



# ST. ANDREW EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

~ TO KNOW JESUS CHRIST AND TO MAKE HIM KNOWN ~

## Eighth Sunday after Pentecost



July 19, 2026

EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

JULY 19, 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!

**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.

**ANNUAL CHURCH PICNIC - AUGUST 9<sup>TH</sup>** - 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**

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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**

“Be Exalted, O God”

**SEE INSERT**

“In His Time”

**\* PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**Let your merciful ears, O Lord, be open to the prayers of your humble servants; that you may hear our petitions. In all things, help us to ask for what will please you; through your Son, Jesus Christ, 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 44:6-8**

Thus says the LORD, the King of Israel and his Redeemer, the LORD of hosts: “I am the first and I am the last; besides me there is no god. Who is like me? Let him proclaim it. Let him declare and set it before me, since I appointed an ancient people. Let them declare what is to come, and what will happen. Fear not, nor be afraid; have I not told you from of old and declared it? And you are my witnesses! Is there a God besides me? There is no Rock; I know not any.”

**Anthem**

“VBS Songs”

**VBS Choir**

**THE PSALMODY - PSALM 119:57-64**

**L:** You only are my portion, O LORD; I have promised to keep your words.

**C: I entreat you with all my heart, be merciful to me according to your promise.**

**L:** I have considered my ways and turned my feet toward your decrees.

**C: I hasten and do not tarry to keep your commandments.**

**L:** Though the cords of the wicked entangle me, I do not forget your law.

**C: At midnight I will rise to give you thanks, because of your righteous judgments.**

L: I am a companion of all who fear you and of those who keep your commandments.

C: The earth, O LORD, is full of your love; instruct me in your statutes.

SECOND LESSON - ROMANS 8:18-27

For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the sons of God. For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of him who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to corruption and obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. For we know that the whole creation has been groaning together in the pains of childbirth until now. And not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies. For in this hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what he sees? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience. Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words. And he who searches hearts knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

L: Here ends the reading.

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 10<sup>th</sup> chapter.

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

THE GOSPEL - LUKE 10:38-42

As Jesus and his disciples were on their way, he came to a village where a woman named

Martha opened her home to him. She had a sister called Mary, who sat at the Lord’s feet listening to what he said. But Martha was distracted by all the preparations that had to be made. She came to him and asked, “Lord, don’t you care that my sister has left me to do the work by myself? Tell her to help me!” “Martha, Martha,” the Lord answered, “you are worried and upset about many things, but few things are needed—or indeed only one. Mary has chosen what is better, and it will not be taken away from her.

P: This is God’s Word.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

Hymn “Blessed Assurance” WHM PAGE 416

THE CHILDREN’S MESSAGE Pastor Ben Lander

THE SERMON “Just One Thing” 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 “Praise and Thanksgiving”

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       | Teresa Edwartowski             | Pastor Lee Harder |
| Arlene Kiess        | Jane Baker                     | Paul Cohen        |
| Jim & Jonnie Stahl  | Brenda Miller                  | Duane Mills       |
| Frances Worthington | Jeremy Hauch                   |                   |
| Naomi Wertman       | Pastor Carol Butler            |                   |
| Ziva Moore          |                                |                   |
| Judy VanBuskirk     |                                |                   |

*The Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God  
& in honor of Natalie’s, July 12<sup>th</sup>, Birthday  
By: Walt & Lou Ann*

| STEWARDSHIP ON JULY 12, 2026                                                                    |                    |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------|
| Attendance                                                                                      | 75                 |
| Gifts to the Lord                                                                               | \$3,420.00         |
| <b>Weekly Budget Amount Needed</b>                                                              | <b>\$3,511.00</b>  |
| Year to Date Giving                                                                             | \$103,683.22       |
| <b>Year to Date Needed</b>                                                                      | <b>\$98,308.00</b> |
| <i>(Does not include L.C.M.C., Local Benevolence, Outreach, Sponsor, or Capital Categories)</i> |                    |

ACTIVITIES OF ST. ANDREW

|                   |                                 |                 |
|-------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------|
| Sunday, July 19   | Worship Service                 | 9:15 a.m.       |
| After Service     | Adult Sunday School w/ Kathy H. | Upstairs Chapel |
| Sunday, July 19   | All-Faith’s Night               | 4:05 p.m.       |
|                   | Crosscutters Williamsport       |                 |
| Thursday, July 23 | Chapel Prayer Group             | 1:00 p.m.       |
| Sunday, July 26   | Worship Service                 | 9:15 a.m.       |
| GREETER           | Larry & Sharon Barnard          |                 |
| LECTOR            | John Libbey                     |                 |
| ACOLYTE           | Teagan Brinser                  |                 |
| VIDEO   SOUND     | John Dougherty   Jerry Watson   |                 |
| FLOWER DELIVERY   | Karen Krum                      |                 |

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