For a long time I have held my peace; I have kept still and restrained myself; now I will cry out like a woman in labor; I will gasp and pant. I will lay waste mountains and hills, and dry up all their vegetation; I will turn the rivers into islands, and dry up the pools. And I will lead the blind in a way that they do not know, in paths that they have not known I will guide them.

I will turn the darkness before them into light, the rough places into level ground. These are the things I do, and I do not forsake them. They are turned back and utterly put to shame, who trust in carved idols, who say to metal images, “You are our gods.” Hear, you deaf, and look, you blind, that you may see! Who is blind but my servant, or deaf as my messenger whom I send? Who is blind as my dedicated one, or blind as the servant of the LORD? He sees many things, but does not observe them; his ears are open, but he does not hear. The LORD was pleased, for his righteousness’ sake, to magnify his law and make it glorious.

Anthem

“You Are My All in All”

Chancel Choir

THE PSALMODY - PSALM 142

L: I cry to the LORD with my voice; to the LORD I make loud supplication.

C: I pour out my complaint before him and tell him all my trouble.

L: When my spirit languishes within me, you know my path; in the way wherein I walk they have hidden a trap for me.

C: I look to my right hand and find no one who knows me; I have no place to flee to, and no one cares for me.

L: I cry out to you, O LORD; I say, “You are my refuge, my portion in the land of the living.”

C: Listen to my cry for help, for I have been brought very low; save me from those who pursue me, for they are too strong for me.

L: Bring me out of prison, that I may give thanks to your name; when you have dealt bountifully with me, the righteous will gather around me.

SECOND LESSON - EPHESIANS 5:8-14

...For at one time you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light (for the fruit of light is found in all that is good and right and true), and try to discern what is pleasing to the Lord. Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. For it is shameful even to speak of the things that they do in secret. But when anything is exposed by the light, it becomes visible, for anything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says, “Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.”

L: Here ends the reading.

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 9th chapter.

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

THE GOSPEL - JOHN 9:1-41

As Jesus passed by, he saw a man blind from birth. And his disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" Jesus answered, "It was not that this man sinned, or his parents, but that the works of God might be displayed in him. We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming, when no one can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world." Having said these things, he spit on the ground and made mud with the saliva. Then he anointed the man's eyes with the mud and said to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" (which means Sent). So he went and washed and came back seeing. The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar were saying, "Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?" Some said, "It is he." Others said, "No, but he is like him." He kept saying, "I am the man." So they said to him, "Then how were your eyes opened?" He answered, "The man called Jesus made mud and anointed my eyes and said to me, 'Go to Siloam and wash.' So I went and washed and received my sight." They said to him, "Where is he?" He said, "I do not know." They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. Now it was a Sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. So the Pharisees again asked him how he had received his sight. And he said to them, "He put mud on my eyes, and I washed, and I see." Some of the Pharisees said, "This man is not from God, for he does not keep the Sabbath." But others said, "How can a man who is a sinner do such signs?" And there was a division among them. So they said again to the blind man, "What do you say about him, since he has opened your eyes?" He said, "He is a prophet." The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight, until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight and asked them, "Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?" His parents answered, "We know that this is our son and that he was born blind. But how he now sees we do not know, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age. He will speak for himself." (His parents said these things because they feared the Jews, for the Jews had already agreed that if anyone should confess Jesus to be Christ, he was to be put out of the synagogue.) Therefore his parents said, "He is of age; ask him." So for the second time they called the man who had been blind and said to him, "Give glory to God. We know that this man is a sinner." He answered, "Whether he is a sinner I do not know. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see." They said to him, "What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?" He answered them, "I have told you already, and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become his disciples?" And they reviled him, saying, "You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from." The man answered, "Why, this is an amazing thing! You do not know where he comes from, and yet he opened my eyes. We know that God does not listen to sinners, but if anyone is a worshiper of God and does his will, God listens to him. Never since the world began has it

been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a man born blind. If this man were not from God, he could do nothing." They answered him, "You were born in utter sin, and would you teach us?" And they cast him out. Jesus heard that they had cast him out, and having found him he said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" He answered, "And who is he, sir, that I may believe in him?" Jesus said to him, "You have seen him, and it is he who is speaking to you." He said, "Lord, I believe," and he worshiped him. Jesus said, "For judgment I came into this world, that those who do not see may see, and those who see may become blind." Some of the Pharisees near him heard these things, and said to him, "Are we also blind?" Jesus said to them, "If you were blind, you would have no guilt; but now that you say, 'We see,' your guilt remains."

P: This is God's Word.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

Hymn "The Old Rugged Cross" **WHM PAGE 228**

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

CHILDREN ARE DISMISSED FOR SHINE TIME

THE SERMON "Eyes on Him" **Pastor Ben Lander**

Apostles Creed **LBW PAGE 65**

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** "Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound" **LBW PAGE 488**

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 Jerry's Birthday!
 By: Shirley Watson***

STEWARDSHIP ON MARCH 08, 2026

Attendance	65
Gifts to the Lord	\$2,381.00
Weekly Budget Amount Needed	\$3,511.00
Year to Date Giving	\$32,746.63
Year to Date Needed	\$35,110.00

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

ACTIVITIES OF ST. ANDREW

Sunday, March 15	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 18	Chancel Choir	6:00 p.m.
Wednesday, March 18	Lent Bible Study	7:00 p.m.
Thursday, March 19	Chapel Prayer Group	1:00 p.m.
Sunday, March 22	Worship Service	9:15 a.m.
GREETER	Nancy Heivly	
LECTOR	Steve Haddon	
ACOLYTE	Lila Styer	
SHINE TEACHERS	Luanne Libbey & Katie Lander	
VIDEO SOUND	John Dougherty Jerry Watson	
FLOWER DELIVERY	Darlene Waldron	

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 Our Organist/Pianist is Mrs. Joy Barto.**

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