



**St. Andrew's**  
Episcopal Church

# Sunday Worship Booklet

July 12, 2026 - 10:30am

7 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.



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# The Word of God

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Prelude

Organ Voluntary

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



LEVAS #77

Jesus is all the World to Me

## Opening Acclamation

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.  
**And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

## 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 Lord, mercifully receive the prayers of your people who call upon you, and grant that they may know and understand what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to accomplish them; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.  
**Amen.**

### 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 “COLL-ect”, 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**

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The people are seated for the lessons.

## ***The First Lesson: Genesis 25:19-34***

A Reading from the Book of Genesis

These are the descendants of Isaac, Abraham's son: Abraham was the father of Isaac, and Isaac was forty years old when he married Rebekah, daughter of Bethuel the Aramean of Paddan-aram, sister of Laban the Aramean. Isaac prayed to the LORD for his wife, because she was barren; and the LORD granted his prayer, and his wife Rebekah conceived. The children struggled together within her; and she said, "If it is to be this way, why do I live?" So she went to inquire of the LORD. And the LORD said to her, "Two nations are in your womb, and two peoples born of you shall be divided; the one shall be stronger than the other, the elder shall serve the younger." When her time to give birth was at hand, there were twins in her womb. The first came out red, all his body like a hairy mantle; so they named him Esau. Afterward his brother came out, with his hand gripping Esau's heel; so he was named Jacob. Isaac was sixty years old when she bore them. When the boys grew up, Esau was a skillful hunter, a man of the field, while Jacob was a quiet man, living in tents. Isaac loved Esau, because he was fond of game; but Rebekah loved Jacob. Once when Jacob was cooking a stew, Esau came in from the field, and he was famished. Esau said to Jacob, "Let me eat some of that red stuff, for I am famished!" (Therefore he was called Edom.) Jacob said, "First sell me your birthright." Esau said, "I am about to die; of what use is a birthright to me?" Jacob said, "Swear to me first." So he swore to him, and sold his birthright to Jacob. Then Jacob gave Esau bread and lentil stew, and he ate and drank, and rose and went his way. Thus Esau despised his birthright.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God**

## ***Psalm 119:105-112***

*Psalm is read/prayed in unison*

**105 Your word is a lantern to my feet \*  
and a light upon my path.**

**106 I have sworn and am determined \*  
to keep your righteous judgments.**

**107 I am deeply troubled; \*  
preserve my life, O LORD, according to your word.**

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108 Accept, O LORD, the willing tribute of my lips, \*  
and teach me your judgments.

109 My life is always in my hand, \*  
yet I do not forget your law.

110 The wicked have set a trap for me, \*  
but I have not strayed from your commandments.

111 Your decrees are my inheritance for ever; \*  
truly, they are the joy of my heart.

112 I have applied my heart to fulfill your statutes \*  
for ever and to the end.

## *The Second Lesson: Romans 8:1-11*

A Reading from Romans

There is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death. For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do: by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and to deal with sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, so that the just requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law-- indeed it cannot, and those who are in the flesh cannot please God. But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

Please stand as able



**Hymn #490**

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

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## ***The Gospel Lesson: Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23***

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

**Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. And he told them many things in parables, saying: "Listen! A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Let anyone with ears listen!" "Hear then the parable of the sower. When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; yet such a person has no root, but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty."

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

### ***Sermon: 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.**

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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;

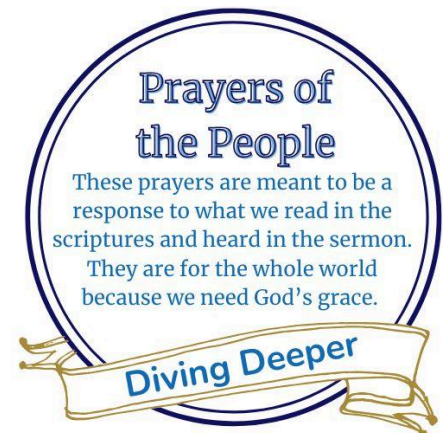
**For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.**

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.**



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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.**

## ***Confession and Absolution***

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***

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**And also with you.**

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

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## 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.



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# The Liturgy of the Table

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## Offertory Music

**Offertory Music**            The Lord is My Light and My Salvation  
Soloist: Kimla Brandt

After which the people stand and sing the Doxology.



**Hymn 380 v 3**

## The Great Thanksgiving

(Eucharistic Prayer D, BCP 372)

All stand as able

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

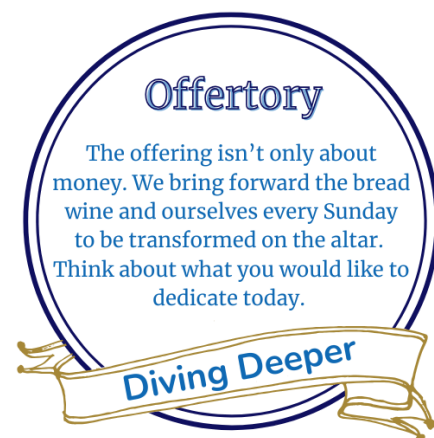
Lift up your hearts.

**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 truly right to glorify you, Father, and to give you thanks; for you alone are God, living and true, dwelling in light inaccessible from before time and for ever.



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Fountain of life and source of all goodness, you made all things and fill them with your blessing; you created them to rejoice in the splendor of your radiance.

Countless throngs of angels stand before you to serve you night and day; and, beholding the glory of your presence, they offer you unceasing praise. Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we acclaim you, and glorify your Name, as we sing:



## Hymnal #S-128

## “Sanctus”

The people kneel or stand

We acclaim you, holy Lord, glorious in power. Your mighty works reveal your wisdom and love. You formed us in your own image, giving the whole world into our care, so that, in obedience to you, our Creator, we might rule and serve all your creatures. When our disobedience took us far from you, you did not abandon us to the power of death. In your mercy you came to our help, so that in seeking you we might find you. Again and again you called us into covenant with you, and through the prophets you taught us to hope for salvation.

Father, you loved the world so much that in the fullness of time you sent your only Son to be our Savior. Incarnate by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, he lived as one of us, yet without sin. To the poor he proclaimed the good news of salvation; to prisoners, freedom; to the sorrowful, joy. To fulfill your purpose he gave himself up to death; and, rising from the grave, destroyed death, and made the whole creation new. And, that we might live no longer for ourselves, but for him who died and rose for us, he sent the Holy Spirit, his own first gift for those who believe, to complete his work in the world, and to bring to fulfillment the sanctification of all.

When the hour had come for him to be glorified by you, his heavenly Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end; at supper with them he 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.”

Father, we now celebrate this memorial of our redemption. Recalling Christ’s death and his descent among the dead, proclaiming his resurrection and ascension to your right hand,

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awaiting his coming in glory; and offering to you, from the gifts you have given us, this bread and this cup, we praise you and we bless you.

*Celebrant and People*

**We praise you, we bless you,  
we give thanks to you,  
and we pray to you, Lord our God.**

*The Celebrant continues*

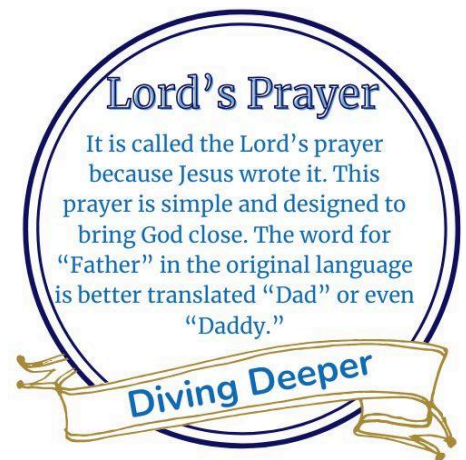
Lord, we pray that in your goodness and mercy your Holy Spirit may descend upon us, and upon these gifts, sanctifying them and showing them to be holy gifts for your holy people, the bread of life and the cup of salvation, the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ.

Grant that all who share this bread and cup may become one body and one spirit, a living sacrifice in Christ, to the praise of your Name.

Remember, Lord, your one holy catholic and apostolic Church, redeemed by the blood of your Christ. Reveal its unity, guard its faith, and preserve it in peace.

And grant that we may find our inheritance with St. Andrew and all the saints who have found favor with you in ages past. We praise you in union with them and give you glory through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God and Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and 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,  
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.**

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## The Breaking of the Bread

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;  
**Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

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.

**Distribution of Communion**      Let us Break Bread Together  
Soloist: Brian Westcott

## Post Communion Prayer

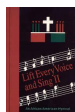
The people kneel as able

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

This life is short, and we do not have too much time to gladden the hearts of those who travel the way with us. So be swift to love, and make haste to be kind. And may the blessing of the God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, be with you this day and always. Amen

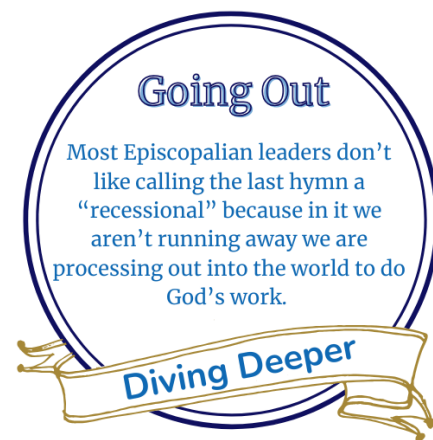


**LEVAS #196**

What a Fellowship

## Dismissal

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



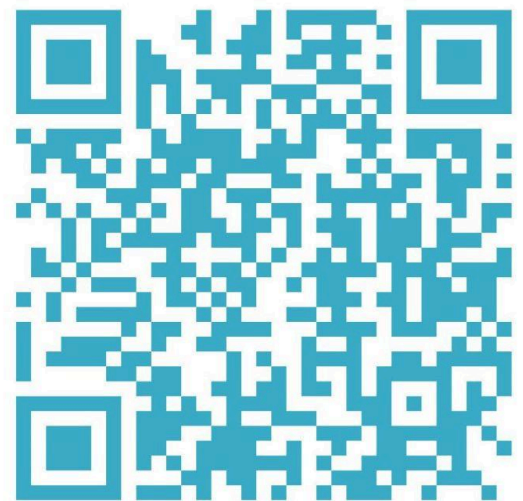
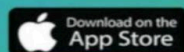
Postlude

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!

**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.

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# Prayers and Celebrations

## Prayers Requested

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**On for Next Sunday? (check it out here)**

8 AM	10:30 AM
<p><b>LAY:</b> Ramona Orzell</p> <p><b>LEM:</b> Pam Parker-Collwood</p>	<p><b>LAY:</b> Elizabeth Pope</p> <p><b>LEM:</b> Sarah Dial</p>
<b>Food Pantry</b>	<p><b>Acolytes:</b> Jack, Melanie, Hunter</p> <p><b>Ushers:</b> Angela Reid</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Tom Jenkins</p> <p><b>Vestry Greeters:</b> Pam Parker-Collwood &amp; TBD</p>
<p>Lynn Ives</p> <p>Terry Noble</p> <p>Stacey Partington</p>	

**Altar Flowers today**

are given to the Glory of God by  
Dotsy Royal  
in loving memory of Jim Royal



# Announcements



**Blessing of the Backpacks  
and Outdoor Service  
Sept. 13<sup>th</sup> at 10:30am**

**And...Annual Holy Water Squirt Gun Fight!...And lunch  
provided by the Men's Club.**

We have lots of seating but bring your own chairs if you wish  
and of course bring your water guns!



## Peacemakers

### Level Up Program

Help tutor elementary-age children in reading this summer. Tutoring sessions will take place Mondays through Thursdays from 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m., beginning June 17 and continuing through July 16. Training will be provided, and volunteers do not need prior tutoring experience. Please sign up if you are interested in helping support this important ministry to local children and families. Reach out to Deacon Susan for any questions.

## July Wings of Love

We are collecting toiletry items for United Community Ministries.

- Toothbrush
- Body wash
- Toothpaste
- Deodarant
- Journals
- Socks
- Lotions
- Shampoo/conditioner
- Chapstick
- Hats
- Brushes
- Coloring books

Thank you to everyone who came to help clean out the church yesterday! We accomplished a lot!

## Lunch at UCM July 22

We will need help preparing and packing food at the church from 8:30-10:30am. Let Deacon Susan know if you want to help.

## Improv Meet and Greet July 23 | 5:30 – 7:00 PM

Come play some games, laugh, and dream together! Ever since the release of The Gospel According to Improv, a lot of folks have been asking how we can actually practice "playing together" in our everyday lives. You're invited to an evening of low-stakes exploration to find out. Together, we'll see how the tools of improv can help us become a more playful, loving, and creative community. No theater experience required—just a willingness to say "Yes, and!" Questions or RSVP? Drop Les an email [rector@standrewsrmt.org](mailto:rector@standrewsrmt.org)



# St. Andrew's

## Episcopal Church

7 Pentecost  
7.12.26



**Believe  
Become  
Belong**

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

**"Silly Sower"**

Today's Homily  
Preacher: Rev. Les Carpenter

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