

Hymn: 460 Alleluia! Sing to Jesus

1. Alleluia! sing to Jesus! his the scepter, his the throne;
Alleluia! his the triumph, his the victory alone;
Hark! the songs of peaceful Zion thunder like a mighty flood;
Jesus out of every nation
hath redeemed us by his blood.
2. Alleluia! not as orphans are we left in sorrow now;
Alleluia! he is near us, faith believes, nor questions how:
though the cloud from sight received him, when the forty days were o'er,
shall our hearts forget his promise,
“I am with you evermore”?
3. Alleluia! Bread of Heaven, thou on earth our food, our stay!
Alleluia! here the sinful flee to thee from day to day:
Intercessor, friend of sinners, earth's Redeemer, plead for me,
where the songs of all the sinless
sweep across the crystal sea.
4. Alleluia! King eternal, thee the Lord of lords we own:
Alleluia! born of Mary, earth thy footstool, heaven thy throne:
thou within the veil hast entered,
robed in flesh, our great High Priest:
thou on earth both Priest and Victim
in the eucharistic feast.
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Alleluia! his the triumph, his the victory alone;
Hark! the songs of holy Zion
thunder like a mighty flood;
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St. Andrew's Episcopal Church

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14 Pentecost

Led by the Spirit, the mission of **St. Andrew's Episcopal Church** is to lovingly serve God through worship, fellowship, education, and ministry.

“Put on the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.”

The Fourteenth Sunday After Pentecost Rite II

THE WORD OF GOD

Opening Hymn: 561 "Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus"

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The people standing, the Celebrant says

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People

And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever.

Amen.

The Celebrant may say

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Gloria: S-280

The Collect of the Day

The Celebrant says to the People

The Lord be with you.

People

And with thy spirit.

Celebrant

Let us pray.

Grant us, O Lord, to trust in you with all our hearts; for, as you always resist the proud who confide in their own strength, so you never forsake those who make their boast of your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

A reading from 1 Kings 8: 22-30, 41-43

Then Solomon stood before the altar of the LORD in the presence of all the assembly of Israel, and spread out his hands to heaven. He said, "O LORD, God of Israel, there is no God like you in heaven above or on earth beneath, keeping covenant and steadfast love for your servants who walk before you with all their heart, the covenant that you kept for your servant my father David as you declared to him; you promised with your mouth and have this day fulfilled with your hand. Therefore, O LORD, God of Israel, keep for your servant my father David that which you promised him, saying, 'There shall never fail you a successor before

The Church

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1 I love thy king - dom, Lord, the house of thine a - bode, the
2 For her my tears shall fall; for her my prayers a - scend; to
3 Be - yond my high - est joy I prize her heaven - ly ways, her
4 Je - sus, thou friend di - vine, our Sa - vior and our King, thy
5 Sure as thy truth shall last, to Zi - on shall be given the

1 Church our blest Re - deem - er saved with his own pre - cious blood.
2 her my cares and toils be given, till toils and cares shall end.
3 sweet com - mun - ion, so - lemn vows, her hymns of love and praise.
4 hand from ev - ery snare and foe shall great de - liv - erance bring.
5 bright - est glo - ries earth can yield, and bright - er bliss of heaven.

Words: Timothy Dwight (1725-1817)

Music: St. Thomas (Williams), melody Aaron Williams (1731-1776); harm. Lowell Mason (1792-1872)

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1 Stand up, stand up, for Je - sus, ye sold - iers of the cross;
 2 Stand up, stand up, for Je - sus; the trum - pet call o - bey;
 3 Stand up, stand up, for Je - sus; stand in his strength a - lone;
 4 Stand up, stand up, for Je - sus: the strife will not be long;

lift high his roy - al ban - ner, it must not suf - fer loss:
 forth to the might - y con - flict in this his glo - rious day:
 the arm of flesh will fail you, ye dare not trust your own:
 this day, the noise of bat - tle; the next, the vic - tor's song.

from vic - tory un - to vic - tory his ar - my shall he lead,
 ye that are his now serve him a - gainst un - num - bered foes;
 put on the Gos - pel ar - mor, and watch - ing un - to prayer,
 To val - iant hearts tri - um - phant, a crown of life shall be;

till ev - ery foe is van - quished and Christ is Lord in - deed.
 let cour - age rise with dan - ger, and strength to strength op - pose.
 when du - ty calls, or dan - ger, be nev - er want - ing there.
 they with the King of glo - ry shall reign e - ter - nal - ly.

Words: George Duffield, Jr. (1818-1888), alt.
 Music: *Morning Light*, George James Webb (1803-1887)

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me to sit on the throne of Israel, if only your children look to their way, to walk before me as you have walked before me.' Therefore, O God of Israel, let your word be confirmed, which you promised to your servant my father David. "But will God indeed dwell on the earth? Even heaven and the highest heaven cannot contain you, much less this house that I have built! Regard your servant's prayer and his plea, O LORD my God, heeding the cry and the prayer that your servant prays to you today; that your eyes may be open night and day toward this house, the place of which you said, 'My name shall be there,' that you may heed the prayer that your servant prays toward this place. Hear the plea of your servant and of your people Israel when they pray toward this place; O hear in heaven your dwelling place; heed and forgive. "Likewise when a foreigner, who is not of your people Israel, comes from a distant land because of your name—for they shall hear of your great name, your mighty hand, and your outstretched arm—when a foreigner comes and prays toward this house, then hear in heaven your dwelling place, and do according to all that the foreigner calls to you, so that all the peoples of the earth may know your name and fear you, as do your people Israel, and so that they may know that your name has been invoked on this house that I have built.

The Word of the Lord

Response: **Thanks be to God**

Psalm 84

- 1 How dear to me is your dwelling,
 O LORD of hosts! *
 My soul has a desire and
 longing for the courts of
 the LORD; my heart and my
 flesh rejoice in the living God.
- 2 The sparrow has found her a
 house and the swallow a nest
 where she may lay her young; *
 by the side of your altars,
 O LORD of hosts, my King and
 my God.
- 3 Happy are they who dwell in your
 house! * they will always be
 praising you.
- 4 Happy are the people whose
 strength is in you! *
 whose hearts are set on the
 pilgrims' way.
- 5 Those who go through the desolate
 valley will find it a place of springs, *
 for the early rains have covered it
 with pools of water.
- 6 They will climb from height to height,
 * and the God of gods will reveal
 himself in Zion.
- 7 LORD God of hosts, hear my prayer; *
 hearken, O God of Jacob.
- 8 Behold our defender, O God; *
 and look upon the face of your
 Anointed.
- 9 For one day in your courts is better than
 a thousand in my own room, *
 and to stand at the threshold of the
 house of my God than to dwell in the
 tents of the wicked.

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10 For the LORD God is both sun and shield; *
he will give grace and glory;

12 O LORD of hosts, *
happy are they who put their trust in you!

11 No good thing will the LORD withhold *
from those who walk with integrity.

A reading from Ephesians.6:10-20

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.

The Word of the Lord.

Response: Thanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn: 524 "I Love My Kingdom Lord"

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Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

Response: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

The Gospel of John.6:56-69

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

Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with [_____ and] all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. *Amen.*

The Our Father

And now as our Savior Christ has taught us, we will say "**Our Father...**"

The Breaking of the Bread

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.

Fraction: S-154

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Communion: Instrumental

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Final Blessing

Closing Hymn: 460 "Alleluia, Sing to Jesus"

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Dismissal

Alleluia! Alleluia! Let us go forth in the name of Christ

Thanks be to God. Alleluia Alleluia!

For by water and the Holy Spirit you have made us a new people in Jesus Christ our Lord, to show forth your glory in all the world.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus S-128

**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.

Then the Celebrant continues

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or to lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." After supper he 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 shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People

**We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;**

The Celebrant continues

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine. We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy

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."

The Gospel of the Lord
Praise to you, Lord Christ.

HomilyThe Rev. Les 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: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. 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 and Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He 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

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Knowing that God hears our prayers when they are made in sincerity and humility, we pray for our church and our world in our time of need, saying: Hear us, good Lord.

Those who live justly will live in the presence of God. We pray for our church that its structures promote justice, its laws foster integrity of heart, and its ministry model compassion. To you we pray, O gracious God: **Hear us, good Lord.**

Those who live justly will live in the presence of God. We pray for our world that we will be freed from that hypocrisy which lurks in our hearts, when we seek the assurance of external observance without the commitment of faith. To you we pray, O gracious God: **Hear us, good Lord.**

Those who live justly will live in the presence of God. We pray for those who make and enforce laws that they may challenge us in our waywardness and be compassionate toward our weakness. To you we pray, O gracious God: **Hear us, good Lord.**

Those who live justly will live in the presence of God. We pray for those who teach the word of God that they may embrace the justice of God in their own hearts as they call us into the life of God. To you we pray, O gracious God: **Hear us, good Lord.**

Those who live justly will live in the presence of God. We pray that we may be delivered from all the wicked designs in the deep recesses of our hearts and so live justly with God and one another. To you we pray, O gracious God: **Hear us, good Lord.**

Those who live justly will live in the presence of God. We pray for all who are sick or in need of spiritual guidance.... may they, and those who love them, know the healing power of your love. To you we pray, O gracious God: **Hear us, good Lord.**

Those who live justly will live in the presence of God. We pray for those who have died...may they dwell with the saints and remember us who struggle to live in justice and peace. To you we pray, O gracious God: **Hear us, good Lord.**

For our students going back to school...for those who learn easily and those who struggle with their lessons; for teachers and all who help form and mold our children...to you we pray, O gracious God: **Hear us, good Lord.**

O God, you have made of one blood all the peoples of the earth, and sent your blessed Son to preach peace to those who are far off and to those who are near: Grant that people everywhere may seek after you and find you; bring the nations into your fold; pour out your Spirit upon all flesh; and hasten the coming of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. To you we pray, O gracious God: **Hear us, good Lord.**

The celebrant adds the concluding collect.

All just and merciful God, you know our wants, and you know our true needs. May you attend to our prayers, direct our hearts in the way of justice and mercy, and enlighten our minds that we may know your holy will. We ask this through the just one, Jesus Christ, your servant and our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the power of the Holy Spirit, our God, forever and ever. **Amen.**

The Confession

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.

For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. **Amen.**

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

The Peace

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be with you

Response: **And also with you.**

The Announcements

The Holy Communion

The Offertory

Instrumental

The Great Thanksgiving Eucharistic Prayer B

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 him thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.



*The flowers on the altar are given to the Glory of God
by Maria and Ashley Newcomb
In celebration of their 27th wedding anniversary*

Prayer Requests

Catherine

Wayland

Thomas

Lisa O.

Teresa

Bill P.

Chris

Gaye

Frances

Rains

Sue

Penny

Bruce

Elizabeth

Jinx

Dotsy

Serving in our Armed Forces: Sean, Veronica H., Jericca S., Matt K., Eric O., Fletcher, Jonathan K., Will M., Rodney M., Jeffery B., Adam M., James W., and for all Veterans of the United States.

For Those Who Have Died: Steve Tripp

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Welcome to St. Andrew's on this Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost.
If you are visiting this morning, please sign our *Guest Book*
on the welcome table in the Commons. Also located
there are Visitor's Packets and our parish newsletter, *The Call*.

Summer Youth Fellowship & Fun

Hosted by Church of the Good Shepherd,
St. Andrew's Episcopal, and First
Presbyterian

Ages: Pre-K-5th Grade

August 25th—Back to School Pool Party at

Financial Status as of September 10, 2023

Contrib. Rec'd this week	\$4,059
Avg. Wkly Contrib. Needed	\$6,696
Rec'd YTC	\$.252,916
Spent YTD	\$.172,468

If you have questions about your pledge or other contributions, call Rosemary Clark, our bookkeeper, at 443-2070 on Monday or Thursday mornings.

The EYC, led by Landon Newcomb, are collecting toiletries and paper products for UCM from August 1-September 1, 2024. Please bring your donations to the Commons. Items will be delivered on September 2, 2024.

Episcopal Farmworkers Ministry:
We are collecting items starting August 4th through September 8, 2024. Lighthouse Thrift Store has packed boxes for us filled with shoes, pants, and shirts that we can purchase. **It is only \$10 a box!** If you wish to buy a box please bring your money to the office. If you wish to bring in items, you may drop them off in the Commons. We will take the supplies on Friday, September 13th.

Starting September 8th we will go back to two services at 8am and 10:30am.

Church office will Closed on Monday, September 2nd

Serving *next* Sunday, September 1

9:30am

LAY: Martha Lamm

LAY: Ramona Orzell

Acolyte: Walker Wells and Jack Lea

Ushers: Linda Hutcheson and Volunteer

Greeters: Jon Renck and Tommy Parker

Pantry Volunteers: Betty Bunn, Tom Jenkins, and Kaye Dowd

Pantry Distributers: Patty Kennedy, Tommy Parker, Elizabeth Hunter

“For God is not unjust, he will not overlook your work and the love that you showed for his sake in serving the saints, as you still do.” Hebrews 6:10