



ST. ANDREW EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

~ TO KNOW JESUS CHRIST AND TO MAKE HIM KNOWN ~

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost



September 13, 2026

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SEPTEMBER 13, 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!

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** "Lord of All Hopefulness" **LBW PAGE 469**

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

*** The Kyrie**

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

*** PRAYER OF THE DAY**

O Lord, help your people to avoid the infection of the evil one, and with pure hearts to follow you, our only Lord. 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 - GENESIS 50:15-21

When Joseph’s brothers saw that their father was dead, they said, “It may be that Joseph will hate us and pay us back for all the evil that we did to him.” So they sent a message to Joseph, saying, “Your father gave this command before he died: ‘Say to Joseph, “Please forgive the transgression of your brothers and their sin, because they did evil to you.”’ And now, please forgive the transgression of the servants of the God of your father.” Joseph wept when they spoke to him. His brothers also came and fell down before him and said, “Behold, we are your servants.” But Joseph said to them, “Do not fear, for am I in the place of God? As for you, you meant evil against me, but God meant it for good, to bring it about

that many people should be kept alive, as they are today. So do not fear; I will provide for you and your little ones.” Thus he comforted them and spoke kindly to them.

Anthem "We Will Glorify" **Chancel Choir Ladies**

THE PSALMODY - PSALM 103:1-12

L: Bless the LORD, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name.

C: Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits.

L: He forgives all your sins and heals all your infirmities;

C: He redeems your life from the grave and crowns you with mercy and lovingkindness;

L: He satisfies you with good things, and your youth is renewed like an eagle’s.

C: The LORD executes righteousness and judgment for all who are oppressed.

L: He made his ways known to Moses and his works to the children of Israel.

C: The LORD is full of compassion and mercy, slow to anger and of great kindness.

L: He will not always accuse us, nor will he keep his anger forever.

C: He has not dealt with us according to our sins, nor rewarded us according to our wickedness.

L: For as the heavens are high above the earth, so is his mercy great upon those who fear him.

C: As far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our sins from us.

SECOND LESSON - ROMANS 14:1-12

As for the one who is weak in faith, welcome him, but not to quarrel over opinions. One person believes he may eat anything, while the weak person eats only vegetables. Let not the one who eats despise the one who abstains, and let not the one who abstains pass judgment on the one who eats, for God has welcomed him. Who are you to pass judgment on the servant of another? It is before his own master that he stands or falls. And he will

upheld, for the Lord is able to make him stand. One person esteems one day as better than another, while another esteems all days alike. Each one should be fully convinced in his own mind. The one who observes the day, observes it in honor of the Lord. The one who eats, eats in honor of the Lord, since he gives thanks to God, while the one who abstains, abstains in honor of the Lord and gives thanks to God. For none of us lives to himself, and none of us dies to himself. For if we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord. So then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord’s. For to this end Christ died and lived again, that he might be Lord both of the dead and of the living. Why do you pass judgment on your brother? Or you, why do you despise your brother? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God; for it is written, “As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall confess to God.” So then each of us will give an account of himself to God.

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.

THE GOSPEL - MATTHEW 18:21-35

Peter came up and said to Jesus, “Lord, how often will my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? As many as seven times?” Jesus said to him, “I do not say to you seven times, but seventy-seven times. Therefore the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his servants. When he began to settle, one was brought to him who owed him ten thousand talents. And since he could not pay, his master ordered him to be sold, with his wife and children and all that he had, and payment to be made. So the servant fell on his knees, imploring him, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.’ And out of pity for him, the master of that servant released him and forgave him the debt. But when that same servant went out, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred denarii, and seizing him, he began to choke him, saying, ‘Pay what you owe.’ So his fellow servant fell down and pleaded with him, ‘Have patience with me,

and I will pay you.’ He refused and went and put him in prison until he should pay the debt. When his fellow servants saw what had taken place, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their master all that had taken place. Then his master summoned him and said to him, ‘You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. And should not you have had mercy on your fellow servant, as I had mercy on you?’ And in anger his master delivered him to the jailers, until he should pay all his debt. So also my heavenly Father will do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother from your heart.”

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ!

Hymn	“His Eye Is on the Sparrow”	WHM PAGE 354
THE CHILDREN’S MESSAGE		Pastor Ben Lander

CHILDREN ARE DISMISSED FOR SHINE TIME

THE SERMON	“Measuring Mercy”	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	“Jesus, Still Lead On”
Postlude	LBW PAGE 341

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
Brian & Amy Brinser's 20th Wedding Anniversary
By: Julie Souter

STEWARDSHIP ON SEPTEMBER 6, 2026	
Attendance	75
Gifts to the Lord	\$3,235.06
Weekly Budget Amount Needed	\$3,511.00
Year to Date Giving	\$125,550.37
Year to Date Needed	\$126,396.00
<i>(Does not include L.C.M.C., Local Benevolence, Outreach, Sponsor, or Capital Categories)</i>	

ACTIVITIES OF ST. ANDREW		
Sunday, September 13	Worship Service	9:15 a.m.
After Service	Adult Sunday School w/ Kathy H.	Upstairs Chapel
Wednesday, September 16	Chancel Choir	7:00 p.m.
Thursday, September 17	Chapel Prayer Group	1:00 p.m.
Thursday, September 17	Small Group Bible Study	2:30 p.m.
Sunday, September 20	Worship Service	9:15 a.m.
Sunday, September 20	Fall Ministry Kick-Off	1:00p.m.-3:00p.m.
GREETER	Larry & Sharon Barnard	
LECTOR	Amy Brinser	
ACOLYTE	Teagan Brinser	
SHINE TEACHERS	Ellen Detweiler & Tracy Drebelbis	
VIDEO SOUND	John Dougherty Jerry Watson	
FLOWER DELIVERY	Ginny Gruver	
The Bulletin is sponsored by Becky Fought		
Our Organist/Pianist is Mrs. Joy Barto.		



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