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Sunday September 29, 2024

The Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Season of Creation

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.

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

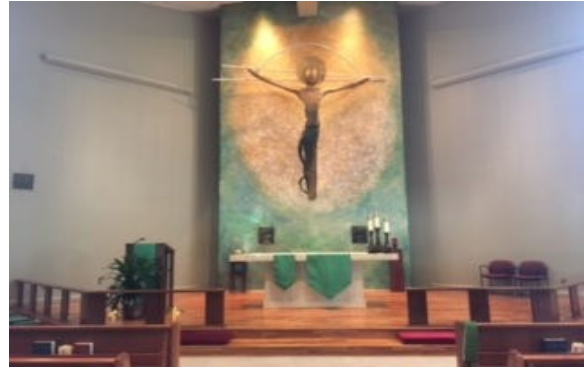
Youth We meet most Sundays at 4pm-5:30pm in the Education Wing. Please contact ministry leader Jennifer Rodd at sundayschool@standrewsvalpo.org

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.

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



Priest In Charge

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Church Office Hours

Tuesday - Friday 9am-4pm

We would love to see you! But sometimes we're out of the office, on errands, or unavailable. To avoid disappointment, please call ahead if you'd like to stop by, or are scheduling a delivery so we can be sure someone is here

Welcome to St. Andrew's Episcopal Church
Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost - Year B
Sunday, September 29, 2024



The flowers are given to the Glory of God in thanksgiving for the birthday of Nancey Seeley's son, Jeffrey and also for the blessing of her two rescue dogs Jupiter and Louie.

Greeter(s): *Rich Kado*

EM: *Linda Halas*

Opening Hymn *NCH 371*

Insert

Liturgy of the Word

Opening Acclamation

Priest Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. BCP 355

People **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

The Collect for Purity *Almighty God, to you...* BCP 355

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

Gracious God, you reveal your goodness in the beauty and diversity of creation; in the circle dance of earth and air and water; in a universe rich in processes that support growth and coherence, distinctiveness and community; and above all in the gift of Jesus Christ, who emptied himself to serve your world. And so we offer thanks and praise to you, one God in three persons: the Author and Source of all, Christ the Incarnate Word, and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Please be seated for the Readings.

The First Reading

Genesis 1:11-12, 20-22

Reader: A reading from Genesis

Rich Kado

Then God said, 'Let the earth put forth vegetation: plants yielding seed, and fruit trees of every kind on earth that bear fruit with the seed in it.' And it was so. The earth brought forth vegetation: plants yielding seed of every kind, and trees of everykind bearing fruit with the seed in it. And God saw that it was good. And God said, 'Let the waters bring forth swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the dome of the sky.' So God created the great sea monsters and every living creature that moves, of every kind, with which the waters swarm, and every winged bird of every kind. And God saw that it was good. God blessed them, saying, 'Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth.'

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 104:25-32 *Presby 224*

Insert

The Second Reading

Revelation 5:11-14

Reader: A reading from the Book of Revelation.

Rich Kado

Then I looked, and I heard the voice of many angels surrounding the throne and the living creatures and the elders; they numbered myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, singing with full voice, 'Worthy is the Lamb that was slaughtered to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honour and glory and blessing!' Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, singing, 'To the one seated on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honour and glory and might for ever and ever!' And the four living creatures said, 'Amen!' And the elders fell down and worshipped.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The Gospel Acclamation *Hymn 628 v. 1 before Gospel,
v. 2 after Gospel*

Blue Hymnal

The Gospel

Matthew 13: 31-32

Priest The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to
Matthew.

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

He put before them another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches.'

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Sermon

The Rev. Cathy Carpenter

The Nicene Creed

BCP 358

Prayers of the People

Intercessor Let us pray for the revealing of the reign of God in the world, now
and always.

Intercessor In the beginning,

People **God was.**

Intercessor Here and now,

People **God is.**

Intercessor In the Future,

People **God will be.**

After each petition,

Intercessor God, Giver of life,

People **Hear our prayer.**

The Confession

Priest and People

Merciful and sustaining God,

We have sinned against you.

We confess our lack of gratitude

for the beauty and bounty of your creation:

teach us to see that your earth sustains us and all that lives.

We confess that we have been intemperate in our appetites:

strengthen us in self-control.

We confess that we have taken the abundance of your world for granted:

**make us urgent now for its protection.
Forgive and renew us now through our Savior Jesus Christ,
by the power of the Holy Spirit,
with whom you live and reign, one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

The Absolution

The Peace

BCP 360

Priest The peace of the Lord...

People **And also with you.**

The Announcements

Liturgy of the Eucharist

Offertory Hymn *NCH 540*

Insert

The Great Thanksgiving

Holy Eucharist Prayer A

BCP 361

The Sanctus *Hymn S-129*

Blue Hymnal

The Lords Prayer *Our Father, who art in heaven...*

BCP 364

The Breaking of the Bread

The Fraction Anthem *Hymn S 155*

Blue Hymnal

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

BCP 364

All baptized persons, regardless of denomination and including children are welcome to receive Holy Communion. Gluten-free Bread is available at the altar opening. If you prefer to receive a blessing, indicate this by folding your arms across your chest when you approach.

Communion Hymn *MHSO 129 (Choir)*

Communion Hymn *Hymn 24 v. 2-4*

Blue Hymnal

Communion Hymn *Hymn 417*

Blue Hymnal

Postcommunion Prayer *Eternal God, heavenly Father...*

BCP 365

The Blessing

Closing Hymn *Gather 497*

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The Dismissal

Priest

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People

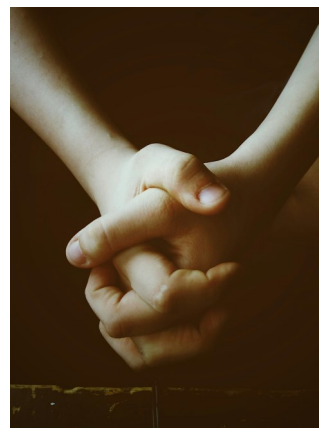
Thanks be to God.



Those requesting our prayers: Erik, Cindy, Michael, Steve, June, Chris, Mark, Judy, Debbie and Lorraine.

Those celebrating birthdays: Jim Conrick (9-28), Bill Meeker (9-28), Kim Tolliver (9-29), Barb Figolah (10-1), Elaine Griffin (10-01), Katy Hamilton (10-02), Karen Paupp (10-03), Susie Devine (9-28), John and Bette Zbuka (9-30), Umberto and Lisa Devany(10-2).

Those who have died: Gretchen Lupo (2024), Cheri Emringer (2022), David Hollett (1997).



Church Happenings



Women's Bible Study. We will meet the **Second Monday of the month, at 8:00 am at Rise n Roll.** 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, click on the red box to access the subscription. If you are interested or have questions, please contact Kandyce Kraus Hannon at 219-928-3604 or email at kandycehannon@gmail.com.



A St. Andrew's tradition! Our annual **Pet Blessing** will be held Sunday **September 29 at 2 pm** in the Pavilion, to include a short service and blessing of each animal. Pets and pet parents of all denominations are welcome, all pets should be on leash or in crates. See Poster in Gathering Space.



One Church Sunday, October 6, at 9:00am with brunch to follow. **Please sign up in the Gathering Space to bring your favorite fall brunch dish.** 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 **Sunday, October 6, at 4:00 PM** is a way of being church for all ages to join in experiencing fun and faith formative activities. Please bring your family, friends and neighbors. All are welcome to attend.



Please sign up in the Gathering Space for our brunch on Sunday, **October 6, at 9:00am.** We ask you to bring your favorite fall brunch dish. We look forward to tasting all these new fall foods!



An 11 day tour of Greece and Ephesus "In the Footsteps of Paul the Apostle." Reservations are due by **October 2, 2024** and should be made with Michael Beaver of Expedia Cruises at 847-595-1444. Deposit must be made by **October 2, 2024** at a minimum of \$898.00 with the final payment made by **December 2, 2024.**



Intercessory prayer is held on **Tuesdays, at 9:00am.** If you have any questions you may contact Katy Hamilton 219-929-7346

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