



ST. ANDREW EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

~ TO KNOW JESUS CHRIST AND TO MAKE HIM KNOWN ~

Fifth Sunday of Easter



May 03, 2026

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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. 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

MAY OUTREACH – Expectations Women's Center - This center empowers women with fact and evidence based education so they can make informed decisions about relationships, pregnancy, abortion, adoption and parenting. All of their services are free of charge. Lewisburg: 570-523-8240 Williamsport: 570-32-8240

MAY CARE CARDS - Our May care cards will be going to Frances Worthington. 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 proudly presents Songs of Home & Travel for our Spring concerts. This season, we've added some special music and guests! Come see our final show Sunday, May 3rd at Pleasant View Wesleyan Church in Muncy at 3pm!

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER - We will have an Open Sanctuary on May 7th from 9am-3pm. Please come as your schedule allows and join us in prayer for your personal needs, as well as, prayer for our local community, state, nation and the world!

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.

RISE & DINE 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.

MOTHER'S DAY MEN'S CHOIR - Attention all guys; young and not so young! Come out and sing for our ladies on May 10th. A rehearsal will be held at 9am before service! Let's fill the choir loft!

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

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL - The adult Sunday school class is beginning a study of the Gospel of Matthew. All adults are welcome!

2026 GRADUATES - Please let our office know if you have a 2026 high school or college graduate! We are having a graduate recognition on June 7th and would love to have them here with us! Please provide the office with their name, school graduating from and the next step in their journey by May 24th. Thank you!

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL - VBS is always an exciting time at St. Andrew and is scheduled for July 13-17 this year! Volunteers are needed. If you would love to join in the fun, please contact Kathy Heilman (kiheilman@comcast.net or 570-546-2126)

MARK YOUR CALENDARS AND SAVE THESE DATES: 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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* **THE CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS OF SINS** (YOU ARE WELCOME TO KNEEL IF ABLE)

PRAISE AND PRAYER

* Opening Hymn

“He Lives!”

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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

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 6:1-6, 7:2_a, 51-60

Now in these days when the disciples were increasing in number, a complaint by the Hellenists arose against the Hebrews because their widows were being neglected in the daily distribution. And the twelve summoned the full number of the disciples and said, “It is not right that we should give up preaching the word of God to serve tables. Therefore, brothers, pick out from among you seven men of good repute, full of the Spirit and of wisdom, whom we will appoint to this duty. But we will devote ourselves to prayer and to the ministry of the word.” And what they said pleased the whole gathering, and they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit, and Philip, and Prochorus, and Nicanor, and Timon, and Parmenas, and Nicolaus, a proselyte of Antioch. These they set before the apostles, and they prayed and laid their hands on them. And the word of God continued to

increase, and the number of the disciples multiplied greatly in Jerusalem, and a great many of the priests became obedient to the faith. And Stephen, full of grace and power, was doing great wonders and signs among the people. Then some of those who belonged to the synagogue of the Freedmen (as it was called), and of the Cyrenians, and of the Alexandrians, and of those from Cilicia and Asia, rose up and disputed with Stephen. And Stephen said: “You stiff-necked people, uncircumcised in heart and ears, you always resist the Holy Spirit. As your fathers did, so do you. Which of the prophets did your fathers not persecute? And they killed those who announced beforehand the coming of the Righteous One, whom you have now betrayed and murdered, you who received the law as delivered by angels and did not keep it.” Now when they heard these things they were enraged, and they ground their teeth at him. But he, full of the Holy Spirit, gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. And he said, “Behold, I see the heavens opened, and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God.” But they cried out with a loud voice and stopped their ears and rushed together at him. Then they cast him out of the city and stoned him. And the witnesses laid down their garments at the feet of a young man named Saul. And as they were stoning Stephen, he called out, “Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.” And falling to his knees he cried out with a loud voice, “Lord, do not hold this sin against them.” And when he had said this, he fell asleep.

Anthem

“Trust”

Chancel Choir

THE PSALMODY - PSALM 146

L: Hallelujah! Praise the LORD, O my soul! I will praise the LORD as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.

C: Put not your trust in rulers, nor in any child of earth, for there is no help in them.

L: When they breathe their last, they return to earth, and in that day their thoughts perish.

C: Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help! whose hope is in the LORD their God;

L: Who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in them; who keeps his promise forever;

C: Who gives justice to those who are oppressed, and food to those who hunger.

L: The LORD sets the prisoners free; the LORD opens the eyes of the blind; the LORD lifts up those who are bowed down;

C: The LORD loves the righteous; the LORD cares for the stranger; he sustains the orphan and widow, but frustrates the way of the wicked.

L: The LORD shall reign forever, your God, O Zion, throughout all generations. Hallelujah!

THE SECOND LESSON - 1 PETER 2:2-10

Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk, that by it you may grow up into salvation — if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good. As you come to him, a living stone rejected by men but in the sight of God chosen and precious, you yourselves like living stones are being built up as a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For it stands in Scripture: “Behold, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious, and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.” So the honor is for you who believe, but for those who do not believe, “The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone,” and “A stone of stumbling, and a rock of offense.” They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do. But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. Once you were not a people, but now you are God’s people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

L: Here ends the reading.

* **THE RESPONSE** (Alleluia)

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P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 14th chapter.

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

THE GOSPEL - John 14:1-14

Jesus said, “Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. In my Father’s house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also. And you know the way to where I am going.” Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?” Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you had known me, you would have known my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.” Philip said to him, “Lord, show us the Father, and it is enough for us.” Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you so long, and you still do not know me, Philip? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own authority, but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, or else believe on account of the works themselves. Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever believes in me will also do the works that I do; and greater works than these will he do, because I am going to the Father. Whatever you ask in my name, this I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If you ask me anything in my name, I will do it.”

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ!

Hymn

“Beautiful Savior!”

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THE CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

Pastor Ben Lander

CHILDREN ARE DISMISSED FOR SHINE TIME

THE SERMON

“Everything Happens for A Reason”

Pastor Ben Lander

* **The Nicene Creed**

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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**

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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**

“Go Now and Pass It On”

SCREEN

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
 Doris Poust

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 Jane Baker
 Brenda Miller
 Jeremy Hauch
 Pastor Carol Butler

*The Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God
 & in honor of those who serve our country!*

By: Tom & Dee Knight

STEWARDSHIP ON APRIL 26, 2026

Attendance	61
Gifts to the Lord	\$2880.00
Weekly Budget Amount Needed	\$3,511.00
Year to Date Giving	\$60,795.73
Year to Date Needed	\$59,687.00

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

*Please join us in celebrating with
 Chandler Iwanowski and his family
 upon the reception of his*



ACTIVITIES OF ST. ANDREW

Sunday, May 03	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, May 06	Chancel Choir	7:00 p.m.
Thursday, May 07	Chapel Prayer Group	1:00 p.m.
Saturday, May 09	Men's Bible Study	8:00 a.m.
Sunday, May 10	Worship Service	9:15 a.m.
GREETER	Jerry Watson	
LECTOR	Sheila Morehart	
ACOLYTE	Levi Lander	
COMMUNION ASSISTANT	Adam Ridgdell	
SHINE TEACHERS	Sue Sarginger & Luanne Libbey	
VIDEO SOUND	John Dougherty Jerry Watson	
FLOWER DELIVERY	Joy Barto	

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