



Sunday, May 5, 2024  
Sixth 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](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.



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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 Jeff and Michelle Klemczak to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Jeff's father Richard Klemczak and Michelle's father Joseph Brown.*

Greeter(s): *Oliver*

EM: *Allison Cath*

**Liturgy of the Word**

**Opening Acclamation**

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

**The Salutation** God be with you.  
*People* **And also with you.**  
*Priest* Let us pray.

**The Collect of the Day**

O God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as surpass our understanding: Pour into our hearts such love towards you, that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; 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 10:44-48

*Reader.* A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

*Dewyn*

While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, "Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?" So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

*Lector* Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.  
*People* **Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm 98

Sing to the Lord a new song, \*  
for he has done marvelous things.

**With his right hand and his holy arm \*  
has he won for himself the victory.**

The Lord has made known his victory; \*  
his righteousness has he openly shown in the sight of the nations.

**He remembers his mercy and faithfulness to the house of Israel, \*  
and all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.**

Shout with joy to the Lord, all you lands; \*  
lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.

**Sing to the Lord with the harp, \*  
with the harp and the voice of song.**

With trumpets and the sound of the horn \*  
shout with joy before the King, the Lord.

**Let the sea make a noise and all that is in it, \*  
the lands and those who dwell therein.**

Let the rivers clap their hands, \*  
and let the hills ring out with joy before the Lord,  
when he comes to judge the earth.

**In righteousness shall he judge the world \*  
and the peoples with equity.**

## The Second Reading

1 John 5:1-6

*Reader: A reading from the First Letter of John  
Charlotte*

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. Who is it that conquers the world but the

one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth.

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

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

### **The Gospel**

John 15:9-17

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

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

Jesus said to his disciples, "As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

"This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another."

*Priest* The Gospel of the Lord.

*People* **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

### **The Sermon**

*The Rev. Cathy Carpenter*

### **The Nicene Creed**

**We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.  
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,**

**of one Being with the Father;  
through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary  
and became truly human.  
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.  
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father,  
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

### **Prayers of the People**

*Please remain standing.  
The Prayer Leader says*

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

*Note regarding the translation of the Nicene Creed used in this service*

*This text of the Nicene Creed is the work of the English Language Liturgical Consultation (ELLC), an ecumenical body of English-speaking churches. This translation follows the original Greek text in translating "was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary" and in using "who" rather than "he" with reference to the Holy Spirit. The original Greek text does not include the words, "and the Son" which were added to some Latin translations. In 1988 the General Convention of the Episcopal Church, and later, the Lambeth Conference, went on record as favoring their omission.*

**Hear our prayer.**

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, especially those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries this week, Susan Clouser (5-6), Jonathan Holmer (5-6), Francis Veltri (5-6), Louis Foster (5-8), Tonnie Carter (5-9), Stacey Taylor (5-9), and grant that we may serve Christ in them and love one another as he loves us.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; especially Bob, Debbie and give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

We commend to your mercy all who have died, especially Theresa Murphy-Wise (2013), Blanche Anderson (2011), Genevieve A. Hildreth (2008), Dorothy Hillard (2012), Frank Burlingham (2003), Laura Ann McCubbins (2001), E. Richard Bryant, Jr. (1994), Georgia Bell Howell (1991), Leonora Matchett (1987), that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy  
**Hear our prayer.**

### **The Confession**

*Priest* Let us confess our sins to God.

*Silence may be kept.*

*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 Great Thanksgiving**

*Priest* The Lord be with you.

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

*Priest* Lift up your hearts.

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



*Priest* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

*Priest* It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy.

You have filled us and all creation with your blessing and fed us with your constant love; you have redeemed us in Jesus Christ and knit us into one body. Through your Spirit you replenish us and call us to fullness of life. But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life. Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we say:

*Priest and People*

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

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

*The Priest continues*

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love.

You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace.

But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love. Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people.

Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation. Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life.

On the night before he died for us, Our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his friends, 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, and when he had given thanks, he 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.”

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*Priest and People*

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

*The Priest continues*

Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ’s Body in the world. Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your daughters and sons, that with St. Andrew and all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever.

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 Lords Prayer**

*Priest and People*

**Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy Name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.**

### **The Fraction Anthem**

*Priest* We break this bread to share in the Body of Christ.

*People* **We who are many are one body, for we all share in the one bread.**

### **The Postcommunion Prayer**

*Priest and People*

**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**

*Priest says*

The Wisdom of God the Love of God and the Grace of God strengthen you to be Christ's hands and heart in this world, in the name of the Holy Trinity. **Amen.**

### **The Dismissal**

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

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



# Church Happenings



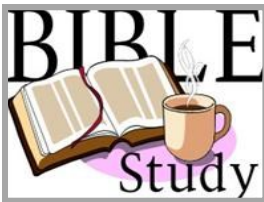
**Thursday, May 16** Red Cross Blood Drive in the Gathering Space from 1:00 pm to 6:00pm. Please call 1-800-733-2767 or visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter StAndrewsValpo to schedule an appointment.



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



**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.



**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 **May 7**. If you are interested or have questions please contact Katy at [khamilton@standrewsvalpo.org](mailto:khamilton@standrewsvalpo.org)

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