



ST. ANDREW EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

~ TO KNOW JESUS CHRIST AND TO MAKE HIM KNOWN ~

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost



August 17, 2025

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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!

BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS - Have your kiddos bring their backpacks to church on August 24th and place them along the altar for a blessing during the service! We are excited to start their school year off with love from the Lord!

BACK TO SCHOOL PRAYER WALK - Join us on August 24th at 3pm, as we take part in the Third Annual Prayer Walk for Muncy Schools. We will walk to Myers Elementary & Muncy Jr./Sr/ High and pray for our students, teachers, administration and staff. Ice cream at Muncy Baptist to follow!

THANK YOU - Parish Life Committee thanks everyone for your food and school supply donations for the Son Light House during July. We delivered 209 items/packs of donated items to the and they were thankful for them!

UPCOMING EVENTS - Keep an eye out for information about the Fall Sunday Kick-Off taking place in September!

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**

“Thy Word”

SEE INSERT

“Make Me A Servant”

*** 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.

THE WORD OF GOD

THE FIRST LESSON - Jeremiah 23:16-29

Thus says the LORD of hosts: “Do not listen to the words of the prophets who prophesy to you, filling you with vain hopes. They speak visions of their own minds, not from the mouth of the LORD.” They say continually to those who despise the word of the LORD, ‘It shall be well with you’; and to everyone who stubbornly follows his own heart, they say, ‘No disaster shall come upon you.’” For who among them has stood in the council of the LORD to see

of the LORD! Wrath has gone forth, a whirling tempest; it will burst upon the head of the wicked. The anger of the LORD will not turn back until he has executed and accomplished the intents of his heart. In the latter days you will understand it clearly. “I did not send the prophets, yet they ran; I did not speak to them, yet they prophesied. But if they had stood in my council, then they would have proclaimed my words to my people, and they would have turned them from their evil way, and from the evil of their deeds. Am I a God at hand, declares the LORD, and not a God far away? Can a man hide himself in secret places so that I cannot see him? declares the LORD. Do I not fill heaven and earth? declares the LORD. I have heard what the prophets have said who prophesy lies in my name, saying, ‘I have dreamed, I have dreamed!’ How long shall there be lies in the heart of the prophets who prophesy lies, and who prophesy the deceit of their own heart, who think to make my people forget my name by their dreams that they tell one another, even as their fathers forgot my name for Baal? Let the prophet who has a dream tell the dream, but let him who has my word speak my word faithfully. What has straw in common with wheat? declares the LORD. Is not my word like fire, declares the LORD, and like a hammer that breaks the rock in pieces?”

Special Music

“Song of Joy”

Bennett McCormick

“Amazing Grace”

THE PSALMODY - 119:81-88

L: My soul has longed for your salvation; I have put my hope in your word.

C: My eyes have failed from watching for your promise, and I say, “When will you comfort me?”

L: I have become like a leather flask in the smoke, but I have not forgotten your statutes.

C: How much longer must I wait? when will you give judgment against those who persecute me?

L: The proud have dug pits for me; they do not keep your law.

C: All your commandments are true; help me, for they persecute me with lies.

L: They had almost made an end of me on earth, but I have not forsaken your commandments.

C: In your lovingkindness, revive me, that I may keep the decrees of your mouth.

SECOND LESSON - HEBREWS 11:17-31; 12:1-3

By faith Abraham, when he was tested, offered up Isaac, and he who had received the promises was in the act of offering up his only son, of whom it was said, “Through Isaac

shall your offspring be named.” He considered that God was able even to raise him from the dead, from which, figuratively speaking, he did receive him back. By faith Isaac invoked future blessings on Jacob and Esau. By faith Jacob, when dying, blessed each of the sons of Joseph, bowing in worship over the head of his staff. By faith Joseph, at the end of his life, made mention of the exodus of the Israelites and gave directions concerning his bones. By faith Moses, when he was born, was hidden for three months by his parents, because they saw that the child was beautiful, and they were not afraid of the king’s edict. By faith Moses, when he was grown up, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh’s daughter, choosing rather to be mistreated with the people of God than to enjoy the fleeting pleasures of sin. He considered the reproach of Christ greater wealth than the treasures of Egypt, for he was looking to the reward. By faith he left Egypt, not being afraid of the anger of the king, for he endured as seeing him who is invisible. By faith he kept the Passover and sprinkled the blood, so that the Destroyer of the firstborn might not touch them. By faith the people crossed the Red Sea as on dry land, but the Egyptians, when they attempted to do the same, were drowned. By faith the walls of Jericho fell down after they had been encircled for seven days. By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had given a friendly welcome to the spies. Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God. Consider him who endured from sinners such hostility against himself, so that you may not grow weary or fainthearted.

L: Here ends the reading.

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 12th chapter.

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

THE GOSPEL - LUKE 12:49-56

Jesus said to his disciples, “I came to cast fire on the earth, and would that it were already kindled! I have a baptism to be baptized with, and how great is my distress until it is accomplished! Do you think that I have come to give peace on earth? No, I tell you, but rather division. For from now on in one house there will be five divided, three against two and two against three. They will be divided, father against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against her daughter-

in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.” He also said to the crowds, “When you see a cloud rising in the west, you say at once, ‘A shower is coming.’ And so it happens. And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, ‘There will be scorching heat,’ and it happens. You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?”

P: This is God’s Word.

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

Hymn “Love Lifted Me” **WHM PAGE 642**

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

CHILDREN ARE DISMISSED FOR SHINE TIME

THE SERMON “Faith through the Fire” **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** “I Surrender All” **WHM PAGE 404**

Postlude

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Ken Snyder
Jim Muffly
Bill Ritter
Pretta Hose
Bruce Miller
Martha Miller
Arlene Kiess
Frances Worthington

Mary Slater	Nathan Witmer
Steve Krum	Keith Styer
Jamie Fox	Judy Yagel
Allen Fanelli	Elizabeth Detweiler
Dave Doran	Josh & Kimberly Piersol
Chris Blass	Piper Frey
Bill Keller	Pam Hill
Sharon Shutt	Jeff Wendorf
Jason Lewis	Mark Miller
Harold Phillips	

Sunday, August 17	Worship Service	9:15 a.m.
After Service	Adult Sunday School w/ Kathy H.	Upstairs Chapel
Thursday, August 21	Chapel Prayer Group	1:00 p.m.
Sunday, August 24	Worship Service	9:15 a.m.
GREETER	Walt & Lou Ann	
LECTOR	Hiliary Haddon	
ACOLYTE	Sam Haddon	
SHINE TEACHERS	Katie Lander & Luanne Libbey	
VIDEO SOUND	John Dougherty Jerry Watson	
FLOWER DELIVERY	Janet Dougherty	

Our Organist/Pianist is Mrs. Joy Barto.

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& in memory of Max Yoder.

STEWARDSHIP ON AUGUST 10, 2025

Attendance	76
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