



ST. ANDREW EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

~ TO KNOW JESUS CHRIST AND TO MAKE HIM KNOWN ~

Easter Sunday



April 05, 2026

EASTER SUNDAY

APRIL 05, 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 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.

SILENT AUCTION & SOUP SUPPER - Join us on April 21st, 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 250th anniversary. You can tune in on Youtube or PureFlix. We will be tuned in prior to service on April 17th.

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**

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

PRAISE AND PRAYER

*** Opening Hymn**

“Jesus Christ is Risen Today”

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*** 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

Almighty God, you have overcome death through your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, and have opened to us the gate of everlasting life. We humbly beseech you that as you put into our minds good desires, so by your continual help we may bring them to good effect; through 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 - ACTS 10:34-43

Peter opened his mouth and said: “Truly I understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. As for the word that he sent to Israel, preaching good news of peace through Jesus Christ (he is Lord of all), you yourselves know what happened throughout all Judea, beginning from Galilee after the baptism that John proclaimed: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power. He went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by

the devil, for God was with him. And we are witnesses of all that he did both in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree, but God raised him on the third day and made him to appear, not to all the people but to us who had been chosen by God as witnesses, who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. And he commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one appointed by God to be judge of the living and the dead. To him all the prophets bear witness that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

Anthem

“For Jesus Christ Is Risen Today”

Chancel Choir

THE PSALMODY - PSALM 16

L: Protect me, O God, for I take refuge in you; I have said to the LORD, “You are my LORD, my good above all other.”

C: All my delight is upon the godly that are in the land, upon those who are noble among the people.

L: But those who run after other gods shall have their troubles multiplied.

C: Their libations of blood I will not offer, nor take the names of their gods upon my lips.

L: O LORD, you are my portion and my cup; it is you who uphold my lot.

C: My boundaries enclose a pleasant land; indeed, I have a goodly heritage.

L: I will bless the LORD who gives me counsel; my heart teaches me, night after night.

C: I have set the LORD always before me; because he is at my right hand I shall not fall.

L: My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices; my body also shall rest in hope.

C: For you will not abandon me to the grave, nor let your holy one see the Pit.

L: You will show me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy, and in your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

THE SECOND LESSON - COLOSSIANS 3:1-4

If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things

are on earth. For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

L: Here ends the reading.

* **THE RESPONSE** (Alleluia)

SCREEN

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 28th chapter.

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

THE GOSPEL - MATTHEW 28:1-10

Now after the Sabbath, toward the dawn of the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. And behold, there was a great earthquake, for an angel of the Lord descended from heaven and came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. And for fear of him the guards trembled and became like dead men. But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. He is not here, for he has risen, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples that he has risen from the dead, and behold, he is going before you to Galilee; there you will see him. See, I have told you." So they departed quickly from the tomb with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. And behold, Jesus met them and said, "Greetings!" And they came up and took hold of his feet and worshiped him. Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee, and there they will see me."

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ!

Hymn

"Thine is the Glory"

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SONG OF PRAISE

"Alive, Alive!"

CELEBRATION CHOIR

THE CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Pastor Ben Lander

CHILDREN ARE DISMISSED FOR SHINE TIME

THE SERMON

"You Had to Be There!"

Pastor Ben Lander

* **The Nicene Creed**

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The Offertory Response

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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**

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* **THE PROPER PREFACE**

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* **THE SANCTUS**

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* **THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION (#33)**

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* **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

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* **AGNUS DEI**

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THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE ELEMENTS

* **POST COMMUNION BLESSING**

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* **POST COMMUNION CANTICLE**

"Thank the Lord..."

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* **THE PRAYER**

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GO IN PEACE AND SERVE THE LORD

* **BENEDICTION**

* **CLOSING HYMN**

"Christ Arose!"

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Postlude



*2026
Easter
Flowers
April 5, 2026*

In Honor Of:

**Tracy, Jen & Boys by Walt Gross
Natalie & Jason Lewis by Lou Ann Shoup
Shirley Watson by Jerry Watson
Lily's 5th Birthday by Michele Styer
My Mimi: Julie Souter by Teagan Brinser
My Brother: Jerry by Shirley Watson
Our Parents by Tom & Dee Knight
Our Kids & Grandkids by Dean & Joy Barto
My Children:
Brian & Amy, Jenny, Erica & Cody
by: Julie Souter
My Grandsons:
Ryan & Nick Fought by Becky Fought
My Grandchildren:
Teagan Brinser & Nolan Warner
by: Julie Souter
Our Grandchildren:
Harrison, Silas, Nolan, Ellie, Bo & Leona
By Rick & Sue Sarginger**

In Memory Of:

Jim Diehl by The Diehl Family

David Terry (Janet's Brother)

by Rev. Janet & John Dougherty

Helen Timko & Walter Hartz

by Deb Hartz & Jamie Rigdell

Nola & Earl Myers by Lou Ann Shoup

Bruce E. Miller

by Letha Rupert & Martha Miller

Donald & Alma Reitz by Patti & Peggy Reitz

Claude, Catharine, Lori & Joanne Miller

by Julie, Jeremy & Seth Roller

Aaron Richard by Michele Styer

Pete Waldron by Darlene Waldron

Van & Audrey Wertman by Dean & Joy Barto

Clayton & Peg Barto by Dean & Joy Barto

Pop-Pop & Ma Wertman

by The Grandchildren & Great Grandchildren

In Memory Of:

My Brother: Jeff Waltman by Becky Fought

Our Dad: Budd Souter Jr.

by Amy, Jenny & Erica

My Mom & Dad by Julie Souter

Mom & Dad by Jerry Watson

My Grandparents by Christopher Dougherty

My Grandmothers: Pauline, Sara & Jean

by Tracy Drebelbis

My Parents: "Red" & Ruth Gross by Walt Gross

My Parents by Shirley Watson

Our Parents by Rev. Janet & John Dougherty

Our Parents

by Becky Hibsichman & Jim Lenhart

Loved Ones by Dick & Ginny Gruver

Loved Ones by Rick & Sue Sarginger

Loved Ones by Justin & Andrea Welch

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
& in memory of Jason Lewis.
By: Walt & Lou Ann*

STEWARDSHIP ON MARCH 15, 2026

Attendance	86
Gifts to the Lord	\$3,375.00
Weekly Budget Amount Needed	\$3,511.00
Year to Date Giving	\$47,150.63
Year to Date Needed	\$45,643.00

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

ACTIVITIES OF ST. ANDREW

Sunday, April 05	Worship Service	9:15 a.m.
Wednesday, April 08	Chancel Choir	7:00 p.m.
Thursday, April 09	Chapel Prayer Group	1:00 p.m.
Sunday, April 12	Worship Service	9:15 a.m.
GREETER	Jerry Watson	
LECTOR	Sheila Morehart	
ACOLYTE	Sam Haddon	
COMMUNION ASSISTANT	Troy Detweiler	
VIDEO SOUND	John Dougherty Jerry Watson	
FLOWER DELIVERY	Sue Sarginger	

The Bulletin is sponsored by Walt & Lou Ann
Our Organist/Pianist is Mrs. Joy Barto.

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