



ST. ANDREW EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

~ TO KNOW JESUS CHRIST AND TO MAKE HIM KNOWN ~

Second Sunday of Easter



April 12, 2026

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

APRIL 12, 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

“Christ the Lord is Risen Today; Alleluia!”

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* The Apostolic Greeting and Response

SCREEN

* The Kyrie

* The Hymn of Praise

SCREEN

* PRAYER OF THE DAY

Help us, almighty God, that our joyful celebration of the resurrection feast may be reflected in our daily work and conversation. 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 - ACTS 5:29-42

Peter and the apostles answered the high priest and the council, “We must obey God rather than men. The God of our fathers raised Jesus, whom you killed by hanging him on a tree. God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Savior, to give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit, whom God has given to those who obey him.” When they heard this, they were enraged and wanted to kill them. But a Pharisee in the council named Gamaliel, a teacher of the law held in honor by all the people, stood up and gave orders to put the men outside for a little while. And he said to them, “Men of Israel, take care what you are about to do with these men. For before these days Theudas rose up, claiming to be somebody, and a number of men, about four hundred, joined him. He was killed, and all who followed him were dispersed and came

to nothing. After him Judas the Galilean rose up in the days of the census and drew away some of the people after him. He too perished, and all who followed him were scattered. So in the present case I tell you, keep away from these men and let them alone, for if this plan or this undertaking is of man, it will fail; but if it is of God, you will not be able to overthrow them. You might even be found opposing God!” So they took his advice, and when they had called in the apostles, they beat them and charged them not to speak in the name of Jesus, and let them go. Then they left the presence of the council, rejoicing that they were counted worthy to suffer dishonor for the name. And every day, in the temple and from house to house, they did not cease teaching and preaching that the Christ is Jesus.

Anthem

“Because He Lives”

Chancel Choir

THE PSALMODY - PSALM 148

L: Hallelujah! Praise the LORD from the heavens; praise him in the heights.

C: Praise him, all you angels of his; praise him, all his host.

L: Praise him, sun and moon; praise him, all you shining stars.

C: Praise him, heaven of heavens, and you waters above the heavens.

L: Let them praise the name of the LORD; for he commanded, and they were created.

C: He made them stand fast forever and ever; he gave them a law which shall not pass away.

L: Praise the LORD from the earth, you sea monsters and all deeps;

C: Fire and hail, snow and fog, tempestuous wind, doing his will;

L: Mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars;

C: Wild beasts and all cattle, creeping things and winged birds;

L: Kings of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of the world;

C: Young men and maidens, old and young together.

L: Let them praise the name of the LORD, for his name only is exalted, his splendor is over earth and heaven.

C: He has raised up strength for his people and praise for all his loyal servants, the children of Israel, a people who are near him. Hallelujah!

SECOND LESSON - 2 CORINTHIANS 12:1-10

Now about the gifts of the Spirit, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed. You know that when you were pagans, somehow or other you were influenced and led astray to mute idols. Therefore, I want you to know that no one who is speaking by the Spirit of God says, "Jesus be cursed," and no one can say, "Jesus is Lord," except by the Holy Spirit. There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit distributes them. There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord. There are different kinds of working, but in all of them and in everyone it is the same God at work. Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good. To one there is given through the Spirit a message of wisdom, to another a message of knowledge by means of the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by that one Spirit, to another miraculous powers, to another prophecy, to another distinguishing between spirits, to another speaking in different kinds of tongues, and to still another the interpretation of tongues.

L: Here ends the reading.

* THE RESPONSE (Alleluia)

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P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 20th chapter.

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

THE GOSPEL - JOHN 20:19-31

On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you." And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you withhold forgiveness from any, it is withheld." Now Thomas, one of the twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see in his hands the mark of the nails, and place my finger into the mark of the nails, and place my hand into

his side, I will never believe." Eight days later, his disciples were inside again, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here, and see my hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side. Do not disbelieve, but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed." Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ!

Hymn

"I Know that My Redeemer Lives"

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THE CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Pastor Ben Lander

CHILDREN ARE DISMISSED FOR SHINE TIME

THE SERMON

"Too Much to Handle"

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

"Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing"

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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
 Pastor Carol Butler
 Olive Gillen
 Melissa Bomboy

*The Altar Flowers are given to
 the Glory of God & in honor
 of my grandson, Ryan's, 19th birthday!
 By: Becky Fought*

STEWARDSHIP FOR HOLY WEEK

Attendance	
April 02 - Maundy Thursday	36
April 03 - Good Friday	56
April 05 - Easter Sunday	123
Gifts to the Lord (April 02-April 05)	\$4,651.10
Weekly Budget Amount Needed	\$3,511.00
Year to Date Giving	\$51,801.73
Year to Date Needed	\$49,154.00

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

ACTIVITIES OF ST. ANDREW

Sunday, April 12	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, April 15	Chancel Choir	7:00 p.m.
Thursday, April 16	Prayer	1:00 p.m.
Thursday, April 16	Small Group Bible Study	2:30 p.m.
Friday, April 17	Rummage Sale	8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Saturday, April 18	Rummage Sale	8:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
Sunday, April 19	Worship Service	9:15 a.m.
GREETER	Larry & Sharon Barnard	
LECTOR	Erik Houser	
ACOLYTE	Gina Styer	
SHINE TEACHERS	Rachel Detweiler & Kathy Heilman	
VIDEO SOUND	John Dougherty Jerry Watson	
FLOWER DELIVERY	Sue Sarginger	

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