



# ST. ANDREW EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

~ TO KNOW JESUS CHRIST AND TO MAKE HIM KNOWN ~

## Palm Sunday



March 29, 2026

PALM SUNDAY

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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** - Today, March 29<sup>th</sup> 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 31<sup>st</sup> at 2pm. All donations are welcome.

**SERMON SERIES** - Starting April 12<sup>th</sup> 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 17<sup>th</sup> (8am-3pm) & 18<sup>th</sup>(8am-11am): Donations welcome beginning April 13<sup>th</sup>. 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)

## PROCESSIONAL & READING

### PROCESSIONAL READING - JOHN 12:12-19

The next day the large crowd that had come to the feast heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, crying out, "Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, even the King of Israel!" And Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it, just as it is written, "Fear not, daughter of Zion; behold, your king is coming, sitting on a donkey's colt!" His disciples did not understand these things at first, but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that these things had been written about him and had been done to him. The crowd that had been with him when he called Lazarus out of the tomb and raised him from the dead continued to bear witness. The reason why the crowd went to meet him was that they heard he had done this sign. So the Pharisees said to one another, "You see that you are gaining nothing. Look, the world has gone after him."

\* Opening Hymn

"The Palms"

SCREEN

## THE CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Pastor Ben Lander

## PRAISE AND PRAYER

\* The Apostolic Greeting and Response

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\* The Kyrie

\* The Hymn of Praise

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\* PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty and everlasting God, you have sent your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ, to

take upon himself our flesh and to suffer death upon the cross, that all of humanity should follow the example of his great humility. Mercifully grant that we may both follow the example of his patience and also be made partakers of his resurrection; 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 - ISAIAH 50:4-9A

The LORD God has given me the tongue of those who are taught, that I may know how to sustain with a word him who is weary. Morning by morning he awakens; he awakens my ear to hear as those who are taught. The LORD God has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious; I turned not backward. I gave my back to those who strike, and my cheeks to those who pull out the beard; I hid not my face from disgrace and spitting. But the LORD God helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like a flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame. He who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who is my adversary? Let him come near to me. Behold, the LORD God helps me; who will declare me guilty?

Anthem

"Hosanna in the Highest"

Chancel Choir

### THE PSALMODY - PSALM 118:19-29

L: Open for me the gates of righteousness; I will enter them; I will offer thanks to the LORD.

C: "This is the gate of the LORD; he who is righteous may enter."

L: I will give thanks to you, for you answered me and have become my salvation.

C: The same stone which the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.

L: This is the LORD's doing, and it is marvelous in our eyes.

C: On this day the LORD has acted; we will rejoice and be glad in it.

L: Hosannah, LORD, hosannah! LORD, send us now success.

C: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the LORD; we bless you from the house of the LORD.

L: God is the LORD; he has shined upon us; form a procession with branches up to the horns of the altar.

**C: “You are my God, and I will thank you; you are my God, and I will exalt you.”**

L: Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his mercy endures forever.

## **SECOND LESSON - PHILIPPIANS 2:5-11**

Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

L: Here ends the reading.

**\* THE LENTEN RESPONSE**

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P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew the 26<sup>th</sup> chapter.

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

## **THE GOSPEL - MATTHEW 26:1-16**

When Jesus had finished all these sayings, he said to his disciples, “You know that after two days the Passover is coming, and the Son of Man will be delivered up to be crucified.” Then the chief priests and the elders of the people gathered in the palace of the high priest, whose name was Caiaphas, and plotted together in order to arrest Jesus by stealth and kill him. But they said, “Not during the feast, lest there be an uproar among the people.” Now when Jesus was at Bethany in the house of Simon the leper, a woman came up to him with an alabaster flask of very expensive ointment, and she poured it on his head as he reclined at table. And when the disciples saw it, they were indignant, saying, “Why this waste? For this could have been sold for a large sum and given to the poor.” But Jesus, aware of this,

said to them, “Why do you trouble the woman? For she has done a beautiful thing to me. For you always have the poor with you, but you will not always have me. In pouring this ointment on my body, she has done it to prepare me for burial. Truly, I say to you, wherever this gospel is proclaimed in the whole world, what she has done will also be told in memory of her.” Then one of the twelve, whose name was Judas Iscariot, went to the chief priests and said, “What will you give me if I deliver him over to you?” And they paid him thirty pieces of silver. And from that moment he sought an opportunity to betray him.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

## **CHILDREN ARE DISMISSED FOR SHINE TIME**

**Hymn**

“All Glory, Laud, and Honor”

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**THE SERMON**

“Now Trending: Hosanna!”

**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**

“Lift High 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  
 Jeremy Hauch  
 Pastor Carol Butler

***The Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God  
 & honor of Bruce Miller's birthday!  
 By: Letha Rupert***

**STEWARDSHIP ON MARCH 15, 2026**

Attendance	77
Gifts to the Lord	3,074.00
<b>Weekly Budget Amount Needed</b>	<b>\$3,511.00</b>
Year to Date Giving	\$43,775.63
<b>Year to Date Needed</b>	<b>\$42,132.00</b>

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

**ACTIVITIES OF ST. ANDREW**

<b>Sunday, March 29</b>	Worship Service	9:15 a.m.
<b>After Service</b>	Adult Sunday School w/ Kathy H.	Upstairs Chapel
<b>Sunday, March 29</b>	Trunk Hop	Set up @ 2:00 p.m. Start @ 3:00 p.m.
<b>Wednesday, April 01</b>	Choir	7:00 p.m.
<b>Thursday, April 02</b>	Chapel Prayer Group	1:00 p.m.
<b>Thursday, April 02</b>	Worship Service	7:00 p.m.
<b>Friday, April 03</b>	Community Worship Service	1:00 p.m.
<b>Friday, April 03</b>	Good Friday Tenebrae Service	7:00 p.m.
<b>Sunday, April 05</b>	Sunrise Service	6:15 a.m.
<b>Sunday, April 05</b>	Easter Breakfast	8:00 a.m.
<b>Sunday, April 05</b>	Worship Service	9:15 a.m.
<b>GREETER</b>	Tom & Dee Knight	
<b>LECTOR</b>	Larry Barnard	
<b>ACOLYTE</b>	Sam Haddon	
<b>VIDEO   SOUND</b>	John Dougherty   Jerry Watson	
<b>FLOWER DELIVERY</b>	Darlene Waldron	

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