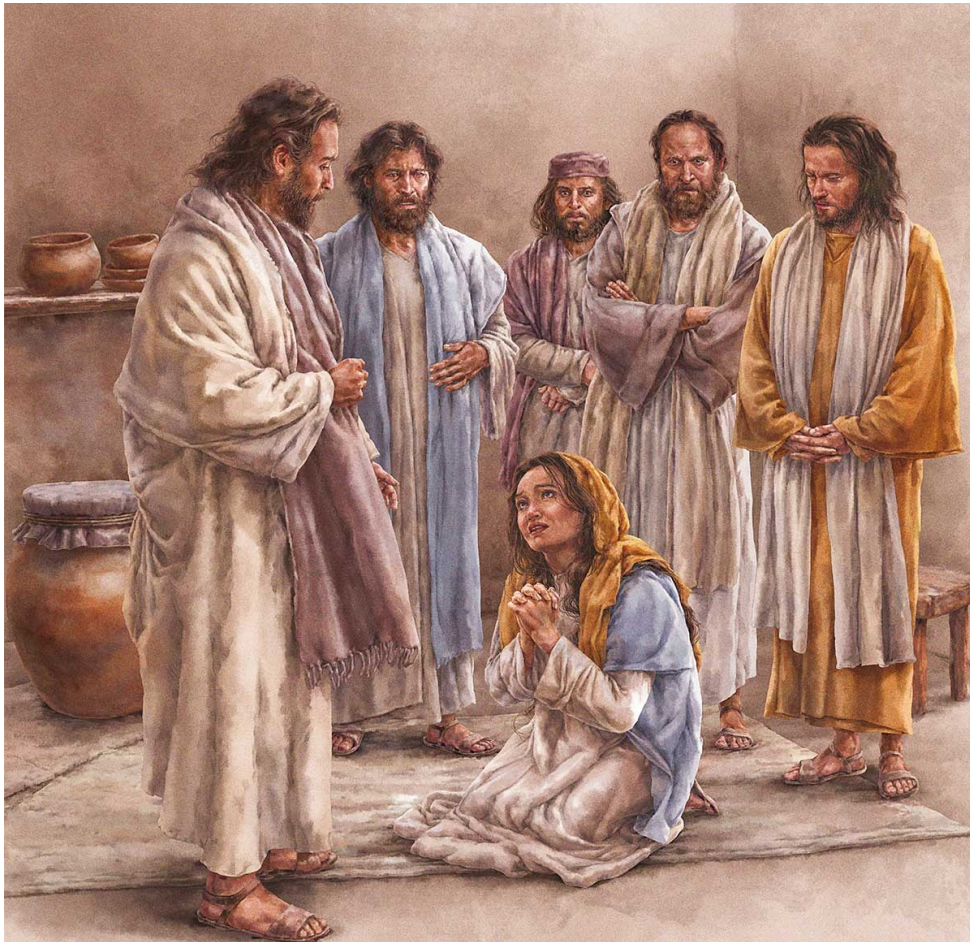




ST. ANDREW EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

~ TO KNOW JESUS CHRIST AND TO MAKE HIM KNOWN ~

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost



August 16, 2026

TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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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!

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.

RONALD McDONALD MEAL - We will be taking a picnic meal to the Ronald McDonald House in Danville on Thursday, August 27th. If you are willing to help or have any questions please see Adam Ridgell or Ginny Gruver. Thank you!

MONTHLY BIBLE STUDIES - First and Second Saturday's 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!

THE PRELUDE

WELCOME - Announcements

** (Indicates The Congregation To Stand)*

*** INVOCATION** **LBW PAGE 56**

*** 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	“Hosanna”	SEE INSERT
	“How Majestic Is Your Name”	

*** PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Almighty, eternal God, increase in us your gifts of faith, hope and love; and in order that love may abide in us, help us to celebrate what your love has done for us. Grant this, 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.

BAPTISM

Jacob Millard Noske

CONGREGATIONAL BAPTISM RESPONSES

THE WORD OF GOD

THE FIRST LESSON - ISAIAH 56:1, 6-8

Thus says the LORD: “Keep justice, and do righteousness, for soon my salvation will come, and my righteousness be revealed.” And the foreigners who join themselves to the LORD, to minister to him, to love the name of the LORD, and to be his servants, everyone who keeps the Sabbath and does not profane it, and holds fast my covenant — these I will bring to my holy mountain, and make them joyful in my house of prayer; their burnt offerings and their sacrifices will be accepted on my altar; for my house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples.” The LORD God, who gathers the outcasts of Israel, declares, “I will gather yet others to him besides those already gathered.”

Special Music	Phil & Lindsey Noske
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THE PSALMODY - PSALM 67

L: May God be merciful to us and bless us, show us the light of his countenance and come to us.

C: Let your ways be known upon earth, your saving health among all nations.

L: Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

C: Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you judge the peoples with equity and guide all the nations upon earth.

L: Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

C: The earth has brought forth her increase; may God, our own God, give us his blessing.

L: May God give us his blessing, and may all the ends of the earth stand in awe of him.

SECOND LESSON - ROMANS 11:1-2A, 13-15, 28-32

I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! For I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew. ... Now I am speaking to you Gentiles. Inasmuch then as I am an apostle to the Gentiles, I magnify my ministry in order somehow to make my fellow Jews jealous, and thus save some of them. For if their rejection means the reconciliation of the world, what will their acceptance mean but life from the dead? As regards the gospel, they are enemies for your sake. But as regards election, they are beloved for the sake of their forefathers. For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. For just as you were at one time disobedient to God but now have received mercy because of their disobedience, so they too have now been disobedient in order that by the mercy shown to you they also may now receive mercy. For God has consigned all to disobedience, that he may have mercy on all.

L: Here ends the reading.

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 15^h chapter.

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

THE GOSPEL - MATTHEW 15:21-28

Jesus went away from Gennesaret and withdrew to the district of Tyre and Sidon. And behold, a Canaanite woman from that region came out and was crying, “Have mercy on me, O Lord, Son of David; my daughter is severely oppressed by a demon.” But he did not answer her a word. And his disciples came and begged him, saying, “Send her away, for she is crying out after us.” He answered, “I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.” But she came and knelt before him, saying, “Lord, help me.” And he answered, “It is not right to take the children’s bread and throw it to the dogs.” She said, “Yes, Lord, yet

even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters’ table.” Then Jesus answered her, “O woman, great is your faith! Be it done for you as you desire.” And her daughter was healed instantly.

P: This is God’s Word.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

Hymn “Blest Be the Tie That Binds” **LBW PAGE 370**

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

THE SERMON “Feasting on Crumbs” **Pastor Ben Lander**

Special Music **Phil & Lindsey Noske & Josie Scott**

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** “Jesus Shall Reign” **LBW PAGE 530**

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 Our St. Andrew Family.*

By: Dean & Joy Barto

STEWARDSHIP ON AUGUST 9, 2026	
Attendance	80
Gifts to the Lord	\$2,921.09
Weekly Budget Amount Needed	\$3,511.00
Year to Date Giving	\$114,435.31
Year to Date Needed	\$112,352.00
<i>(Does not include L.C.M.C., Local Benevolence, Outreach, Sponsor, or Capital Categories)</i>	

ACTIVITIES OF ST. ANDREW		
Sunday, Aug. 16	Worship Service	9:15 a.m.
After Service	Adult Sunday School w/ Kathy H.	Upstairs Chapel
Thursday, Aug. 20	Chapel Prayer Group	1:00 p.m.
Sunday, Aug. 23	Worship Service	9:15 a.m.
GREETER	Rick & Sue Sarginger	
LECTOR	Hiliary Haddon	
ACOLYTE	Gina Styer	
VIDEO SOUND	John Dougherty Jerry Watson	
FLOWER DELIVERY	Pastor Janet Dougherty	

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