



# ST. ANDREW EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

~ TO KNOW JESUS CHRIST AND TO MAKE HIM KNOWN ~

## Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost



September 25, 2022

**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. An unstaffed 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 Resource Ministry 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 request to : [Office@standrewlutheranmuncy.org](mailto:Office@standrewlutheranmuncy.org)

**SUNDAY SCHOOL** meets for all ages after the service. Children meet downstairs and our adult Sunday School meets in the Chapel. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to stick around for a time of coffee fellowship and Bible Study.

**FALL BIBLE STUDY** - Join us for our new Fall Bible Study entitled *“Living in Truth: Confident Conversations in a Conflicted Culture”*, led by Pastor Ben on **Wednesdays at 10:00<sub>am</sub> and 6:00<sub>pm</sub> in the Chapel until October 19<sup>th</sup>.**

**WARM CLOTHING DRIVE:** Parish Life Committee will be holding their annual collection for all ages. All donations of new or gently used clothing will be appreciated. The clothing will be given to the Son Light House for distribution.

**LIFE CHAIN - October 2, 2022 @ 2:30pm.** Life Chain is a demonstration of pro-life advocacy, a call to the Church to stand before God on behalf of the children affected by legalized abortion. Please see Larry Barnard for details.

**CANTATA TIME:** The Chancel Choir will be raising their voices in singing Joy Has Dawned by Lloyd Larson on Sunday, December 18th. We would love to have additional voices join us! Rehearsals begin on Dec. 5 @ 7:30pm. It's a wonderful time of fellowship and to spread the message of Christmas joy to our newborn King!

**RUMMAGE SALE:** The Women of St. Andrew's will be hosting the sale Oct. 21 (8am-3pm) and Oct. 22 (8am-11pm). Donations will be received starting Oct. 17, 2022. Please place donations on appropriate tables. Thank you!

**SAVE THE DATES:** Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes - Collection Date: Nov. 13: Trunk or Treat - Monday, October 31, 2022. **More information coming soon!**

## **THE PRELUDE**

**WELCOME** - Announcements

\* *(Indicates The Congregation To Stand)*

\* **INVOCATION**

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\* **THE CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS OF SINS** (YOU ARE WELCOME TO KNEEL IF ABLE)

**PRAISE AND PRAYER**

\* **OPENING HYMN** "God of Grace and God of Glory"

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\* **The Apostolic Greeting and Response**

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\* **The Kyrie**

\* **The Hymn of Praise**

**Screen**

\* **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

O Almighty and most Merciful God, through your bountiful goodness, keep us from all things that may hurt us, that we, being ready both in body and soul, may cheerfully accomplish those things that you would have us do. Grant this, we pray, through your Son, Jesus Christ, 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 - AMOS 6:1-7**

"Woe to those who are at ease in Zion, and to those who feel secure on the mountain of Samaria, the notable men of the first of the nations, to whom the house of Israel comes! Pass over to Calneh, and see, and from there go to Hamath the great; then go down to Gath of the Philistines. Are you better than these kingdoms? Or is their territory greater than your territory, O you who put far away the day of disaster and bring near the seat of violence? Woe to those who lie on beds of ivory and stretch themselves out on their couches, and eat lambs from the flock and calves from the midst of the stall, who sing idle songs to the sound of the harp and like David invent for themselves instruments of music, who drink wine in bowls and anoint themselves with the finest oils, but are not grieved over the ruin of Joseph! Therefore they shall now be the first of those who go into exile, and the revelry of those who stretch themselves out shall pass away."

**Special Music**

**Robin & Todd Steward, Andrea Welch**

## **THE PSALMODY - PSALM 146**

L: Hallelujah! Praise the LORD, O my soul! I will praise the LORD as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.

**C: Put not your trust in rulers, nor in any child of earth, for there is no help in them.**

L: When they breathe their last, they return to earth, and in that day their thoughts perish.

**C: Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help! whose hope is in the LORD their God;**

L: Who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in them; who keeps his promise forever;

**C: Who gives justice to those who are oppressed, and food to those who hunger.**

L: The LORD sets the prisoners free; the LORD opens the eyes of the blind; the LORD lifts up those who are bowed down;

**C: The LORD loves the righteous; the LORD cares for the stranger; he sustains the orphan and widow, but frustrates the way of the wicked.**

L: The LORD shall reign forever, your God, O Zion, throughout all generations. Hallelujah!

### **Reception of New Members**

**WELCOME:**

**Larry & Sharon Barnard**

**Ruth Lundy**

**Joan Staccone**

**Responses to the Pastor**

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**\* Apostles Creed**

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**Responses to the Pastor**

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### **SECOND LESSON - 1 TIMOTHY 3:1-13**

The saying is trustworthy: If anyone aspires to the office of overseer, he desires a noble task. Therefore an overseer must be above reproach, the husband of one wife, sober-minded, self-controlled, respectable, hospitable, able to teach, not a drunkard, not

violent but gentle, not quarrelsome, not a lover of money. He must manage his own household well, with all dignity keeping his children submissive, for if someone does not know how to manage his own household, how will he care for God's church? He must not be a recent convert, or he may become puffed up with conceit and fall into the condemnation of the devil. Moreover, he must be well thought of by outsiders, so that he may not fall into disgrace, into a snare of the devil. Deacons likewise must be dignified, not double-tongued, not addicted to much wine, not greedy for dishonest gain. They must hold the mystery of the faith with a clear conscience. And let them also be tested first; then let them serve as deacons if they prove themselves blameless. Their wives likewise must be dignified, not slanderers, but sober-minded, faithful in all things. Let deacons each be the husband of one wife, managing their children and their own households well. For those who serve well as deacons gain a good standing for themselves and also great confidence in the faith that is in Christ Jesus.

**L:** Here ends the reading.

**\* THE RESPONSE (Alleluia)**

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**P:** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke the 16th chapter.

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

### **THE GOSPEL - LUKE 16:19-31**

Jesus said to the Pharisees, "There was a rich man who was clothed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. And at his gate was laid a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, who desired to be fed with what fell from the rich man's table. Moreover, even the dogs came and licked his sores. The poor man died and was carried by the angels to Abraham's side. The rich man also died and was buried, and in Hades, being in torment, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham far off and Lazarus at his side. And he called out, 'Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the end of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am in anguish in this flame.' But Abraham said, 'Child, remember that you in your lifetime received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner bad things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in anguish. And besides all this, between us and you a great chasm has been fixed, in order that those who would pass from here to you may not be able, and none may cross from there to us.' And he said, 'Then I beg you, father, to send him to my father's house — for I have five brothers — so that he may warn them, lest they also come into this place of torment.' But Abraham said, 'They have Moses and the Prophets; let them hear them.' And he said, 'No, father Abraham, but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.' He said to him, 'If they do not hear Moses and the Prophets, neither will they be convinced if someone should rise from the dead.'"

**P:** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

**Hymn** "Just as I Am, without One Plea" **LBW Page 296**

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

**THE SERMON** "How To Lead Well" **Pastor Ben Lander**

### **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** "Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus" **LBW Page 389**

### **Postlude**

## ST. ANDREW PRAYER LIST

NAMES WILL BE KEPT ON PRAYER LIST FOR FOUR WEEKS UNLESS OFFICE IS OTHERWISE NOTIFIED.

### MEMBERS

Clyde Kepner  
Carol & Harley Pittenger  
Ken Snyder  
Will Wertman  
Alma Reitz  
Mary Lou Houseknecht  
Sally Bruch  
Jim Muffly  
Jayci Welch  
William Ritter  
Betsey Richner  
Pretta Hose  
Karen Myers  
Becky Hibschan  
Kitty Poust  
Neil Bogart  
Bruce Miller  
Stan Lecatsas  
Tange Berger  
Ryan Moore  
Courtney Johnson  
Audrey Wertman  
Jim & Jonnie Stahl

### FRIENDS OF ST. ANDREW

Alyssa Meisel  
Tru Kiessling  
Mary Doyle  
Sonya Johnson  
Brian Warner  
Ed Henninger  
Sharon Sledge  
Michelle Hoffman

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

*By*

*Joe & Sharon Cardinale*

### STEWARDSHIP ON SEPTEMBER 18, 2022

Gifts to the Lord	\$3084.00
Attendance	80
<b>Weekly Budget Amount Needed</b>	<b>\$3200.00</b>

*Does not include L.C.M.C., Local Benevolence, Outreach, Sponsor, or Capital Categories)*

## ACTIVITIES OF ST. ANDREW

<b>Sunday, Sept. 25</b>	Worship Service	9:15 a.m.
<b>After Service</b>	Children's Sunday School	Downstairs Room
<b>After Service</b>	Youth Sunday School	Youth Room
<b>After Service</b>	Adult Sunday School w/Kathy H.	Upstairs Chapel
<b>Wednesday, Sept. 21</b>	Bible Study	10:00am & 6:00pm
<b>Wednesday, Sept. 21</b>	Choir Rehearsal	7:00pm
<b>Thursday, Sept. 29</b>	Chapel Prayer Group	1:00 p.m.
<b>Sunday, Oct. 2</b>	Worship Service	9:15 a.m.
<b>Greeter</b>	Luanne Libbey	
<b>Lector</b>	Michele Styer	
<b>Acolyte</b>	Levi Lander	
<b>Video   Sound</b>	John Dougherty   Jerry Watson	
<b>Flower Delivery</b>	Ginny Gruver	

**The Bulletin is sponsored by Shirley Watson**

***Our Organist/Pianist is Mrs. Joy Barto.***

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