



ST. ANDREW EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

~ TO KNOW JESUS CHRIST AND TO MAKE HIM KNOWN ~

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost



October 04, 2026

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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

OCTOBER OUTREACH – WGRC Radio - A non-profit ministry which began broadcasting in 1988. Now operating on 8 frequencies in Central & Eastern Pennsylvania (known as Pennsylvania's "Heartland"). Our mission is to engage in daily worship of Jesus Christ, fostering growth in God's grace for those reached with radio programming that connects with the family and community. We invite you to tune in and enjoy!

OCTOBER CARE CARDS - Our October care cards will be going to Judy Van Buskirk. 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!

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 year's 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 - Oct. 25th @ 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** **LBW PAGE 56**

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

PRAISE AND PRAYER

*** Opening Hymn** "Be Thou My Vision" **WHM PAGE 395**

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

*** The Kyrie**

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

*** PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Generously pardon and give peace to your faithful people, O Lord, that being cleansed from every sin, we may be free and glad to serve; 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 5:1-7

Let me sing for my beloved my love song concerning his vineyard: My beloved had a vineyard on a very fertile hill. He dug it and cleared it of stones, and planted it with choice vines; he built a watchtower in the midst of it, and hewed out a wine vat in it; and he looked for it to yield grapes, but it yielded wild grapes. And now, O inhabitants of Jerusalem and men of Judah, judge between me and my vineyard. What more was there to do for my vineyard, that I have not done in it? When I looked for it to yield grapes, why did it yield wild grapes? And now I will tell you what I will do to my vineyard. I will remove its hedge, and it shall be devoured; I will break down its wall, and it shall be trampled down. I will make it a waste; it shall not be pruned or hoed, and briers and thorns shall grow up; I will also command the clouds that they rain no rain upon it. For the vineyard of the LORD of hosts is the house of Israel, and the men of Judah are his pleasant planting; and he looked for justice, but behold, bloodshed; for righteousness, but behold, an outcry!

Anthem "Way Maker" **Chancel Choir**

THE PSALMODY - PSALM 80:7-18

L: Restore us, O God of hosts; show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

C: You have brought a vine out of Egypt; you cast out the nations and planted it.

L: You prepared the ground for it; it took root and filled the land.

C: The mountains were covered by its shadow and the towering cedar trees by its boughs.

L: You stretched out its tendrils to the sea and its branches to the river.

C: Why have you broken down its wall, so that all who pass by pluck off its grapes?

L: The wild boar of the forest has ravaged it, and the beasts of the field have grazed upon it.

C: Turn now, O God of hosts, look down from heaven; behold and tend this vine; preserve what your right hand has planted.

L: They burn it with fire like rubbish; at the rebuke of your countenance let them perish.

C: Let your hand be upon the man of your right hand, the son of man you have made so strong for yourself.

L: And so will we never turn away from you; give us life, that we may call upon your Name.

C: Restore us, O LORD God of hosts; show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

SECOND LESSON - PHILIPPIANS 3:4B-14

If anyone else thinks he has reason for confidence in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless. But whatever gain I had, I counted as loss for the sake of Christ. Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus

my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God that depends on faith — that I may know him and the power of his resurrection, and may share his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, that by any means possible I may attain the resurrection from the dead. Not that I have already obtained this or am already perfect, but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Brothers, I do not consider that I have made it my own. But one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

L: Here ends the reading.

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

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 21st chapter.

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

THE GOSPEL - MATTHEW 21:33-46

Jesus said to the chief priests and elders of the people, “Hear another parable. There was a master of a house who planted a vineyard and put a fence around it and dug a winepress in it and built a tower and leased it to tenants, and went into another country. When the season for fruit drew near, he sent his servants to the tenants to get his fruit. And the tenants took his servants and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. Again he sent other servants, more than the first. And they did the same to them. Finally he sent his son to them, saying, ‘They will respect my son.’ But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, ‘This is the heir. Come, let us kill him and have his inheritance.’ And they took him and threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. When therefore the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?” They said to him, “He will put those wretches to a miserable death and let out the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the fruits in their seasons.” Jesus said to them, “Have you never read in the Scriptures: ‘The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord’s doing

and it is marvelous in our eyes’? Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people producing its fruits. And the one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and when it falls on anyone, it will crush him.” When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they perceived that he was speaking about them. And although they were seeking to arrest him, they feared the crowds, because they held him to be a prophet.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ!

Hymn “Precious Lord, Take My Hand” **WHM PAGE 425**

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

CHILDREN ARE DISMISSED FOR SHINE TIME

THE SERMON “Rejoice in the Lord” **Rev. Don Edwards**

*** 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** “O Master, Let Me Walk with You” **LBW PAGE 492**

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	Bruce & Nella Storm
Ziva Moore		
Judy VanBuskirk		

The Altar Flowers are given

to the

Glory of God !

STEWARDSHIP ON SEPTEMBER 27, 2026	
Attendance	71
Gifts to the Lord	\$2,918.00
Weekly Budget Amount Needed	\$3,511.00
Year to Date Giving	\$134,217.37
Year to Date Needed	\$136,929.00
<i>(Does not include L.C.M.C., Local Benevolence, Outreach, Sponsor, or Capital Categories)</i>	

ACTIVITIES OF ST. ANDREW		
Sunday, October 4	Worship Service	9:15 a.m.
After Service	Adult Sunday School w/ Kathy H.	Chapel
Sunday, October 4	Life Chain	2:30 p.m. Williamsport
Wednesday, October 7	Chancel Choir	6:00 p.m.
Wednesday, October 7	Fall Bible Study	6:45 p.m.
	@ Muncy Baptist Church	
Thursday, October 8	Chapel Prayer Group	1:00 p.m.
Saturday, October 10	Men’s Bible Study	8:00 a.m.
Sunday, October 11	Worship Service	9:15 a.m.
GREETER	Jerry Watson	
LECTOR	Sheila Morehart	
ACOLYTE	Teagan Brinser	
SHINE TEACHERS	Karen Krum & Sheila Morehart	
VIDEO SOUND	John Dougherty Jerry Watson	
FLOWER DELIVERY	Cindy McArdle & Luanne Libbey	
The Bulletin is sponsored by Julie Souter		
Our Organist/Pianist is Mrs. Joy Barto.		



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