



Sunday, April 28, 2024

Fifth Sunday of Easter

10:00 am

**Welcome** Thank you for joining us today at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church! Our spiritual call is to "Worship Christ, Grow Together, and Serve Others."

**Guests** We would love to meet you and give you a gift in the Gathering Space. We ask that you sign the Guest Register. You can learn more about our parish family at [www.standrewsvalpo.org](http://www.standrewsvalpo.org).

**Children** We have Busy Bags available by the glass doors. For our Children's Ministry, **please contact ministry leader Jennifer Rodd at [sundayschool@standrewsvalpo.org](mailto:sundayschool@standrewsvalpo.org)**

**Youth** We meet most Sundays at 4pm-5:30pm in the Education Wing. Please contact ministry leader Jennifer Rodd at [sundayschool@standrewsvalpo.org](mailto:sundayschool@standrewsvalpo.org)

**Intercessory Prayer Team** meets Tuesdays at 9:00 am. Please contact Katy Hamilton at [khamilton@standrewsvalpo.org](mailto:khamilton@standrewsvalpo.org)

**Hearing Assistance Available.** Please ask a greeter for a receiver.



### **Priest In Charge**

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### **Church Office Hours**

#### **Tuesday - Friday 9am-4pm**

Worship /Bible Studies  
Saturday 5:30 pm Rite II Service  
Sunday 8:00 am Rite I Service  
10:00 am Rite II Service  
Tuesday 7:00 am Men's Bible Study  
Wednesday 9:00 am  
Morning Prayer w/Discussion  
Wednesday 6:00 pm Healing Service w/  
Holy Eucharist and followed by a  
Bible Study

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*The flowers are given by Nancy Seeley to the Glory of God and in thanksgiving for the birthday of her beautiful and talented daughter, Tatiana.*

Greeter(s): *Dawn Martinek*

EM: *Pam Harris*

***From the Book of Common Prayer (BCP)***

**Opening Hymn** *Hymn 49*

Blue Hymnal

**Liturgy of the Word**

**Opening Acclamation**

*Priest* Alleluia. Christ is Risen

BCP 355

*People* **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

**The Gloria** *Hymn S 280*

Blue Hymnal

**The Salutation** The Lord be with you...

BCP 357

*People* **And also with you.**

*Priest* Let us pray.

**The Collect of the Day**

Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know your Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

*Please be seated for the Readings.*

**The First Reading**

Acts 8:26-40

*Christopher Jones*

An angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Get up and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." (This is a wilderness road.) So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. Then the Spirit said to Philip, "Go over to this chariot and join it." So Philip ran up to it and heard

him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, “Do you understand what you are reading?” He replied, “How can I, unless someone guides me?” And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this: “Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter, and like a lamb silent before its shearer, so he does not open his mouth. In his humiliation justice was denied him. Who can describe his generation? For his life is taken away from the earth.”

The eunuch asked Philip, “About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?” Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, “Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?” He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

*Lector*            The Word of the Lord.

*People*            **Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 22: 24-30** *Gather 28*

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### **The Second Reading**

1 John 4: 7-21

*Christopher Jones*

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us.

By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Savior of the world. God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. So we have known and believe the love that God has for us.

God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgment, because as he is, so are we in this world. There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. We love because he first loved us. Those who say,





in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

**Closing Hymn** *Hymn 392*

Blue Hymnal

**The Dismissal**

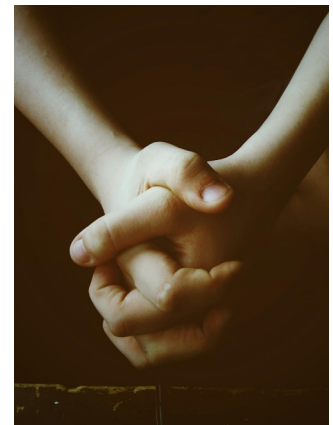
*Priest* Lets us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.

*People* **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**

**Those requesting our prayers:** Allison, Cindy, Mary Beth.

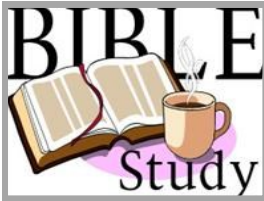
**Those celebrating birthdays:** Lincoln Bryant (4-27), Steve Cronk (4-30), Tatiana Seeley (4-30), Paul Smith (5-02), Hope Smith (5-03), Jan Snyder (5-03).

**Those who have died:** June Barber (2011), James Claypool (2011), Virginia Zoe Adams Morris (1998), Robert D. West (1991), Estelle Cravens Ceancio (1987), Robert Carl Book, Dcn (1986), Joseph Vaughn (1983), Gerald William Stahlbaum (1982)



*I am the true vine,  
and my Father is the vinegrower.*

# Church Happenings



**Holy Eucharist for Healing, Wednesdays**, followed by a bible study on *Perspectives on Paul* an introduction to St. Paul, his writings, and writings about the Apostle to the Gentiles. Holy Eucharist at **6:00 pm**, study (and snacks!) beginning about **7:00 pm**.



**The youth group** will meet **Sundays, from 4:00 pm to 5:30** in the education wing. If you have any questions, please contact Jen Rodd at [sundayschool@standrewsvalpo.org](mailto:sundayschool@standrewsvalpo.org)



Please note: There will be **no** Intercessory Prayer Ministry meeting **April 30th and May 7**. If you are interested or have questions please contact Katy at [khamilton@standrewsvalpo.org](mailto:khamilton@standrewsvalpo.org)



**Saturday, May 18, 8:00 am to noon**. Annual spring clean-up day. Come for an hour or two at any time. We will be cleaning the church grounds. We will need people remove weeds and spread mulch, trim bushes as necessary, pick up any branches or large sticks, and garbage alongside the driveway, plus various other tasks.



**Thursday, May 16** Red Cross Blood Drive in the Gathering Space from 1:00 pm to 6:00pm. Please call 1-800-733-2767 or visit [RedCrossBlood.org](http://RedCrossBlood.org) and enter StAndrewsValpo to schedule an appointment.



There is One Service **NEXT SUNDAY May 5, at 9:00** am with brunch to follow. Please remember there will be no 5:30 pm, 8:00 am or 10:00 am service. Let's enjoy fellowship together and get to know parishioners from the other services.



Join us on **Wednesday May 15 from 5:45-7:30 PM** (*note time change*) Our first ever **Sloppy Joe Competition** and the return of ever-popular **BINGO!!!** Wear spring colors! We need 4-6 creative cooks to bring their special recipe for sloppy joes, and an assist from other event helpers to bring buns, sides, and drinks. See the sign-up sheet in the Gathering Space!

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