St. Andrew Evangelical Lutheran Church

~To Know Jesus Christ and to make him known

Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost



November 8, 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.

St. Andrew Announcements

November Outreach - *Weis Gift Cards* - We will use your donations to purchase Weis Gift Cards which will be available for members of our church and community that are in need. This is an area where we have seen an increase in need the past few years. Your generosity is appreciated!

Care Cards - Our November care cards will be going to Norman Magaro. 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 to be mailed. Thank you!

Fall Bible Study - Our Fall Bible Study is ongoing on Wednesdays at 6:45pm. Meeting at Muncy Baptist Church.

Congregational Meeting - *November 8, 2026* - Join us immediately following the Sunday morning worship service for our annual congregational meeting with a luncheon to follow in the Parish Hall. State of the Church Reports are available in the Narthex.

Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes - Shoeboxes and information are available. 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.

Touch of Heart - Touch of Heart gift tags will be availble Friday, November 20th and need to be returned on Sunday, December 6th for distribution.

Christmas Poinsettias - It is time to order Poinsettias to adorn our church this advent season. Each 61/2" pot will have multiple blooms at the cost of $9 each. Order forms are available in the Narthex or by email. Please return form and payment together to the office by November 30th.

Giving Tree - Parish Life is collecting donations for the hats, mitten/glove, scarf and sock tree for the month of November. Pleae join in helping share the warmth of Jesus this winter!

Monthly Bible Studies - Please join us for a time of food, fellowship and instruction for the on November 14th at 8am for our study on equipping ourselves with confidene in our personal scripture study.

Thank You from Parish Life - Warm clothing delievered to Son-Light House. 141 coates, sweaters, swetshirts, shirts, hats, boots, snowpants, pants. The Parish Life committee thanks you for your generous donations.

The Prelude

Welcome - Announcements

** (Indicates The Congregation To Stand)*

Recognition of Veterans

*** Invocation**

*** The Confession and Forgiveness of Sins** (You Are Welcome To Kneel)

Praise and Prayer

*** Opening Hymn** "Battle Hymn of the Republic" **LBW Page 332**

*** 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.

Almighty, eternal God, show mercy to your children who humbly pray, that we who have no confidence in our worth may not be judged but tenderly received. 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 - Amos 5:18-24

Woe to you who desire the day of the Lord! Why would you have the day of the Lord? It is darkness, and not light, as if a man fled from a lion, and a bear met him, or went into the house and leaned his hand against the wall, and a serpent bit him. Is not the day of the Lord darkness, and not light, and gloom with no brightness in it? "I hate, I despise your feasts, and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies. Even though you offer me your burnt offerings and grain offerings, I will not accept them; and the peace offerings of your fattened animals, I will not look upon them. Take away from me the noise of your songs; to the melody of your harps I will not listen. But let justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream."

Anthem "God of Hope, God of Mercy" **Chancel Choir**

The Psalmody - Psalm 70

L: Be pleased, O God, to deliver me; O Lord, make haste to help me.
C: Let those who seek my life be ashamed and altogether dismayed; let those who take pleasure in my misfortune draw back and be disgraced.
L: Let those who say to me "Aha!" and gloat over me turn back, because they are ashamed.
C: Let all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you; let those who love your salvation say forever, "Great is the Lord!"
L: But as for me, I am poor and needy; come to me speedily, O God.
C: You are my helper and my deliverer; O Lord, do not tarry.

The Second Lesson - 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers, about those who are asleep, that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even

so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have fallen asleep. For this we declare to you by a word from the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will not precede those who have fallen asleep. For the Lord himself will descend from heaven with a cry of command, with the voice of an archangel, and with the sound of the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will always be with the Lord. Therefore encourage one another with these words.

L: Here ends the reading.

*** The Response** (Alleluia) **LBW Page 62**

P: The Holy Gospel according to St.Matthew, the 25th chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

The Gospel - Matthew 25:1-13

Jesus said to the disciples, "Then the kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. For when the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them, 4but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, they all became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a cry, 'Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' Then all those virgins rose and trimmed their lamps. And the foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' But the wise answered, saying, 'Since there will not be enough for us and for you, go rather to the dealers and buy for yourselves.' And while they were going to buy, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went in with him to the marriage feast, and the door was shut. Afterward the other virgins came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' But he answered, 'Truly, I say to you, I do not know you.' Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

Hymn "O Word of God Incarnate" **LBW Page 231**

The Children's Message **Pastor Ben Lander**

Children are Dismissed for SHinE Time

The Sermon "Proper Prior Preparedness" **Pastor Ben Lander**

*** The Apostles Creed**

Giving of Tithes and Offerings

The Offertory Response

The 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 watn 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 and Serve the Lord

*** Benediction**

*** Closing Hymn** "Onward, Christian Soldiers" **LBW Page 509**

Postlude

St. Andrew Prayer List

Names will be kept on prayer list for four weeks unless office is otherwise notified.

Members:

Bill Ritter

Pretta Hose

Martha Miller

Arlene Kiess

Jim & Jonnie Stahl

Frances Worthington

Naomi Wertman

Ziva Moore

Judy VanBuskirk

Family & Friends of St. Andrew

Norman Magaro

Sandi Sraham

Teresa Edwartowski

Jane Baker

Brenda Miller

Jeremy Hauch

Pastor Carol Butler

Olive Gillen

Melinda Rich

Paul Cohen

Duane Mills

Pat Hess

Bruce & Nella Storm

Dan Doyle

The Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God

& in honor of John's Birthday!

By: Pastor Janet & John Dougherty

Stewardship on November 1, 2026

Attendance	69
Gifts to the Lord	$3,116.00
Weekly Budget Amount Needed	**$3,511.00**
Year to Date Giving	$148,388.87
Year to Date Needed	**$154,484.00**

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

Activities of St. Andrew

Sunday, November 8	Worship Service	9:15 a.m.
After Service	Adult Sunday School	Upstairs Chapel
After Service	Youth Sunday School	Downstairs Youth Room
After Service	Confirmation Class	Downstairs Youth Room
Wednesday, November 11	Fall Bible Study	6:45 p.m.
Wednesday, November 11	Chancel Choir Practice	7:00 p.m.
Thursday, November 12	Chapel Prayer Group	1:00 p.m.
Sunday, November 15	Worship Service	9:15 a.m.
Greeters	Larry & Sharon Barnard	
Lector	Hiliary Haddon	
Acolyte	Aliyah Lander	
SHinE Time Teachers	Amy Brinser & Sharon Cardinale	
Video | Sound	John Dougherty | Jerry Watson	
Flower Delivery	Hiliary Haddon	

Our Organist/Pianist is Mrs. Joy Barto

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