

Welcome to St. Andrew's on this Sixteenth 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*.

Join us on September 24th at 9:30am for
 an outdoor service (weather permitting)
 Celebrating a Season of Creation. We'll
 celebrate in prayer and action our Gospel
 calling to protect the Earth that God has
 entrusted to our care.



Also on the 24th:
 Blessing of the Backpacks
 BBQ lunch

and a bouncy house for all those young at heart!

Financial Status as of September 10, 2023

Contrib. Rec'd this week \$7,544
 Avg. Wkly Contrib. Needed \$6,313
 Rec'd YTC \$237,845
 Spent YTD \$183,268

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

St. Elizabeth's Guild meets Oct. 2nd from 12-1pm in
 the Parish Hall. The theme this year will be
 Discovering the Disciples. Please bring a bag lunch.
 Dessert will be provided by our Hostess Rachel Dix.
 Come join the fellowship!

Starting in October we will go back to two
 services at 8am and 10:30am. Adult and
 Children's Christian Education will begin as
 well.

Our Wednesday Healing Services will start
 back up on October 4th.

Mark Your Calendars:

Oktoberfest
 October 13th at 6pm

Meet on the side lawn for food and s'mores!

Coming Up at St. Andrew's:

Sept. 17 Packing Food Bags 10:30am
Sept. 20 Preschool Children's Chapel
Sept. 21 Meals on Wheels 10:00am
Sept. 26 Lion's Club 6:30pm

Serving next Sunday, September 24

9:30am

Officiant: Rev. Patricia Hanen

LEM: Leslie Hall

LAY: Martha Lamm

Acolyte: Landon Newcomb

Ushers: Billy Suggs and Steve Thurkill

Greeters: Rosemary Clark and Rita Coggins

Pantry Volunteers: Betty Bunn, Elizabeth Mosley, and Tom Jenkins

Pantry Distributors: 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

St. Andrew's Episcopal Church



16 Pentecost

September 17, 2023

The Invitatory and Psalter

Officiant: Let us bless the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

The Officiant then says the following:

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. *Amen. 2 Corinthians 13:14*

Closing Hymn 376 “Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”

The Dismissal

Officiant: Let us go forth, in the Name of Christ, Alleluia! Alleluia!

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!



Officiant: Let us stand.

The Officiant then faces the altar and says:

Officiant Lord, open our lips.

People And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

The Officiant and People say together the following:

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia.

Antiphon: (Standing)

Officiant The earth is the Lord's for he made it.

People Come, let us adore him.

Officiant: Let us say together the Venite

Come, let us sing to the Lord; *
let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.
Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving *
and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.

For the Lord is a great God, *
and a great King above all gods.
In his hand are the caverns of the earth, *
and the heights of the hills are his also.
The sea is his, for he made it, *
and his hands have molded the dry land.

Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, *
and kneel before the Lord our Maker.
For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture
and the sheep of his hand. *
Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!

Psalm 114

¹Hallelujah! When Israel came out of Egypt, *
the house of Jacob from a people of strange speech,

²Judah became God's sanctuary *
and Israel his dominion.

³The sea beheld it and fled; *
Jordan turned and went back.

⁴The mountains skipped like rams, *
and the little hills like young sheep.

⁵What ailed you, O sea, that you fled? *
O Jordan, that you turned back?

⁶You mountains, that you skipped like rams? *
you little hills like young sheep?

⁷Tremble, O earth, at the presence of the Lord, *
at the presence of the God of Jacob,

⁸Who turned the hard rock into a pool of water *
and flint-stone into a flowing spring.

At the end of the Psalms is said:

Glory to the Father, and the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: *
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

The Lessons

First Reading

(Seated)

Silence may be kept after each Reading. A Canticle is said after each Reading.

The angel of God who was going before the Israelite army moved and went behind them; and the pillar of cloud moved from in front of them and took its place behind them. It came between the army of Egypt and the army of Israel. And so the cloud was there with the darkness, and it lit up the night; one did not come near the other all night. Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea. The LORD drove the sea back by a strong east wind all night, and turned the sea into dry land; and the waters were divided. The Israelites went into the sea on dry ground, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. The Egyptians pursued, and went into the sea after them, all of Pharaoh's horses, chariots, and chariot drivers. At the morning watch the LORD in the pillar of fire and cloud looked down upon the Egyptian army, and threw the Egyptian army into panic. He clogged their chariot wheels so that they turned with difficulty. The Egyptians said, "Let us flee from the Israelites, for the LORD is fighting for them against Egypt." Then the LORD said to Moses, "Stretch out your hand over the sea, so that the water may come back upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots and chariot drivers." So Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and at dawn the sea returned to its normal depth. As the Egyptians fled before it, the LORD tossed the Egyptians into the sea. The waters returned and covered the chariots and the chariot drivers, the entire army of Pharaoh that had followed them into the sea; not one of them remained. But the Israelites walked on dry ground through the sea, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. Thus the LORD saved Israel that day from the Egyptians; and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore. Israel saw the great work that the LORD did against the Egyptians. So the people feared the LORD and believed in the LORD and in his servant Moses.

Exodus 14:19-31

A Collect for the departed

Grant us grace to entrust our loved ones to your never failing love...receive them into the arms of your mercy, and remember them according to the favor which you bear unto your children. *Amen.*

A Collect for self-dedication

Almighty and eternal God, so draw our hearts to you, so guide our minds, so fill our imaginations, so control our wills, that we may be wholly yours, dedicated unto you; and then use us, we pray, as you will, and always to your glory and the welfare of your people; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

A collect for Mission

Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of your faithful people is governed and sanctified: Receive our supplications and prayers which we offer before you for all members of your holy Church, that in their vocation and ministry they may truly and devoutly serve you; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

The General Thanksgiving (Kneeling or Standing)

Officiant: Let us say together the General Thanksgiving:

Almighty God, Father of all mercies,
we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks
for all your goodness and loving-kindness
to us and to all whom you have made.
We bless you for our creation, preservation,
and all the blessings of this life;
but above all for your immeasurable love
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.
And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies,
that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise,
not only with our lips, but in our lives,
by giving up our selves to your service,
and by walking before you
in holiness and righteousness all our days;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.

A Collect for Sundays

O God, you make us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of your Son our Lord: Give us this day such blessing through our worship of you, that the week to come may be spent in your favor; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

A Collect for the Renewal of Life

O God, the King eternal, whose light divides the day from the night and turns the shadow of death into the morning: Drive far from us all wrong desires, incline our hearts to keep your law, and guide our feet into the way of peace; that, having done your will with cheerfulness during the day, we may, when night comes, rejoice to give you thanks; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

A Collect for Peace

O God, the author of peace and lover of concord, to know you is eternal life and to serve you is perfect freedom: Defend us, you humble servants, in all assaults of our enemies; that we, surely trusting in your defense, may not fear the power of any adversaries; through the might of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

A Collect for Grace

Lord God, almighty and everlasting Father, you have brought us in safety to this new day: Preserve us with your mighty power, that we may not fall into sin, nor be overcome by adversity; and in all we do, direct us to the fulfilling of your purpose; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

A Collect for Guidance

Heavenly Father, in you we live and move and have our being: We humbly pray you so to guide and govern us by your Holy Spirit, that in all the cares and occupations of our life we may not forget you, but may remember that we are ever walking in your sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

A Collect for the Sick

Almighty God, Father of life and health, use us we pray to bring wholeness and peace to those in need: for our sick: Ron J., Elsie C., Steve, Bill, Lisa O., Christine, Jana, Tony P., Gene A., Scarlett, Katherine, Jon, Wayne, Judy, Polly, Gene C. and Patricia H....for those who minister to the needs of others...for all who have asked for our prayers... let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

Canticle 9

(Please Stand)

The First Song of Isaiah *Ecce, Deus*

Isaiah 12:2-6

Surely, it is God who saves me; *
I will trust in him and not be afraid.

For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense, *
and he will be my Savior.

Therefore you shall draw water with rejoicing *
from the springs of salvation.

And on that day you shall say, *
Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his Name;

Make his deeds known among the peoples; *
see that they remember that his Name is exalted.

Sing praises of the Lord, for he has done great things, *
and this is known in all the world.

Cry aloud, inhabitants of Zion, ring out your joy, *
for the great one in the midst of you is the Holy One of Israel.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: *
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

Second Reading

(Seated)

Romans 14:1-12

Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarreling over opinions. Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgment on those who eat; for God has welcomed them. Who are you to pass judgment on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand. Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. Those who observe the day, observe it in honor of the Lord. Also those who eat, eat in honor of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honor of the Lord and give thanks to God. We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living. Why do you pass judgment on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God. For it is written, "As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall give praise to God." So then, each of us will be accountable to God.

Canticle 19
(Please Stand)

The Song of the Redeemed
Magna et mirabilia

Revelation 15:3-4

O ruler of the universe, Lord God, great deeds are they that you have done, * surpassing human understanding.

All nations will draw near and fall down before you, * because your just and holy works have been revealed.

Your ways are ways of righteousness and truth, * O King of all the ages.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: *as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

Who can fail to do you homage, Lord, and sing the praises of your Name? for you only are the Holy One.

Sequence Hymn 593 **“Lord, Make Us Servants of Your Peace”**

Vv. 1-3 Prior to the gospel

Vv. 4-5 following

Gospel

(Please stand. W\O a priest or deacon, the Gospel lesson is introduced like the Epistle.

Matthew 18:21-35

Peter came and said to Jesus, “Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?” Jesus said to him, “Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times. “For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.’ And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, ‘Pay what you owe.’ Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you.’ But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, ‘You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?’ And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart.”

After the Gospel lesson, the reader closes with “The Word of the Lord.”)

Homily 9:30 Ramona Orzell
The Apostles’ Creed

Written by Rev. Joseph S. Pagant

Officiant: Standing, let us reaffirm our faith as we say together the Apostles Creed.

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

The Announcements

Offertory Sentence Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father which is in heaven.

Organ Voluntary

Ruff Creech

The Doxology

The Prayers

The people stand

Officiant The Lord be with you.

People And with thy spirit.

Officiant Let us pray.

Facing the altar, the Officiant and People say together:

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.

The Suffrage (Standing)

- V. O Lord, show thy mercy upon us;
R. And grant us thy salvation.
V. Endue thy ministers with righteousness;
R. And make thy chosen people joyful.
V. Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;
R. For only in thee can we live in safety.
V. Lord, keep this nation under thy care;
R. And guide us in the way of justice and truth..
V. Let thy way be known upon earth;
R. Thy saving health among all nations.
V. Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;
R. Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.
V. Create in us clean hearts, O God;
R. And sustain us with thy Holy Spirit.

*The Officiant then says the following Collects
Congregation and Officiant standing*

The Collect of the Day

O God, because without you we are not able to please you, mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*