



ST. ANDREW EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

~ TO KNOW JESUS CHRIST AND TO MAKE HIM KNOWN ~

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost



September 20, 2026

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SEPTEMBER 20, 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 – Montgomery Elementary Backpack Program - This organization packs plastic grocery bags with kid friendly, nutritious, non-perishable food to be distributed anonymously to students, for the weekend, prior to dismissal on Friday afternoons. Your gift can help us feed a hungry child on the weekends during the school year.

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!

WARM CLOTHING COLLECTION - The Parish Life Committee will be collecting warm clothing during the month of October to be donated to the Son Light House. Please consider donating gently used items! 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!

FALL MINISTRY KICK OFF CELEBRATION - Join us this afternoon 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!

Fall Hymn Sing - Join us at Old Immanuel Lutheran Church October 11th at 2:30pm with Mr. Stuart Hague; Certified Lay Pastor in the Presbyterian Church. The theme of this years service will be "God's Grace". Light refreshments to follow on the lawn.

Fall Rummage Sale - Our bi-annual Rummage Sale will take place October 16th from 8am-3pm & 17th from 8am-11am. All donations are welcome. Please try to place items on appropriate tables.

Rise & Dine Breakfast - 8:00am - Please consider joining us for this time of food and fellowship before our Sunday service. If interested in attending, please sign-up in the narthex or contact the church office. We hope to see you there.

Trunk or Treat - Join us on October 31st from 6-8pm (set up at 5:30pm) in costume or not for our annual Trunk or Treat! If interested in decorating a trunk, please sign-up in the Narthex or contact the office. All donations of individually wrapped candy or snacks will be appreciated. Donations may be placed in the library no later than October 27th. (nothing outdated please)

Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes - Shoeboxes and information will be available beginning October 11th. Collection date is November 15th. Information will be provided for gift ideas and guidelines. Do not include soap! You may make a donation to cover shipping costs and can do so either online or by mailing a check using a pre-addressed envelope (see office for envelope). Do not put the \$10 in the shoebox

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**

“What A Mighty God We Serve”
“This Is the Day”

SEE INSERT

*** PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Direct our hearts, O Lord, by your merciful reign, because without your help it is impossible to please you. 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 55:6-9

“Seek the LORD while he may be found; call upon him while he is near; let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; let him return to the LORD, that he may have compassion on him, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, declares the LORD. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.”

Anthem

“Change My Heart, O God”

Chancel Choir

THE PSALMODY - PSALM 27:1-13

L: The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom then shall I fear? the LORD is the strength of my life; of whom then shall I be afraid?

C: When evildoers came upon me to eat up my flesh, it was they, my foes and my adversaries, who stumbled and fell.

L: Though an army should encamp against me, yet my heart shall not be afraid;

C: And though war should rise up against me, yet will I put my trust in him.

L: One thing have I asked of the LORD; one thing I seek; that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life;

C: To behold the fair beauty of the LORD and to seek him in his temple.

L: For in the day of trouble he shall keep me safe in his shelter; he shall hide me in the secrecy of his dwelling and set me high upon a rock.

C: Even now he lifts up my head above my enemies round about me.

L: Therefore I will offer in his dwelling an oblation with sounds of great gladness; I will sing and make music to the LORD.

C: Hearken to my voice, O LORD, when I call; have mercy on me and answer me.

L: You speak in my heart and say, “Seek my face.” Your face, LORD, will I seek.

C: Hide not your face from me, nor turn away your servant in displeasure.

L: You have been my helper; cast me not away; do not forsake me, O God of my salvation.

‘Because no one has hired us.’ He said to them, ‘You go into the vineyard too.’ And when evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his foreman, ‘Call the laborers and pay them their wages, beginning with the last, up to the first.’ And when those hired about the eleventh hour came, each of them received a denarius. Now when those hired first came, they thought they would receive more, but each of them also received a denarius. And on receiving it they grumbled at the master of the house, saying, ‘These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.’ But he replied to one of them, ‘Friend, I am doing you no wrong. Did you not agree with me for a denarius? Take what belongs to you and go. I choose to give to this last worker as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or do you begrudge my generosity?’ So the last will be first, and the first last.”

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C: Praise to You, O Christ.

Hymn “O Jesus, I Have Promised” **LBW PAGE 503**

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

CHILDREN ARE DISMISSED FOR SHINE TIME

THE SERMON “Outrageous Grace” **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** “How Great Thou Art”

*** CLOSING HYMN** **LBW PAGE 532**

Postlude

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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	Bruce & Nella Storm
Ziva Moore		
Judy VanBuskirk		

The Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God

& in honor of Our Chancel Choir!

By: Dean & Joy Barto

STEWARDSHIP ON SEPTEMBER 13, 2026	
Attendance	66
Gifts to the Lord	\$2,741.00
Weekly Budget Amount Needed	\$3,511.00
Year to Date Giving	\$128,291.37
Year to Date Needed	\$129,907.00
<i>(Does not include L.C.M.C., Local Benevolence, Outreach, Sponsor, or Capital Categories)</i>	

ACTIVITIES OF ST. ANDREW		
Sunday, September 20	Worship Service	9:15 a.m.
After Service	Adult Sunday School w/ Kathy H.	Upstairs Chapel
Sunday, September 20	Fall Ministry Kick-off Event	Sanctuary & Parking Lot
Wednesday, September 23	Chancel Choir	7:00 p.m.
Thursday, September 24	Chapel Prayer Group	1:00 p.m.
Sunday, September 27	Worship Service	9:15 a.m.
GREETER	Linda Moyer	
LECTOR	Steve Haddon	
ACOLYTE	Gina Styer	
SHINE TEACHERS	Rachel Kilgore & Levi Lander	
VIDEO SOUND	John Dougherty Jerry Watson	
FLOWER DELIVERY	Ginny Gruver	

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Our Organist/Pianist is Mrs. Joy Barto.

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