



# ST. ANDREW EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

~ TO KNOW JESUS CHRIST AND TO MAKE HIM KNOWN ~

## Third Sunday of Easter



May 04, 2025

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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 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: 570-321-8240

**CARE CARDS** - Our May care cards will be going to Bruce Miller. 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, "Let Freedom Sing", the first weekend in May. Our second concert will be today, Sunday, May 4<sup>th</sup> at Pleasant View Wesleyan Church in Muncy, beginning at 3:00p.m.

**MOTHER'S DAY CHOIR** - Attention all guys, young and not so young! Come out and sing for our ladies on May 11<sup>th</sup>. A rehearsal will be held at 9am before service. Let's fill the choir loft!

**HOT DOG GIVEAWAY** - Join us for our annual Hot Dog Giveaway (and parade) on Monday, 26<sup>th</sup>!

**2025 GRADUATES** - Please let our office know if you have a 2025 high school or college graduate! We are having a graduate recognition during one of our June services and would love to have them here with us! Please provide the office with a name and contact information by May 25<sup>th</sup>. Thank 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** "Crown Him with Many Crowns"

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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, 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 9:1-22**

Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any belonging to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. Now as he went on his way, he approached Damascus, and suddenly a light from heaven shone around him. And falling to the ground, he heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me?" And he said, "Who are you, Lord?" And he said, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. But rise and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do." The men who were traveling with him stood speechless, hearing the voice but seeing no one. Saul rose from the ground, and although his eyes were opened, he saw nothing. So they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus. And for three days he was without sight, and neither ate nor drank. Now there was a disciple at Damascus named Ananias. The Lord said to him in a vision, "Ananias." And he said, "Here I am, Lord." And the Lord said to him, "Rise and go to the street called Straight, and at the house of Judas look for a man of Tarsus named Saul, for behold, he is praying, and he has seen in a vision a man named Ananias come in and lay his hands on him so that he might regain his sight." But Ananias answered, "Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much evil he has done to your saints at Jerusalem. And here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who call on your name." But the Lord said to him, "Go, for he is a chosen instrument of mine to carry my name before the Gentiles and kings and the children of Israel. For I will show him how much he must suffer for the sake of my name." So Ananias departed and entered the house. And laying his hands on him he said, "Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus who appeared to you on the road by which you came has sent me so that you may regain your

sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit." And immediately something like scales fell from his eyes, and he regained his sight. Then he rose and was baptized; and taking food, he was strengthened. For some days he was with the disciples at Damascus. And immediately he proclaimed Jesus in the synagogues, saying, "He is the Son of God." And all who heard him were amazed and said, "Is not this the man who made havoc in Jerusalem of those who called upon this name? And has he not come here for this purpose, to bring them bound before the chief priests?" But Saul increased all the more in strength, and confounded the Jews who lived in Damascus by proving that Jesus was the Christ.

**Anthem**

"Thine Is the Glory"

**Chancel Choir**

**THE PSALMODY - PSALM 30**

L: I will exalt you, O LORD, because you have lifted me up and have not let my enemies triumph over me.

**C: O LORD my God, I cried out to you, and you restored me to health.**

L: You brought me up, O LORD, from the dead; you restored my life as I was going down to the grave.

**C: Sing to the LORD, you servants of his; give thanks for the remembrance of his holiness.**

L: For his wrath endures but the twinkling of an eye, his favor for a lifetime.

**C: Weeping may spend the night, but joy comes in the morning.**

L: While I felt secure, I said, "I shall never be disturbed. You, LORD, with your favor, made me as strong as the mountains."

**C: Then you hid your face, and I was filled with fear.**

L: I cried to you, O LORD; I pleaded with the LORD, saying,

**C: "What profit is there in my blood, if I go down to the pit? will the dust praise you or declare your faithfulness?"**

L: Hear, O LORD, and have mercy upon me; O LORD, be my helper."

**C: You have turned my wailing into dancing; you have put off my sackcloth and clothed me with joy.**

L: Therefore my heart sings to you without ceasing; O LORD my God, I will give you thanks forever.

**THE SECOND LESSON - REVELATION 5:1-14**

Then I saw in the right hand of him who was seated on the throne a scroll written within and on the back, sealed with seven seals. And I saw a mighty angel proclaiming with a loud voice, "Who is worthy to open the scroll and break its seals?" And no one in heaven or on earth or under the earth was able to open the scroll or to look into it, and I began to weep loudly because no one was found worthy to open the scroll or to look into it. And one of the elders said to me, "Weep no more; behold, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has conquered, so that he can open the scroll and its seven seals." And between the throne and the four living creatures and among the elders I saw a Lamb standing, as though it had been slain, with seven horns and with seven eyes, which are the seven spirits of God sent out into all the earth. And he went and took the scroll from the right hand of him who was seated on the throne. And when he had taken the scroll, the four living

creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb, each holding a harp, and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints. And they sang a new song, saying, "Worthy are you to take the scroll and to open its seals, for you were slain, and by your blood you ransomed people for God from every tribe and language and people and nation, and you have made them a kingdom and priests to our God, and they shall reign on the earth." Then I looked, and I heard around the throne and the living creatures and the elders the voice of many angels, numbering myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, saying with a loud voice, "Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!" And I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, saying, "To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!" And the four living creatures said, "Amen!" and the elders fell down and worshiped.

L: Here ends the reading.

\* **THE RESPONSE** (Alleluia)

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P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 21<sup>st</sup> chapter.

**C: Glory to You, O Lord.**

**THE GOSPEL - JOHN 21:1-19**

After this Jesus revealed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias, and he revealed himself in this way. Simon Peter, Thomas (called the Twin), Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples were together. Simon Peter said to them, "I am going fishing." They said to him, "We will go with you." They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing. Just as day was breaking, Jesus stood on the shore; yet the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to them, "Children, do you have any fish?" They answered him, "No." He said to them, "Cast the net on the right side of the boat, and you will find some." So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in, because of the quantity of fish. That disciple whom Jesus loved therefore said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on his outer garment, for he was stripped for work, and threw himself into the sea. The other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, but about a hundred yards off. When they got out on land, they saw a charcoal fire in place, with fish laid out on it, and bread. Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish that you have just caught." So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, 153 of them. And although there were so many, the net was not torn. Jesus said to them, "Come and have breakfast." Now none of the disciples dared ask him, "Who are you?" They knew it was the Lord. Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and so with the fish. This was now the third time that Jesus was revealed to the disciples after he was raised from the dead. When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon, son of John, do you love me more than these?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord:

you know that I love you." He said to him, "Feed my lambs." He said to him a second time, "Simon, son of John, do you love me?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." He said to him, "Tend my sheep." He said to him the third time, "Simon, son of John, do you love me?" Peter was grieved because he said to him the third time, "Do you love me?" and he said to him, "Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my sheep. Truly, truly, I say to you, when you were young, you used to dress yourself and walk wherever you wanted, but when you are old, you will stretch out your hands, and another will dress you and carry you where you do not want to go." (This he said to show by what kind of death he was to glorify God.) And after saying this he said to him, "Follow me."

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**

**THE SERMON**

"Passion Restored"

**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**

Ken Snyder  
 Jim Muffly  
 Bill Ritter  
 Pretta Hose  
 Bruce Miller  
 Martha Miller  
 Arlene Kiess  
 Mary Lou Houseknecht  
 Frances Worthington  
 Justin Welch  
 Paul Wertman

**FAMILY & FRIENDS OF ST. ANDREW**

Mary Slater	Nathan Witmer
Steve Krum	Keith Styer
Jamie Fox	Judy Yagel
Allen Fanelli	Elizabeth Detweiler
Dave Doran	John Hauck
Chris Blass	Kathryn Falter
Bill Keller	Josh & Kimberly Piersol
Sharon Shutt	Phil Noske
Ember Wertman	Dick Langer
Pam Hill	Kyrsten Bane

*The Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God  
 & in memory of our parents.  
 By: Tom & Dee Knight*

**STEWARDSHIP ON APRIL 27, 2025**

Gifts to the Lord	\$2078.00
Attendance	70
<b>Weekly Budget Amount Needed</b>	<b>\$3280.00</b>

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

**ACTIVITIES OF ST. ANDREW**

<b>Sunday, May 04</b>	Worship Service	9:15 a.m.
<b>After Service</b>	Adult Sunday School w/ Kathy H.	Upstairs Chapel
<b>After Service</b>	Confirmation Class	Youth Room
<b>After Service</b>	Children's Sunday School	Parish Hall Classroom
<b>Wednesday, May 07</b>	Choir	7:00 p.m.
<b>Thursday, May 08</b>	Chapel Prayer Group	1:00 p.m.
<b>Thursday, May 08</b>	Small Group Bible Study	2:30 p.m.
<b>Saturday, May 10</b>	Men's Monthly Bible Study	8:00 a.m.
<b>Sunday, May 11</b>	Worship Service	9:15 a.m.
<b>GREETER</b>	Tom & Dee Knight	
<b>LECTOR</b>	Shiela Morehart	
<b>ACOLYTE</b>	Lila Styer	
<b>WORSHIP ASSISTANT</b>	Kathy Heilman	
<b>SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER</b>	Stacie Kilgore	
<b>VIDEO   SOUND</b>	John Dougherty   Jerry Watson	
<b>FLOWER DELIVERY</b>	Joy Barto	

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 Our Organist/Pianist is Mrs. Joy Barto.

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