



ST. ANDREW EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

~ TO KNOW JESUS CHRIST AND TO MAKE HIM KNOWN ~

Seventh Sunday of Easter



May 17, 2026

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MAY 17, 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

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!

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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* 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

“Bless His Holy Name”

SEE INSERT

“Above All”

* PRAYER OF THE DAY

O King of Glory and Lord of countless angels, in triumph you ascended to the highest heaven. Abandon us not to be orphans, but keep your Father’s promise to send your Spirit of truth. You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

THE WORD OF GOD

THE FIRST LESSON - ACTS 1:12-26

Then the disciples returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a Sabbath day’s journey away. And when they had entered, they went up to the

upper room, where they were staying, Peter and John and James and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James the son of Alphaeus and Simon the Zealot and Judas the son of James. All these with one accord were devoting themselves to prayer, together with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and his brothers. In those days Peter stood up among the brothers (the company of persons was in all about 120) and said, “Brothers, the Scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit spoke beforehand by the mouth of David concerning Judas, who became a guide to those who arrested Jesus. For he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry.” (Now this man acquired a field with the reward of his wickedness, and falling headlong he burst open in the middle and all his bowels gushed out. And it became known to all the inhabitants of Jerusalem, so that the field was called in their own language Akeldama, that is, Field of Blood.) “For it is written in the Book of Psalms, ‘May his camp become desolate, and let there be no one to dwell in it’; and ‘Let another take his office.’ So one of the men who have accompanied us during all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us — one of these men must become with us a witness to his resurrection.” And they put forward two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also called Justus, and Matthias. And they prayed and said, “You, Lord, who know the hearts of all, show which one of these two you have chosen to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place.” And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias, and he was numbered with the eleven apostles.

THE PSALMODY - PSALM 68:1-10

L: Let God arise, and let his enemies be scattered; let those who hate him flee before him.

C: Let them vanish like smoke when the wind drives it away; as the wax melts at the fire, so let the wicked perish at the presence of God.

L: But let the righteous be glad and rejoice before God; let them also be merry and joyful.

C: Sing to God, sing praises to his name; exalt him who rides upon the heavens; YAHWEH is his name, rejoice before him!

L: Father of orphans, defender of widows, God in his holy habitation!

C: God gives the solitary a home and brings forth prisoners into freedom; but the rebels shall live in dry places.

L: O God, when you went forth before your people, when you marched through the wilderness,

C: The earth shook, and the skies poured down rain, at the presence of God, the God

of Sinai, at the presence of God, the God of Israel.

L: You sent a gracious rain, O God, upon your inheritance; you refreshed the land when it was weary.

C: Your people found their home in it; in your goodness, O God, you have made provision for the poor.

SECOND LESSON - 1 PETER 4:12-19; 5:6-11

Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery trial when it comes upon you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. But rejoice insofar as you share Christ's sufferings, that you may also rejoice and be glad when his glory is revealed. If you are insulted for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the Spirit of glory and of God rests upon you. But let none of you suffer as a murderer or a thief or an evildoer or as a meddler. Yet if anyone suffers as a Christian, let him not be ashamed, but let him glorify God in that name. For it is time for judgment to begin at the household of God; and if it begins with us, what will be the outcome for those who do not obey the gospel of God? And "If the righteous is scarcely saved, what will become of the ungodly and the sinner?" Therefore let those who suffer according to God's will entrust their souls to a faithful Creator while doing good. Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God so that at the proper time he may exalt you, casting all your anxieties on him, because he cares for you. Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour. Resist him, firm in your faith, knowing that the same kinds of suffering are being experienced by your brotherhood throughout the world. And after you have suffered a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, confirm, strengthen, and establish you. To him be the dominion forever and ever. Amen.

L: Here ends the reading.

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 17th chapter.

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

THE GOSPEL - JOHN 17:1-11

When Jesus had spoken these words, he lifted up his eyes to heaven, and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son that the Son may glorify you, since you have given him authority over all flesh, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. And this is eternal life, that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. I glorified you on earth, having accomplished the work that you gave me to do. And now,

Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had with you before the world existed. I have manifested your name to the people whom you gave me out of the world. Yours they were, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything that you have given me is from you. For I have given them the words that you gave me, and they have received them and have come to know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am praying for them. I am not praying for the world but for those whom you have given me, for they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine, and I am glorified in them. And I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, keep them in your name, which you have given me, that they may be one, even as we are one."

P: This is God's Word.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

Hymn "Blest Be the Tie That Binds" **LBW PAGE 370**

Anthem "Honor Roll Mom" **Celebration Choir**

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

CHILDREN ARE DISMISSED FOR SHINE TIME

THE SERMON "One for All, All for One" **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** "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!" **LBW PAGE 328**

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

FAMILY & FRIENDS OF ST. ANDREW

Norman Magaro	Olive Gillen
Sandi Graham	Melinda Ritch
Susan Myers	Pastor Lee Harder
Teresa Edwartowski	Paul Cohen
Jane Baker	Marcy Johnson
Brenda Miller	
Jeremy Hauch	
Pastor Carol Butler	

*The Altar Flowers are given to
 the Glory of God!
 By: Walt & Lou Ann*

STEWARDSHIP ON MAY 10, 2026

Attendance	89
Gifts to the Lord	\$3,328.00
Weekly Budget Amount Needed	\$3,511.00
Year to Date Giving	\$67,361.73
Year to Date Needed	\$66,709.00

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

ACTIVITIES OF ST. ANDREW

Sunday, May 17	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 20	Chancel Choir	7:00 p.m.
Thursday, May 21	Chapel Prayer Group	1:00 p.m.
Thursday, May 21	Small Group Bible Study	2:30 p.m.
Sunday, May 24	Worship Service	9:15 a.m.
GREETER	Luanne Libbey	
LECTOR	Hiliary Haddon	
ACOLYTE	Lila Styer	
SHINE TEACHERS	Hiliary Haddon & Katie Lander	
VIDEO SOUND	John Dougherty Jerry Watson	
FLOWER DELIVERY	Joy Barto	

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