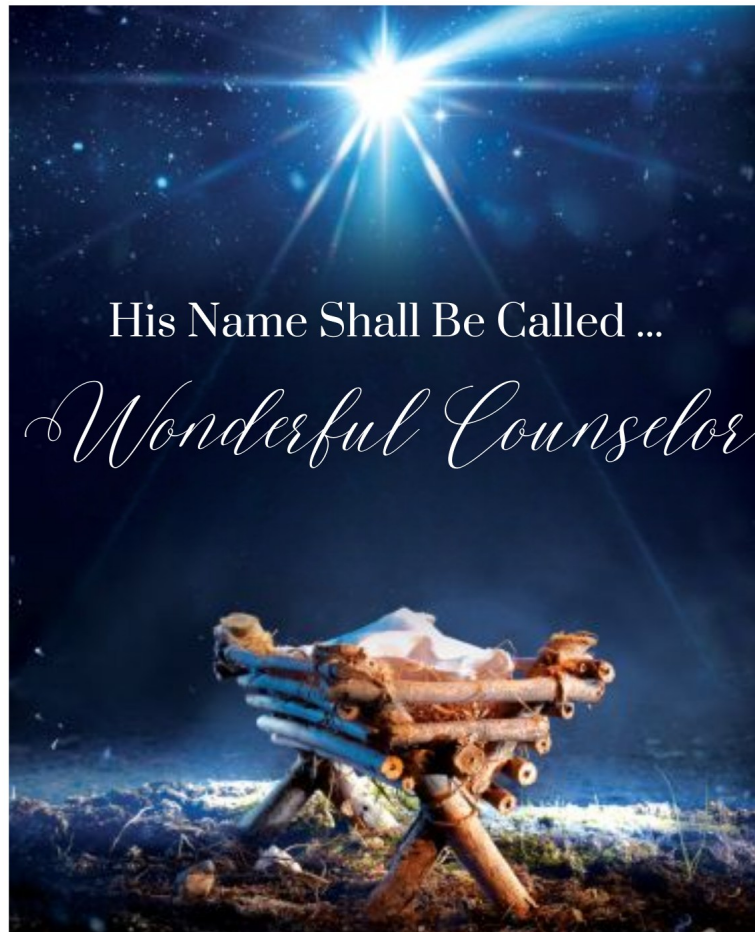




ST. ANDREW EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

~ TO KNOW JESUS CHRIST AND TO MAKE HIM KNOWN ~

First Sunday of Advent



November 30, 2025

FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT

NOVEMBER 30, 2025

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

NOVEMBER OUTREACH – Weis Cards - We will use your donations to purchase Weis gift cards which will then 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 this past year. Your generosity is appreciated.

CARE CARDS - Our November care cards will be going to Bobbi Jo Kline. 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!

TOUCH-A-HEART - Gift tags are available and will need to be returned by December 14th for collection. Please take one or more.

ANNUAL DONATION TREE - The last Sunday that Parish Life Committee will be collecting hats, gloves, mittens, scarves & socks to be donated to the Son Light House for distribution is December 7th. Please help decorate our warm accessories Christmas Tree!

CHRISTMAS CANTATA - The Chancel Choir will be raising their voices in singing "Let the Whole World Sing" by Joel Raney on Sunday, December 14th. It's a wonderful time to spread the message of Christmas joy to our newborn King!

WEST BRANCH CHORALE - The West Branch Chorales upcoming concert is Saturday Dec. 6th at 6pm (Pine Street UMC, Williamsport) & Sunday, Dec. 7th @ 3pm (Pleasant View Weslyn Church, Muncy). Come out and support our community for this time of worship!

COOKIE & CANDY PLATES - The Women of St. Andrew will be meeting on December 16th at 2p.m. to put together cookie and candy plates for our shut-ins. Donations of treats and time are welcome.

CHRISTMAS FAMILY FUN DAY - Looking for a break from the busyness of Christmas preparations? Bring your family and friends for a great time of fellowship. We'll start at 3:00p.m. with games, crafts, and a visit from St. Nicholas for the children. Bring your favorite goodies for a cookie auction at 4:00p.m. followed by barbecue and caroling!

PARENT'S NIGHT OUT - Calling all parents! Do you have difficulty finding time to Christmas shop or work on those special projects? Drop off your little ones for fun and games at St. Andrew for Parents Night Out on Friday evening, December 12th from 6:00-8:00p.m.

MONTHLY WOMEN'S STUDY - The women's Saturday 8AM Bible Study on Angie Smith's Matchless. The last session in the workbook is a personal one for each of the participants to complete. On January 3rd, we will begin the new year study – Jennifer Rothschild's Heaven. If you've had questions about your future in eternity, please consider joining us for some answers and discussion as we study the scriptures together. There will be a sign-up sheet in the Narthex. For questions please contact Kathy Heilman (570-546-21126 or kiheilman@comcast.net)

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE - Wednesday, December 24th, 2025 7:00 p.m. Communion & Candlelight Service

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** "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" **LBW PAGE 34**

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

*** The Kyrie**

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

*** PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Stir up your power, O Lord, and come, that by your protection we may be rescued from the threatening perils of our sins and saved by your mighty deliverance; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

THE WORD OF GOD

THE FIRST LESSON - ISAIAH 2:1-5

The word that Isaiah the son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem. It shall come to pass in the latter days that the mountain of the house of the LORD shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be lifted up above the hills; and all the nations shall flow to it, and many peoples shall come, and say: "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob, that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths." For out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem. He shall judge between the nations, and shall decide disputes for many peoples; and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into

pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war anymore. O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the LORD.

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

L: Advent is a time to remember the wonders of our faith.

C: God has done wonderful things, things planned long ago.

L: Advent is a time to be amazed at God's wonderous love.

C: God has done wonderful things, things planned long ago.

L: Advent is a time to retrace our past, and reclaim the hope of our future.

C: God has done wonderful things, things planned long ago.

L: Advent is a time to be awed by God's unfolding plan for creation.

C: God has done wonderful things, things planned long ago.

CANDLE LIGHTING AND PRAYER

Anthem "Will We Know Him?" **Chancel Choir**

THE PSALMODY - PSALM 122

L: I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the LORD."

C: Now our feet are standing within your gates, O Jerusalem.

L: Jerusalem is built as a city that is at unity with itself;

C: To which the tribes go up, the tribes of the LORD, the assembly of Israel, to praise the name of the LORD.

L: For there are the thrones of judgment, the thrones of the house of David.

C: Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: "May they prosper who love you.

L:Peace be within your walls and quietness within your towers.

C: For my brethren and companions' sake, I pray for your prosperity.

L: Because of the house of the LORD our God, I will seek to do you good."

SECOND LESSON - ROMANS 13: 8-14

[Owe no one anything, except to love each other, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. For the commandments, “You shall not commit adultery, You shall not murder, You shall not steal, You shall not covet,” and any other commandment, are summed up in this word: “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfilling of the law.] Besides this you know the time, that the hour has come for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we first believed. The night is far gone; the day is at hand. So then let us cast off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light. Let us walk properly as in the daytime, not in orgies and drunkenness, not in sexual immorality and sensuality, not in quarreling and jealousy. But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

L: Here ends the reading.

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

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 24th chapter.

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

THE GOSPEL - MATTHEW 24:36-44

Jesus said, “But concerning that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but the Father only. For as were the days of Noah, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day when Noah entered the ark, and they were unaware until the flood came and swept them all away, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. Then two men will be in the field; one will be taken and one left. Two women will be grinding at the mill; one will be taken and one left. Therefore, stay awake, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But know this, that if the master of the

house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.”

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ!

Hymn **“Mighty to Save”** **SCREEN**

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

CHILDREN ARE DISMISSED FOR SHINE TIME

THE SERMON **“Love’s Wonderful Counsel”** **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** **“Hark, the Glad Sound!”** **LBW PAGE 35**

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	
Jim Muffly	Mary Slater	Piper Frey
Bill Ritter	Steve Krum	Pam Hill
Pretta Hose	Jamie Fox	Jeff Wendorf
Martha Miller	Allen Fanelli	Mark Miller
Arlene Kiess	Dave Doran	Sue Gilbert
Jim & Jonnie Stahl	Shirley Doran	Kathy Stauffer
Frances Worthington	Chris Blass	Jeremy Hauch
Naomi Wertman	Bill Keller	Logan Merrifield
	Sharon Shutt	Jaxon Yereb
	Nathan Witmer	Reid Tittle
	Judy Yagel	

*The Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God
& in memory of loved ones.
By: Tom & Dee Knight*

STEWARDSHIP ON NOVEMBER 23, 2025	
Gifts to the Lord	\$3179.00
Attendance	91
Weekly Budget Amount Needed	\$3280.00
<i>(Does not include L.C.M.C., Local Benevolence, Outreach, Sponsor, or Capital Categories)</i>	

ACTIVITIES OF ST. ANDREW

Sunday, Nov. 30	Worship Service	9:15 a.m.
After Service	Adult Sunday School w/ Kathy H.	Upstairs Chapel
After Service	Youth Sunday School	Downstairs Youth Room
Wednesday, Dec. 03	Advent Bible Study	10:00 a.m. & 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday, Dec. 03	Chancel Choir	7:00 p.m.
Thursday, Dec. 04	Chapel Prayer Group	1:00 p.m.
Sunday, Dec. 07	Worship Service	9:15 a.m.
GREETER	Tom & Dee Knight	
LECTOR	Larry Barnard	
ACOLYTE	Teagan Brinser	
SHINE TEACHERS	Darlene Waldron & Luanne Libbey	
VIDEO SOUND	John Dougherty Jerry Watson	
FLOWER DELIVERY	Hiliary Haddon	

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