



Sunday August 25, 2024

The Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Proper 16

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 Services and study

Holy Eucharist Saturday 5:30 pm  
Holy Eucharist Sunday 8:00 & 10:00 am  
Holy Eucharist Wednesday 6:00 pm  
for healing, followed by Bible Study  
Men's Bible study Tuesday 7am  
Morning Prayer with discussion  
Wednesday 8:00 am

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Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost - Year B  
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*The flowers are given to the Glory of God by Rob and Traci Wilkinson in celebration of her mother Sheryl Reynolds heavenly birthday.*

Greeter(s): *Dawn Martinek*

EM: *Kevin Kerr*

EML: *Linda Halas*

**Liturgy of the Word**

**Opening Hymn** *Hymn 440*

Blue Hymnal

**The Collect of the Day**

Grant, O merciful God, that your Church, being gathered together in unity by your Holy Spirit, may show forth your power among all peoples, to the glory of your Name; 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**

Joshua 24: 1-2a, 14-18

*Kendra McPheeters*

*Reader:* A Reading from the Book of Joshua.

Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem, and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel; and they presented themselves before God. And Joshua said to all the people, "Thus says the Lord, the God of Israel: "Now therefore revere the Lord, and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness; put away the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the Lord. Now if you are unwilling to serve the Lord, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served in the region beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living; but as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord."

Then the people answered, "Far be it from us that we should forsake the Lord to serve other gods; for it is the Lord our God who brought us and our ancestors up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight. He protected us along all the way that we went, and among all the peoples

through whom we passed; and the Lord drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore we also will serve the Lord, for he is our God.”

*Reader*            Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people..  
*People*            **Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 34** *PP 27 15-22*

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**The Second Reading**

Ephesians 6:10-20  
*Kendra McPheeters*

*Reader:*    A reading from the Letter to the Ephesians.

Be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power. Put on the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For our struggle is not against enemies of blood and flesh, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. Therefore take up the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to withstand on that evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm. Stand therefore, and fasten the belt of truth around your waist, and put on the breastplate of righteousness. As shoes for your feet put on whatever will make you ready to proclaim the gospel of peace. With all of these, take the shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the flaming arrows of the evil one. Take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

Pray in the Spirit at all times in every prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert and always persevere in supplication for all the saints. Pray also for me, so that when I speak, a message may be given to me to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel, for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it boldly, as I must speak.

*Reader*            Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people.  
*People*            **Thanks be to God.**

**The Gospel**

John:6:56-69

*Priest*            The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to John  
*People*            **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said, “Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. This is the bread that came down from

heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever.” He said these things while he was teaching in the synagogue at Capernaum.

When many of his disciples heard it, they said, “This teaching is difficult; who can accept it?” But Jesus, being aware that his disciples were complaining about it, said to them, “Does this offend you? Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? It is the spirit that gives life; the flesh is useless. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. But among you there are some who do not believe.” For Jesus knew from the first who were the ones that did not believe, and who was the one that would betray him. And he said, “For this reason I have told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted by the Father.”

Because of this many of his disciples turned back and no longer went about with him. So Jesus asked the twelve, “Do you also wish to go away?” Simon Peter answered him, “Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God.”

*Priest*      The Gospel of the Lord.

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

**The Sermon**

*The Rev. Rob Dorow*

**The Offertory Hymn** 1940—519

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**Communion Hymn** NCH 329(Choir)

**Communion Hymn** Hymn 301

Blue Hymnal

**Communion Hymn** Hymn 626 x 2

Blue Hymnal

**Closing Hymn** Gather 665

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*Service continues in your Summer Worship Book page 4*



**Those requesting our prayers:** Erik, Dory, Margie, Cindy, Karen, Michael, and Chris.

**Those Celebrating Birthdays and Anniversaries:** Christy Graf (8-26), Mae Ann Henderson (8-26), David Jocelyn (8-27), Bill Sampson (8-27), Catherine Carpenter and Jonathan Holmer (8-25), Tom and Susan Clouser (8-26), Jeff and Erin Waspi (8-28)

**Those who have died:** Fred Norton (2024), Marie Burlingham (2024), Marjorie Underwood (2018), Katie Carson (2017), Darryl Bishop (2014), John McCusker (2013), Gregory Frye (2007), Ruth K. Young (2002), George P. Baker (1991).



# Church Happenings



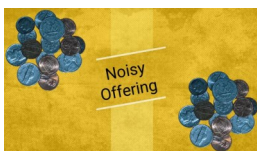
Come set sail with us on the Riverboat Kankakee Krisis, Queen of the Kankakee. We start boarding at 5:30 pm and will eat promptly at 6:00 pm on **Friday, September 20** on the Kankakee River. There will be murder, mystery, and mayhem. **Tickets are now on sale for \$10.00 per person, or a donation to the food pantry.** To help offset the cost of the event all donations are welcomed. If you would like to contribute contact Michelle Klemczak at 219-462-4946 or email her at [mkleczak@standrewsvalpo.org](mailto:mkleczak@standrewsvalpo.org) If you would like to attend, please sign up in the Gathering Space by **September 8th**.



**The Philadelphia Eleven—Screening Wednesday August 28 at 6:00 PM** in the Gathering Space. The year 2024 marks the 50th anniversary of the first ordinations of women as Episcopal priests. Three retired bishops agreed to ordain 11 women on July 29, 1974, even though doing so without the approval of diocesan leadership could be seen as violating canonical law and church tradition.



**There is interest in starting a new Women's Bible Study.** The study will be focused on Gathering Magazine published by the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. The ELCA offers a first year subscription for \$9.95. Order your copy at [www.gathermagazine.org](http://www.gathermagazine.org), click on the red box to access the subscription. We will meet Monday, **September 9 at 8:00 am** at Rise n Roll. Come a little early to get coffee, pastry and pleasant-ries. If you are interested or have questions, please contact Kandyce Kraus Hannon at 219-928-3604 or email at [kandycehannon@gmail.com](mailto:kandycehannon@gmail.com).



**August 24/25** is time to find that loose change from pockets, purses and Jars on your counter. Any leftover gold and silver bars are also accepted, as is crunchy paper money! The louder we make it the better. Noisy Offering is the source of funds for the Discretionary Account used to provide aid to those in need.



**Sunday, September 1, at 9:00am** with brunch to follow. Please remember there will be **NO** 5:30pm, 8:00am or 10:00am service. Let's enjoy fellowship together and get to know parishioners from others services.



Our **Messy Church** will be held on **September 1 at 4:00 PM** is a way of being church for all ages to join in experiencing fun and faith formative activities.

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