



ST. ANDREW EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

~ TO KNOW JESUS CHRIST AND TO MAKE HIM KNOWN ~

Fifth Sunday of Easter



April 28, 2024

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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. An volunteer staffed 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 – Kingdom Kidz - Kingdom Kidz is a ministry that began in the fall of 2000 at St. Andrew's United Methodist Church in Milton, PA. Their mission is to present Quality Programs through Excellent Puppetry in order to encourage others to make a difference and help show people they matter. Your donations help ensure that those who cannot afford to view their programs will have that opportunity.

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!

WEST BRANCH CHORALE - "The West Branch Chorale will present its Spring concert "What a Wonderful World" Sunday, April 28, at Pine Street United Methodist Church in Williamsport. The concerts begin at 3:00p.m.; admission is free with donations being gratefully accepted. As you may know, four members of our congregation are members of the Chorale and they will welcome your support."

SPRING CLEAN-UP - Calling all workers. Spring Clean-up and mulching will take place on Saturday, May 4th at 9:00 a.m. Please bring tools (rakes, shovels, wheelbarrows) to help. Thanks all!

MOTHER'S DAY MEN'S CHOIR - Attention all guys, young and not so young! Come out and sing for our ladies on May 12th. A rehearsal will be held at 9a.m. before the service. Let's fill the choir loft!

OPEN HOUSE - Pastor Ben and Katie would like to invite you to an open house at the Parsonage to share a time of food, fellowship and see the new renovations completed last fall! Please join us on Sunday, May 19th any time between 10:30a.m.-1:00p.m. We are so excited to share these changes with you!

MONTHLY BIBLE STUDY - Please join us for our monthly bibles studies with breakfast! The women meet on the first Saturday of the month and the men meet on the second Saturday of the month in the Chapel!

SAVE THESE DATES:

MAY 23RD: RONALD McDONALD OUTREACH

MAY 27TH: MEMORIAL DAY HOT DOG GIVEAWAY

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**

“Because He Lives”

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*** The Apostolic Greeting and Response**

SCREEN

*** The Kyrie**

*** The Hymn of Praise**

SCREEN

*** PRAYER OF THE DAY**

O God, you make the minds of the faithful to be of one will. Grant that your people would love what you command and desire what you promise, that, among the manifold changes of this world, our hearts may be fixed where true joys are to be found; through your Son, 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 8:26-40

An angel of the Lord said to Philip, “Rise and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.” This is a desert place. And he rose and went. And there was an Ethiopian, a eunuch, a court official of Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, who was in charge of all her treasure. He had come to Jerusalem to worship and was returning, seated in his chariot, and he was reading the prophet Isaiah. And the Spirit said to Philip, “Go over and join this chariot.” So Philip ran to him and heard him reading Isaiah the prophet and asked, “Do you understand what you are reading?” And he said, “How can I, unless someone guides me?” And he invited Philip to come up and sit with him. Now the passage of the Scripture that he was reading was this: “Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter and like a lamb before its shearer is silent, so he opens not his mouth. In his

humiliation justice was denied him. Who can describe his generation? For his life is taken away from the earth.” And the eunuch said to Philip, “About whom, I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?” Then Philip opened his mouth, and beginning with this Scripture he told him the good news about Jesus. And as they were going along the road they came to some water, and the eunuch said, “See, here is water! What prevents me from being baptized?” And he commanded the chariot to stop, and they both went down into the water, Philip and the eunuch, and he baptized him. And when they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord carried Philip away, and the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he passed through he preached the gospel to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

Special Music

“Were It Not for Grace”

Thomas Drick

THE PSALMODY - PSALM 150

L: Hallelujah! Praise God in his holy temple; praise him in the firmament of his power.

C: Praise him for his mighty acts; praise him for his excellent greatness.

L: Praise him with the blast of the ram’s horn; praise him with lyre and harp.

C: Praise him with timbrel and dance; praise him with strings and pipe.

L: Praise him with resounding cymbals; praise him with loud clanging cymbals.

C: Let everything that has breath praise the LORD. Hallelujah!

SECOND LESSON - 1 JOHN 4:1-21

Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, for many false prophets have gone out into the world. By this you know the Spirit of God: every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God, and every spirit that does not confess Jesus is not from God. This is the spirit of the antichrist, which you heard was coming and now is in the world already. Little children, you are from God and have overcome them, for he who is in you is greater than he who is in the world. They are from the world; therefore they speak from the world, and the world listens to them. We are from God. Whoever knows God listens to us; whoever is not from God does not listen

to us. By this we know the Spirit of truth and the spirit of error. Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God. Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love. In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins. Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God abides in us and his love is perfected in us. By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent his Son to be the Savior of the world. Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God. So we have come to know and to believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and whoever abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him. By this is love perfected with us, so that we may have confidence for the day of judgment, because as he is so also are we in this world. There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear. For fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not been perfected in love. We love because he first loved us. If anyone says, "I love God," and hates his brother, he is a liar; for he who does not love his brother whom he has seen cannot love God whom he has not seen. And this commandment we have from him: whoever loves God must also love his brother.

L: Here ends the reading.

*** THE RESPONSE (Alleluia)**

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P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 13th chapter.

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

THE GOSPEL - LUKE 13:1-5

There were some present at that very time who told him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. And he answered them, "Do you think that these Galileans were worse sinners than all the other Galileans, because they suffered in this way? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all likewise perish. Or those

eighteen on whom the tower in Siloam fell and killed them: do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others who lived in Jerusalem? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all likewise perish."

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ!

Hymn

"Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer"

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THE CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Pastor Ben Lander

THE SERMON

"Why Do Bad Things Happen to Good People?"

Pastor Ben Lander

*** Apostles Creed**

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GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

The Offertory Response

SCREEN

Offertory Prayer

OFFERING: *There's 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**

"On Our Way to Rejoicing"

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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

Carol Pittenger
 Ken Snyder
 Jim Muffly
 William Ritter
 Pretta Hose
 Bruce Miller
 Arlene Kiess
 Mary Lou Houseknecht
 Frances Worthington
 Pete Waldron
 Karen Myers

FAMILY & FRIENDS OF ST. ANDREW

Mary Doyle	Yvonne Worthington
Mary Slater	Sharon Shutt
Steve Krum	Carla Storming
Jamie Fox	Pam Hill
Steve Waltman	Nathan Witmer
Allen Fanelli	Terry Bair
Dave Doran	Jayce Crebs
Chris Blass	Keith Styer
Bill Keller	

*The Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God
 & in honor of Jim's Birthday!
 By: Becky Hibschan*

STEWARDSHIP ON APRIL 21, 2024

Gifts to the Lord	\$2457.00
Attendance	78
Weekly Budget Amount Needed	\$3280.00

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

ACTIVITIES OF ST. ANDREW

Sunday, April 28	Worship Service	9:15 a.m.
After Service	Children's Sunday School	Downstairs Room
After Service	Confirmation Class	Youth Room
After Service	Adult Sunday School w/Kathy H.	Upstairs Chapel
Sunday, April 28	West Branch Chorale Spring Concert	3:00 p.m.
	@ Pine Street United Methodist Church	Williamsport, PA
Wednesday, May 01	Choir Rehearsal	7:00 p.m.
Thursday, May 02	Chapel Prayer Group	1:00 p.m.
Saturday, May 04	Women's Monthly Bible Study	8:00 a.m.– 9:00 a.m.
Saturday, May 04	Spring Grounds Clean Up	9:00 a.m.
Sunday, May 05	Worship Service	9:15 a.m.
GREETER	Linda Moyer	
LECTOR	Hiliary Haddon	
ACOLYTE	Gina Styer	
VIDEO SOUND	John Dougherty Jerry Watson	
FLOWER DELIVERY	Sue Sarginger	

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 Our Organist/Pianist is Mrs. Joy Barto.

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