



ST. ANDREW EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

~ TO KNOW JESUS CHRIST AND TO MAKE HIM KNOWN ~

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost



August 9, 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 on Aug. 23rd 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.

MONTHLY BIBLE STUDIES - First and Second Saturdays of each month at 8:00 a.m. in the Chapel! The Ladies Bible Study resumes September 5th, and the Men's Bible Study on September 12th. All are welcome!

THANK YOU - A big thank you from the Parish Life Committee to everyone who donated to our school collection. With counting each pen and pencil (as they separate the packs), 21 backpacks and numerous other items, Jerry delivered 550 items to the Son-Light House.

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** "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms" **WHM PAGE 452**

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

*** The Kyrie**

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

*** PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Almighty and merciful God, only by your gift of grace can the faithful offer service that is worthy of you and deserving of praise. Keep us from stumbling as we run to receive your promises; 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 - JOB 38:4-18

“Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth? Tell me, if you have understanding. Who determined its measurements — surely you know! Or who stretched the line upon it? On what were its bases sunk, or who laid its cornerstone, when the morning stars sang together and all the sons of God shouted for joy? Or who shut in the sea with doors when it burst out from the womb, when I made clouds its garment and thick darkness its swaddling band, and prescribed limits for it and set bars and doors, and said, ‘Thus far shall you come, and no farther, and here shall your proud waves be stayed’? Have you commanded the morning since your days began, and caused the dawn to know its place, that it might take hold of the skirts of the earth, and the wicked be shaken out of it? It is changed like clay under the seal, and its features stand out like a garment. From

the wicked their light is withheld, and their uplifted arm is broken. Have you entered into the springs of the sea, or walked in the recesses of the deep? Have the gates of death been revealed to you, or have you seen the gates of deep darkness? Have you comprehended the expanse of the earth? Declare, if you know all this.”

Special Music "Precious Lord, Take My Hand" **Mark Whitmoyer**

THE PSALMODY - PSALM 18: 1-17

L: I love you, O LORD my strength, O LORD my stronghold, my crag, and my haven.

C: My God, my rock in whom I put my trust, my shield, the horn of my salvation, and my refuge: You are worthy of praise.

L: I will call upon the LORD, and so shall I be saved from my enemies.

C: The breakers of death rolled over me, and the torrents of oblivion made me afraid.

L: The cords of hell entangled me, and the snares of death were set for me.

C: I called upon the LORD in my distress and cried out to my God for help.

L: He heard my voice from his heavenly dwelling; my cry of anguish came to his ears.

C: The earth reeled and rocked; the roots of the mountains shook; they reeled because of his anger.

L: Smoke rose from his nostrils and a consuming fire out of his mouth; hot burning coals blazed forth from him.

C: He parted the heavens and came down with a storm cloud under his feet.

L: He mounted on cherubim and flew; he swooped on the wings of the wind.

C: He wrapped darkness about him; he made dark waters and thick clouds his pavilion.

L: From the brightness of his presence, through the clouds, burst hailstones and coals of fire.

C: The LORD thundered out of heaven; the Most High uttered his voice.

L: He loosed his arrows and scattered them; he hurled thunderbolts and routed them.

C: The beds of the seas were uncovered, and the foundations of the world laid bar at your battle cry, O LORD, at the blast of the breath of your nostrils.

L: He reached down from on high and grasped me; he drew me out of great waters.

SECOND LESSON - ROMANS 10:5-17

Moses writes about the righteousness that is based on the law, that the person who does the commandments shall live by them. But the righteousness based on faith says, “Do not say in your heart, ‘Who will ascend into heaven?’” (that is, to bring Christ down) “or ‘Who will descend into the abyss?’” (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). But what does it say? “The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart” (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved. For the Scripture says, “Everyone who believes in him will not be put to shame.” For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; for the same Lord is Lord of all, bestowing his riches on all who call on him. For “everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.” ow then will they call on him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching And how are they to preach unless they are sent? As it is written, “How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news!” They have not all obeyed the gospel. For Isaiah says, “LORD, who has believed what he has heard from us?” So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ.

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 14:22-33

Immediately Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go before him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up on the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, but the boat by this

time was a long way from the land, beaten by the waves, for the wind was against them. And in the fourth watch of the night he came to them, walking on the sea. But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, and said, “It is a ghost!” and they cried out in fear. But immediately Jesus spoke to them, saying, “Take heart; it is I. Do not be afraid.” And Peter answered him, “Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water.” He said, “Come.” So Peter got out of the boat and walked on the water and came to Jesus. But when he saw the wind, he was afraid, and beginning to sink he cried out, “Lord, save me.” Jesus immediately reached out his hand and took hold of him, saying to him, “O you of little faith, why did you doubt?” And when they got into the boat, the wind ceased. And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, “Truly you are the Son of God.”

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ!

Hymn	“Eternal Father, Strong to Save”	LBW PAGE 467
THE CHILDREN’S MESSAGE		Pastor Ben Lander
THE SERMON	“Get Your Feet Wet”	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	“O Master, Let Me Walk with You”	LBW PAGE 492
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 memory of Ed & June Oyster

By: Sherry McBride

STEWARDSHIP ON AUGUST 2, 2026	
Attendance	66
Gifts to the Lord	\$2,979.00
Weekly Budget Amount Needed	\$3,511.00
Year to Date Giving	\$111,514.22
Year to Date Needed	\$108,841.00
<i>(Does not include L.C.M.C., Local Benevolence, Outreach, Sponsor, or Capital Categories)</i>	

<u>ACTIVITIES OF ST. ANDREW</u>		
Sunday, Aug. 09	Worship Service	9:15 a.m.
After Service	Adult Sunday School w/ Kathy H.	Upstairs Chapel
Sunday, Aug. 09	Annual Church Picnic - Kiess Park	3:00 p.m.
Thursday, Aug. 13	Chapel Prayer Group	1:00 p.m.
Sunday, Aug. 16	Worship Service	9:15 a.m.
GREETER	John & Luanne Libbey	
LECTOR	Erik Houser	
ACOLYTE	Teagan Brinser	
VIDEO SOUND	John Dougherty Jerry Watson	
FLOWER DELIVERY	Pastor Janet Dougherty	

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