



ST. ANDREW EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

~ TO KNOW JESUS CHRIST AND TO MAKE HIM KNOWN ~

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost



July 12, 2026

SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

JULY 12, 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.

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

ALL FAITH'S NIGHT - Consider joining us for a fun evening of baseball on July 19th. Game starts at 4:05pm. Please sign up in the Narthex or contact the church office if interested. Sign up by July 5th. Tickets will be purchased at a group rate. Payments can then be provided to the church office once the final cost per ticket is announced.

ANNUAL CHURCH PICNIC - AUGUST 9TH - Gather @ 3pm & Eat @ 5pm - Join us for our annual church picnic! Hot dogs and Hamburgers will be provided. Please bring a side dish and/or dessert to share, as well as your own table settings.

THE PRELUDE

WELCOME - Announcements

** (Indicates The Congregation To Stand)*

* INVOCATION LBW PAGE 56

* THE CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS OF SINS (YOU ARE WELCOME TO KNEEL IF ABLE)

PRAISE AND PRAYER

* Opening Hymn “Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing” LBW PAGE 499

* The Apostolic Greeting and Response SCREEN

* The Kyrie

* The Hymn of Praise SCREEN

* PRAYER OF THE DAY

Richly inspire us, O Lord, to consider and accomplish what you see is good. For we know that we cannot live without you, but that with you, we shall prevail. And so, we pray 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 - ISAIAH 55:10-13

“For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven and do not return there but water the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it. For you shall go out in joy and be led forth in peace; the mountains and the hills before you shall break forth into singing, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands. Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress; instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle; and it shall make a name for the LORD, an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.”

Special Music

“Jesu, Joy of Man’s Desiring”Bennett McCormick

“Battle Hymn of the Republic”

THE PSALMODY - PSALM 65:1-14

L: You are to be praised, O God, in Zion; to you shall vows be performed in Jerusalem.

C: To you that hear prayer shall all flesh come, because of their transgressions.

L: Our sins are stronger than we are, but you will blot them out.

C: Happy are they whom you choose and draw to your courts to dwell there! they will be satisfied by the beauty of your house, by the holiness of your temple.

L: Awesome things will you show us in your righteousness, O God of our salvation, O Hope of all the ends of the earth and of the seas that are far away.

C: You make fast the mountains by your power; they are girded about with might.

L: You still the roaring of the seas, the roaring of their waves, and the clamor of the peoples.

C: Those who dwell at the ends of the earth will tremble at your marvelous signs; you make the dawn and the dusk to sing for joy.

L: You visit the earth and water it abundantly; you make it very plenteous; the river of God is full of water.

C: You prepare the grain, for so you provide for the earth.

L: You drench the furrows and smooth out the ridges; with heavy rain you soften the ground and bless its increase.

C: You crown the year with your goodness, and your paths overflow with plenty.

L: May the fields of the wilderness be rich for grazing, and the hills be clothed with joy.

C: May the meadows cover themselves with flocks, and the valleys cloak themselves with grain; let them shout for joy and sing.

SECOND LESSON - ROMANS 8:12-17

So then, brothers, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh. For if you live according to the flesh you will die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, “Abba! Father!” The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs — heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, provided we suffer with him in order that we may also be glorified with him.

L: Here ends the reading.

*** THE RESPONSE (Alleluia)** **LBW PAGE 62**

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 13th chapter.

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

THE GOSPEL - MATTHEW 13:1-9, 18-23

That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. And great crowds gathered about him, so that he got into a boat and sat down. And the whole crowd stood on the beach. And he told them many things in parables, saying: “A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seeds fell along the path, and the birds came and devoured them. Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and immediately they sprang up, since they had no depth of soil, but when the sun rose they were scorched. And since they had no root, they withered away. Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Other seeds fell on good soil and produced grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. He who has ears, let him hear.” Jesus said to the disciples, “Hear then the parable of the sower: When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what has been sown in his heart. This is what was sown along the path. As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy, yet he has

no root in himself, but endures for a while, and when tribulation or persecution arises on account of the word, immediately he falls away. As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the deceitfulness of riches choke the word, and it proves unfruitful. As for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it. He indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty.”

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to You, O Christ!**

Hymn “For the Beauty of the Earth” **LBW PAGE 561**

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

THE SERMON “Sow What” **Pastor Ben Lander**

*** Apostles Creed** **LBW PAGE 65**

GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

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** “Oh, For a Thousand Tongues to Sing” **LBW PAGE 559**

Postlude

ST. ANDREW PRAYER LIST

NAMES WILL BE KEPT ON PRAYER LIST FOR FOUR WEEKS UNLESS OFFICE IS OTHERWISE NOTIFIED.

MEMBERS	FAMILY & FRIENDS OF ST. ANDREW	
Bill Ritter	Norman Magaro	Olive Gillen
Pretta Hose	Sandi Graham	Melinda Ritch
Martha Miller	Susan Myers	Pastor Lee Harder
Arlene Kiess	Teresa Edwartowski	Paul Cohen
Jim & Jonnie Stahl	Jane Baker	Duane Mills
Frances Worthington	Brenda Miller	
Naomi Wertman	Jeremy Hauch	
Ziva Moore	Pastor Carol Butler	
Judy VanBuskirk		

The Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God

& in honor of Caleb & Josiah’s Birthday!

By: Pastor Ben & Katie Lander

STEWARDSHIP ON JULY 5, 2026	
Attendance	72
Gifts to the Lord	\$10,785.49
Weekly Budget Amount Needed	\$3,511.00
Year to Date Giving	\$100,263.22
Year to Date Needed	\$94,797.00
<i>(Does not include L.C.M.C., Local Benevolence, Outreach, Sponsor, or Capital Categories)</i>	

ACTIVITIES OF ST. ANDREW		
Sunday, July 12	Worship Service	9:15 a.m.
After Service	Adult Sunday School w/ Kathy H.	Upstairs Chapel
Mon. July 13-Fri. July 17	Vacation Bible School	6:30-8:00 p.m.
Thursday, July 16	Chapel Prayer Group	1:00 p.m.
Sunday, July 19	Worship Service	9:15 a.m.
Sunday, July 19	Crosscutter’s All Faith’s Night	4:05 p.m.
GREETER	John & Luanne Libbey	
LECTOR	Steve Haddon	
ACOLYTE	Levi Lander	
VIDEO SOUND	John Dougherty Jerry Watson	
FLOWER DELIVERY	Karen Krum	

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