



ST. ANDREW EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

~ TO KNOW JESUS CHRIST AND TO MAKE HIM KNOWN ~

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

*The isles shall
Wait upon me,
And on mine arm
Shall they trust.*

Isaiah 51:5



August 23, 2026

THIRTEEN SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

AUGUST 23, 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

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!

BACK TO SCHOOL PRAYER WALK - Join us today, 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!

SMALL GROUP BIBLE STUDY - Our Small Group Bible Study returns on September 17th at 2:30pm. We meet the first, third and sometimes fifth Thursday of the month. We resume with lesson 13 on Romans, chapter 9. See the newsletter for more information. Contact Sharon Barnard (sfb5981@gmail.com or 570-435-5408) or the office so we can order a study guide for you!

SUNDAY SCHOOL KICK OFF CELEBRATION - Join us on September 20th in the sanctuary, beginning at 1pm for a special presentation by Steve Gambrill a.k.a The Balloon Man with activities to follow in our parking lot! More information to come!

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** "I Love Your Kingdom, Lord" **LBW PAGE 368**

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

*** The Kyrie**

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

*** PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Care for your Church, O Lord, with perpetual mercy. Since we totter and are sure to fall without your grace, remove what will harm us and arrange what will make us whole. 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 - ISAIAH 51:1-6

“Listen to me, you who pursue righteousness, you who seek the LORD: look to the rock from which you were hewn, and to the quarry from which you were dug. Look to Abraham your father and to Sarah who bore you; for he was but one when I called him, that I might bless him and multiply him. For the LORD comforts Zion; he comforts all her waste places and makes her wilderness like Eden, her desert like the garden of the LORD; joy and

gladness will be found in her, thanksgiving and the voice of song. Give attention to me, my people, and give ear to me, my nation; for a law will go out from me, and I will set my justice for a light to the peoples. My righteousness draws near, my salvation has gone out, and my arms will judge the peoples; the coastlands hope for me, and for my arm they wait. Lift up your eyes to the heavens, and look at the earth beneath; for the heavens vanish like smoke, the earth will wear out like a garment, and they who dwell in it will die in like manner; but my salvation will be forever, and my righteousness will never be dismayed.”

Special Music "Hallelujah" **John Libbey**

THE PSALMODY - PSALM 138

L: I will give thanks to you, O LORD, with my whole heart; before the gods I will sing your praise.

C: I will bow down toward your holy temple and praise your Name, because of your love and faithfulness;

L: For you have glorified your name and your word above all things.

C: When I called, you answered me; you increased my strength within me.

L: All the kings of the earth will praise you, O LORD, when they have heard the words of your mouth.

C: They will sing of the ways of the LORD, that great is the glory of the LORD.

L: Though the LORD be high, he cares for the lowly; he perceives the haughty from afar.

C: Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you keep me safe; you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies; your right hand shall save me.

L: The LORD will make good his purpose for me; O LORD, your love endures forever; do not abandon the works of your hands.

SECOND LESSON - ROMANS 11:33-12:8

Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable his ways! “For who has known the mind of the Lord, or who has been his counselor?” “Or who has given a gift to him that he might be repaid?” For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be glory forever. Amen. I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect. For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. For as in one body we have many members, and the members do not all have the same function, so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another. Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, in proportion to our faith; if service, in our serving; the one who teaches, in his teaching; the one who exhorts, in his exhortation; the one who contributes, in generosity; the one who leads, with zeal; the one who does acts of mercy, with cheerfulness.

L: Here ends the reading.

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

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 16th chapter.

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

THE GOSPEL - MATTHEW 16:13-20

When Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that the Son of Man is?” And they said, “Some say John the Baptist, others say

Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.” He said to them, “But who do you say that I am?” Simon Peter replied, “You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.” And Jesus answered him, “Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father who is in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.” Then he strictly charged the disciples to tell no one that he was the Christ.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

Hymn “Built on a Rock” **LBW PAGE 365**

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

THE SERMON “Fueled by Grace” **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** “My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less” **LBW PAGE 294**

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 !

STEWARDSHIP ON AUGUST 16, 2026	
Attendance	60
Gifts to the Lord	\$2,981.00
Weekly Budget Amount Needed	\$3,511.00
Year to Date Giving	\$117,416.31
Year to Date Needed	\$115,863.00
<i>(Does not include L.C.M.C., Local Benevolence, Outreach, Sponsor, or Capital Categories)</i>	

ACTIVITIES OF ST. ANDREW		
Sunday, August 23	Worship Service	9:15 a.m.
After Service	Adult Sunday School w/ Kathy H.	Upstairs Chapel
Sunday, August 23	Annual Prayer Walk	3:00 p.m.
Thursday, Aug. 27	Chapel Prayer Group	1:00 p.m.
Thursday, Aug. 27	Ronald McDonald Meal Delivery	
Sunday, August 30	Worship Service	9:15 a.m.
GREETER	Larry & Sharon Barnard	
LECTOR	Michele Styer	
ACOLYTE	Lila Styer	
VIDEO SOUND	John Dougherty Jerry Watson	
FLOWER DELIVERY	Pastor Janet Dougherty	

The Bulletin is sponsored by Walt & Lou Ann

Our Organist/Pianist is Mrs. Joy Barto.

ST. ANDREW EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

REVEREND BEN LANDER

201 SOUTH MAIN ST.

MUNCY, PA 17756

PHONE: 570-546-3591

office@standrewlutheranmuncy.org

www.standrewlutheranmuncy.org

Visit us on Facebook | WiFi:SAELC-Main | Password: SAELC5463591


