



Sunday, April 7, 2024
Second Sunday of Easter
9:00 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.

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

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

Intercessory Prayer Team meets Tuesdays at 9:00 am. Please contact Katy Hamilton at khamilton@standrewsvalpo.org

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



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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

Welcome to St. Andrew's Episcopal Church
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Greeter(s): *Hope Smith*

EM: *Julian Smith*

Liturgy of the Word

Opening Hymn *Hymn 212 v. 1-3*

Blue Hymnal

Priest Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

The Gloria

BCP 356

The Salutation God be with you

People **And also with you.**

Priest Let us pray.

The Collect of the Day

Almighty and everlasting God, who in the Paschal mystery established the new covenant of reconciliation: Grant that all who have been reborn into the fellowship of Christ's Body may show forth in their lives what they profess by their faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen. .**

Please be seated for the Readings.

The First Reading

Acts 4:32-35

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Oliver

Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

Lector Hear what the spirit is saying to God's people.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 133

Oh, how good and pleasant it is, *
when brethren live together in unity!

**It is like fine oil upon the head *
that runs down upon the beard,**

Upon the beard of Aaron, *
and runs down upon the collar of his robe.

**It is like the dew of Hermon *
that falls upon the hills of Zion.**

For there the Lord has ordained the blessing: *
life for evermore.

The Second Reading

1 John 1:1-2:2

A reading from John

Alexis

We declare to you what was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life-- this life was revealed, and we have seen it and testify to it, and declare to you the eternal life that was with the Father and was revealed to us-- we declare to you what we have seen and heard so that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. We are writing these things so that our joy may be complete.

This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all. If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; but if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

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People **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand and sing

The Gospel Acclamation Hymn 178

Blue Hymnal

verse 1 & 2 before and verse 4 after the Gospel

The Gospel

John 20:19-31

Priest The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to John

People **Glory be to you, Lord Christ.**

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As

the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

Priest The Gospel of Christ.
People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The Sermon

Dr. Julian Smith

The Nicene Creed

BCP 358

Prayers of the People

After each petition,

Leader Lord in your mercy

People **Hear our prayer.**

Confession of Sin

Priest and People

God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created. We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.

The Absolution

Priest says

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

Amen.

The Peace

Priest The peace of Christ be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

The Announcements

Liturgy of the Eucharist

The Offertory Sentence

BCP 376

Offertory Hymn *Hymn 206*

Blue Hymnal

The Great Thanksgiving

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give our thanks and praise**

Celebrant

We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant. From before time you made ready the creation. Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being: sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, and waters; and every living thing. You made us in your image, and taught us to walk in your ways. But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away; and yet, as a mother cares for her children, you would not forget us. Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love. And so this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we say:

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

The Priest continues

Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God. To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child of God. Living among us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the world to himself yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love. Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you.

On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine. Again, he gave thanks to you, gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ, crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice. Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ. Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made. In the fullness of time bring us, with St. Andrew and all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world. Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. AMEN.

The Lord's Prayer *Our Father, who art in heaven...* BCP 364

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: grant us peace.

Invitation to Communion *The Gifts of God...* BCP 364

Communion Hymn *OP 228* Insert

Communion Hymn *Hymn 242* Blue Hymnal

Communion Hymn *Gather 451* Insert

Please stand or kneel for the post-communion prayer

The Postcommunion Prayer

Loving God, we give you thanks for restoring us in your image and nourishing us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood. Now send us forth a people, forgiven, healed, renewed; that we may proclaim your love to the world and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

The Blessing

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect 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**

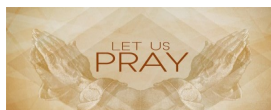
Closing Hymn *LSB 920* Insert

The Dismissal **Alleluia, alleluia,** Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

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



Douglas Porritt (2024)
Gentry Beiker (2024)
Lucia Cribb (2022)
Joseph Brown (2021)
Jeff Kolczak (2011)
Margaret Neil (2002)

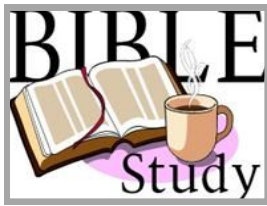


Marion



Ross Mack (4-7)
David Pittman (4-8)
Christopher Frazier (4-9)
Pam Harris (4-9)
Regina Bluell (4-11)
Ruth Foster (4-11)
Rich Kado (4-11)
Tim & Becky Ames (4-11)

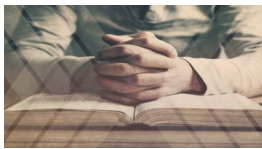
Church Happenings



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!). Study 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



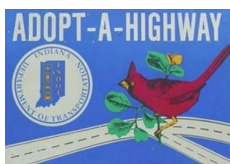
Please note: There will be no Intercessory Prayer Ministry meeting **April 9, 23 and 30** as well as **May 7**. If you are interested or have questions please contact Katy at khamilton@standrewsvalpo.org



There will be a Safe Church training held at St. Paul's Episcopal Church in La Porte, IN on Sunday, April 21, beginning at Noon. Please contact the office at office@standrewsvalpo.org if you are interested in attending.



Kim Gray will be with us this **Sunday, April 7**, at the One Church Service, to talk about the Episcopal Diocese of Northern Indiana Summer Camp. Spread the word to your kids, grandkids and friends!



We are planning to spruce up our adopted highway on **April 20th**. Please sign up in the Gathering Space.



Hop on in and join the Youth Group, Wednesday, **April 17 at 5:30-7:00** p.m. for food, fun and games. Every bunny is welcome!

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