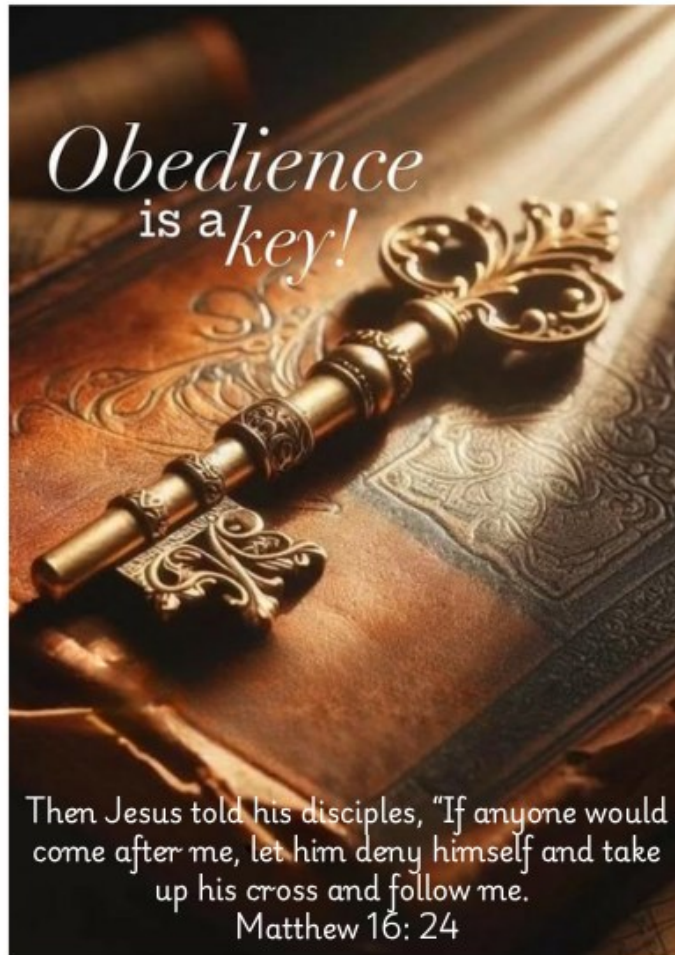




# ST. ANDREW EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

~ TO KNOW JESUS CHRIST AND TO MAKE HIM KNOWN ~

## Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost



August 30, 2026

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

AUGUST 30, 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!

**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!

**CHANCEL CHOIR NEWS** - We are truly blessed at St. Andrew to have a very dedicated choir! However, more singers are always welcome to make a "joyful noise" for Joy! Our first rehearsal will be Wednesday, September 16<sup>th</sup> at 7:00p.m. Please prayerfully consider joining! See Joy for more information!

**SMALL GROUP BIBLE STUDY** - Our Small Group Bible Study returns on September 17<sup>th</sup> 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 20<sup>th</sup> 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!

**THANK YOU** - We would like to thank everyone who donated food, monies, time and delivery of the meals for the Ronald McDonald House in Danville. In the spring we provided a selection of different soups, fruit salad and desserts as a meal and for this month we provided a picnic type meal with a variety of salads, baked beans, desserts and hamburger bar-b-que. Everyone who is staying in the Ronald McDonald House is so appreciative for the meal and we are glad to provide some comfort food to them in their time of need. ~ Parish Life Committee

**FALL BIBLE STUDY** - The Muncy Ministerium will be leading another Fall Bible Study. We will be meeting at Muncy Baptist Church on Wednesdays from October 4<sup>th</sup>– November 11<sup>th</sup>. Refreshments will begin at 6:45p.m. and our study time will begin at 7:00p.m. More information to come!

**SAVE THE DATE - 2026 Life Chain** - Sunday, October 4<sup>th</sup> from 2:30-3:30pm in Williamsport.  
**Fall Hymn Sing** - October 11<sup>th</sup> at 2:30pm, **Fall Rummage Sale** - October 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup>

**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**

“Mighty To Save”

**SEE INSERT**

“At The Cross”

**\* PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**O Lord, mercifully continue to purify and defend your Church. Since she cannot stand firmly without your power, govern her always by your grace; 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 15:15-21**

O LORD, you know; remember me and visit me, and take vengeance for me on my persecutors. In your forbearance take me not away; know that for your sake I bear reproach. Your words were found, and I ate them, and your words became to me a joy and the delight of my heart, for I am called by your name, O LORD, God of hosts. I did not sit in the company of revelers, nor did I rejoice; I sat alone, because your hand was upon me, for you had filled me with indignation. Why is my pain unceasing, my wound incurable, refusing to be healed? Will you be to me like a deceitful brook, like waters that fail? Therefore thus says the LORD: “If you return, I will restore you, and you shall stand before me. If you utter what is precious, and not what is worthless, you shall be as my mouth. They shall turn to you, but you shall not turn to them. And I will make you to this people a fortified wall of bronze; they will fight against you, but they shall not prevail over you, for I am with you to save you and deliver you, declares the LORD. I will deliver you out of the hand of the wicked, and redeem you from the grasp of the ruthless.”

**Special Music**

“Rock of Ages”

**Andrea Welch**

**THE PSALMODY - PSALM 26**

**L:** Give judgment for me, O LORD, for I have lived with integrity; I have trusted in the Lord and have not faltered.

**C: Test me, O LORD, and try me; examine my heart and my mind.**

**L:** For your love is before my eyes; I have walked faithfully with you.

**C: I have not sat with the worthless, nor do I consort with the deceitful.**

**L:** I have hated the company of evildoers; I will not sit down with the wicked.

**C: I will wash my hands in innocence, O LORD, that I may go in procession round your altar,**

**L:** Singing aloud a song of thanksgiving and recounting all your wonderful deeds.

**C: LORD, I love the house in which you dwell and the place where your glory abides.**

L: Do not sweep me away with sinners, nor my life with those who thirst for blood,

**C: Whose hands are full of evil plots, and their right hand full of bribes.**

L: As for me, I will live with integrity; redeem me, O LORD, and have pity on me.

**C: My foot stands on level ground; in the full assembly I will bless the LORD.**

**SECOND LESSON - ROMANS 12:9-21**

Let love be genuine. Abhor what is evil; hold fast to what is good. Love one another with brotherly affection. Outdo one another in showing honor. Do not be slothful in zeal, be fervent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints and seek to show hospitality. Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another. Do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly. Never be wise in your own sight. Repay no one evil for evil, but give thought to do what is honorable in the sight of all. If possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave it to the wrath of God, for it is written, “Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the LORD.” To the contrary, “if your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink; for by so doing you will heap burning coals on his head.” Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

L: Here ends the reading.

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

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 16<sup>th</sup> chapter.

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

**THE GOSPEL - MATTHEW 16: 21-28**

Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things from the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, “Far be it from you, Lord! This shall never happen to you.” But he turned and said to Peter, “Get behind me, Satan! You are a hindrance to me. For you are not setting your mind on the things of God, but on the

himself and take up his cross and follow me. For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world and forfeits his soul? Or what shall a man give in return for his soul? For the Son of Man is going to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay each person according to what he has done. Truly, I say to you, there are some standing here who will not taste death until they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom.”

**Hymn** **“I Surrender All”** **WHM PAGE 404**

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

**THE SERMON** **“The Payoff of Obedience”** **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** **“Lift High the Cross”** **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  
& in honor of our 63<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary!  
By: Rudy & Linda Moyer*

| STEWARDSHIP ON AUGUST 23, 2026                                                                  |                     |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------|
| Attendance                                                                                      | 64                  |
| Gifts to the Lord                                                                               | \$2,346.00          |
| <b>Weekly Budget Amount Needed</b>                                                              | <b>\$3,511.00</b>   |
| Year to Date Giving                                                                             | \$119,762.31        |
| <b>Year to Date Needed</b>                                                                      | <b>\$119,374.00</b> |
| <i>(Does not include L.C.M.C., Local Benevolence, Outreach, Sponsor, or Capital Categories)</i> |                     |

ACTIVITIES OF ST. ANDREW

|                       |                                 |                 |
|-----------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------|
| Sunday, August 30     | Worship Service                 | 9:15 a.m.       |
| After Service         | Adult Sunday School w/ Kathy H. | Upstairs Chapel |
| Thursday, September 3 | Chapel Prayer Group             | 1:00 p.m.       |
| Sunday, September 6   | Worship Service                 | 9:15 a.m.       |
| GREETER               | Rudy & Linda Moyer              |                 |
| LECTOR                | Larry Barnard                   |                 |
| ACOLYTE               | Levi Lander                     |                 |
| VIDEO   SOUND         | John Dougherty   Jerry Watson   |                 |
| FLOWER DELIVERY       | Pastor Janet Dougherty          |                 |

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