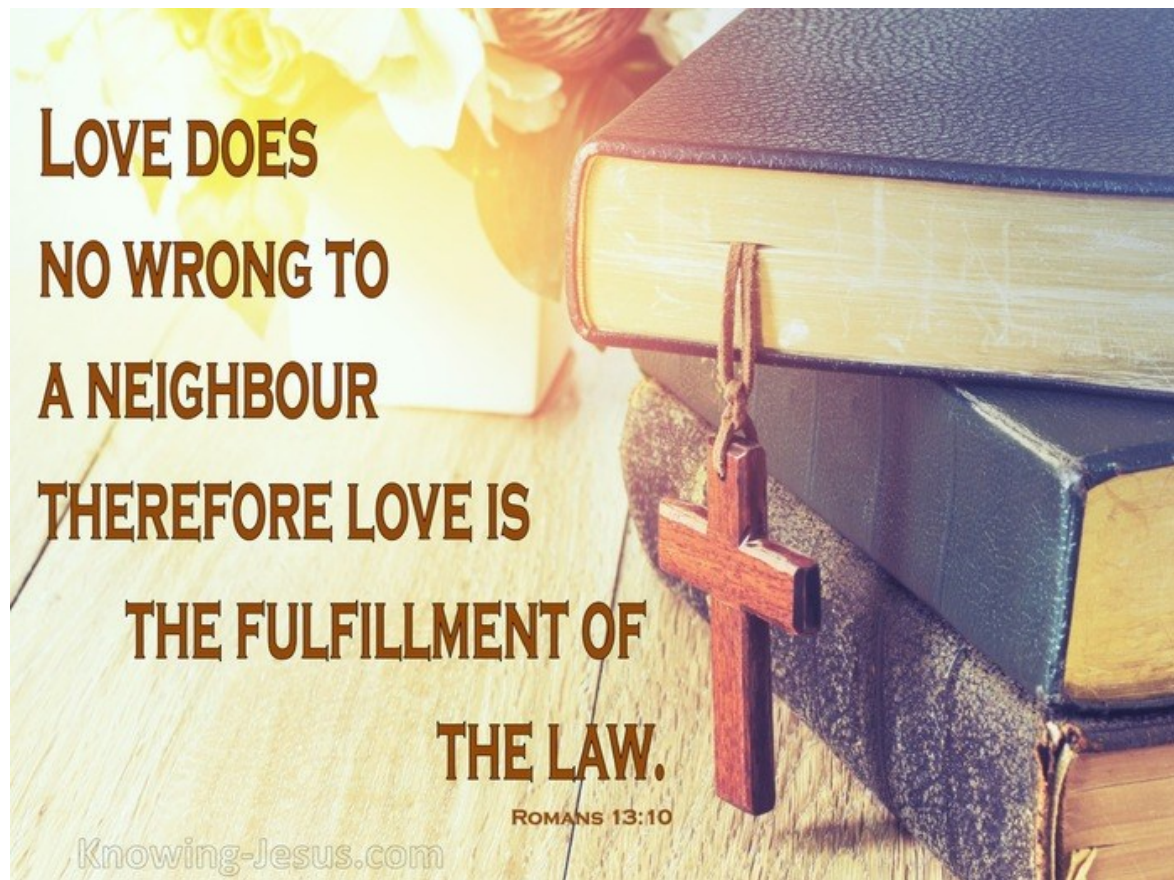




ST. ANDREW EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

~ TO KNOW JESUS CHRIST AND TO MAKE HIM KNOWN ~

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost



September 6, 2026

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SEPTEMBER 6, 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

SEPTEMBER OUTREACH – Renewal Ministries - Renewal Resource Ministries is an evangelical Christ centered ministry focused on helping individuals and congregations to grow in the grace of Jesus Christ our Lord. This is done primarily through emails. To receive these devotional thoughts, articles and booklets, send your requests to office@standrewlutheranmuncy.org

SEPTEMBER CARE CARDS - Our September care cards will be going to Bill Ritter. 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 16th 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 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!

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

CELEBRATION CHOIR - Your kids are invited to join Celebration Choir as we begin to practice lifting a joyful noise to the Lord! Practices begin immediately after service on September 27th and the kids will sing on October 18th in church. We hope to see them there!

LIFE CHAIN - The annual Lycoming County Life Chain will be held on Sunday October 4th from 2:30-3:30pm in Williamsport. See the September Newsletter or Larry & Sharon Barnard for more information.

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 7th– November 11th. Refreshments will begin at 6:45p.m. and our study time will begin at 7:00p.m. More information to come!

SAVE THE DATE - Fall Hymn Sing - October 11th at 2:30pm

Fall Rummage Sale - October 16th & 17th

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** "You Servants of God" **LBW Page 252**

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

*** The Kyrie**

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

*** PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us join together in the Prayer of the Day

O Lord, always lead and follow us with your grace, that we may be still more intent on doing good. 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 - EZEKIEL 33:7-9

"So you, son of man, I have made a watchman for the house of Israel. Whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. If I say to the wicked, O wicked one, you shall surely die, and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from his way, that wicked person shall die in his iniquity, but his blood I will require at your hand. But if you warn the wicked to turn from his way, and he does not turn from his way, that person shall die in his iniquity, but you will have delivered your soul."

THE PSALMODY - PSALM 32:1-8

L: Happy are they whose transgressions are forgiven, and whose sin is put away!

C: Happy are they to whom the LORD imputes no guilt, and in whose spirit there is no guile!

L: While I held my tongue, my bones withered away, because of my groaning all day long.

C: For your hand was heavy upon me day and night; my moisture was dried up as in the heat of summer.

L: Then I acknowledged my sin to you, and did not conceal my guilt.

C: I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD." Then you forgave me the guilt of my sin.

L: Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to you in time of trouble; when the great waters overflow, they shall not reach them.

C: You are my hiding place; you preserve me from trouble; you surround me with shouts of deliverance.

THE SECOND LESSON - ROMANS 13:1-10

Let every person be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and those that exist have been instituted by God. Therefore whoever resists the authorities resists what God has appointed, and those who resist will incur judgment. For rulers are not a terror to good conduct, but to bad. Would you have no fear of the one who is in authority? Then do what is good, and you will receive his approval, for he is God's servant for your good. But if you do wrong, be afraid, for he does not bear the sword in vain. For he is the servant of God, an avenger who carries out God's wrath on the wrongdoer. Therefore one must be in subjection, not only to avoid God's wrath but also for the sake of conscience. For because of this you also pay taxes, for the authorities are ministers of God, attending to this very thing. Pay to all what is owed to them: taxes to whom taxes are owed, revenue to whom revenue is owed, respect to whom respect is owed, honor to whom honor is owed. Owe no one anything, except to love each other, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. For the commandments, "You shall not commit adultery, You shall not murder, You shall not steal, You shall not covet," and any other commandment, are summed up in this word: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfilling of the law.

L: Here ends the reading.

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

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 18th chapter.

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

At that time the disciples came to Jesus, saying, "Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?" And calling to him a child, he put him in the midst of them and said, "Truly, I say to you, unless you turn and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. Whoever humbles himself like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven. Whoever receives one such child in my name receives me, but whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, it would be better for him to have a great millstone fastened around his neck and to be drowned in the depth of the sea. Woe to the world for temptations to sin! For it is necessary that temptations come, but woe to the one by whom the temptation comes! And if your hand or your foot causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away. It is better for you to enter life crippled or lame than with two hands or two feet to be thrown into the eternal fire. And if your eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away. It is better for you to enter life with one eye than with two eyes to be thrown into the hell of fire. See that you do not despise one of these little ones. For I tell you that in heaven their angels always see the face of my Father who is in heaven. What do you think? If a man has a hundred sheep, and one of them has gone astray, does he not leave the ninety-nine on the mountains and go in search of the one that went astray? And if he finds it, truly, I say to you, he rejoices over it more than over the ninety-nine that never went astray. So it is not the will of my Father who is in heaven that one of these little ones should perish. If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault, between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have gained your brother. But if he does not listen, take one or two others along with you, that every charge may be established by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If he refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church. And if he refuses to listen even to the church, let him be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. Truly, I say to you, whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven. Again I say to you, if two of you agree on earth about anything they ask, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them."

C: Praise to You, O Christ!

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	
Naomi Wertman	Pastor Carol Butler	
Ziva Moore		
Judy VanBuskirk		

*The Altar Flowers are
given to the
Glory of God !*

STEWARDSHIP ON AUGUST 30, 2026	
Attendance	71
Gifts to the Lord	\$2,553.00
Weekly Budget Amount Needed	\$3,511.00
Year to Date Giving	\$122,315.31
Year to Date Needed	\$122,885.00
<i>(Does not include L.C.M.C., Local Benevolence, Outreach, Sponsor, or Capital Categories)</i>	

ACTIVITIES OF ST. ANDREW		
Sunday, September 6	Worship Service	9:15 a.m.
After Service	Adult Sunday School w/ Kathy H.	Upstairs Chapel
Thursday, September 10	Chapel Prayer Group	1:00 p.m.
Saturday, September 12	Men's Monthly Bible Study	8:00 a.m.
Sunday, September 13	Worship Service	9:15 a.m.
GREETER	Walt & Lou Ann	
LECTOR	Sheila Morehart	
ACOLYTE	Lila Styer	
COMMUNION ASSISTANT	Dick Gruver	
SHINE TEACHERS	Amy Brinser & Katie Lander	
VIDEO SOUND	John Dougherty Jerry Watson	
FLOWER DELIVERY	Ginny Gruver	
The Bulletin is sponsored by Tracy Drebelbis		
Our Organist/Pianist is Mrs. Joy Barto.		



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