



St. Andrew's
Episcopal Church

Sunday Worship Booklet

May 24, 2026 - 10:30am

Pentecost

Are You New?

We are SO glad you are here!

St. Andrew's is a warm community just waiting to love you. If you like, you will definitely find good friends here.

- This booklet is designed to help you fully join us in our worship experience. If it feels like a lot of words to follow, don't worry. Let go, and listen. It is perfectly OK to let us wash you with our prayers.
- Please fill out one of our **connection cards** (or use this QR Code) so we can let you know how happy we are to meet you.
- More info about the church and what we are up to can be found in the insert to this booklet.



The Word of God

Prelude

Organ Voluntary

Before worship begins, the priest greets the people and introduces the first hymn. The people stand, as able, to sing.



LEVAS #120

There's a Sweet Sweet Spirit in this Place

Opening Acclamation

Alleulia. Christ is risen.

The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

Collect (Prayer) for Purity

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.



Hymnal S-280

The Collect (Prayer) of the Day

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

O God, who on this day taught the hearts of your faithful people by sending to them the light of your Holy Spirit: Grant us by the same Spirit to have a right judgment in all things, and evermore to rejoice in his holy comfort; through Jesus

Procession

The Greek word in the new testament for church means "assembly." One of the reasons we start our service with a procession is to mark people coming together for this holy time.

Diving Deeper

Collect

A "collect", pronounced "COLLECT", is a traditional type of prayer. It is written to gather or "collect" the rest of prayers together with a theme. There is a special collect for each Sunday of the church year.

Diving Deeper

Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The people are seated for the lessons.

The First Lesson: Acts 2:1-21

A Reading from the Book of Acts

When the day of Pentecost had come, the disciples were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs-- in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine." But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: 'In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day. Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.' "

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

Psalm 104:25-35, 37

Psalm is read/prayed in unison

- 25 O LORD, how manifold are your works! ***
in wisdom you have made them all;
the earth is full of your creatures.
- 26 Yonder is the great and wide sea**
with its living things too many to number, *
creatures both small and great.
- 27 There move the ships,**
and there is that Leviathan, *
which you have made for the sport of it.
- 28 All of them look to you ***
to give them their food in due season.
- 29 You give it to them; they gather it; ***
you open your hand, and they are filled with good things.
- 30 You hide your face, and they are terrified; ***
you take away their breath,
and they die and return to their dust.
- 31 You send forth your Spirit, and they are created; ***
and so you renew the face of the earth.
- 32 May the glory of the LORD endure for ever; ***
may the LORD rejoice in all his works.
- 33 He looks at the earth and it trembles; ***
he touches the mountains and they smoke.

34 I will sing to the LORD as long as I live; *
I will praise my God while I have my being.

35 May these words of mine please him; *
I will rejoice in the LORD.

37 Bless the LORD, O my soul. *
Hallelujah!

The Second Lesson: 1 Corinthians 12:3b-13

A Reading from 1 Corinthians

No one can say “Jesus is Lord” except by the Holy Spirit. Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses. For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body-- Jews or Greeks, slaves or free-- and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand as able



LEVAS #119

Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart

The Gospel Lesson: John 20:19-23

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

Glory 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."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Homily: Rev. Les Carpenter

Preacher prays then all sit

The Nicene Creed

All stand as able and say the creed in unison.

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 the 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 Form IV

All kneel as able

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

Silence

For all people in their daily life and work;

For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

For this community, the nation, and the world;

For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

For the just and proper use of your creation;

For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

For Sean our Presiding Bishop, and Sam and Jennifer our Bishops; and for all bishops and other ministers;

For all who serve God in his Church.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation. (Especially our sick and suffering _____, and those who serve in the armed forces especially_____).

Silence

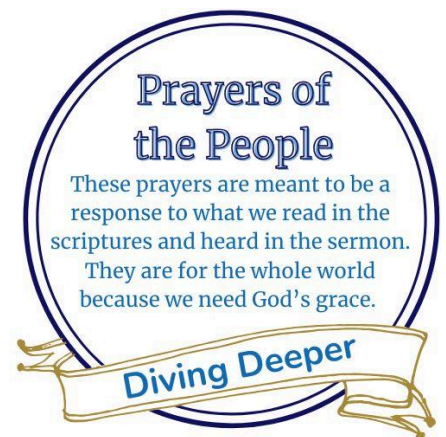
Hear us, Lord;

For your mercy is great.

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

Silence

We will exalt you, O God our King;



And praise your Name for ever and ever.
We pray for all who have died (Especially ____),
that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

Silence

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;
Who put their trust in you.

The Peace

The peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.

The people greet one another and offer their blessings of peace.

Welcome and Announcements

The congregation sits as directed and announcements are shared. If you are new, this is a great time to fill out your Connection Card. There should be a paper one in your pew or you can use the QR code on the front page.

If you want to give electronically to our church the best way is to download the church's app (see last page) or you can make a one time gift through the QR code here.

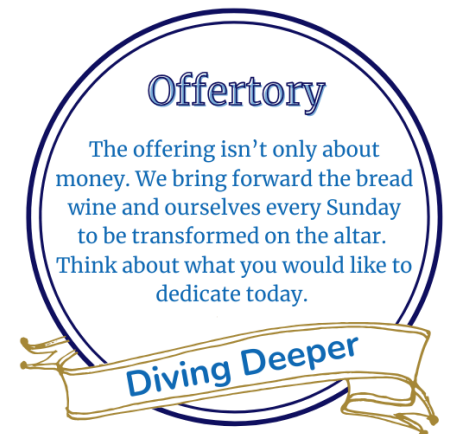


The Liturgy of the Table

Offertory Music

Offertory Music Love One Another

As I have loved you, Love one another. This new commandment, Love One another. By this, small men shall know Ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another.



Now, there were in that upper chamber, Jesus and his disciples; There to eat the supper Passover, E'er the end should come. Then Jesus looked in their faces. And unto them He spake. As I have loved you, Love one another. This new commandment, Love one another. By, this shall men know ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another. Love one another.

After which the people stand and sing the Doxology.



Hymn 380 v 3

The Great Thanksgiving

(Eucharistic Prayer A, BCP 361)

All stand as able

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord. In fulfillment of his true promise, the Holy Spirit came down on this day from heaven, lighting upon the disciples, to teach them and to lead them into all truth; uniting peoples of many tongues in the confession of one faith, and giving to your Church the power to serve you as a royal priesthood, and to preach the Gospel to all nations.

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:



Hymnal #S-128

“Sanctus”

The people kneel or stand

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

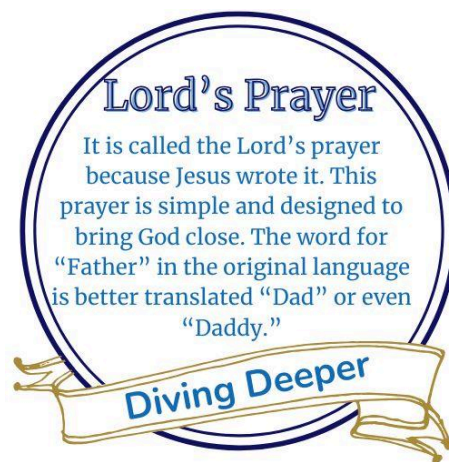
Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.



Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. 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 Lord's Prayer

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

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

The Breaking of the Bread

The Disciples knew the Lord Jesus in the breaking of the bread.

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(Verse then repeat refrain)

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

The people sit

Ministers come forward to receive communion before sharing it. The congregation follows as directed by the ushers.

Post Communion Prayer

The people kneel as able

Let us pray,

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.

Blessing

May the Spirit of truth lead you into all truth, giving you grace to confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, and to proclaim the wonderful works of God; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. Amen



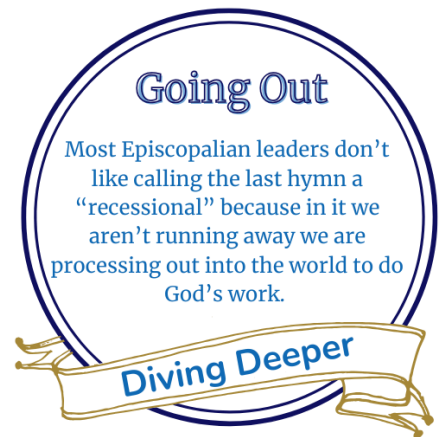
LEVAS #114 Every Time I Hear the Spirit

Dismissal

Alleluia! Alleluia! Let us go forth in the name of Christ!
Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Postlude

Organ Voluntary





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Welcome to Worship

Thank you for joining us!

We have two different regular worship services on Sunday, both of which include Holy Communion. Holy Communion is a sacrament using bread and wine. It reminds us of Jesus, His teachings, His sacrifice on the Cross, and His continued presence in this church. A few more things about Holy Communion.

- All baptized people (regardless of Christian Tradition) are invited to receive Communion with us. If you prefer, you can come forward for a blessing. When the minister comes to you, cross your arms across your chest to indicate your preference
- If you don't want to come forward feel free to stay in your seat.
- If you have a gluten sensitivity, Gluten free wafers are available on request.
- If you have mobility concerns tell an usher and we would be happy to bring Communion to you.
- For more info on the basics of the Episcopal church, check out our "Priest Me" podcast on YouTube.

8 AM Rite I

Our 8 am service is smaller and more contemplative than our 10:30. Most Sundays, it is spoken (without music). It uses traditional (Old English) language throughout. For those new to this form of worship, it can take some getting used to, but it is also special to pray in the language of Shakespeare. For the service, you will need to use the *Book of Common Prayer*, which is the black book in your pews with the cross on the front. The priest will call out page numbers as we go. We also provide a sheet with today's readings, which will be helpful for praying the psalm and following today's teaching

10:30 AM Rite II

This is our principal (largest) service on Sunday. It includes music and singing in addition to prayer. We offer a "Sunday Booklet" to help you follow this service. You will also need the blue "1982 Hymnal" found in the pew.



Other Regular Offerings

Children's Chapel/Sunday School/Nursery

Children are always welcome in worship at St. Andrew's! To support our families, we do offer **nursery care** (0-PreK), and **Children's Chapel** (Elementary Age) during the 10:30 service. Ask an usher, and they will tell you where to drop off your kids prior to the service. Your children will join you for Communion.

Youth Ministries and Acolyting

We love to see our youth grow in service and fellowship with us. There is an active youth group. Indicate your interest on the Connection Card and we would love to reach out to you with more Info. Also, children and youth often participate in our Sunday Worship by serving as acolytes (Those in red robes with a white top). If you are interested in learning more ask Rev. Les or any member of the Vestry (church board)

Adult Sunday School

Meets at 9:15am in the Rector's Study. It is a lovely and informal Bible study. Join Us!

Healing Service Wednesdays 10:30 AM

Each Wednesday, we offer an additional prayer service. This includes the option of Unction (prayers with anointing of Healing Oil). This is an ancient and beautiful practice in Christianity.

Getting Involved

We have so many active ministries, it can be difficult to know where to start. If you want to get more involved here, but aren't sure how to start, fill out one of the **connection cards** in your pew. We will follow up and make sure that you find a meaningful way to start. The Connection card is a way to make sure we have your correct contact info and you are getting the news you want.

Prayers and Celebrations


Prayers Requested

For the Sick and Those in Need:			For those serving in our Armed Forces:		
Catherine	Pam	Teresa	Sean	Fletcher	James
Lisa	Ben	Margaret	Veronica	Will	Thomas
Jinx	Pamela	Cindy	Jericca	Rodney	Austin
Wayland	Betty	Kelly	Matt	Jonathan	Landon M.
Teresa	Dianna		Eric	Adam	Dillon
Zanetta	Sherry				
Pris	Dot		All Veterans		

For the Deceased:

On for Next Sunday? (check it out here)

8 AM	10:30 AM
LAY: George Earp	LAY: Paul Stone
LEM: Pam Parker-Collwood	LEM: Elizabeth Pope Martha Lamm
Food Pantry	Acolytes: Walker and Jack
Rita Coggins	Ushers: Brad Earl
Rosemary Clark	Skip Partington
Missy Filliettez	Vestry Greeters: Helen Galligan
	TBD


Altar Flowers today
 are given to the Glory of God by
 Gaye and Don Mucci
 In Celebration of Don's 84th birthday



Announcements

Confirmation, Reception, or Reaffirmation at Bishop's Visit June 14, 2026 | 10:30 AM

Is it time to say "Yes"? Are you ready to make a mature, public affirmation of your faith?

During the Bishop's upcoming visit on June 14, we invite you to participate in one of three significant rites:

- Confirmation: For those baptized at an early age who are now ready to claim the faith as their own.
- Reception: A formal welcome for those confirmed in other Christian traditions who wish to join the Episcopal Church.
- Reaffirmation: For those wishing to renew their commitment to Christ during a new stage of their spiritual journey.

Each of these rites involves the laying on of hands by the Bishop and a prayer for the Holy Spirit's strengthening for your lifelong Christian vocation. It is a powerful way to provide your personal "yes" to God and celebrate your unique place in the global and local Body of Christ.

Please contact Rev. Les or register via the church app to learn more about the upcoming preparation sessions

May 30 at 4:00– Join us at Calvary Episcopal Church for an evening of fellowship and outreach. We will pack welcome bags for migrant workers, enjoy a taco bar, and fellowship activities before traveling to the migrant camp in Tarboro at 6:00 p.m. to distribute the welcome packets and raffle off donated items. Please let Deacon Susan know if you would like to attend!



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Gatekeepers July 12-17

All forms need to be turned into the office no later than Wednesday, May 27th.

Experimental Eucharist June 6 | 10 AM – Noon

Have you ever been in church and wondered what exactly is happening? Do you know that our worship speaks to you, but you aren't really sure how or why? The "Experimental Eucharist" is a class designed by Rev. Les. Think of it like a Communion service in slow motion—a space where we can pause to think, talk, and ask questions about each of the pieces that make up this miracle of grace. Join us! **This class is highly recommended for those considering Confirmation or anyone who just wants to peek behind the curtain of our liturgy.**

Crayon Covenant

Martha Lamm and Lora Pons will be leading children's crafts after the 10:30 service once a month. The next one will be May 31st and we will be making stepping stones.

Sunday, June 7th 3-5 PM Lakeside

Our VBS ministry partners need some help with setup! Even if working with kids is not the best thing for you we need people to move stuff, decorate, etc. It is a great way to lend a hand, meet some other Rocky Mount Ministry leaders, and do it all snot free.

Church Clean Up July 11th 8am

Mark your calendars because we need everyone's help cleaning the church. Men's club will feed us breakfast before we get to work! For any questions please reach out to Lora Pons.

Please be sure to return your "Wings of Love Bags" so we can send them out in June!



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**Believe
Become
Belong**

Led by the Spirit, we lovingly serve God through worship, fellowship, spiritual growth, and ministry.

"Pentecost"

Today's Homily
Preacher: Rev. Les Carpenter