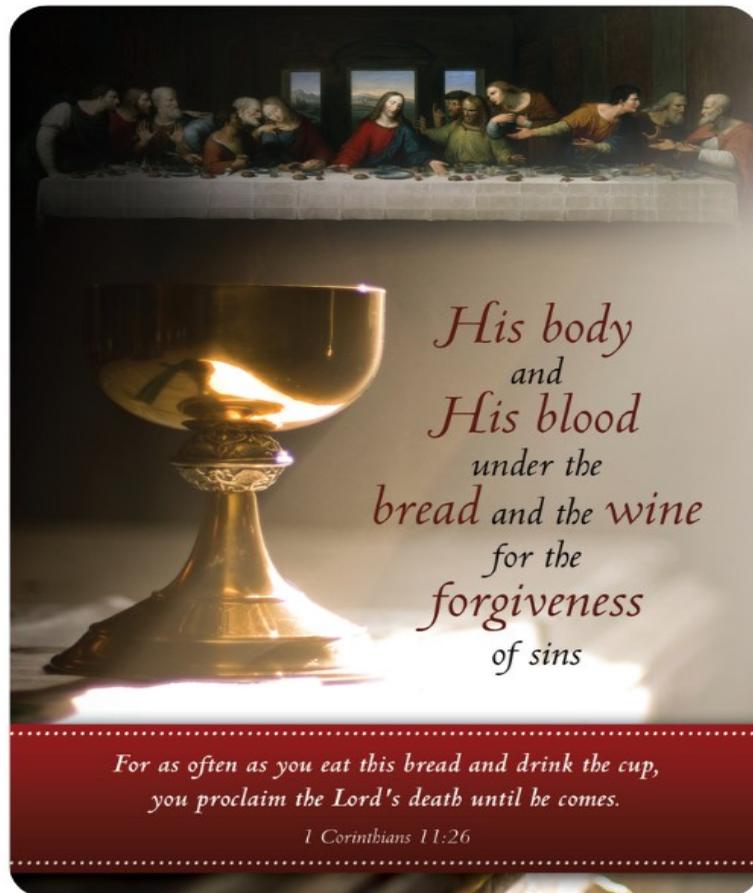




# ST. ANDREW EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

~ TO KNOW JESUS CHRIST AND TO MAKE HIM KNOWN ~

## Maundy Thursday



April 02, 2026

MAUNDY THURSDAY

APRIL 02, 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

**APRIL OUTREACH – Spiritual Orphans Network** - SON works in former communist countries where Christianity was outlawed and punishable by imprisonment, exile or death. In many cases the persecution lasted for several generations. Once the ideologies of communism took hold they undermined both, family values and the belief in any power other than the government. Over time, Christianity was all but eradicated, leaving no older generation (parents and grandparents) to share their Faith with subsequent generations

**APRIL CARE CARDS** - Our April care cards will be going to Jim Stahl. 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!

**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.

**SILENT AUCTION & SOUP SUPPER** - Join us on April 21<sup>st</sup>, 2026 at 5:30-8pm, Muncy Baptist Church is hosting a Silent Auction and Soup Supper. Auction tickets are 4 for \$1. All proceeds will benefit Foot Prints of Montgomery Local Food Bank.

**AMERICA READS THE BIBLE** - Over 475 leaders from all spheres of influence will gather in Washington D.C. to read the entire Bible aloud ahead of our nation's 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary. You can tune in on Youtube or PureFlix. We will be tuned in prior to service on April 17<sup>th</sup>.

**SMALL GROUP BIBLE STUDY** - SGBS resumes on April 16 and April 30 at 2:30. April 16 will be lesson #9 of the Romans study book. We will study Romans 6:15 -7:6, a very appropriate passage for the week after Easter! Paul argues that grace is not a license to sin, but a call to freedom from sin's mastery. If you are interested, please contact the church office or Sharon Barnard. We still have a study book for you!

## THE PRELUDE

**WELCOME** - Announcements

\* *(Indicates The Congregation To Stand)*

\* **INVOCATION** **LBW Page 56**

\* **THE CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS OF SINS** (YOU ARE WELCOME TO KNEEL IF ABLE)

## PRAISE AND PRAYER

\* **OPENING HYMN** "Where Charity and Love Prevail" **LBW Page 126**

\* **The Apostolic Greeting and Response** **Screen**

\* **The Kyrie**

\* **The Hymn of Praise** **Screen**

\* **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Let us join together in the Prayer of the Day

**O Lord God, you left to us a wonderful sacrament, a memorial of your passion. Grant, we beseech you, that we may so partake of this sacrament of your body and blood that the fruits of your redemption may continually be manifest in us; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

## THE WORD OF GOD

### THE FIRST LESSON - EXODUS 24:3-11

Moses came and told the people all the words of the LORD and all the rules. And all the people answered with one voice and said, "All the words that the LORD has spoken we will do." And Moses wrote down all the words of the LORD. He rose early in the morning and built an altar at the foot of the mountain, and twelve pillars, according to the twelve tribes of Israel. And he sent young men of the people of Israel, who offered burnt offerings and sacrificed peace offerings of oxen to the LORD. And Moses took half of the blood and put it in basins, and half of the blood he threw against the altar. Then he took the Book of the Covenant and read it in the hearing of the people. And they said, "All that the LORD has spoken we will do, and we will be obedient." And Moses took the blood and threw it on the

people and said, "Behold the blood of the covenant that the LORD has made with you in accordance with all these words." Then Moses and Aaron, Nadab, and Abihu, and seventy of the elders of Israel went up, and they saw the God of Israel. There was under his feet as it were a pavement of sapphire stone, like the very heaven for clearness. And he did not lay his hand on the chief men of the people of Israel; they beheld God, and ate and drank.

**Anthem** "Such Love" **Chancel Choir**

### THE PSALMODY - PSALM 116:10-19

L: How shall I repay the LORD for all the good things he has done for me?

**C: I will lift up the cup of salvation and call upon the name of the LORD.**

L: I will fulfill my vows to the LORD in the presence of all his people.

**C: Precious in the sight of the LORD is the death of his servants.**

L: O LORD, I am your servant; I am your servant and the child of your handmaid; you have freed me from my bonds.

**C: I will offer you the sacrifice of thanksgiving and call upon the name of the LORD.**

L: I will fulfill my vows to the LORD in the presence of all his people,

**C: In the courts of the LORD's house, in the midst of you, O Jerusalem. Hallelujah!**

L: I will pay my vows to the LORD in the presence of all his people,

**C: In the courts of the house of the LORD in your midst, O Jerusalem. Praise the LORD!**

### THE SECOND LESSON - HEBREWS 9:11-22

But when Christ appeared as a high priest of the good things that have come, then through the greater and more perfect tent (not made with hands, that is, not of this creation) he entered once for all into the holy places, not by means of the blood of goats and calves but by means of his own blood, thus securing an eternal redemption. For if the blood of goats and bulls, and the sprinkling of defiled persons with the ashes of a heifer, sanctify for the purification of the flesh, how much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without blemish to God, purify our conscience from dead works to serve the living God. Therefore he is the mediator of a new covenant, so that those who are called may receive the promised eternal inheritance, since a death has occurred that redeems them from the transgressions committed under the first covenant. For where a will is involved, the death of the one who made it must be established. For a will takes effect only at death, since it is not in force as long as the one who made it is alive. Therefore not even the first covenant was inaugurated without blood. For when every commandment of the law had been declared by Moses to all the people, he took the blood of calves and goats, with water and scarlet wool and hyssop, and sprinkled both the book itself and all the people, saying, "This is the blood of the covenant that God commanded for you." And in the same way he sprinkled with the blood both the tent and all the vessels used in worship. Indeed, under the law almost everything is purified with blood, and without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness of sins.

L: Here ends the reading.

**\* LENTEN RESPONSE**

**LBW Page 62**

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

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

**THE GOSPEL - MATTHEW 26:17-30**

Now on the first day of Unleavened Bread the disciples came to Jesus, saying, "Where will you have us prepare for you to eat the Passover?" He said, "Go into the city to a certain man and say to him, 'The Teacher says, My time is at hand. I will keep the Passover at your house with my disciples.'" And the disciples did as Jesus had directed them, and they prepared the Passover. When it was evening, he reclined at table with the twelve. And as they were eating, he said, "Truly, I say to you, one of you will betray me." And they were very sorrowful and began to say to him one after another, "Is it I, Lord?" He answered, "He who has dipped his hand in the dish with me will betray me. The Son of Man goes as it is written of him, but woe to that man by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! It would have been better for that man if he had not been born." Judas, who would betray him, answered, "Is it I, Rabbi?" He said to him, "You have said so." Now as they were eating, Jesus took bread, and after blessing it broke it and gave it to the disciples, and said, "Take, eat; this is my body." And he took a cup, and when he had given thanks he gave it to them, saying, "Drink of it, all of you, for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. I tell you I will not drink again of this fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father's kingdom." And when they had sung a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

**Hymn** "In the Hour of Trial" **LBW Page 106**

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

**THE SERMON** "Real Presence: Real Purpose" **Pastor Ben Lander**

**\* The Nicene Creed** **LBW Page 64**

**The Offertory Response** **Screen**

**The 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 SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION**

**\* THE GREAT THANKSGIVING** **LBW Page 68**

**\* THE PROPER PREFACE** **LBW Page 68**

**\* THE SANCTUS** **LBW Page 69**

**\* THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION (#33)** **LBW Page 70**

**\* THE LORD'S PRAYER** **LBW Page 71**

**\* AGNUS DEI** *(Sing twice as Communion begins)* **LBW Page 72**

**THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE ELEMENTS**

**\* POST COMMUNION BLESSING** **LBW Page 72**

**\* POST COMMUNION CANTICLE** *"Thank the Lord..."* **LBW Page 72**

**\* THE PRAYER** **LBW Page 74**

**GO IN PEACE, SERVE THE LORD**

**\* BENEDICTION**

**\* CLOSING HYMN** "O Sacred Head, Now Wounded" **LBW Page 117**

**Postlude**

**ST. ANDREW PRAYER LIST**

**NAMES WILL BE KEPT ON PRAYER LIST FOR FOUR WEEKS UNLESS OFFICE IS OTHERWISE NOTIFIED.**

**MEMBERS**

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Martha Miller  
Arlene Kiess  
Jim & Jonnie Stahl  
Frances Worthington  
Naomi Wertman  
Kay Myers  
Doris Poust

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Jane Baker  
Brenda Miller  
Jeremy Hauch  
Pastor Carol Butler

**ACTIVITIES OF ST. ANDREW**

<b>Thursday, April 02</b>	Worship Service	7:00 p.m.
<b>Friday, April 03</b>	Community Worship Service @ First United Methodist Church	1:00 p.m. In Muncy
<b>Friday, April 03</b>	Good Friday Tenebrae Service	7:00 p.m.
<b>Sunday, April 05</b>	Sunrise Service At the field across from Muncy Cemetery	6:15 a.m.
<b>Sunday, April 05</b>	Breakfast at St. Andrew Parish Hall	8:00 a.m.
<b>Sunday, April 05</b>	Worship Service Troy & Ellen Detweiler	9:15 a.m.
<b>GREETER</b>	Pastor Ben Lander	
<b>LECTOR</b>	Lila Styer	
<b>ACOLYTE</b>	Walt Gross	
<b>COMMUNION ASSISTANT</b>	John Dougherty   Jerry Watson	
<b>VIDEO   SOUND</b>	Darlene Waldron	
<b>FLOWER DELIVERY</b>		

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

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*Please join us in celebrating with*

*Robert Gillen and his family*

*upon the reception of his*

*First Holy Communion!*