



ST. ANDREW EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

~ TO KNOW JESUS CHRIST AND TO MAKE HIM KNOWN ~

Third Sunday of Easter



April 19, 2026

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

APRIL 19, 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.

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 resumed on April 16, the next meeting is 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!

RISE & SHINE BREAKFAST - Parish life will be hosting a Rise & dine Breakfast at 8am. Please consider joining us for this time of food and fellowship before our Sunday service. If interested in attending, please sign up in the Narthex or contact the office.

RONALD McDONALD HOUSE - Thursday, May 7th the Parish Life Committee will be providing a meal to the Ronald McDonald House in support for these families during a time of need.

MEMORIAL DAY PARADE - During the Muncy Memorial Day Parade, Parish Life will be on church grounds providing a hot do and drink to those interested.

SAVE THE DATE - Friday, July 10th :Outdoor Family Movie Night, Sunday, August 9th :Church Picnic at Keiss Park

THE PRELUDE

WELCOME - Announcements

** (Indicates The Congregation To Stand)*

* INVOCATION

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* A CALL TO WORSHIP

P: Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth. Worship the Lord with gladness; come before him with joyful songs.

C: Know that the Lord is God. It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, the sheep of his pasture.

P: Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name.

All: For the Lord is good and his love endures forever; his faithfulness continues through all generations.

C: We humbly confess that we have failed to follow your ways. We have not loved others as ourselves. We have not obeyed Your Word but have followed the leading of our own sinful hearts. In humility, we ask for Your forgiveness, Your cleansing, and Your renewing power. Fill us with Your Spirit, so that we may live and glorify Your Name. Amen

PRAISE AND PRAYER

* Opening Hymns

“Lord, I Lift Your Name on High”

SEE INSERT

“In Christ Alone”

* PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God, by the humiliation of your Son, you raised up this fallen world. Teach us whom you have rescued from endless death to have the fullness of eternal joy, through the same Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. For he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

THE WORD OF GOD

THE FIRST LESSON - ACTS 2:14A, 36-41

Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed them: “Let all the house of Israel therefore know for certain that God has made him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified.” Now when they heard this they were cut to the heart, and said to

Peter and the rest of the apostles, “Brothers, what shall we do?” And Peter said to them, “Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is for you and for your children and for all who are far off, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to himself.” And with many other words he bore witness and continued to exhort them, saying, “Save yourselves from this crooked generation.” So those who received his word were baptized, and there were added that day about three thousand souls.

Anthem

“Behold the Lord of Love”

Chancel Choir

THE PSALMODY - PSALM 116:1-12

L: I love the LORD, because he has heard the voice of my supplication, because he has inclined his ear to me whenever I called upon him.

C: The cords of death entangled me; the grip of the grave took hold of me; I came to grief and sorrow.

L: Then I called upon the name of the LORD: “O LORD, I pray you, save my life.”

C: Gracious is the LORD and righteous; our God is full of compassion.

L: The LORD watches over the innocent; I was brought very low, and he helped me.

C: Turn again to your rest, O my soul, for the LORD has treated you well.

L: For you have rescued my life from death, my eyes from tears, and my feet from stumbling.

C: I will walk in the presence of the LORD in the land of the living.

L: I believed, even when I said, “I have been brought very low.” In my distress I said, “No one can be trusted.”

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

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

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

SECOND LESSON - 1 PETER 1:17-25

If you call on him as Father who judges impartially according to each one’s deeds, conduct yourselves with fear throughout the time of your exile, knowing that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or

spot. He was foreknown before the foundation of the world but was made manifest in the last times for the sake of you who through him are believers in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God. Having purified your souls by your obedience to the truth for a sincere brotherly love, love one another earnestly from a pure heart, since you have been born again, not of perishable seed but of imperishable, through the living and abiding word of God; for “All flesh is like grass and all its glory like the flower of grass. The grass withers, and the flower falls, but the word of the Lord remains forever.” And this word is the good news that was preached to you.

L: Here ends the reading.

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 24th chapter.

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

THE GOSPEL - LUKE 24:13-35

That very day two of Jesus’ followers were going to a village named Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and they were talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing together, Jesus himself drew near and went with them. But their eyes were kept from recognizing him. And he said to them, “What is this conversation that you are holding with each other as you walk?” And they stood still, looking sad. Then one of them, named Cleopas, answered him, “Are you the only visitor to Jerusalem who does not know the things that have happened there in these days?” And he said to them, “What things?” And they said to him, “Concerning Jesus of Nazareth, a man who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and rulers delivered him up to be condemned to death, and crucified him. But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things happened. Moreover, some women of our company amazed us. They were at the tomb early in the morning, and when they did not find his body, they came back saying that they had even seen a vision of angels, who said that he was alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but him they did not see.” And he said to them, “O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken! Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into his glory?” And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he interpreted to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning himself. So they drew near to the village to which they were going. He acted as if he were going farther, but they urged him strongly, saying, “Stay with us, for it is toward evening and the day is now far spent.” So he went in to stay with them. When he was at table with them, he took the

bread and blessed and broke it and gave it to them. And their eyes were opened, and they recognized him. And he vanished from their sight. They said to each other, “Did not our hearts burn within us while he talked to us on the road, while he opened to us the Scriptures?” And they rose that same hour and returned to Jerusalem. And they found the eleven and those who were with them gathered together, saying, “The Lord has risen indeed, and has appeared to Simon!” Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he was known to them in the breaking of the bread.

P: This is God’s Word.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

Hymn “Just a Closer Walk with Thee” **WHM PAGE 553**

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

CHILDREN ARE DISMISSED FOR SHINE TIME

THE SERMON “Forgive and Forget” **Pastor Ben Lander**

Apostles Creed **LBW PAGE 65**

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** **LBW PAGE 71**

GO IN PEACE, SERVE THE LORD

* **BENEDICTION**

* **CLOSING HYMN** “Because He Lives” **WHM PAGE 260**

Postlude

ST. ANDREW PRAYER LIST

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

MEMBERS

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
Melinda Ritch
Pastor Lee Harder

*The Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God
& in honor of Levi's 14th Birthday!
By: Pastor Ben & Katie Lander*

STEWARDSHIP ON APRIL 12, 2026

Attendance 67
Gifts to the Lord \$3,392.00
Weekly Budget Amount Needed \$3,511.00
Year to Date Giving \$55,193.73
Year to Date Needed \$52,665.00

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

ACTIVITIES OF ST. ANDREW

Sunday, April 19 Worship Service 9:15 a.m.
After Service Adult Sunday School w/ Kathy H. Upstairs Chapel
After Service Youth Sunday School Downstairs Youth Room
Tuesday, April 21 Silent Auction/Soup Supper 5:30pm @ Muncy Baptist
Wednesday, April 22 Chancel Choir 7:00 p.m.
Thursday, April 23 Chapel Prayer Group 1:00 p.m.
Sunday, April 26 Worship Service 9:15 a.m.
LECTOR Michele Styer
ACOLYTE Teagan Brinser
SHINE TEACHERS Terri Stermole & Sheila Morehart
VIDEO | SOUND John Dougherty | Jerry Watson
FLOWER DELIVERY Sue Sarginger

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