



ST. ANDREW EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

~ TO KNOW JESUS CHRIST AND TO MAKE HIM KNOWN ~

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost



August 2, 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

AUGUST OUTREACH – Ronald McDonald House - A donation to the Ronald McDonald House is, truly, a gift that will keep on giving. The kindness of donors enables them to provide a "home-away-from-home" for families who have to travel great distances for their child's medical care. Their mission of helping families stay together is growing and with all growth, the need for support grows as well. Help give the gift of togetherness today!

CARE CARDS - Our August care cards will be going to Pretta Hose. 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!

CHURCH PICNIC - Join us for our Annual Church Picnic at Keiss Park on August 9th. We will start at 3pm with games and fellowship and we will eat at 5pm. Hot Dogs and hamburgers will be provided. Please bring a side dish and/or dessert to share and your own table settings! Sign-Up in the Narthex

BACKPACK BLESSING - 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!

BACK TO SCHOOL PRAYER WALK - Join us as we take part in the 4th Annual Prayer Walk for Muncy Schools. We will meet in our parking lot at 3pm and walk to Myers Elementary & Muncy Jr./Sr. High Schools to pray for our students, teachers, administrators and staff. Ice cream at Muncy Baptist to follow.

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** “Wonderful Words of Life” **WHM Page 315**

*** 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, eternal God, your kindness is far more than we desire or deserve. Generously pour out your mercy to forgive where our conscience is afraid and to provide that for which by ourselves, we do not even presume to 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 55:1-5

“Come, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and he who has no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy? Listen diligently to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. Incline your ear, and come to me; hear, that your soul may live; and I will make with you an

everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David. Behold, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. Behold, you shall call a nation that you do not know, and a nation that did not know you shall run to you, because of the LORD your God, and of the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you.”

Special Music “Salvation Unto Us Has Come” **Larry Barnard**

THE PSALMODY - PSALM 136:1-9, 23-26

L: Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, for his mercy endures forever.

C: Give thanks to the God of gods, for his mercy endures forever.

L: Give thanks to the LORD of lords, for his mercy endures forever.

C: Who only does great wonders, for his mercy endures forever;

L: Who by wisdom made the heavens, for his mercy endures forever;

C: Who spread out the earth upon the waters, for his mercy endures forever;

L: Who created great lights, for his mercy endures forever;

C: The sun to rule the day, for his mercy endures forever;

L: The moon and the stars to govern the night, for his mercy endures forever.

C: [Who remembered us in our low estate, for his mercy endures forever;

L: And delivered us from our enemies, for his mercy endures forever;

C: Who gives food to all creatures, for his mercy endures forever.

L: Give thanks to the God of heaven, for his mercy endures forever.]

THE SECOND LESSON - ROMANS 9:1-13

I am speaking the truth in Christ — I am not lying; my conscience bears me witness in the Holy Spirit — that I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my brothers, my kinsmen according to the flesh. They are Israelites, and to them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises. To them belong

patriarchs, and from their race, according to the flesh, is the Christ, who is God over all, blessed forever. Amen. [But it is not as though the word of God has failed. For not all who are descended from Israel belong to Israel, and not all are children of Abraham because they are his offspring, but “Through Isaac shall your offspring be named.” This means that it is not the children of the flesh who are the children of God, but the children of the promise are counted as offspring. For this is what the promise said: “About this time next year I will return, and Sarah shall have a son.” And not only so, but also when Rebekah had conceived children by one man, our forefather Isaac, though they were not yet born and had done nothing either good or bad — in order that God’s purpose of election might continue, not because of works but because of him who calls — she was told, “The older will serve the younger.” As it is written, “Jacob I loved, but Esau I hated.”]

L: Here ends the reading.

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

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 14th chapter.

C: **Glory to You, O Lord.**

THE GOSPEL - Matthew 14:13-21

When Jesus heard of John the Baptist’s death, he withdrew from there in a boat to a desolate place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. When he went ashore he saw a great crowd, and he had compassion on them and healed their sick. Now when it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, “This is a desolate place, and the day is now over; send the crowds away to go into the villages and buy food for themselves.” But Jesus said, “They need not go away; you give them something to eat.” They said to him, “We have only five loaves here and two fish.” And he said, “Bring them here to me.” Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass, and taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven and said a blessing. Then he broke the loaves and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. And they all ate and were satisfied. And they took up twelve baskets full of the broken pieces left over. And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

Hymn “Take My Life, That I May Be” **LBW PAGE 406**

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

THE SERMON “Breaking Out of the Box” **Pastor Ben Lander**

* **The Nicene Creed** **LBW PAGE 64**

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** **LBW PAGE 68**

* **THE PROPER PREFACE** **LBW PAGE 68**

* **THE SANCTUS** **LBW PAGE 69**

* **THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION (#33)** **LBW PAGE 70**

* **THE LORD'S PRAYER** **LBW PAGE 71**

* **AGNUS DEI** **LBW PAGE 72**

THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE ELEMENTS

* **POST COMMUNION BLESSING** **LBW PAGE 72**

* **POST COMMUNION CANTICLE** “*Thank the Lord...*” **LBW PAGE 72**

* **THE PRAYER** **LBW PAGE 74**

GO IN PEACE AND SERVE THE LORD

* **BENEDICTION**

* **CLOSING HYMN** “Go Now and Pass It On” **SCREEN**

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	Pat Hess
Naomi Wertman	Pastor Carol Butler	
Ziva Moore		
Judy VanBuskirk		

The Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God

& in honor of Christopher’s Birthday!

By: Pastor Janet & John Dougherty

STEWARDSHIP ON JULY 26, 2026	
Attendance	69
Gifts to the Lord	\$2,549.00
Weekly Budget Amount Needed	\$3,511.00
Year to Date Giving	\$108,535.22
Year to Date Needed	\$105,330.00
<i>(Does not include L.C.M.C., Local Benevolence, Outreach, Sponsor, or Capital Categories)</i>	

ACTIVITIES OF ST. ANDREW		
Sunday, August 2	Worship Service	9:15 a.m.
After Service	Adult Sunday School w/ Kathy H.	Upstairs Chapel
Thursday, August 06	Chapel Prayer Group	1:00 p.m.
Sunday, August 09	Worship Service	9:15 a.m.
GREETER	Jerry Watson	
LECTOR	Sheila Morehart	
ACOLYTE	Levi Lander	
VIDEO SOUND	John Dougherty Jerry Watson	
FLOWER DELIVERY	Pastor Janet Dougherty	

The Bulletin is sponsored by Adam Ridgdell

Our Organist/Pianist is Mrs. Joy Barto.



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