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**St. Andrew's Episcopal Church shares the love of Christ through compassionate acceptance
with all God's children.**

**SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER
PENTECOST
September 8, 2024
10:00 a.m.**

The Right Reverend Peter Eaton, Bishop
The Very Reverend Cori Olson, Rector
The Reverend Sonley Joseph, Priest
The Reverend Bob Sullivan & The Reverend April Alford-Harkey, Deacons

Chuck Jackson, Acolyte & Reader
Linda Sullivan, Reader
Steve Ragsdale & Christie Scalera, Ushers

Dennis Blake, Guest Organist
James Balmer, Choir Director

Choir: Lucretia Alexandru, Marie Alford-Harkey, Ron Bukley, Linda Crisman, Jon Flath,
Deb McNerney, Twig Morris, Jean-Claude Sanon, John Shepherd, Carol Sink, Kathy Smith,
Linda Sullivan, Sandy Wertz

Libby Bukley – AVL Board

Carol Sink, Vestry Person of the Day

****Altar flowers given in Honor of Kyle Francis's Birthday & in Honor of all my friends at St. Andrew's from Bill Haney****

Prelude

Welcome

Processional Hymn #1 – Father We Praise Thee

[1] *“Father, we praise thee, now the night is over, active and watchful, stand we all before thee; singing we offer prayer and meditation: thus we adore thee.”*

[2] *“Monarch of all things, fit us for thy mansions; banish our weakness, health and wholeness sending; bring us to heaven, where thy saints united joy without ending.”*

[3] *“All holy Father, Son, and equal Spirit, Trinity blessed, send us thy salvation; thine is the glory, gleaming and resounding through all creation.”*

Sunday School Dismissal

Acclamation

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

People **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. Amen**

Celebrant 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.

The Gloria – S236

**Glory to you, Lord God of our fathers;
you are worthy of praise; glory to you.
Glory to you for the radiance of your holy Name;
we will praise you and highly exalt you forever.
Glory to you in the splendor of your temple;
on the throne of your majesty, glory to you.
Glory to you, seated between the Cherubim;
we will praise you and highly exalt you forever.
Glory to you, beholding the depths;
in the high vault of heaven, glory to you.
Glory to you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit;
we will praise you and highly exalt you forever.**

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

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, forever and ever. **Amen.**

The Lessons

A Reading from the Book of Isaiah, chapter 35, verses 4-7a

Say to those who are of a fearful heart, 'Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God. He will come with vengeance with terrible recompense. He will come and save you.'

Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; then the lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy.

For waters shall break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert; the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water;

Reader Here ends the lesson.

Psalm 146

1 Hallelujah!

Praise the Lord, O my soul! *

I will praise the Lord as long as I live;

I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.

2 Put not your trust in rulers, nor in any child of earth, *
for there is no help in them.

3 When they breathe their last, they return to earth, *
and in that day their thoughts perish.

4 Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help! *
whose hope is in the Lord their God;

5 Who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in them; *
who keeps his promise forever.

6 Who gives justice to those who are oppressed, *
and food to those who hunger.

7 The Lord sets the prisoners free;
the Lord opens the eyes of the blind; *
the Lord lifts up those who are bowed down.

8 The Lord loves the righteous;
the Lord cares for the stranger; *
he sustains the orphan and widow,
but frustrates the way of the wicked.

9 The Lord shall reign forever, *
your God, O Zion, throughout all generations.
Hallelujah!

A Reading from the Book of James, chapter 2, verses 1-10, 14-17

My brothers and sisters, do you with your acts of favoritism really believe in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ? For if a person with gold rings and in fine clothes comes into your assembly, and if a poor person in dirty clothes also comes in, and if you take notice of the one wearing the fine clothes and say, "Have a seat here, please," while to the one who is poor you say, "Stand there," or, "Sit at my feet," have you not made distinctions among yourselves, and become judges with evil thoughts? Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters. Has not God chosen the poor in the world to be rich in faith and to be heirs of the kingdom that he has promised to those who love him? But you have dishonored the poor. Is it not the rich who oppress you? Is it not they who drag you into court? Is it not they who blaspheme the excellent name that was invoked over you?

You do well if you really fulfill the royal law according to the scripture, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." But if you show partiality, you commit sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it.

What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you? If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, and one of you says to them, "Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill," and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual Hymn #628 – Help Us, O Lord

[1] *“Help us, O Lord, to learn the truths your word imparts: to study, that your laws may be inscribed upon our hearts.”*

[2] *“Help us, O Lord, to live the faith which we proclaim, that all our thoughts and words and deeds may glorify your Name.”*

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark

People Glory to you, Lord Christ

Jesus set out and went away to the region of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there. Yet he could not escape notice, but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet. Now the woman was a Gentile, of Syrophenician origin. She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. He said to her, “Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children’s food and throw it to the dogs.” But she answered him, “Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children’s crumbs.” Then he said to her, “For saying that, you may go—the demon has left your daughter.” So she went home, found the child lying on the bed, and the demon gone.

Then he returned from the region of Tyre, and went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. They brought to him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they begged him to lay his hand on him. He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue. Then looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, “Ephphatha,” that is, “Be opened.” And immediately his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. Then Jesus ordered them to tell no one; but the more he ordered them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. They were astounded beyond measure, saying, “He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you Lord Christ

[3] *“Help us, O Lord, to teach the beauty of your ways, that yearning souls may find the Christ, and live a life of praise.”*

The Sermon

Dean Cori Olson

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 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.

The Prayers of the People – Form III

The Leader and People pray responsively

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;

That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;
That our works may find favor in your sight.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;
That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed eternal rest;
Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;
May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

Silence

The People may add their own petitions.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

Please remember in your prayers:

Henrietta, Stefone, Hank, Dominic, Mary, Jason, Jim, Jim K., Barbara, Joan, Scott, Gary, Sergio, Selvyn & Winnifred, Lester & Ronnie, Susan, Janet, Ronna, Anne, Rick, Patti, Jean, Tommie, Laura, David, Wallace, Margaret, Alison, Francesca & Matteo, Mike, Alicia, Beverly, Christine, Larry & Gordon, Bo & Erin, Stacey, Guillermo, Albert, Lisa, Helena, Deacon Pat. Please pray also for our companion Dioceses: Cuba, Dominican Republic, Haiti, Madagascar & Toliare.

The Celebrant concludes with an absolution or a suitable Collect.

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor. *Silence may be kept.*

Minister and People

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.

The Bishop when present, or the Priest, stands and says 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/Announcements/Welcome of Visitors

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

The Holy Communion

Offertory Hymn #47 – On This Day

[1] *“On this day, the first of days, God the Father's Name we praise, who, creation's Lord and spring, did the world from darkness bring.”*

[2] *“On this day the eternal Son over death his triumph won; on this day the Spirit came with his gifts of living flame.”*

[3] *“Maker, who didst fashion me image of thyself to be, fill me with thy love divine, let my every thought be thine.”*

[4] *“Holy Jesus, may I be dead and buried here with thee; and, by love inflamed, arise unto thee a sacrifice.”*

[5] *“Thou, who dost all gifts impart, shine, blest Spirit, in my heart; best of gifts, thyself bestow; make me burn thy love to know.”*

[6] *“God, the blessed Three in One, dwell within my heart alone; thou dost give thyself to me: may I give myself to thee.”*

Doxology: *Praise God from whom all blessings flow.*

Praise Him all creatures here below.

Praise Him above the heavenly host.

Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

The Great Thanksgiving

The people remain standing. The Celebrant faces them and says:

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.

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

Glory to you for ever and ever.

At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

By your will they were created and have their being.

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.

Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

By his blood, he reconciled us.

By his wounds, we are healed.

And therefore, we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

Celebrant and People – S125

***Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.***

The Celebrant continues

And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, 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, gave thanks, 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."

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,
***We celebrate his death and resurrection,
as we await the day of his coming.***

Lord God of our Fathers: God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. ***AMEN.***

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

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, forever and ever. Amen

The Breaking of the Bread – *silence is kept*

Celebrant Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!**

Agnus Dei – S164

Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us. Jesus, bearer of our sins: have mercy on us. Jesus, redeemer, redeemer of the world: give us your peace, give us your peace.

Celebrant 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.

Communion Hymn #602 – Jesu, Jesu

[Refrain] “Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love, show us how to serve the neighbors we have from you.”

[1] *“Kneels at the feet of his friends, silently washes their feet, Master who acts as a slave to them.”*

[Refrain]

[2] *“Neighbors are rich and poor, neighbors are black and white, neighbors are nearby and far away.”*

[Refrain]

[3] *“These are the ones we should serve, these are the ones we should love. All are neighbors to us and you.”*

[Refrain]

[4] *“Loving puts us on our knees, serving as though we are slaves; this is the way we should live with you.”*

[Refrain]

Day by Day - #654

“Day by day, dear Lord, of thee three things I pray: to see thee more clearly, love thee more dearly, follow thee more nearly, day by day.”

Post Communion Prayer

Let us pray.

Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and forever. Amen.

The Blessing

Recessional Hymn #371 – Thou, Whose Almighty Word

[1] *“Thou, whose almighty word chaos and darkness heard, and took their flight; hear us, we humbly pray, and, where the Gospel day sheds not its glorious ray, let there be light!”*

[2] *“Thou who didst come to bring on thy redeeming wing healing and sight, health to the sick in mind, sight to the inly blind, now to all humankind, let there be light!”*

[3] *“Spirit of truth and love, lifegiving holy Dove, speed forth thy flight! Move on the waters' face bearing the gifts of grace, and, in earth's darkest place, let there be light!”*

[4] *“Holy and blessed Three, glorious Trinity, wisdom, love, might; boundless as ocean's tide, rolling in fullest pride, through the world far and wide, let there be light!”*

Dismissal

Postlude

Announcements

****If you need personal prayer, Deacon Bob Sullivan will be available to pray with you near the altar after the service.**

In case of emergency, call Rev. Cori at 561.788.5125

Sunday School is again in session. Welcome back!

The Choir rehearses on Thursdays at 7:00p.m. All are welcome!

Reading Together – Please join Rev. Cori on Thursday, September 12th at 11:30a.m. in the Parish Hall to discuss the book, ‘The Four Winds’ by Kristin Hannah. Bring a brown bag lunch or a snack to share. See Rev. Cori for more information.

Altar Guild Training – Interested in serving on this very important ministry? Please join us on Saturday, September 14 at 10:00a.m.!

Wednesday, September 18 at Noon – P.E.A.C.E. Listening Session in the Parish Hall. Lunch will be provided. For more information, please see Andrea McNalley.

International Peace Day at St. Andrew’s – Lake Worth Interfaith Network welcomes all to a Peace Day Observance on Saturday, September 21 at 7:00p.m., including a performance by the Core Ensemble.

Interested in becoming an usher? There will be an Usher Meeting on Sunday, September 22nd following the 10:00a.m. service. Please join us!

Watch Party on Saturday, November 2 at 10:00a.m. – Our new Presiding Bishop Elect, the Right Reverend Sean Rowe, will be installed. The service will be live streamed in the Parish Hall. Please join us!

Want to donate **altar flowers** in memory of a loved one or in celebration? Sign up in the Parish Hall or call Barbara Hadsell at 561-635-8809.

The Daughters of the King meet **the first Sunday of each month** following the service. Prayer request cards and the travel-size toiletry donation basket are in the Narthex.

The Daughters of the King are asking for **donations of new and/or used backpacks** for our guests at Way Café. Please drop them off in the Narthex when you come to services or bring them to the office. Thank you!

Care Committee: The committee the third Sunday of the month after coffee hour. If you or someone you know is in need of prayers, visits, or other assistance, we encourage you to contact us by email at care@standrewslwb.org, or by calling either Brian McDonnell at 561.339.0147, or Alison Albury at 315.681.8867 to arrange assistance.

The Way Café is looking for food donations for our outdoor food pantry. You can either place items directly in the food pantry, located on N. Palmway, or leave them in the Narthex.

Thank you!

Christian Education Opportunities

Bible Study with Deacon Bob on Sundays at 9:00a.m. and with Rev. Cori on Wednesdays immediately following the 10:00a.m. service and on Wednesdays at 6:00p.m. via Zoom with Rev. Cori. **We have begun studying the Book I Corinthians.**

We have **bulletins and crayons for children** available! Please see the ushers.

2024 Pledge Cards are available in the Narthex.

Mon-Fri: Join Rev. Cori for Morning Prayer at 7:30 a.m. live on Facebook.
