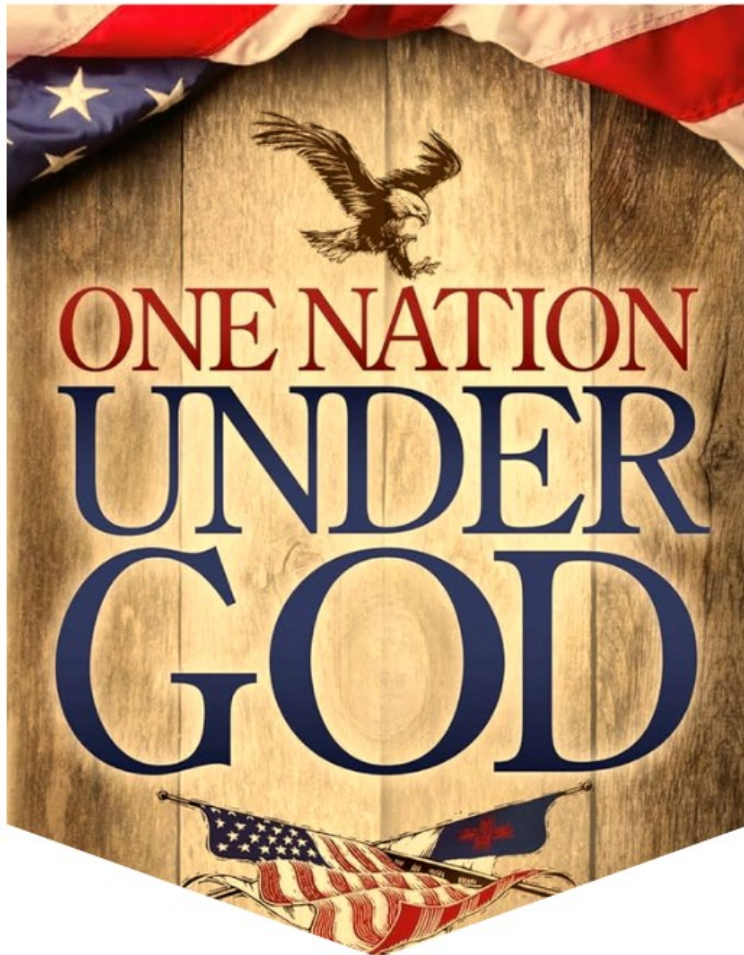




ST. ANDREW EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

~ TO KNOW JESUS CHRIST AND TO MAKE HIM KNOWN ~

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost



July 5, 2026

SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

JULY 05, 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

JULY OUTREACH – Tunnel to Towers Foundation - The mission of the Tunnel to Towers Foundation is to honor the sacrifice of firefighter, Steven Siller, who laid down his life to save others on September 11, 2001. We will also honor our military and first responders who continue to make the supreme sacrifice of life and limb for our country. Since 9/11 we have been helping America's heroes by providing mortgage-free homes to Gold Star and fallen first responder families with young children and by building specially-adapted smart homes for catastrophically injured veterans and first responders. We are also committed to eradicating veteran homelessness and helping America to Never Forget September 11, 2001

CARE CARDS - Our July 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!

OFFERING ENVELOPE UPDATE - Cathedral Letter Concepts will not be sending monthly envelopes for July in order to catch up production for its 3,000-plus customers. Please use a previous month's envelope you still have available and write the correct date on it! Thank you!

JULY DONATION DRIVE - Son Light House is looking for donations of school supplies; backpacks, and food supplies, such as, snacks, cereal, peanut butter & jelly, and other food items that are non-perishable or have a long shelf life.

OUTDOOR MOVIE NIGHT - Join us on July 10th for a summer movie night! The movie will begin at sunset! We're serving popcorn, ice cream, tea, lemonade and water .

RISE & DINE BREAKFAST - Join us on July 12th for a time of fellowship and food before service. Breakfast will be served at 8:00am! We hope to see you there!

VBS - VBS is scheduled for July 13th - 17th this year, registration is open on our website: www.standrewlutheranmuncy.org or you can use a physical form found in the Narthex. It is always a rewarding and fun time for everyone! Extra volunteers are always welcome! If you have any questions, please contact Kathy Heilman at (570)-546-2126 or kiheilman@comcast.net

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**

“My Country, ‘Tis of Thee”

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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 never undermine your purpose, as you perfectly provide for all that you create. Remove from our way all that is harmful and give us what will profit that we may share in your invincible grace; 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 - ZECHARIAH 9:9-12

Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem! Behold, your king is coming to you; righteous and having salvation is he, humble and mounted on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey. I will cut off the chariot from Ephraim and the war horse from Jerusalem; and the battle bow shall be cut off, and he shall speak peace to the

nations; his rule shall be from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth. As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you, I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit. Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope; today I declare that I will restore to you double.

Anthem

“God Bless America”

Council/Staff Choir

THE PSALMODY - PSALM 145:1-15

L: I will exalt you, O God my King, and bless your name forever and ever.

C: Every day will I bless you and praise your Name forever and ever.

L: Great is the LORD and greatly to be praised; there is no end to his greatness.

C: One generation shall praise your works to another and shall declare your power.

L: I will ponder the glorious splendor of your majesty and all your marvelous works.

C: They shall speak of the might of your wondrous acts, and I will tell of your greatness.

L: They shall publish the remembrance of your great goodness; they shall sing of your righteous deeds.

C: The LORD is gracious and full of compassion, slow to anger and of great kindness.

L: The LORD is loving to everyone and his compassion is over all his works.

C: All your works praise you, O LORD, and your faithful servants bless you.

L: They make known the glory of your kingdom and speak of your power;

C: That the peoples may know of your power and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.

L: Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom; your dominion endures throughout all ages.

C: The LORD is faithful in all his words and merciful in all his deeds.

L: The LORD upholds all those who fall; he lifts up those who are bowed down.

THE SECOND LESSON - ROMANS 7:14-25A

We know that the law is spiritual, but I am of the flesh, sold under sin. For I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. Now if I do what I do not want, I agree with the law, that it is good. So now it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells within me. For I know that nothing good dwells in me, that is, in my flesh. For I have the desire to do what is right, but not the ability to carry it out. For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I keep on doing. Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells within me. So I find it to be a law that when I want to do right, evil lies close at hand. For I delight in the law of God, in my inner being, but I see in my members another law waging war against the law of my mind and making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. Wretched man that I am! Who will deliver me from this body of death? Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord! ...

L: Here ends the reading.

* **THE RESPONSE** (Alleluia)

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P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 11th chapter.

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

THE GOSPEL - MATTHEW 11:25-30

Jesus declared, "I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that you have hidden these things from the wise and understanding and revealed them to little children; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father, and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ!

Hymn

"America, the Beautiful"

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THE CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Pastor Ben Lander

THE SERMON

"One Nation Under God"

Pastor Ben Lander

* **The Nicene Creed**

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The Offertory Response

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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**

"Battle Hymn of the Republic"

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
 Ziva Moore

FAMILY & FRIENDS OF ST. ANDREW

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

***The Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God
 & God Bless America!
 By: Dean & Joy Barto***

STEWARDSHIP

JUNE 14, 2026

Attendance	71
Gifts to the Lord	\$2,7800.00

JUNE 21, 2026

Attendance	40
Gifts to the Lord	\$3,103.00

JUNE 28, 2026

Attendance	50
Gifts to the Lord	\$1,570.00

Weekly Budget Amount Needed	\$3,511.00
Year to Date Giving	\$89,477.73
Year to Date Needed	\$91,286.00

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

ACTIVITIES OF ST. ANDREW

Sunday, July 05	Worship Service	9:15 a.m.
After Service	Adult Sunday School w/ Kathy H.	Upstairs Chapel
Thursday, July 09	Chapel Prayer Group	1:00 p.m.
Friday, July 10	Outdoor Movie Night	Movie Begins @ Sunset
Sunday, July 12	Rise & Dine Breakfast	8:00 a.m.
Sunday, July 12	Worship Service	9:15 a.m.
Mon. July 13-Fri., July 17	Vacation Bible School	6:30-8:00 p.m.
GREETER	Ginny Gruver	
LECTOR	Sheila Morehart	
ACOLYTE	Gina Styer	
COMMUNION ASSISTANT	Darlene Waldron	
VIDEO SOUND	John Dougherty Jerry Watson	
FLOWER DELIVERY	Karen Krum	

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