



# ST. ANDREW EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

~ TO KNOW JESUS CHRIST AND TO MAKE HIM KNOWN ~

## Fifth Sunday in Lent



March 26, 2023

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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. An unstaffed 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 international charitable organization. They assist approximately 23 million Americans annually. By making a donation, we can help them meet needs, fight hunger and give warmth all over the U.S.

**MARCH'S CARE CARDS** - Our March care cards will be going to Bruce Miller. 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!

**SPRING BIBLE STUDY** - Our Wednesday Spring Bible Study has begun. Join us on Wednesdays at 10am or 6pm (childcare for 6pm class).

**PENNY CROSS** - During Lent the Penny Cross will be available in the Narthex for donations. Proceeds will go towards Heifer International to help a family who needs a source of food or income.

**CANDY DONATIONS** - The Christian Education Committee is in need of candy donations to help fill the eggs for our 2023 Easter Egg Hunt. All donations are greatly appreciated. Thank you!

**EASTER BASKETS** - The Women of St. Andrew will be putting together Easter baskets for shut-ins on March 28 @ 2p.m. in the Parish Hall

**EASTER EGG HUNT** - Palm Sunday, April 2nd, 3:00 p.m. Calling all toddlers to grade 6 of St. Andrew and friends, come on out and help us find all the candy filled eggs!

**SAVE THE DATE** - Sunday, April 16 @ 5pm: Soup, Sandwich & Movie Night! More info to come!  
Spring Rummage sale: April 21 (8am-3pm) & April 22 (8am-11am)

## 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**

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\* **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, “Prophesy 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.” 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, “Prophesy 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**

“Just a Closer Walk With Thee”

**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**

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P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 11<sup>th</sup> chapter.

**C: Glory to You, O Lord.**

## THE GOSPEL - JOHN 11:1-53

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. So the chief priests and the Pharisees gathered the council and said, "What are we to do? For this man performs many signs. If we let him go on like this, everyone will believe in him, and the Romans will come and take away both our place and our nation." But one of them, Caiaphas, who was high priest that year, said to them, "You know nothing at all. Nor do you understand that it is better for you that one man should die for the people, not that the whole nation should perish." He did not say this of his own accord, but being high priest that year he prophesied that Jesus would die for the nation, and not for the nation only, but also to gather into one the children of God who are scattered abroad. So from that day on they made plans to put him to death.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

Hymn

"What Wondrous Love Is This"

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**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

**Pastor Ben Lander**

**THE SERMON**

"Our Grave-robbing Messiah"

**Pastor Ben Lander**

\* **Apostles Creed**

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**GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

**The Offertory Response**

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**Offertory Prayer**

**OFFERING:** *There's 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**

"Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me"

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**Postlude**

**MEMBERS**

Carol & Harley Pittenger  
Ken Snyder  
Alma Reitz  
Sally Bruch  
Jim Muffly  
William Ritter  
Pretta Hose  
Kitty Poust  
Bruce Miller  
Tange Berger  
Ryan Moore  
Kelly Merrifield  
Leonard Morehart  
Phil Myers  
Kay Myers  
Jim & Jonnie Stahl  
Arlene Kiess  
Mary Lou Housenecht  
Frances Worthington  
Tyler Richner

**FRIENDS OF ST. ANDREW**

Mary Doyle  
Bill Keller  
Mary Slater  
Sharon Shutt  
Marty Carlon  
Jayden Yereb

**ACTIVITIES OF ST. ANDREW**

<b>Sunday, March 26</b>	Worship Service	9:15 a.m.
<b>After Service</b>	Children’s Sunday School	Downstairs Room
<b>After Service</b>	Adult Sunday School w/Kathy H.	Upstairs Chapel
<b>Wednesday, March 29</b>	Bible Study	10a.m. & 6p.m.
<b>Wednesday, March 29</b>	Choir Rehearsal	7:00pm
<b>Thursday, March 30</b>	Chapel Prayer Group	1:00 p.m.
<b>Sunday, April 2</b>	Worship Service	9:15 a.m.
<b>Greeter</b>	GINNY GRUVER	
<b>Lector</b>	John Libbey	
<b>Acolyte</b>	Levi Lander	
<b>Video   Sound</b>	John Dougherty   Jerry Watson	
<b>Flower Delivery</b>	Kay Myers	

The Bulletin is sponsored by Larry & Sharon Barnard  
*Our Organist/Pianist is Mrs. Joy Barto.*

*The Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God  
& in honor of loved ones.  
By: Tom & Dee Knight*

**STEWARDSHIP ON MARCH 19, 2023**

Gifts to the Lord	\$2588.00
Attendance	84
<b>Weekly Budget Amount Needed</b>	<b>\$3200.00</b>

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

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