



ST. ANDREW EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

~ TO KNOW JESUS CHRIST AND TO MAKE HIM KNOWN ~

The Holy Trinity



May 31, 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!

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

2026 GRADUATES - Join us during service on June 7th for our 2026 graduate recognition!

OLD IMMANUEL CHURCH SERVICE - The public is invited to attend the Old Immanuel Memorial Service on June 14th at 2:30 p.m. Rev. Amy Shuck from Watsontown will be officiating. Everyone is welcome! Please note that the church does not have running water or electricity.

FATHER'S DAY LADIES CHOIR - Attention all ladies, young and not so young! Come out and sing for our men on June 21st. A rehearsal will be held at 9am before the service! Let's fill the choir loft!

SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL - Youth Sunday School will be taking a break from June-August and will resume in September. SHInE Time will also be taking a break during this time. This gives our children a chance to experience all of the church service with their families, as well as, providing a time of rejuvenation for our teachers.

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

“Praise Ye the Triune God”

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“Father, I Adore You”

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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

Almighty and everlasting God, you have given us grace to make the confession of a true faith. We acknowledge your glorious eternal Trinity, and we adore the unity of your majestic work. Defend us by this faith from all adversity and opposition to your way; through Jesus Christ, your Son, 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 - GENESIS 1:1-2:4A

In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. The earth was without form and void, and darkness was over the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters. And God said, “Let there be light,” and there was light. And God saw that the light was good. And God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day. And God said, “Let there be an expanse in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters.” And God made the expanse and separated the waters that were under the expanse from the waters that were above the expanse. And it was so. And God called the expanse Heaven. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day. And God said, “Let the waters under the heavens be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear.” And it was so. God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good. And God said, “Let the earth sprout vegetation, plants yielding seed, and fruit trees bearing fruit in which is their seed, each according to its kind, on the earth.” And it was so. The earth brought forth vegetation, plants yielding seed according to their own kinds, and trees

bearing fruit in which is their seed, each according to its kind. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, the third day. And God said, “Let there be lights in the expanse of the heavens to separate the day from the night. And let them be for signs and for seasons, and for days and years, and let them be lights in the expanse of the heavens to give light upon the earth.” And it was so. And God made the two great lights — the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night — and the stars. And God set them in the expanse of the heavens to give light on the earth, to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day. And God said, “Let the waters swarm with swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the expanse of the heavens.” So God created the great sea creatures and every living creature that moves, with which the waters swarm, according to their kinds, and every winged bird according to its kind. And God saw that it was good. And God blessed them, saying, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth.” And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day. And God said, “Let the earth bring forth living creatures according to their kinds — livestock and creeping things and beasts of the earth according to their kinds.” And it was so. And God made the beasts of the earth according to their kinds and the livestock according to their kinds, and everything that creeps on the ground according to its kind. And God saw that it was good. Then God said, “Let us make man in our image, after our likeness. And let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over the livestock and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.” So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them. And God blessed them. And God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it, and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over every living thing that moves on the earth.” And God said, “Behold, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is on the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit. You shall have them for food. And to every beast of the earth and to every bird of the heavens and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food.” And it was so. And God saw everything that he had made, and behold, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day. Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all the host of them. And on the seventh day God finished his work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all his work that he had done. So God blessed the seventh day and made it holy, because on it God rested from all his work that he had done in creation. These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created

Anthem

“Eternal God, Before Your Throne”

Chancel Choir

THE PSALMODY - PSALM 8

L: O LORD our Lord, how exalted is your Name in all the world!

C: Out of the mouths of infants and children your majesty is praised above the heavens.

L: You have set up a stronghold against your adversaries, to quell the enemy and the avenger.

C; When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars you have set in their courses,

L: What is man that you should be mindful of him? he son of man that you should seek him out?

C: You have made him but little lower than the angels; you adorn him with glory and honor;

L: You give him mastery over the works of your hands; you put all things under his feet:

C: All sheep and oxen, even the wild beasts of the field,

L: The birds of the air, the fish of the sea, and whatsoever walks in the paths of the sea.

C: O LORD our Lord, how exalted is your name in all the world!

THE SECOND LESSON - ACTS 2:14A, 22-36

Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed them: "Men of Israel, hear these words: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with mighty works and wonders and signs that God did through him in your midst, as you yourselves know — this Jesus, delivered up according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of lawless men. God raised him up, loosing the pangs of death, because it was not possible for him to be held by it. For David says concerning him, 'I saw the Lord always before me, for he is at my right hand that I may not be shaken; therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced; my flesh also will dwell in hope. For you will not abandon my soul to Hades, or let your Holy One see corruption. You have made known to me the paths of life; you will make me full of gladness with your presence.' Brothers, I may say to you with confidence about the patriarch David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. Being therefore a prophet, and knowing that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would set one of his descendants on his throne, he foresaw and spoke about the resurrection of the Christ, that he was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh see corruption. This Jesus God raised up, and of that we all are witnesses. Being therefore exalted at the right hand of God, and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, he has poured out this that you yourselves are seeing and hearing. For David did not ascend into the heavens, but he himself says, 'The LORD said to my Lord, "Sit at my right hand, until I make your enemies your footstool.'" Let all the house of Israel therefore know for certain that God has made him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified."

L: Here ends the reading.

* **THE RESPONSE** (Alleluia)

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P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 28th chapter.

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

THE GOSPEL - MATTHEW 28:16-20

The eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. And when they saw him they worshiped him, but some doubted. And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ!

Hymn

"Holy, Holy, Holy"

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THE CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Pastor Ben Lander

CHILDREN ARE DISMISSED FOR SHINE TIME

THE SERMON

"God is Bigger Than That"

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**

"Eternal Father, Strong to Save"

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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

Bill Ritter
 Pretta Hose
 Martha Miller
 Arlene Kiess
 Jim & Jonnie Stahl
 Frances Worthington
 Naomi Wertman

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
 & in memory of
 David Terry, Janet's Brother.
 By: Pastor Janet & John Dougherty***

STEWARDSHIP ON MAY 24, 2026

Attendance	59
Gifts to the Lord	\$2,383.00
Weekly Budget Amount Needed	\$3,511.00
Year to Date Giving	\$74,741.73
Year to Date Needed	\$73,731.00

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

ACTIVITIES OF ST. ANDREW

Sunday, May31	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, June 03	Chancel Choir	6:00 p.m.
Thursday, June 04	Chapel Prayer Group	1:00 p.m.
Sunday, June 07	Worship Service	9:15 a.m.
GREETER	Becky Fought	
LECTOR	Amy Brinser	
ACOLYTE	Teagan Brinser	
COMMUNION ASSISTANT	Julie Souter	
SHINE TEACHERS	Amy Brinser & Luanne Libbey	
VIDEO SOUND	John Dougherty Jerry Watson	
FLOWER DELIVERY	Joy Barto	

Our Organist/Pianist is Mrs. Joy Barto.

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