



ST. ANDREW EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

~ TO KNOW JESUS CHRIST AND TO MAKE HIM KNOWN ~

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost



July 26, 2026

NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

JULY 26, 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 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.

BACKPACK BLESSING - August 23rd - Have your kiddos (any age) bring their backpacks to church on August 23rd and place them along the altar for a blessing during service! We are excited to start their school year off with love from the Lord!

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** “Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise” **LBW PAGE 526**

*** The Apostolic Greeting and Response** **SCREEN**

*** The Kyrie**

*** The Hymn of Praise** **SCREEN**

*** PRAYER OF THE DAY**

O God, your almighty power is most clearly shown in your mercy and pity. Multiply your grace that we may run to your promises and be made to share in your heavenly joy; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. He lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

THE WORD OF GOD

THE FIRST LESSON - DEUTERONOMY 7:6-9

Moses said to the Israelites, “For you are a people holy to the LORD your God. The LORD your God has chosen you to be a people for his treasured possession, out of all the peoples who are on the face of the earth. It was not because you were more in number than any other people that the LORD set his love on you and chose you, for you were the fewest of all peoples, but it is because the LORD loves you and is keeping the oath that he

swore to your fathers, that the LORD has brought you out with a mighty hand and redeemed you from the house of slavery, from the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt. Know therefore that the LORD your God is God, the faithful God who keeps covenant and steadfast love with those who love him and keep his commandments, to a thousand generations ...”

Special Music “Gracious Spirit, Heed Our Pleading” **Wes Miller**

THE PSALMODY - PSALM 125

L: Those who trust in the LORD are like Mount Zion, which cannot be moved, but stands fast forever.

C: The hills stand about Jerusalem; so does the LORD stand round about his people, from this time forth forevermore.

L: The scepter of the wicked shall not hold sway over the land allotted to the just, so that the just shall not put their hands to evil.

C: Show your goodness, O LORD, to those who are good and to those who are true of heart.

L: As for those who turn aside to crooked ways, the LORD will lead them away with the evildoers; but peace be upon Israel.

SECOND LESSON - ROMANS 8:28-39

We know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose. For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers. And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified. What then shall we say to these

things? If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things? Who shall bring any charge against God’s elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died — more than that, who was raised — who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us. Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? As it is written, “For your sake we are being killed all the day long; we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered.” No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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 13:44-52

Jesus said to the disciples, “The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and covered up. Then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field. Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls, who, on finding one pearl of great value, went and sold all that he had and bought it. Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and gathered fish of every kind. When it was full, men drew it ashore and sat down and sorted the good into containers but threw away the bad. So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous and throw them into the fiery furnace. In that

place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Have you understood all these things?” They said to him, “Yes.” And he said to them, “Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like a master of a house, who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.”

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

Hymn	“This Is My Father’s World”	LBW PAGE 554
THE CHILDREN’S MESSAGE		Pastor Ben Lander
THE SERMON	“Understanding to Standing”	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** “Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies” **LBW PAGE 265**

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 memory of Ron Knight!
By: Tom & Dee Knight*

STEWARDSHIP ON JULY 19, 2026	
Attendance	81
Gifts to the Lord	\$2,303.00
Weekly Budget Amount Needed	\$3,511.00
Year to Date Giving	\$105,986.22
Year to Date Needed	\$101,819.00
<i>(Does not include L.C.M.C., Local Benevolence, Outreach, Sponsor, or Capital Categories)</i>	

ACTIVITIES OF ST. ANDREW

Sunday, July 26	Worship Service	9:15 a.m.
After Service	Adult Sunday School w/ Kathy H.	Upstairs Chapel
Thursday, July 30	Chapel Prayer Group	1:00 p.m.
Sunday, August 02	Worship Service	9:15 a.m.
GREETER	Tom & Dee Knight	
LECTOR	Julie Souter	
ACOLYTE	Lila Styer	
VIDEO SOUND	John Dougherty Jerry Watson	
FLOWER DELIVERY	Karen Krum	

The Bulletin is sponsored by Tom & Dee Knight
Our Organist/Pianist is Mrs. Joy Barto.



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