



ST. ANDREW EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

~ TO KNOW JESUS CHRIST AND TO MAKE HIM KNOWN ~

Fifth Sunday in Lent



March 22, 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!

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.

SERMON SERIES - Starting April 12th we will begin a new 4 week sermon series titled, "God Never Said That". The series will focus on popular sayings frequently shared in culture that sound biblical but are not backed by scripture. We hope you will join us for any and all of those weeks.

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

“Give Me Jesus”

SCREEN

* The Apostolic Greeting and Response

SCREEN

* The Kyrie

* The Hymn of Praise

SCREEN

* PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty God, look favorably upon your family. Graciously rule our bodies lest we are enticed to love the world, and guard our spirits lest we fail to recognize your love. Grant this, we pray, 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 - EZEKIEL 37:1-14

The hand of the LORD was upon me, and he brought me out in the Spirit of the LORD and set me down in the middle of the valley; it was full of bones. And he led me around among them, and behold, there were very many on the surface of the valley, and behold, they were very dry. And he said to me, “Son of man, can these bones live?” And I answered, “O LORD God, you know.” Then he said to me, “Prophecy over these bones, and say to them, O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD. Thus says the LORD God to these bones: Behold, I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. And I will lay sinews upon you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live, and you shall know that I am the LORD.”⁷ So I prophesied as I was commanded. And as I prophesied, there was a sound, and behold, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. And I looked, and behold, there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them. But there was no breath in them. Then he said to me, “Prophecy to the breath; prophesy, son of man, and say to the breath, Thus says the LORD God: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe on these slain, that they may live.” So I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived and stood on their feet, an exceedingly great army. Then he said to me, “Son of man, these bones are the whole house of Israel. Behold, they say, ‘Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are indeed cut off.’ Therefore prophesy, and say to them, Thus says the LORD God: Behold, I will open your graves and raise you from your graves, O my

people. And I will bring you into the land of Israel. And you shall know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves, and raise you from your graves, O my people. And I will put my Spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you in your own land. Then you shall know that I am the LORD; I have spoken, and I will do it, declares the LORD.”

Anthem

“Such Love”

Chancel Choir

THE PSALMODY - PSALM 130

L: Out of the depths have I called to you, O LORD; LORD, hear my voice; let your ears consider well the voice of my supplication.

C: If you, LORD, were to note what is done amiss, O LORD, who could stand?

L: For there is forgiveness with you; therefore you shall be feared.

C: I wait for the LORD; my soul waits for him; in his word is my hope.

L: My soul waits for the LORD, more than watchmen for the morning, more than watchmen for the morning.

C: O Israel, wait for the LORD, for with the LORD there is mercy;

L: With him there is plenteous redemption, and he shall redeem Israel from all their sins.

SECOND LESSON - ROMANS 8:1-11

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death. For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do. By sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and for sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. For to set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God, for it does not submit to God’s law; indeed, it cannot. Those who are in the flesh cannot please God. You, however, are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if in fact the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, although the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit who dwells in you.

L: Here ends the reading.

* LENTEN RESPONSE

SCREEN

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 11th chapter.

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

THE GOSPEL - JOHN 11:1-45

Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. It was Mary who anointed the Lord with ointment and wiped his feet with her hair, whose brother Lazarus was ill. So the sisters sent to him, saying, "Lord, he whom you love is ill." But when Jesus heard it he said, "This illness does not lead to death. It is for the glory of God, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it." Now Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus. So, when he heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was. Then after this he said to the disciples, "Let us go to Judea again." The disciples said to him, "Rabbi, the Jews were just now seeking to stone you, and are you going there again?" Jesus answered, "Are there not twelve hours in the day? If anyone walks in the day, he does not stumble, because he sees the light of this world. But if anyone walks in the night, he stumbles, because the light is not in him." After saying these things, he said to them, "Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I go to awaken him." The disciples said to him, "Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will recover." Now Jesus had spoken of his death, but they thought that he meant taking rest in sleep. Then Jesus told them plainly, "Lazarus has died, and for your sake I am glad that I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him." So Thomas, called the Twin, said to his fellow disciples, "Let us also go, that we may die with him." Now when Jesus came, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. Bethany was near Jerusalem, about two miles off, and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them concerning their brother. So when Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, but Mary remained seated in the house. Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that whatever you ask from God, God will give you." Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." Martha said to him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day." Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die. Do you believe this?" She said to him, "Yes, Lord; I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, who is coming into the world." When she had said this, she went and called her sister Mary, saying in private, "The Teacher is here and is calling for you." And when she heard it, she rose quickly and went to him. Now Jesus had not yet come into the village, but was still in the place where Martha had met him. When the Jews who were with her in the house, consoling her, saw Mary rise quickly and go out, they followed her, supposing that she was going to the tomb to weep there. Now when Mary came to where Jesus was and saw him, she fell at his feet, saying to him, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who had come with her also weeping, he was deeply moved in his spirit and greatly troubled. And he said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Lord, come and see." Jesus wept. So the Jews said, "See how he loved him!" But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man also have kept this man from dying?"

Then Jesus, deeply moved again, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone lay against it. Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, "Lord, by this time there will be an odor, for he has been dead four days." Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed you would see the glory of God?" So they took away the stone. And Jesus lifted up his eyes and said, "Father, I thank you that you have heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I said this on account of the people standing around, that they may believe that you sent me." When he had said these things, he cried out with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out." The man who had died came out, his hands and feet bound with linen strips, and his face wrapped with a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go." Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what he did, believed in him, [but some of them went to the Pharisees and told them what Jesus had done.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to You, O Christ!**

Hymn

"What Wondrous Love Is This"

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THE CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Pastor Ben Lander

CHILDREN ARE DISMISSED FOR SHINE TIME

THE SERMON

"Jesus: The Comeback King"

Pastor Ben Lander

* **Apostles Creed**

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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**

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GO IN PEACE, SERVE THE LORD

* **BENEDICTION**

* **CLOSING HYMN**

"Near the Cross"

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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
Doris Poust

FAMILY & FRIENDS OF ST. ANDREW

Norman Magaro
Sandi Graham
Susan Myers
Teresa Edwartowski
Jane Baker
Brenda Miller

*The Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God
& in honor of Ember's 2nd birthday!
By: Jerry Watson*

STEWARDSHIP ON MARCH 15, 2026

Attendance	77
Gifts to the Lord	\$7,955.00
Weekly Budget Amount Needed	\$3,511.00
Year to Date Giving	\$40,701.63
Year to Date Needed	\$38,621.00

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

ACTIVITIES OF ST. ANDREW

Sunday, March 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, March 25	Chancel Choir	6:00 p.m.
Wednesday, March 25	Lenten Bible Study	7:00 p.m.
Thursday, March 26	Chapel Prayer Group	1:00 p.m.
Sunday, March 29	Worship Service	9:15 a.m.
Sunday, March 29	Trunk Hop	3:00 p.m.
GREETER	Luanne Libbey	
LECTOR	Amy Brinser	
ACOLYTE	Levi Lander	
SHINE TEACHERS	Stacie Kilgore & Tracy Drebelbis	
VIDEO SOUND	John Dougherty Jerry Watson	
FLOWER DELIVERY	Darlene Waldon	

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